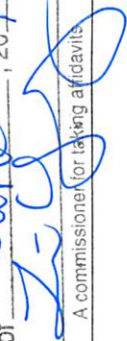


LEGAL IDENTITIES AND ADDRESSES OF PROPOSED DEFENDANTS IN CHL CLASS ACTION

As of May 9, 2016 - ONLY INCLUDES CURRENT TEAMS

BUSINESS NAME	LEGAL NAME	SOURCE OF INFORMATION	OWNERSHIP
Windsor Spitfires	Windsor Spitfires Inc. This is Exhibit 1 referred to in the affidavit of <u>Brandon Grady</u> sworn before me, this <u>15th</u> day of <u>June</u> , 20 <u>16</u>  A commissioner for taking affidavits	Trademark Lookup	<p>Mr. Bob Boughner, President, Owner bdb06@aol.com;</p> <p>Ownership Group: Stephen Savage, partner at Cypher Systems group</p> <p>John Savage, partner at Cypher Systems Group</p> <p>Brian Schwab, partner at Cypher Systems Group</p> <p>Cypher Systems Group is a privately held holding company involved in a variety of industries including, insurance distribution, technology development, property casualty and travel insurance, medical case management, insurance claims adjudication and settlement, sports and entrepreneurial investment. CSG has a diverse client base across Canada and around the globe. Corporate Headquarters are located in Windsor. (also owns Lasalle Vipers Hockey Club and Belle River Canadiens) http://www.cyphersystemsgroup.com/en/companies.html</p> <p>Warren Rychel, General Manager and shareholder wsrychel@aol.com</p>
London Knights	London Knights Hockey Inc.	TM Lookup	<p>Dale Hunter, President, Owner, former professional ice hockey player and the former head coach of the Washington Capitals</p>

			<p>dhunter@londonknights.com</p> <p>Mark Hunter, General Manager, Owner, retired NHL ice hockey player, Director Player Personnel for Maple Leafs mhunter@londonknights.com</p>
Barrie Colts	BARRIE COLTS JUNIOR HOCKEY LTD.,	TM Lookup	<p>Mr. Howie Campbell, President, Majority Owner, President, Chief Executive Officer, President, OHL General Manager, Co-owner of Georgian Sports and Entertainment Inc</p> <p>hcampbell@barriecolts.com Sesco INC(Private Business): 601 Ormont Dr, North York Ontario M9L 2W6, Canada Phone : 14167459292 (416) 7459292</p> <p>In January of 2006, the Campbells sold SESCO to Home Depot Supply Co.. Howie remains with Home Depot Co. as a Vice President responsible for mergers and acquisitions. http://www.canoe.ca/OHLNews0506/0407.html</p> <p>Jim Payetta Co-Owner / V.P of Business Development and Marketing Barrie Colts jpayetta@barriecolts.com co-owner of Barrie Speedway Co-owner of Georgian Sports and Entertainment Inc and Horsepower Grill sportsbar(Barrie)</p>

			<p>James Massie Minor Owner, Chairman, President and board member of Georgian Sports and Entertainment Inc LinkedIN: https://ca.linkedin.com/in/james-massie-162285b9 *Georgian Sports and Entertainment Inc. is a division of Georgian International, a holding company which oversees a group of privately-owned businesses.</p> <p>Larry Stuart</p> <p>Ward Seymour Owner https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100007100206092</p> <p>Gerry Nudds Owner</p> <p>Jason Ford, General Manager jford@barriecolts.com;</p>
Belleville Bulls (Moved to Hamilton Bulldogs)	Belleville Sports and Entertainment Corp.	TM Lookup	<p>Gord Simmons, President, President & CEO of the Lenbrook Group of Companies http://www.gordsimmonds.com/ (Blog) gord@bellevillebulls.com</p> <p>George Burnett, General Manager george@bellevillebulls.com;</p>
Flint Firebirds	OHL suspends Flint Firebirds owner, interim coach http://www.torontosun.com/2016/02/18/oh		<p>Rolf Nilsen, Governor IMS Hockey Corporation Nilsen owns companies all over the world, mostly in the marine industry. He has companies in the United States, Norway, Germany, Vietnam, Singapore and China. He lives in Cape Coral,</p>

	<u>l-suspends-flint-firebirds-owner-rolf-nilsen-and-interim-coach-sergei-kharin</u>		<p>Fla., where IMS USA Inc. is based. IMS is the world's leading manufacturer of sliding watertight doors and high-tech industrial products for the shipping and offshore industries. http://www.flintfirebirds.com/Rolf-Nilsen ALSO, owner of Plymouth Whalers and Firebirds' new home, the former Perani Arena & Event Center</p> <p>Costa Papista, President</p> <p>Terry Christensen, Vice President of Hockey Operations</p>
Erie Otters	Erie Hockey Club Limited - an LLC	Pennsylvania Corporate lookup	<p>Roy Mlakar - C.O.O. Formerly of Ottawa Senators</p> <p>Jim Waters Formerly of CHUM media</p> <p>Sherwood Bassin, General Manager</p> <p>SOLD for \$7.225 Million USD</p>
Guelph Storm	Guelph Storm Limited	TM Lookup	<p>Rick Hoyle, President, owned and operated Cummins Ontario Inc.</p> <p>Scott Walker - Co-Owner Former NHL Player Former Head Coach</p> <p>Mike Kelly, General Manager</p>
Hamilton Bulldogs	The <u>Hamilton Bulldogs</u> , an <u>American Hockey</u>		<p>Michael Andlauer, OWNER, Andlauer Management Group Inc., Owns shares of the Canadiuens, Bell Centre and Gillett Entertainment Group(evenko),</p>

	<p><u>League franchise, was sold to the <u>Montreal Canadiens</u> and moved to <u>St. John's, Newfoundland</u> for the 2015-16 season as the <u>St. John's IceCaps</u> (the <u>True North Sports and Entertainment</u>-owned IceCaps, which are affiliated with the <u>Winnipeg Jets</u>, will move back to Winnipeg on an interim basis).^[1]</u></p>		<p>Founder of Bulldogs Foundation(Charity)</p> <p>Gord Simmonds, minority owner, Lenbrook Canada</p> <p>Steve Staios, President</p> <p>Peggy Chapman, Senior Director of Operations</p>
Kingston Frontenacs	KINGSTON FRONTENAC HOCKEY LTD.	TM Lookup	<p>Doug Springer, , resident/Governor, Owner of Springer Group</p> <p>Doug Gilmour, General Manager</p>
Kitchener Rangers	The Kitchener Rangers Hockey Club		<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS</p> <p>Chris Bach, Director Certified General Accountant</p> <p>Doug Bergman, Director retired from AMI Attachments(heavy equipment attachments)</p> <p>Jason Cook, Director Manager, Cash Management at Sun Life Financial Kitchener, Ontario Also, on Charities, Hospitality and Scholarship committees</p>

		<p>Pete Delorme, Director teaching with the Waterloo Region District School Board Teacher at Lackner Woods Public School</p> <p>Marcus Drury, Director Systems Integrator with Manulife Financial and a part time Continuing Education Instructor at Conestoga College Kitchener Waterloo Women's Recreation Hockey League (KWWRHL)</p> <p>Rod Dunkel, Director works full time at Dordan Mechanical(plumbing)</p> <p>Tom Embro, Director 13 years as an usher for the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Complex, 10 years as a goal judge for the Rangers, and for the past 10 years he was prominent in organizing the team's fan bus road trips.</p> <p>Helen Fennell, Director TD Canada Trust , Mobile Mortgage Specialist</p> <p>James Fisher, Director owner/operator of BMF Leasing Inc, member of the Kitchener West Optimist Club and a 35 year volunteer with K-W Oktoberfest Inc</p> <p>Don Fraser, Director TD Bank Financial Planning, Regional Manager coaches minor hockey in Waterloo for both Waterloo Minor Hockey and Waterloo Ravens Girls Hockey</p> <p>Kateri Galloway-Downie, Director, Involved with Kids In Gear,</p>
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			<p>50/50, Scholarship, Charities, Policy & Procedures and Community</p> <p>Keith Gingerich, Director Keith volunteered with minor hockey for 23 years and worked in the Mid-Western Junior B Hockey League from 1988-2010. He was part of five League Championships and four Sutherland Cup Championships. He also volunteered with minor lacrosse for five years. Operations at PATCO Transportation (Transportation/Trucking/Railroad)</p> <p>Kelly Gray-Gutoskie, Director Charities and Community committees as part of the Board of Directors. Financial Associate at CIBC Wood Gundy</p> <p>Kerri Gress, Director RN at Para Med Home Health Care Volunteer at Homewood Health Center</p> <p>Brian Griffin, Director owner/operator of City Cab for over 21 years. He volunteers with the Waterloo Minor Hockey Association.</p> <p>Ziggy Hackl, Director worked for Uniroyal Tire for 25 years and for the Waterloo County Board of Education until his retirement in 2005</p> <p>Don Herner, Director Sales Consultant for Parkway Ford</p> <p>Sean Lloyd, Director</p>
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			<p>Project Coordinator at Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. in Mississauga</p> <p>Ross Maclean, Director retired small business owner</p> <p>Dave MacRae, Director Mortgage Agent at Dominion Lending Centres Forest City Funding</p> <p>Cassandra Mills, Director Teacher with the Waterloo Region District School Board</p> <p>Rob Orendi, Director Labour Relations Manager at CarePartners, a home health care company and is a board member with Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest.</p> <p>Alan Reinhardt, Director Past President of Waterloo Minor Hockey and serves as a member of the Appeals Committee of the Ontario Hockey Federation.</p> <p>Ron Ross, Director involved with the Lions Club of Kitchener, the Children's Wish Foundation and the Lions Foundation of Canada's Future Dog Guide Program Hospitality, Alumni and Parade committee Community Services Committee</p> <p>Mark Schneider, Director HVAC mechanic</p> <p>Dianne Stoeser, Director</p>
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			<p>Angela Taylor, Director volunteers with Grand River Hospital at the information desk and is a chair person of volunteers in the Emergency Department</p> <p>Marlene Weber, Director volunteers with the Optimist Club of Petersburg</p> <p>Barry Taylor, Director and Part Owner, Owner of 2 Photocopier companies</p> <p>Steve Bienkowski , Chief Operating Officer and Governor</p> <p>Murray Hiebert, General Manager</p> <p>Craig Campbell, President</p> <p>Steve Spott, General Manager</p>
<p>Mississauga Steelheads</p> <p>Formerly Mississauga St. Michael's Majors from 2007-2012</p>	2325224 Ontario Inc.	TM Lookup	<p>Elliot Kerr, President jekerr@landmarksport.com Landmark Sport Group Inc.</p> <p>James Boyd, General Manager</p> <p>Ernie Coetzee, General Counsel</p>
Niagara Icedogs	Niagara Icedogs Hockey Club Inc.	TM Lookup	Denise Burke , President(co-Owner)

			<p>Bill Burke(co-Owner)</p> <p>Sam Burke</p> <p>Marty Williamson, General Manager</p>
North Bay Battalion (formerly Brampton Battalion - moved in 2013)	BRAMPTON BATTALION HOCKEY CLUB LTD.	TM Lookup/Wikipedia	<p>Scott Abbott, Owner, also owns a stable named C. Scott Abbott Racing Stable Inc. and he is also co-owner of "The Devil's Pulpit" golf course in Caledon, Ont., Co-inventor of Trivial Pursuit(sold to Hasbro)</p> <p>Mike Griffin, President</p> <p>Stan Butler, General Manager</p>
Oshawa Generals	GENERALS HOCKEY INC.,	TM Lookup - old logo though, so this may be outdated.	<p>Rocco Tullio, Owner, Owner of Lifestyle Family Fitness Centre Inc, Owner of Rock Developments</p> <p>Roger Hunt, Vice-President & General Manager</p> <p>Andrew Edwards, Director, Business Operations</p> <p>Meghan Wright, Senior Manager, Corporate Partnerships</p> <p>Jeff Sawyer, Manager, Corporate Partnerships</p> <p>Jody Cull, Office Administrator</p>
Ottawa 67s	Ottawa 67's Limited	TM Lookup	Roger Greenberg , Owner

	<p>Partnership All owners are part of OSEG (Ottawa Sport and Entertainment Group)</p>		<p>The Minto Group & OSEG More about at http://www.ottawaredblacks.com/roger-greenberg/</p> <p>John Pugh Owner, President, CEO Ottawa Fury, Partner at OSEG</p> <p>John Ruddy, Owner, Founder of Trinity Development Group Inc. and Trinity Development Foundation</p> <p>Bill Shenkman, Owner, Owner of Shenkman Group of Companies (privately owned real estate property development), Chairman of the Shenkman Family Foundation</p> <p>Jeff Hunt , President, Sports Operations ,Governor, co-owner, carpet cleaning business, Canway</p> <p>Randy Burgess, Vice President, Communications and Fan Experience</p> <p>Sharon Mayne-Dalke, Executive Assistant</p> <p>Kelly McNally, Administrative Assistant</p>
<p>Owen Sound Attack</p>	<p>The Owen Sound Attack Inc.,</p> <p>The ownership group - made up of Tim Hortons franchise owner Fay</p>	<p>TM Lookup</p>	<p>Dr. Robert/Bob Severs, Owner/ President</p> <p>Fay Harshman, co-owner Owner of Owen sound Tim Hortons</p> <p>Frank Coulter, Co-Owner Owns Sprucedale Agromart</p>

	<p>Harshman campground owner Peter MacDermid campground owner and former NHL player Paul MacDermid Sprucedale Agromart owner Frank Coulter and Severs</p>		<p>Peter MacDermid, Co-Owner, Co-Owner of Woodland Park, Owen Sound, The Maddermids</p> <p>Paul MacDermid, Co-Owner, Co-Owner of Woodland Park, Owen Sound, The Maddermids</p> <p>Dale DeGray, General Manager</p> <p>Ray McKelvie - Business Manager</p>
Peterborough Petes	<p>Peterborough Petes Limited</p>	<p>TM Lookup</p>	<p>Jim Devlin, President</p> <p>Mike Oke, Manager</p> <p>Dr. Robert J Neville, Governor</p>
Plymouth Whalers	<p>COMPUWARE SPORTS CORPORATION</p> <p>Potentially being sold to Rolf Nielsen</p>	<p>Michigan Business Entity lookup</p>	<p>Peter Karmanos JR, Owner, majority owner and CEO of the Carolina Hurricanes and Florida Everblades hockey franchises, founder and owner of MadDog Technology</p> <p>Rolf Nilsen, Owner</p> <p>Michael Vellucci, President/General Manager</p>
Saginaw Spirit	<p>SAGINAW HOCKEY CLUB, L.L.C. Limited Liability Company in Michigan</p>	<p>Michigan Business Entity lookup</p>	<p>General Manager, Jim Paliafito</p> <p>Richard J. Garber/Owner/Governor Garber Management Group Third generation owner of Garber Buick in Saginaw, Michigan Chair Temple Theatre Foundation</p>

			<p>Chair Saginaw Future, Inc. President Saginaw Society for Crippled Children, Board Member Tri-Star Trust Bank Board Member Covenant Health Care Foundation, Board Member Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance, Board Member Saginaw Community Foundation</p> <p>Craig Goslin, President</p>
Sarnia Sting	649643 Ontario Inc., carrying on business as Sarnia Sting,	TM Lookup	<p>Derian Hatcher - Owner, Governor & Head Coach</p> <p>David Legwand, co-owner @DavidLegwand currently a member of the Buffalo Sabres</p> <p>Bill Abercrombie, President</p> <p>General Manager: Nick Sinclair</p> <p>Mark Glavin, Assistant General Manager:</p>
Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds	SOO GREYHOUNDS INC.	TM Lookup	<p>Dr. Lou Lukenda, owner, Owner of Tencare Homes</p> <p>Dr. George Shunock, Governor</p> <p>Kyle Dubas, General Manager</p> <p>Gerry Liscumb Jr. (Director of Public Relations & Hockey Administration)</p>
Sudbury Wolves			Blaine Smith, President/ General Manager

			<p>Mark W. and Karen Burgess, Owner Chairman, C.E.O.</p> <p>Miles and Viviane Burgess, Co-Owners</p> <p>Roxanne and Tim Edwards, Co-Owners</p> <p>Joan Burgess, co-Owner</p>
TITAN ACADIE-BATHURST	<p>8487693 CANADA INC.</p> <p>FORMERLY LE TITAN ACADIE BATHURST INC. UNTIL JUNE 2013</p>	<p>QUEBEC CORPORATE SEARCH</p>	<p>Sold for estimated \$3,000,000.00 by investors group(28 individuals), for estimated \$100,000.00 each</p> <p>Leopold Theriault – owner of MQM Quality Manufacturing LTD.(Structural Steel Fabrication & Erection, Plant Shut-downs, Custom Fabrication, Design & Fabrication of Screw & Belt Conveyors, Design & Fabrication of Pressure Vessels) Total Sales (\$CDN):\$10,000,000 to \$24,999,999 Export Sales (\$CDN): \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999 Number of Employees:125 http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/ccc/srch/nvgt.do?prtl=1&estblmntNo=123456271241&profile=cmppltPrfl&profileId=501&app=sold&lang=eng</p> <p>Gilles Cormier , executive Director/Corporate Sales Sales Manager at Work Links(Professional Training and Coaching), Sales Representative at Acadie Nouvelle (Media Company)</p> <p>Christian Gagne, Director of Marketing and Public Relations</p> <p>Roberto Luongo , NHL player Patrice Bergeron ,NHL player Bruno Gervais , NHL player Sean Couturier, NHL player</p>

			<p>Mathieu Perreault , NHL player</p> <p>Darrell Stothart , Owner of Stothart Toyota Inc, in Bathurst, NB (?)</p>
DRAKKAR BAIE-COMEAU	CLUB DE HOCKEY JUNIOR MAJEUR DE BAIE-COMEAU INC.	TM LOOK UP QC CORPORATE SEARCH	<p>Owner: city of Baie-Comeau</p> <p>Pierre Rousseau – President</p> <p>Clovis Gagnon - VP</p> <p>Serge Proulx , Director for Administration, Communication and Marketing</p> <p>Suzie Bussieres , Deputy Director for Ticket Sales</p> <p>Steve Ahen - GM</p>
VOLTIGEURS DRUMMONDVILLE	CLUB DE HOCKEY DRUMMOND INC.	TM LOOK UP QC CORPORATE SEARCH	<p>Louis Brousseau – Governor, Sales Director at Fenergic(Fenergic is a canadian, privately owned company founded in 1953, specialized in designing, manufacturing et distributing doors and windows. Fenergic sells its products mainly to auto-constructors, general contractor and architects anywhere in Québec, in Ontario, Western provinces and in France. The company currently has 2 manufacturing plants and one service center.), President of Board of Governors on LHJMQ</p> <p>Eric Verrier , President VP and General Director at Group d'Assurance , Verrier(Broker in Damage insurance and financial services)</p> <p>Stephan Leblanc, V-P Hockey</p> <p>Eric Lamoureux , V-P Marketing</p>

CAPE BRETON SCREAMING EAGLES	CAPE BRETON MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED	NS CORPORATE SEARCH	<p>Richard Morency , Governor Casino de Montreal – Public Relations Director</p> <p>Andre Cote , President Cape Breton Beverages Limited(Soft Drink and Ice Manufacturing) , President,</p>
SAGUENEENS CHICOUTIMI	?		<p>Yanick Jean – General Director Former Hockey player</p> <p>Renald Nepton, Hockey Operations Director</p> <p>Dany Corneau, Assisting Director, Chiropractor</p>
OLYMPIQUES GATINEAU	LES OLYMPIQUES DE GATINEAU INC.	QC CORPORATE SEARCH	<p>Alain Sear , President and Owner</p> <p>Norman MacMillan, Governor Co-Owner of Norm MacMillan inc. (hospitality company/hotels) Member of Lions Club and Knights of Columbus Buckingham Founding President of the Sports Gala Knights of Columbus Founding president of junior hockey club Buckingham Beavers Former Buckingham town councilor Honorary Chairman of the annual fundraising campaign for the Papineau Health Foundation in 2014</p>
HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS	HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS HOCKEY CLUB INC.	NS CORPORATE SEARCH AND TM LOOK UP	<p>Robert (Bobby) Smith , Majority Owner and President Former NHL player Former GM for Phoenix Coyotes(NHL) (\$3 mil for 64% of Halifax Mooseheads Shares, bought from Moosehead Breweries)</p> <p>Brian Urquhart, VP Operations</p>

REMPARTS QUEBEC	CLUB DE HOCKEY LES REMPARTS DE QUÉBEC INC.	TM LOOKUP AND QC CORPORATE SEARCH	<p>Travis Kennedy, VP Relations</p> <p>Bought by Quebecor for estimated \$20-25 mil Quebecor – Media Giant, which also purchased transcontinental Media(15 magazines, including Hockey News) Paid \$33 mil in naming rights for the Quebec City Arena Also owner of TCA Group http://www.thehockeynews.com/blog/quebec-remparts-sold-for-between-20-million-and-25-million-source/</p> <p>Andre Desmarais , Co-CEO of Power Corporation bought 25% of shares for \$ 4 mil in 2010</p> <p>Jacques Tanguay, President, former owner</p> <p>Julien Gagnon, Governor</p> <p>Louis Painchaud , GM</p> <p>Jean-Sebastien Montimny , Marketing Director</p> <p>Yves Cinq-Mars, Director of partnerships and Business development</p>
BLAINVILLE- BOISBRIAND ARMADA	LE CLUB DE HOCKEY JUNIOR ARMADA INC.	TM LOOK UP AND QC CORPORATE SEARCH	<p>Quebecor owns 70% of the team</p> <p>Joel Bouchard , co-Owner, President, Governor, Head Coach, Former NHL player</p> <p>Jean-Sebastien Giguere, co-Owner, MOFAX Electricite LTEE – President(some of the MOFAX clients include Bell mobility, Videotron, Bell Canada, IM, CGI, SNC-Lavalin Profac, Rogers, H&R Property Management, Quebecor)</p> <p>Ian Laperriere, co-Owner</p>

			<p>Pierre Gendron, co-Owner Former Hockey Player(Edmonton Oilers) Sportech, Owner and CEO(part of Groupe Viva) Centre d'excellence Sports Rousseau , Promoter Stingray- president https://www.linkedin.com/in/pierre-gendron-721a6320?authType=NAME_SEARCH&authToken=1XdS&locale=en_US&srchid=4655641011463155623084&srchindex=2&srchtotal=82&trk=v srp_people_res_name&trkInfo=VSRPsearchId%3A4655641011463155623084%2CVSRPtargetId%3A74282569%2CVSRPcmt%3Aprimary%2CVSRPnm%3Atrue%2CauthType%3A%20NAME_SEARCH</p> <p>Mario Marois, VP Centre Loca-Tout inc – Account manager</p> <p>Serge-Alexandre Tessier, Finance and Administrative Director</p> <p>Marcel Patenaude, Assistant Director</p> <p>Team sold for aprox \$4mill in 2011</p>
MONCTON WILDCATS	Moncton Wildcats Hockey Club Limited	TM LOOK UP NB CORPORATE SEARCH	<p>Robert Irving , Owner Irving Group- co-owner JD Irving Ltd – CEO</p> <p>Irving Group branches out in several industries: forestry, paper products, agriculture, food processing, transportation, logistics, shipbuilding, media and oil</p> <p>LIST OF DIVISIONS & COMPANIES: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J. D. Irving</p>

OCEANIC RIMOUSKI	LE CLUB DE HOCKEY L'OCEANIC DE RIMOUSKI INC.	QC CORPORATE SEARCH	Maurice Tanguay , Owner Signature Maurice Tanguay – Furniture, Maurice Tanguay Foundation, Founder of Laval University Footbal
HUSKIES ROUYN-NORANDA	LES HUSKIES DE ROUYN-NORANDA INC.	QC CORPORATE SEARCH	Ian Clermont, Administrative Director and Speaker, Challenge 117 IAMGOLD - Founder Jacques Blais , President Blais Industries(mechanical, plumbing and electricity in the construction and maintenance of industrial infrastructures in the mining, pulp and paper and energy) Denis Pilon , Governor
CHARLOTTETOWN ISLANDERS	8515182 CANADA INC. c.o.b. as CHARLOTTETOWN ISLANDERS	PEI AND CANADA CORPORATE SEARCHES	Ownership Group: Dave and Kate Trainor , Action Aero Geoff Boyle , Canadian Mortgage Capital Bill Kinney , Charlottetown Bottle & Metal Shawn MacKenzie, Troy MacKenzie, & Andrew MacEwan Pat Morris Brian MacDonald , BJ's Truck Parts Darren Gray , Gray Group Vogue Optical Terry Hennessey , Source for Sports Bill Enserink , Red Isle Produce

			<p>Brad Campbell & Todd Rix, Riverview Dental</p> <p>Tim, Teddy, and Terry Mossey, Tims Crane Service</p> <p>Bobby MacMillan, The Sports Page and Page 2</p> <p>Joel Ives , Century 21</p> <p>Peter MacDonald, MacDonald Automotive Group</p> <p>Jason Hunter, Ron MacAulay, Ron Murray, & Steve Gauthier, Markan</p> <p>Cyril, Jeff, Craig, Jamie, and Jason Chapman, Chapman Bros. Construction</p>
<p>Sherbrooke Phoenix.</p>	<p>7759983 CANADA INC. c.o.b. as CLUB DE HOCKEY LE PHEONIX</p> <p>a legal person duly constituted under the laws of Canada, having its principal place of business</p>	<p>I got the info from Quebec corporate search.</p>	<p>Denis Bourque, President and Shareholder, Tim Hortons Franchise- multiple restaurants owner</p> <p>Ronald Thibault, Governor and Shareholder, Thibault GM Sherbrooke - President and GM</p> <p>Jocelyn Thibault, VP and Shareholder, Former NHL Goalie, Complexe Sportif Thibault GM</p> <p>Mario Beaudoin, VP operations and Shareholder, Gestion Estrie Capital Inc, President Verbom Inc – President Les Produits de Ciment Sherbrooke LTE – President Signalisation de L’Estrie inc – President, Transport au Foyer inc – President, Gestion Montegerie Capital Inc – President, Metaux Solutions Inc – Shareholder and director Electrimat inc – Shareholder and director, Residence Haut Bois inc - Shareholder and director</p>

