



NATE LEAMAN

HEAD COACH

Sixth Season (72-88-22)
SUNY Cortland '97



Union's 15th head coach and fourth leader behind the bench since the program moved to the Division I level prior to the 1991 season, Nate Leaman enters his sixth season as the head coach of the Dutchmen.

Prior to the 2008-09 season, Union Athletic Director Jim McLaughlin extended Leaman's contract, keeping him in command until at least the 2010-11 season.

In 2007-08, Leaman led the Dutchmen to a program-best fourth-place finish in ECAC Hockey, earning the school's first first-round bye in the league playoffs. Union finished with a 15-14-6 record, including two-of-three victories against crosstown rival RPI, earning the Dutchmen the Capital Skates Trophy. The Dutchmen also set a school record by winning seven consecutive games.

Leaman, the winnigest coach in Union's Division I history with 72 victories, led the team to a program-best 10-7-5 conference mark and secured home ice in the playoffs for the fifth time in six seasons.

He led the Dutchmen to a winning home record for the third consecutive season in 2007-08, including a span when Union defeated UConn, Colgate, Cornell, RPI and Princeton.

Under his guidance, three Union student-athletes were named to All-ECACH teams in 2008, with defenseman Lane Caffaro earning second-team honors and Adam Presizniuk and Corey Milan being selected to the all-rookie team.

Ten of Leaman's student-athletes were selected to the All-ECACH Academic squad, bringing the total of all academic selections during his tenure to 38.

Leaman also served as an assistant coach for the 2007 U.S. National Junior Team, helping the team to a bronze medal finish at the International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship in Sweden. The team featured seven players who will play in the 2008-09 NHL season.

Leaman has been active in USA Hockey. He will represent his country as an assistant coach at the 2009 IIHF World Junior Championships. He served as an assistant coach on the U.S. National Under-18 team that captured gold at the 2005 IIHF World U-18 Championship in Plzen, Czech Republic. He coached teams at USA Hockey's Select 14 Player Development Camp in 2001 and 2002, and served as head coach for Team Massachusetts at USA Hockey's 2003 Select 16 Festival.

In 2005-06, Leaman led Union to a program record-tying 16 wins and two victories over four nationally-ranked teams, including the Dutchmen's first-ever win over a top-five team when Union handed No. 5 Cornell a 2-1 loss in mid-November. Union also earned its fourth straight ECACHL home playoff series.

Leaman led Union to its best Division I start in his first season as the team opened the 2003-04 campaign with a five-game unbeaten streak and six wins in the first eight contests. His team had the best non-conference record in the ECAC and



ranked 10th in the country having killed off 161 penalties in 187 chances (.861).

During his tenure at Union, Leaman has coached All-ECACH players, a CoSIDA/ESPN *The Magazine* Academic All-District Honoree and the first ever ECACH Student-Athlete of the Year.

Leaman came to Union after four seasons as an assistant coach on Mark Mazzoleni's staff at Harvard where he served as the team's top assistant and recruiting coordinator during his final season.

Under Mazzoleni, Leaman was part of a staff that helped rebuild the Harvard program into one of the top teams in the ECAC, taking the team from eighth

“Nate has done an exceptional job as the head coach of this team. I’m confident that under his leadership we will continue to reach new heights with this program, both on and off the ice.”

**~Union College
Director of
Athletics Jim
McLaughlin**



Leaman at the 2007 IIHF World Junior Championship

place in the league to an ECAC tournament championship and NCAA appearance in 2001-2002, and an ECAC runner-up finish and NCAA appearance in 2002-2003.

A vital part of Harvard’s staff, Leaman was the architect of the Crimson’s special teams, playing a key role in developing the team’s power play and the penalty kill, as well as working with the Harvard forwards.

During his four years on the Harvard coaching staff, Leaman had a hand in recruiting 13 NHL draft picks, and helped the program to be consistently ranked near the top of college hockey in the number of players with NHL rights.

Prior to joining the staff in Cambridge, Leaman served as a volunteer assistant coach under Shawn Walsh at the University of Maine in 1998-99. In helping guide Maine to a 31-6-4 record and the 1999 NCAA Championship, Leaman’s responsibilities included working with the Black Bears’ defense, video analysis, on-campus recruiting and monitoring of the players’ academic progress. While in Orono, Leaman earned a Master of Science degree in biological sciences in 1999.

In his career behind the bench, Leaman has already coached 16 NHL draft picks, four All-Americans and one Hobey Baker finalist.

Before joining the staff at Maine, Leaman served as associate coach for one season at Old Town High School in Old Town, Maine, where he was responsible for the design and implementation of team practices and bench management during games.

