

## **T-Bird Alumni**

*All info as of November, 2009*

The Vancouver Thunderbird Minor Hockey Association – and its predecessor organizations - has a long history of producing great hockey players. The information below is an incomplete listing of key individuals that have achieved hockey success beyond Vancouver's Westside over the past 15 years – including one that has his name on the Stanley Cup!

Also, listed are some players still pursuing their hockey dreams. Keep an eye on them as they continue to make the VTMHA proud.

If you have an update or know of a T-birder that should be included on this list, please reply to [tbirdhockey@vancouverbirds.ca](mailto:tbirdhockey@vancouverbirds.ca).

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### Current NHLers

**Shaone Morrisonn** – Defenseman on Washington Capitals



Draft - 1st choice, 19th overall selection of the Boston Bruins in the 2001 NHL Entry Draft

Bio - A offensively gifted defenseman, Morrisonn spent three seasons with Kamloops where he was voted the team's Best Defenseman in 2000-01 after establishing a career high in points with 38 (13-25-38).

In 2002-03 Morrisonn spent the better part of the season with the AHL's Providence Bruins scoring 21 points (5-16-21) while suiting up for eleven games with the parent club in Boston. After splitting the better part of the 2003-04 season between Providence and Boston, Morrisonn was dealt to the Washington Capitals along with a first and second round pick for sought after offensive defenseman, Sergei Gonchar.

More recently, Morrisonn is often paired with one of the NHL's lead goal-scoring defencemen, Mike Green. He has been credited as a major contributor to Green's offensive explosion during the 2007–2008 season. Green's numbers were far better during this season when he played with Morrisonn than without him.

Morrisonn has begun to prove himself as a tough, stay-at-home defenceman. During the 2008 NHL playoffs, Morrisonn played every game with a broken jaw and a separated shoulder as the team's number one defenceman.[3]

Notes from Shaone Morrison's Interview with VTMHA – March 13, 2008

a) *When did you play with the T-bird hockey? How did you get from the T-birds to the Blazers?*  
Played with the T-birds as Novice through 2nd yr AAA Bantam while going to Lord Byng Secondary. Then transferred to the South Surrey Eagles (BCHL) for a year and then onto the Kamloops Blazers (WHL) for 3yrs.

b) *What do you recall most about your T-bird experience?*

6AM practices at Sunset or Riley. Playing Tier 1 Bantam AAA with Coach Peter Zerbinos – team wasn't great but met a lot of good friends including Pat Smith (who is now a referee in the WHL)

c) *What's harder - getting to the NHL or staying there?*

Getting to the NHL is harder but you only need to do that once. Once in the NHL, the game gets a little slower as you know what to expect. Playing against guys you look up to is fun.

d) *Describe your first NHL goal?*

Playing with Boston Bruins at home against Toronto Maple Leafs. Takes pass from Martin Lapointe fires the puck on Ed Belfour just below his blocker.

e) *What's it like playing with Alexander Ovechkin?*

Both came to Washington at the same time. He's a great guy who is lots of fun and like to goof around. He learned English quickly which helped. He's a regular guy who talks to rookies and veterans the same way – with no attitude.

f) *What are your off-season activities?*

Lives in Vancouver (Kitsilano) during the summer. Tries to skate whenever he can with other pro players in the area (Burnaby, Richmond...).

g) *What advice do you have for the current T-birds?*

Work hard every day; Work so hard during games/practices that you get noticed by your coach; Enjoy the game; Have fun playing; Make friends; Dare to dream - A kid from the T-birds can make the NHL.

Bio from -

<http://www.legendsofhockey.net:8080/LegendsOfHockey/jsp/SearchPlayer.jsp?player=20187>

Washington Capital player page -

<http://capitals.nhl.com/team/app?page=PlayerDetail&playerId=8469472&service=page>

Full stats – <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid=50680>

TSN Player Page - <http://www.tsn.ca/nhl/teams/players/bio/?id=2471&hubname=nhl-capitals>

Shaone skating with some young players - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7TaHKHyH3A>

Shaone showing you how to properly pick and prepare a stick –

<http://ca.youtube.com/watch?v=vFtPEKVzea4>

**Evander Kane**



– born 1991 – Selected Round 1, 19<sup>th</sup> overall in WHL Bantam draft. Started minor hockey with Vancouver T-birds through PeeWee before transferring to NSWC. Played for Vancouver Giants for 3 years including winning Memorial Cup in 06-07. Named to 07-08 Canadian Under-18 team. Selected 4<sup>th</sup> overall by the Atlanta Thrashers in the 2009 draft.

