

PAUL KOBYLARZ BIO

A former NCAA Division 1 athlete at the *University of Michigan* and professional hockey player in the NHL's *New Jersey Devils* organization, Paul Kobylarz successfully transitioned his competitive drive and leadership skills from athletics into business and ministry.

Ministry

Paul's 20 years of missions work in Sweden culminated in the establishment of the country's first church-based sports ministry, using sport as a platform to influence churches, schools, universities, government, businesses, and sports federations. This movement led thousands to faith and helped lay the foundation for a new generation of marketplace leaders, positioned to lead through the lens of faith. In 2006, he was recognized as one of Sweden's ***Top 100 Role Models*** and People of Influence.

Sports

As an IOC-endorsed Lead Sports Chaplain, he has served at six *Olympic Games*, numerous World and European Championships, and across professional sports leagues including the NHL, ATP, and IFL. His leadership and call to sports missions also extended to churches around the world, where he provided pastoral care, built sports ministries and bridges between the local church and the marketplace, while discipling and developing leaders across diverse cultures and organizations.

Business

Paul is globally recognized for his impact, leadership, and influence within both the sports and corporate worlds. He specializes in Leadership and Cultural Development & Corporate Chaplaincy, equipping and inspiring leaders while creating healthy, high-performing workplace cultures. As a former Director of Leadership at *Lippert Components*, a Fortune 1000 company, he helped reduce team member turnover from 128% to 28%. He also pioneered the company's Corporate Chaplaincy program, integrating faith, life, and business in a way that helped transform the organization's previously toxic culture. In recognition of his exceptional influence, he received Lippert's ***Legacy Award*** for outstanding cultural impact through faith-based leadership.

Today, Paul has leveraged his background as a *Leadership Development Consultant & Corporate Chaplain* and founded ***Perigon Leadership LLC***, through which he consults organizations to integrate leadership, culture and faith to drive transformational growth, organizational excellence, and lasting community impact.