Leaman is a 1997 graduate of Cortland State University (N.Y.), where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences with a concentration in environmental science and received the Aldo Leopold Award for excellence in environmental science. Captain of the hockey team as a junior and senior, Leaman finished his career as one of the top 20 scorers in Red Dragons’ history.

Prior to attending Cortland, Leaman spent a season with the Enkoping Sports Klubb in Enkoping, Sweden, and also played one year with the Indianapolis Junior Ice in the North American Junior Hockey League.

A native of Centerville, Ohio, Leaman and his wife, Alice, reside in Clifton Park, N.Y.

Leaman Year-by-Year

Year	Overall	Pct.	Conference	Record	Pct.	Finish
2007-08	15-14-6	.514	ECACHL	10- 7-5	.568	T-4
2006-07	14-19-3	.431	ECACHL	7-14-1	.341	12
2005-06	16-16-6	.500	ECACHL	9- 9-4	.500	T-6
2004-05	13-22-2	.378	ECACHL	8-13-1	.386	8
2003-04	14-17-5	.458	ECACHL	8-11-3	.432	8
Total	72-88-22	.456		42-54-14	.455	



RICK BENNETT

ASSOCIATE COACH

Fourth Season
Providence '90



Rick Bennett begins his second season as associate head coach and fourth as a member of the Dutchmen staff. Bennett previously spent five years as an assistant coach at Providence College. His first two years with the Friars he worked with the defense and then worked with the forwards his final three seasons. During his tenure Bennett also coached the team's power play, handled team travel, recruiting, and academics.

In 2007, Bennett guided the United States' Team Blue to the championship of the U-17 Three Nations Tournament, held at the ESL Sports Centre in Rochester, N.Y. from August 14 through 18. His team compiled a 3-1-0 record throughout the tournament, while outscoring opponents, 24-8. Bennett also served as a coach at the U.S. Select 16 National Festival in Rochester, NY, in the summer of 2005.

A 1990 graduate of Providence, Bennett was a four-year standout for the Friars at left wing and ranks 21st all-time in scoring with 134 points (50 goals, 84 assists). He earned Second-Team All-American honors as a junior, and as a senior captain for the Friars earned Second-Team All-Hockey East accolades and was a Hobey Baker Finalist. Bennett was also named to the Hockey East All-Freshman Team in 1987. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in general studies.

Bennett was a third round draft pick of the Minnesota North Stars in the 1986 NHL Entry Draft and was traded to the New York Rangers his junior year at Providence. From 1990-93, he played for the Binghamton Rangers of the AHL and saw action in 15 games for the New York Rangers. After leaving Binghamton, he spent two seasons with the Springfield Indians of the AHL and played his final four seasons

“We have seen a great improvement in our defense since Rick has come onboard. Along with the defense he works hand-and-hand with our penalty kill. His experience in leadership in those areas is a big asset to us.”

~Nate Leaman

of professional hockey (1995-99) for the Jacksonville Lizard Kings (ECHL) and the Pee Dee Pride (ECHL). In addition to playing for the Lizard Kings and the Pride, Bennett also served as an assistant coach for each team for four years.

Bennett works with the defensemen and special teams, manages team video and is an active member of the recruiting staff.





BEN BARR

ASSISTANT COACH

First Season
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute '04

Ben Barr, a 2004 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is entering his first season as an assistant coach on Union's men's hockey team. Barr joins the Dutchmen after spending the 2004-05 and 2007-08 seasons as a volunteer assistant coach for his alma mater.

Barr, a native of Fairbault, MN, served as a coach for the USA Hockey Select 14 Team during the summer of 2008 and for the Select 17 Team in 2007. From 2005 to 2007 he was the head coach for the Capital Districts Select AAA PeeWee Major Hockey Team.

As a student-athlete for RPI, Barr produced 64 points (25 goals and 39 assists) in 140 career games. He was the team's most valuable player in 2002-03 and was given the team's coaches award in 2002-03 and in 2003-04. His junior season he produced a team-best three shorthanded goals and a team-high tying three game winning goals. He served as a captain during his senior seasons and again led the team in shorthanded goals (two) and game-winners (three).

As a four year athletic scholarship recipient and letterman, Barr was named to the Rensselaer Dean's List all four years and was on the 2004 President's List. He was also selected to the ECAC All-Academic Team during the 2003-04 season.

Prior to RPI, he was awarded the Williams Cup (best all-around athlete) at Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep School in 2000.

Barr's responsibilities with the Dutchmen include recruiting, working with the forwards on the ice, assisting with special teams managing the team's off-ice strength and conditioning program, coordinating team travel and video analysis.

