

Sean Berens

Players' Category



Sean Berens, son of Ray and Joan, has been a part of Illinois hockey since the age of 3 when he put on his first pair of hockey skates. Instructed by his father Ray for most of his life, he began playing with the Northwest Chargers followed by Team Illinois and William Fremd High School. In this time Sean won 9 Illinois State Championship titles. He then made the move to the United States Hockey League (USHL), where he joined the Dubuque Fighting Saints and finished among the league leaders in points (3rd) in his first season. Sean went on to represent Illinois, playing twice for the US National teams in Switzerland and Japan. He received MVP honors in the gold medal game against Russia in the Pacific Cup final.

In 1994, Sean earned a scholarship to play Division I hockey at Michigan State University. In his first year as a Spartan he received "Freshman of the Year" honors. In his next three seasons Sean went on to become captain of the team and amassed All-CCHA 1st and 2nd team honors, as well as All-American status by leading all Division I players in goals with 36.

Sean's professional career began with the Las Vegas Thunder of the International Hockey League (IHL), now the American Hockey League (AHL), leading all rookies in goals. Sean spent the next two seasons playing for the Chicago Wolves, Grand Rapids Griffins, and the Cleveland Lumberjacks. In 2001, Sean made the move to Europe to continue playing professionally. He led the British Elite League in points playing for the Belfast Giants, then finished among the top scorers in Austria and Switzerland playing for the Vienna Capitals and Langenthal Hockey Club.

Sean coaches and trains players all across Illinois currently, and is committed to a specific training method that focuses on skill development for the future of our players in Illinois.