			<p>Bestar inc - Shareholder and director</p> <p>Danny Bennett, VP Finances and Shareholders Surplec Industriel (low voltage electrical products) - president</p> <p>Jacques Fortier, VP Marketing and Shareholders</p> <p>Dery Barette, Co-Owner and president</p> <p>Stephane Robidas, Shareholders Former NHL hockey player</p> <p>Mario Aube, Shareholders Former professional hockey player</p>
SAINT JOHN SEA DOGS	Saint John Major Junior Hockey Club Limited	TM LOOKUP	<p>Scott McCain , Owner, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors, President of JSM Capital Corp., a private investment corporation Former President and CEO and Executive VP of the Agribusiness group at Maple Leaf Foods Inc., Director of McCain Foods Group Inc., McCain Foods Limitedm SeaFort Capital Inc, Atlantic Institute for Market Studies, and Margaret and Wallace McCain Family Foundation Inc.</p> <p>Joe Richard , Governor, and founder of the team Former director on the Board of the CHL from 2001 to 2004 Former Director of Government and Community Affairs at Moosehead Breweries Former Governor of Halifax Mooseheads, Former Vice-chairman of the QMJHL board of Governors(2001-2003) and former board member of CHL Former Vice-Chairman of Hockey Canada and Chairman of Hockey Canada's minor hockey division, Member of the national appeals committee for hockey Canada, Board member of the New</p>

			<p>Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame</p> <p>Trevor Georgie , President Worked for Toronto Maple Leafs, Regina Pats, Toronto Raptors, Toronto FC, Florida Gators, JUNO Awards, Scotties Tournament of Hearts and PGA Tour events, Former Senior Manager of Consulting at Wasserman Media Group(Sports Agency)</p> <p>Darrell Young, GM Darrell Young Hockey Inc. – Owner and Director of Development, Former NHL Player, Former coach of Dalhousie Tigers, Former Coach of Moncton Wildcats</p>
CATARACTES SHAWINIGAN	CLUB DE HOCKEY SHAWINIGAN INC.	QC CORPORATE SEARCH	<p>Martin Mondou, GM Former Hockey player</p> <p>Team had Board of Directors</p>
FOREURS VAL- D'OR	CLUB DE HOCKEY JUNIOR MAJEUR VAL D'OR INC.	QC CORPORATE SEARCH	<p>Daniel Masse, President President of Groupe Financier Masse inc., Administrator and President of Audit Committee at Resources Cartier Inc.</p> <p>Daniel Gamache, Governor CEO of G4 Drilling G4 Holding is a consortium of businesses specialized in the various fields of mineral drilling, oil drilling and drilling for the civil industry. http://www.g4holding.com/index-en.html</p> <p>Marc Larouche, VP Owner of Pieces d'AutosMarc Larouche Inc. (Heavy Equipment) Number of employees: 6 Estimated annual revenue: \$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999</p>

			<p>http://www.frasers.com/supplier/pieces-d-autos-marc-laroche-inc-16693462978?type=B</p> <p>Dany Marchand, Marketing VP Of Marchand Furniture, Electronics and Home Décor</p> <p>Dr. Denis Brouillette, VP General Surgeon at Val d'Or Hospital</p> <p>Guylaine Daigle, VP Director of Finance at G4 Drilling, Chartered Accountant Related to Robert Daigle, who is Director of Operations, Mexico at G4 Drilling G4 Holding is a consortium of businesses specialized in the various fields of mineral drilling, oil drilling and drilling for the civil industry. http://www.g4holding.com/index-en.html</p> <p>Alexandre Rouleau, Administrator Former NHL player</p> <p>Genevieve Rouleau, GM Former Director of Communications and Marketing for Foreurs</p> <p>Andree Charron, Restoration Director Owner of Resto Bar L'attrait</p>
LEWISTON MAINEIACS	Lewiston Maineiacs Hockey Club Inc.	US TM Search	<p>Mark Just, CEO and Majority Owner</p> <p>Bill Schurman, President and Governor, former GM for Moncton Wildcats</p> <p>Roger Shannon, GM</p>

This is Exhibit VV referred to in the
affidavit of Brendan O'Grady

sworn before me, this 15th

day of June, 2016

[Signature]
A commissioner for taking affidavits





ANNUAL REPORT

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Lead, Develop and Promote Positive Hockey Experiences
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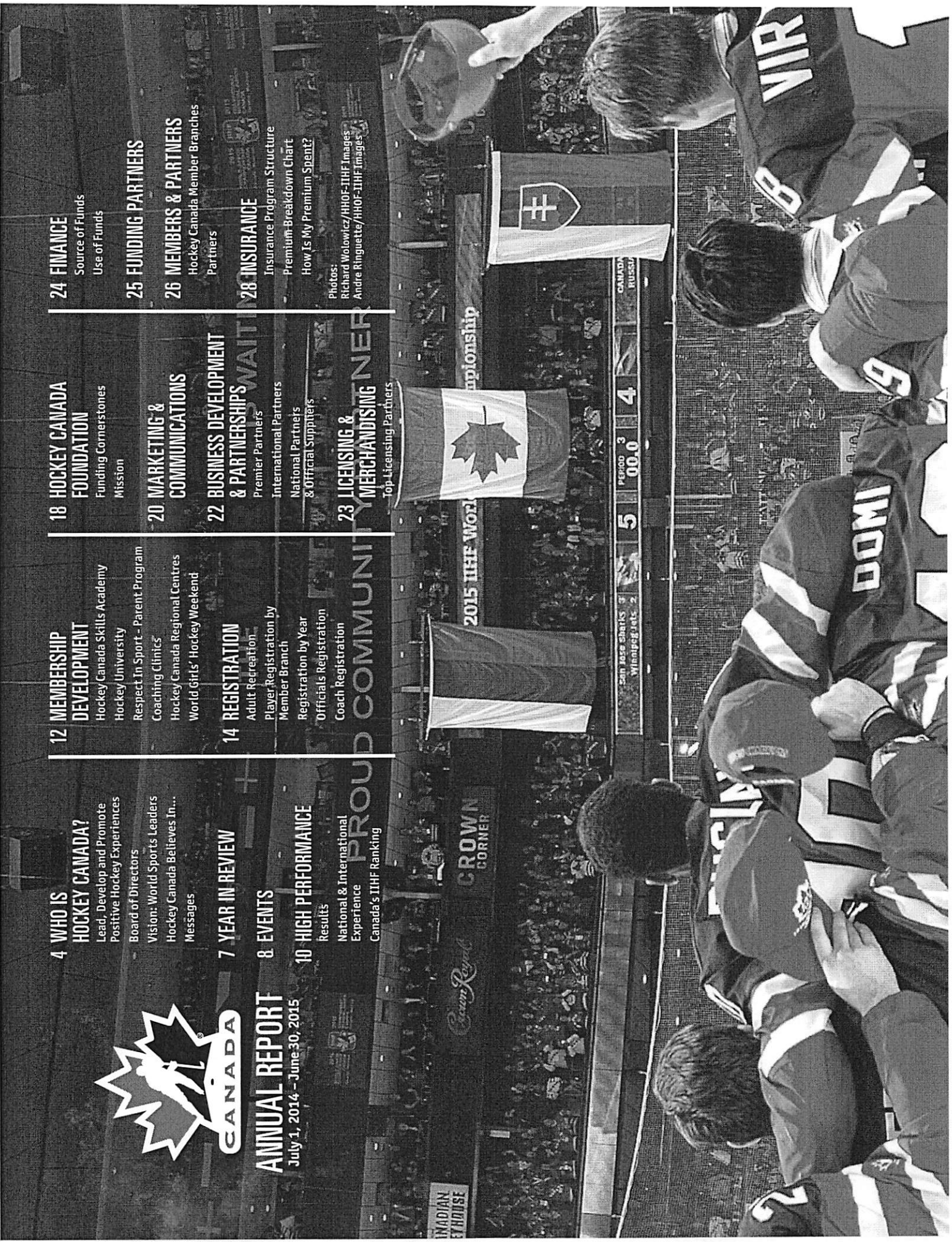
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WHO IS HOCKEY CANADA?

Hockey Canada is the national governing body for hockey across this country. The organization works in conjunction with the 13 provincial member branches and its affiliated organizations in growing the game at all levels.

Hockey Canada oversees the management of programs in Canada from entry-level to high performance teams and competitions, including world championships and the Olympic Winter Games. Hockey Canada is also Canada's voice within the International Ice Hockey Federation.

Hockey Canada has offices in Calgary and Ottawa and operates regional centres in Ontario and Quebec.

HOCKEY CANADA BELIEVES IN...

- A positive hockey experience for all participants, in a safe, sportsmanlike environment.
- The development of life skills which will benefit participants throughout their lives.
- The values of fair play and sportsmanship, including the development of respect for all people by all participants.
- Hockey opportunities for all people regardless of age, gender, colour, race, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic status, and in both official languages.
- The importance for participants to develop dignity and self-esteem.
- Instilling the values of honesty and integrity in participants at all times.
- The promotion of teamwork, and the belief that what groups and society can achieve as a whole is greater than that which can be achieved by individuals.
- The country of Canada, its tradition in the game of hockey, and the proud and successful representation of this tradition around the world.
- The value of hard work, determination, the pursuit of excellence and success in all activities.
- The benefits of personal and physical well-being.

VISION: WORLD SPORTS LEADERS

LEAD, DEVELOP AND PROMOTE POSITIVE HOCKEY EXPERIENCES

Hockey is Canada and Canada is hockey.

Whoever said those words took the pulse of a nation that has had a long and storied love affair with hockey.

Let's face it – hockey is a touchstone of Canadian life. It is Canada's national theatre and it is the chatter of the country. Hockey is more than a sport for Canadians, it is a part of the country's heart and soul.

Hockey Canada is the national guardian of this great game and Hockey Canada had a record-setting year at all levels of the game, on and off the ice.

So take a minute and read why Hockey Canada is the front-runner on so many fronts and why other sports pale in comparison when it comes to tireless volunteers and leadership.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The members of the Hockey Canada Board of Directors come from all walks of life and from all corners of this country, yet they all have one thing in common – they are custodians of the game who want nothing more than for hockey to prosper in the land of Olympic and world champions. These men and women are elected by their peers from Hockey Canada's 13 member branches and help develop a comprehensive plan to grow the game on a local and national level. The board is composed of volunteers who graciously devote their time and energy to the betterment of the game of hockey from coast to coast to coast.

MESSAGES



Joe Drago

*Chairman,
Hockey Canada Board of Directors*

One year ago at the Winter Congress, I was honoured and humbled to be elected chairman of the Hockey Canada Board of Directors, chosen to lead the most respected amateur sport organization in the world.

And as I have travelled the country over the last 12 months, visiting the biggest cities and smallest towns, I have come to truly respect the influence hockey has on the day-to-day lives of so many Canadians, and it just drives home the importance of Hockey Canada's role in continuing to develop the game.

On the ice and off, we found great success last season – including a pair of gold medals on the international stage – but we will not sit back and celebrate. We continue to seek ways to grow the game through recruitment, event management, and marketing and participant development initiatives at all ages.

And we could not do it without the never-ending support of everyone who plays a role in Canadian hockey, in our member branches and minor hockey associations, from volunteers to players, coaches and officials. Their passion makes the game run from day to day, and from coast to coast to coast.

Hockey in Canada is so much more than a game. It is a part of who we are, and keeping it that way demands our constant attention, constant creativity, and constant change.

I am excited to work with the board of directors, the staff of Hockey Canada, and Canadians from British Columbia, to Nunavut, to Newfoundland & Labrador, and I thank you for what you have done for our game, and for what you will do in the future.



Tom Renney

*President & Chief Executive Officer,
Hockey Canada*

What a year it has been for Hockey Canada, and for Canadian hockey.

From the growth of development programs, to successful national and international events on Canadian ice, to gold medals on the international stage, Canada once again showed why it is a world hockey leader.

As I said in this space one year ago, as I embarked on my first season as president and chief executive officer of Hockey Canada, I cannot help but be excited about the game.

Having the opportunity to travel to every corner of our country, and seeing how hockey impacts the everyday lives of Canadians, is something that never ceases to amaze me. This is not just a game, this is who we are as Canadians, and it energizes me to lead this organization and make hockey the best it can be.

I must convey my sincerest thank you to the hundreds of thousands of volunteers, who are the backbone of our game. Without the countless hours they give, there simply would be no hockey. We saw it at the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship, and we saw it in minor hockey associations across Canada – Canadian hockey is better because of what they do.

To the member branches and minor hockey associations across the country, thank you for your unending support. Nothing Hockey Canada does, from national and international events to skill development camps, safety initiatives and countless other programs, would be possible without your time and effort.

We are also extremely grateful for the support received from our sponsors, licensees, and funding partners, who have brought value to Hockey Canada events, making them premier sporting attractions in Canada.

This is an exciting time to be involved with hockey across our country, and I look forward to working and interacting with Canadians as we continue to grow the game to new levels, and help leave it in a better place for future generations.

Thank you, and we'll see you around the rink.





YEAR IN REVIEW

JULY Sarnia-Lambton, Ont., named host of 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge ... Doug Derraugh named head coach of Canada's National Women's Team for 2014-15 season ... Dwayne Gylywoychuk named head coach of Canada's National Women's Development Team for 2014-15 season ... Cassandra Turner named head coach of Canada's National Women's Under-18 Team for 2014-15 season ... Seven Canadians attend IIHF Women's U18 High Performance Camp in Vierumäki, Finland ... Jody Hull named head coach of Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team for U18 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup ... Tom Renney named president and CEO of Hockey Canada

AUGUST Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team wins gold medal at 2014 U18 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup in Breclav, Czech Republic and Piestany, Slovakia ... Five officials attend inaugural Hockey Canada Level V Female Officiating Seminar in Calgary, Alta. ... National Women's Development Team faces United States in three-game series in Calgary, Alta. ... Canada's National Women's Under-18 Team wins two of three games in series against United States in Calgary, Alta. ... Huntsville, Ont., named host of 2015 National Women's Under-18 Championship

SEPTEMBER Kamloops, B.C., named host of 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship ... Red Deer, Alta., named host of 2015 Esso Cup

OCTOBER St. Catharines, Ont., named host of 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship ... 34 communities from Newfoundland & Labrador to British Columbia host The Long Game as part of World Girls' Hockey Weekend ... Jeff Tomlinson named head coach of Canada's National Men's Team for 2014 Deutschland Cup ... 18 Canadian officials named to IIHF events for 2014-15 season

NOVEMBER Russia wins gold medal at 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Sarnia-Lambton, Ont. ... Canada's National Women's Team wins gold medal at 2014 4 Nations Cup in Kamloops, B.C. ... Canada's National Men's Team finishes fourth at 2014 Deutschland Cup in Munich, Germany ... Guy Boucher named head coach of Canada's National Men's Team for 2014 Spengler Cup ... Hockey Canada and Samsung unveil Drill Hub

DECEMBER Hockey Canada celebrates 100th anniversary with 96th Annual Meeting and gala evening in Ottawa, Ont. ... Leduc, Alta., named host of 2015 World Sledge Hockey Challenge ... United States wins gold at 2014 World Junior A Challenge in Kindersley, Sask. ... Canada's National Men's Team finishes fourth at 2014 Spengler Cup in Davos, Switzerland

JANUARY Canada's National Junior Team wins gold medal at 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship in Toronto, Ont., and Montreal, Que. ... Canada's National Women's Development Team wins gold medal at 2015 Nations Cup in Füssen, Germany ... Ken Babey named head coach of Canada's National Sledge Team for 2014-15 season ... Canada's National Women's Under-18 Team wins silver medal at 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship in Buffalo, N.Y.

FEBRUARY Canada's National Sledge Team wins bronze medal at 2015 World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alta. ... Toronto, Ont., named host of 2015 Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic ... Jim Gregory, Pat Quinn and Serge Savard named Distinguished Honourees of the Order of Hockey in Canada ... Quebec wins women's hockey gold medal at 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George, B.C. ... Program of Excellence management group named for 2015-16 season

MARCH Ontario wins men's hockey gold medal at 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George, B.C. ... Canada's National Sledge Development Team faces United States in three-game series in Calgary, Alta. ... Dave Lowry named head coach of Canada's National Junior Team for 2015-16 season ... Kelly McCrimmon named head coach of Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team for U18 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup ... Canada's National Sledge Team faces United States in three-game series in Indian Trail, N.C. ... Tim Hunter named head coach of Canada's National Men's Under-18 Team for 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

APRIL Canada's National Women's Team wins silver medal at 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship in Malmö, Sweden ... Jim Nill named general manager of Canada's National Men's Team for 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship ... Riley Wiwchar named general manager of 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship ... Todd McLellan named head coach of Canada's National Men's Team for 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship ... South East Prairie Thunder win 2015 Allan Cup in Clarendville, N.L. ... Sudbury Lady Wolves win 2015 Esso Cup in Red Deer, Alta. ... Canada's National Men's Under-18 Team wins bronze medal at 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship in Zug and Lucerne, Switzerland ... Toronto Young Nationals win 2015 TELUS Cup in Rivière-du-Loup, Que. ... Denis Hainault named executive director of 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship ... Canada's National Sledge Development Team wins one of three games in series against United States in Amherst, N.Y.

MAY Canada's National Sledge Team wins silver medal at 2015 IPC Sledge Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, N.Y. ... Canada's National Men's Team wins gold medal at 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Prague and Ostrava, Czech Republic ... Portage Terriers win 2015 RBC Cup in Portage la Prairie, Man. ... Kris Knoblauch, Jamie Kompon and Marco Pietroniro named head coaches of Canada's national under-17 teams for 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge ... Quispamsis, N.B., named host of 2016 TELUS Cup ... Ed Wahl of Scarborough, Ont., wins Outstanding Volunteer Award at Hockey Canada national awards banquet in Toronto, Ont.

JUNE Canada's National Junior Team and Canada's National Men's Team honoured for world championship victories at Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic in Toronto, Ont. ... Laura Schuler named head coach of Canada's National Women's Team for 2015-16 season ... Dwayne Gylywoychuk named head coach of Canada's National Women's Development Team for 2015-16 season ... Lisa Haley named head coach of Canada's National Women's Under-18 Team for 2015-16 season ... Doug Armstrong named general manager of Canada's National Men's Team for 2016 World Cup of Hockey ... Stan Butler named head coach of Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team for U18 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup ... Dawson Creek and Fort St. John, B.C., named hosts of 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge

EVENTS

The profile of national and international events hosted in Canada by Hockey Canada continues to grow. During the 2014-15 season, more than 112,000 fans bought tickets and saw games live and in person, another 1.1 million watched on TSN/RDS, the official broadcasters of Hockey Canada, and more than 153,000 logged on to free FASTHockey webcasts. Five provinces – from Quebec in the east to Alberta in the west – hosted tournaments, and teams and players from all 10 provinces participated, allowing Hockey Canada events to reach from coast to coast to coast for yet another season, and giving hundreds of players the chance to represent their hometown, province and country in front of the most passionate hockey fans in the world.



NOV. 2-8, 2014 SARNIA-LAMBTON, ONT.		NOV. 4-8, 2014 KAMLOOPS, B.C.		DEC. 14-20, 2014 KINDERSLEY, SASK.		FEB. 1-7, 2015 LEDUC, ALTA.		APRIL 13-18, 2015 CLARENVILLE, N.L.		APRIL 19-25, 2015 RED DEER, ALTA.		APRIL 20-26, 2015 RIVIÈRE-DU-LOUP, QUE.		MAY 9-17, 2015 PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.	
GOLD Russia		GOLD Canada		GOLD United States		GOLD United States		CHAMPIONS South East Prairie Thunder		GOLD Sudbury Lady Wolves		GOLD Toronto Young Nationals		CHAMPIONS Portage Terriers	
SILVER United States		SILVER United States		SILVER Denmark		SILVER Russia		RUNNERS-UP Bentley Generals		SILVER Red Deer Chiefs		SILVER Grenadiers de Châteauguay		RUNNERS-UP Carleton Place Canadians	
BRONZE Sweden		BRONZE Sweden		BRONZE Russia		BRONZE Canada				BRONZE Saskatoon Stars		BRONZE Regina Pat Canadians			
8 TEAMS	22 GAMES	4 TEAMS	10 GAMES	6 TEAMS	13 GAMES	4 TEAMS	10 GAMES	6 TEAMS	11 GAMES	6 TEAMS	19 GAMES	6 TEAMS	19 GAMES	5 TEAMS	13 GAMES
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33,414 FASTHOCKEY	216 VOLUNTEERS	N/A FASTHOCKEY	211 VOLUNTEERS	29,716 FASTHOCKEY	150 VOLUNTEERS	5,334 FASTHOCKEY	93 VOLUNTEERS	— FASTHOCKEY	— VOLUNTEERS	13,987 FASTHOCKEY	176 VOLUNTEERS	30,953 FASTHOCKEY	113 VOLUNTEERS	40,543 FASTHOCKEY	230 VOLUNTEERS
139,000 TSN	24,720 ATTENDANCE	472,000 TSN	22,733 ATTENDANCE	145,000 TSN	11,927 ATTENDANCE	45,000 TSN	5,135 ATTENDANCE	— TSN	— ATTENDANCE	13,700 TSN	6,044 ATTENDANCE	8,900 TSN	22,562 ATTENDANCE	180,000 TSN	19,220 ATTENDANCE





HIGH PERFORMANCE

Canada's long-standing tradition of international success continued during the 2014-15 season; national teams brought home medals from each of the six IIHF and IPC world championships they competed in, reaching the gold medal game at five and winning a pair of world titles – ending gold medal droughts at the IIHF World Junior Championship and IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Canada's 13 member branches and more than 3,500 minor hockey associations continued to produce not only great athletes, but tremendous ambassadors for our nation's game, giving Canadians from coast to coast to coast reasons to be proud both on and off the ice.

RESULTS

EVENT	RESULT	RECORD	GF	GA
2014 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup (National Men's Summer U18 Team)	gold medal	5-0	32	10
National Women's Under-18 Team vs. United States	—	2-1	9	8
National Women's Development Team vs. United States	—	0-3	3	11
2014 4 Nations Cup (National Women's Team)	gold medal	4-0	11	5
2014 Deutschland Cup (National Men's Team)	fourth place	1-2	6	8
2014 Spengler Cup (National Men's Team)	fourth place	2-2	14	11
2015 IIHF World Junior Championship	gold medal	7-0	39	9
2015 Nations Cup (National Women's Development Team)	gold medal	3-0	13	2
2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship	silver medal	3-2	16	9
2015 World Sledge Hockey Challenge	bronze medal	3-2	15	5
National Sledge Development Team vs. United States	—	1-5	8	18
National Sledge Team vs. United States	—	0-3	1	7
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship	silver medal	3-2	20	13
2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship	bronze medal	6-1	33	23
2015 IPC Sledge Hockey World Championship	silver medal	4-1	27	5
2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship	gold medal	10-0	66	15
TOTAL	5G 3S 2B	54-24	313	159

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

NATIONAL MEN'S TEAM - IIHF WORLD RANKING - 1ST

	WORLD U17 HOCKEY CHALLENGE OR CWG	SUMMER U18 TEAM (S) OR U18 WORLDS (W)	IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
Brent Burns (D)	—	—	2004	2008, 2010, 2011, 2015	—
Sean Couturier (F)	2008, 2009	2009(S)	2011	2015	—
Sidney Crosby (F)	2003	2003(S)	2004, 2005	2006, 2015	2010, 2014
Matt Duchene (F)	2008	2008(W), 2008(S)	—	2010, 2011, 2013, 2015	2014
Cody Eakin (F)	—	2008(S), 2009(W)	2011	2015	—
Jordan Eberle (F)	2007	2007(S), 2008(W)	2009, 2010	2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015	—
Aaron Ekblad (D)	2012, 2013	2013(S)	2014	2015	—
Tyler Ennis (F)	2006	2006(S)	2009	2015	—
Claude Giroux (F)	—	—	2008	2013, 2015	—
Taylor Hall (F)	2008	2008(W), 2008(S)	2010	2013, 2015	—
Dan Hamhuis (D)	1999	—	2001, 2002	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2015	2014
Martin Jones (G)	2007	—	2010	2015	—
Nathan MacKinnon (F)	2011, 2011, 2012	2012(S)	2013	2014, 2015	—
Jake Muzzin (D)	—	—	—	2015	—
Ryan O'Reilly (F)	2008	2008(S), 2009(W)	—	2012, 2013, 2015	—
David Savard (D)	—	—	—	2015	—
Brayden Schenn (F)	2007, 2008	2008(W), 2008(S)	2010, 2011	2014, 2015	—
Tyler Seguin (F)	2009	2009(S)	—	2015	—
Mike Smith (G)	—	—	—	2013, 2015	2014
Jason Spezza (F)	—	—	2000, 2001, 2002	2008, 2009, 2011, 2015	—
Tyler Toffoli (F)	2009	2009(S)	—	2015	—
Patrick Wiercioch (D)	—	—	—	2015	—
PLAYERS/APPEARANCES	15/20	13/19	15/21	23/49	4/5

NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM - IIHF WORLD RANKING - 1ST

	U18 NATIONALS (N) November (J) January OR CWG	U18 TEAM U.S. SERIES OR WORLDS	DEVELOPMENT TEAM U.S. SERIES OR JANUARY EVENT	IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
Courtney Birchard (D)	2005(N), 2007	—	2008, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011	2012, 2013, 2015	—
Bailey Bram (F)	2007	2007, 2008	2008, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012	2012, 2013, 2015	—
Jessica Campbell (F)	2007, 2008, 2009	2008, 2009, 2009, 2010	2010, 2011, 2012, 2012, 2013	2015	—
Emily Clark (F)	2011, 2011, 2012	2011, 2012, 2012, 2013	2014, 2015	2015	—
Sarah Davis (F)	2007, 2007, 2008, 2009	2009, 2010	2011, 2012, 2015	2015	—
Ann-Renée Desbiens (G)	2009, 2011, 2011	2010, 2011	2012, 2014, 2015	2015	—
Laura Fortino (D)	2007, 2008	2008, 2008, 2009	2010, 2011	2012, 2013, 2015	2014
Brianne Jenner (F)	2005(N), 2007, 2007, 2008	2007, 2008, 2008, 2009	2010, 2010, 2012	2012, 2013, 2015	2014
Rebecca Johnston (F)	2005(N), 2007	—	2006, 2007, 2007, 2008, 2008, 2009	2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015	2010, 2014
Halli Krzyzaniak (D)	2011, 2011, 2012	2011, 2012, 2012, 2013	2014, 2015	2015	—
Geneviève Lacasse (G)	—	—	2010, 2011, 2012, 2013	2012, 2013, 2015	2014
Brigitte Lacquette (D)	2008	2008, 2009, 2009, 2010	2012, 2012, 2013	2015	—
Jocelyne Larocque (D)	2005(J), 2005(N)	—	2006, 2006, 2007, 2007, 2008, 2008, 2009	2011, 2012, 2013, 2015	2014
Emerance Maschmeyer (G)	2011, 2011	2011, 2012	2012, 2014, 2015	2015	—
Caroline Ouellette (F)	1995	—	1998	1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015	2002, 2006, 2010, 2014
Marie-Philip Poulin (F)	2005(N), 2007, 2007, 2008	2007, 2008, 2008, 2009	2010, 2012, 2013	2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015	2010, 2014
Jamie Lee Rattray (F)	2007, 2008, 2009	2008, 2009, 2009, 2010	2012, 2012, 2013	2015	—
Lauriane Rougeau (D)	2005(N), 2007, 2007	2007, 2008	2008, 2009, 2010, 2010, 2011	2012, 2013, 2015	2014
Jillian Saulnier (F)	2007, 2008, 2009	2008, 2009, 2009, 2010	2010, 2011, 2012, 2012, 2013	2015	—
Natalie Spooner (F)	2005(N), 2007, 2007	2007, 2008	2008, 2009, 2010, 2010, 2011	2011, 2012, 2013, 2015	2014
Kelly Terry (F)	2008, 2009	2009, 2010	2012, 2013, 2015	2015	—
Jennifer Wakefield (F)	2005(J), 2005(N), 2007	—	2007, 2008, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2010	2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015	2014
Tara Watchorn (D)	2005(N), 2007, 2007	2007, 2008	2010, 2010, 2011, 2012	2011, 2015	2014
PLAYERS/APPEARANCES	22/57	17/51	23/89	23/67	11/16



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Every season, hundreds of thousands of Canadians – players, coaches, officials and trainers – are involved in Canada’s game in more than 3,500 minor hockey associations, and every single one of them are affected by Hockey Canada’s development system. From skills camps for players, to Hockey Canada Officiating Program, Hockey Canada Safety Program, and so many more, Hockey Canada’s development programs continue to evolve, continue to develop future stars, and continue to be the envy of the hockey world. Ultimately, the overall goal is to promote positive hockey experiences for all, while remaining a world hockey leader.