"We are really excited to add Ben. He has a very good, young hockey mind. He is a guy that has played the game within our league and was a very good captain within our league. He brings great leadership and is really going to help our forwards."

~Nate Leaman



PETE COTIER

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH

First Season

Pete Cotier returns to Union College and the hockey team in a few realms. He is currently perusing a master's degree in teaching while

assisting the athletic department with its budget and volunteering as an assistant coach for the Dutchmen.

A 1990 Union graduate with an economics degree, Pete also earned his MBA from the school in 1993. Pete lettered for the Dutchmen's hockey team from 1986-90. Upon graduation, Pete spent time on Wall Street for six years before moving to Ithaca, NY, while maintaining his presence in New York City. He then moved to Corning, NY and worked for Corning Inc., handling various finance functions.

Pete, who will be assisting with all aspects of the hockey program, lives in Galway, NY with his wife Marie and two children Max and Isabella.



JEREMY APPLE

VIDEO COACH/ STUDENT MANAGER

Third Season

Jeremy Apple is in his third season as the student manager for the Dutchmen and has taken the responsibilities as the team's video coach. His duties in the new position include providing the student-athletes with up-to-date and on the fly video footage throughout the season. He also films practices and games, assists the equipment manager and sets up practice.

Apple, a 2005 graduate of Pawling High School served as an assistant captain for his hockey team as a senior. He was twice named all-league and was also named his school's Male Athlete of the Year in his senior campaign.

He is a philosophy major and a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi.



CHERYL ROCKWOOD

**HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER
STUDENT-ATHLETE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Twenty-Second Season
Central Connecticut State '85
Old Dominion '86

Rockwood joined the Union College athletic department staff in 1987 as the assistant athletic trainer and was promoted to head athletic trainer in 1988. Rockwood supervises all athletic training staff and oversees all of Union's 25 intercollegiate sports, taking care of the sports medicine needs of the athletes throughout the season, as well as off-season rehabilitation and training.

In addition to her training responsibilities, Rockwood has served as Union's Director of Student-Athlete Programming since 2000, and worked previously as the College's Senior Woman Administrator from 1996-2000.

Rockwood has remained involved in athletics outside of Union, working as a trainer for the New Jersey Nets Rookie Camp and World Cup Soccer, as well as for the United States Olympic team in Albertville, France and numerous United States Olympic Festivals and training camps.

Rockwood received her Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from Central Connecticut State University, earned her Teaching Certification from the State of Connecticut in 1985, and completed her Masters of Science in education at Old Dominion University in 1986. She has been certified through the National Athletic Trainers' Association and is also a member of the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association and the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association.

Rockwood and her husband, Barry Maday, reside in Niskayuna, NY.



DAVE BAGLIO

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Third Season

Dave Baglio joined the Union College staff in the fall of 2006 as the equipment manager for both the men's and women's hockey teams. He brings 16 years of professional hockey equipment management experience.

Baglio spent seven years with the New Jersey Devils organization, first with the Utica Devils of the American Hockey League in 1988-89 and then with New Jersey from 1989-94. Baglio later worked with the Winston-Salem Icehawks of the United Hockey League before returning to New York in 1999 as equipment manager of the Adirondack Icehawks of the UHL, which became the Adirondack Frostbite in 2004.

A native of Rochester, NY, Baglio resides in Glens Falls with his wife, Melissa, and their three children, Landon, Macy and Lola.



DR. WALLY BZDELL, ED.D

TEAM PSYCHOLOGIST

Second Season
Union College '94
Springfield College
Boston University

Dr. Bzdell rejoins the Union hockey program as the team's sport psychologist. He played two seasons for the Garnet and White and is a 1994 graduate of Union College.

He earned his Doctoral degree in counseling psychology, specializing in sport and performance psychology from Boston University and a Master's degree in counseling, with a concentration in athletic counseling from Springfield College.

He is a licensed psychologist and has worked extensively with athletes ranging from youth, to college, to the professional ranks.

In his role with Union Hockey, Dr. Bzdell will provide mental toughness training for the team.



SHERRIE LYONS

ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

Third Season
Berkley
Cal-State Los Angeles
University of Chicago

Sherrie Lyons joined the Dutchmen midway through the 2006-07 season as the team's Academic Coordinator. Lyons oversees team study sessions, helps improve writing skills and assists with time management skills. Lyons is a published author; her book, *Thomas Henry Huxley: The Evolution of a Scientist*, was published in 1999 by Prometheus Books.

She earned her Bachelor's degree in genetics from Berkley, a Master of Science in biology from Cal-State, Los Angeles, and a PhD in the history of science from the University of Chicago.

