

Coach Profile: Greg Bignell

Position: Head Coach

Team/Organization: U16 AAA Kitchener Junior Rangers

Coaching Experience: 30+ Years

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Coach Biography:

Coaching Philosophy:

We expect a high level of commitment from our players. We aim to help them be more confident, skilled, physically stronger and tactically sound. We want good teammates who enjoy being students of the game and be the best player they can be. Creating the right culture is very important to our program. We believe the team is a family and a family first mentality is what we promote including respect for each other and the game we play.

Coaching Style:

Our staff is tough but fair and if the players are willing to put in the work and buy in to the program, they will be successful.

Playing Experience:

Position(s) Played: Defense

Minor: KMHA AAA Graduate

Junior:

1985-86 Kitchener Jr B Rangers (MwJHL)

1986- 1990 Belleville Bulls (OHL)

1990-91 Hampton Roads Admirals (ECHL)

****Won ECHL Championship****

1991-92 Richmond Renegades (ECHL)

1992-93 Brantford Smoke (CHL)

****Won CHL Championship****

1993-94 Brantford Smoke (CHL)

****1st Round Draft Pick, 12th overall – Belleville Bulls (OHL)**

Professional:

1989 – 10th Round Draft Pick, 200th overall – Detroit Red Wings (NHL)

1990-91 Hampton Roads Admirals (ECHL)

1991-92 Richmond Renegades (ECHL)

Coaching Certifications & Education

Level of Certification: High Performance 1 – Hockey Canada

First Aid/CPR Certified: Yes

Coaching Achievements & Recognition:

Coaching Career:

Year	Team	Position
1993 - 1995	Cambridge WinterHawks Jr.B	Head Coach
1995-1996	Kitchener Rangers - OHL	Assistant Coach
1996 – 1998	North Bay Centennials - OHL	Head Coach
1998 – 1999	Cambridge WinterHawks Jr.B	Head Coach
1999 – 2002	Kingston Frontenacs - OHL	Assistant Coach
2002 – 2003	Kingston Frontenacs - OHL	Head Coach
2003 – 2009	Cambridge WinterHawks Jr.B	Head Coach
2009 – 2015	Kitchener Minor Hockey AAA (2000 Age Group)	Head Coach
2016 – 2021	Kitchener Dutchmen – Jr.B	Head Coach
2023 – 2025	Kitchener Junior Rangers U16AAA	Head Coach

Championships/Medals:

05-06 OHA Sutherland cup Champions Cambridge WinterHawks JR B
05-06 GOJHL Cherry Cup Champions - Cambridge WinterHawks Jr B
06-07 OHA Sutherland cup Champions Cambridge WinterHawks JR B
06-07 GOJHL Cherry Cup Champion's -Cambridge WinterHawks Jr B
92-93 OHA Sutherland Cup Finalists -Cambridge WinterHawks Jr B
07-08 GOJHL Cherry Cup Finalists- Cambridge WinterHawks Jr B
98-99 GOJHL Cherry cup Finalists- Cambridge WinterHawks Jr B

Player Development Success Stories:

Kasra Fathi drafted by the Peterborough Pete's OHL, additional 2008 birth year players to come in the near future, as they complete U18 AAA in Kitchener.

Awards/Accolades:

06-07 OHA Coach of Year Cambridge WinterHawks
93-94 GOJHL Coach of the Year Cambridge WinterHawks
98-99 GOJHL Coach of the Year Cambridge WinterHawks
04-05 GOJHL Coach of the Year Cambridge WinterHawks
05-06 GOJHL coach of the Year Cambridge WinterHawks
2015-16 GOJHL Coach of the Year Kitchener Dutchmen

Success Stories

Greg has coached several OHL/NHL Players including:

U16AAA Players from **2023-2024** Season drafted to the OHL:

Kasra Fathi (Peterborough Pete's)

Brock Schaus (Erie Otters)

Will Janicek (London Knights)

Kayden Oliver (Kingston Frontenacs)