HOCKEY CANADA SKILLS ACADEMY

The Hockey Canada Skills Academy program celebrated its 12th anniversary in 2014/2015. There are now academies in 12 of 13 Hockey Canada member branches, and in every corner of the country.














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37	17	4	27	1	1	TOTAL 217

* The Hockey Quebec Sports School/Skills Academy model has been in place for more than 20 years in the Quebec school system. Along with the Hockey Quebec ‘Sport Etude’ and ‘Midget Espoir’ programs, Hockey Canada Skills Academy programs continue to demonstrate an excellent example of academic and athletic pursuits within the school system.



HOCKEY UNIVERSITY

More than 36,000 Canadians used Hockey Canada's online Hockey University, the premier online resource for hockey education in Canada, during the 2014/2015 season.

	Coaching	Officiating	Safety	Total Users
	1,356	1,578	1,634	4,568
	1,611	2,848	2,194	6,653
	1,321	2,049	630	4,000
	1,181	1,139	440	2,760
	18	0	5	23
	140	146	0	286
	2,961	1,688	57	4,706
	1,303	1,436	0	2,739
	3,561	1,066	1,333	5,960
	744	442	303	1489
	204	389	258	851
	652	322	1,019	1993
	38	258	89	385
TOTAL	15,090	13,361	7,962	36,413

HOCKEY CANADA REGIONAL CENTRES

In the 2014/2015 season, Hockey Canada Regional Centre's in Quebec and Ontario ran skills camps and skills testing for thousands of kids across each province.

Skills Camps & Combines	Participants
55	3,700

RESPECT IN SPORT - PARENT PROGRAM

More than 90,000 parents completed Respect in Sport Parent Program during the 2014/2015 season. Parents were surveyed on what they gained from completing the online program with the results being overwhelmingly positive.

STATEMENTS	PARENTS IN AGREEMENT
Useful information	87.2%
Simple and easy to understand	95.0%
Convenient method of online delivery	89.7%
Makes you a more child-centered sport parent	97.4%
More confident to ensure a safe sports environment	93.3%
More confident to set realistic expectations	94.1%
More confident to interact positively with others	93.4%
Would recommend this program for other parents	94.2%

COACHING CLINICS

Over 1700 coaching clinics were conducted across the nation by Hockey Canada's 13 member branches.

COACHING CLINIC	CLINICS HELD
Coach 1 - Intro to Coaching	320
Coach 2 - Coach Level	500
Development 1	259
Development 2	9
High Performance 1	21
Instructional Stream	500
Professional Development	150
TOTAL	1,759












WORLD GIRLS' HOCKEY WEEKEND

As part of the fifth annual World Girls' Hockey Weekend, Hockey Canada's membership staged The Long Game, featuring continuous games ranging from Atom to Senior and running from the east coast to the west coast.

	Atom Red	Atom White	Peewee Red	Peewee White	Bantam Red	Bantam White	Midget Red	Midget White	Senior Red	Senior White
TOTAL	42	61	30	37	38	23	32	32	44	46

The Long Game included 108 teams in 54 games (approximately 1650 players) in 37 communities. Over 500 coaches, officials and volunteers made the event possible over the 18-hour span.

Other events through World Girls' Hockey Weekend were hosted from coast to coast to coast, ranging from small family parties to large tournaments within the member branches:

	# of Events	LG Events		# of Events	LG Events
	24	5		5	5
	—	4		10	5
	5	5		8	5
	—	4		6	5
	4	5		5	5
	4	5	TOTAL	71	53
















15,000 patches and certificates were sent out to participants all around the country in recognition and appreciation of their contributions to the annual celebration.



REGISTRATION

Involvement in adult recreational hockey has increased dramatically; Hockey Canada and its members are in year four of a five-year partnership with Canlan Ice Sports/Adult Safe Hockey Network, and more than 103,000 players were registered for the 2014-15 season, up from 12,000 in 2010-11. This surpasses the goal to reach 100,000 registrants by 2014-15. Hockey Canada and Canlan continue to work on a recruitment plan, which is implemented annually to increase membership across the country, with positive evidence of growth already seen in a number of member branches without Canlan facilities. The future of adult recreational hockey is an exciting one, and Hockey Canada is looking forward to continued growth in this segment of its membership.

ADULT RECREATION

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HOCKEY CANADA FOUNDATION

The Hockey Canada Foundation, along with its sister organization, the Canadian Hockey Foundation U.S., provides a source of secure, sustainable, long-term funding to support the future development and delivery of Hockey Canada programs, projects and activities. Working with Hockey Canada, the Hockey Canada Foundation raises funds through a number of events it hosts throughout the year, highlighted by its flagship fundraiser, the Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic gala and golf tournament. The Foundation puts funds to work, in partnership with Hockey Canada and its 13 member branches, to help ensure Canada remains at the forefront in the development and promotion of amateur hockey.



FUNDING CORNERSTONES

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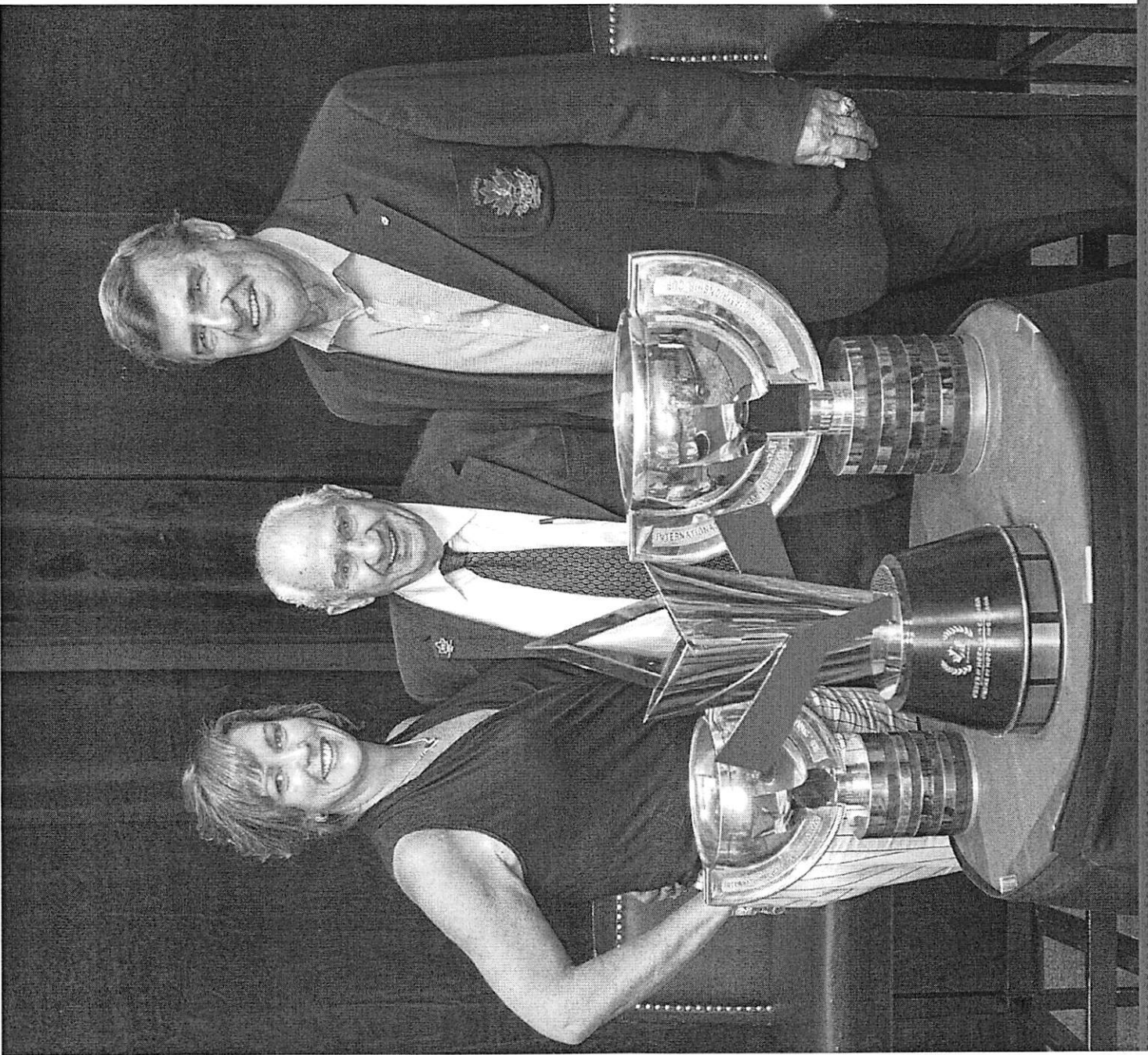
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MISSION

Creating and fostering greater accessibility to the game

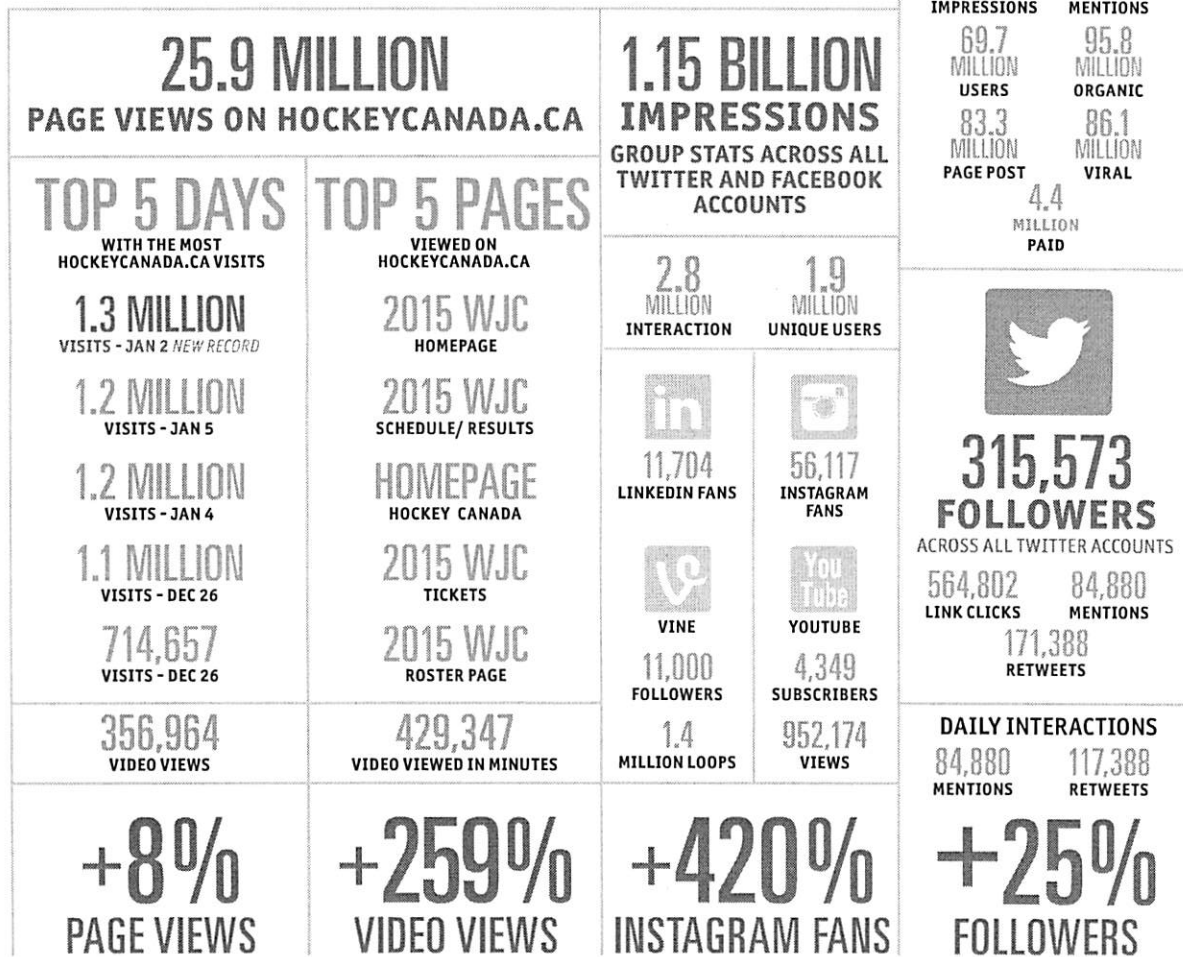
EVENT	FUNDS RAISED
2015 Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic	\$702,000
eBay Jersey Auctions (IIHF World Junior Championship, IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship, IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship)	\$149,000
Going Fore Gold Golf Tournament	\$98,000
TCAA Charity Golf Tournament	\$36,000
TCAA Fantasy Games	\$16,000
TOTAL	\$1,001,000

GRANTS	AMOUNT
Canucks for Kids Fund (2014 HCF gala legacy)	\$343,000
The Big Play – HCF & Jumpstart	\$250,000
The First Shift – Bauer	\$54,000
KidSport Calgary (2013 HCF gala legacy)	\$50,000
Comrie's Sports Equipment Bank	\$40,000
IIHF World Junior Championship (development programming)	\$40,000
Dreams Come True – Richmond, B.C. & Rivière-du-Loup, Que. (equipment and registration fees)	\$40,000
Grassroots Initiatives	\$30,000
1993-94 National Junior Team Reunion	\$26,000
Aboriginal and Inner-City Youth Programming	\$20,000
World Girls' Hockey Weekend	\$25,000
Floorball	\$15,000
Sips, Sticks & Stilettos (Edmonton Girls Hockey Association)	\$13,000
True North Foundation Hockey Academy	\$10,000
Caroline Ouellette Girls Hockey Celebration	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$959,000



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

This is the age of up-to-the-second information, and Hockey Canada's communications platforms strive to meet that need. Whether it's the date and location of the next Hockey Canada Skills Camp, the gold medal game match-up at the TELUS Cup, or who has been chosen to wear the 'C' for Canada's National Women's Team, Hockey Canada's external communications strategy uses a variety of platforms to share information and messaging, including HockeyCanada.ca, social media and more than 150 news releases a year. Never has Hockey Canada's social presence been greater, with hundreds of thousands of fans checking out Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for the latest news and behind-the-scenes updates from Canada's national teams, and national and international events across the country and around the world.





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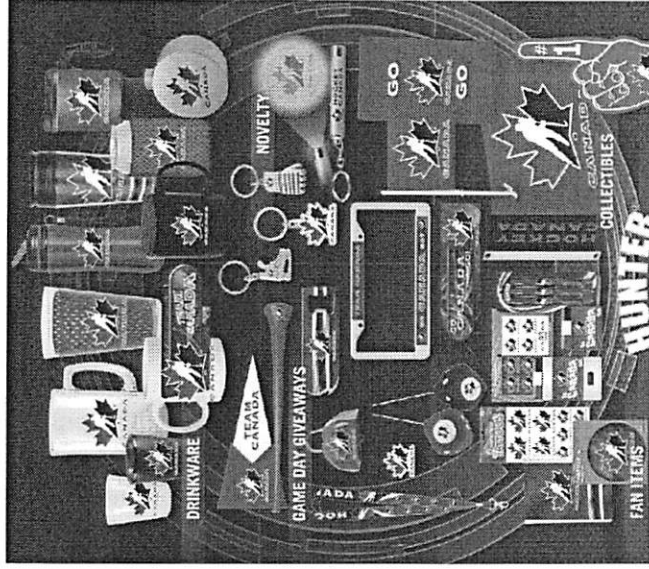


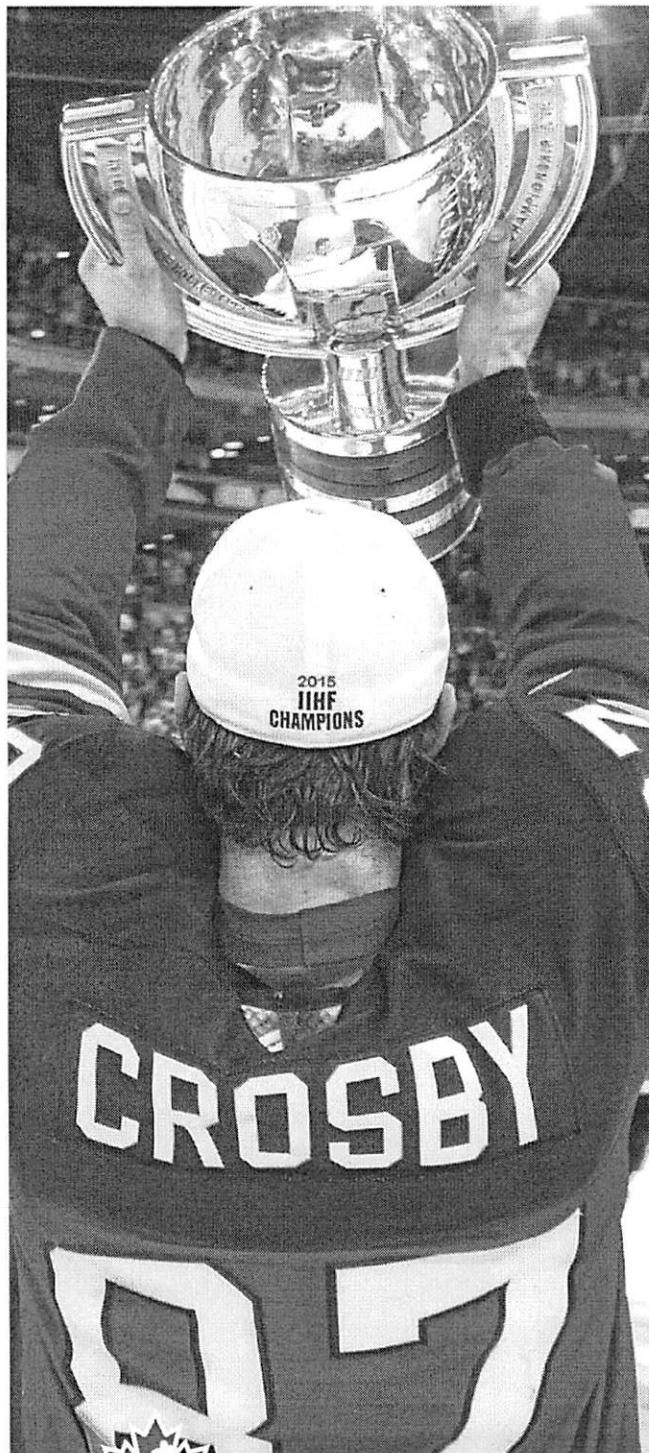
The 2014-15 season saw 29 leading consumer brands promote their association with Hockey Canada, reinforcing the strength and value of the Hockey Canada brand. Through national consumer promotions, grassroots programs, advertising, contesting, employee engagement and experiential activations, partners delivered outstanding Hockey Canada experiences across the country. Key initiatives included RBC Learn to Skate and the RBC Road to the World Juniors; TELUS #AllHeartCanada; Esso Medals of Achievement; Nike Speedhouse; Canadian Tire's "The Big Play," in association with the Hockey Canada Foundation; Bauer First Shift; McDonald's atoMc and World Junior Fan Zone program; the Chevrolet Helmet program; Kraft Celebrating Canada's Best; Molson Canadian commemorative cans; Gatorade/SportChek on-pack promotion; Samsung Empowering the Future of Hockey; Boston Pizza Design-A-Mask; and Timber Mart Sharp Shooter. TELUS, Canadian Tire and Samsung were also founding sponsors of the Hockey Canada Century Tour, helping to celebrate 100 years of Hockey Canada and recognize the volunteers that are the backbone of Canada's game.

LICENSING & MERCHANDISING

The 2014-15 season celebrated Hockey Canada's centennial anniversary, and a special-edition jersey was developed by Nike to commemorate the milestone. With the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship hosted in Canada, the centennial jersey was the 'must-have' for Team Canada fans. A broad array of officially-licensed anniversary products were created to support the anniversary and the event. Hockey Canada was privileged to partner with more than 45 licensees, who supported the retail trade with high quality items across 14 primary product categories - apparel, collectibles, cresting, electronics and accessories, equipment, eyewear, footwear, headwear, household products, luggage, media, novelties, timepieces and jewelry, and toys and games. The retail partnership with the CTC group, including Canadian Tire, Sport Chek, Pro Hockey Life, National Sports, and Sports Experts, provided unprecedented retail offerings for Canadians.

TOP LICENSING PARTNERS

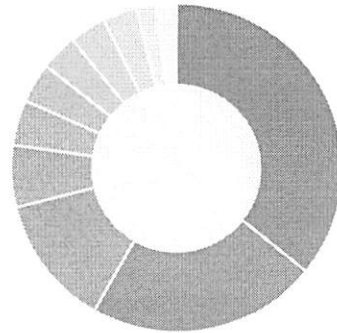




FINANCE

Hockey Canada continues to operate on strong financial footing. The fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 was a successful one, highlighted by the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship, which was co-hosted by Toronto and Montreal. Funds generated from this event will not only benefit grassroots hockey programs in Ontario and Quebec, but all 13 of Hockey Canada's member branches. Corporate partners continue to provide solid financial support to Hockey Canada's high performance and development programs, as well as helping to grow the Hockey Canada brand globally. Hockey Canada continues to maintain strong partnerships at both the federal and provincials levels of government; its programs will benefit from a four-year funding window from the federal government, as well as the Own the Podium, directed at Canada's Olympic athletes.

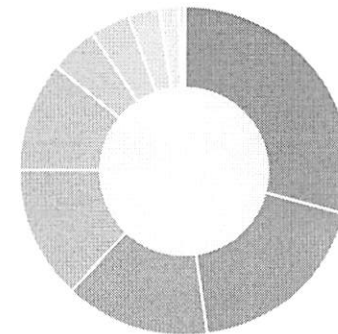
SOURCE OF FUNDS



36.1% International Event Hosting
 22.4% Marketing Services
 12.7% Insurance Premiums
 6.1% Events
 4.4% Goods & Services
 4.0% High Performance

3.6% Fitness & Amateur Sports
 3.5% Member Branch Assessments
 3.5% Interest & Other
 2.0% Funding Agencies
 1.7% Other

USE OF FUNDS



29.3% International Event Hosting
 18.6% General Operations
 14.2% High Performance
 13.1% Insurance Costs
 10.7% Events

4.8% Development Programs
 3.8% Member Services
 3.1% Marketing Services
 1.9% Technology
 0.4% Other

Percentage breakdown includes revenue and expenses from the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship.

FUNDING PARTNERS

On an annual basis, Hockey Canada benefits from its relationship with its funding partners. These agencies generously fund Hockey Canada to help the organization realize its goals in developing the game of hockey across the country and internationally, whether it is through programs like Own the Podium, which enhances the chances of Hockey Canada having success at the Olympic Winter Games, or by aiding the development of players, coaches and officials at the local, provincial and national levels.

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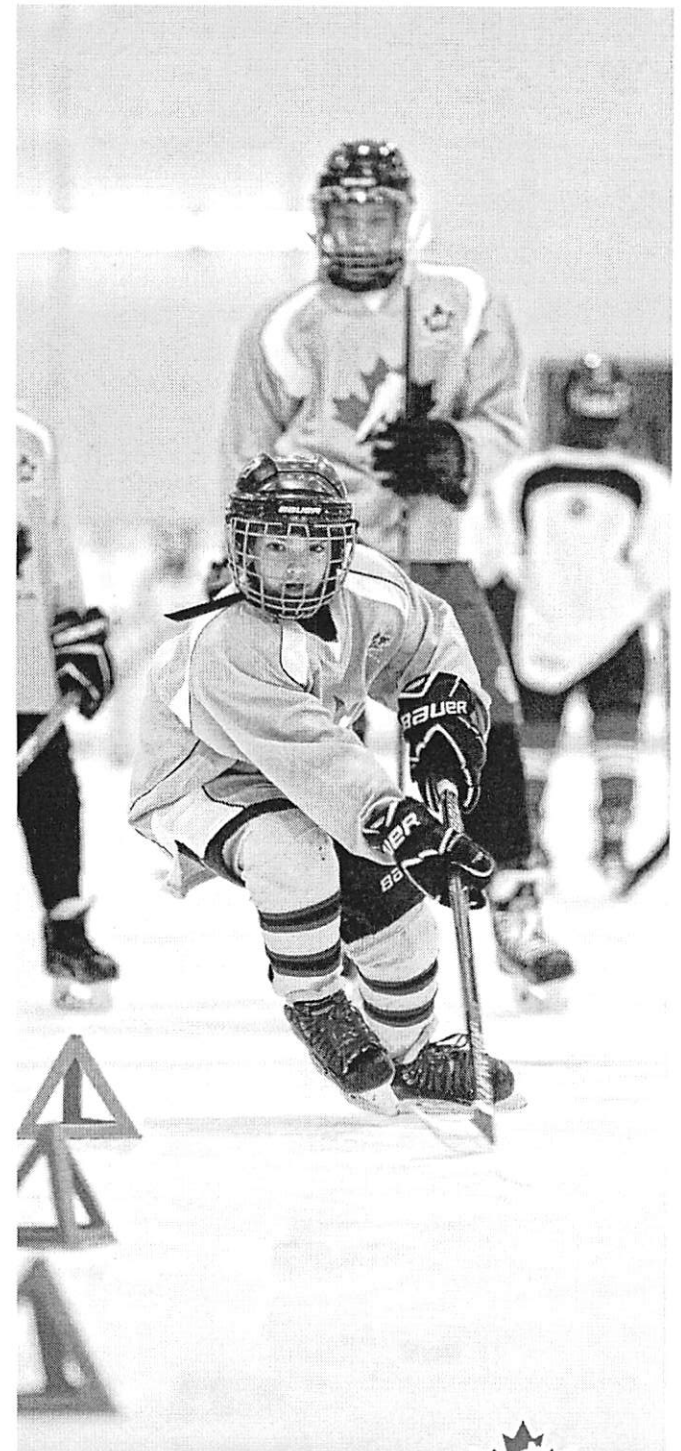


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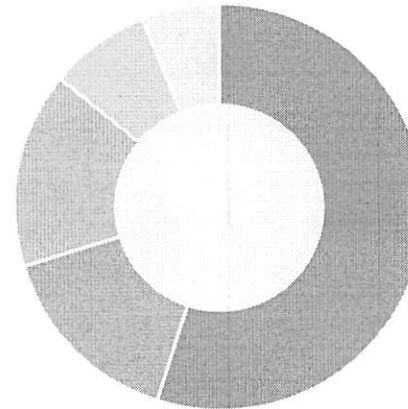
INSURANCE

One of the benefits of being a member of Hockey Canada is knowing that an exceptional insurance program has been built with the needs of its members in mind. It involves good financial management, so funds are in place to meet claims obligations when they fall due, and includes establishing control mechanisms, so only genuine claims are reimbursed. With the help of all those involved with our game, Hockey Canada incorporates risk control and safety management, which is key to keeping our game safe and keeping our insurance program strong.

