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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **SCHLACT RESIGNS AS REDHAWKS MANAGER**

FARGO, N.D. — The Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks announce that field manager Michael Schlact has resigned from the team to take a coaching position with a Major League Baseball (MLB) affiliated organization.



Schlact, 33, was the RedHawks second manager in franchise history, compiling a record of 67-57 in 124 games. He was named the interim manager on August 13, 2017 and was signed in September to manage the team through the 2019 season. Prior to being named manager of the RedHawks, Schlact was the team's pitching coach since 2015.

"I want to thank both Brad and Bruce Thom for the opportunity to manage the RedHawks for the past year and a half" said Schlact. "The tremendous support shown by the entire RedHawks community for me, the coaches, and the players was overwhelming." He added "My dream is to reach the

major leagues, so taking a job with a MLB organization is a step that I couldn't turn down."

RedHawks President and CEO Brad Thom said "We thank Michael for his time here with the RedHawks and wish him the best with his future endeavors". Thom added "Even though the timing isn't ideal, we have begun the search to find a new manager and will have someone in place as soon as possible".

RedHawks coaches Chris Coste, Anthony Renz and Robbie Lopez will remain on staff for the 2019 season.

The RedHawks are preparing for their 24<sup>th</sup> season in independent baseball and the ninth season in the American Association of Independent Baseball (AA).

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