

Ice hockey – former NHL star in charge at Murrayfield



From the NHL to Murrayfield, that's the journey for Edinburgh Capitals' new coach

Edinburgh Capitals will have former National Hockey League (NHL) star Dmitri Khristich as their new head coach.

The Ukrainian takes over from Michal Dobron, who left the Murrayfield side at the end of last season to take up an assistant coaching role with French side Brest.

Khristich played for NHL sides New York Rangers and Washington Capitals and the club's co-owner, Scott Neil, said: "Dmitri brings a wealth of experience playing at the top level of the game in the NHL and coaching at International level and the KHL in Russia.

"When the opportunity arose to sign someone with Khristich's pedigree it was an easy decision to make.

"He was one of the best players in the world during his era and we've spoken at length about our views on how to drive the club forward."

Khristich played nearly 900 games in the NHL between 1990 and 2002 and won the World Championships with the Soviet Union.

He also played in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City with the Ukrainian team and served as their assistant coach between 2010 and 2013.

More recently, he was video coach in the KHL with Traktor Chelyabinsk and Amur Khabarovsk before becoming Edinburgh's first bench coach since Brad Grattan in 2010.