

André Savage

André Savage is the Hockey Director for Canadian International Hockey Academy after joining the program in 2012. He played four years of NCAA Division I hockey with Michigan Tech, before having a 12-year pro career with stops in the AHL, NHL, Sweden, and Germany. In 1998-1999 he was named to the AHL All-Rookie Team, AHL All-Star Game, and won an AHL Calder Cup Championship.

JM: World is kind of back to normal now, what was the first thing you've done, what have you been up to, most excited thing to do again?

AS: Spending time with my family, going camping.

JM: Tell me a little bit about your family situation, any pets, where you live now, where you grew up?

AS: Grew up in Ottawa, ON and my wife and I currently live in Rockland, ON with our son and I have a daughter.

JM: What is one thing you're not good at, that you wish you were?

AS: Play the piano.

JM: If you had to eat one food for every meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

AS: Sushi.

JM: Favourite school subject?

AS: Gym and history.

JM: If you could spend one day living as a different person, who would it be and why?

AS: Being a fan of music I would say Bruce Springsteen or Jon Bon Jovi.

JM: What's something about you most people from around the hockey world don't know about you?

AS: I enjoy cooking and reading.

JM: What do you like to do away from the rink and in the offseason?

AS: Spend time with my family, camping, play my guitar, and play cards.

JM: How did you get involved in your current role?

AS: When I retired, I reached out to CIHA and I was fortunate enough to be given an opportunity to be a coach. I still have a passion for the game and I love teaching young players the skills needed to be successful on the ice, but also the life-skills off the ice that will help young athletes mold who they are so it helps ease the transition at the next level.

JM: What about the CSSHL model do you like

AS: The CSSHL provides the opportunity to the athlete to be successful as a student and a hockey player. The league is also very professional in how they do things.

JM: Best piece of advice you've ever received in life

AS: "Control what you can control"

JM: Favourite and or funniest hockey memory

AS: First NHL game and goal, winning the Calder Cup, all the friendships I've created throughout my years as well as having the opportunity to travel the world.