



Fury Adds NHL Veteran to Lead Midget Major Team



NHL Veteran Dennis Vaske

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that **Dennis Vaske** has been named as the Head Coach of the Midget Major Team for the upcoming 2009-2010 USA Hockey Season. Chicago Fury Hockey Director Marc Kapsalis made the announcement. Vaske, a nine year National Hockey League veteran, has served as the On Ice Director and AAA Coach of the Providence Capitals AAA Hockey Club in Rhode Island since 2001.

Prior to his NHL career, Vaske starred for the University of Minnesota - Duluth in the WCHA from 1986-1990 racking up 66 points as a defenseman for the Bull Dogs. In 1986, Vaske was selected in the 2nd Round of the NHL Entry Draft by the New York Islanders. Vaske appeared in 235 games in the National Hockey League including 22 games played in the NHL Playoffs over his career. Vaske completed his NHL Career during the 1998-99 season as a member of the Boston Bruins.

Fury Hockey Director Marc Kapsalis had this to say about the Fury decision to bring Dennis in to lead their Flagship team, "We play in the Tier 1 **"ELITE"** league. As hockey director, my job is to provide **"ELITE"** coaching for our players. Dennis Vaske has proven he is "elite" as both a player and a coach. His experience as a player speaks for itself. As the coach of the Providence Caps AAA '91 team, he recently had two players receive commitments from the University of Michigan, as well as two others receive division 1 scholarships. Dennis is a proven winner who has the ability and desire to teach players what they absolutely need to know to play at the junior,

college and professional level, after all, he has done it! We are confident that truly **elite** midget players will recognize that it is Dennis who can best help them achieve their dream!"

A summary of Dennis Vaske's career is listed below. Players and parents can contact Dennis via email at dennisvaske@yahoo.com or by phone at (401) 692-0424.

Selected by [New York Islanders](#) round 2 #38 overall [1986 NHL Entry Draft](#)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Regular Season</u>					<u>Playoffs</u>					
			<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>	
1986-87	U. of Minnesota-Duluth	NCAA	33	0	2	2	40						
1987-88	U. of Minnesota-Duluth	NCAA	39	1	6	7	90						
1988-89	U. of Minnesota-Duluth	NCAA	37	9	19	28	86						
1989-90	U. of Minnesota-Duluth	NCAA	37	5	24	29	72						
1990-91	Capital District Islanders	AHL	67	10	10	20	65	--	--	--	--	--	--
1990-91	New York Islanders	NHL	5	0	0	0	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
1991-92	Capital District Islanders	AHL	31	1	11	12	59	--	--	--	--	--	--
1991-92	New York Islanders	NHL	39	0	1	1	39	--	--	--	--	--	--
1992-93	Capital District Islanders	AHL	42	4	15	19	70	--	--	--	--	--	--
1992-93	New York Islanders	NHL	27	1	5	6	32	18	0	6	6	14	
1993-94	New York Islanders	NHL	65	2	11	13	76	4	0	1	1	2	
1994-95	New York Islanders	NHL	41	1	11	12	53	--	--	--	--	--	--
1995-96	New York Islanders	NHL	19	1	6	7	21	--	--	--	--	--	--
1996-97	New York Islanders	NHL	17	0	4	4	12	--	--	--	--	--	--
1997-98	New York Islanders	NHL	19	0	3	3	12	--	--	--	--	--	--
1998-99	Providence Bruins	AHL	43	2	13	15	56	19	1	5	6	26	
1998-99	Boston Bruins	NHL	3	0	0	0	6	--	--	--	--	--	--
NHL Totals			235	5	41	46	253	22	0	7	7	16	