

## WHAT SETS US APART

- ♦ **Coaching Staff** –The VJW enjoys one of the most experienced and respected coaching staffs in the nation that includes former NHL players, NHL scouts, Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame Inductees and longtime EJHL veterans.
- ♦ **Premier Facility** – The VJW team calls the recently opened Haverhill Valley Forum its home. The two-rink facility features a private locker room, video/player lounge area, full-service pro shop with skate sharpening and a heated mezzanine area for comfortable viewing of all home games. The ownership of the facility by the VJW allows for the team to have access to more ice time throughout the season.
- ♦ **Physical Training Services** -- A partnership with Athletic Evolution, a Woburn-based athletic performance company recognized for its training of local professional athletes, sets the Junior Warriors program apart as it is one of the few junior hockey programs in the country that offers in-house, year-round physical training services to its players. The 3,000 square-foot training center features state-of-the-art equipment and experienced, certified strength training professionals.
- ♦ **History of Excellence** – The Warriors have set a standard of excellence by winning 34 State Championship titles at all levels while representing Massachusetts hockey at state champions at multiple national USA Hockey Championships. The Warriors have placed more than 120 alumni in various Division I and Division III college programs.
- ♦ **Education** – One of the requirements of all VJW players is that they take at least one college course per semester. This program allows for the student athletes to transfer credits to collegiate institutions. Two local colleges – Merrimack College and Northern Essex Community College – are located less than 10 minutes from the Haverhill Valley Forum.
- ♦ **Location** – The Haverhill Valley Forum is located just 45 minutes from downtown Boston and is easily accessible via car, bus, train or public transportation.

## HVERHILL VALLEY FORUM



\*Home of the Valley Jr Warriors\*

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The Haverhill Valley Forum opened its doors for the first time in February 2007. The state-of-the-art, twin rinks facility is one of the premier rinks in the Northeast. The Valley Forum serves as the official “home” of the Valley Junior Warriors, equipped with a spacious team lockerroom and players lounge.

- ♦ Two 200' x 85' playing surfaces
- ♦ 12 locker rooms, including a Valley Junior Warriors lockerroom and players lounge
- ♦ Full-service pro shop with skate sharpening
- ♦ More than 800 spectator seats
- ♦ Glassed-enclosed mezzanine level
- ♦ Arcade and concessions onsite
- ♦ For more information about the Valley Jr Warriors, please contact Andy Heinze, Director of Hockey Operations, at [aheinze@jrwarriors.com](mailto:aheinze@jrwarriors.com) or visit the team web site at [www.jrwarriors.com](http://www.jrwarriors.com).



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## PROMINENT ALUMNI

Over the past decade, the Valley Jr Warriors program has consistently placed players in the top Division I, II and III schools in the country. Many of those student-athletes have used their VJW experience to make a positive impact on and off the ice.

**Mark Roebothan** (UMass-Lowell), **David Strathman** (Northeastern University), **Mark Pandolfo** (UMass Lowell) and **Joe Cucci** (Merrimack College) are just a sample of the outstanding talent that has come from the program. Our alumni have gone on to attend a diverse number of institutions including the following:

Babson College	Sacred Heart University
Bentley College	Salem State College
Boston College	St. Anselm College
Boston University	St. Lawrence University
Bowdoin College	Suffolk University
Clarkson University	Trinity College
Colby College	Tufts University
Dartmouth College	University of Maine
Elmira College	UMass-Amherst
Merrimack College	UMass-Boston
Niagara University	UMass-Dartmouth
Northeastern University	UMass-Lowell
Quinnipiac College	UNH
Southern New Hampshire	West Point

For a complete list of our alumni, please visit the VJW web site at [www.jrwarriors.com](http://www.jrwarriors.com).

## EASTERN JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE



The Eastern Junior Hockey League (EJHL) was formed to meet the needs of hockey players in the Northeastern United States who wanted to further their skills in preparation for college or professional hockey. The EJHL has since established itself as a quality Junior Hockey Program, with many of its players realizing success at advanced levels of play. The league features 14 teams from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Vermont and competes in a 48-game schedule from September through March. The EJHL leads all U.S. leagues with more than 100 former EJHL players rostered on D1 teams in Hockey East, ECAC and the Atlantic Hockey Conference.

## JUNIOR TEAM COACHING STAFF



**Andy Heinze**  
Head Coach/General Manager

Andy Heinze is director of hockey operations for the Valley Jr Warriors and is the head coach and general manager of the VJW Junior team. In his first year as coach of the Junior team, Heinze was honored as the EJHL Coach of the Year. He received that honor once again in 2001. Heinze, a former captain of the 1989-90 Merrimack College team, began coaching at his alma mater in 1993 following a three-year professional career in Europe. He holds the Merrimack school record for most games played with 144 and currently ranks 10th on Merrimack's all-time scoring list with 77 goals and 89 assists for 166 points.



**Fred Devereaux**  
Director of Player Development

Fred Devereaux serves as the Director of Player Development for the Valley Jr Warriors program. He is currently an NHL scout with the Calgary Flames. Over the course of his 23-year NHL scouting career, he has also worked with the Washington Capitals and Nashville Predators. Devereaux has more than 30 years of Hockey School experience in the United States and Canada. He has also coached at every level from youth to pro hockey and has played a role in the development of several current NHL players.



**Mike Holubowich**

Mike Holubowich has served as an assistant coach for the Valley Jr Warriors Junior team since the 2002-03 season. Holubowich's impressive resume includes serving as head coach/general manager of the Bridgewater Bandits Junior team and working for 16 years with Paul Vincent's Dynamic Skating Program. Following a high school career at New Prep, Holubowich went on to graduate from Westfield State College in 1987.



**Bob Carpenter**  
Director of Program Development

Bob Carpenter joined the Valley Jr Warriors staff as program development director in 2006 after a celebrated professional hockey playing and coaching career. A St. John's Preparatory School standout from Peabody, Carpenter was the first U.S. Citizen to be drafted into the NHL directly out of high school. As the third selection overall in the 1981 NHL Draft, he became the first U.S. player to be selected in the top five. In his rookie season, Carpenter scored 32 goals and then set a record for American-born players when he scored 53 in his fourth year. During that 1984-85 season when he netted 53 goals, he also posted 42 assists to earn himself a spot on the NHL All-Star and 1984 Canada Cup teams. His storied professional playing career included stints with the Washington Capitals, New York Rangers, Los Angeles Kings, New Jersey Devils and the Boston Bruins. In his NHL career that spanned 18 years, Carpenter played 1,318 games, scoring 341 goals and 446 assists for 787 points. He also captured three Stanley Cups (1995, '00, '03) while playing for New Jersey. Following his playing career, Carpenter served as assistant coach of the New Jersey Devils and head coach of the AHL Albany River Rats.



**Stu Irving**  
Head Coach - Junior B

Former Merrimack College assistant and Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, Stu Irving joined the VJW staff in 2007. For 20 years, Irving served as an assistant coach at Merrimack

College and was responsible for scouting and recruiting players as well as off-ice conditioning and on-ice coaching. He was part of a Merrimack program that captured three straight ECAC East crowns and earned a berth into the second round of the NCAA Division 1 Tournament. As a player, Irving captured a silver medal for the United States Olympic Team at the Winter Games in Sapporo, Japan in 1972 before signing his first professional contract with the Minnesota North Stars.



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