Evander was one of the many junior hockey players to stay with the NHL team in 09-10.

Full stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid=98634>

Thrashers Stats - <http://thrashers.nhl.com/club/player.htm?id=8475169>

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## Current Junior & US College Players

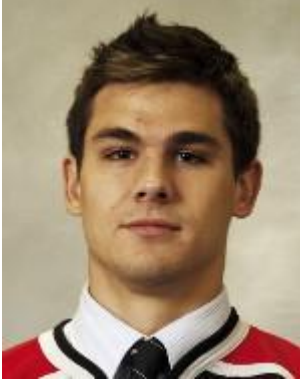
### **Ilan Cumberbirch**



– born 1988 – Broke into the BCHL (Junior A) with the Burnaby Express in 06-07 then became captain of Surrey Eagles (BCHL Junior A). Currently with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

[http://huskies.usask.ca/player\\_profile.php?profile\\_id=696](http://huskies.usask.ca/player_profile.php?profile_id=696)

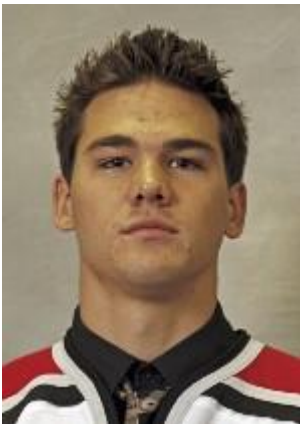
### **Sean Maclachlan**



- born 1988 – played for Richmond Sockeyes (PIJHL Junior B). Now plays for University of Arizona club Hockey team (IceCats)

<http://www.uaicecats.com/r04.html#anchor429410>

### **Shane Maclachlan**



- born 1988 – played for Richmond Sockeyes (PIJHL Junior B). Now plays for University of Arizona club Hockey team (IceCats)

Born in Vancouver on April 23rd 1988, began his hockey career playing for the Vancouver Thunderbirds. After completing his minor hockey experience, Shane went on to play one year in the WHA for the New Westminster Whalers and won the league championship. Shane's most memorable hockey moments involve being the captain of his Midget B1 team and going to Ontario for the WHA All-Star game. After completing his 2yr term with the Sockeyes, he is now playing for the University of Arizona.

<http://www.uaicecats.com/r03.html#anchor608915>

### **Joey Pavone**



– born 1989 – Played briefly for the Surrey Eagles before moving to the Grandview Steelers in PIJHL (Junior B).

[http://www.grandviewsteelers.com/leagues/rosters\\_profile.cfm?clientID=609&leagueID=9778&teamID=223091&playerID=236686](http://www.grandviewsteelers.com/leagues/rosters_profile.cfm?clientID=609&leagueID=9778&teamID=223091&playerID=236686)

### **Brian Busenius**

A player profile graphic for Brian Busenius. It features a portrait of a young man with dark hair. The background is dark blue with a stylized red and white logo on the left. The name 'BRINN BUSENIUS' is written in white at the top, with the number '5' below it. A small table of statistics is in the bottom right corner.

Position	Forward
Hometown	Vancouver
Age	19
Height	5' 10"
Weight	165 lbs

– born 1989 - playing his 3<sup>rd</sup> season for the Golden Rockets of the KIJHL (Junior B)

[http://www.kijhl.ca/leagues/rosters\\_profile.cfm?clientID=2223&leagueID=5221&teamID=223917&playerID=332037](http://www.kijhl.ca/leagues/rosters_profile.cfm?clientID=2223&leagueID=5221&teamID=223917&playerID=332037)

### **Harrison May**



Played 2 games for Seattle Thunderbirds of WHL in 07-08. Played on 2 BCHL teams - Alberni Valley and Meritt – but is currently the starting goalie with the Burnaby Express.

[http://www.burnabyexpress.com/leagues/rosters\\_profile.cfm?clientID=4119&leagueID=12575&teamID=224091&playerID=254338&pos=G](http://www.burnabyexpress.com/leagues/rosters_profile.cfm?clientID=4119&leagueID=12575&teamID=224091&playerID=254338&pos=G)

## Mark Segal



Born 1991 – Played for the T-birds for 10 year from Hockey 2 through 1st yr Midget. Played HOUSE from Atom through 1st yr PeeWee before finally deciding to be a goalie full time and making PeeWee rep in his 2nd year. Made the Greater Vancouver Canadians for Major Midget. Part-way through the season the Vancouver Giants listed him on their negotiation list as he wasn't drafted in the WHL Bantam draft.