INSURANCE PROGRAM STRUCTURE



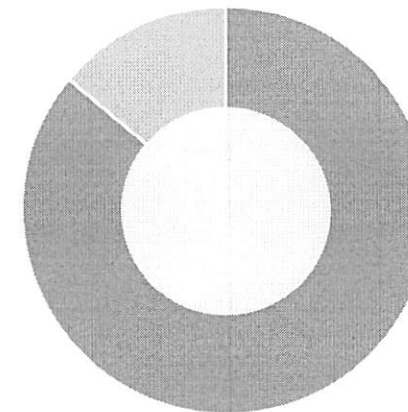
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8.0%	\$1.25	Accidental Medical/Dental
6.0%	\$1.00	Risk Management \$0.50 stays with your member branch

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HOW IS MY PREMIUM SPENT?



86.2%	Claims
13.8%	Administration





Tullio buys into OHL

Windsor businessman and land developer Rocco Tullio fulfilled a dream Thursday.

BY THE WINDSOR STAR SEPTEMBER 7, 2007



Windsor businessman and land developer Rocco Tullio fulfilled a dream Thursday.

The 42-year-old announced his purchase of a 50 per cent stake in the Ontario Hockey League's Oshawa Generals.

"When you're a kid, you always dream about playing or owning," said Tullio, who owns three Lifestyle Family Fitness Centres and Rock Developments.

A lifelong fan of the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks, Tullio explored buying the Spitfires before Bob Boughner, Warren Rychel and Pete Dobrich bought the team from Riolo in 2006.

He also showed interest in the Plymouth Whalers and the IceDogs, who moved from Mississauga to St. Catharines this year.

"We'd looked at other teams, but it's always a timing thing," Tullio said.

The timing became right last month when Tullio phoned Generals owner John Davies.

Davies had purchased the team in 2004 and seen it through to its new home at the 5,400-seat General Motors Place where the club has committed to play for the next two decades. "It was just timing," Tullio said. "I called him up and said, 'This is going to sound like a strange call, but are you interested in selling.'"

The two continued to talk and eventually agreed to become partners in the ownership. The entire deal took less than four weeks to complete.

"It's been an exciting four weeks," Tullio said. "John Davies is also a developer and this allows him to wind down and take some of the pressure off. It'll reduce some of his work load."

Tullio would not disclose the cost for him to buy into the Generals, but said it would be in line with recent sales of other teams. That would put his involvement in excess of \$4 million.

"Teams are so expensive," Tullio said.

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But this is also a business venture. Tullio has business dealings from Windsor to Toronto and his ownership of the Generals will enhance his business contacts.

"I'm hoping it opens some doors," Tullio said.

A business marketing graduate of St. Clair College, the Assumption high school product got into development early. He bought property near the university when he was young and turned it over for profit and continued to build on it.

"I've made money from nothing but good family support and hard work," Tullio said.

His wife Danielle was at his side for Thursday's announcement along with daughters Teagan, 10, Tori, 8, and son Ty, 5, who was sporting a John Tavares jersey.

"I haven't met him yet," Tullio said of the Generals' superstar who is expected to be the first pick in the 2009 NHL Draft.

New to the game, Tullio plans to take it slow and learn the inside workings of the club before getting too hands on.

"For a year or year and a half, I'll listen and watch before I run, which will be unusual for me," Tullio said.

His official purchase of the club must be approved by the league's board of governors in November before it becomes official, but Boughner, who is the Spitfires' president and co-owner, said his club is behind the deal.

SPITS SUPPORT

"Our vote will be yes," said Boughner, who attended Thursday's announcement. "He'll be great for our league.

"I've known Rocco a long time and his business mind will be a fresh approach for a lot of guys in the OHL."

While he takes on new ownership, Tullio doesn't plan to cut his ties with the Spitfires.

The club entered into an agreement to train at Tullio's Lifestyle Family Fitness Centres this year.

Tullio is also a season ticket holder for the Spitfires and plans to buy a suite in the team's new rink when it opens next season.

"Bob Boughner's been a good friend for a long time," said Tullio, who plays pickup hockey with Boughner Thursdays.

"We've grown close over the years and it's exciting to be in the OHL fraternity and have a friend on your side. I know he's always a phone call away."

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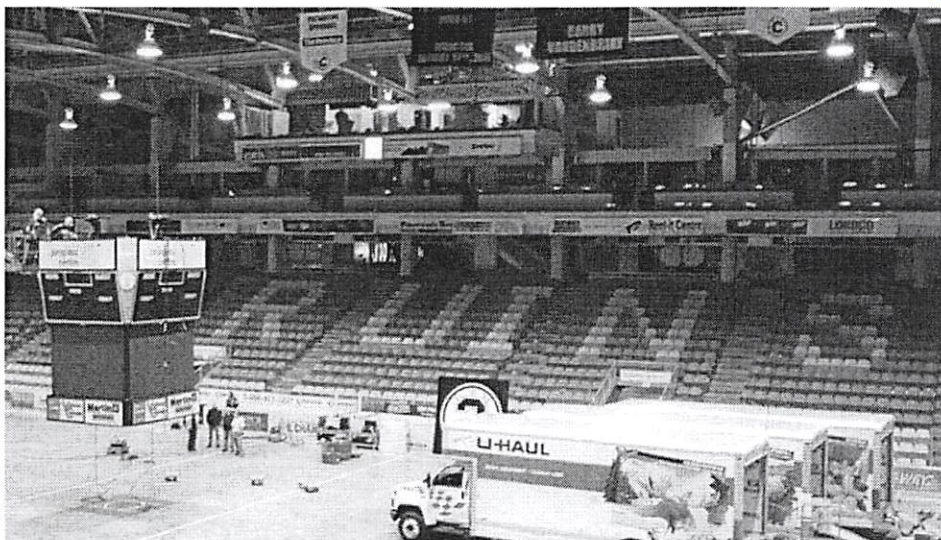
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NEWS

WHL tries to explain Bruins move



Work crews start to move out property belonging to the Chilliwack Bruins at Prospera Centre Wednesday morning. The team is moving to Victoria. — Image Credit: Jeff Bennett

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by Staff Writer - Chilliwack Progress posted Apr 20, 2011 at 12:00 PM — updated Apr 20, 2011 at 1:18 PM

The announcement has been made and it is now official.

The Chilliwack Bruins are no more.

The Western Hockey League and Victoria's RG Properties held a joint news conference in Victoria this morning, all smiles as they talked about the return of major junior hockey to B.C.'s capital city.

An hour later, the league sent out a not-too-comforting press-release explaining their decision to rip a team out of a viable market that they were excited to get into just five years ago.

"In February of 2009, as part of its strategic plan, the Western Hockey League board of governors made a decision to actively pursue securing a franchise for the Victoria market," the release read. "At that time, the WHL board of governors were advised that should a franchise become available for sale, the WHL may elect to relocate the club to Victoria. Although expanding the league beyond 22 teams was not ruled out, the preference was to relocate an existing team."

The league claims expansion was kept off the table, with a desire to avoid diluting the talent level and keep the WHL competitive with the Ontario (OHL) and Quebec (QMJHL) leagues.

The press release then set about pointing the finger of blame at the American Hockey League and Bruins co-owners Moray Keith and Jim Bond.

"Since 2006, the year the Chilliwack Bruins began operations, the geographical market has changed dramatically," it said. "With new arenas in Abbotsford and Langley and the arrival of the American Hockey League in Abbotsford, it became obvious to the Bruins ownership group that the franchise needed to be restructured from a medium size model to a small market size model."

Keith and Bond own and run Prospera Centre under the Chiefs Development Group banner, and the claim is that they refused to renegotiate a lease that would mirror those held by other small-market privately owned WHL teams.

"On Jan. 13 of this year, the Chilliwack Bruins Limited Partnership (consisting of co-owners Brian Burke, Glen Sather, Darryl Porter, Keith and Bond) held a meeting of their ownership group and agreed with the WHL to sell its franchise for the purpose of relocating the club to Victoria," the release continued. "Provided the terms of the sale met the conditions by the Chilliwack Bruins Limited Partnership, the partners agreed no other offers would be considered. The sale would be subject to board of governors approval and all parties associated with the transaction were bound by a confidentiality agreement."

That statement flies in the face of public statements by Keith that he and Bond had tendered an offer to buy the Bruins and keep them in Chilliwack.

"We cannot stress enough that we feel terrible for all our loyal fans, our business staff, sponsors, volunteers and billet families," said Bruins president Darryl Porter. "The loyalty showed to us by all of these groups was tremendous. We do believe that Chilliwack is a strong WHL small market location but only with the proper lease agreement in place. Over a two year period we repeatedly requested this support from both the Chiefs Development Group and the City of Chilliwack. Our pleas were rejected."

With many local fans still clinging to the hope that another franchise will relocate to Chilliwack, WHL commissioner Ron Robison added one final thought.

"We believe that under the right conditions Chilliwack can be a viable WHL market," he said. "We intend to give full consideration to returning should relocation occur in the future."

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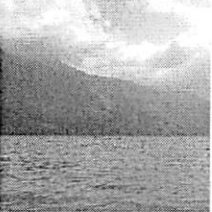
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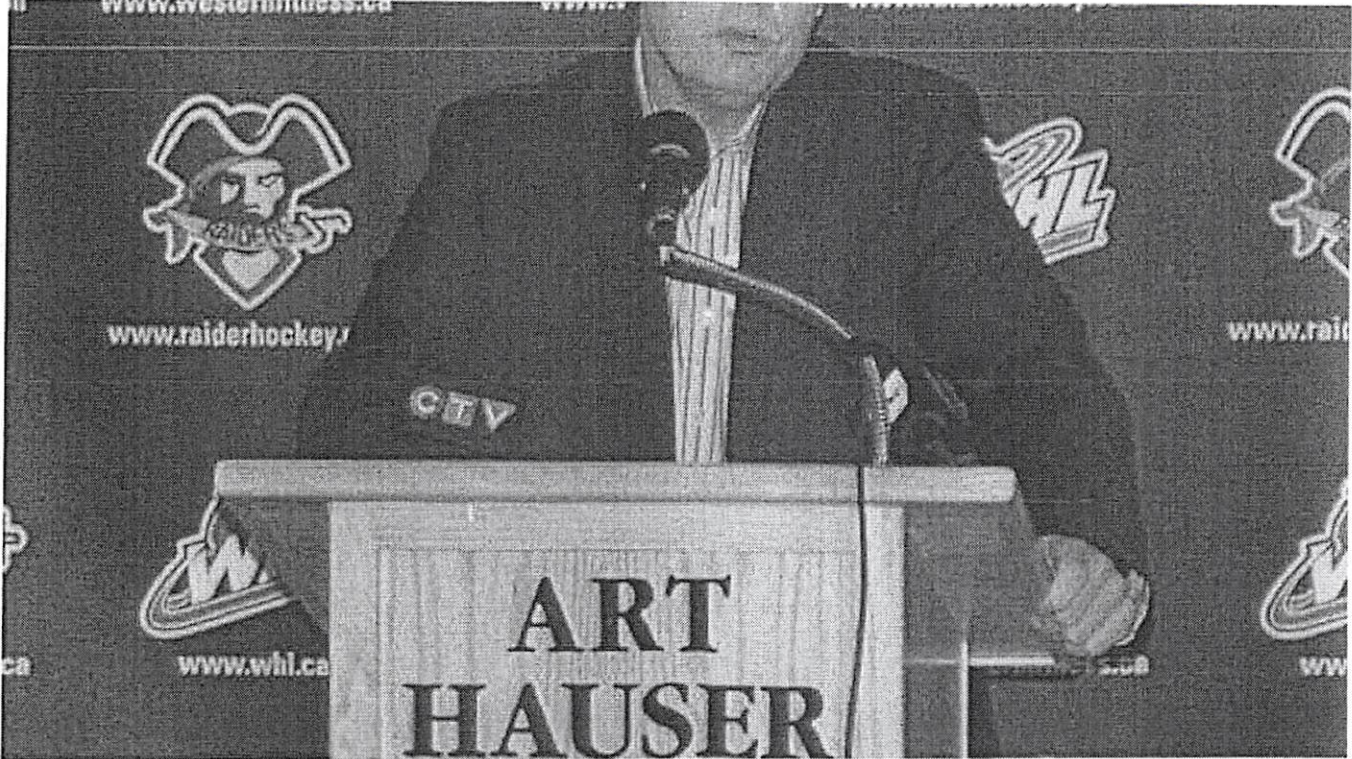
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Raiders propose to bolster finances with private money

May 24, 2012 - 5:28am



Raiders President Dale McFee feels private line of credit will provide financial security (File Photo)
 The Prince Albert Raiders could soon have substantial financial backing from a \$1.5 million line of credit. The money is being offered by successful businessman and team Vice President Gord Broda.

President Dale McFee says the idea is the result of a independent fact finding committee struck in 2010 to explore long term financial stability while maintaining community ownership.

"I think when you look at our community I think there is no question over the next 10-to-15-years if things go well, economic development, deveopment of the north is something that can provide us with an opportunity", said McFee.

"But we need to put something in place to ensure us that we are going to get there, something that maintains and has the Raider hockey club as a staple in this community like it has for the past several years."

McFee feels the offer is an example of the commitment individuals are willing to make in the franchise.

"Mr. Broda has stepped up", said McFee. "It's not an ownership deal, it's a financing arrangement."

McFee stresses the team will remain under its current community ownership structure.

"Everybody thinks there is a hidden agenda and everybody wants to criticize because they don't know what the facts are and quite frankly that doesn't help anything", said McFee.

"This is a solid organization, it has a solid board that's diverse and the whole focus is to make sure it's a community owned team for years to come."

McFee feels with this money the organization can now continue to do whatever it takes to achieve long term success on the ice.

"The goal is the Memorial Cup, the goal is consistent playoff appearances and I think we have taken those steps if you look through our scouting and through all the things we have done, but to get there you have to have secure financing to allow you to make the right decisions when you have to make those decisions."

McFee says the Broda line of credit would act as a financial insurance policy but since it would replace a \$750-thousand dollar stop-gap from taxpayers, the plan needs City Council approval.

Although the Raiders finished last in the WHL last season the team may break even on the balance sheet and that's a positive sign according to McFee.

OHL: Brampton Battalion moving to North Bay

Former home of Ontario Hockey League's Centennials returns to junior league next season after approving \$12-million arena upgrade.



Nicholas Foglia of the Brampton Battalion chases Erie's Connor McDavid in OHL action last month. (JACK HANRAHAN / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

By **DANIEL GIRARD** Sports Reporter
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The Brampton Battalion are bugging out.

The Ontario Hockey League club announced Monday night it is planning to move to North Bay for the start of next season after the council in that city approved an agreement in principle which includes a \$12-million arena upgrade and expansion.

The 15-year deal, subject to approval by the OHL board of governors, is contingent upon the sale of 2,000 season

tickets for a minimum three-year period.

“Now is the time for the community to come out and support the relocation of the Battalion to North Bay,” Mayor Al McDonald said in a news release Monday night.

North Bay was home to the OHL Centennials from 1982 to 2002 before the team was sold to American investors, moved to Saginaw, Mich., and branded the Spirit.

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One of the key reasons cited for their departure was the aging Memorial Gardens rink.

The Battalion entered the OHL as an expansion franchise beginning in 1998-99. The club completes its 15-year lease agreement with the 4,980-seat Powerade Centre at the end of this season and has been unable to reach a new deal with the city.

Rumours of the Battalion moving have been circulating for more than a year as the team has struggled to attract fans.

The Battalion is one of three OHL teams in the GTA along with the newly-minted Mississauga Steelheads, who had previously played as the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors, and the Oshawa Generals.

Elliott Kerr, the new owner of the Steelheads, told the Star at the outset of this season he's giving himself three years to make that franchise financially viable. Despite the large population and passion for the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs, top-flight junior hockey has long been a tough sell across the region.

“I'm pleased that we've reached an agreement-in-principle and look forward to the support of hockey fans in North Bay,” Battalion owner Scott Abbott said in the news release. “The city has a rich hockey history, and we hope to add to it.

“There's a longstanding association with the military in the community and it will be a goal of ours to build a

Memorial Cup championship team at Memorial Gardens.”

The renovations will include expanding seating capacity to about 4,300, increasing the size of the ice surface to a more standard 200 by 85 feet, a large team dressing room/fitness area/administrative centre and new heating and cooling system.

Part of the funding will come from an interest-free loan from the Battalion, a \$2.50 per ticket capital fee.

“Our partnership with the Battalion enables us to transform Memorial Gardens into a facility that not only meets the standards for OHL hockey but allows us to attract various other events that in the past we weren’t able to bring to North Bay,” said McDonald, who is expected to detail the season-ticket drive at a news conference on Thursday.



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Ownership suffering mounting losses on the ice and in the pocketbook

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The best player to ever come up of the Sting organization, Steven Stamkos, watches as a shot beats a goalie for the Kitchener Rangers. THE OBSERVER/QMI AGENCY

The Sarnia Sting Hockey Club is up for sale.

As outlined in a report coming to council on Monday, the franchise will finally be placed on the market following years of shrinking revenue, financial losses and frustration from owners and fans alike.

Sarnia Sting director of hockey operations Bill Abercrombie said it is the goal of owners Rob and Larry Ciccarelli to keep the team Sarnia.

"They have had some offers and turned down some offers in the past year," Abercrombie said, noting nothing is imminent in terms of a sale.

One offer that was turned down was an out-of-town offer, he said.

Speaking on behalf of the organization, with the Ciccarellis currently out of the country, Abercrombie said the owners have listened to offers on the team but things have been more serious in the last year because of the arena situation.

"The Ciccarellis' goal is to keep the team in Sarnia. If there are no local buyers they will have to look elsewhere."

The franchise has endured financial losses in recent years, as well as some fan backlash over the product on the ice.

The Ciccarellis are currently in discussions to turn over management of the RBC Centre back to the City of Sarnia.

The Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre, the name of the company that operates the arena and controlled by the Ciccarelli family, has been losing roughly \$250,000 a year, Rob Ciccarelli told The Observer in a previous interview.

He said he and his brother were growing frustrated with the mounting losses on the ice and financially.

The owners have been operating the RBC Centre since 2005, and contributed more than \$6 million into covering operating costs Ciccarelli said.

During an interview last year, Ciccarelli said "The RBC Centre is a unique building where the operator pays for the principal payments and the interest payments ... But because we're paying on a debt of \$10 million, we're paying all the interest payments and principal payments, it's a significant challenge."

He said at the time that the hockey club alone suffered about \$1.4 million in losses in the previous four years.

When the team was purchased and brought to Sarnia in 1994, its operating budget was \$495,000. In 2011-12, that figure was \$2. million.

"I'm starting to think we're cursed to be honest with you," Ciccarelli said in an October 2012 interview.

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley said there are already several interested potential buyers.

But, the possible sale of the Sting adds to the complexity of the decision on operating the RBC Centre.

The new owner may wish to keep on operating it, he noted.

"I approach this in a very positive manner — that if the owner decides to sell, we will work with the new ownership to craft an agreement and continue to have the Sarnia Sting in the building," Bradley said.

He has heard from the current Sting owners that they are interested in keeping the team local. Several parties have shown interest he noted.

City council is expected to have a report on the ownership of the Sarnia Sting and the operation of the RBC Centre on March 3. A few weeks later, council is expected to make a decision on taking over operation of the RBC Centre, and the possible closures of Germain Arena and the second RBC rink as ice surfaces.

Bradley admitted it will be a tight deadline to have all the information in place to make an informed decision.

"I'm not guaranteeing everything will be done on the 24th, especially with the complications of the sale of the team," he said.

Despite having more than three-dozen former players go on to play in the NHL, including high-profile players Steven Stamkos, Nikita Yakupov and Alex Galchenyuk, success on the ice has eluded this franchise.

The Sarnia Sting club has only made it past the first round of the playoffs on three occasions. The team failed to make the playoffs during the 2004-05, 2005-06, 2009-10, and 2010-11 seasons.

The Sting currently sits three points behind Plymouth for the final playoff berth this season.


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Sarnia Sting sold to Derian Hatcher and David Legwand

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From left, Larry Ciccarelli and Rob Ciccarelli announced Thursday morning they have reached an agreement to sell the Sarnia Sting to former NHL player Derian Hatcher, right, and current Ottawa Senators forward David Legwand. The agreement still needs approval from the Ontario Hockey League board of governors and the City of Sarnia, but all parties involved don't foresee any issues in obtaining approval. (TERRY BRIDGE/THE OBSERVER)

The long-rumoured possibility of the Sarnia Sting being sold became a reality Thursday morning.

An agreement has been reached, pending approval from the Ontario Hockey League's board of governors and the City of Sarnia, to sell the major junior hockey club. Current owners Rob Ciccarelli and Larry Ciccarelli announced they have signed off on a deal to sell the team to retired NHL defenceman Derian Hatcher and current Ottawa Senators forward David Legwand.

"It's a bittersweet day for us as owners," Rob Ciccarelli said. "An emotional day for Larry and I, obviously."

Now that an agreement has been signed, an application will be submitted to the board of governors on Monday. The governors will vote on the sale and review the finances, "but we don't expect or foresee problems whatsoever," said John Leslie, the lawyer representing Hatcher and Legwand through the process.

Approval from the governors is expected sometime in February, perhaps as early as Feb. 12 or Feb. 13.

Rob Ciccarelli, who Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley described as the most influential governor in the OHL, said he doesn't see any reason the sale would not be approved.

"I'm very excited. It's not quite done yet, but everything we can do is done," said the 42-year-old Hatcher.

Bradley spoke at length about what the Ciccarelli family has done for the team and the city, including moving the club to Sarnia from Newmarket 20 years ago and their work to help make the Sting's current home arena, the RBC Centre, a reality.

"(The Ciccarellis) have been 100% professional to work with over the 20 years," the mayor said. "The new owners, I hope they will continue that legacy."



Derian Hatcher discusses his potential acquisition of the Sarnia Sting Thursday morning. He has reached an agreement along with current Ottawa Senators forward David Legwand to purchase the team, pending league approval, from current owners Rob Ciccarelli and Larry Ciccarelli. (TERRY BRIDGE, The Observer)

Rob Ciccarelli said they've had a number of inquiries over the years from interested purchasers, but either the timing was off or the interested parties weren't the right fit.

"We started getting a lot of people inquiring about the sale of the team. Really didn't listen to anybody. We said earlier that, hey, it's not for sale, but if someone gives us an offer that made sense, we'd certainly look at it, and that's exactly what happened," Rob Ciccarelli said.

Bradley agreed that, despite reports to the contrary in the past, the team never technically had a for-sale sign up, but over the last two decades the partners were approached repeatedly about selling the team.

Rob Ciccarelli emphasized they never considered even discussing the sale of the team to purchasers who weren't adamant about keeping it in Sarnia.

"No, 100% no," Rob Ciccarelli said. "Derian and David have made that commitment (to keep the team in Sarnia)."

Maintaining its home in Sarnia was a condition in the recently-agreed to deal. The new owners are bound by a lease with the City of Sarnia, a 20-year term with five-year renewals.

"Rob has always been very clear that the team remaining in Sarnia was very important to him," Bradley said.

Hatcher is currently living in Philadelphia, but is from Sterling Heights, Mich., and spends summers in Marine City, Mich. Legwand, meanwhile, is originally from Detroit.

"We're looking very forward to this. We're a local group. I know it's a big thing, (but) we have no issues with moving the team. We're not moving the team," Hatcher said. "It's never been thought of, never been talked about, and I know that was very important to Rob and Larry."

Once the sale is given the green light by the league and the city – Bradley said he doesn't envision the city approval being an obstacle – Hatcher and his family will move full-time to Marine City.

"We'll be very active in the community," Hatcher said.

Despite assurances from both sides at Thursday's announcement that the team is staying in Sarnia, Bradley acknowledged if the new owners are determined to move the club somewhere else, they probably could get away with it.

"If someone wants to move a team they can find a way to do it, (but) I do not have any concern about that at this point," Bradley noted.

Hatcher plans to be a hands-on owner, but his status will be "in and out" for the duration of the current season before moving into a full-time role in the summer.

"I plan on being here every day (starting in the summer)," he said. "This is a big venture and that's the only way to handle that is to be hands-on."

When the Senators' season is over Legwand will come in and be involved firsthand, too.

"He wants to be around as much as he can," Hatcher said of his business partner.

Oddly enough, Hatcher and Legwand did not have a personal relationship prior to the negotiations commencing. Legwand made the initial call to Hatcher last summer – the pair employ the same agent – about exploring the possibility of purchasing the Sting, and at the time Hatcher was surprised to see who was calling him.

"David and I really don't know each other," Hatcher said. "(But) we hit it off right away and we're the same personality."

Negotiations have been ongoing for a few months but really escalated in the last week.

"I think Rob was losing his patience a little," Hatcher said, drawing a chuckle from both sellers. "It got to the point where, alright, we've got to slow down a little until we got all the pieces in play that we needed."

The team recently got out from under the obligation of running the RBC Centre, which made the investment much more attractive. Bradley estimated the Ciccarellis subsidized the arena to the tune of \$6 to \$7 million through covering arena operating losses and paying \$300,000 to \$400,000 for the current score clock. On July 1, 2014, the team entered into a new lease with the City of Sarnia.

"That takes a significant burden off the new owners," Bradley said.

Some upgrades have already been instituted since the city assumed control of the facility, with more improvements on the way including a new score clock and a planned Request For Proposal (RFP) for a concessions operator, likely over a 10-year term.

The sale of the team will not directly impact the city possibly selling the second ice pad at RBC Centre though as it's a separate issue Bradley said, but it may impact the upcoming RFP for the arena's naming rights. RBC and the city reached an agreement on a one-year renewal for the current rights, but RBC served notice they don't want to renew again. Revenue for naming rights used to go to the team when they ran the facility, but now it will go to city to help offset operating costs.

