

= Dan Cloutier =

Daniel Cloutier (born April 22 , 1976) is a Canadian former professional ice hockey goaltender and currently a goaltending coach for the Vancouver Canucks . In his 10 @-@ year National Hockey League (NHL) career , Cloutier played with the New York Rangers , Tampa Bay Lightning , Vancouver Canucks and Los Angeles Kings , spending the majority of his career in Vancouver . He employed a combination of both butterfly and stand @-@ up goaltending and was known for wearing the uncommon birdcage style helmet .

Cloutier played junior hockey in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) for four seasons with the Sault Ste . Marie Greyhounds and Guelph Storm , making two Memorial Cup appearances in 1993 and 1996 . Following his second OHL season , he was selected 26th overall by the Rangers in the 1994 NHL Entry Draft . He began his professional career spending time in the minor leagues with the Rangers ' American Hockey League (AHL) affiliates , before joining the NHL team full @-@ time in 1998 ? 99 . After three seasons playing within the Rangers organization , he was traded to the Lightning , where he spent one @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half years .

In February 2001 , he was acquired by the Canucks . Cloutier enjoyed his most successful years as an NHL goaltender with Vancouver , recording three consecutive 30 @-@ win seasons between 2001 ? 02 and 2003 ? 04 . In the 2006 off @-@ season , he was dealt to Los Angeles , where he struggled with injuries and a decline in play . His contract was bought out by the team following the 2007 ? 08 season . As part of an attempted comeback in 2009 , he first signed a deal to try out with the Detroit Red Wings at the team 's training camp , then played briefly with the AHL 's Rockford IceHogs , before retiring due to chronic injury problems . Internationally , Cloutier was part of two Canadian teams . He won a gold medal at the 1995 World Junior Championship and was a fourth @-@ string goaltender at the 2001 IIHF World Championship .

After his time with the Kings , Cloutier served as an assistant coach to his older brother , Sylvain , with the Corpus Christi IceRays of the Central Hockey League for one season . Following his retirement , he became a goaltending coach for the Barrie Colts of the OHL .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Junior career = = =

As a 15 @-@ year @-@ old , Cloutier played Junior B with the St. Thomas Stars of the Western Ontario Hockey League (WOHL) . He recorded a 5 @-@ 83 goals against average (GAA) over 14 games in his lone season with the team in 1991 ? 92 .

The following season , Cloutier began a four @-@ year career in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) , debuting with the Sault Ste . Marie Greyhounds . He played in 12 games (4 ? 6 ? 0) with the Greyhounds , recording a 4 @-@ 62 GAA in the regular season . In the 1993 OHL playoffs , Cloutier appeared in an additional four games , winning one and losing two , as part of the Greyhounds ' run to the J. Ross Robertson Cup Finals . Although they lost the league championship to the Peterborough Petes four @-@ games @-@ to @-@ one , the Greyhounds still qualified for the 1993 Memorial Cup as the tournament 's host team . The Greyhounds met the Petes again in the Memorial Cup final , defeating them by a 4 ? 2 score . Cloutier did not appear in any Memorial Cup games , in lieu of starter Kevin Hodson . During his rookie season in the OHL , he also played in five games at the Junior A level with the Timmins Golden Bears of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey Association .

Cloutier assumed the starting position with the Greyhounds in 1993 ? 94 , posting 28 wins , 14 losses and 6 ties , along with a 3 @-@ 56 GAA and .890 save percentage . Appearing in an additional 14 playoff games , he led the Greyhounds to the OHL semifinals , where they were defeated by the Detroit Jr . Red Wings .

In the off @-@ season , Cloutier was selected by the New York Rangers 26th overall in the 1994 NHL Entry Draft . He was the third @-@ ranked goaltender playing in North America by the NHL

Central Scouting Bureau and the fourth goaltender taken in the draft . Appearing in his first NHL training camp in September 1994 , he was returned to the OHL by the middle of the month .

