

LEDUC SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Casson Masters

Born in 1975 to Bill and Marilyn Masters, Casson grew up on an acreage in Leduc County where he and his two brothers (Curtis and Mark) would spend countless hours playing hockey together on their backyard pond.

From 1980–93 Casson played organized hockey in Leduc as part of Leduc Minor Hockey and the Leduc Junior Athletic Club. As captain of Leduc's Midget AAA team, he received the 1992–93 Bob Johnson Memorial Trophy, presented to the top Alberta Midget AAA player for sportsmanship and dedication. Casson was a 1992–93 Mac's Cup International Tournament All-Star and was awarded Fastest Skater in the Skills competition.



Casson went on to play for the Olds Grizzlys of the AJHL winning the 1993–94 Centennial Cup (72-8-2). Casson was recruited by several NCAA Division I programs, finally choosing Princeton University. Recognized as one of the fastest players in college hockey, he was voted to the ECAC 1994–95 all-rookie team and the 1997–98 ECAC all-tournament team. His final year he captained Princeton to its first-ever ECAC championship and NCAA tournament bid. Casson graduated from Princeton University in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in biology.

In 1998–99 Casson joined the Canadian Men's National Team based in Calgary. That year Casson represented Canada in tournaments all over the world, a season highlighted by winning Canada's eighth Spengler Cup (1998). Casson then played for two years overseas in the Sekonda Superleague, winning the league championship in 1999–2000.

In 2014, Casson and his Olds Grizzlys teammates were inducted into the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame. He now lives in New York with his wife (Liz) and two children (Kate and Drew). He continues to enjoy playing hockey, and actively coaches youth sports.