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Lucas Reynolds to Succeed Kareem Captan as Head Coach of Boys' Water Polo at Corona Del Mar



Newport Beach, CA – Corona Del Mar High School has named Lucas Reynolds as the new head coach for boys' water polo, effective immediately. Reynolds, who currently serves in the role as associate head coach, will be taking over for Kareem Captan. Under Captan and Reynolds' leadership, the CDM boys' water polo program has returned to the ranks as one of Southern California's top programs with semifinal appearances in the 2022 CIF-SS Division 1 playoffs and the 2023 CIF-SS Open Division playoffs. Captan is stepping down to allow for more time to spend with his family.

Since 2013, Reynolds has assumed multiple roles with the CDM Aquatics community including 14U boys' head coach, 16U boys' director of development, 18U boys' assistant coach, coach for the girls' club program, and the top assistant for the boys' high school program. As a Corona Del Mar High School alumnus, Lucas proudly Co-Captained the Sea Kings while garnering All-American honors during his senior season. Reynolds continued his educational journey at the University of California Los Angeles, reaching the National Championship game two times during his Bruin career. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in History, he trained and competed with the USA Senior National Team before playing professionally for three seasons overseas.

"Lucas has played a key role in the recent success of our program," said Brian Walsh, Athletic Director of Corona Del Mar. "His connection with student-athletes and his familiarity with the CDM water polo community will assist in keeping this proud program on the right track moving forward."

"I am honored and humbled to lead a program I played for and a school that holds a special place in my heart. I am grateful for the mentorship of Coach Captan over the years, and I know I have some big shoes to fill," commented Reynolds. "This journey is not just about winning games; it's about mentoring and guiding these young men to success in and out of the pool. Together, with unwavering support from the administration and athletic department, we will continue to uphold the tradition of excellence at Corona del Mar."

Reynolds currently teaches at Corona Del Mar while also assisting with the boys' and girls' swim teams. He is supported by his wife Nina and his newborn baby Camila.