



# Black Hawks



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### **Black Hawks Name New Assistant Coach Shane Fukushima To Join Team Immediately**

**Waterloo, IA-** Head coach and general manager P.K. O’Handley announced today that Shane Fukushima would be joining the Black Hawks coaching staff as assistant coach. Fukushima replaces Chris Tok who recently left the team to take the assistant coaching job at Michigan Tech.

Fukushima and O’Handley have roots that go very deep in hockey. Shane played two seasons on the North Iowa USHL team when O’Handley was the coach there, and his father, Mas Fukushima coached O’Handley when he played for Superior, WI high school.

“Shane has the talent, the knowledge and the passion to fit into our program and be a huge part of it from day one,” said O’Handley. “He knows the game of hockey, is well connected in the recruiting circles. He is a good teacher and a good leader and I know our players will respond to him right away.”

Fukushima comes to the Black Hawks from the University of Wisconsin – Superior where he was an assistant coach for the Yellowjackets. Prior to that, he was an assistant coach at Owatonna High School in Minnesota.

He played his college hockey at the University of Wisconsin River Falls where he was named to the All NCHA 1<sup>st</sup> team and the All WIAC 1<sup>st</sup> team for the 1999-2000 season. The same season he led the NCHA in scoring.

Fukushima is expected to join the team immediately as the Black Hawks prepare to begin practice in mid – September. The Hawks begin their season on the road in early October and will host the USHL’s newest member the Ohio Jr. Bluejackets on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Young Arena. Tickets for that game and the entire season will go on sale in early October.