

RICHARD ROCHEFORT

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Richard's journey started at the East Ferris Community Centre, watching and playing hockey. Little did he know then that a hockey career would bring him around the world playing over 650 professional hockey games in North America, Europe, and Asia. As a minor AAA hockey player, he played on five winning Northern Ontario Championship teams. In 1994 he was selected to represent team Ontario at the International Under-17 Tournament and was then drafted in the first round by the Sudbury Wolves. The following season he was selected in the seventh round by the Stanley Cup Champions New Jersey Devils. He played five seasons in the American Hockey League. In 2002 his career brought him to international hockey and playing throughout Europe and Asia that included the Italian Serie A Finalist in 2006, winning the Japanese National Championship in 2008 and 2009, the Asian League Finalist in 2008 and the Deutsch Elite League Finalist in 2010. In 2011 Richard retired and returned home to East Ferris where he continues to be active coaching hockey that has included the Nipissing University Lakers and the U-16 Team N.O.H.A.