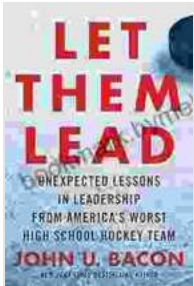


# Unexpected Lessons in Leadership From America's Worst High School Hockey Team



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In the annals of sports history, there are countless stories of teams that have overcome adversity to achieve success. But the story of the St. Francis de Sales Pioneers hockey team is truly unique. In 2007, the Pioneers were the worst high school hockey team in America. They had a record of 0-24, and they were outscored by their opponents by an average of 10 goals per game. But the next year, the Pioneers turned things around. They finished the season with a record of 12-8, and they made it to the state tournament. What was the secret to their turnaround? It wasn't a change in coaching or a sudden influx of talent. It was a change in leadership.

In 2008, the Pioneers were led by a new captain named Mark Scheer. Scheer was a small, unassuming player, but he had a big heart and a strong work ethic. He was also a natural leader. Scheer led by example, and he inspired his teammates to believe in themselves. He showed them that anything is possible if you work hard and never give up.

The Pioneers' turnaround is a testament to the power of leadership. Scheer's leadership helped the team to overcome their adversity and achieve success. His story is an inspiration to us all. It shows us that anyone can be a leader, regardless of their size or their skill level. All it takes is a strong heart, a strong work ethic, and a belief in yourself and your team.

## **Lessons in Leadership**

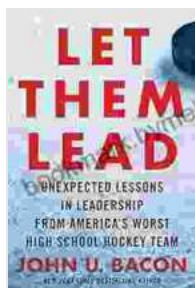
The Pioneers' story offers valuable lessons in leadership for all of us. Here are a few of the most important lessons:

1. **Lead by example.** The best leaders are those who lead by example. They show their teammates what it means to work hard, to never give up, and to always put the team first.
2. **Inspire your team.** Great leaders inspire their teams to believe in themselves and to achieve their goals. They create a positive and supportive environment where everyone feels valued and respected.
3. **Be a uniter.** The best leaders are able to unite their teams and bring them together for a common cause. They create a sense of belonging and make everyone feel like they are part of something special.
4. **Be a servant leader.** The best leaders are those who serve their teams. They put the needs of their team above their own, and they are

always willing to do whatever it takes to help their team succeed.

The Pioneers' story is a reminder that leadership is not about power or authority. It's about serving others and helping them to reach their full potential. If you want to be a great leader, follow the example of the Pioneers. Lead by example, inspire your team, be a uniter, and be a servant leader. You may not always be the most talented person on your team, but you can always be the best leader.

The St. Francis de Sales Pioneers hockey team is an inspiration to us all. Their story shows us that anything is possible if you work hard and never give up. It also shows us that leadership is not about power or authority, but about serving others and helping them to reach their full potential. If you want to be a great leader, follow the example of the Pioneers. Lead by example, inspire your team, be a uniter, and be a servant leader. You may not always be the most talented person on your team, but you can always be the best leader.



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