

Ice hockey – Cingel gives Tony helping Hand



Martin Cingel, part of the new coaching team at Murrayfield Racers

Martin Cingel has been confirmed as one of the assistant coaches to re-born Racers and the former Slovakian forward is happy to be on board at this exciting time for the sport in Edinburgh.

The object, he said, was to build the strongest team possible to compete in the Scottish National League (SNL) and the National Ice Hockey League (NIHL) North Cup.

Tony Hand is director of coaching for Murrayfield Racers and Cingel has been involved with the SNL team based at Murrayfield for the last two years. Therefore, he knows the quality of the players.

The 42-year-old said: “Tony and I used to play together and Tony also coached me. We also worked together with the Great Britain under-18 side where we won a gold medal.

“We have proved we are a good team when we worked with GB in Estonia and I hope we can transfer that to Murrayfield Racers.”

Now the well-known duo are working together to build a Racers squad which can compete and Cingel said it obviously helps that the pair have known each other for the last 17 years.

The former Edinburgh Capitals and Dundee Stars player said that it will be tough transition for the players, particularly stepping-up to the NIHL North Cup where there are some quality sides.

Cingel added: "We aim to help the players through what will be a difficult period and there are also a number of quality teams in Scotland like Dundee Comets and Paisley Pirates.

"I can promise the fans we will put the best team we can out there and that there will be great games here on Sunday night."