Went to the 07-08 Vancouver Giants training camp but was cut (#1) and was sent to the Greater Vancouver Canadians (Major Midget).

Went to the 08-09 Vancouver Giants camp, played in some exhibition games but was ultimately cut again (#2) and was sent to the Vernon Vipers (BCHL Junior A). After going 0-1, he was cut in mid-October and sent to North Delta (PIJHL Junior B). He finished the season as PIJHL's top goalie going 5-0 with a GAA of 1.20. While in Nanaimo, Segal had the highest SAT score of any Clipper ever, but his by playing WHL exhibition games cost him his NCAA eligibility.

He tried out again for the 09-10 Vancouver Giants but was cut (3rd Time !!) and sent to the Nanaimo Clippers (BCHL Junior A). He left Nanaimo early in the season to return to North Delta. However, in November t09, the Vancouver Giants decided to give Mark the chance to be their backup goalie.

Mark's story is one of perseverance – getting cut 3 times from the Giants only to be called back is a testament to keep believing in your dreams and hard work. The rugby-playing son of unathletic doctor parents from South Africa, Mark described hockey as "a bizarre course for me to take.". He is formerly the former inside centre for Lord Byng's rugby team.

Exclusive interview with Mark Segal on 1/13/10

a) *When did you play with the T-bird hockey?*

Played for the T-birds for 10 years - from Hockey 2 through the end of 1st yr midget. Played both forward and goalie for mostly house teams before making the commitment to a full-time goalie in PeeWee. First rep team he made was as a 2<sup>nd</sup> yr PeeWee. Made Bantam A2 as a 1<sup>st</sup> year and the Bantam A1 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Finally left the T-birds to play for the Greater Vancouver Canadians in Major Midget.

b) *What do you recall most about your T-bird experience?*

On the ice... A strong Bantam AAA season – finished 4th place in Tier 1 but that's kinda like finishing first because you're never going to beat the top 3 teams – BWC, NSWC and Abbotsford. A successful Bantam A2 season – won 2 tournaments (Seafair and Comox) and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ridge Meadows tournament.

Off the ice... Some of my closest friends are from that AAA team. Played with same guys every year and many are at University now but we still stay in touch; Have many great memories of great coaches over the years – especially Danny Hildebrand. Been contacted by many former coaches to which him success..

c) *What's harder - getting to the WHL or staying there?*

Staying – Very nervous during trade deadline. Keeping your job is difficult with all the great goalies in the WHL plus those that the many Giants draft picks means you need to re-earn your roster spot every practice, every game.

d) *What's been the highlight of your WHL experience so far?*

My very first WHL game. Arrived with the Giants on a Thursday. Started on Friday against Portland at the Pacific Coliseum. Won the game 7-3 and was named 2<sup>nd</sup> star. Best performance was a shutout game against Chilliwack in 6<sup>th</sup> game.

e) *What's it like playing for Don Hay?*

Great but difficult. He's a demanding coach. There is no slacking off when he's around. He likes guys that work hard.

f) *What are your off-season activities?*

Play guitar. Played Rugby in high school (Lord Byng). Takes 2 weeks off after the season to relax then goes right back to training.

g) *What advice do you have for the current T-birds?*

If you really want to play in WHL, don't give up on it. Just keep going and be willing to make the sacrifices. The turning point in his career was the recognition that dreams take sacrifices and that until he was willing to sacrifice; the dream would not become a reality. Had to keep training all the time. Need to sacrifice your free time, your friends, and your favourite foods. If you commit, you will succeed. Give it every thing you've got and be confident in your abilities.

h) *What goalie skill was the hardest to learn?*

Struggled with the butterfly but got it in 2<sup>nd</sup> yr PeeWee. No coincidence that it was only at PeeWee that he went to his first goalie camp. Just kept listening to instructors and worked on muscle memory.

Interview - <http://www.vancouvergiants.com/news/1203b.htm>

## **Jordan Judge**



- born 1989 – 2nd year playing for Delta Ice Hawks (PIJHL Junior B)

[http://www.deltaicehawks.com/leagues/rosters\\_profile.cfm?clientID=3877&leagueID=11620&teamID=223090&playerID=444148](http://www.deltaicehawks.com/leagues/rosters_profile.cfm?clientID=3877&leagueID=11620&teamID=223090&playerID=444148)

## **Johnny Rogic**



- born 1990 – Played briefly for the Surrey Eagles but is now in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year with the Alberni Valley Bulldogs of the BCHL (Junior A).

