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## Meagher named to minor league post

Belleville's Rick Meagher has a new job.

The 37-year-old former NHLer has been named head coach of the St. Louis Blues' No. 1 farm team in the International Hockey League in Peoria, Illinois.

Meagher, who retired before the 1991-92 season after a 12-year NHL career, will take over the Peoria Rivermen from another former Blue, Bob Plager, who will guide St. Louis next season.

Meagher began his NHL days in the Montreal Canadiens organization after an outstanding collegiate career with the Boston University Terriers. He was subsequently dealt to the Hartford Whalers and New Jersey Devils before landing with the Blues in 1985.

In St. Louis, Meagher found his NHL forte as a defensive specialist, winning the Frank Selke Trophy in 1989-90 as the league's best defensive forward. He was also captain of the Blues.

In 691 regular season NHL games, Meagher scored 144 goals and earned 165 assists for 309 points, spending 383 minutes in the penalty box.

Meagher will be joined in Peoria by new assistant coach Mark



**Rick Meagher**

Reeds. Plager took over the Blues after the firing of Brian Sutter, another former St. Louis captain.

Meagher was a star athlete at Quinte Secondary School and with the Belleville Jr. B Bobcats (now Wellington Dukes). His fifth annual Rick Meagher Benefit Golf Tournament goes at the Bay of Quinte Golf and Country Club July 3-4.

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