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Rich Ingold, Head Coach

Veteran Arena Football coach Rich Ingold will serve as head coach of the Dallas Vigilantes during the its inaugural season of Arena Football. Ingold is no stranger to the game and is one of Arena Football's most successful head coaches while also being a championship-winning quarterback as a player.

A two-time arenafootball2 Coach of the Year, Ingold owns a 91-34 overall record as a head coach. He was recently named the best-ever coach in the history of arenafootball2 where he was the league's all-time leader in victories and was inducted into its inaugural Hall of Fame class.

In 2009, Ingold led the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pioneers to a 16-4 record and the ArenaCup championship game. His best season came in 2007 when he earned af2 Coach of the Year honors after guiding the Pioneers to a 17-win season and a runner-up finish in the 2007 ArenaCup.

Ingold, who spent seven total seasons as an af2 head coach, began his af2 head coaching career with the Quad City Steamwheelers in 2002. He guided the club to 34 wins in his three-year tenure with two Midwest Division titles (2003, 2004). His best year with Quad City was in 2003 when the Steamwheelers finished the regular season tied with Tennessee Valley for the league's best record at 14-2.

After the 2004 season, Ingold accepted a job with the AFL's Dallas Desperados to be the team's offensive coordinator. He spent one season with the Desperados and then returned to the head coaching ranks as head coach of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pioneers. In his four years with the Pioneers, Ingold led the team to four postseason berths, three East Division titles and two ArenaCup Championship game appearances.



Ingold played two seasons in the Arena Football League. He was an All-AFL quarterback for the Washington Commandos in 1987 before leading the Detroit Drive to an ArenaBowl championship under the tutelage of legendary AFL head coach Tim Marcum in 1988.

From 1986-1994 Ingold coached at his alma mater, Indiana University of Pennsylvania. There he coaches quarterbacks and receivers and eventually was the team's offensive coordinator.

He made his AFL coaching debut in 1989 as offensive coordinator of the Pittsburgh Gladiators. After a stint back in the college game as offensive coordinator of Duquesne University from 1999-2000, Ingold returned to the AFL, this time as defensive coordinator for the New Jersey Gladiators.

In addition to being inducted into the af2 Hall of Fame, Ingold is also a member of the IUP Hall of Fame where he was an all-conference and all-American performer and also earned E.C.A.C. Division II Player of the Year honors. Ingold was bestowed that Hall of Fame honor in 2003.

Ingold resides in Pittsburgh, PA and Dallas, TX, with his wife Kristina and their two children, Alexandra and Richie, Jr.