[http://www.bchl.bc.ca/leagues/rosters\\_profile.cfm?clientID=1413&leagueID=2393&teamID=224088&playerID=387460](http://www.bchl.bc.ca/leagues/rosters_profile.cfm?clientID=1413&leagueID=2393&teamID=224088&playerID=387460)

## **Michael Nardi**



- born 1990 – played 2 seasons in the BCHL (Junior A) - Prince George Spruce Kings, Abbotsford Pilots and Merritt Centenials. Now plays for North Delta Devils in PIJHL (Junior B).

[http://www.pijhl.com/leagues/rosters\\_profile.cfm?clientID=724&teamID=223096&leagueID=1324&playerID=371244](http://www.pijhl.com/leagues/rosters_profile.cfm?clientID=724&teamID=223096&leagueID=1324&playerID=371244)

### **Darren Asuncion**



- born 1991 – Played for Delta Ice Hawks but now plays for North Delta Devils in PIJHL (Junior B).

<http://www.northdeltadevils.com/?loadpage=roster.php>

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### Former NHL Players

**Phil Von Stefenelli** – Finished last season playing pro hockey in German League (DEL) with ERC Ingolstadt



Drafted – [Vancouver Canucks](#) round 6 #122 overall [1988 NHL Entry Draft](#)

Bio - After his first of four seasons with Boston University defenseman Phil Von Stefenelli was drafted by his hometown Vancouver Canucks who picked up his draft pick rights traded in a trade

for Doug Halward. Following his collegiate career Von Stefenelli turned pro with the Canucks farm club in Milwaukee and remained a minor league player until his contract expired.

In 1994 he signed a free agent contract with the Boston Bruins and it was with them that he got his first chance to play in the NHL, but not before logging another year in the minors.

In 1995-96 Von Stefenelli split his time between the American Hockey League's Providence Bruins and the big club in Boston. In 37 games with the Boston Bruins Von Stefenelli registered four assists and a +2 plus/minus rating.

The next year he was on the move again signing a free agent deal with the Ottawa Senators, but they only found room for Von Stefenelli to play six games for them. Following his only season in the Ottawa organization he elected to continue his career in Europe.

After a year with the Frankfurt Lions of the German League he signed a deal with the Tampa Bay Lightning but did not make the team and remained in Germany, though now he had moved on to the Krefeld Penguins, who he stayed with for the next four seasons before retiring in 2006.

Bio from -

<http://www.legendsofhockey.net:8080/LegendsOfHockey/jsp/SearchPlayer.jsp?player=11438>

All-time Stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid%5B%5D=5601>

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## Ken Priestlay



As a junior skater with the Victoria Cougars of the WHL, Ken Priestlay had big-league potential stamped right on the shaft of his stick. And although he was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in 1985, he remained with the Cougars for parts of two more campaigns where he just kept getting better and better. In 1985-86, he finished the season with 145 points in 72 games.

The junior scoring ace turned pro with the Sabres in 1986-87. The move marked the beginning of an on-again-off-again relationship with the NHL. In his first 34 games as a Sabre, he scored moderately well and avoided becoming a defensive liability. But nonetheless, he found himself in Rochester of the AHL to start the next campaign. The bounce between the two leagues became the norm for Priestlay's uneven career as an NHLer.

When Ken didn't make the Sabres lineup in 1990-91, he opted to participate in the international game rather than going back down to the American Hockey League. Ken played the entire season with the Canadian national team, scoring 20 goals and 46 points in 40 games. At the end of the national team season he was ready to return to the NHL, but found himself as a member of

the Pittsburgh Penguins. The Sabres traded him to Pittsburgh on March 5th, 1991 in exchange for former sniper Tony Tanti.

Ken would play in just 2 games (collecting one assist) to finish the season with Mario Lemieux and the Pittsburgh Penguins. He never got into a single playoff game, but was a member of the Penguins first Stanley Cup victory. The Stanley Cup victory was repeated in 1991-92. Ken played in a career high 49 games with Pittsburgh, but was used sparingly. He collected 2 goals and 10 points before finishing the season in the minor leagues. After scoring 16 points in 13 IHL playoff games, Ken was recalled to Pittsburgh to finish the season as a spare player as the Penguins captured their second Stanley Cup victory. Although it was Ken's second Stanley Cup championship, he officially was honoured as a champion in 1992 by having his name inscribed on the Cup.

In 1994, the strong skating centreman took his game to England to play for Sheffield. There he put five successful seasons as the kind of scoring ace he was accustomed to being as an amateur and in the minors. He retired from hockey at the close of the 1998-99 season. He went on to help the Power River Regals win the 2000 Allan cup.

