

Tigers hire new associate coach

By Jeff Doner

The Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey club has announced Tomas Milne has been hired as an associate coach and will immediately join the team in preparation of the upcoming 2013-14 season.

Milne has been coaching the York-Simcoe AAA minor midget hockey team and running his Aurora based business, Raised Edge Inc.

The Aurora native has a past coaching with the Tigers, running the team's defense during its Royal Bank Cup winning season in 2004.

Milne said he is excited to be back in fold.

?'It's great. The last time I was with the Tigers was almost 10 years ago when we won the Royal Bank Cup,' he said. ?JR [James Richmond] approached me recently, asked if I would be interested and we sat down and chatted over the last couple days and we came to an agreement and I'm going to be named associate coach and I'm going to run the defense, so I'm pretty happy.?'

Milne joins head coach Richmond and assistants Mike Doyle and John Ceci on the bench and said he has already started recruiting players for next season.

Richmond said Milne is a great fit for the Tigers looking to shore up their defensive system for next season.

?'We were looking to get a guy that's been with Aurora, is from Aurora and he's won the RBC with Aurora before,' said Richmond. ?He's comfortable running the defense and he knows the minor league players well with the background he's got.?'

Richmond added he has a past working with Milne (recently as coaches with the under-17 program) and knows what he brings to the table.

?'We've got some history there between he and I and he really wanted to come on board, so it was a great fit for us. It's great that he's coming on board.?'

Milne also has extensive background with recruitment and developing young players, which will also help the Tigers in the long run.

?'He's really good at developing young guys,' said Richmond. ?He seems to be best at running the defense and that's a hole that we needed to fill.?'