



The Naumenko name has been synonymous with hockey in Illinois for over 30 years. Gregg's late father Wally was highly regarded as one of the top coaches in the Midwest, winning back to back AAA National Championships in 1988 & 1989. Brother Nick is the all-time leading goal scoring defenseman at the University of North Dakota, and also enjoyed a long pro career. Brother Russ, is the current hockey director for the Chicago Bulldogs Hockey Club and GM of Heartland Ice Arena. Born and raised in Chicago, Gregg is one of only 6 goaltenders born in Illinois to play in the NHL. As a player and coach, Gregg's vast hockey experiences have exposed him to some of the greatest coaching minds and training methods in the world of hockey. After leaving the AAA ranks in Chicago at the age of 14, Gregg spent 2 years playing Minnesota High School hockey before embarking on a 4 year junior career. After one season playing for the Springfield Jr. Blues of the NAHL, Gregg spent the next 3 seasons playing for the North Iowa Huskies of the USHL, where he was teammates with his childhood friend, and current Admirals Hockey Director, Matt Noga. Following his junior career, the USHL All-Star goaltender took his game to University of Alaska Anchorage in the WCHA where the awards started to pile up. Gregg was the 1998-99 WCHA Rookie of the year, First Team All WCHA, All-Rookie Team and a 4 time WCHA player of the week as well as team MVP and runner-up for Student-Athlete of the year at UAA. Upon completion of his freshman season, the free agent goaltender signed with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and began his pro career in Cincinnati, where he was an AHL All-Star as a rookie. After several stints with the big club, including backing up future Conn Smythe winner JS Giguere, Gregg spent time playing with the San Jose Sharks, New Jersey Devils and Chicago Wolves organizations as well as playing in The KHL in Russia and a member of the 2002 US National team at the World Championships. Throughout his pro career, he was fortunate to have played for some of the best coaches in the world including; Mike Babcock, Lou Vairo, Craig Hartsburg, John Anderson, Kevin Dineen as well as goalie coaches Warren Strehlow, Jacques Caron, Chris Terreri and Francois Allaire. After a career ending hip injury, Gregg's passion brought him back home to Chicago where he's been able to give back to the game in many different ways. Gregg served as Hockey Director, Midget and Goalie coach for the Chicago Young Americans as well as USA Select camp instructor, USHL scout and attendee of several NHL coaching seminars. Naumenko guided his teams to Illinois State Championships and The National Tournament as well as helping move several players on to Junior and College hockey as well as the NHL. Along with son Lincoln and wife Jackie, The current G.M. of Center Ice of Dupage now calls nearby Elmhurst home.