



Hockey's Future



Wacey Hamilton

Camrose 16

Med Hat 17-20

Binghamton & Utica 9 years

Jay Blakley

- **2022 – Present – Owner Professional Hockey Development, Again**
- **2016 – 2017 – Strength and Conditioning Coach / Coach Mentor – Red Deer Motors Peeewe AA - SCAHL Champs!**
- **2014 – 2015 – Director, Player Development/Assistant Coach Calgary Canucks AJHL**
- **2013 – 20156 – Player Development & Scouting Consultant to George Gosbee, Owner, Arizona Coyotes**
- **2011 – 2015 – Co-Owner Evolution Hockey**
Off-season training program for elite players Atom to NHL
- **2003 – 2012 – Owner Professional Hockey Development**
 - Owned & Operated the PHD On-ice Training Facility
 - Taught over 1000 1on1 on-ice skill development sessions per year
 - Coach mentorship of over 150 coaches in Calgary & surrounding area
- **2002 – Manager, Hockey Development**
 - Edge School for Athletes
- **2000 – 2002 – Hockey Alberta**
 - **Coordinator, Male Athlete Development**
 - Alberta Cup Program
 - Under 16 Program of Excellence - Under 17 Program of Excellence
 - Team Pacific
 - Team Alberta
- **1999 – Ayr Scotland Minor Hockey**
 - **Director of Coaching and Player Development**
- **1994 – 1999 - Okanagan Hockey School**
 - **Head on-ice instructor / Program Director**



Maddison Smiley

Did not play U15 or U18 AAA

Brooks 17, 18, 19

Umass 20, 21

MRU – 22, 23

Courses / Certifications

2015 – Respect in Sport

2005 – Hockey Canada – High Performance 1

2000 – Hockey Alberta Leadership

Certified Initiation Program Course Conductor

Certified Coach and Intermediate Level Course Conductor

2001 – Hockey Canada Program of Excellence Coaching Seminar

2001 – Hockey Canada Skills Academy Program

2001 – Hockey Alberta Provincial Player Development Committee

2002 – Hockey Canada Program of Excellence Coaching Seminar

2002 – SportQuest Systems – Master Course Conductor

2002 – Canadian Hockey's Under 18 National Team Selection Camp –
Team Leader / Bench Coach

2002 – Coaching Day in Alberta - On Ice Lead for 1500 coaches

National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) Certified
Strength and Nutritional Consultant

AFLCA – Certified Strength and Conditioning Certified

Education

1996 – Graduated, Mount Royal College – Sports Administration

Playing Experience

1991 – Bonnyville Pontiacs – AJHL

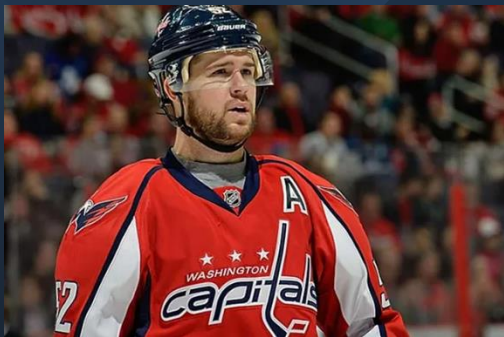
1992 – Quesnel Millionaires – RMJHL

1993 – St. Paul Canadiens – NEJHL

1994 – Claresholm Thunder – RHL

1995 – Mount Royal Cougars - ACAC

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Mike Green

HOW BAD DO YOU WANT IT???

- Look at what you have access to in THIS program
 - Over 2200 Professional games played!
 - 770 regular season NHL games played!
 - The process of becoming a pro and a Stanley Cup Champion
 - TAKE EVERY BIT OF INFO YOU CAN FROM THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE YOU!
- Elite players are more mature
- Developing a routine
 - Day to day
 - Pre-practice & Pre-game – Game log
 - School
 - Time management
 - Skill Development – Skill deficiencies will keep you from progressing
 - BE A 200 FOOT PLAYER – Consistency is key!
- Intangibles
 - Attitude
 - Work ethic
 - DO YOU COMPETE?
- X FACTORS
 - Injuries
 - Girls
 - “Other” Activities
 - Timing
 - MAKE GOOD CHOICES



Thomas Hickey

- **Be aware of what is potentially coming in the next few years**
 - Alberta Cup
 - U 16
 - Jr. Hockey
 - U 17
- **When do you rest? – More is not always better**
- **It will take at least one off-season just to learn to train**

Agents & Advisors

- **When?**
- **WHO?**
- **WHY?**
- **Only your coaches should be coaching you...**
- **It takes a village to develop an elite player but not a town...**



