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RDC ATHLETICS UPDATE

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1. RDC Athletics Announces new Kings Basketball & Queens Hockey Head Coaches for 2011-2012

RDC welcomes **Kings Basketball** Head Coach **Clayton Pottinger** and **Queens Hockey** Head Coach **Trevor Keeper** to the RDC Athletics staff!

Clayton Pottinger comes to RDC with 15 years of experience as a coach at the high school, CCAA, CIS and professional levels. As a player, he captained the U of A Golden Bears basketball team to their first national championship. Clayton has a Masters of Education from the University of Victoria where he graduated from UVIC's prestigious coaching program. He also brings a wealth of teaching experience to the Kinesiology & Sport Studies department.

"I am excited to be joining the faculty and coaching staff at RDC," says Clayton. "The college's commitment to athletics and academics is second to none. I look forward to working at a fantastic institution and being part of a great community."

Clayton's basketball coaching experience includes:

- Head Coach, The King's University College (2003-2007)
- Assistant Coach, University of Alberta (2007-2010)
- Lead Assistant Coach and Director of Player Development, Edmonton Chill Professional Basketball Club (2008)
- Assistant Coach, Canadian Junior National Basketball Team (2009)
- Head Coach, Douglas College (2010-2011)

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Trevor Keeper brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his new position as Head Coach of Queens Hockey. He has a Master of Science degree in Sports Coaching from the University of Queensland with a specialization in the area of sports psychology, as well as a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Lethbridge. Trevor has taught and coached in various locales in Canada and abroad, including the last three years as a sessional instructor in RDC's Kinesiology & Sport Studies department.

"I'm very grateful for the opportunity to continue instructing at RDC and take on the challenges of leading the Queen's Hockey Program," says Trevor. "Former coach, Rob Weddell, has worked hard in recruiting for next year and I will continue with those efforts. With some veteran returnees and many new recruits, I will have the opportunity to establish a new identity for Queens Hockey while building on past successes. I'm excited about strengthening the program, being a part of RDC's excellence in athletics, and the relationship between RDC and the Central Alberta community."

Trevor's hockey coaching experience includes:

Head Coaching:

- Team Alberta – Canada Winter Games and Western Canada Challenge
- Red Deer AAA Midget Rebels – AB AAA Midget
- Nanaimo AAA Midget Clippers – BC AAA Midget
- Sapporo Snow Juniors - Japanese Ice Hockey Federation
- Lethbridge AAA Golden Hawks – AB Major Bantam

Assistant Coaching:

- Team Canada U-18 - IIHF World Championships (Sweden 2006)
- Team Pacific U-17- World Championships (2004 & 2005)
- Team Canada U-18 - U-18 World Cup (Czech Rep)
- Red Deer Rebels - Western Hockey League (CHL)
- Red Deer College Kings - Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference
- University of Lethbridge Pronghorns – CIS

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Rob Weddell will be moving into a full-time instructional position effective July 1, 2011. While Rob has done an admirable job as the coach/instructor for Queens Hockey, his move to a full-time teaching position will allow him to now follow some of his other passions.

Attachments: Photos of Clayton Pottinger and Trevor Keeper

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About RDC: Red Deer College has served the needs of students and the community for more than 45 years. With greater than 75 programs to choose from, we pride ourselves on providing a practical education, in a genuine and sustainable learning environment. Our 7,800 full-time and part-time credit students and more than 13,000 continuing education students are at the core of everything we do. RDC – when you get here you understand.



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