During his third junior season in 1994 ? 95 , Cloutier recorded a 4 @. @ 41 GAA in 45 games (15 ? 26 ? 2) . As a team , the Greyhounds struggled and finished out of the playoffs . In the off @-@ season , Cloutier was signed by the Rangers to an NHL contract on July 7 , 1995 .

Despite his NHL contract , Cloutier remained in the OHL for the 1995 ? 96 season . In his 12th game of the season with Sault Ste . Marie , he suffered a shoulder injury that sidelined him for two months . During his return to the lineup in a game against the Windsor Spitfires on January 2 , 1996 , he reaggravated the injury . While continuing to recover , he was dealt to the Guelph Storm at the trade deadline on January 10 in exchange for goaltender Andy Adams and two draft picks . Splitting the campaign between the Greyhounds and Storm , he recorded a 2 @. @ 85 GAA in 30 games . As the Storm finished the season with lowest GAA in the league , Cloutier and backup Brett Thompson were jointly awarded the Dave Pinkney Trophy . Cloutier additionally received OHL Second All @-@ Star Team honours . In the playoffs , he recorded a 3 @. @ 14 GAA in 16 games . However , for the second time in four years , his team was defeated in the J. Ross Robertson Cup Finals by the Peterborough Petes . Despite losing the OHL title , Guelph earned a berth into the 1996 Memorial Cup as the OHL 's representative ; the Petes had an automatic bye into the tournament as the host team . The Storm lost all three of their round @-@ robin games , failing to qualify for the Memorial Cup playoffs . Cloutier had a 4 @. @ 00 GAA in the three contests .

= = = Early career (1996 ? 2001) = = =

Cloutier began his professional career in 1996 ? 97 with the Binghamton Rangers of the American Hockey League (AHL) , New York 's minor league affiliate . He assumed the starting position in Binghamton as a rookie , posting a 3 @. @ 55 GAA and .892 save percentage to be named to the AHL All @-@ Rookie Team . The following season , New York changed their AHL affiliate to the Hartford Wolf Pack ; Cloutier was consequently moved to Hartford for the club 's inaugural season in 1998 ? 99 . By late @-@ December 1998 , he earned a call @-@ up to the Rangers as backup goaltender Jason Muzzatti was demoted to the Wolf Pack . At the time of his call @-@ up , Rangers management established that although he would play backup to Mike Richter , they intended on giving him opportunities to play . In anticipation of Cloutier 's NHL debut , the team 's goaltending consultant , Sam St. Laurent , described his playing style as a combination of both butterfly and stand @-@ up goaltending .

He appeared in his first NHL game on January 3 , 1998 , replacing Richter seven minutes into a contest against the Washington Capitals . Cloutier stopped all 16 shots he faced to record his first NHL victory by a 3 ? 2 score . He made his first NHL start the following game against the Carolina Hurricanes on January 6 , 1998 . Stopping 26 shots , he helped the Rangers to a 4 ? 2 win . He played 12 games total in 1998 ? 99 , backing Richter up for the remainder of the season , recording 4 wins , 5 losses and a tie with a 2 @. @ 50 GAA and .907 save percentage . Perhaps his most well @-@ known performance as a Ranger was during a game against the New York Islanders on April 4 , 1998 , in which he fought opposing goalie Tommy Salo . With seven minutes remaining in a 3 ? 0 loss , several fights broke out between players . While Salo tried to intervene in a fight between the Rangers ' P. J. Stock and Islanders ' Mariusz Czerkawski , Cloutier attacked the Islanders goaltender . The subsequent goalie fight resulted in Cloutier repeatedly punching Salo in the back of the head before taking it upon himself to stop . He proceeded to skate towards the Islanders bench , challenging the opposing players before being restrained by a referee .

In the 1998 off @-@ season , the Rangers signed goaltender Kay Whitmore who Cloutier competed with to retain his backup position . Whitmore spent the season in the minors as Cloutier was kept on the Rangers roster in 1998 ? 99 . Playing in his first full NHL season , Cloutier appeared in 22 games (6 wins , 8 losses , 3 ties) with a 2 @. @ 68 GAA and .914 save percentage .

