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Capitols Name Former Indianapolis Colts Kicker Mike Vanderjagt Head Coach & General Manager

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN - August 13, 2026 - The Indianapolis Capitols today announced the hiring of former Indianapolis Colts player Mike Vanderjagt as the team's Head Coach and General Manager. Vanderjagt is a former nine-time NFL Pro-Bowl Kicker who also played for the Dallas Cowboys.

Vanderjagt will be leading one of the most decorated teams in the history of the Continental Football League. The Capitols captured the last Continental Cup in 1969 in a 44-38 sudden-death overtime win over the San Antonio Toros, in one of the signature games of that era of professional football.

In addition to his on-field duties, Vanderjagt will serve as General Manager under Team President and Managing Partner Lauren Boczek. Through their leadership, the Capitols will build out ownership, sponsorship and community partnerships across Central Indiana.



Mike Vanderjagt,
Head Coach &
General Manager,
Indianapolis Capitols.
(Photo courtesy of the
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MIKE VANDERJAGT

Head Coach & General Manager, Indianapolis Capitols

Mike Vanderjagt spent nine seasons in the NFL as a kicker for the Indianapolis Colts and Dallas Cowboys. During the 2003 season, he made history when he became the first kicker to convert every field goal and PAT during the regular season and playoffs. When he retired from the league in 2006, he did so as the NFL's most accurate field goal kicker.

Vanderjagt additionally spent four years in the CFL, with the Toronto Argonauts and the Saskatchewan Roughriders, winning two Grey Cups as well as the Dick Sudeman Trophy in 1996. He is the only player to ever lead the CFL and NFL in scoring.

A native of Ontario, Canada, Mike was an early athletic standout, and his dedication to achieving success earned him a scholarship to Michigan State University. He eventually transferred - landing at West Virginia University - where he became the starting punter in his junior year and the starting kicker in his senior year.



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"Upon accepting the role of Team President, my first call was to Mike. He is a fellow Mountaineer and we have been friends for some time. I wasn't sure how he would want to be involved, if at all, so I was beyond thrilled when he agreed to become the Head Coach & General Manager of the Indianapolis Capitols. Mike's football knowledge and business acumen are unmatched. His competitive nature makes him a perfect leader both on and off the field. But he also has a passion for helping players at all levels achieve their dreams.

Most importantly Mike is a good man. He is a champion of women in sports and has been my support system over the past month. I couldn't ask for a better partner as we both navigate this new adventure."

Lauren Boczek, Indianapolis Capitols Team President & Managing Partner

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Additional Capitols coaching and sponsorship announcements are planned in the days ahead.

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ABOUT THE CAPITOLS

The Indianapolis Capitols are a Continental Football League member club, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, with Grand Park in Westfield as the club's planned home for the 2027 season. Reviving one of the CoFL's most decorated original clubs — the 1969 Continental Cup champion — the Capitols are being built on a community-first, standards-first model: local ownership, developmental football, affordable family entertainment and civic partnership across Central Indiana.