



### **NBL 1 MEN'S HEAD COACH APPOINTMENT**

The North Adelaide Rockets are delighted to announce that Dean Nyberg has been appointed Head Coach of the North Adelaide NBL 1 men's team for 2021 and 2022.

Dean moves to the Rockets after a very successful coaching stint at the Southern Tigers where he coached their Premier League Men's team for four years, culminating in two Championships (2016 & 2018) and two other finals appearances (2017 – Runners Up & 2019). Just as important to our North Adelaide club philosophy of developing our junior players, in the four year period Dean was at the helm of the Southern Tigers, he oversaw strong success in the teams linking the junior program to the Premier League team – Reserves and Youth League – with both of these programs each also winning two championships

Prior to coaching at Southern, Dean was a long-time junior coach at Sturt as well as a Head Coach and Assistant Coach within the South Australian State team and High Performance programs.

Wayne Schild, President commented:

"We were very fortunate with the number of high-quality applicants for this position. Each applicant offered unique skill sets and experience which made the final selection an extremely difficult task for the selection panel. Dean has a proven track record of success in Premier League (NBL 1), Reserves and Youth League. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Nathan Hawkes and his support team for their hard work and for restoring our Premier League team to consistently being a strong participant within the league".

On his appointment Dean Nyberg offered the following:

"I'm thrilled to be given the opportunity to take over the North Adelaide Rockets NBL1 Men's team for 2021. It's an exciting time for the Rockets NBL1 program. Nathan (Hawkes, ex-Rockets Head Coach) has done a fantastic job with the group in his tenure and I thank him for the time he put into the program. We know that it will be a really competitive competition next year and that we have even more work to do to not only play finals again, but to take the next step to achieve our ultimate goal.

I'm looking forward to working closely with (Basketball Consultant) Liam Flynn in building a very competitive NBL1 roster as well as promoting a strong relationship with the North Adelaide juniors. With the amount of talent the club continues to produce at junior level, it really is an exciting time to be a part of transitioning those players into senior basketballers."

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