Colin Fraser

Individual Assets

- Find a way to contribute in some way
- Do you think “high percentage hockey”?
- What is high percentage hockey?
- How does YOUR brain work?
- Do something EVERY DAY to get better. Not always physical
- Make time to watch your opponents and the levels you’re trying to get to
- Don’t watch like a fan
- Watch your position, especially away from the puck
- Watch and re-watch your shifts, especially mistakes and team breakdowns
- Embrace your role, whatever it is and train for it
- You are a SUPERCAR, treat yourself accordingly
- Be your own biggest critic and supporter
- The elite hockey community is the smallest town in the world and it gets smaller the higher you get
- UPDATE YOUR ELITE PROSPECTS PROFILE



Mitch Ferguson

Rules of WHL & Junior A

- The WHL Draft (usually only 30-80 players in AB drafted each year. 81 last year) – 23.8% of WHL roster players, were NOT drafted
- Pre draft rankings – WEP
- Can play up to 5 regular season games in your 15 yr old year + emergency call up games
- Being added to a WHL List – Each WHL team has a 50 player protected list, INCLUDING ACTIVE ROSTER
- Can not be added to a list until after your draft year (usually happens in your U16 year)
- Sign a WHL Contract and the NCAA Door is Closed (FOR NOW)
- Play an exhibition game and the NCAA Door is Closed
- You CAN attend a WHL Camp without affecting your NCAA eligibility
- Do not let the team pay for ANYTHING
- Do not accept gifts from the team
- Change is coming... NCAA VOTE, November 13th
- BCHL...

Choosing the right path for you

- Where are you at physically & mentally?
- Where is your on & off-ice development REALLY at?
- Does the organization have a history of moving players on?
- Review the Rosters
- Parents – Get educated on the higher levels
- Most of you will have to FIND a junior hockey job



Jordan Eberle

Staying in U18 vs Playing Junior Hockey

- Are you really ready to play Jr hockey at 16 or 17? **DON'T BE IN A RUSH**
- Challenges 16/17 year olds often face
 - Reduced ice time
 - Reduced role
 - Balancing school and hockey – Take summer high school courses – Graduate early if possible

WHL Education fund

- Good at any Canadian Post-secondary school
- Good for tuition and books for each season or parts of regular season played
- Good for 18 months after your 20 yr old year
- If you play in the AHL or higher, or Division 1 Europe – It can be voided

Junior A Spring Camps

- Go through the rosters to see who is committed to school and who is returning. Want an invite? Send an email... JAN
- Spring camp for a main camp invite
- How many players are attending the camp
- Realistically there are only a few spots open each year
- Does the organization have a solid track record of developing people/players and moving them on
- Ask the right questions when being recruited
 - Schooling
 - SAT Prep
 - Will the organization work for me



Eric Kroshus



Tom Kroshus

ajhl - AirFind Yahoo Search Res: X Okotoks Oilers Roster 2023-2024 X

https://www.ajhl.ca/stats/roster/13/38/1?league=1

HOME ▾ STATISTICS ▾ SCHEDULE ▾ ROSTERS ▾ EDUCATION ▾ PROSPECTS ▾ ALUMNI ▾ COMMUNITY ▾ MEDIA ▾ REPORTS ▾ PLAYOFFS

Okotoks Oilers Roster

2023-2024 Regular Season

2023-2024 Regular Season ▾ Okotoks Oilers ▾ Active ▾

Forwards

#	Name	Pos	FLAGS	Birthdate	Height	Weight	Shoots	Home town
5	Brett Wilson	F	®	'06	5'8	160	L	Calgary, Alberta
7	Kade Duell	F	®	'06	5'9	150	R	Taber, Alberta
9	Colton Alexander Kade Duell	F		'04	6'1	175	R	Cochrane, Alberta
12	Sam Huck	F	©	'04	5'9	155	L	Calgary, Alberta
14	Hunter Sawka	F		'05	5'11	175	R	Cochrane, Alberta
15	Connor Gourley	F	©	'04	6'3	195	L	Calgary, Alberta
16	Jackson Rowland	F		'04	5'11	180	L	Calgary, Alberta
17	Jagger Tapper	F	©	'04	6'0	175	R	Calgary, Alberta
18	Thomas Matte	F	®	'05	6'4	200	L	Calgary, Alberta
19	Dean Spak	F	©	'03	5'11	185	L	Calgary, Alberta
21	Jack Silverberg	F		'04	5'9	165	R	Sherwood Park, Alberta
24	Brett Huxley	F		'03	6'1	180	L	Calgary, Alberta
26	Carter Tull	F		'04	6'4	160	R	Calgary, Alberta

