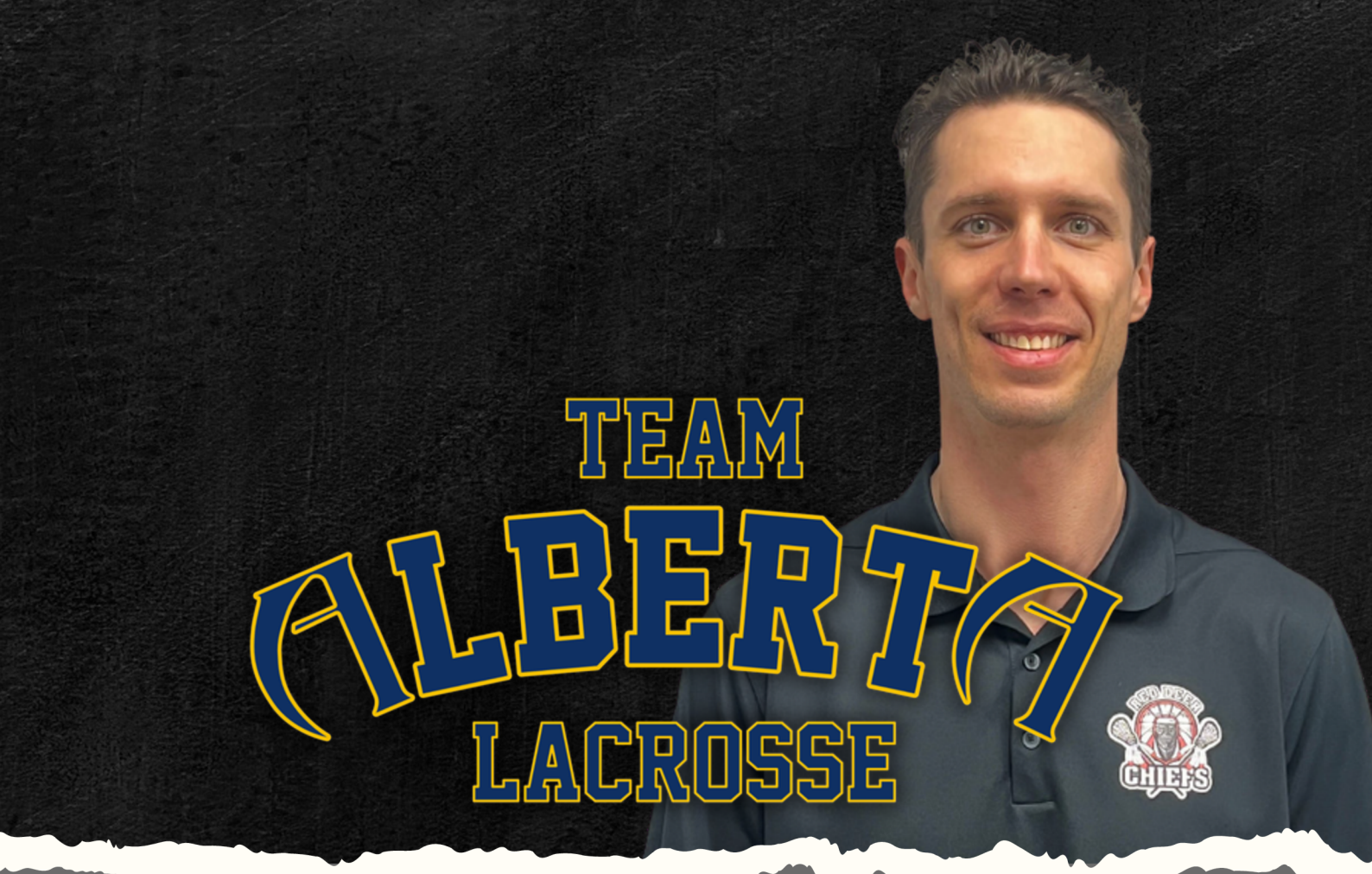

About Darren

U17 Male Box Head Coach

Darren Kinnear's lifelong connection to lacrosse began at the age of four in Red Deer, where he played all of his minor lacrosse with the Red Deer Chiefs. He continued his development at the junior level, spending three seasons with the Red Deer Rampage (Jr. B) before finishing his junior career with the Edmonton Miners, where he ranked in the top three in team scoring during both seasons.

In 2011, Kinnear was drafted 46th overall by the Calgary Roughnecks in the National Lacrosse League and spent two seasons on the club's practice roster. He also competed at the Senior A level with the Burnaby Lakers before returning to the Edmonton Miners in 2014. Committed to the program, Kinnear made the drive to Edmonton three times a week for over a decade while continuing to compete at the Senior B level.

During his career with the Miners, Kinnear captured three Presidents Cup National Championships in 2016, 2017, and 2018, and competed in a total of ten Presidents Cup tournaments. He currently ranks among the top five all-time in scoring in RMLL Senior B history.

Kinnear's passion for the game has naturally evolved into coaching and mentoring the next generation of players in his hometown of Red Deer. He began coaching with the Red Deer Chiefs in 2023 as an assistant coach with the U15A team, helping lead the club to a silver medal at Provincials. In 2024, he took over as head coach of the Chiefs U15A team, guiding them to a Provincial Championship and a Canada Day Tournament title. He followed that success in 2025 by leading the Chiefs U17A team to another Provincial Championship.

Kinnear will serve as the Head Coach for the 2026 Team Alberta Male U17 Box program, continuing his commitment to developing elite athletes and growing the game across the province.