Another disadvantage for the current owners, Rob Ciccarelli added, was the hockey club was not their principle business so they weren't able to be at the rink every day, which is partly why they wanted to sell the club to an owner who could take a more hands-on approach.

As for the current coaching staff and management team, Hatcher said they aren't looking to come in and change anything this late in the season, but as the future goes on they will evaluate the situation.

Hatcher added he doesn't believe this sale will affect the team's on-ice performance where they've had a surprising run to sit in fifth in the Western Conference after compiling the league's worst record one year ago.

"It should be a seamless transition," Rob Ciccarelli said. "It's business as usual."

Hatcher has worked for five years in player development for the Philadelphia Flyers since retiring as a player, but his contract wasn't renewed this season which opened up the opportunity to pursue buying the team. He added he has no aspirations to coach or manage in the NHL, so co-owning a major junior hockey club was the next best fit.

As for Legwand, the centre has another year to go on his two-year, \$6-million contract he signed with the Senators in 2014, but recently told his new business partner he wants to play for up to five more years still.

"I don't know if he was joking or not, but I said, 'If I was you I'd keep playing. Play as long as you can,'" Hatcher said. "I think he wants to play a few more years, for sure."

The Ciccarellis, on the other hand, said they will hand over the keys to the team with lots of fond memories of running the organization, and thanked the current staff for the job they've done. The brothers will continue to be season ticket holders and suite owners.

"When we're in town here we'll be cheering on the Sting at every game," Rob Ciccarelli said.

The brothers originally purchased the team 21 years ago along with Dino Ciccarelli and Shawn Burr when they were the Newmarket Royals. After operating for one year in Newmarket they moved the club to Sarnia for the 1994-95 season. Rob Ciccarelli said the relocation from Newmarket to Sarnia was a difficult process at the time, but that was their original intent all along.

The Ciccarelli trio bought Burr out a few years later, then Larry and Rob bought Dino out in 2009, they recalled.

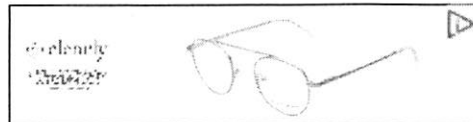
Over 20 seasons the club only managed to win a single playoff round. Hatcher said he hears all the time about the glut of championship banners hanging from the rafters of Budweiser Gardens, home of the London Knights, and his goal is to achieve the same level of success in Sarnia.

He also wants to have players want to come play for the Sting, and one of the first things they plan to do is launch a Sarnia Sting foundation.

But, he added, he won't lose sight of the fact this is a business venture.

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Belleville Bulls Jordan Subban (middle) celebrates his goal with teammates Michael Curtis (left) and Austen Brassard during OHL action at Scotiabank Place in Kanata Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012. (DARREN / QMI Agency)

The Belleville Bulls are moving to Hamilton.

In a day of frenzied franchise relocations involving the Ontario Hockey League and American Hockey League on Thursday:

- 1) The Bulls will shift operations for the 2015-16 season to the Steel City, where they'll be known as the Hamilton Bulldogs.
- 2) The AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs, the top farm club of the Montreal Canadiens, are headed for St. John's, Nfld,
- 3) The Winnipeg Jets are removing their AHL team out of St. John's and shifting it to Winnipeg, where it will play at the MTS Centre for at least a year.

Get all that?

The moves were rubber-stamped Thursday by both the OHL and AHL.

"The Bulls have been part of the Belleville community for more than 30 years and we respect the role they have played in the community," Canadian Hockey League president David Branch said. "It is the OHL's hope, along with other small cities in our league, that one day, under the right conditions, OHL hockey will return to Belleville."

Certainly that can't make the smaller markets in the league such as Owen Sound feel very secure.

The antiquated Yardmen Arena certainly hindered efforts to keep the team in Belleville. The 37-year-old facility is the only OHL building not to have been replaced or significantly refurbished to league standards in recent years.

"With increasing costs, and a sub-par facility we see no viability in this context," the Bulls said in a statement Wednesday. "This is not an option for us. While some suggest that local ownership could unlock the key to success, it is completely unlikely that the OHL would entertain the transfer or sale of the club if the team were to stay in the same facility."

The team acknowledged its departure would be a disappointing blow to the community.

"We couldn't have asked for a better group of billet families, education partners or supportive business partners and sponsors that have assisted us year after year without fail," he said in a statement released by the team. "Active and responsible media partners and personalities have helped tell our story across the region for so many years. We have 34

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SUN+ Bulls alumni to thank for helping create memories for so many.”

With the arena lease up at the end of this season, Bulls majority owner Gord Simmonds sold the team to Hamilton businessman Michael Andlauer, owner of the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs.

Andlauer sold the Hamilton AHL franchise to the Canadiens, who will put the team in St. John's next season. Andlauer is a Habs shareholder.

“Memories like the Calder Cup championship in 2007 and the Outdoor Classic game in 2012 are permanently entrenched in our minds and won't soon be forgotten.” Andlauer said in a statement announcing the sales.

NHLers past and present who wore the Bulls jersey during their junior hockey days include P.K. Subban, Jason Spezza, Al Iafrate and Danny Cleary.

During the 1989 NHL entry draft, the Maple Leafs selected three Bulls in the first round: Scott Thornton (third), Rob Pearson (12th) and Steve Bancroft (21st). Now, some 26 years later, OHL hockey is leaving the community those three “Baby Bulls” played in.

Meanwhile, there is speculation the Canadiens would like to eventually move their farm team to Laval, where a new 10,000 seat arena/sports complex is being built. The project is not slated to open until the fall of 2017.

As for the Jets, moving their farm team to Winnipeg makes sense, since it would often take at least a day for callups from the AHL team to make the trip from Newfoundland to join the parent club.

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Junior stars either must suffer goons or quit

BY WILLIAM HOUSTON
Sports Reporter

RICHARD Peacock scored his second goal of the season and also got into a fight during a rancorous engagement between his junior team, the Prince George Cougars, and the Tri-City Americans.

After the February game, Peacock told an interviewer that one-punching Regan Darby of the Americans, cutting him near the eye and sending him to the dressing room, was more rewarding than scoring a goal.

As those who watched Peacock play will attest, Canadian junior hockey, the major feeder

system for the National Hockey League, produces plenty of hard-nosed competitors who can fight and check. But for pure skill, Canadian players today cannot match Europeans who lead the league in most scoring statistics.

Critics say an ineffective development system for players aged 6 to 16 is the main cause of the poorly trained Canadians. But junior hockey, which emphasizes size and aggression and condones fighting, is also blamed.

Some of the finest players Canada has produced, including Hall of Famer Mike Bossy, considered quitting hockey because of attacks in the junior leagues.

"When you know the intention of the opposing team is to get you out of the game, when you know that when you start a game you're going to get speared and you're going to have to fight, and you're going to have a goon lined up next to you, that's intimidating and it takes a lot of the fun out of it," Bossy said.

only year of major-junior hockey with the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, his agent, Gus Badali, advised him to jump to the professional World Hockey Association, and not just for the money. Badali, concerned Gretzky might get hurt in an attack, felt his 17-year-old client would be safer in the pros where skilled players are generally left alone and heavyweights battle it out against each other.

Lee Fogolin, a former NHL player and a product of the Ontario major-junior league, says a young player at the wrong end of a punch may never recover emotionally.

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A Game in Crisis

The Globe's William Houston examines the state of hockey in Canada.

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Junior hockey comes under fire

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"Sixteen is a tender age for a kid," he said. "And now all of a sudden he has some guy hanging a beating on him. It's a pretty fragile situation. Is he strong enough at that age to say, 'Okay, well, that was a learning experience and I'm going to continue,' or does he go into a shell and never come out of it?"

Cory Cross, a 6-foot-5 defenceman, played junior hockey at Lethbridge, Alta., but refused to fight. He finally quit, opting, instead, for the University of Alberta and a spot on the varsity team. He's now one of the better defencemen for the NHL's Tampa Bay

Lightning.

There are reasons, other than fighting, for good athletes to quit junior hockey or seek an alternative system. Sixteen year olds are almost always required to move away from home to play for the team that owns their rights. Unlike scholastically based development systems, the junior leagues reserve the right to trade players or demote them to a second-tier farm team in another city.

Fogolin says adapting to living away from home, competing to keep a spot on a team and finding time for a high school education are difficult enough for a teen-ager playing in a high-pressure elite league, never mind dealing with a trade midway through the school year.

"I can remember some real down times at that age," he said. "When you're with one team and all of a sudden they move you to another, it's that much worse."

Howie Meeker, a former NHL player, coach and commentator, calls junior operators "pirate slave traders." He says the old pre-1967 junior setup in which NHL teams owned the junior affiliates and, for the most part, recruited players from the region in which the teams were situated, was a more humane system. Generally, players stayed closer to home and weren't traded.

Although junior hockey is deemed to be a development league, it is, foremost, a business. Local ownership is dependent on gate revenue and revenue production is dependent on playing games. Winning is the key to selling tickets, and for a coach, a winning season could be his ticket to the NHL.

But games and winning, alone, do not advance a player's skill level. Even the stars handle the puck for only about 45 seconds in a game. Practice is needed to improve the fundamentals, but junior hockey's 2-to-1 practice-to-game ratio falls below the European 3-to-1 and sometimes 4-to-1 ratio.

In junior hockey, the margin of profit for the clubs is small, so owners cut costs by piling extra duties on the coach, such as managing, marketing and promoting the team, as well as scouting. As a result, the training of players suffers.

For several years, an additional source of income for owners has been expansion, in which existing clubs share in the entry fees charged to new teams. Junior leagues at all levels have expanded rapidly. Canada's three major junior leagues have added 15 teams in 17 years.

But expansion dilutes talent, and the stars today are denied the opportunity of working together on the same team. The days are long gone when a couple of top junior prospects, such as

Bobby Clarke and Reggie Leach of the Flin Flon Bombers, played on the same line and helped each other develop.

Moreover, the thinning of forces forces teams to recruit younger players. The Ontario Hockey League drafts youngsters at 15. The Western Hockey League takes them at 14 of age. Drafting that early not only encourages late bloomers, but it also moves good players from levels junior and weakens the development structure.

Still, junior hockey's rough environment and long 66-game schedule pares players for a gruelling professional career. A growing number of top European juniors come to Canada's leagues to toughen up for one or two. But for them, skills have already been learned in Europe's junior youth systems.

For the Canadian prospect hasn't been taught as effectively youth hockey, the junior leagues force his primary skills of checking and playing aggressively.

Billy Harris, a former pro player and coach, says: "Junior hockey stands for survival of the fittest. The problem is, if you're a top player and you're getting the crap kicked out of you because you're a good player, most are doing to say, 'I'm going to play tennis and learn how to ski."

A Game in Crisis

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How much money do junior hockey teams make?



By: [Ryan Kennedy](#) on July 30, 2014
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In the latest round of chatter surrounding the potential of a CHL players' union, TSN's Rick Westhead [pointed out](#) that the Ontario League's Kitchener Rangers made \$6.2 million in revenue for the 2012-13 season. But if you dig deeper, there's a lot more fascinating information about the club.

The Rangers are unique in that they are a not-for-profit organization, where season ticket holders actually hold sway and the franchise's finances are audited each year. That means the results are published. In a [letter](#) to interested parties posted by Buzzing the Net's [Sunaya Sapurji](#), Rangers COO and governor Steve Bienkowski detailed some of the franchise's financial ins and outs.

For example, while Westhead was bang-on about the \$6.2 million in revenue, the Rangers also *spent* \$6.1 million. This represented the regular season's finances and the biggest revenue generator was ticket sales, at \$3.6 million. Expenses included facility rental, team travel, advertising and of course, money for players' education.

What I found the most surprising was how important the playoffs can be for a team. Kitchener bowed out in the second round to London in five games that season, giving the Rangers just five home playoff dates. But the team still earned \$316,419 in the post-season – a huge windfall for a handful of games.

Out in the Western League, the Lethbridge Hurricanes ran into some [serious financial trouble](#) this past season and the fact the team missed the playoffs four straight years heading into the 2013-14 campaign could not have helped. Attendance was cited as one major factor for the franchise's money woes, but it's hard to blame fans who haven't been accustomed to seeing a winner. The Hurricanes made it five in a row this year by finishing dead-last in 'The Dub.'

Lethbridge and Kitchener are not a perfect comparison, of course. While Kitchener can draw from a population of nearly 500,000 people (including neighboring cities Waterloo and Cambridge), Lethbridge counts about 90,000 Alberta residents as their base. The nearest cities in the province are Medicine Hat and Calgary, both of which have their own WHL teams. But the Hurricanes do have to compete with Calgary's population of 1.1 million, so it's easy to see why the major junior landscape is tough to pigeonhole; the teams have wildly different fan bases to draw from.

The fact all the other CHL teams are owned by individuals or small groups in a traditional structure means that information about finances is not well-known. But getting a glimpse at what Kitchener, a team that has graduated numerous NHLers and often had great success on the ice, has been up to financially is pretty interesting.

And in the interest of fair math, the extra money Kitchener earned during the post-season was given away to community programs and charities – by the end of fiscal, the Rangers were up just \$22,165.

Article corrected to note that Kitchener lost in the second round of the playoffs, not the first.

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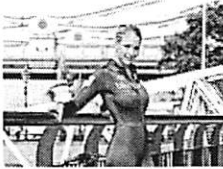


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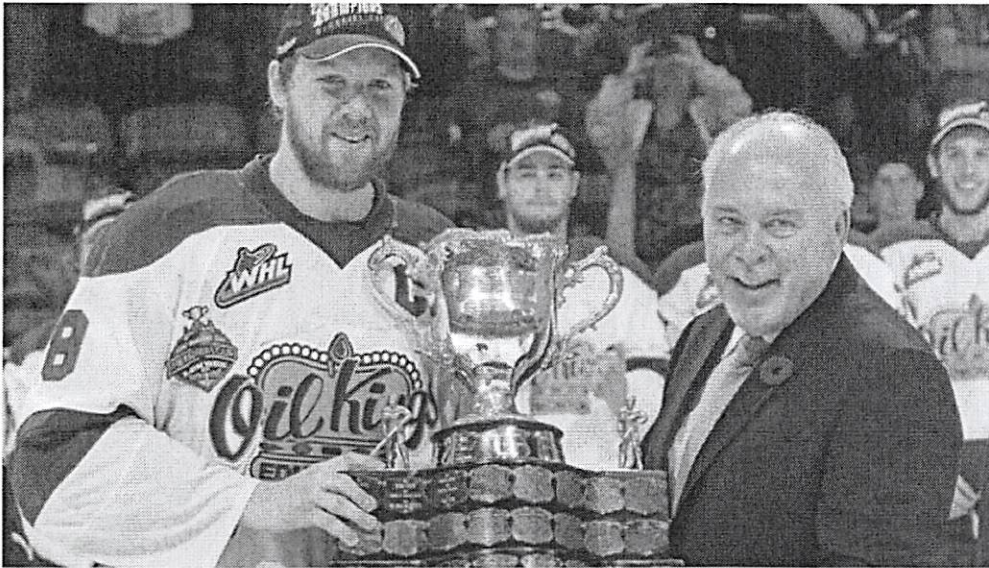
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Mario Forgione says Canadian Hockey League teams across the country have used teenaged players to inflate profits and have abandoned some players who don't make it to the NHL and need help transitioning to a life after hockey.

Forgione owned the Mississauga IceDogs from 2003 to 2006, alongside co-owner Chris Pronger, and has also owned Tier II junior teams in Milton and Pembroke, Ontario.

Forgione says he quit the Ontario Hockey League after it became clear to him that his views about the league's obligations to players didn't align with other owners.

His frank condemnation comes with the CHL under scrutiny over how it treats its young players.

Canada's three major-junior leagues, the OHL, Western Hockey League and Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, are facing a trio of

- Washington state are considering requests to establish task forces to explore whether teams are violating minimum-wage legislation, while efforts also continue to unionize junior league players.

Forgione said in an interview with TSN.ca that the OHL has become big business where many owners don't do enough to help players after their playing career.

"Does the league wash their hands of them and say we are done with them? Yes. This is what they do," he said. "Players are a disposable commodity. The league has a social responsibility to look after these kids, but a lot of [former CHL players] haven't even finished Grade 12. Then what happens? Minimum wage jobs.

They say: 'Here's your education package, God bless you, off you go,'" Forgione said. "A lot of players fall through the cracks in the OHL. What happens after they play four years, they're 21. How many guys are going back to school at that point? The teams are supposed to have an educational consultant on the team, but let's face it, you've got to keep on top of 30 kids, 16, 17, 18-year-old boys. It's hard enough to make sure one kid is going to school, let alone 30."

Forgione said, "The bottom line is when they have done a four-year stint in the OHL, what are they equipped to do? If they aren't equipped to do something meaningful in life, where do they end up?"

One current OHL team owner, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, bristled at Forgione's critique and said the one-time IceDogs owner doesn't have statistics to back up his criticism. While Forgione owned the IceDogs, the franchise was a perennial money-loser, the current team owner said.

"Forgione was not great for this league," he said.

Forgione reportedly bought the IceDogs for about \$4 million and sold them three years later for about \$9 million, according to media reports.

"Fortunately, he's no longer an owner in our league, he left in 2006," CHL Commissioner David Branch said. "I would suggest [in the eight years] since Mr. Forgione left, there has been significant changes in the player experiences made in our league.

"You've got a view of a person who's no longer involved in the league." Branch said. "I don't want to debate Mr. Foraiione. He has

his view and that's fine.

Branch confirmed active CHL team owners have been told by the CHL head office not to speak publicly regarding the union efforts and lawsuits.

CHL team officials have warned in recent months that, if they are pressured to pay players minimum wage, a concession former OHL player Sam Berg has asked for in a lawsuit filed in October, the development might drastically alter the game.

Some teams might even fold because of the added expense, Branch has said. Others might start charging players for their sticks and other equipment and stop covering the cost of billets.

Forgione calls that argument a red herring.

"If the teams can't afford to pay minimum wage and they go out of business, so be it," he said. "If six teams fall out of the league, so what? Branch says, 'we're not going to be fair to anyone because it will affect our league... I think they do develop hockey players but they are also very focused on their own self-serving agenda, to have a strong league with financial viability (Editor's note: Forgione was speaking facetiously. Branch did not make the remark about fairness)."

"To me, the OHL should not be a mainstream, for-profit business venture," Forgione said. "Players and parents are afraid to speak out. What happens to a kid that knocks the coach or GM or league? He's blackballed. Let's be honest about this."

Several former OHL players told TSN.ca say they are not surprised that current players are leery about speaking up.

Daniel Altshuller, who played three years with the Oshawa Generals before he was drafted in 2012 by the Carolina Hurricanes, said those players who criticize the OHL can "seem ungrateful."

"You can get a stigma and become known as a selfish player," Altshuller said. "I wouldn't want a teammate like that."

Even so, Altshuller said players - especially the majority who don't advance to pro hockey careers - deserve to make their case for a bigger portion of revenue from the fast-growing OHL.

But at the same time, Altshuller worries where that might lead.

"It could be a double-edged sword," he said. "Maybe instead of using Easton sticks, the teams switch to lower-cost ones to save money because they have to pay players more... or maybe they cut cost on travel. When we played in Ottawa, we'd drive the night before and stay in a hotel, even though it was just a three-hour drive, to get some extra sleep. Maybe the team would look to cut those costs."

Altshuller made it a point to say that he had a positive experience in the OHL and said his team had employees on hand to ensure players attended class.

Branch disagreed with the suggestion that the OHL is doing as well as it ever has financially, despite a new TV contract that pays the league an estimated \$5 million a year, according to a person familiar with the matter, and despite the fact the CHL has a strong portfolio of corporate sponsors.

"I wouldn't say it's better than ever," Branch said. "There's a push and pull every season with some franchises."

Branch said he's opposed to efforts to establish of a provincial task force to examine working conditions for OHL players.

"We've met with people at Queen's Park, but not about [a task force looking at the OHL]," he said. "Our players are being looked after. They are amateur student athletes."

But even that description has come under tough scrutiny.

In the U.S. this spring, a regional office of the National Labor Relations Board gave Northwestern University football players the right to be recognized as school employees and, as such, the eligibility to collectively bargain for work conditions such as salaries.

While the OHL changed its standard players contract this season, describing players as "student athletes" instead of "independent contractors," Branch insisted the change has nothing to do with what's happening at Northwestern.

"They are not employees," he said. "It's for that reason we re-positioned our standard players agreement. Our adjustments and changes started long before any of that [at Northwestern] started to surface."

The OHL began working on changes to its standard player contracts

Forgione now runs a Toronto-area real estate company and said that he doesn't accept that players in major-junior hockey are "student athletes."

"I don't know how you consider them student athletes if you're not guaranteeing them an education," Forgione said. "At Michigan State, a kid plays for the school and gets an education at the same time. In the OHL, he's not playing for his high school or university, he's playing for a for-profit entity completely outside the school.

"I don't know that [the CHL] can continue to make money on the back of players who are given a stipend that's as little as possible because it affects their team's bottom line," Forgione said. "If you want to be in the sports business, be in the business at a higher level where all the people involved understand all the implications. Then you have a fair and level playing field. I don't know that, if you are in the minor hockey business, that everyone understands the business."



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THE WHL'S WINTER WONDERLAND

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By Patrick King, sportsnet.ca -- Players will realize dreams and create memories when they suit up Monday in the WH outdoor game.

Peter Kosterman was not unlike many hockey fans watching the Heritage Classic in late November of 2003.

The first National Hockey League outdoor game featured the Montreal Canadiens in the frozen tundra Commonwealth Stadium against the hometown Edmonton Oilers. One of the most memorable moments was when Canadiens goaltender Jose Theodore lifted his helmet and rested it on his forehead before letting out a chilly exhalation. The warm cloud became symbolic of that Winter Classic and reminiscent of days gone by playing pond hockey.

And then there was Kosterman, watching the game and thinking like many others did, "Wouldn't it be cool to actually play in this game?"

Eight years later, he will, as a member of the Calgary Hitmen when they take on the Regina Pats in the WHL's version of the Heritage Classic on Monday.

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"As a player you never would have thought that you'd get this chance to play in an outdoor game," the Hitmen defenceman said. "It will be really cool to be maybe the start of something like that."

The game will hold two distinctions. In addition to being the first major junior outdoor game in Canada, it will likely also be the most attended of any junior game. The record is 20,081, set on Dec. 20, 2004, when the Ottawa 67's of the Ontario Hockey League hosted the Kingston Frontenacs at the Corel Centre. More than 18,000 tickets were sold by Wednesday.

It will be a homecoming of sorts for many players. Nine players through both teams listed Calgary as their hometown.

footballs at Calgary Stampeders games next time he visits McMahon Stadium.

"It's going to be nice having friends and family watching," Bell said. "Being able to play in a stadium where I've watched the Stamps play when I grew up... is going to be huge."

Since most of the players are still teenagers, it will be easy for them to dial in their shinny-playing days on cold, winter days.

"The No. 1 thing I'm going to take from it is definitely try to dress a little warmer than most games," Hitmen forward ~~+~~ Foucault said. "I might be wearing some extra clothing under my gear and I'm sure other guys will be doing the same and hopefully we'll have some glove-warmers on the bench."

In that sense, it might be harder to repress the urge to play a wide-open, shinny-style game.

"You kind of get that shinny feeling and you get a little more creative," Pats forward Jordan Weal said. "Maybe that comes out in the game a bit, maybe not to an extreme extent, because you don't want those bad turnovers."

But there may be an extra incentive to score the game's first goal.

"I bet the forwards are quietly thinking about that themselves," Kosterman said. "That first goal would be huge -- almost like a Teddy Bear Toss (game) goal. Same idea."

Make no mistake, in spite of this being a historic moment in the Western Hockey League, two valuable points are at stake. The defending league-champion Hitmen and Pats are in a fight for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Calgary trails eighth-place Prince Albert by 13 points while the Pats remain seven points back.

With less than a month remaining, neither team needs to look at the standings to realize how important a win would be for their playoff hopes.

"Those are big (points)," Bell said. "We need all the points we can get this week to get that last playoff spot right now."

The game is anticipated to be played in frigid, cold weather on Monday. The players, however, are hoping that temperature does not become a factor as it did in the outdoor game between the Pittsburgh Penguins and Washington Capitals on New Year's Day, when it began raining.

"I think anyone who's played hockey where maybe at the beginning of practice or the beginning of the period and the ice is wet from the zamboni -- it definitely played a factor," Kosterman said. "The puck is a little sticky. If that is the case and we do end up getting some rain or conditions like that, everyone's going to be in the same boat. We just need to adjust."

Both teams will be in attendance when the Canadiens and Flames play on Sunday. They will be able to feel the game excitement and pre-scout the conditions.



But no matter the conditions, these players will have an interesting story to tell their grandkids one day.

"I would think that I would not be hesitant to bring that up if I was given the opportunity," Kosterman said.

"Hopefully they'll still have DVD players around then," Bell concluded.

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Sting trade Chiarlitti



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Nathan Chiarlitti, right, jokes with fellow overager Charlie Sarault at Sarnia Sting training camp Wednesday at the RBC Centre. Chiarlitti, the Sting's captain for the past two seasons, was traded to Owen Sound Wednesday for three draft picks in a move to help the team get down from five overage players to three. PAUL OWEN/THE OBSERVER/QMI AGENCY

Flush with too many 20-year-olds, the Sarnia Sting dealt overage captain Nathan Chiarlitti to the Owen Sound Attack Wednesday for three draft picks.

Sarnia received a conditional fifth round draft pick in this year's OHL Priority Selection, a 10th round pick in next year's draft and a second rounder in 2015 in return for Chiarlitti, who

had four goals and 11 assists in 60 games for the Sting last season.

Chiarlitti said he wasn't expecting to be dealt.

"It's a little bit of a shock, but hopefully it works out for myself and Sarnia," he said. "I just heard a lot of rumours. Twitter kind of erupted last night and a bunch of people texted me this morning."

Chiarlitti will join former Sting goalie Brandon Hope with the Attack. Hope was dealt last season for a draft pick at the deadline.

While he had yet to speak to Owen Sound management, Chiarlitti said many players had reached out to him already.

"Any time you're traded a lot of the guys try to make you feel welcome," he said. "Obviously I'm really honoured. They're a great organization and I've heard nothing but great things."

It's the first time Chiarlitti's been traded in his OHL career; he leaves the team that drafted him in the fifth round in 2008.

"There will always be a spot for Sarnia. ... I don't think you ever put those relationships aside. You just build up on new ones," he said. "I loved my last four years in Sarnia. I wish the organization and the city nothing but the best."

The trade helps alleviate a crowded overage situation for the Sting, who had five in camp and can only carry three for the duration of the season. The team now has until November to decide who to keep between Domenic Alberga, J.P. Anderson, Craig Hottot and Charlie Sarault.

