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## Detroit-area man prepares to train the Afghanistan National Water Polo Team during a month-long training trip in Kabul

*Detroit, MI – January 11, 2015* – Afghanistan Water Polo (AWP) announces that in January 2015 representatives of the organization will travel to Kabul and complete a one-month training program with the Men’s Afghanistan National Water Polo Team. Bill Richardson, Assistant Coach of the Afghanistan National Water Polo Team, of Detroit, Michigan, will be joined by Jeremy Piasecki, Head Coach of the Afghanistan National Water Polo Team and Executive Director of AWP, of Fallbrook, California, and Scott Caruso, Director of International Operations of AWP, of Chicago, Illinois.

The coaches will train the national team and local athletes in Kabul and mentor coaches and support staff. Daily practices will consist of skill development drills, conditioning exercises, and scrimmaging. The team will continue to train to be in a position to play in more formal game settings with international competition.

Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Richardson started playing water polo at the age of 12 with Great Lakes Water Polo under coach Matt Anderson. He continued playing water polo in high school with the Midwest Zone team and with Ann Arbor Pioneer under coaches Don Packard and Will Hart and won two state titles. At George Washington University, he played water polo under coach Scott Reed while obtaining two bachelor of arts degrees in history and archaeology.

Currently residing in Detroit, Richardson is pursuing an M.B.A. at Wayne State University and also works as a commercial account executive for Liberty Title. “I became aware of Afghanistan Water Polo when I was exploring possibly traveling to Afghanistan merely as a tourist in 2011, but I was unable to commit to any involvement until this year,” Richardson said. “Given my background of travel in that region of the world, how I love the sport of water polo, and my desire to help grow the sport in the country, I became involved. I am looking forward to the trip immensely!”

Donations in support of AWP’s January trip can be made online at [www.afghanistanwaterpolo.com](http://www.afghanistanwaterpolo.com).

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