

# SPORTS

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## Cull named coach of Vancouver Canucks' AHL affiliate

The Vancouver Canucks named local native Trent Cull the new head coach of their American Hockey League affiliate, the Utica Comets.

Cull becomes the second head coach in team history and replaces Travis Green, who was named head coach of the Canucks on April 26.

"Trent is a passionate head coach with significant AHL experience," said Canucks general manager Jim Benning.

"He understands the development path of a young player, including the challenges they face, and has been a part of many successful organizations. Trent is a teacher with a positive, energetic work ethic. We're excited to welcome him and his family to our organization."

Cull, 43, has spent eight seasons over two stints as an assistant coach with the Syracuse Crunch, helping run the bench from 2006-10 and again from 2013-17.

This past season, Cull helped guide the Crunch to an Eastern Conference championship and an appearance in the Calder



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**Syracuse Crunch Assistant Coach Trent Cull directing his players against the Lehigh Valley Phantoms in American Hockey League (AHL) action at the War Memorial Arena in Syracuse.**

Cup Finals.

He spent three seasons as head coach of the Ontario Hockey League's Sudbury Wolves (2010-13), compiling a record of 94-88-11-11 and making three trips to the playoffs.

Cull played 10 professional seasons as a defenceman from 1994-2004, including 435 American Hockey League games with the St. John's Maple Leafs, Houston Aeros, Springfield Falcons,

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins and Syracuse Crunch.

He also spent two seasons as an assistant with the Ontario Hockey League's Guelph Storm following his retirement.

## Carnelos, Garrett preside over Canada's Border Battle sweep

Team Canada won both ends of the Slo-Pitch Border Battle doubleheader this past weekend in Oklahoma City and it just so happens that the Canuck women's and men's squads are coached by local residents.

In the inaugural Women's Slo-Pitch Border Battle, head coach Tony Carnelos of Georgetown guided the Canadians to a 12-8 triumph over the U.S., fittingly on Canada Day.

The visitors scored all of their runs in the fourth and fifth innings then played some excellent defence to take the first-ever women's title. Canada had gone 3-0 in exhibition games last week in preparation for the event.

In the men's contest, Georgetown's Grant Garrett has been head coach of the Canadian team dating back to 2010, yet his teams had not won the Border Battle until unleashing an offensive onslaught on the Americans Saturday.

Canada took a 5-0 lead in the top of the first and then



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**Grant Garrett (left) and Tony Carnelos, head coaches of Canada's men's and women's teams, respectively, pose with the Slo-Pitch Border Battle championship trophies earned Saturday in Oklahoma City.**

cranked out a 14-run fifth inning to put the score out of reach in a 31-28 victory.

It was the first time since the annual matchup began in 2009 that the red and white has defeated the U.S. in the men's game.



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