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### **Svend Wiele named head coach of WinSport's female varsity hockey team**

Calgary, Alta. – WinSport is proud to announce that Svend Wiele has been named head coach of the WinSport-Springbank Phoenix female varsity prep hockey team.

The team, which was established last month by WinSport in cooperation with Springbank High School, will begin play in the 2014-15 season.

Wiele played for the German National team at the U16 to U20 level, playing in a European and world championship. He also played professional hockey in Europe, including a German championship with the Munich Barons (1999-2000). He has more than nine years of coaching and instructing experience, including skill instruction and coach mentorship with Hockey Canada, Hockey Calgary and the National Sport Academy.

“Svend has an amazing track record of developing hockey players of all levels, from minor hockey to elite players,” said WinSport’s director of education and sport development. “His experience will help provide the WinSport-Springbank Phoenix the skill development, coaching and training required to take them to the next level.”

Wiele will be assisted by Erin Duggan, a current player with the Calgary Inferno of the Canadian Women’s Hockey League and former captain with the NCAA’s Yale Bulldogs. She also spent time as an assistant coach with the Inferno, which was previously called the Alberta Hockey Club.

The female hockey Academy program will provide a quality education, plus the flexible school schedules that athletes require to perform at their best, with the team training five days per week, with a routine of a half-day of training, including dryland, and a half-day in the classroom.

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#### **About WinSport**

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