Bio from -

<http://www.legendsofhockey.net:8080/LegendsOfHockey/jsp/SearchPlayer.jsp?player=11320>

All Stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid%5B%5D=4385>

Named to Sheffield Steeler's Hall of Fame - [http://www.hallofsteel.co.uk/wp/?page\\_id=36](http://www.hallofsteel.co.uk/wp/?page_id=36)

Biography - "Priestlay - Lord of the Rinks" by Bob Westerdale. Published in Derby, UK in 1997  
[http://www.amazon.ca/Lord-Rinks-Ken-Priestlay/dp/1859831028/sr=11-1/qid=1165301236/ref=sr\\_11\\_1/702-0930613-4321616](http://www.amazon.ca/Lord-Rinks-Ken-Priestlay/dp/1859831028/sr=11-1/qid=1165301236/ref=sr_11_1/702-0930613-4321616)

Powell River Regals Allan Cup - <http://www.powellriverregals.ca/allanpic.html>

Wikipedia entry - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ken\\_Priestlay](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ken_Priestlay)

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## Steve Tuttle



Bio - Steve Tuttle joined the St. Louis Blues after four decorated seasons at the University of Wisconsin. Tuttle was named to two All-Star Teams and was also an All-American during his collegiate career.

In 1988-89 with his school days behind him, Tuttle joined the St. Louis Blues who had selected him late in the 1984 NHL Entry Draft. Tuttle stepped right into their NHL lineup and scored 13 goals and 25 points as a rookie. But Tuttle's first season also featured a rather dark chapter as well. On March 22nd, 1989 Tuttle crashed the Buffalo Sabres net and while he and Sabre defenseman Uwe Krupp tangled; Tuttle was upended and his skate blade slashed across goaltender Clint Malarchuk's throat. Before Tuttle could realize what had happened a dazed

Malarchuck was skating out of the crease with his jugular severed. Tuttle was able to shake of the shocking incident and Malarchuck incredibly returned that season.

During his second year Tuttle played 71 games for the Blues and maintained his offensive production, however, by his third year things began to change. St. Louis' forward depth was improved with the acquisition of Geoff Courtnall, and later Dan Quinn as well as the return of Cliff Ronning who had played in Europe the previous year. As a result Tuttle played just 20 games with the Blues and spent the rest of his campaign in the minor leagues.

All of the 1991-92 season was also spent in the American Hockey League where Tuttle's scoring touch was evident with a 43 goal, 89-point effort that was worthy of a IHL First All-Star Team berth. The Blues traded Tuttle that summer along with goaltender Pat Jablonski, defenseman Rob Robinson and tough winger Darin Kimble in exchange for future considerations from the expansion Tampa Bay Lightning, who were soon to be drafting their team. Despite joining a first-year franchise, Tuttle was unable to crack the Lightning's roster out of training camp and was assigned to their minor league club. On February 12th, 1993 Tuttle was traded again, this time to the Quebec Nordiques in a four-player trade that brought Herb Raglan to Tampa. The change of scenery did not change Tuttle's luck, however as he again was unable to work his way back up to the NHL.

Tuttle's career would instead end in the minor leagues with all but 38 games of the last five seasons spent with the IHL's Milwaukee Admirals leading up to his retirement in 1998.

Bio from -

<http://www.legendsofhockey.net:8080/LegendsOfHockey/jsp/SearchPlayer.jsp?player=11674>

Video of Malarchuck incident – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zvvz-HeOwSk>

Wikipedia entry - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steve\\_Tuttle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steve_Tuttle)

All stats -

<http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid%5B%5D=93834&pid%5B%5D=5506>

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**Sasha Lakovic**

Bio - Played briefly with the Calgary Flames and New Jersey Devils in the late 90s. A hard-nosed enforcer with a decent scoring touch, most of his time has been spent in the minors since he turned pro in 1992.

Born in Vancouver, Lakovic excelled in the BCJHL with the Kelowna Spartans and Bellingham Hawks. In 1992-93 he spent his rookie pro season in the ECHL, AHL and Colonial League. The rugged forward toiled in the minors for several years and hit the 20-goal mark in 1994-95 with the Tulsa Oilers of the Central league.

Prior to the 1996-97 season Lakovic signed as a free agent with the Flames. He was a useful addition to the Saint John Flames of the AHL and added some grit to Calgary when recalled. The next year he came to terms with New Jersey and played a personal high 19 games in 1998-99 before he returned to the minors.

