



OTTAWA, ON. – The coaching staff for Hockey Eastern Ontario’s OHL Gold Cup team has been selected.

Sylvain Favreau (Cumberland, ON/Cumberland, CCHL) will be the Head Coach, while **Kyle Barber** (Nepean, ON./Sault Ste Marie, OHL) and **Darcy Findlay** (Shawville, QC/Nepean, CCHL) join Favreau as assistant coaches for the spring selection camp and the 2017 OHL Gold Cup.

“This is an exciting group of coaches that have been chosen to lead our team as they aim to re-create the success our U16 teams have generated over the years,” said Jeff Baker, Technical Director with HEO. “These coaches have found success at many different levels in the game and bring a magnitude of experience to our program that will help develop the top young talent in our branch.”

Favreau returns to the U16 team after leading the 2016 version to a semi-final berth. He has been the Head Coach and Director of Hockey Operations for the Cumberland Grads of the CCHL for the past two seasons leading the club to a 36-19-5-2 record and a playoff berth last season. Prior to his current position, Favreau spent six seasons with the Gloucester Rangers (CCHL) including four as Head Coach. Favreau also has experience as an assistant coach at the Central Canada Cup in 2014 and 2015 and as a Head Coach in 2016.

Barber has been the Eastern Ontario area scout for the OHL’s Sault Ste Marie Greyhounds for the past two seasons. Prior to joining the Greyhounds, he was head coach of the Ottawa Jr 67’s Minor Midgets during the 2014-15 season leading the team to a championship in the OEMHL AAA league and a berth in the 2015 OHL Cup. Barber spent two seasons with the 67’s 2000 births as head coach from 2012-14 leading them to back to back championship seasons and a berth in the 2013 All Ontario Peewee Championships. Barber is also currently a member of the HEO Coaching Development Instructional Team.

Findlay is in his third season with the Nepean Raiders (CCHL) and second as Head Coach. Findlay, a graduate of NCAA Division 1 Bemidji State also coached with both the Smiths Falls Bears and the Kanata Lasers. Before attending Bemidji State, Findlay captained the Cornwall Colts to a berth in the RBC National Jr A Championship.

Hockey Eastern Ontario’s U16 Team Spring Selection Camp will be held in April, 2017 with dates and details still to be confirmed. Gregg Kennedy, HEO’s High Performance Coordinator, will lead player selection for the camp and camp invites will be announced in late March.

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