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AJHL Affiliation & Carding

- Each team is only allowed 19 affiliates per season
- Underage players must be returned to Midget by Sept 19...
- Signing a CHA or Red Card
- Each team is only allowed to use 40 Red Cards each season
- Each team is only allowed to have 25 players at one time on HCR
- AJHL Teams must be down to 25 players on Dec 1st
- AJHL Teams must be down to 23 players by January 9th at 11:59 AM – LOI'S can be signed Jan 11 – June 01

Playing Junior A Out of Province & In the USA

- You CAN NOT inter-branch transfer as an underage player
- If you graduate high school a year early you can challenge the rule
- To play out of AB as an under-age you must move your residence or graduate high school early...
- USHL – 2 Imports
- NAHL – 3 Imports
- USPHL
- BCHL – Allowed 10 US players and 2 Euros must have 5 BC players



NCAA Scholarships Division 1 (64- Schools with hockey programs – Atlantic – 11, Big 10 – 7, CCHA – 9, ECAC – 12, Independent - 5 Hockey East – 11, NCHC – 9, Division 1 Scholarships can be given based on athletic ability

- Most scholarships are not 100%
- Each schools hockey team is given X dollars each year for scholarships
- It costs more for international students to attend
- Scholarships can be cancelled if:
 - Academic issues
 - Athletic performance issues
 - Off-ice issues
 - You are always welcome to attend the school (good standing)

NCAA Ivey League – ECAC

- Harvard – Princeton – Yale – Dartmouth – Union – Brown – Clarkson – Rensselaer (RPI) – Colgate – Cornell – St. Lawrence – Quinnipiac -
- Financial Aid only



James Robinson

The NCAA

- In order to be eligible for the NCAA...
- NCAA Clearinghouse or Eligibility Center - www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Clearinghouse determines your amateur status
 - Covers your courses taken – Need 16
- Core courses from grade 9-12
- - 2.5 hrs on-line – Create a profile
 - Will ask what school you attended from grade 6 on
 - Will ask what teams you played for since 2nd yr U15
 - Will ask for a contact from those teams
 - Will ask how much it cost to play on those teams
 - Will require \$90 US Payment
 - Upon graduating grade 12, AB Education will have to send your grade 9-12 transcripts to the eligibility center (YOU CAN NOT SEND THEM)



Jordan Baker

- **Write the SAT Exam or ACT Exam –**
www.collegeboard.org
 - SAT – 2 Sections out of 800 each = 1600
 - Math, Critical Reading and Vocabulary
 - Essay - Optional
 - If you are a good student take it in grade 11 (math 20)
 - Take a prep course
 - 1000 is national average – 1200 is minimum for Ivey League
 - You can take the test multiple times and combine best scores
 - 1/3 of schools are not requiring SAT anymore

Division 3 & ACHA

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Joe Colborne

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Dan Bertram

THE NHL DRAFT

- Birth Cut off is September 15 each year
- Central Scouting
- A List – “Considered a must see player, identified as a potential 1st or 2nd round selection in the upcoming NHL Entry Draft”.
- B List – “ a player to note if you are in the area, a potential selection in the mid rounds of the upcoming NHL Entry Draft”
- C List – A player Central Scouting is tracking, a potential late round selection”
- The 10% Rule
- There are 300 Players in the AJHL – There are 506 players in the WHL
- There are 7500 professional hockey playing jobs world-wide. 800 – NHL - 10%

HEAD SAFETY

- Get baseline concussion testing done
- **NOTHING** is more important than a players health
- Familiarize with symptoms and protocols
- More time = More recovery
- **MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS**



Chris Lijdsman

SOCIAL MEDIA – PERCEPTION

- ONCE ITS OUT THERE ITS OUT THERE FOR EVER!!!
- JR TEAMS AND NCAA SCHOOLS REGULARLY ASK FOR SOCIAL MEDIA INFO ON PLAYERS
- BODY LANGUAGE ON THE ICE
- YOU NEVER KNOW WHO YOU ARE GOING TO RUN INTO IN THE RINK – Hockey is the smallest town in the world
- PARENTS – YOUR BEHAVIOUR IN & OUT OF THE RINK CAN AFFECT YOUR SONS FUTURE...
- Parents – Get Familiar with the next levels – Jr A. WHL, NCAA, U Sports, ACAC