Bio from -

<http://www.legendsofhockey.net:8080/LegendsOfHockey/jsp/SearchPlayer.jsp?player=10716>

Wikipedia entry - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sasha\\_Lakovic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sasha_Lakovic)

Personal website - <http://www.sashalakovic.com/index.htm>

## **Mark Taylor -**



Mark Taylor was an offensive centre who played over 200 games for three organizations in the 1980s. He was also a proficient scorer in college, the minors, and the Swiss League.

The native of Vancouver played in the BCJHL with the Langley Thunder in 1975-76 before attending the University of North Dakota for four years. He was chosen 100th overall by the Philadelphia Flyers in 1978 then returned to school and recorded 175 points over his last two years. Taylor helped the Fighting Sioux win the NCAA title in 1980 and was named to the WCHA first all-star team.

During his first pro season, the young forward registered 69 points in 79 games for the AHL's Maine Mariners. He played two games in Philly the next year but spent most of his time in Maine where he found the back of the net 32 times. In 1982-83, Taylor was a solid playmaker and penalty killer in 61 games for the Flyers.

Taylor was traded to the Pittsburgh Penguins early in 1983-84 and scored 24 goals in 59 games for his new club. He started slowly the next year then was traded to the Washington Capitals. After playing most of two years in the AHL, the veteran pivot spent the 1987-88 season in Switzerland with the Uzwil club before hanging up his skates.

Currently can be seen managing/owning Cyclone Taylor sports at 49<sup>th</sup> and Oak.

Bio From -

<http://www.legendsofhockey.net:8080/LegendsOfHockey/jsp/SearchPlayer.jsp?player=14512>

All stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid=00005323>

Wikipedia - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark\\_Taylor\\_\(hockey\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Taylor_(hockey))

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## **Dan Clark**

Bio – Born in Toronto but raised in Vancouver, Dan Clark was originally drafted by the Philadelphia Flyers but the defenseman re-entered the draft and was selected again, this time by the New York Rangers. The defenseman, born on November 3rd, 1957, made his NHL debut during the 1978-79 season playing in four games for the Blueshirts. Clark managed one assist in his four games and was a plus-one.

The rest of that season and all of the next two was spent with the New Haven Nighthawks of the American Hockey League.

In 1981-82 Clark played his final season of professional hockey, splitting his year between the Hershey Bears and the Springfield Indians.

Bio from -

<http://www.legendsofhockey.net:8080/LegendsOfHockey/jsp/SearchPlayer.jsp?player=12277>

Full Stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid%5B%5D=6505>

## **Ross Cory**

After three years with the University of British Columbia defenseman Ross Cory, born in Calgary, Alberta on February 4th, 1957 signed a free agent deal with the Winnipeg Jets. Cory split his first season between the Central Hockey League and the National Hockey League, though he spent more time with the Jets than he did in the minors.

Cory played 46 games with Winnipeg scoring 2 goals and 11 points, though he was minus-16 with the first year club. The following year Cory played just five games with the Jets with the rest of his time spent with the Tulsa Oilers of the CHL.

In 1981-82 Cory spent the entire year in the WHL, and for the second season in a row he was named to the Second All-Star Team. Despite his success in the minors, he was not granted another NHL opportunity.

Ross Cory spent his final season of professional hockey in Germany with Iserlohn before retiring in 1983.

Bio from -

<http://www.legendsofhockey.net:8080/LegendsOfHockey/jsp/SearchPlayer.jsp?player=12335>

Full Stats at - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid%5B%5D=7543>

## **Dave Hindmarch**



Right-winger Dave Hindmarch played parts of four seasons with the Calgary Flames in the 80s. He was a solid defensive player who rarely got himself out of position.

Born in Vancouver, Hindmarch excelled for three years with the University of Alberta Golden Bears and was drafted 114th overall by the Atlanta Flames in 1978. He spent the 1979-80 season with the Canadian Olympic team and provided solid play for his country at the Lake Placid Olympics. Over the summer his rights were retained by the franchise when it relocated to Calgary.

During the 1980-81 season Hindmarch scored a goal in his only game for the Flames and was a solid worker for the Birmingham Bulls of the CHL and the AHL's Rochester Americans. The young winger scored 27 goals in the CHL the next season and was recalled to play nine games in Calgary. In 1982-83 he scored 11 goals in 60 games for the Flames and formed an industrious line with Kari Jalonen and former US Olympian Steve Christoff. Hindmarch retired in 1984 after injuries limited him to 29 NHL games.