That congestion was the main motivation to move Chiarlitti, who's played 245 games with the Sting, said head coach Jacques Beaulieu. Trading Chiarlitti — the Sting's only overage defenceman — allowed him to bring back good value while also trading from a position of strength.

"Our D is deep," Beaulieu said.

"We have some young D that are very good, and we felt there was an area there that we could make a move that wouldn't hurt the hockey team that much."

But that didn't take the sting out of trading the team's captain for the past two seasons.

"(Chiarlitti) was our captain, a great kid," Beaulieu said. "It was a tough deal to make."

A lot of the blue line leadership responsibilities will fall to 19-year-old defenceman Connor Murphy, he said.

"Murph's the guy that's a first round NHL pick. He acts like a pro, he prepares like a pro, and I think it's a great example for our kids."

MORE MOVES TO COME

Even after trading Chiarlitti, the team will still need to move one more 20-year-old before November. But Beaulieu said he's in no rush.

"We want to get assets for our guys; so if we can't get anything, we'll start (the season) with four," he said. "If we can get something we think is fair, then we'll make a move."

It's something the remaining overagers have in the back of their minds, even while they realize the decision is out of their hands.

"It's going to be heartbreaking. We all know the situation, and we're just waiting to see what's going to happen," Alberga said. "We all know we're fighting for spots and we're just going to have to keep going and see what happens."

Though Beaulieu said no one is safe yet, the team, he said, is planning to lean on Anderson heavily between the pipes this year. He also noted that offence will be a big part of the decision, and that Sarault — who led the Sting with 87 points last year — would be hard to give up.

"We need our older guys to score goals. Hottot had 20, Alberga had 17, so it's right there," he said. "Charlie's a franchise player, right, so it's pretty hard to move him, (but) if someone blows us out of the water with a deal, then we can't say no."

NOTES

- The Sting were down to 31 players on the ice Wednesday after sending a large contingent home Tuesday night. Beaulieu hopes to cut down to 25 by this weekend.
- Hottot practiced with a minor back injury that Beaulieu noted was probably just spasms.
- More pros skated with the Sting again Wednesday, as Dustin Jeffrey of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Mike Haley of the New York Rangers and former Sting forward Kyle Neuber suited up, along with Montreal Canadiens prospect Nathan Beaulieu, son of Jacques.
- Tuesday's Black vs. White game raised more than \$3,700 for the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton.

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Robinson keen to grab big chance

If the phrase "Why not Vancouver?" catches on, you can point to Carl Robinson as the person responsible for getting it started.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, Robinson, the Vancouver Whitecaps' head coach, stayed on point about how his club deserved to finish where it did in the standings — second in the Western Conference, guaranteeing a home playoff date for the first time in the club's Major League Soccer existence — following a solid win Sunday.

The Whitecaps and their supporters still don't know who they're facing in the semifinal, which is a two-leg, home-and-home battle that begins Nov. 1, with the Vancouver side on the road, and ends at BC Place Stadium on Nov. 8.



Carl Robinson
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As I said, sometimes in life you get an opportunity to grab it. Why not? Why not Vancouver?

Cap's coach Carl Robinson

"Now, I said, it's the fun bit. Anything we do, I look at it as a bonus. We get a playoff game at home but let's not just go in there and not fight and not scrap and not give it our everything," Robinson told reporters.

"As I said, sometimes in life you get an opportunity to grab it. Why not? Why not Vancouver?" The Whitecaps received a bye into the conference semifinals, which provides them with a few extra days of rest and training.

Robinson didn't rule out the possibility of midfielder Pedro Morales (hamstring) being ready to play at least some minutes this weekend.

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Canucks spoil Habs' party

Rookie McCann hits pair to rob Montreal of place in history

Cam Tucker
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On a night when the visiting Montreal Canadiens were bidding to once again make NHL history, 19-year-old rookie forward Jared McCann was making his case to stay with the Vancouver Canucks.

Playing in his seventh game, McCann made the most of limited ice time in the opening period by scoring twice to help the Canucks build a three-goal lead over the Habs, who entered Tuesday's game needing one more win to make it 10 consecutive victories to begin a season, tying the NHL record held by the 1993-94 Toronto Maple Leafs and 2006-07 Buffalo Sabres.

McCann and the Canucks spoiled the party, defeating the Habs 5-1 and denying a boisterous gathering of Canadiens' fans at Rogers Arena from seeing their team go further into the record books. Playing on a line with Derek Dorsett and former Habs Brandon Prust, McCann opened the scoring just 2:30 into the game.

He pounced on a loose puck in the Montreal crease, tapping it into a wide open



Vancouver Canucks' Alexander Edler, right, of Sweden, checks Montreal Canadiens' Lars Eller, of Denmark, during the first period. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

net after Canadiens' goalie Carey Price, so good to begin this season, couldn't hold on after he went for the windmill glove save on a Prust slap shot off the wing.

McCann increased Vancouver's lead to three goals, as he kicked the puck from his skate to his stick and beat Price with a shot to the glove side off an offensive zone faceoff late in

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the opening period, in which McCann saw a team-low 3:15 of ice time. That goal also gave McCann the team lead

in that department with four in seven games. A decision on his immediate future still looms as he approaches nine games played.

The Canucks have two options: Send McCann back to junior or before the nine games played mark, or play him beyond that and burn a year off his entry-level contract. Luca Sbisa's goal — ori-

ginally credited to Bo Horvat but changed during the intermission — in the first period counted as the winner for Vancouver. Ryan Miller continued his strong start to the season, making 25 saves for the victory.

Prust left the game late in the second period and did not return after falling awkwardly along the boards.

NHL

Giants, Hitmen complete massive five-player trade



Vancouver Giants' general manager Scott Bonner
CAM TUCKER/METRO

The Vancouver Giants dealt forward and former interim captain Jackson Houck to the Calgary Hitmen as part of a five-player trade announced Tuesday morning.

Going to Calgary along with Houck is Jakob Stukel, a 1997-born forward originally from Surrey, and goalie Cody Porter, also born in 1997. The Giants also sent a conditional third-round pick in the 2017 bantam draft to the Hitmen.

In exchange, the Giants picked up a pair of 1996-born players in defenceman Ben Thomas, a

We've added a couple of NHL drafted players to our roster.

Giants GM Scott Bonner

fourth-round pick of the Tampa Bay Lightning in the 2014 NHL Draft, and forward Chase Lang, a sixth-round pick of the Minnesota Wild that same year.

"In acquiring Ben and Chase, we've added a couple of NHL-

drafted players to our roster," said Giants general manager Scott Bonner in a statement.

In 63 games with the Hitmen last season, Lang scored 25 goals and 56 points. He had two goals and seven points in 14 games for Calgary this season prior to the trade.

Thomas has posted identical offensive numbers in each of his past two seasons with Calgary. He scored seven goals and 30 points in 72 games in 2013-14 and then recorded the exact same totals in 60 games last season. CAM TUCKER/METRO

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Charge dropped in Todd case

Dutch prosecutors have dropped a charge of creating child pornography against a man who is also accused of extortion and internet harrin in Canada related to the Amanda Todd case.

Aylan Kurdi's lawyer, Christian van Dijk, confirmed that his client still faces charges of extortion and spreading pictures of naked victims.

"There are no charges connected to Amanda Todd, since there will be an extradition," he said in an email. Van Dijk said Coban still faces charges related to other people outside of the country. Prior to Todd's suicide, she posted a video about how she was lured by a man to expose herself during an online encounter. She was 15 when she died.

Nel Marjolein, a spokeswoman for the R.C.M.P., said the authority is proceeding with efforts to extradite Coban. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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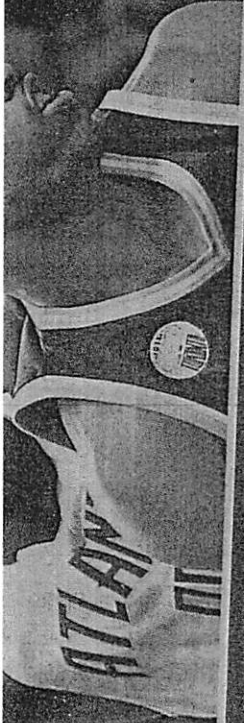
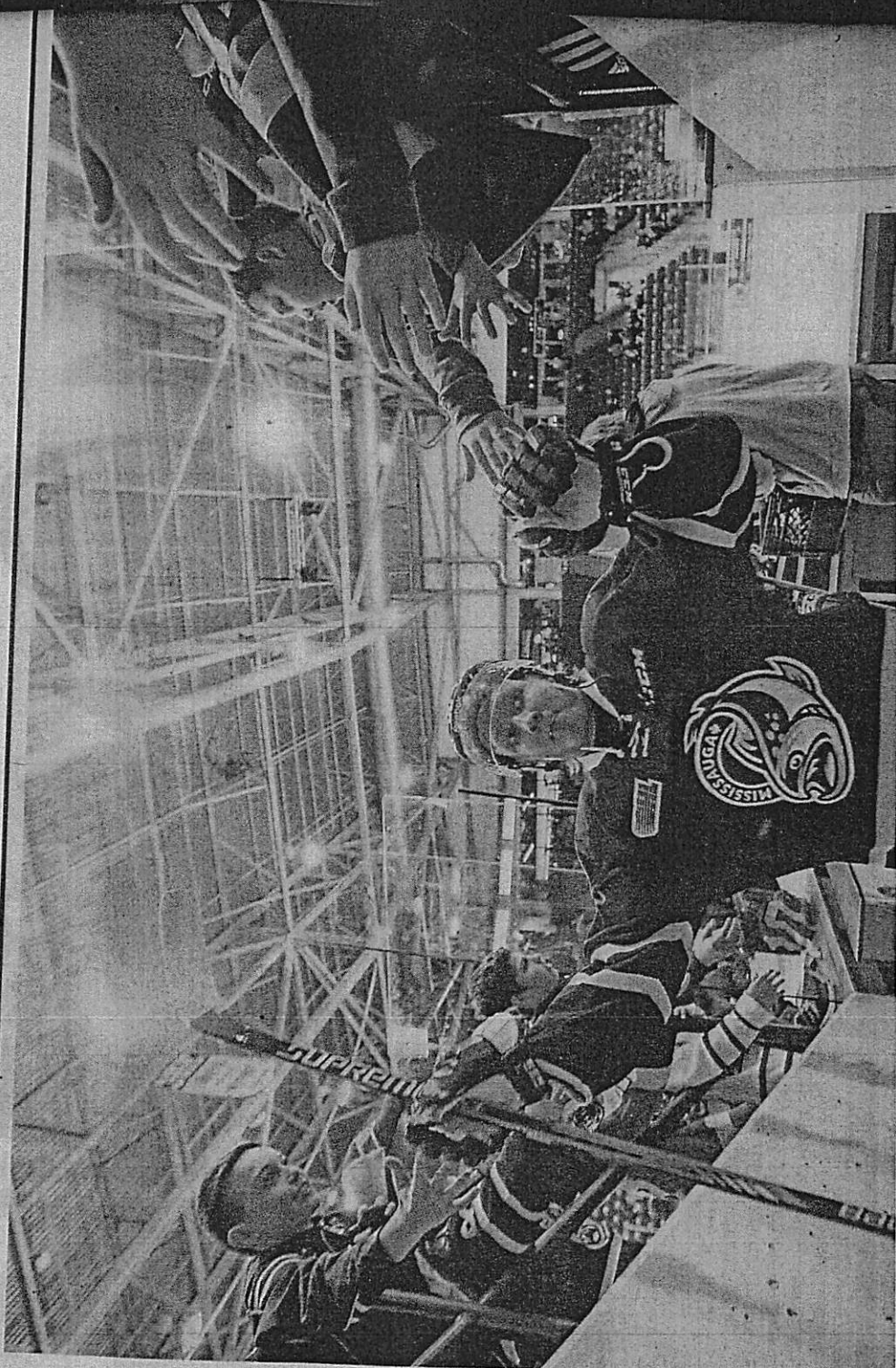
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Steelheads look to steal the show

Mississauga team hopes that its postseason run against heavily favoured Barrie Colts will appeal to hockey fans in the GTA rather than just NHL scouts and general managers

DAVID SHOALTS

The young, speedy Mississauga Steelheads are poised for an Ontario Hockey League playoff upset and, more importantly, in position to show that major junior hockey just might be able to survive in the Greater Toronto Area.

Thanks to the Steelheads' double-overtime win Tuesday that gave them a 2-1 lead in their first-round playoff series against the heavily favoured Barrie Colts, team owner Elliott Kerr is hoping for a rare sellout in the 5,500-seat Hershey Centre in Mississauga for Game 4 on Thursday night.

It would be just one more sign his talented youngsters can appeal to more than the gaggle of NHL scouts and general managers who crowd into every game, eyeballing a team that could see four or five players taken in the NHL entry draft in June, with three – forwards Alex-

ander Nylander and Mike McLeod and defenceman Sean Day – projected to go in the first round.

"The hockey fans know who we are now, or are becoming more aware anyway," Kerr said. "We're beginning to feel we have some momentum going in terms of the market."

Kerr acknowledges a lot of marketing and sales work in the community lies ahead, as shown by the announced crowd of 2,704 at the Hershey Centre on Tuesday. And keeping the Steelheads in Mississauga for the long term is far from certain, given the hold on GTA hockey fans by the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Steelheads are the only surviving team of the great major-junior experiment in the GTA that started in the late 1990s with three teams. They started out in 1996 under former owner Eugene Melnyk as the Toronto St. Michael's Majors. In 1998, the



Brampton Battalion and Mississauga Ice Dogs joined them in the OHL but the Ice Dogs left for St. Catharines in 2007 and the Battalion fled for North Bay in 2013. The Majors relocated to Mississauga in 2007 and were renamed the Steelheads by Kerr when he bought the team in 2012 to head off another move. All three teams were always among the bottom OHL teams in attendance.

"We're the last," Kerr says in acknowledgment. But just as he believes his team can pull off an upset against the Colts, who finished second in the OHL's Eastern Conference, 18 points ahead of the seventh-place Steelheads, he thinks it can survive in Mississauga. "We can and we will."

Just breaking even financially will be considered a victory, which will take raising this season's average attendance of about 3,000 by at least 1,000. **Steelheads, Page 3**

The Mississauga Steelheads have several NHL prospects, including right winger Alexander Nylander, who high-fives fans at the Hershey Centre before his OHL playoff game against the Barrie Colts on Wednesday.

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CHL Junior hockey growing like nobody's business

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Windsor Spitfires winger Ty Bilcke, left, and London Knights winger Adam Restoule, right, drop the gloves and trade punches early in the first period of their OHL hockey game at Budweiser Gardens in London on Friday October 5, 2012. (CRAIG GLOVER/QMI Agency)

Sherry Bassin has accomplished a lot during his vast junior hockey career.

Right now, he's just trying to dig himself out of last place.

The venerable Erie Otters owner and general manager knows he needs more than a slingshot to drop the Goliaths roaming the Canadian Hockey League landscape these days, and he's starting with 15-year-old phenom Connor McDavid and a \$42-million home rink makeover.

"When we came here (to Pennsylvania) in 1996, this was the third-best rink in the Ontario Hockey League," Bassin said in a chilly Erie Insurance Arena corridor recently, "and right now, it's the second worst, but it won't be that way for much longer."

Nice arena. Exciting team. Strong brand.

That's no longer the finish line for CHL teams. In an era of \$2-million-plus budgets and competition against some of Canada's biggest hockey centres, those are simple building blocks that allow the average team to get into the race.

"You want to talk about where junior hockey's going," the 73-year-old Bassin said. "Thirty years ago, if someone could sharpen skates, they were the trainer. Now, you need a physiotherapist and it better not just be some physiotherapist, it better be the best."

SURE are no shortcuts anymore. With coaching and video as specialized as it is today, with the game at the level it's at now, if you're not fully prepared and ready to invest everything into this, your program will collapse on itself."

Mom and Pop have boarded up the shop and retired to Florida. Junior hockey is now a business in every sense of the word.

"When I played for the London Knights in the late '70s and early '80s, there might've been three, four employees working for a team," Belleville Bulls GM/coach George Burnett said. "The owner and his wife, they were selling tickets or programs. There was the coach and the trainer. Now, depending on what city you're in, there can be dozens of people involved.

"If you're in a smaller centre, you have to maximize all your resources in order to compete."

But what's big and who's small these days?

It's getting more blurry by the day.

The London Knights, now run like a pro franchise, are operated by the hockey-savvy Hunter clan, who took out mortgages on their farms to purchase the team a dozen years ago. They didn't start in the same tax bracket as former Mississauga owner Eugene Melnyk and current Brampton boss Scott Abbott, tycoons who have dealt with some of major junior hockey's lowest average attendances.

A look at the big and small draws so far in major junior hockey's 2012-13 season

THE BIG DOGS

- Quebec Remparts, QMJHL (10,166 avg. for six games)
- London Knights, OHL (8,934 for five games)
- Halifax Mooseheads, QMJHL (7,791 for five games)
- Calgary Hitmen, WHL (7,738 for six games)
- Portland Winterhawks, WHL (6,875 for three games)

SMALLER FISH

- Mississauga Steelheads, OHL (2,203 for five games)
- Brampton Battalion, OHL (2,106 for six games)
- Swift Current, WHL (1,863 for eight games)
- Prince Edward Island, QMJHL (1,781 for seven games)
- Acadie-Bathurst, QMJHL (1,602 for five games)

Warren Rychel, the Windsor Spitfires co-owner and GM, said his club has been run in the same vein as a "small business," although the OHL recently slapped it with a \$250,000 fine (originally \$400,000) for illegal recruitment.

Twenty years ago, that was pretty close to a team's annual budget.

Ex-NHL players are investing. NHL clubs, particularly in Calgary and Edmonton, hold stakes in the junior game.

The Patrick Roy-led Quebec Remparts play in front of annual average attendances that would lead the American Hockey League and are hot on the tail of some of the lighter-drawing NHL clubs.

The Kitchener Rangers, in essence owned by their season-ticket holders, just added nearly 1,000 seats to Memorial Auditorium, pushing capacity to more than 7,000, to deal with demand.

"I remember during my draft year a lot of friends were sitting at their computers praying they would get picked by London, Kitchener or Windsor," a former star forward in the OHL's Eastern Conference said. "They were disappointed if they didn't. I don't think it had anything to do with money. They just saw the crowds, the support, and how the cycle worked. Those teams kept getting top players who wanted to be there and, in turn, people keep coming out to watch those teams win."

This remains junior hockey's great juggling act: How to grow the brand without leaving anyone behind.

"To me, the key is always remembering who you are and what your strengths are," CHL president and OHL commissioner David Branch said. "Ninety percent of our markets are in smaller communities (populations under 100,000). We've never said we'd ideally like to have everybody in a 5,000-seat facility. We enjoy the odd market where it's best to be at 9,000 or 10,000. We don't have cookie-cutter markets and so you don't have cookie-cutter facilities, either."

There is a greater presence of junior hockey on TV. That, and the financial spinoffs that come with it, have stirred up attention, primarily from the fledging CHL players union.

Michael Mazzuca, now a lawyer at the Toronto-based Gibson and Barnes firm representing the CHLPA, noticed a vast spotlight shift since his four seasons with London and Kitchener during the late 1990s.

"The biggest change in junior hockey from when I played is in television and branding opportunities," he said. "Nearly every game is on TV now and then you add in the special national events -- the Canada-Russia challenge, Top Prospects, Friday Night Hockey on (Rogers) Sportsnet.

"There's a lot of money being divided and, with it, an opportunity to direct more of it to the only reason it's being generated -- the players."

There's a tightrope to walk there, too. A strong union, if this one happens, can't afford to lose any of its membership.

Owen Sound, one of the CHL's tiniest population bases, is in the middle of the 20-team pack in OHL attendance. The Attack, in a massive victory for the underdog community, won the 2011 league title and might have hoisted the Memorial Cup, too, if 25-minute-a-game forwards Joey Hishon and Garrett Wilson hadn't gone down to injury during the tournament.

Every second Wednesday, the ownership group -- a doctor, an agricultural supplier, a Tim Hortons franchisee and a campground-owning pair of brothers -- meet to discuss the state of their small-market club, a contender once again.

"We don't have the luxury in our situation to make any huge blunders," Dr. Bob Severs said. "With our operations budget where it is and 3,000 people in the seats, you can't be in this to make money. If you are, you're just (peeing) up a rope. We know who we are, we have a good relationship with our arena, we make it a priority to hire the best people (GM Dale DeGray has made some magical moves), we stay the hell out of head coach Greg Ireland's way and we're happy."

New Oshawa Generals GM Jeff Twohey spent three decades working for the Petes in Peterborough, another smaller centre. He never thought once he couldn't compete.

"To me, it's wasted breath (to make excuses)," he said. "We beat London four straight in the 2006 (OHL) final. Shawinigan isn't the biggest place and they had to make trades, but they're Memorial Cup champions. If you're a small-market team and try to act like a big-market one, you're going to fail.

"It starts with good hockey sense. If you took Mark and Dale Hunter out of London and put them in the smallest market in the CHL, I believe they would still find a way to win."

If you can't adjust to the dynamics of this growing market, you risk being left in the dust by the bigger fish -- and ultimately, out of the game for good.

Is the CHL doing enough to help its players get a good education?

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COACHES KEEN TO MAKE CAREER

As the old chestnut goes, a handful of Canadian Hockey League operators have to think long and hard before moving up to the NHL ranks these days.

It could mean a pay cut.

"Junior hockey used to be primarily used as a springboard to a pro job but people have come to realize there's a great career opportunity at this level," Belleville Bulls general manager/coach George Burnett said. "The CHL has become a destination for a lot of coaches."

It's no longer just a pit stop, especially for those who have a financial stake in their teams.

Dale Hunter ran the Washington Capitals bench for most of last season, cajoled the team to a Game 7 in the second round, then bid adieu. He's back with his London Knights, a team he bought with his brother, Mark, in 2000.

Two-time Memorial Cup champion Bob Boughner dabbled as an assistant coach with the Columbus Blue Jackets for a year, then promptly returned to Windsor, the team he co-owns. Patrick Roy, despite being a much-discussed potential coach of the Montreal Canadiens, looks quite comfortable in Quebec with his Remparts.

"You look at guys like George and Bobby and they really enjoy teaching the game," Hunter said. "That's what it's mostly about at this level. The NHL isn't that way. If you love teaching and preparing players to take that next step, then this is a great place to coach."

Maybe the Brian Kilrea experience in Ottawa -- winning an unfathomable 1,193 games in 30-plus years behind a junior hockey bench -- will become more common. Hunter could notch his 500th win later this season.

Burnett, an OHL coach with Niagara Falls at age 27, was running the Edmonton Oilers bench by the time he was 32. He later returned to junior, took the Guelph Storm to the Memorial Cup final, then jumped back into the NHL again.

He has spent the past dozen years in the OHL, the past nine in Belleville.

"The most important person in the organization has always been the coach," Oshawa Generals GM Jeff Twohey said. "I can assemble all the talent in the world but if the players can't play for that coach and he can't bring them together, then I'm a bad GM."

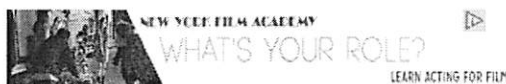
"You need a great coach to win in junior hockey. That's the bottom line. If you don't have one, then nothing else matters."

And today for many of them, the ice isn't necessarily thicker -- or grass greener -- in the big leagues.

-- with files from Dave Pollard

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So according to Senate Bill 5893, teenagers who play for the Everett Silvertips, Seattle Thunderbirds, Spokane Chiefs and Tri-City Americans are forever to be deemed amateur athletes, not employees.

And in what was effectively sticking up their middle finger to those who are trying to unionize players in the Canadian Hockey League, WHL president Ron Robison and representatives from the four Washington-based team in the league were on hand Monday afternoon, beaming with pride as Washington governor Jay Insee officially signed the bill into law.

As expected, Robison heaped praise upon the governor, Senate and House of Representatives in Washington State, saying the legislation, "will allow our four Washington-based clubs to continue offering world class development and education opportunities, as they have been doing in the state for close to 40 years.

"We fully expect other jurisdictions in our region to adopt similar legislation as Washington and Saskatchewan have," Robison continued, "in order to ensure our teams are in a position to continue operating as they have for decades."

Which means these teams will continue to offer world-class training, coaching and facilities, room and board for each player, equipment and post-secondary education packages. And they'll continue to pay their players poverty wages under the guise of them being amateur athletes and not employees. So let's see how WHL players and their counterparts in the OHL and QMJHL are non-employees:

* They are drafted as teenagers by one team in one league over which they have no control. They are allowed to negotiate only with the team that drafts them and if that is hundreds of miles away from home,

so be it. But they're not employees.

* If they don't have a no-trade clause in their contracts, they can be dealt to any other team in the league, again with absolutely no say in the matter. But they're not employees.

* Of all of the events that occur in the arenas in which they play, they create wealth for the owners and everyone involved, the same way rock concerts, boat shows, evangelical revivals and Disney on Ice do. But they're not employees.

* They show up for work on game nights the same way popcorn makers, beer sellers, maintenance staff and Zamboni drivers do, but they're the only ones who are by law not required to receive at least a minimum hourly wage. Because they're not employees.

* They are required to show up every day, on time, for practice and games. But they're not employees.

* They're expected to represent their teams at charitable and community events that help raise the profile of the organization in the community and create good will with the paying customers. But they're not employees.

* They're expected to follow the boss's orders without question. If the coach tells them to go out and fight, they do it. They're expected to do whatever it takes within their power to help their team win games and they basically have no recourse if they disagree with the powerful men who control their careers and their lives. Because they're not employees.

* If they return in the middle of the night from a road trip and the coach isn't pleased with the way they've played, they can be required to immediately put on their equipment and practice. Because they're not employees.

* They can be sent home at any time for any reason. They can show up for work one day and find their belongings stuffed into a green garbage bag and receive no severance pay or compensation package or even an escort back home. Because they're not employees.

* Virtually every person they come into contact every single day with their team – from the GM and coach to the team secretary – is an employee of the team. But they're not employees.

