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Thomas Pollon Returns as Head Coach of Jr. Steelheads 12U A Team for 2025–26 Season

The Jr. Steelheads are pleased to announce the return of Thomas Pollon as Head Coach of the 12U A team for the 2025–26 season. A Seattle native and former Boise State Broncos standout, Coach Pollon brings a unique combination of recent high-level playing experience, competitive insight, and a modern coaching approach to one of the program’s most foundational age groups.

Now entering his second season behind the bench with the Jr. Steelheads, Coach Pollon has quickly proven himself as a passionate teacher of the game and a strong culture builder. His emphasis on fundamentals, team values, and player accountability creates an ideal learning environment for 12U athletes taking their next step in competitive hockey.

Coach Pollon’s hockey journey includes playing Tier 1 youth hockey and competing at the collegiate level within the last four years — giving him fresh, firsthand knowledge of the habits and skills required to succeed at higher levels. His perspective resonates with young players eager to learn the “why” behind the game and how to play it the right way.

Key elements of Coach Pollon’s 2025–26 12U A program include:

- **Development Over Results:** Weekly training emphasizes skating, puck handling, positioning, and hockey IQ — with practices designed around purposeful repetition, small-area games, and decision-making under pressure.
- **Structured Seasonal Plan:** The team will practice 3–4 times per week and compete in 7 tournaments, with two monthly dryland sessions, locker room Q&As, and supplemental coaching strategies to develop leadership and character.
- **Team Identity and Culture:** With a clear code of conduct, a focus on communication, and a rotating leadership model, Coach Pollon sets a tone of respect, hard work, and buy-in. Players are expected to show up, support their teammates, and embrace the team-first mentality.
- **Parent Partnership and Transparency:** Coach Pollon values clear communication and setting expectations early. From preseason meetings to structured updates through SportsEngine, he builds trust with families by prioritizing development, effort, and progress over politics or outcomes.

The organization is proud to have a coach of Coach Pollon’s passion, discipline, and leadership guiding this critical age group again this season.

Welcome back, Coach Pollon.

Go Steelheads!