Useful Hockey Links

www.eliteprospects.com

www.whl.ca

www.ajhl.ca

www.bchl.ca

www.KIJHL.ca

www.collegehockeyinc.com – Teams, contacts, commitments & Scores

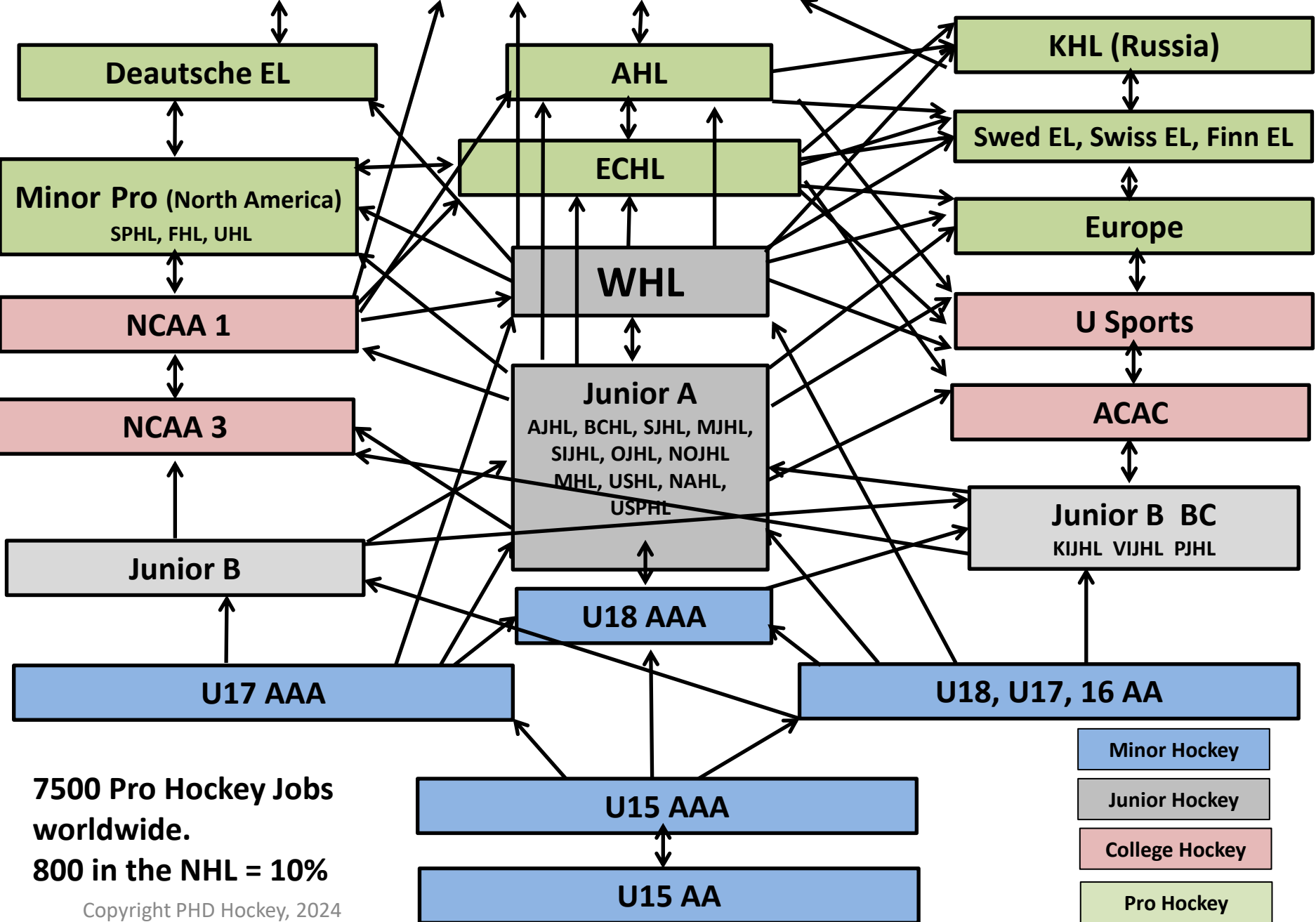
www.collegeboard.org – SAT Info and Registration

www.eligibilitycenter.org – *Clearinghouse*



Brandon Sutter

NHL



7500 Pro Hockey Jobs worldwide.
800 in the NHL = 10%



Services

- Family & Player Advising
- 1 on 1 & Small Group Skill Development
Saturdays & Sundays at World Pro Goaltending
- The H.I.R.T. Program (We Build BOMBS)
- Alberta Cup Prep Camp
(last 2 weeks of March 2024 – Max Bell)
- Game Analysis
- NHL game analysis for elite players
- Junior Hockey Seminar
- Scouting Seminars
- Coach Mentorship
- Independent Player Evaluations



Cody Franson