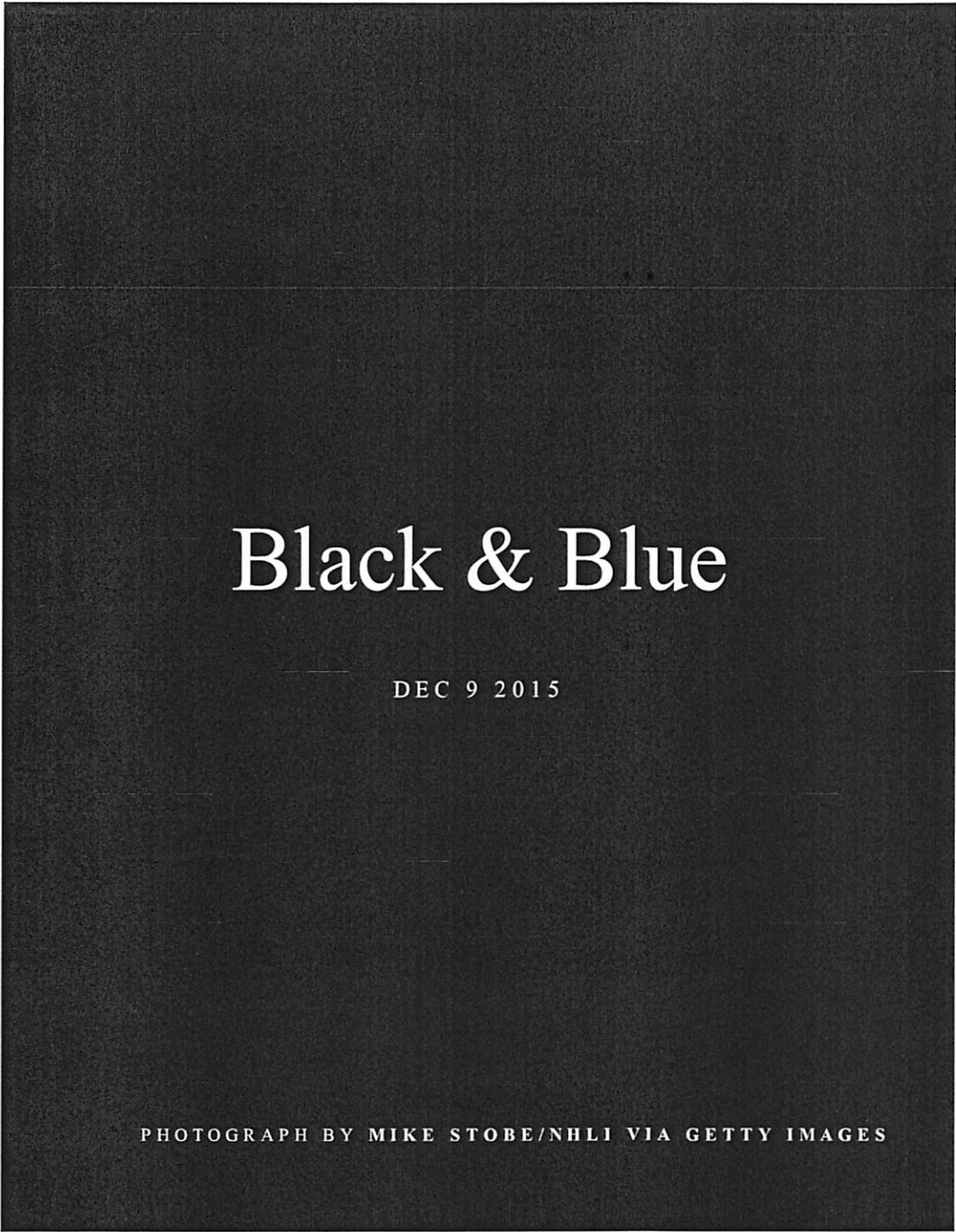
* When they turn 18, instead of having the option to play in a league that's better suited to their abilities where they can make more money – such as the AHL – they are forced to go back to riding buses and playing with inferior players if they're not good enough to play in the NHL. Because they're not employees.

* They are expected to occasionally sacrifice class and study time for road trips, practices and team meetings. But they're not employees.

* They're expected to respect the team hierarchy and rules without exception, the same way anyone else in any other workplace would be expected to do. They're expected to pick up pucks after practice and sit in a certain part of the bus for no other reason than they're rookies on the team. But they're not employees.

* They have dreams of one day parlaying their hard work and sacrifice in junior hockey into a pro career, the same way most of the coaches, GMs and referees who work alongside them do. But they do it for a tiny fraction of the compensation. Because they're not employees.

Actually, it's no wonder the legislators in Washington State came to the conclusion that junior hockey players are amateur athletes and not employees. After all, would any company in the world even dream of treating its employees like that?



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PATRICK O'SULLIVAN
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My father used to beat the shit out of me.

I don't say that to be shocking, or to get your attention. I say that because it's just a simple fact. He would throw punches. Not like he was hitting a small child — but like he was in a bar fight with a grown man. Whenever some people hear the

phrase “child abuse,” it’s very hard for them to think about what’s really happening. They imagine discipline that gets out of hand once in a while, because it’s easier that way.

How many times have you heard someone say this?

“My parents used to give me the belt, and I turned out OK.”

So let me be really clear about what happened to me. From the moment I got my first pair of hockey skates at five years old, I got the living shit kicked out of me every single day. Every day after hockey, no matter how many goals I scored, he would hit me. The man was 6-foot-2, 250 lbs. It would start as soon as we got in the car, and sometimes right out in the parking lot.



By the time I was 10, it got worse. He would put cigarettes out on me. Choke me. Throw full soda cans at my head. Every time I stepped on the ice, I knew that my play would determine just how bad I got it when we got home. I’d score a hat trick, and afterward we’d get in the car and he would tell me that I played “like a faggot” (that was his favorite term, which says a lot).

I thought it was normal. As a kid, you just don’t know any better. He would wake me up at 5 a.m. and force me to work out for two hours before school. I remember

I had this heavy leather jump rope, and if he thought I wasn't working hard enough, he would force me to take my shirt off and he'd whip me with it. If the jump rope wasn't around, he would use an electrical cord.

He always stopped short of knocking me unconscious, because that would defeat his purpose. See, if I was passed out, I couldn't train.

As strange as it might sound, the routine physical abuse was something I learned to endure. A good day for me was when he beat me like normal. I could prepare myself for that. A bad day was when things got unpredictable. Sometimes I would be asleep and my father would wake me up in the middle of the night and just start hitting me for no reason at all. When you're sleeping, you're in your own world. You can't prepare yourself. You can't steel yourself for what's coming. A few times, he locked me out of the house in the middle of winter in my pajamas, because I needed to "toughen up."

I could go on for thousands of more words about the physical abuse, but there's no point. When I tell people the insane details of my childhood, they have the same two questions.

Why in the hell would anyone do this to their own son?

And then ...

Why in the hell didn't anyone put a stop to it?

The first question is easy to answer. My father was a low-level pro hockey player who never made it past the minor leagues. He was living his failed dream through his child. As twisted and insane as it sounds, in his mind, everything he was doing was justified. It was all going to make me a better hockey player — and eventually get me to the NHL.

The second question is a lot more complicated. Why didn't anybody step in and

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stop the abuse? My story will never reach people like my father. They're so far off the deep end that it's too late. But plenty of people witnessed what was happening. Every town has the Crazy Hockey Dad, but my father was so far above and beyond that cliché. I'd come into the locker room with bruises and cuts, and he'd spend the entire game screaming and banging on the glass. He got into brawls with parents from the other team right in the stands, many, many times.

But all I ever got from the other hockey parents was a concerned, "Are you ok?"

And, of course, I'd say, "Yeah, I'm fine."

That would be the end of it. Nobody called the cops. Nobody ever confronted him. The overall mentality back then, especially in the hockey community, was "whatever happens in their house, stays in their house. That's their own business."

But even in my own home, the abuse was ignored. I'll never forget this moment when I was 10 years old. I was about to leave the house for a game when my mother pulled me aside and whispered, "You better play well out there today, because if you don't, it's going to be bad tonight."

Right then, it dawned on me that my mother was never going to do anything about it. Our neighbors weren't going to do anything about it. The other hockey parents weren't going to do anything about it. I was going to have to stop it myself.

That's a very frightening feeling to have as a 10-year-old kid. I thought, *Well, one day you're going to get big enough to stand up to him.* For the next six years, I just tried to survive. Each morning, I'd wake up and think: *Here we go again. Just get through it.*



The abuse got worse, and I just kept getting better and better on the ice. That's the truly sick thing. I think part of the reason nobody said anything was because I kept putting the puck in the net.

Professional sports — and let's be honest, Canadian Junior hockey *is* professionalized — is a meat market. Nothing more, nothing less. It's all about performance on the ice.

By excelling, it was almost like I was reinforcing what my dad was doing. I can just imagine the thought process of the other parents and coaches:

“Well, his dad's a nutcase, but he's the best player on the ice, so it can't be that bad. Hell, maybe that's what it takes to be the best.”

The thing is, my success had nothing to do with my father's over-the-top training regimens. The ice was my safe space. The two hours I had out there was the only time I truly felt free. When I stepped onto the ice, he couldn't touch me. Everything became easy.

Actually, the main reason I was scared to tell anybody about the abuse when I was young was because I thought my father would find a way to take away the only thing I loved — playing hockey.

When I turned 16, I became the No. 1 pick in the Ontario Hockey League draft. You might assume the abuse stopped there, but in my dad's mind, his methods "worked." I was on the path to the NHL. So the abuse only intensified. One night after a game during my first year in the OHL, I was sitting on the bus with my teammates when my dad came storming in and literally grabbed me by the arm and dragged me to his car.

"That's it, you're done with hockey. You don't deserve this. We're going home."

I got in the car and he started driving home. And then something in me just snapped. We stopped to pick up my sisters at our grandparents' house, and I jumped out and said, "This is all stopping right now. I'm not going home."

We got into a fight. Our first real fight, where I fought back, and didn't stop. My mom and grandparents watched from the window as we brawled right in the driveway. It went on for minutes, which is an eternity in a fight. I can't even remember how it finally stopped. I just remember him jumping in the car and driving off. I ran into the house and called the police.

When the cops showed up, they put out an APB for him, but I just shook my head and showed them his photo. "Just come to my next hockey game," I said. "He'll be there. He can't stay away."

Two games later, he showed up. The cops arrested him at the rink.

When I filled out the police report, I just gave the basics. I could have gone on for hundreds of pages, and I wish I had, because my father got out of jail after a month or two. The restraining order I took out against him said he couldn't come within 100 feet of me, but it didn't stop him from showing up to my games.

I'd see him up there in his same spot, watching me.

A few years later, his dream finally came true. I was selected in the second round

of the 2003 NHL Draft. The NHL assigned me an entire security team for the day, but I knew it was useless. He made sure he was seated right where I could see him.

So when my name was called and I pulled on the Minnesota Wild sweater, I knew he was in the building watching, and it made me absolutely furious. Not because of all the pain I endured. But because I knew that he believed, in his heart, that all his abuse was validated. He thought he was the reason I made it to the NHL. The ends justified the means.



That's absolutely ridiculous. You know why I made it to the NHL?

Because on the weekends, I'd get as far away from him as I could. I would stay out of the house all day by myself, with nothing but a hockey stick and a ball. Deking, deking, deking. Shooting, shooting, shooting. Over and over and over until the stick became an extension of my body.

That's it. That's why I made it.

Once you get to the pro level and you witness how fast the game moves, you finally realize that no amount of running or weight lifting or private lessons is

going to change one simple question: Do you understand hockey? Do you really *understand* the game? Do you know where that puck is going next?

Either you have it or you don't. Screaming at your kid in the car on the way to a hockey game isn't going to get them to the next level. Having a 12-year-old kid run six miles after practice isn't going to turn them into Jonathan Toews.

You know when you actually get good at sports? When you're having fun and being creative. When you're being a kid. When you don't even realize you're getting better, *that's* when you're getting better. If you're not engaged in what you're doing, it's as helpful as taking the trash out. It's just another chore.

But that's not what some parents, even normal ones, want to hear. Honestly, that's not the direction youth hockey is trending. When I was in the NHL, I'd be doing my off-season workouts at the gym with Daniel Carcillo and some other NHL buddies, and we'd look over and see 12-year-old kids doing the same two-hour workout we were doing, with a trainer screaming at them the whole time. Half the time their parents would be there, yelling at them, too.

And it's absolutely comical. It's doing nothing.

True story: I played with Drew Doughty his rookie year in Los Angeles. He came into camp and he could barely do one rep on the bench press. He'll laugh about it now. He was not in shape at all, at least in the way these "Old Time Hockey" blowhards talk about it. Then we'd go out for practice and he'd be the best player on the ice. Doughty was just a pure, natural hockey player with incredible vision and a brain for the game.

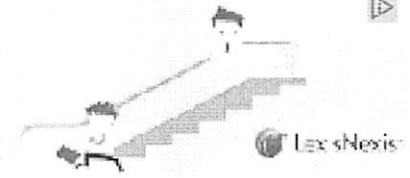
He was in hockey shape. He could *think* circles around you.

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n Easter weekend 2012, fifteen-year-old Sam Berg was spending his Saturday the same way other junior hopefuls across the province were: hunched in front of his computer, obsessively clicking refresh as the Ontario Hockey League

draft unfolded with infuriating slowness.

Berg comes from a hockey clan. His father is former Toronto Maple Leafs left-winger Bill Berg, his uncle was a top goal-scorer in the now-defunct Central Hockey League, and his sister will soon play college hockey in the United States. Berg learned to skate on his family's creek in Beamsville, Ontario, a small town on the Niagara Peninsula. It's a community, Berg says, where teenage life unfolds in just three places: "School, outside, and the rink."

Berg was a power forward, a gritty winger who wasn't afraid to fight older and bigger kids, and who prided himself on playing hard in the corners. That Easter, though, he watched round after round go by without seeing his name. When the wait became unbearable, he left his computer to join his family for dinner. That's when he got the call from Marty Williamson, the general manager and head coach of the Niagara IceDogs, a team just down the highway that drew sellout crowds. Williamson announced that Berg had been drafted in the fourteenth round—a late pick, but a pick nonetheless. "I just jumped off the wall," says Berg, who was excited by the chance to add his own story to his family's on-ice achievements.

The excitement didn't last. A few years later, Berg is leading a \$190 million lawsuit against the league that drafted him. The teen, who spent his youth dreaming of a professional hockey career, is today regarded as one of the game's greatest threats—reviled by owners, GMs, and fans as a turncoat out to destroy an important part of Canadian culture.

In any given winter night, from Rimouski to Medicine Hat, thousands file into arenas to watch future stars of the game take slapshots and drop saucer passes, cheering themselves hoarse with every goal and rising to their feet at the slightest suggestion of a fight. If you believe the cliché that hockey in Canada is a religion, then junior hockey—played by apple-cheeked teens far from the corrupting influence of big-league money—is the sport in its purest, most sacred form.

The Canadian Hockey League runs the show. The organization oversees the sixty teams and 1,500-odd players in the Ontario Hockey League, the Western Hockey League, and the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Players range from sixteen to twenty, and in exchange for competing in towns across the continent, they all get room and board and free gear, and most receive a weekly honorarium of \$60.

Players and their families are also promised scholarships. But the most valuable payoff is the chance at cracking the pros. The CHL—the place where Wayne Gretzky dazzled as a skinny sixteen-year-old and where Connor McDavid dominated last year—is the National Hockey League's largest supplier of talent. Unfortunately, for many, the NHL will remain a distant fantasy. Odds are, just one or two players from any team will make a living playing hockey.

Sam Berg wasn't one of them. He lasted just eight regular-season games with the IceDogs before he was sent down a level and then traded to the Thorold Blackhawks. There, he reinjured a shoulder. "I hit a guy, and my shoulder popped out, and I couldn't pop it back in," Berg remembers. He left the team. His hockey career was over.

A few months later, Berg enrolled at McMaster University, in Hamilton, determined to get on with his life. Before signing with the IceDogs, Berg and his family had negotiated a contract giving him a four-year scholarship the moment he laced up for the team (a relatively common arrangement when teams are eager to convince draft picks to sign). According to the IceDogs, however, Berg hadn't reported to camp after his injury, rendering his scholarship void. They would give him one year; then he'd be on his own.

Berg and his parents were outraged. The contract, they assumed, was irrevocable. Berg felt he was being treated like a "racing greyhound"—kicked to the side the minute he was no longer useful. The story then took a disturbing turn. Berg learned that the contract he signed had never been officially approved by the OHL. And because it had never been approved, the OHL now argued that the league wasn't bound by its terms. But absent an agreement, Berg should never have been allowed to play for the IceDogs. The league's deceit shocked him. When the OHL began to ignore the Bergs' phone calls, mutual friends introduced the family to Ted Charney, a class-action lawyer. Charney works out of an office in downtown Toronto, where he specializes in lawsuits against condominium developers. "I know a solid case when I see one," he says.

Berg was focused on his scholarship, but Charney convinced him a bigger issue was at stake. While junior hockey is many things—a place where young players learn a skill, a hub for communities, a piece of Canadian identity—it's also an economic

anomaly, a for-profit industry built on the unpaid labour of teens. In general, players have little say over where they play. They spend between thirty-five and forty hours a week training, skating, taking long bus rides to games. They're also expected to glad-hand season-ticket holders and local businesses to promote the team.

These working conditions have made junior hockey a controversial sport for years, with a failed unionization attempt in 2012 and an investigation into child labour practices in Washington State. As he talked with Charney, Berg saw his experiences in a new light. "To compare what players are getting versus what the teams are getting?" says Berg. "There's no other way to describe it but exploitative."

In October 2014, Berg agreed to become the representative plaintiff in a class-action lawsuit against all three major junior hockey leagues. The lawsuit covers thousands of former players who will be automatically included if the suit is certified, with Berg as the face of the class. In Charney's opinion, the case is simple: hockey players deserve minimum wage, holiday pay, and every other right given to Canadian workers. They are, in a word, employees.

The CHL disagrees. President David Branch—who declined to speak for this article—has long argued that major junior players aren't employees but "amateur student athletes." The term has a long history in the US, where "student athlete" football and basketball players earn hundreds of millions of dollars for their schools without taking home a cent. But US players are in fact enrolled in academic institutions. In the context of Canadian junior hockey, the label "amateur student athlete" becomes nearly meaningless. CHL teams are not affiliated with schools. Some players finish high school part-time, but many older players aren't in school at all. Worse, onerous restrictions have kept former players from using their scholarships. For example, because OHL teams require kids to redeem their scholarship within eighteen months of the end of their junior career, players who spend a year playing overseas or trying to make the NHL often lose their chance to go to school.

Describing players as "amateur" seems like wishful assertion rather than a reflection of reality. Buy a \$28 standing-room ticket to a Peterborough Petes playoff game, for instance, and you'll find yourself among people wearing \$120 jerseys and \$30 hats, watching a "Pizza Pizza Powerplay" followed by a "penalty kill brought to you by Compute." Between periods, a tiny blimp trailing a banner for the Brick furniture

store woozily circles the rink while a Zamboni plastered in ads for Jack Link's beef jerky resurfaces the ice. The atmosphere mirrors the professional experience in nearly every possible way. There are coaches, general managers, referees, and ushers. Teens sell beer and pizza. The only ones who aren't paid? The players.

"When you compare the money these teams make with what it would cost to pay players minimum wage, it's really a joke," says Charney, whose lawsuit claims that junior players help generate hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues annually.

Branch has publicly insisted that the CHL isn't as profitable as people think: about a third of the teams are in the black, a third break even, and a third lose money. Since most clubs are private companies, they don't have to disclose their earnings. But the business model is hardly failing. The CHL gets 35 percent of the revenue from the World Junior championships, which are consistently TSN's most highly rated broadcasts. They earn money on sponsorship, merchandise, and other TV rights. Yes, business is cyclical, with crowds largely dependent on the quality of the team, but this hasn't kept owners from recognizing the value of a club. Last year, *The Hockey News* reported that the Quebec Remparts, one of the country's most-prized franchises, had been sold to Quebecor for between \$20 million and \$25 million.

The value of these franchises, argues Berg, comes from teens—teens who appear in video games and put fans in seats, whose names are emblazoned on the back of pricey jerseys and whose play inspires love or despair. The game is a business, and players are the product.

In a hot Monday afternoon this summer, Sam Berg sat in the Beamsville arena. The ice was thawed, with kids practising tricks on their BMX bikes in the dusty parking lot. Now nineteen, Berg wore sneakers, jean shorts, and a polo shirt—a young adult with a square jaw and a scar on his cheek, a memento from the time a skate caught him in the face. Having transferred from McMaster to Brock University, in Saint Catharines, to major in labour studies, he'd been reading James W. Rinehart, the author of *The Tyranny of Work*, and was thinking in new ways about the world around him. The teenage jock was sounding like a campus Marxist. "Labour in sports is not a separate issue from labour in general," he said earnestly.

The lawsuit is moving forward slowly, with certification hearings in Ontario and Alberta next summer. In the meantime, Berg is facing a league determined to prove the case will damage major junior hockey. Paying players minimum wage, the CHL has warned, could result in the closure of dozens of teams in small communities with low attendance. Charney argues that if necessary, as in the NHL, junior teams should expand profit-sharing so that money-making clubs in London and Kitchener can help keep hockey in places such as Lethbridge and Owen Sound.

Berg has collided with not only than the league's lawyers, but also with the culture of the game itself. Hockey is a brutal sport played with fussy decorum. The so-called Code is a particularly Canadian system of enforced humility—an ethic that will cut down anyone ungrateful enough to suggest they'd like to play for something other than passion. Berg's appearances in newspapers across Canada have provoked outraged comments on social media from fans who dismiss him as an entitled millennial. ("Just another attention seeker looking to make some noise," is how one commenter summed up Berg's motives. "Stop whining," another person tweeted.)

Anger extends to his hometown, where people curse at Berg and flip him the middle finger. Even his grandfather William—who drives the Zamboni in Beamsville—has criticized him in an interview with TSN. The family used to be close, but William's comments have created a rift. "He got really angry," Berg remembers. "He said this is about our country; it's about the way the country works."

Indeed, the Code has been part of hockey culture since its birth. In the early twentieth century, the leaders of the sport blacklisted any players suspected of taking payment for their skills. It's a battle that Stephen Harper describes in his hockey history, *A Great Game*. "Without money," he writes, "sport was regarded as a noble calling in which the young man nurtured heroic qualities—endurance, courage, self-sacrifice for the team." The book presents the switch to professionalism as inevitable, but the conclusion includes an elegiac account of what was lost when the game became dominated by "millionaire players motivated more by personal greed than by any devotion to the national game." The one place the ideal of amateurism still exists, at least in theory, is junior hockey.

Today, when Berg talks about hockey, he makes it sound like a toxic relationship, something that requires conscious effort to stay away from. He stopped following junior hockey last year and barely paid attention to the Stanley Cup playoffs. This fall, before his second year of university, he cleared out his room. "I packed up all my trophies from hockey. I didn't need that constant reminder," he says.

Of course, walk down the hall and his father's NHL photos line the walls. Head into town and Leafs talk dominates while former teammates fill the bars. Get on the highway and Berg is a quick drive away from a half-dozen junior teams, each filled

with screaming fans eager to see the next generation of elite players out on the ice, skating hard, playing their hearts out. "I've really tried to separate myself from the game," Berg says. "But I guess it's hard to escape hockey in a country like Canada."

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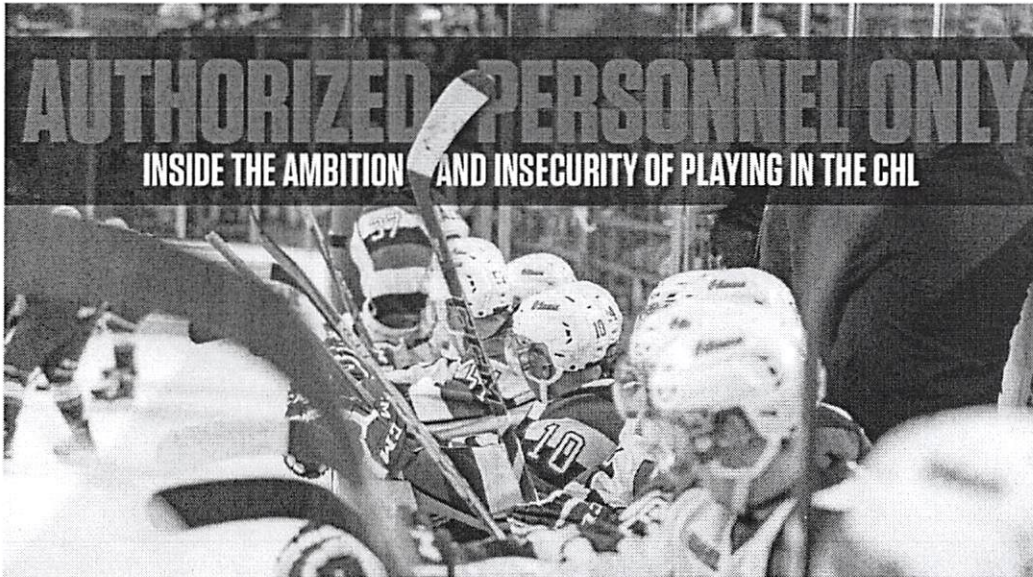


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Part 1: The Coach & GM

OTTAWA – One day, Jeff Brown thinks, he would like to be the good cop.

The role of head coach often means being the “hardass,” he says—making tough roster decisions, demanding more of players, telling a kid who's been the best on every team he's ever played for that he needs to work harder because all his teammates have been that, too. It's the assistant coaches who have the job of building the guys back up and offering a softer touch, says Brown, who's also

general manager of the Ottawa 67's. At some point, he thinks that would be a nice role to have. "They all come in here with the dream of the NHL," he says of his players. "You've got babies, basically. They think they're men, but they're not."



Brown played 747 NHL games and won a USHL championship as coach of the Indiana Ice in 2014. He has spent the past two seasons with the 67's. (Terry Wilson/OHL Images)

The hardest part as a coach is figuring out his players' personalities and what they'll respond best to—some guys need a kick in the pants, and others need to be coddled a bit. To sort that out, you test them a little bit early on and then recalibrate your approach once you get a read on them, Brown says—but sometimes you make a mistake and push a kid the wrong way, and then have to pick them

.up again. "A lot of them have never faced adversity before," he says. "They've always been on the first power play, they've always had the accolades. Then they come here and they're in and out of the line-up for the first time: 'What do you mean, I'm not playing tonight?'"

Morning practice ended not too long ago, and Brown is sprawled on a leather armchair in his office, wearing black CCM warm-up pants, a 67's shirt and red Nikes. His office, across the hall from the dressing room, is pretty bare bones; everything is still a work in progress since the 67's moved back to Lansdowne Park last season following major renovations. There are a couple of massive, mismatched pieces of leather furniture off to one side, and behind Brown's desk, there's a white board with roster positions and a scratch list, with little movable tiles representing all the players.

By the time those "babies" have been in the CHL for four or five years, they've seen it all and figured out that some of them are going to make it to the show and some are not, Brown says, steeping his fingers to demonstrate the tough reality. "As they get older, the pyramid comes like this, and then at the end, everyone falls off on the way up," he says.



Winger Travis Barron was ranked 60th among North American skaters in NHL Central Scouting's Midterm Rankings, the highest of any draft-eligible 67's player. (Terry Wilson/OHL Images)

He views the support staff who work very closely with the players, such as head equipment manager Chris Hamilton and head trainer Dan Marynowski, as crucial to managing the unique emotional needs of junior hockey players.

"They're the buffer," says Brown, who was a journeyman

defenceman for parts of 13 NHL seasons with seven franchises. “A lot of times when a kid’s having trouble or they’re down, they don’t feel comfortable walking across the hall, as much as we encourage them to—that we’re not bad guys and ultimately we want the best for them. But they do feel comfortable with the trainers.”

