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NHL NAMES COLIN CAMPBELL SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS

NEW YORK (July 20, 1998) – National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman announced today the appointment of Colin Campbell to the position of NHL Senior Vice President and Director of Hockey Operations.

A native of London, Ontario, Campbell played 11 NHL seasons with Pittsburgh, Colorado, Edmonton, Vancouver and Detroit before devoting 13 seasons to coaching.

Campbell was an assistant coach for five seasons with the Detroit Red Wings, then served eight seasons with the New York Rangers' organization. He began as an assistant coach with the Rangers, later became head coach of the team's American League affiliate in Binghamton, N.Y., then returned to New York as an associate coach during the Rangers' Stanley Cup season in 1993-94. Campbell was the Rangers' head coach from 1994-95 to 1997-98 and steered his team into at least the second round in each of his three full seasons.

In the course of his 24 professional seasons, Campbell was a teammate of such legends as Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier. He was a player under such coaching standouts as Glen Sather and Roger Neilson. He assisted such coaches as Jacques Demers and Mike Keenan. He coached such current stars as Brian Leetch, Mike Richter, Steve Yzerman and Gretzky.

"By playing with and against hockey's greatest players, coaching with and against some of hockey's greatest minds, there is no doubt that Colin Campbell has a keen awareness of every aspect of the game," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "His extensive background and unique perspective make Colin an ideal person to help guide the game's future."

Campbell, 45, will work closely with Commissioner Bettman and the League's General Managers. He will be responsible for the administration of supplementary discipline and will oversee the League's on-ice officials.

Campbell was the 27th player selected in the 1973 draft, which also produced future Hall of Famers Denis Potvin, Lanny McDonald and Bob Gainey. During a playing career that began in Pittsburgh during the 1974-75 season, Campbell played 636 regular-season NHL games. He scored 25 goals, added 103 assists and collected 1,292 penalty minutes. He also competed in 45 playoff contests and helped the Vancouver Canucks reach the Stanley Cup Finals against the New York Islanders in 1982.

Campbell and his wife, Heather, reside in Westchester County with their two daughters, Lauren and Courtney, and son Gregory.

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COLIN CAMPBELL'S PLAYING CAREER

Personal: Born January 28, 1953 in London, Ontario . . . Played defense . . . Shot left . . . Full Name: Colin John Campbell . . . Name pronounced: KOH-lin CAM-bihl . . . Licensed pilot . . . Wife: Heather . . . Son: Gregory . . . Daughters: Lauren and Courtney.

Transactions/Career Notes: Played his minor hockey in Tillsonburg, Ontario ... Played major junior hockey for coach Roger Neilson with the Peterborough Petes ... Competed in 1972 Memorial Cup Championship (Canadian national junior final) where, as a defenseman, he was a member of tournament All-Star Team with current Blackhawks General Manager Bob Murray ... Selected by Pittsburgh Penguins in second round (third Penguins pick, 27th overall) of NHL Amateur Draft (May 15, 1973) . . . Selected by Vancouver Blazers in World Hockey Association Amateur Draft (May, 1973) . . . Missed part of 1975-76 season due to elbow surgery . . . Rights transferred by Penguins to Colorado Rockies for 1976-77 season as part-compensation for earlier deal in which Penguins received G Denis Herron from Rockies for RW Simon Nolet and G Michel Plasse (September 1, 1976) . . . Loaned by Rockies to Oklahoma City Blazers (January, 1977) . . . Returned by Rockies to Penguins for future considerations (May, 1977) . . . Claimed by Edmonton Oilers from Penguins in NHL Expansion Draft (June 13, 1979) . . . Claimed by Vancouver Canucks from Oilers in Waiver Draft (October 10, 1980) . . . Broke wrist (December 10, 1980) . . . Signed as free agent by Detroit Red Wings (July 26, 1982) . . . Injured ribs (November, 1982) . . . Injured ribs (November 10, 1983) . . . Underwent arthroscopic surgery to knee (March 1985) . . . Announced retirement and named assistant coach of Red Wings (July, 1985) . . . Joins New York Rangers organization (August, 1990) as assistant coach to Roger Neilson . . . Named head coach, Binghamton Rangers (AHL) January 4, 1993 . . . Named associate coach, New York Rangers (June 21, 1993) . . . Named head coach, Rangers, August 9, 1994 . . . Dismissed by Rangers, February 18, 1998.

Season	Club	Lea.	Regular Season					Playoffs				
			GP	G	A	TP	PIM	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
1970-71	Peterborough	OHA	59	5	18	23	160				
1971-72	Peterborough	OHA	50	2	23	25	158				
1972-73	Peterborough	OHA	60	7	40	47	189				
1973-74	Vancouver	WHA	78	3	20	23	191				
1974-75	Hershey	AHL	16	1	3	4	55				
	Pittsburgh	NHL	59	4	15	19	172	9	1	3	4	21
1975-76	Pittsburgh	NHL	64	7	10	17	105	3	0	0	0	0
1976-77	Oklahoma City	CHL	7	1	2	3	9				
	Colorado	NHL	54	3	8	11	67				
1977-78	Pittsburgh	NHL	55	1	9	10	103				
1978-79	Pittsburgh	NHL	65	2	18	20	137	7	1	4	5	30
1979-80	Edmonton	NHL	72	2	11	13	196	3	0	0	0	11
1980-81	Vancouver	NHL	42	1	8	9	75	3	0	1	1	9
1981-82	Vancouver	NHL	47	0	8	8	131	16	2	2	4	89
1982-83	Detroit	NHL	53	1	7	8	74				
1983-84	Detroit	NHL	68	3	4	7	108	4	0	0	0	21
1984-85	Detroit	NHL	57	1	5	6	124				
NHL TOTAL (11 yrs.)			636	25	103	128	1292	45	4	10	14	181

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HEAD COACHING RECORD

Season	Club	Lea.	Regular Season					Playoffs			
			GC	W	L	T	%	GC	W	L	%
1992-93	Binghamton	AHL	42	29	8	5	.750	14	7	7	.500
1994-95	NY Rangers	NHL	48	22	23	3	.490	10	4	6	.400
1995-96	NY Rangers	NHL	82	41	27	14	.585	11	5	6	.455
1996-97	NY Rangers	NHL	82	38	34	10	.524	15	9	6	.600
1997-98	NY Rangers	NHL	57	17	24	16	.439				
NHL TOTAL (4 yrs.)			269	118	108	43	.519	36	18	18	.500

Background: Assistant coach, Detroit Red Wings (1985-86 through 1989-90)...Assistant coach and then Associate coach, New York Rangers (August, 1990 through January 4, 1993 and 1993-94)

NOTES:

1995 – Defeated Quebec in Eastern Conference quarterfinals; lost to Philadelphia in Eastern Conference semifinals.

1996 – Defeated Montreal in Eastern Conference quarterfinals; lost to Pittsburgh in Eastern Conference semifinals.

1997 – Defeated Florida in Eastern Conference quarterfinals; defeated New Jersey in Eastern Conference semifinals; lost to Philadelphia in Eastern Conference finals.

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