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## Ray Tremblay Returns to Lead the Danville Dashers

Ray Tremblay understands hockey in Danville in a personal way. The former Danville Dashers' player returned to the community in July to accept a position as Head Coach and Director of Hockey Operations for the Dashers. In his new role, he is responsible for what he describes as "a large umbrella of responsibilities" - managing the team, coaching, recruiting, budgeting, scheduling and corporate sponsorships.

Tremblay started playing hockey when he was eight years old and continued playing competitively until he was 30. During that time, he played junior, college and minor pro throughout the U.S and Europe.

After playing the last of his three seasons in Danville in 2016, he moved back to British Columbia and stepped away from the game for a career in business/sales.

"Being away from the game really showed me how much I love it and I how hungry I was to be involved again," he says. "What I love most about what I do is that most of it really doesn't really feel like work. I'm passionate about the game, and the people that are involved."

He says people would be surprised at the amount of work happening behind the scenes in running a minor sports organization. "Being at this level, I'm more than just a hockey coach, strategizing the game," he says. "It's constant, scheduling, ordering, selling and managing 20+ young men."

His goal is "to create a fun environment and experience for the community to connect and rally around. We also hope to bring another championship to Danville!"

The Danville Dashers are a member of the Federal Prospects Hockey League. The

FPHL is a single A professional hockey league spanning Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Delaware, North Carolina and Georgia. The league is primarily comprised of players who have finished their college or junior careers. There are also some players from a variety of countries in Europe. Players hope to move to the next level ECHL, which is AA. Players range from 20-30 years of age.

The Danville Dashers season runs from late October to April. The first home game is on November 1st.

If companies would like to work with the Dashers, Tremblay says the organization has business packages to fit every level of sponsorship. For more information, visit [www.danvilledashers.com](http://www.danvilledashers.com) or call (217) 213-8939.