The following off @-@ season , Cloutier was traded on the day of the 1999 NHL Entry Draft (June 26 , 1999) to the Tampa Bay Lightning . He was sent to Tampa Bay , along with winger Niklas Sundstrom , a first @-@ round selection (Nikita Alexeev) in 2000 and a third @-@ round selection

(subsequently traded) in 2000 , for the Lightning 's first @-@ round selection in that year 's draft (Pavel Brendl) . With the departure of Tampa Bay 's previous starter , Bill Ranford , to the Detroit Red Wings and Darren Puppa nearing the end of his career , Cloutier assumed the starting position for his new club . Cloutier 's first season as an NHL starter was interrupted on several occasions with numerous injuries and a suspension . He suffered a strained groin early in the campaign on November 18 , 1999 , forcing him out of two games . On January 14 , 2000 , he was suspended by the league for four games after an incident with Islanders forward Tim Connolly . After the two collided , Cloutier cross @-@ checked Connolly , then kicked his head (Connolly 's helmet was intact) while he was lying face @-@ down on the ice . The following month , he re @-@ strained his groin on February 21 and missed four games . Cloutier missed another four contests beginning on March 14 after injuring his neck . His fourth injury of the season occurred on March 28 , when he strained his medial collateral ligament (MCL) and missed five games . He finished the 1999 ? 2000 season appearing in 52 games for the Lightning , recording 9 wins , 30 losses and 3 ties as the team finished second @-@ last in the league . He registered a 3 @.@ 49 GAA and .885 save percentage .

Injury troubles continued the following season , in 2000 ? 01 , as Cloutier was sidelined for nine games early in the season after straining his biceps on October 22 , 2000 . After recovering , he recorded his first NHL shutout , making 26 saves , in a 3 ? 0 win against the Detroit Red Wings on December 2 , 2000 . He achieved the feat in his 95th career game in the NHL . During that month , head coach Steve Ludzik began playing backup Kevin Weekes in favour of Cloutier . By the trade deadline , Cloutier was dealt to the Vancouver Canucks on February 7 , 2001 , in exchange for defenceman Adrian Aucoin and a second @-@ round selection in the 2001 draft .

= = = Vancouver Canucks (2001 ? 06) = = =

Upon arriving in Vancouver , Cloutier began sharing starts with veteran goaltender Bob Essensa ; the Canucks ' third goaltender , Félix Potvin , was traded away to the Los Angeles Kings soon after Cloutier 's acquisition . Playing in 16 games with the Canucks to close out the 2000 ? 01 season , Cloutier recorded 4 wins , 6 losses and 5 ties , along with a 2 @.@ 43 GAA and .894 save percentage . He helped the Canucks make the playoffs for the first time in five years that season . Playing the first @-@ seeded Colorado Avalanche in the opening round , Cloutier made his first NHL post @-@ season appearance in game one , stopping 23 of 28 shots in a losing effort . Having surrendered five goals , Essensa was given the start over Cloutier for the following two contests . After Essensa suffered a knee injury in game three , Cloutier was back in net for the fourth and final game of the series , a 5 ? 1 loss . He had a 4 @.@ 63 GAA and .842 save percentage in his first two career playoff games . Despite the Canucks ' early playoff exit , Cloutier 's addition to the team helped bolster a young and improving team led by such players as captain Markus Näslund , winger Todd Bertuzzi and defenceman Ed Jovanovski .

During the off @-@ season , both Canucks goaltenders became free agents . Cloutier was re @-@ signed on July 18 , 2001 , while Essensa agreed to a contract with the Buffalo Sabres . With Essensa 's departure , Cloutier established himself as the team 's starting goaltender in 2001 ? 02 . He notched his first shutout as a Canuck on October 13 , 2001 , in a 4 ? 0 win against the Avalanche . The following month , Cloutier was named NHL Player of the Week on November 6 , 2001 . He earned a second such distinction near the end of the season on March 18 , 2002 . Eight days later , he recorded his seventh and final shutout of the campaign in a 4 ? 0 win against the Los Angeles Kings , setting a new team record . His seven shutouts surpassed Gary Smith and Garth Snow 's previous team record of six , accomplished in 1974 ? 75 and 1998 ? 99 , respectively . Cloutier 's mark was later surpassed by Roberto Luongo , who recorded nine shutouts in 2008 ? 09 . Cloutier finished his first full season with Vancouver posting 31 wins , 22 losses and 5 ties with a 2 @.@ 43 GAA and .901 save percentage . He played in a career @-@ high 62 games despite missing nine games in January and February 2002 with an ankle injury .

