



## Media Release

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#### Flint Firebirds Coaching Staff Announcement

Flint – The Ontario Hockey League (OHL) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ryan Oulahen to Head Coach and Eric Wellwood to Associate Coach of the Flint Firebirds.

“Today’s announcement is a further piece in putting together a strong hockey operations staff for the Flint Firebirds,” said David Branch OHL Commissioner. “Their combined knowledge and experience will help develop the Flint Firebird players both on and off the ice.”

Ryan Oulahen, 31, a native of Newmarket, Ontario has spent the last six years as the Lead Assistant Coach of the Brampton/North Bay Battalion, a team he competed for from 2002-2005, including one season as captain. Oulahen played for the AHL’s Grand Rapids Griffins for four seasons, including one season as captain and has been an Assistant Coach, Team Canada World Under 17 Challenge.

Eric Wellwood, 26, a native of Windsor, Ontario has won three Memorial Cups, two as a player and one with the Oshawa Generals, where he has been the Assistant Coach for the last two seasons. Wellwood played for the OHL’s Windsor Spitfires, the NHL’s Philadelphia Flyers and the AHL’s Adirondack Phantoms. In addition, for three consecutive seasons, he was the OHL player named the Hardest Worker in the OHL’s Coaches poll.

“Ryan and Eric are both young yet experienced, bringing tremendous enthusiasm, leadership and a strong foundation in junior hockey to the Firebirds’ bench,” said George Burnett, General Manager Flint Firebirds. “My role is to support Ryan and Eric as they lead our group of current and prospective players in delivering an exciting brand of junior hockey to Genesee County in the 2016-17 season and beyond.”

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