

## **Andy Gojdycz**Founder AP Hockey Systems

A native of Old Bridge, NJ, Coach Gojdycz comes from a line of hockey tradition. He attended Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) in Lincroft, NJ where he helped captain the Colts to New Jersey state record of three consecutive State Championships, three consecutive Gordon Cup Championships and three consecutive NJ Star-Ledger trophies.

His career at Rutgers was no less impressive. He captained the Ice Knights for four seasons, earning American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) All-American status in 1998, the first season Rutgers competed at the Division 1 Level. The Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association (ECHA) nominated Coach Gojdycz three consecutive years onto the ECHA All-Star Team. He also holds the Matt Couzins Award for All-Time Leading Scorer among Defensemen (167). After a brief stint in the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) with the 2003 Kelly Cup Champion A.C. Boardwalk Bullies, Coach G hung up his blades to coach on a full-time basis. He is entering his  $23^{rd}$  season coaching a variety of hockey teams.

His collegiate coaching career began in 2002 with his Alma Mater, Rutgers University, where he was the Head Coach / GM until 2015. In 2006, he was recognized as the Rutgers University Club Sports "Coach of the Year" following his team's efforts in 2006-2007. In 2007-08 Coach G was selected as the NECHL "Coach of the Year" after guiding the men's team to a 20-8-2 record, its best in ten years at the Banks. In addition, the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) recognized him as a Division 1 "Coach of the Year" Finalist for his efforts. In 12 seasons at Rutgers, Coach G complied over 120 wins, 5 straight regular season championships, coached 36 Academic All-Americans & 44 All-Stars, and went to 4 straight National Tournaments. In 2008-09, Coach G was selected as the Courier-Post and Central Jersey Star-Ledger Newspaper High School Hockey "Coach of the Year", following Hunterdon Central's Kelly Cup Championship and 19-5-1 record, his first year back to the program after its inaugural year in 2004-05.

In 2008 & 2010, Coach G was also recognized by the ACHA and USA Hockey as being selected as part of the World University Games player selection committee for the tournaments held in Harbin, China & Erzurum, Turkey. Finally, Coach G is the Founder of Achieve Performance Hockey Systems, a company designed to train & consult youth hockey players. AP Hockey Systems spring teams (AP Selects) compete at a national level at the U16/18/20 Junior & AAA levels.

Off the ice, Coach G participates as an instructor and direct liaison for Rutgers University to the Atlantic District of USA Hockey (CEP) Coaches' Education Program. In May 2012, after being involved in the program for 10 years, Coach G was named an Associate Coach in Chief for the Atlantic District and also its "Coach of the Year" recipient. Coach G holds a Masters Level Coaching Certification (Level 5) for USA Hockey.

Currently, he is the Director of Grassroots & Amateur Hockey Operations for the New Jersey Devils and Hockey Director for the New Jersey Devils Practice Facility at the Barnabas Health Hockey House in Newark-NJ, He is also the Commissioner to the Northeast Collegiate Hockey League (NECHL) at the ACHA D-1 level.