Entering the 2002 playoffs as the eighth seed for the second consecutive year , the Canucks faced the Presidents ' Trophy @-@ winning Detroit Red Wings in the opening round . With 32- and 34

@-@ save performances from Cloutier , Vancouver won the first two games of the series . In game three , the Canucks and Red Wings were tied with a minute remaining in the second period when Red Wings defenceman Nicklas Lidström scored on Cloutier with a slapshot from centre ice . The goal was observed by the media as a turning point in the series for both Cloutier and the Canucks as a team . The Red Wings won game three , as well as the next three contests to eliminate the Canucks in six games ; Cloutier was taken out of the game in the first period of the next two contests in favour of backup Peter Skudra .

Cloutier began the 2002 ? 03 season by recording a shutout against the Calgary Flames on October 10 , 2002 . It marked the first time in Canucks history that the team began the season with a shutout win . In November 2002 , Cloutier won 11 of 12 games , including a team record 10 straight games , while recording a 2 @.@ 15 GAA and .920 save percentage . He was named NHL Player of the Month , becoming the fourth Canucks player in team history to receive the distinction . He suffered a setback in December 2002 , when he missed three games with a knee injury . On February 17 , 2003 , he was named NHL Player of the Week for the third time in his career . Six days later , he recorded his 30th win of the season , becoming the first Canucks goaltender in team history to reach the plateau in back @-@ to @-@ back years . That same week , he suffered his second knee injury of the season and missed 10 games . He returned to the lineup by mid @-@ March to finish the season with Vancouver . After the Canucks ranked in the eighth and final playoff spot in Cloutier 's first two seasons with the team , Cloutier helped lead them to within one point of the Northwest Division title in 2002 ? 03 . In 57 games , he posted 33 wins , 16 losses and 7 ties with a 2 @.@ 42 GAA and .908 save percentage . Cloutier won the first and only playoff series of his career in 2003 as the Canucks eliminated the St. Louis Blues in seven games . He made 33 saves in the deciding contest , a 4 ? 1 win for Vancouver . Advancing to the second round against the Minnesota Wild , the Canucks took a three @-@ games @-@ to @-@ one lead . With Vancouver needing one more win to eliminate the Wild , Cloutier was taken out of Game 5 in favour of rookie Alex Auld after allowing six goals on 21 shots through two periods . As both teams were leaving the ice at the start of the second intermission , opposing goaltender Dwayne Roloson bumped Canucks forward Trevor Linden , prompting Cloutier to challenge Roloson ; Cloutier threw two punches towards Roloson and received minor penalties for roughing and for leaving his crease . With Cloutier on the bench for the third period , the Canucks lost 7 ? 2 . In the following two games , Cloutier allowed nine goals on 40 shots as the Wild completed a three @-@ game comeback to eliminate the Canucks .

In the off @-@ season , Cloutier was re @-@ signed to a one @-@ year , \$ 2 @.@ 5 million contract on July 15 , 2003 . Nearly two months into the subsequent season , Cloutier recorded his 100th career NHL win , making 31 saves in a 3 ? 1 victory over the Ottawa Senators on November 27 , 2003 . As the season progressed , Cloutier suffered several more injuries , the first of which was a groin injury in December 2003 that sidelined him for three games . He missed three more games before the season ended with cases of the flu and a lower @-@ body injury . On February 14 , 2004 , he was fined \$ 1 @,@ 000 by the league for hitting opposing forward Ronald Petrovický in the face with his blocker during a game against the Atlanta Thrashers .

