

ARIZONA BOBCAT
2023 – 24 COACHING STAFF

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BRENT GOUGH

18U TIER II
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USA HOCKEY LEVEL 4

Gough was born and raised in St Albert, Alberta, Canada. Brent played 3 years of Junior A hockey for the St. Albert Saints before signing a full scholarship to NCAA Division I Merrimack College in North Andover Massachusetts; a member of the Hockey East Conference. Gough served as captain for 2 years with Merrimack Warriors and has recently been named to Merrimack's All Decade Team.

After completing 4 successful years with the Warriors and graduating with his BA in Business Administration with a concentration in Organizational Behavior he signed a contract to play professionally in the UK.

Gough retired in 2010 and began his coaching career with the Junior A West Kelowna Warriors of the BCHL in West Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. He spent 5 seasons with the West Kelowna Warriors as the Associate Head Coach and Assistant General Manager. In 2015-2016 Brent was a large part in the West Kelowna Warriors success with recruiting players for the RBC National Championship.

Following West Kelowna, Gough and his family moved to Arizona to join the Arizona Bobcat Program. Gough is in his 6th season with the Bobcats and has coached U18, U16 and U14 AAA Teams. Also, during his time in Arizona, he founded the Junior Exposure Camp that is entering its 6th year. College and Junior coaches come to Arizona to give players an opportunity to showcase their talents to further their hockey journeys. Brent is also involved with the group of coaches that promote Bobcat players to junior hockey, USHL, NAHL, AJHL, SJHL and College.

- NAPHL League Representative for the Arizona Bobcats
- Player Evaluator and Coach for Hockey Alberta
- Head Junior Hockey Instructor for Peterborough Junior Development Program in Peterborough, England, UK
- Instructor for Hockey Canada Skills Academy
- Player Evaluator and coach for British Columbia U17 High Performance Program
- Head Hockey Instructor for the Edge of Excellence Hockey School
- Head Instructor Glenrosa Hockey Academy



BRANDON WEST

16U AZ
14U TIER II

USA HOCKEY LEVEL 4

West joined the Bobcat coaching staff in the fall of 2020. The former Head Coach and General Manager in the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) spent the last 10+ seasons developing players for NCAA, NHL, and pro hockey throughout the world. Coach West has international experience with Team Canada where he served as an Assistant Coach at the World U-17 Championships.

After coaching for 8 years in the BCHL, West is now working with all our teams to help with strategy.

He has also joined the group of coaches responsible to promote the Bobcats players.

His focus is on players advancing to the BCHL, NAHL, AJHL, SJHL and college ranks.



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PAT CONACHER
14U AZ
11U ELITE

USA HOCKEY LEVEL 4

Conacher is entering his 9th season as a head coach with the Arizona Bobcat program. He has been the Program Goaltender Director for 8 years working directly with every age group in the program.

Prior to joining the Bobcats, Conacher lived in Calgary Alberta coaching AAAMidget and working with World Pro Goaltending. He played Junior A in the BCHL and AJHL before going to school at Concordia where he graduated with a degree in Business Management.

He has been working closely with Kaizen Sports Entertainment on advising players and parents with the information each individual needs to help guide them throughout their career from Junior to Pro.

Conacher has formed and retained many important contacts with the WHL, BCHL and AJHL.



MIKE HENSDPELL
14U COMBO

USA HOCKEY LEVEL 5

Hensdell is in his 11th season with the program. He is the program's powerskating coach as well as the coach of the 11U Peeewe team for the 2021-22 season.

Prior to joining the Bobcats, he and his twin brother first put on skates at three years old in their hometown of Tacoma, WA.

Hensdell player Junior hockey in Alaska for the Peninsula Chinooks. Then with the EWU Eagles of the ACHA. He has been coaching since 1997 in both Washington state and here in Arizona.