**Bio from -**

<http://www.legendsofhockey.net:8080/LegendsOfHockey/jsp/SearchPlayer.jsp?player=12951>

Full Stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid%5B%5D=2292>

**Joaquin Gage**



Goaltender Joaquin Gage grew up playing hockey in the BCJHL and by the age of 17 was tending goal for the Bellingham Ice Hawks and the Chilliwack Chiefs before being promoted to the ranks of major junior when he joined the Portland Winter Hawks for three games. Although he came out on the short end of the score in each of his outings he returned to training camp in 1991-92 and earned the starting job, playing in 63 games for the Hawks on a team that included the likes of Steve Konawalchuk and Adam Deadmarsh.

That summer Gage was selected in the fifth round, 109th overall in the 1992 NHL Entry Draft. The following year he platooned in goal with Steve Langkow. He was still not deemed ready to make the jump to the NHL and his options were to play in the minors or return for another year of major junior as an overage player. He chose the latter, signing with the Prince Albert Raiders where he backstopped 53 games.

In 1994-95 he was sent to Edmonton's minor-league affiliate in Cape Breton, where he was the first-stringer goalie. He was called up to Edmonton for two games, losing both. He was back in Edmonton for 16 games the next year, posting an official 2-8-1 record.

For the next four years Gage was a full-time minor league with an assortment of clubs in the AHL and ECHL before finally getting another crack at the NHL in 2000-01 when he played another five games for the Oilers with the balance of his season being played with the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs.

In 2001-02 Gage made the decision to play in Great Britain, signing with the Ayr Scottish Eagles of the BISL followed by 3 years with Kassel Huskies of the DEL and this year (06-07) with Essen Moskitos of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier DEL.

Bio from -

<http://www.legendsofhockey.net:8080/LegendsOfHockey/jsp/SearchPlayer.jsp?player=18268>

Current team - <http://www.moskitos-essen.de/index.php?id=38>

Video highlights - [http://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=gage+moskitos](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=gage+moskitos)

Full stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid%5B%5D=13118>

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## Former Pro Players

### **Jeremy Vanin**



- Jeremy played junior A hockey with South Surrey Eagles (Junior B) and then played minor pro hockey in the United States (El Paso Buzzards, Fort Worth Brahmas and Elmira Jackals).

Stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid%5B%5D=41100>

## Dustin Paul



- Dustin attended Notre Dame HS in Sask; played for Red Deer Rebels & MooseJaw Warriors in WHL; taken in 1997 NHL draft by Calgary Flames round 9 #223 overall; Finished playing career as Captain of UBC T-birds

All stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid=29194>

## Garry Toor

Garry played for the T-birds before joining the WHL's Tri-City Americans in 95-96 which was followed by 3 seasons with the Prince George Cougars. He then graduated to the pro-hockey ranks playing for numerous teams/leagues – Pelicans (FNL), Idaho Steelheads (WCHL), Augusta Lynx, Arkansas RiverBlades, Peroria Rivermen (ECHL) and then finishing his career with Muskegon Fury (UHL) in 2004.

All stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid%5B%5D=28936>

## Ryan Thrussell



- Ryan played 3 seasons in WHL with Portland & Prince Albert; Moved onto UBC T-birds, Germany DEL (Stuttgart Wizards) and finished his playing career with Victoria Salmon Kings of ECHL. Currently attending UBC on a full-WHL scholarship.

Full Stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid=31128>

## Judd Medak



- Judd played in the BCHL with Merritt before moving onto 4 years at University of Minnesota-Duluth. From there he travelled to the ECHL (Greenville Grrrowl,

Reading Royals) and AHL (Chicago Wolves, Manchester Monarchs, Hershey Bears, Syracuse Crunch) before finishing his career in Britain with the Fife Fylers.

Full stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid=42558>

Former US College Players

## **Laura Bennion**



She played on her first team at age eight after her mother signed her up for T-Bird hockey as Larry rather than Laura. The team coach was a willing accomplice (as Laura had played with his son that summer) and the parents who grew wise to the deception stayed quiet. By the next year there were more opportunities for girls to play in Kilarney.

A Vancouver native and graduate of Lord Byng High School, Bennion enrolled in Arts at UBC and played junior varsity basketball until shoulder injuries forced her to stop.

After deciding to pursue an interest in journalism, she switched to Northeastern University in Boston after second year and skated back into the world of competitive hockey. While completing her journalism degree, Bennion played varsity hockey, practising six days a week for three years and earning consecutive athletic scholarships.

