



Rex Tucker: Letter of Reference

To whom it may concern:

Re: Rex Tucker April 11, 1996

I have known Rex Tucker as a hockey player and a coach. I observed his transition from player to coach and was impressed with his perseverance and dedication. He has dedicated his life to hockey and is willing to pursue that growth in the coaching program.

His love of the game was evident as he attempted to become a player later in life than most Canadian prospects. In fact I feel responsible for counselling him out of playing the game to the more stressful confines of coaching. His zeal for the game is paramount and he always impressed me as a "Student of the game"... and good coaches are lifetime students of the game.

I observed him coaching Junior Hockey players and found him to be conscientious and innovative. As an advisor to the Japan Ice Hockey Federation, I placed a player with Rex's team and he had a positive impact on the player's development. He provided good technical and mental support, which were critical to adapting to the aggression of Canadian hockey.

He has some novel and unique ideas which he has implemented effectively. He is indeed a "thinker" and this is a welcome quality in the coaching fraternity.

Based on his dedication to the game and his willingness to learn and develop as a coach I recommended him for the coaching program.

Sincerely, Wally Kozak