



Sault Ste Marie Aquatic Club Excellence in Swimming

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The Sault Ste Marie Aquatic Club (SSMAC) is very proud to announce the appointment of its new head coach, Dan Stratton.

Dan holds a B.Sc. in Kinesiology from the University of Waterloo, a High Performance Coaching Diploma from the National Coaching Institute, Victoria, and comes to SSMAC with an impressive record of successful coaching at club, university, provincial, national and international levels. He is the coach of record for Darda Geiger, Gold Medallist and World Record holder at the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia. He has been a head coach since 1993 !

Dan's early experience as Head Coach of Varsity Women's Swimming at the University of Western Ontario will be useful in forming a relationship with our new Algoma University.

Dan has coached swimmers of all ages and abilities successfully, and will bring his strong background, wide experience and good communication skills to SSMAC, encouraging team building and competitive swimming, supporting parents, and making swimming fun for all our youngsters.

Throughout his career, Dan Stratton has brought out the best in his swimmers and he is very excited to become part of the SSMAC family, and to help build on the record of excellence and enhance the strong programme established by his predecessors. He will help us instil confidence and team spirit in our athletes, and motivate them to achieve their highest potential.

Dan looks forward to carrying on the SSMAC tradition of swimming excellence and working directly with our coaching staff, especially Andrew Bignel, in planning training and competition programmes at all levels. He is committed to excellence both in and out of the pool and our athletes will flourish under his leadership.

We are very pleased to welcome such a successful coach to SSMAC and to Sault Ste. Marie.

Dan will commence his duties this fall for the 2008-2009 swimming season.