Hensdell is a USA Hockey Level 5 coach. He has coached in many camps and clinics with Hockey 2, LLC as well as the Hensdell Hockey Clinics. He is glad to be back with the Arizona Bobcat program to help develop hockey players skating skills, and to teach the game of hockey.

He is here to help the young hockey players reach their highest potential and obtain their goals of playing at the next level.



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KIRK BOLDUC
12U ELITE

USA HOCKEY LEVEL 4

Growing up in Lewiston, Maine, hockey was a way of life. Bolduc stepped onto the ice for the first time at the age of 5 when his parents purchased his first pair of skates. It was not long before he was hooked! He played on AAA travel teams from squirts up to bantam. He helped to bring home a state championship with his local high school team before advancing to juniors with the Portland Jr. Pirates.

He left Old Orchard Beach, Maine and headed to the Midwest to play for the Cleveland Lumberjacks. The following season, he was recruited to play for Castleton University's D-III hockey program in Castleton, Vermont. After 4 action packed years playing for Castleton University, he moved on to play in the Federal Hockey League for Rome Frenzy in Rome, New York.

Bolduc made his way to Arizona in 2010. He soon felt called to give back to the game of hockey. Bolduc came from modest means and hockey afforded him many life experiences and opportunities that he never would have had access to otherwise. He wanted to give the next generation of players the same gifts hockey has given him. He began coaching in Arizona in 2011 and has not looked back since. The last 10 years, he has coached various teams across the valley from Squirts to 16U. In 2017, he found his permanent home with the Arizona Bobcats. Bolduc strives to develop players by helping them to improve their skillset and increase their understanding of the game of hockey as well as to teach them to be good teammates to one another.



RON FILION
HOCKEY DIRECTOR
10U ELITE / 9U ELITE

USA HOCKEY LEVEL 5

Filion has invested in developing hockey in Arizona since 2007 with the inception of the Arizona Bobcats. The Bobcats, under his guidance, have established a national and international reputation for remarkable wins in numerous national and international events such as the Quebec Pee wee tournament and the NAPHL League Championships twice. The last two seasons has seen the 18U Tier II Bobcat earn their way to back-to-back USA Hockey National Championship titles.

Filion played in the QJML, then played 14 years in Europe and coached 10 years at the professional level. Filion has also developed from the ground up two professional hockey programs; the Cholet Dogs in France where he won a National Championship as Head Coach and with the Phoenix Roadrunners, ECHL, as the General Manager and Head Coach.

Filion's zeal for players and their families is well known throughout the Valley. The program was built to develop players first and from there learn how to win and grow as a team.

In total, Filion and the Bobcats have promoted 129 players to Junior, 52 to College and 7 to the professional level.

- Developed two professional programs including Cholet Ice Dogs and Phoenix Roadrunners ECHL.
- Founded, Hockey 2 LLC skill development program.
- Trained and helped many Arizona players reach their goals of playing Junior, College and Pro.
- Hockey Director for 14 years

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GREG CALHOUN
9U ELITE

USA HOCKEY LEVEL 4

Greg grew up in Michigan and began ice skating at the age of 6. He started in the Novice program and progressed over the years into a AAA player.

Greg signed a tender with a Junior A program in Canada, but his hockey career ended abruptly due to injuries.

He immediately focused on and committed to coaching with the St. Claire Shores Saints travel program with their 10U and 12U teams.

Greg has spent the last 4 years coaching in Arizona at the Mites, 10U and 12U levels, while also working on skating/skills development with players from all around Arizona.



BRAD DONALDSON
8U MITE

USA HOCKEY LEVEL 4

Donaldson grew up playing youth hockey throughout Arizona.

His later years saw him land with the Arizona Bobcats for his 16U and 18U playing seasons.

Donaldson began coaching when he was 19 with the Arizona Bobcats. He is currently a goalie coach for the program and runs the Mite program.

Donaldson is currently a full-time student at ASU and enjoys being on the ice.

