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Jr. Canadians name Dave Burkholder Head Coach

The Welland Jr. Canadians are very excited to announce Dave Burkholder as Head Coach.

The former NCAA Division 1 Head Coach and Welland Jr. B goaltender brings an extensive hockey resume to the Jr. Canadians organization.

“We’re very excited to begin the upcoming season with Burky,” said Louis M. Savona, owner and general manager of the Jr. Canadians. “We’re looking forward to a great year.”

Burkholder most recently served as Head Coach of the NCAA Division 1 Men’s Hockey program at Niagara University. He spent 21 years with the program, including 16 as Head Coach and 5 as Assistant Coach. He was a member of all four Niagara championship seasons and NCAA tournament appearances.

Prior to his tenure at Niagara University, Burkholder spent three seasons in the Ontario Hockey League as an Assistant Coach of the Niagara Falls Thunder. He was the Assistant General Manager in his third season.

Burkholder played college hockey at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) from 1980-1984. Burkholder was a three-time ECAC West Conference All-Star and an NCAA Division I First-Team All-American during his final season with RIT. He was the team’s goaltender when RIT won the National Championship in 1983 and was the final four MVP.

Burkholder currently resides in Buffalo with his wife Kathy. They have two grown children. His son, Dave Jr., played one season with the Jr. Canadians. He shares two young boys – Oliver (2) and Oskar (2 months) – with his wife Sarah. His daughter, Taryn, is currently the Associate Head Women’s Lacrosse Coach at NCAA Division I Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

We’re excited to welcome Dave and his family to the Welland Jr. Canadians.