Cloutier 's regular season success with the Canucks continued in 2003 ? 04 , as he became the first goaltender in team history to record three consecutive 30 @-@ win seasons . Over 60 games , he recorded 33 wins , 21 losses and 6 ties . His 2 @.@ 27 GAA , which established a Canucks team record (later surpassed by Roberto Luongo) , and .914 save percentage were both career highs . In the opening round of the 2004 playoffs against the Calgary Flames , Cloutier suffered another injury , spraining his right ankle in the first period of game three . After Johan Hedberg initially replaced Cloutier , Alex Auld filled in for the final three games of the series ; Vancouver was defeated in seven games .

As initial contract negotiations failed in the off @-@ season , Cloutier filed for arbitration on July 16 , 2004 . Arbitration was avoided by both sides when Cloutier agreed to a one @-@ year , \$ 3 million contract 11 days later . Due to the 2004 ? 05 NHL lockout , however , Cloutier spent the season mostly inactive until signing with EC KAC of the Austrian Hockey League on January 20 , 2005 . Replacing injured starter Andrew Verner , he appeared in 13 games with the Klagenfurt @-@ based

team , going undefeated with a 1 @-@ 94 GAA . EC KAC finished the regular season second with the second @-@ best record in the league . Cloutier appeared in 10 additional playoff games , recording a 2 @-@ 75 GAA . EC KAC advanced to the finals , where they were defeated four @-@ games @-@ to @-@ three by the Vienna Capitals .

With NHL play set to resume in 2005 ? 06 , Cloutier re @-@ signed with the Canucks to a two @-@ year , \$ 5 million contract on August 18 , 2005 . Returning to the Canucks , he was injured early in the season during a game against the Avalanche on October 29 , 2005 . Attempting to check Avalanche forward Andrew Brunette , Canucks defenceman Nolan Baumgartner collided with Cloutier , causing a goal and forcing Cloutier out of the game with both a concussion and whiplash . The injury caused him to miss five games . Soon after returning , Cloutier was re @-@ injured in a game against the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim on November 20 , when forward Rob Niedermayer skated into the crease and collided with Cloutier . He stayed in net to complete the game , a 3 ? 2 win , and was on the bench the following game to backup Auld . However , after aggravating the knee in a practice on November 23 , an MRI revealed a partially torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) . Electing for reconstructive knee surgery , occurring on December 15 , Cloutier missed the remainder of the season .

As the Canucks missed the playoffs in 2006 , several changes were made to team personnel in the off @-@ season . One such change included the acquisition of All @-@ Star goaltender Roberto Luongo from the Florida Panthers . Shortly after Luongo was acquired , Cloutier was traded to the Los Angeles Kings on July 5 , 2006 , for a second @-@ round draft pick in 2007 and a conditional pick in 2009 . Cloutier finished his five @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year tenure with the Canucks third on the team 's all @-@ time wins list with 109 , behind Kirk McLean and Richard Brodeur , and second in shutouts with 14 , behind McLean . In a 2012 interview following his retirement , Cloutier stated that he " loved playing in Vancouver the most " during his NHL career . He recalled the city 's regeneration into a hockey market and described how the team went from playing home games that " seemed half full " to creating a " playoff game atmosphere every night . "

= = = Los Angeles Kings (2006 ? 08) = = =

Leading up to the 2006 ? 07 season , Cloutier signed a two @-@ year , \$ 6 @-@ 2 million contract extension with the Kings on September 27 , 2006 . He had one year , valued at \$ 2 @-@ 55 million , remaining on his existing contract , which was transferred over from the Canucks . Cloutier moved to the Kings alongside Head Coach Marc Crawford , who was hired by the team shortly after being let go by the Canucks in the 2006 off @-@ season .

