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## **CHRIS FORDON HIRED AS BOBCATS' HEAD EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

DANVILLE, IL-- The Vermilion County Bobcats have brought on Chris Fordon as their head equipment manager for the 2021-22 season. Fordon brings years of hockey experience to the team, having worked in hockey since 2005.

Fordon began his career as an assistant equipment manager for the Knoxville Ice Bears for three seasons, winning the President's Cup in 2006. From there he joined the AHL's San Antonio Rampage for a season before serving as assistant equipment manager for the NHL's Phoenix (now Arizona) Coyotes for the 2009-10 campaign. Fordon has also made stops at the AAHL level with the Battle Creek Revolution as head equipment manager and the AHL level with the Rochester Americans as locker room attendant.

"Chris brings so much to the table," said Vice President of Broadcasting and Communications Casey Bryant. "He's been around the game for a long time. He's a great problem-solver, which is a big part of the job. We're excited to have him on board."

In addition to his work behind the scenes in hockey, Fordon has worked as a USA Hockey on-ice official for 15 years and as head coach of RIT's ACHA women's hockey team.

Fordon will be on staff with the Bobcats at their upcoming Free Agent Camp beginning this Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Vermilion County Bobcats season tickets are on sale now at [vcbobcats.com](http://vcbobcats.com). The Bobcats will play 56 games in the SPHL this season, 28 of them on home ice at David S. Palmer Arena in Danville. Questions can be directed to [info@vcbobcats.com](mailto:info@vcbobcats.com).

### **About the Vermilion County Bobcats**

The Vermilion County Bobcats are entering their first season of operation in the Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL). They are based out of historic David S. Palmer Arena in Danville, Illinois, which has housed professional and/or junior hockey dating back to 1981. Fans can follow @VCBobcats on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for important updates on the team or visit [vcbobcats.com](http://vcbobcats.com).

### **About Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL)**

Now entering its 18th season, the Southern Professional Hockey League is comprised of 11 member teams located throughout the southeastern and midwestern United States. Headquartered in Huntersville, North Carolina, the mission of the SPHL is to provide a quality family-friendly

entertainment product structured inside an economic model that is viable for small and mid-size markets and arenas. For more information about the SPHL, visit the league's website at [thesphl.com](http://thesphl.com).

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