After graduation she returned to Vancouver and UBC where, she founded UBC's women's varsity ice hockey team. Bennion coached the hockey team for its first two years, initially because she wasn't a student, and for two more years while the team progressed to the Division 1 level.

In 1995, UBC Athletics gave Laura the Kay Brearley Service Award for service to the Women's Athletic program.

Laura's best T-bird memory – Great feeling of being on skates, on the ice and being comfortable; doing what you want to do; Very Freeing/liberating feeling; Felt like I could be me

Favourite T-bird coach – Coach Keith Morrison – He gave me an opportunity to play with the boys; he believed in me; Always stayed in touch and continually encouraged me throughout my career.

Unique advice for young players – Do lots of different things; Play all sports and have fun at all of them; It develops different skills and provides an opportunity to focus on the non-sports aspects of life

Bio from- <http://www.publicaffairs.ubc.ca/ubcreports/1997/97oct16/athlete.academic.html>

Northeastern Stats - <http://www.gonu.com/whockey/archives/stats.html>

Currently, Laura is family doctor in Calgary and is on the medical staff of Team Canada.

## **Sascha Pogor**

Upon leaving T-birds, played for the Richmond Sockeyes (BCHL) then to Brown University (1989 through 1993).

Stats - <http://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php3?pid=17161>

**Shane Hinada** - Played for both Abbotsford and Vancouver of the BCHL before playing for University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

**Will Harvey** – In 2000-1, he made the jump from VTMHA's Midget AAA team to Junior hockey in the BCHL with the Powell River Kings. After 3.5 years there, his first two as an alternate captain, and his final season and a half as team captain, he was traded to the Vernon Vipers where he finished his junior career in 2004. From there he was recruited by Princeton University where he played during the 2005-2006 campaign. Will is currently attending Langara and working at Cyclone Taylor Sports while assisting with the VTMHA's Midget AAA team.

**Matt Gordon** - born 1987 - played year with South Delta Ice Hawks in PIJHL then starting goalie for Burnaby Express in BCHL (Junior A); Played for Univ of Alaska – Anchorage in 2007-08.

Univ of Alaska stats -

[http://www.goseawolves.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=58451&SPID=6373&DB\\_OEM\\_ID=13400&ATCLID=1150454&Q\\_SEASON=2007](http://www.goseawolves.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=58451&SPID=6373&DB_OEM_ID=13400&ATCLID=1150454&Q_SEASON=2007)

## **Ling Ling Lok**



– born 1990 – Played with the T-birds from 2nd year Novice until Bantam, transferring to girls hockey in Midget, and playing rep since Peewee. Played for Team BC at 2007

Cdn National Women's U18 Championships. Attended Hockey Canada's U19 camp. Previously played for Pacific Steelers. Earned a full hockey scholarship to Harvard. Harvard bio –

[http://www.gocrimson.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=45255&SPID=4044&DB\\_OEM\\_ID=9000&TCLID=1477273&Q\\_SEASON=2008](http://www.gocrimson.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=45255&SPID=4044&DB_OEM_ID=9000&TCLID=1477273&Q_SEASON=2008)

She was named to the 08-09 All-Academic ECAC Hockey team –

[http://www.gocrimson.com/sports/wice/2008-09/releases/20090408\\_ecacallacademic](http://www.gocrimson.com/sports/wice/2008-09/releases/20090408_ecacallacademic)

Vancouver Courier article -

<http://www.canada.com/vancouvercourier/news/story.html?id=d3ded8bd-968f-49c6-9ba5-784eb22b44f5&k=1207>

In Spring 09, Ling Ling decided that juggling the dual responsibilities of Ivy League hockey and a challenging academic program was too much. Reluctantly, she chose to focus on her academics and left the Harvard hockey program. However, “I had a great experience with the T-birds, and I owe a lot to the program for where I ended up. “

## Referees / Officials

**Pat Smith** –WHL Referee #12 - one of the top ranked WHL referees

**Johnny Misely** – Exec Vice-President for Hockey Operations with Hockey Canada; former asst coach with Victoria Cougars (WHL)

**Dennis Chambers** – Former VTMHA Midget AAA coach...current assistant coach with the North Delta Devils. Runs Team Hockey – [www.teamhockey.ca](http://www.teamhockey.ca)

**Jacob Hill** – Current VTMHA Referee-in-Chief, linesman BCHL Junior A and PIJHL Jr B. Part of Hockey BC's High Performance Officials program - <http://www.bchockey.net/Officiating/HPOfficials.aspx>

**Cam Corea** – Current linesman/referee in PIJHL Junior B