Cloutier made his Kings debut in the first game of the regular season , a 4 ? 3 loss to the Anaheim Ducks on October 6 , 2006 . He made 28 saves on 32 shots . During his first week of the regular season , he suffered a hip injury , but continued playing on the insistence of team management . In retrospect , he later recalled that his " biggest mistake was playing hurt for them . " The Kings organization also had Cloutier change his goaltender mask from the uncommon mask / cage style to the more traditional full @-@ fibreglass style for safety and insurance purposes . After recording 6 wins in 24 games and a 3 @-@ 98 GAA , Cloutier 's hip forced him to end his season , aggravating it on December 23 , 2006 , in a 7 ? 0 loss to the Nashville Predators .

At the time , the injury was still believed to be minor and Cloutier volunteered to continue playing in lieu of backup Mathieu Garon also being sidelined with a broken finger . When the pain in his hip quickly got worse , Cloutier appealed to team management . He saw a specialist who diagnosed him with a torn hip labrum and told him the injury could put his career in jeopardy . He was subsequently flown to Colorado for surgery on January 12 , 2007 . Cloutier remained in Colorado for ongoing treatment and was lodged by the organization in a motel 31 miles away from the clinic . The Kings ' original insistence that he play and his subsequent lodging proved to be a contentious issue for Cloutier .

Having recovered from his injury , he returned for training camp in September 2007 . He was assigned to the Kings ' AHL affiliate , the Manchester Monarchs , after losing a roster spot to goaltenders Jason LaBarbera and Jonathan Bernier . During his stint with Manchester , Cloutier

struggled to earn playing time , as younger goaltenders Jonathan Quick , Danny Taylor and Erik Ersberg were given more opportunity to play . At one point , he reported to the team 's arena in preparation for a road trip , but was left in Manchester in favour of the team 's other goaltenders . To Cloutier 's surprise , he was recalled by Los Angeles on February 7 , 2008 , while Kings backup Jean - Sébastien Aubin was sent down in his place . After clearing re - entry waivers , he joined the Kings ' roster to backup LaBarbera . Three days later , Cloutier started in goal against the Columbus Blue Jackets ; he recorded his first NHL win in over a year , backstopping the Kings to a 3 ? 2 shootout victory . After LaBarbera became sidelined with a groin injury , Cloutier began earning additional playing time with the Kings . On March 10 , he played against the Canucks for the first time since being traded . He stopped 38 shots in a 2 ? 1 overtime loss against his former teammates . Later that month , he suffered a groin injury and missed three games . Remaining with the Kings for the remainder of the 2007 ? 08 season as backup to Ersberg , he recorded two wins in nine games with a 3 @. @ 44 GAA and .887 save percentage .

In the subsequent off @ - @ season , Cloutier 's remaining year on his contract was bought out by the Kings on June 21 , 2008 . As teams cannot buyout the contract of an injured player , Cloutier claimed he was not healthy and contested the move . However , the NHL ruled in favour of the Kings ; the buyout stood and Cloutier became an unrestricted free agent . Consequently , he received \$ 2 million over the next two years from the Kings .

Without an NHL job , Cloutier took up an assistant coaching position in the Central Hockey League (CHL) with his older brother Sylvain Cloutier , who had just been hired as head coach of the Corpus Christi IceRays .

= = = Return to hockey and retirement (2009 ? 10) = = =

After remaining inactive for a season , Cloutier was offered a tryout with the Canucks for the team 's 2009 training camp . Soon thereafter , he accepted another tryout offer from the Detroit Red Wings on September 4 , 2009 , sensing he had a better chance to secure a contract with the latter team . He was expected to compete with Jimmy Howard for the Wings ' backup position . On September 21 , Cloutier made his first and only pre @ - @ season appearance with the Red Wings , splitting a game with Wings prospect Daniel Larsson ; he stopped all eight shots he faced in a 4 ? 2 loss against the New York Rangers . While Red Wings General Manager Ken Holland said Cloutier " looked sharp " in his first NHL action since April 5 , 2008 , he also alluded to the media that the amount of goaltenders competing for spots within the Red Wings organization was a factor against the likelihood of him signing Cloutier . Three days later , he was officially released from the Red Wings .

