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## **Whale Head Coach Mastel Resigns**

*Heather Linstad To Take Over As Head Coach*

**New York, NY**— The National Women's Hockey League today announced the resignation of Connecticut Whale head coach Jake Mastel. Heather Linstad, former head coach of the Northeastern and University of Connecticut women's hockey teams, will take over alongside assistant coach Lisa Giovanelli.

"I'm very excited for this opportunity to work with such a talented group of athletes," said Heather Linstad. "They have clearly established a winning tradition early on in Connecticut, and I hope to build on that leading into playoffs."

The Whale will resume league play following the All-Star Game break this Sunday at home against the Boston Pride.

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE (NWHL)**

The NWHL is the first professional women's hockey league in North America to pay its players. The inaugural season begins October 11, 2015 and playoffs conclude in March 2016 when the first NWHL championship team raises the Isobel Cup.