Lyons also teaches at Empire State College, directing classes in nutrition, biology and evolution.



KATHEE NATOLE

ATHLETICS BUSINESS & TICKET MANAGER

Thirtieth Season

Kathee Natole has served Union College for nearly 30 years and currently carries the title of Athletic Business and Ticket Manager. She oversees all aspects of the ticket operations for Union football, and men's and women's hockey.

Natole was the Director of Achilles Center from 2000 to 2004, where she supervised the rink staff and over 20 student workers. She managed scheduling and ticket sales, and supervised the off-ice officials and event staff at all games.

Natole joined the staff in September, 1978, under then Head Coach Charlie Morrison. As the office manager and secretary, Natole provided the administrative backbone of the program. She was involved with ticketing, recruitment, scheduling and bookkeeping, and supervised the Achilles Center staff.

Natole attended Schenectady County Community College and Albany Business College. She is a facility member of the Northeast Ice Skating Management Association and also a facility member of the U.S. Hockey STAR program (Serving the American Rinks). Natole served from 2000-04 on the Board of Governor Committee for the STAR program. She also served for nine years as the under secretary to the American Hockey Coaches Association, from 1987 to 1995.

She and her husband, Thomas, live in Haganan, NY.



KEVIN ZALAZNIK

ASSISTANT SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

First Season

Kevin Zalaznik, who is the primary media contact for both men and women's ice hockey teams, is in his first year as the assistant sports information director at Union. Prior to joining the Union staff, Zalaznik served on the athletic communications staff at Syracuse University.

While with the Orange, Zalaznik served as the primary athletic communications contact for the women's soccer, swimming and diving and softball programs. Additionally, he served as an assistant contact for the football and women's basketball teams.

Prior to Syracuse, Zalaznik earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sports information and communications with a minor in writing from Ithaca College. While enrolled at Ithaca, he served two years as a student assistant in the college's sports information office.

During the spring of 2006, Zalaznik served as the public relations intern for the London Towers, a professional basketball team in London, England. He was in charge of the majority of office duties as well as all public relations issues.

Zalaznik also served on the 2005 NCAA Men's Basketball Regional media relations staff in Syracuse, N.Y. and was a student assistant in the Orange's athletic communications office during the summer that same year.



ADAM BRINKER

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR FACILITIES

Fifth Season

Brinker joined the Union College staff in July of 2004. As the managing director of Achilles Center, he serves as event manager for all Union hockey home contests, develops and operates programs, including adult and youth hockey programs and leagues, and learn-to skate programs. In addition, Brinker schedules ice time, oversees personnel and directs operations throughout the Achilles Center. He operates the highly successful Union College Fall Festival Girl's U-19 Tournament and oversaw operations for the 2005 ECACHL Women's Hockey Championship.

Prior to Union, Brinker spent five years as the head women's hockey coach and arena manager at the University of Findlay. He led the Oilers to a 71-82-13 record during his tenure and coached the Oilers to the GLWHA Championship in the team's first league season. Brinker led Findlay from the beginning through its transition to Division I ranks in 2002 when they advanced to the College Hockey America championship game. Brinker directed the Oilers to a 16-15-4 mark in 2003-04 and was the CHA Coach of the Year for the 2003-04 season.

Brinker previously served in ice arena management at JRV Management, affiliated with the University of Michigan for three years and was the head coach of the Dubuque Fighting Saints of the USHL from 1994-97. He was the head coach of a minor pro hockey team in the Sunshine Hockey League for one year following a three-year stint as an assistant coach at then-CCHA member Kent State University.

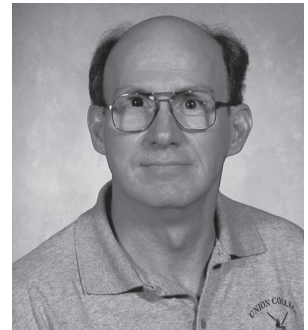
Brinker earned a B.S. in physical education from Kent State in 1987 and his Masters Degree in sport administration from Kent in 1993. He served as an assistant coach at his alma mater for three seasons, and assisted on the staffs of St. Bonaventure and Hamilton.

Brinker lives in Schenectady with his wife, Marian, and two children, Jade and Alex.

ACHILLES RINK STAFF



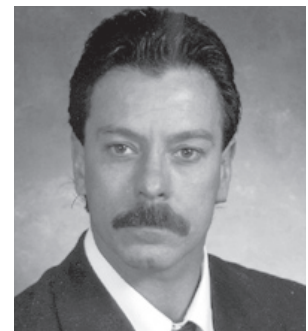
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