

CHANNEL 7 NEWS – Colorado Power Play

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Ricci to Host Colorado Power Play - <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/sports/hockey>

DENVER– Angelo Ricci will host the “Colorado Power Play” weekly hockey webcast on TheDenverChannel.com with the **first episode being released at 9 a.m. on Friday the 6th of March**. Host Ricci, along with special guests from the Colorado hockey community, will take viewers on a fifteen minute interactive ride each week covering all levels of Colorado hockey from youth to professional with new episodes going live every Friday morning at 9am until the end of the hockey season.

“I am thrilled to host the ‘Colorado Power Play’ which will bring a variety of information so any level of player will enjoy the webcast,” Ricci explained. “All the way from a beginner to an advanced level player and from the casual fan to the expert.”

Ricci brings nearly forty years of hockey industry experience to the Colorado Power Play webcast and currently holds the position of Director of Hockey Operations for the Colorado Thunderbirds Hockey Club and also founded Ricci Hockey which focuses on developing youth hockey talent through extensive skills clinics, camps and 3v3 leagues. Ricci earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Denver from 1991-1995 and went on to become the 12th all-time leading scorer at University of Denver (’91-’95) earning All-Academic and All-Conference honors while donning the Pioneer sweater. His professional career included stints in the minor leagues and with Val Gardena (Elite Division Italy) as well as professional roller hockey in the RHI for Chicago and Denver.

When asked about the current state of hockey in Colorado, Ricci had this to say, “Hockey has seen a steady increase in the west markets like Colorado, Texas, California, Arizona, and Washington. Many hockey experts believe Colorado is no longer a non-traditional market. Our state has established itself as somewhat of a hockey hotbed. We have over 6,000 youths registered and growing plus a large adult contingent playing hockey. With the Avalanche, DU, CC, Air Force plus schools like CU, CSU and others with college club teams, the game will continue to grow and flourish on the Front Range. Another area that continues to grow is girls’ hockey, which has such an enormous upside.”

When asked about hosting the Colorado Power Play, Ricci stated, “Being involved with this game for over 38 years as a player, coach, director, skills consultant, student of the game and analyst. I believe I can provide fresh insight and perspective to the great game of hockey. The different experiences and people that I have been very fortunate to be involved with and meet has helped my growth as a hockey enthusiast as well.”

For more information on Angelo Ricci, visit RicciHockey.com. All show segments will be released on Friday mornings at 9 a.m. until the end of the Colorado hockey season so to join the Colorado hockey conversation visit the [Colorado Power Play website](http://ColoradoPowerPlay.com), use #ColoradoPowerPlay to get questions answered or email adam.sizemore@kmgh.com.

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