

Student to coach new Dutch ski team



Photo courtesy of Chuck Heidenreich

Business student Chuck Heidenreich will be spending his third winter on the world cup freestyle tour. But this year he will be coaching the Dutch national team instead of competing for the United States.

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Chuck Heidenreich is wintering in Europe this year. That's not really new to Heidenreich. He's been there before, as a member of the United States World Cup freestyle ski team.

But, last July, word came that freestyle rosters were being cut in half for the coming season. Heidenreich was on the wrong half. It looked as if the University marketing junior might be spending a relatively quiet winter, for the first time in quite awhile.

"I was really troubled," he says, referring to the prospect of spending this winter out in the cold.

Then in late September, Heidenreich learned that he would once again find himself living out of a suitcase as he makes the rounds of the World Cup circuit. But, this year, he won't be dancing down the slopes as a competitor. He'll be coaching the Dutch national freestyle team.

"The thing with Holland is something that has kind of hit me," says Heidenreich, "but, I'm sure it will hit me once I get over there and realize, 'wow, I'm still doing this.'"

"It'll be a big challenge," he says of coaching the newly-formed team in Holland. "I'll be dealing probably with skiers who, a lot of them will be just getting going in the sport. They'll probably be where I was, you know, four years ago."

Adding to the challenge for

Heidenreich will be the fact that he has never done any structured coaching, although he has worked at ski schools, and offered tips to friends on the slopes.

Four years ago Heidenreich was working toward a birth in the national freestyle competition as a senior in high school. "That was really important to me. After that I started thinking, 'Oh geez, what's next,'" he says of his trip to nationals. Two years later he was making his first World Cup tour.

"The monotony of running gates to me, didn't allow me to do what I wanted to do," says Heidenreich, who was on skis in the hills of Massachusetts almost before he could walk. Heidenreich participated in downhill racing in his younger days, but turned to freestyle in 1975 when the sport began to develop competitively.

Freestyle ski competition consists of three events. The mogul event is the closest to downhill racing, and many freestyle mogul skiers are also pro ski racers, according to Heidenreich. The ballet event is akin to the floor exercise in gymnastics or a figure skating routine. It is a two minute choreographed run down the hill to music.

"My run will consist of about probably five or six double axels, which is like a skater's (routine), but I'll be doing it with skis."

Third is aeriels, which includes a variety of flips. Heidenreich doesn't do that

event because he doesn't have the time to practice all of the intricacies of flips while he going to school.

Heidenreich goes to school spring, summer and fall, then spends his winter on the slopes.

He is learning as much about the business world outside the classroom as he is in it. Much of his time is spent searching for sponsors who might help cover the expenses of living in Europe. Since freestyle skiing is an amateur sport, he will not get paid for coaching the Dutch team. But, he says the Dutch Ski Federation will help cover some of his expenses. He stresses the *some*.

Heidenreich feels the greatest asset he has on the slopes is his mental outlook. "Because of the things that are going on in my head spiritually, with God, if I goof up it's not like life and death to me," he says. "I understand that there are other more important things in life than skiing. So, if I'm not number one, that doesn't bother me. I realize I'm not going to be number one, because I'm going to school."

"It sometimes gets discouraging," Heidenreich says of having friends who are training year-round. "But, hey, in another year-and-a-half I'll be done with school, and then I can go spend all my time if I want to go skiing. I'm not going to be over the hill at age 23 I hope."

Climbing the hill as quickly as he has, chances are he will be wintering on top for some time to come.

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Fall Schedule of Activities

Event	Div.	#Players	Entry Deadline	Start Date
3 x 3 Basketball	M-W	3	11/10	11/11
Racquetball Doubles	M-W	2	11/12	11/13
Crippled Turkey Fun Run	M-W	1	11/17	11/17
Basketball Tune-up Tour	M-W	5	12/3	12/4



3 x 3 Basketball Today (November 10) at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for getting your team entry in. This is a round-robin tourney ending in a single elimination championship. There are men's and women's divisions. The tournament is done for fun - no refs. Games will start Thursday, November 11 at 4:00 p.m. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. - 10 p.m. Entries are available at 103 Gerlinger. Schedules will be available by noon on November 11.

Racquetball Doubles Tournament for men and women is scheduled on Saturday, November 13. Play will begin at 10:00 a.m. A match will consist of two out of three games (11-point games). There will be three divisions: 1) novice 2) intermediate 3) intermediate/advanced. Entry deadline is Friday, November 12 at 5:00 p.m. Play is

scheduled for the Outdoor Racquetball courts. Entries available at 103 Gerlinger.

Crippled Turkey Fun Run - November 17 Plan now to join us for this fun run. There will be a drawing and winners will take home a "crippled turkey". Keep watching for details.

Help Wanted Basketball and Soccer officials are needed for winter term intramurals. Here's a chance to earn some extra cash. Training for basketball will begin November 16. Come in to 103 Gerlinger and sign up now.

One Day Celebration of Roundball (Tune-up Tourney) Get your team together now and practice up before basketball intramurals winter term. There will be divisions for men and women. Entries may have to be limited because of time and space - don't miss out.

Open Recreation

Esslinger	MUWHF	7:00am - 8:30am
Weight	MUWHF	11:30am - 12:30pm
Room	MUWHF	3:30pm - 10:00pm
	Sat-Sun	7:00am - 10:00pm

Covered Tennis Courts

MUWHF	7:00am - 8:30am
MUWHF	3:30pm - 10:00pm
Sat-Sun	7:00am - 10:00pm

Esslinger	MUWHF	7:00am - 8:30am
Racquetball	MUWHF	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Courts	MUWHF	3:30pm - 10:00pm
	Sat-Sun	7:00am - 10:00pm

Open Swim

Gerlinger Pool	MUWHF	7:00am - 8:30am
	MUWHF	5:00pm - 6:30pm

Outdoor	MUWHF	7:00am - 8:30am
Racquetball	MUWHF	3:30pm - 10:00pm
Courts	Sat-Sun	7:00am - 10:00pm

Leighton Pool	MUWHF	11:30am - 1:30pm
	MW	7:30pm - 9:00pm
	Sun	1:00pm - 4:00pm

GYMS

**GER & GERX	MUWH	7:00am - 8:30am
	F	3:00pm - 6:00pm
	Sat	10:00am - 6:00pm
	Sun	1:00pm - 6:00pm

**ESL	MUWHF	7:00am - 10:00pm
	Sat-Sun	7:00am - 10:00pm

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