

Anderson great at bringing along young players: Brown

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"Jay brings a calming influence to this team. He's renowned for bringing along young players," said Brown. "It's not only about winning championships, it's also about how many players you can move on to either the OHL or NCAA. Now we've got one of the best guys at that."

A teacher at Oakville Trafalgar High School, Anderson echoed those sentiments and feels Milton's new era as a full-fledged development team will be beneficial for all concerned. "This is an ideal situation I'm walking into. This league is supposed to be about development and now we've got it in its purest form," he remarked. "Hopefully we'll see more and more of this (in the West) in the near future."

Anderson brings a wealth of experience to the IceHawks. Along with being a head coach or assistant with four West teams over the past 17 years, he's been an intricate part of Ontario's Under-17 program and in recent years has done some scouting work for the Calgary Flames.

But despite his seasoned status, Anderson admits he's still learning — and expects to do plenty of that working with guys like Brown and Greg Gilbert under the IceDogs' umbrella.

"Working with Dave will be a big plus for me. He's had so much success over the years and is a guy you can actually talk to," explained Anderson. "There's no ego with him."

With Anderson, the IceHawks also pick up protégé

Blaine McCauley — also a Georgetown native who got his introduction to coaching junior hockey as an assistant with this year's Raiders.

Set to run the defence this coming fall, McCauley is a former Royal Bank Cup champion with BC's Vernon Vipers and has played in both the NCAA — with Lake Superior State — and at the pro level in the East Coast Hockey League and, more briefly, in the American Hockey League.

"We work well together, and if there's ever been a guy who knows how to get to the next level, it's Blaine," said Anderson.

The IceHawks' GM duties will continue to be handled through the IceDogs for the time being, with no immediate plans to bring anyone in to fill the post.

Field hockey officiating clinic next Fri.

E.C. Drury High School will host a field hockey umpiring clinic next Friday.

The five-hour session — running from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the school's athletic complex — costs \$90, which includes a course booklet, whistle, card, dinner and registration for the Halton Field Hockey Umpires Association.

Field hockey umpires are needed primarily for

high school games through September and October, although some opportunities to officiate club play in the spring and summer are also available.

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