Cloutier subsequently received several offers to play in Europe until signing a tryout contract with the Rockford IceHogs of the AHL in December 2009 . He reportedly had received offers from two other North American teams , but chose Rockford as the best choice for his family . Cloutier made his IceHogs debut on December 6 against the Manitoba Moose , marking his return to professional hockey after 18 months . He played 26 minutes before receiving a match penalty for punching Moose player Guillaume Desbiens after the opposing forward collided with him in his crease . The following day , Cloutier was additionally suspended by the AHL for one game . After serving his ban , he recorded his first win the IceHogs against the Texas Stars on December 12 . Cloutier began receiving interest from NHL teams , but his hip began acting up once again . By the end of the month , Cloutier and the IceHogs mutually agreed to terminate his tryout contract . He recorded one win and one loss in three games with the IceHogs , along with a 2 @. @ 47 GAA and .893 save percentage . In a later interview , published on the Canucks ' website in August 2010 , Cloutier declared he was most likely retiring due to chronic injury troubles .

= = International play = =

During Cloutier 's OHL career , he competed in the 1995 World Junior Championships . He went undefeated in three games with a 2 @. @ 67 GAA to help Canada win a gold medal as the host

country in Red Deer , Alberta . Cloutier missed a second opportunity to play for the Canadian national junior team the following year due to a shoulder injury suffered during OHL play .

On May 4 , 2001 , he was added to Team Canada 's roster for the 2001 World Championships . One of four goaltenders on the roster , alongside Roberto Luongo , Jean @-@ Sébastien Giguère and Fred Brathwaite , he did not appear in any games . Canada finished the tournament in fifth place .

= = Coaching career = =

Following his release from the Los Angeles Kings in 2008 , Cloutier joined his brother Sylvain Cloutier 's coaching staff on the Central Hockey League (CHL) ' s Corpus Christi IceRays as a de facto assistant coach . He served in that capacity for the 2008 ? 09 season until his failed attempt at an NHL return in 2009 . In July 2010 , Cloutier signed a one @-@ year contract to become a part @-@ time goaltending coach with the OHL 's Barrie Colts .

= = = Return to Canucks = = =

In September 2012 , Cloutier was hired by the Vancouver Canucks as a goaltending consultant , mostly to work with prospect goaltenders in the AHL 's Chicago Wolves . On June 14th , 2016 , the Canucks announced that Cloutier had been named the team 's goaltending coach .

= = Personal life = =

Cloutier was born to Ivan and Susan Cloutier in Mont @-@ Laurier , Quebec . He moved with his family at a young age to Sault Ste . Marie , Ontario , as a result of his father 's work as a logger . Having grown up in both French and English communities , Cloutier is bilingual . Cloutier 's older brother , Sylvain is also a hockey player who once captained the OHL 's Guelph Storm . After a professional career with the Coventry Blaze in England , Sylvain became a head coach for the minor professional Corpus Christi IceRays of the CHL in 2008 . He is currently player @-@ coach of the Hull Stingrays of the UK Elite League , having held this post since 2009 .

Playing minor hockey in Sault Ste . Marie , Cloutier was at one time on the same bantam team as another future NHL goaltender , Marty Turco . Like many Quebec @-@ born goaltenders of his time , Cloutier patterned the butterfly elements of his playing style after Hall of Fame goaltender Patrick Roy .

Cloutier and his wife Nikki , have a daughter named Kali , born in December 2007 , and a son named Kane , born in June 2010 . Following his playing career , his family moved to Barrie , Ontario .

In November 2005 , following Cloutier 's season @-@ ending ACL injury , a rumour began circling in the media that he was being investigated for a hit @-@ and @-@ run accident that killed two people outside a Gastown nightclub . Cloutier never commented on the record , while his agent later refuted the rumour , saying it was " absolutely untrue " and that Cloutier " was livid with that story . "

= = Career statistics = =

= = = Regular season = = =

= = = Playoffs = = =

= = = International = = =

Career statistics taken from Cloutier 's TSN.ca profile .

= = Awards = =