He counts on support staff to do a sort of emotional triage assessment for him. Brown says he doesn’t need to know about every little “chickenshit” drama, like a player breaking up with his girlfriend, but he counts on the trainers and assistant coaches to let him know about serious things that are affecting his players.

The way Brown describes a junior hockey team, it’s a workplace, but one not quite like any other. You need players to perform, and as a coach, if you don’t ask for more, you won’t get it. But these are kids. The ruthlessness of pro sports—or even a regular adult workplace—where you offload people who aren’t pulling their weight just doesn’t fit here. “You’ve given their family your word that you’re taking them, and you owe it to the kid to do as much as you can for them,” Brown says. “It’s a little bit different when you’re talking about a child who moved away from home and their entire dream is to play in the NHL.

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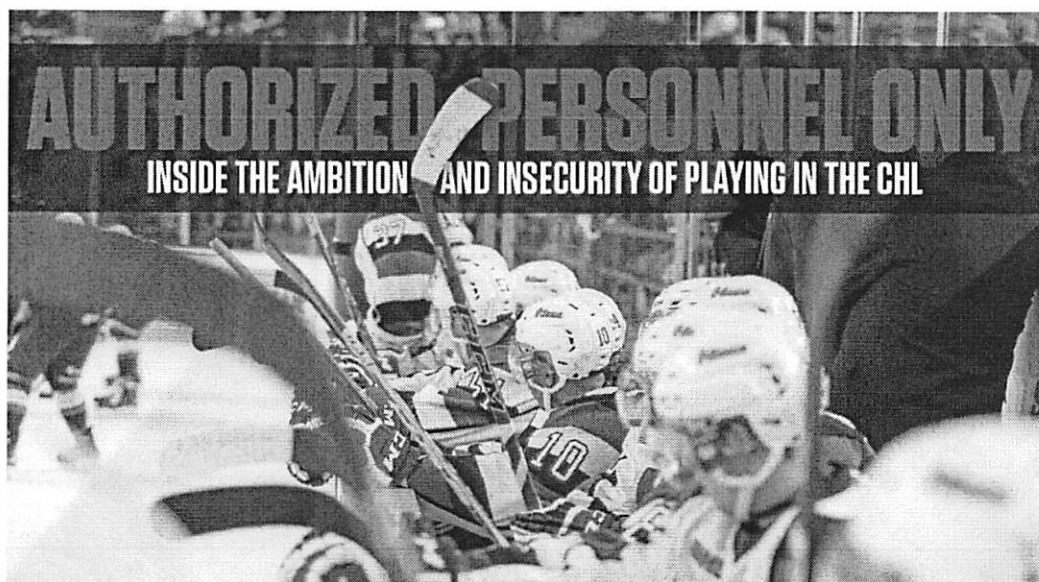


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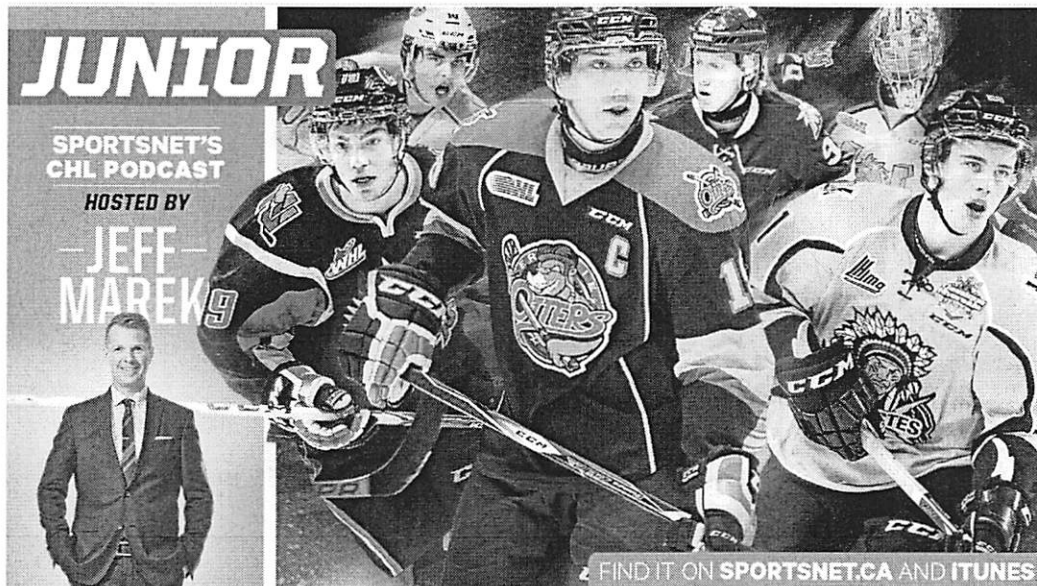
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Part 2: Academic Advisor Eileen Duffin

The texts often come early in the morning. One guy is “freaking out” because he can't find his car keys and a bunch of others need a ride to class. On another day, someone else writes to moan about a sore throat. Their parents are hundreds of kilometres away, so “Mrs. D”—Eileen Duffin, the academic advisor, billet coordinator and all-round den mother for the Ottawa 67's—swings into action.

She calms the owner of the lost car keys and picks up the

stranded players, then realizes no one has eaten breakfast because they were preoccupied with the car key search. She picks up a giant sack of bagels and a tub of cream cheese, and they scarf down breakfast before heading to class, leaving her car confettied with sesame seeds.

Another time, she heads to school with cough syrup—she knows from consulting with the team trainer that Buckley's doesn't contain any ingredients that could get the players into trouble with urine screening—and dosage spoons for three different boys. One of them is practically gagging into a snowbank after the first greasy teaspoon, begging her not to administer the rest of it. But if he can't take the medicine, he might be too sick for afternoon practice, Duffin reminds him; he chokes back the second teaspoon.

Duffin visits another player who's out with a concussion and she notices he's holding his neck stiffly, so she returns with a microwaveable heating pad from her house. The next morning, another text: his neck feels much better—thanks, Mrs. D.

“They are kids, and the bottom line is they are somebody's children, and I want them to be taken care of like if this was my son,” Duffin says. This is what it's like to play surrogate mother for two dozen teenagers living away from home and trying to make it in junior hockey.

Duffin's days are a mad blur of teacher consultations, check-ins with parents back home and helping “the boys”

with anything under the sun they might need. She also finds time to be the designated baker of banana bread. One recent Friday afternoon, she blustered cheerily into the coaches' office with an armful of bags and books, then began handing out loaves. Head coach Jeff Brown sweetly asked, "No chocolate chips?" before laughing at his own entitlement.

This job began for Duffin five years ago, when she was about to retire after three decades of high school teaching, but a former colleague wheedled her into joining her as an academic advisor with the 67's. "About two months into it, I said, 'Okay, I'm hooked,'" Duffin says (she now does the job solo).

The players who are still completing high school attend the private Blyth Academy, which offers a condensed and flexible schedule. The way Duffin sees it, she's employed by the team, but she really works as an advocate for the players and their parents—and if schoolwork starts to slide, someone is getting a serious sit-down at a dining room table, just like they would at home.

"They aren't allowed to not get through all their courses, and they do get all their credits unless something extraordinary happens," she says. "And it hasn't happened yet." (Sometimes, a player will earnestly ask for a chat about schoolwork when what he really wants is for Duffin to take him out for lunch. She is wise to this tactic, but rolls with it.)

The older players who are finished school or working on university courses have it a bit lighter, but for the high school students, junior hockey life amounts to more than a full workday: they're at school for 8:30 a.m. and go directly to the arena from school for 2:30 p.m. practice every day, and they usually don't get out of the rink until 6:00. "At the end of the day, you're pretty tired. There's not much else you can do except hang out, watch TV, eat and go to bed," says winger Adam Craievich.



Winger Craievich has four goals and 15 points this season. (Aaron Bell/OHL Images)

Duffin works particularly closely with players in their first two years in the OHL, helping them adjust to being away from home and learning to juggle everything. She warns parents that the first report cards of rookie year are the roughest, but things always improve once everyone

settles in. She sometimes gets phone calls from parents asking how their sons are really feeling, when they aren't sure what to make of a call home that sounds a little melancholy. Duffin sees the players nearly every day, so she can tell parents if their son is in fact doing just fine or if he needs a bit of a boost.

Coordinating billet placements is a new part of her job this season. Duffin lives close to the Blyth Academy, and she's managed to entreat several neighbours to take in players. "Part is it is I guess people feel they owe me favours, but I hate to think that's why they do it," she says, chuckling.

It works well to have lots of the players living near each other, as the veterans with cars drive the rookies around. There are also social logistics Duffin likes to consider—do you place two first-round draft picks in the same house or on the same street, or is that inviting too much competition?

"You know all the players, so if there's an issue at school or if there's an issue with billeting, you tend to hear about it quickly," she says. "They're few and far between, the issues, but they can crop up."

And Duffin has noticed one clear trend: by Christmas each season, when the players talk about returning to Ottawa after a break in their hometowns, they always say they're going "home."

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Inside the Ottawa 67's, Part 3: Mr. Everything

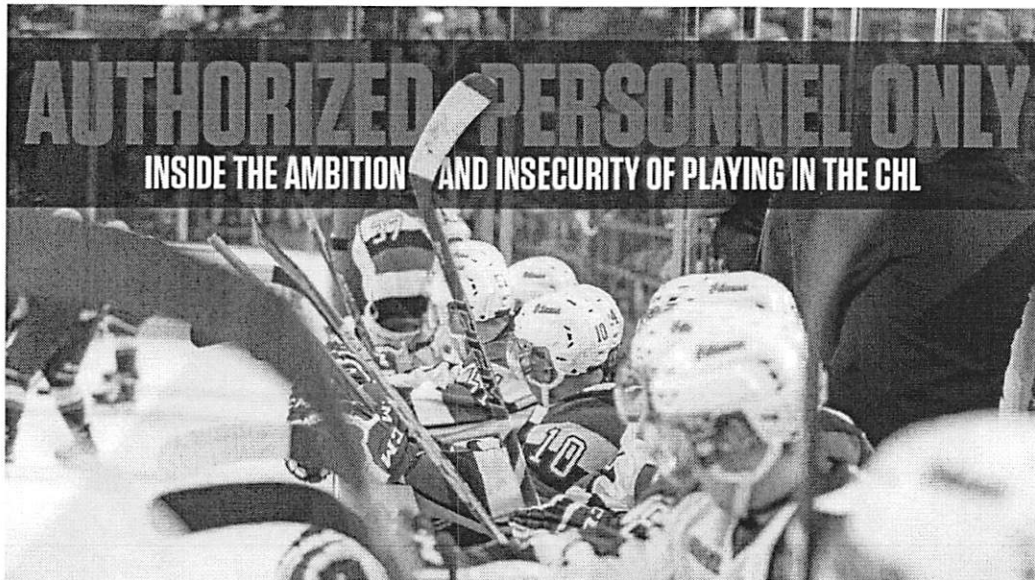


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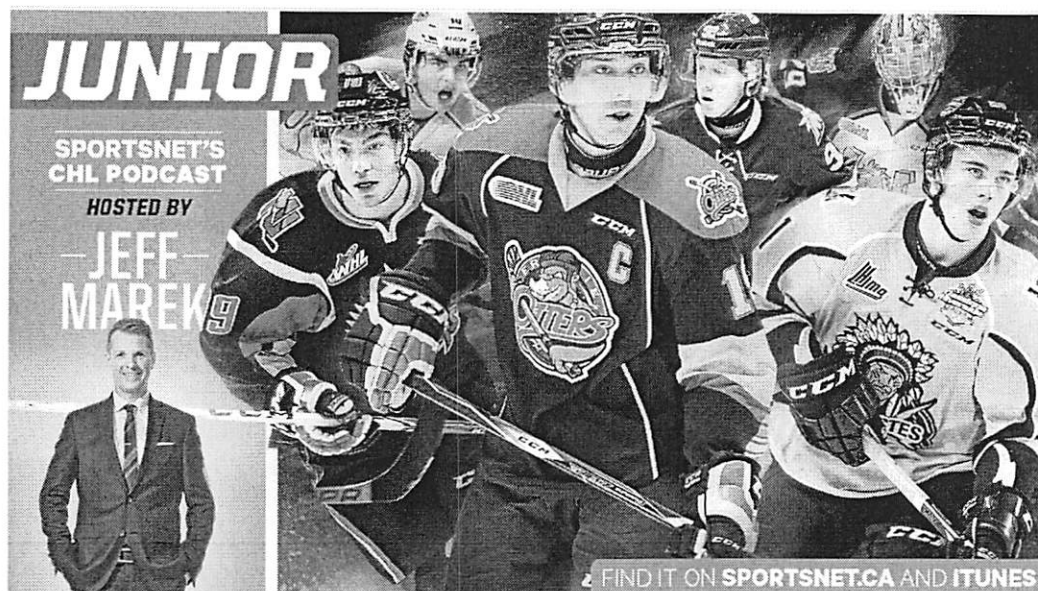
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Part 3: Head Equipment Manager Chris Hamilton

Chris Hamilton has developed an astonishing range of talents in his seven years with the Ottawa 67's. He's discovered he likes sewing. He can ferret out supplies that players have swiped and stockpiled in their lockers like squirrels readying for winter. He designs the team's warm-up sweaters and has big plans for decorating the lounge. He doesn't even notice the hockey smell anymore, which is both convenient and amazing.

And of all the "adults" who work with the team, Hamilton

might be closest to the players, both because of his age—he's 28, and when he started, he wasn't much older than the players—and simple physical proximity around the dressing room. "Hammy sees us all pissed off or happy, comments we're saying about the game, about this and that," says winger Adam Craievich. "Hammy's kind of like one of the boys." The players trust him because he's always around, hears everything and just tries to boost them up when they need it.

Hamilton was a student at the University of Ottawa and working part-time at Play It Again Sports when he happened to see a job posting for an assistant equipment manager on the 67's website. The job became full-time in 2012, when the team moved out of their arena during major renovations. They spent two seasons bouncing between a practice rink near the airport and home games at the Senators' rink, the Canadian Tire Centre. Every game, they had to pack up and drag with them every single thing they needed, from pucks to exercise bikes to Gatorade.



*Hamilton does just about everything except paint the rink.
(Photo courtesy Ottawa 67's)*

These days, the hours are long, but the season is short, and Hamilton's life looks a lot different than that of his high-school buddies, who all stayed in town and mostly work government jobs. Hamilton is at the rink most days by 9:00 AM and doesn't leave until 7:00 or 8:00 PM on practice days, and later if there's an evening game. One recent weekend, the 67's had a home game Friday night followed by a Saturday matinee, so Hamilton just planned to sleep on the big leather couch in the players lounge "It's the laundry," he says. "You gotta wait for the laundry."

The laundry room, surprisingly, smells like clean laundry and not like hockey equipment—which is to say, microwaved death. It's as neat as it can possibly be while

.stuffed with two washers, three dryers, piles of towels, socks, underwear, shelves of spare equipment and flats of Gatorade mix, a small forest of broken sticks and dozens of sweaters grouped by design and hung on racks.

Hamilton used to draw a lot when he was younger, and a few years back, he realized no one had strong opinions about warm-up sweaters, so he started designing them—a plaid lumberjack look, a scratched-up ice surface where the arms look like goalposts.

Down a hallway is the rear entrance to the suite of rooms where the players change out of street clothes, get treatment and just hang out. Hamilton has a small workroom in a back corner. Just inside the door, there's a sewing machine and a pile of 67's socks waiting for repair; he's also fixed shirts for the players, and he's working up the courage to try hemming his own pants. "I actually really enjoy sewing," he says. He laughs a little, then a little more, and then full-on chortles, as if he just heard himself. "It's weird." There's a big workbench with a toaster oven where he warms up plastic shot blockers to mold them over skates, and behind that is the skate sharpener. He's gotten so adept at sharpening skates, he can tell by the angle of the sparks flying off the wheel if a blade isn't perfectly level.

For some reason, the players covet bottled water and hockey tape like they're official currency, so Hamilton has learned to hide his reserves. He once found an entire case of bottled water stashed in a player's stall, which he quietly counter-swiped and returned to the lounge; now he

conducts covert supply scouting missions while he cleans up the room.

He's also an astute observer of the social dynamics of the team. He knows which kids are the hockey equivalent of the students who study night and day because getting a B is unacceptable; he knows which overagers are still trying to process the fact that they won't end up in the NHL and who's just decided to enjoy the end of the ride; and he knows that the saw on the stick work table can be intimidating to the rookies, so sometimes you just have to cut their sticks for them.

Along the back hallways, there's one refrain you hear from the young players almost constantly: "Where's Hammy? Have you seen Hammy?" Hamilton is such a key part of their little crew that he's had to devise a trick to render himself invisible in plain sight when he has work to do and can't get drawn into conversation: he puts on his headphones.

Hamilton grew up playing hockey, drawing oxygen from the same NHL dreams as the players he now works with, but he was a goalie who topped out at 5-goot-7. "By the time I was 16, I was like, 'This is probably not going to work out,'" he says. "I started to figure it out." That was hard, so he knows it's an even tougher reality for these junior players who have always been the best player on any team they've been on. Hamilton figures his real job here—in addition to organizing and repairing and cleaning and restocking and fine-tuning—is just to keep things as

loose and light and friendly as possible while these young players figure out whether their road heads toward the pros or a different sort of life.

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Junior program springboard to NHL

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LONDON, ON T. • Driving east along Highway 401 from this handsome old city of 366,000, tracing another Thames upriver, leads to Toronto in about two hours. Head west, through a landscape of flat, featureless farmland, and the Detroit skyline appears in even less time.



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The remaining 28 NHL franchises, scattered in cities across North America, scarcely seem farther away for the teenagers playing here for the London Knights, a junior team in the Ontario Hockey League that is a leading incubator for pro prospects.

“It’s no secret what London does here,” said 18-yearold Max Jones, a rugged 6-foot-3 forward from Rochester, Mich., and one of three Knights ranked among the top 15 North American skaters last week by NHL Central Scouting, a department that rates prospects for the draft.

“They’re putting players on to the next level like it’s nothing,” Jones said. “I needed to be a part of that.”

Since 2000, the Knights, who are playing the Erie Otters of Pennsylvania in the OHL’s Western Conference final series, have produced three No. 1 NHL picks, more than any other program. They were Rick Nash, the New York Rangers’ wing selected by the Columbus Blue Jackets in 2002; Patrick Kane, taken by the Chicago Blackhawks in 2007; and John Tavares, by the New York Islanders in 2009.

Other notable alumni include Max Domi of the Arizona Coyotes, Olli Maatta of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Nazem Kadri of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Corey Perry of the Anaheim Ducks, who was the NHL’s most valuable player in 2010-11.

“Hopefully, I can be one of those guys, one of those names that’s come through here,” said Matthew Tkachuk, 18, a wing from St. Louis who ranks second in goals (13) and points (26) in the OHL playoffs and is expected to be one of the first 10 players selected in the draft in June, along with his teammate Olli Juolevi, 17, a defenceman from Helsinki, Finland.

“London was interested in me, and I was like, OK, of course I was coming here,” said Juolevi, who had never visited before arriving this season. “I knew guys like Olli Maatta had come here, and now they are playing in the NHL. I knew these guys are doing something right here.”

Ask players, coaches, scouts and managers, and it becomes clear that what the brothers Dale and Mark Hunter, and their partner Basil McRae, former hardnosed NHL players who bought the Knights in 2000, have done is to foster an environment that mimics the pros.

Dale Hunter, 55, whose son Dylan is an assistant, has an OHL- best career coaching winning percentage of .701. With him or his brother Mark behind the bench, London has won three OHL titles and

the 2005 Memorial Cup.

“He treated me how he knew I would be treated at the next level,” the Maple Leafs’ Kadri said of Dale Hunter, who played 19 feisty seasons for Quebec, Washington and Colorado and is the only player in NHL history to amass 1,000 points and 3,000 penalty minutes. “As far as mentorship goes, he allowed me to be creative and have that offensive instinct, but he treated me like a man.” Hunter’s philosophy? “I really believe it’s a 200-foot game,” he said, citing the length of a rink. “You’ve got to play both ends of the ice. They’ve got great skill, and everybody wants to score. But if you want to have a long career ...”

He did not finish the thought. But across the NHL, it is understood.

“They’re all about allowing players to express their offensive creativity,” said Don Maloney, who was the general manager of the Coyotes when the team drafted Domi and the current London captain, Christian Dvorak, “but they understand that at the pro level, there’s certain requirements you have to have defensively, or else you don’t play.”

Finding examples to show their players requires that Hunter and his staff watch hours of NHL game footage.

“Right now, we try to emulate Chicago a lot,” said Rob Simpson, assistant general manager and an assistant coach. “We have a puckmoving team and a possession team, and we have some skill players who can make plays with some similarities. A few years ago, we had a different team, where we more focused on Boston’s style of play and how they supported the puck, and overloading in different zones.”

Whichever style the Knights are playing, scouting minor hockey talent to mold was a task overseen by Mark Hunter. Although still a Knights owner, Hunter left club operations in 2014 to work for the Maple Leafs as director of player personnel. The director of scouting, Ken Hornick, McRae and Simpson team with others to locate a new crop of Knights with the skills and sensibilities to succeed in the OHL, and possibly beyond.

Tkachuk, Domi and Jones were high-profile youth players whose fathers had played in the NHL. Keith Tkachuk scored 538 goals during an 18-year career, and Tie Domi was a feared enforcer who ranks third in career penalty minutes, behind only Tiger Williams and Dale Hunter.

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The Time is Right for a Major Junior Hockey Players' Association

Debates & Hot Topics

by Jamie McKinven

Two years ago when the notion of unionizing major junior hockey in North America was introduced, the majority of the public shook their heads and laughed. Public perception was that these are amateur hockey players who get everything handed to them on a silver platter. Why would these kids need a union?

The initial launch of the CHLPA, although mired in controversy and ultimately unsuccessful, did one particular thing. It started the conversation about whether or not players are actually employees and whether or not they are being exploited. If you ask Canadian Hockey League (CHL) President, David Branch, major junior players are "Student-Athletes" (hahaha, more on that one later) who are amateur athletes that receive stipends and educational support. Given that major junior athletes are amateur players, there is no legal requirement or precedence for them to be unionized.

The NCAA (major junior's major competition for prime grade beef) stipulates major junior as an organization employing professional athletes according to legislated Bylaw 12.2.3.2.4 and thus, deems any player who signs a major junior standard contract and competes in major junior competition as in violation of amateurism. This is where the war over 16-year-old kids begins between the CHL and the NCAA and why the birth of "School Boy" packages in the CHL was needed to maintain an edge in recruitment battles.

So, if we make the assumption that major junior hockey players do qualify as employees under North American labour laws, is a players union justifiable? In order to answer this question, I will break down some of the most common arguments against unionization of the CHL:

1) A player's union will cripple smaller market teams in the CHL.

This argument is based on the notion that only certain CHL teams actually generate profits and that most teams barely scratch by. Below are some general revenue streams for the CHL and its teams:

Ticket Sales

Food Concessions

Merchandise

TV Revenue (On Feb. 18, 2014, the CHL and Sportsnet Announced 12-Year Multiplatform Rights Extension)

CHL Video Game Rights (On May 21, 2010, The CHL and Electronic Arts announced a partnership that saw the junior league included in the video game maker's popular NHL series)

Corporate Sponsorship

Major Event Revenue (Events such as the World Junior Championships, the Mastercard Memorial Cup, CHL Top Prospect Game, Canada-Russia Super Series, Outdoor Games generate multi-millions in revenue for the CHL)

NHL kickbacks for CHL teams who have players drafted by NHL teams and/or sign NHL contracts

The problem with examining CHL revenues is that everything is kept pretty close to the vest. There simply isn't enough transparency to know for sure how much money teams actually make. David Branch claims that only a handful of teams are profitable, but this is extremely hard to fathom by looking at the lucrative potential of running a business that doesn't pay its employees.

To put things into perspective, the average attendance in the OHL during the 2013-14 season was 4,041 per game. At an average of \$20 per ticket, based on 34 home games, it equates to average annual ticket revenue of \$2,747,880 per team (Not including revenues from pre-season and playoff games).

The ECHL (A minor pro league that employs unionized, paid employees) matches up accordingly in average attendance and ticket revenues. ECHL average attendance for the 2013-14 was 4,282, with an average ticket price around \$20. Based on 36 regular season home games, this puts annual ticket revenues at a comparable \$3,083,040 (Not including revenues from pre-season and playoff games).

The glaring differences between the CHL and ECHL, aside from age, are as follows:

Salary: the ECHL has a \$12,400 weekly salary cap, amounting to \$347,200 in annual salary costs per team and an average annual player salary of \$17,360. (To draw some comparison, On average, undergraduate students paid \$5,772 in tuition fees in

2013/2014 in Canada, amounting to what teams would compensate players in the form of a scholarship package per year of service. Also, keep in mind that the majority of major junior players don't end up using this money due to restrictions and other factors.)

Housing Costs: (This is essentially a wash as both ECHL and CHL teams cover housing costs)

Travel: ECHL road trips are notoriously long, with some teams like the Alaska Aces having to fly to all destinations

Limited Revenue Streams: Absence of lucrative revenue streams like major multi-million-dollar events, multi-platform TV deals for the ECHL

It would seem pretty clear that while comparing the ECHL and the CHL, there doesn't seem to be a reason to suspect that CHL teams should be crying poor, at least not at a quick glance.

So why the secrecy? I think we know the answer to that.

What is the benefit of a players' association?

Firstly, I like the word "players' association" instead of "union" because I believe people are scared of the word, "union." Essentially, a players' association will help to ensure transparency and proper dispersal of revenues to ensure players are receiving adequate benefits packages including: medical, mental health support, education packages and expense reimbursements. The PA will provide structure and continuity across the CHL.

2) The CHL already provides comprehensive benefits above and beyond what is fair. They get free post-secondary schooling for Pete's Sake!

While the CHL has included scholarship money in their agreements with players, the promise of free schooling comes with some fine print. Access to scholarship money is accompanied by the following restrictions:

Players have an 18-month window that opens after their 20th birthday to register for post-secondary courses. If they fail to do so, their scholarship money will be revoked. Even though many people are starting post-secondary programs later in life, CHL President, David Branch, stated that this rule is in place to discourage players from delaying commencing their post-secondary education, which includes players who spend a few years trying to reach their NHL dreams through the minor leagues (Fact: Most players need 3 – 4 seasons in the minor leagues to cut their teeth in leagues like the AHL and ECHL in order to reach the NHL).

If you sign an NHL contract, your scholarship money will be revoked. (Fact: Many players sign NHL contracts and never end up playing in the NHL or seeing NHL money. These are short-term, two or three-way contracts that pay them standard AHL or ECHL money. This is what happens to the majority of players drafted by NHL teams and all of these players must find new careers once their playing days end).

For every season played at the minor pro level (AHL, ECHL, CHL, SPHL, Europe), you will lose a year of scholarship money. CHL President David Branch mentioned in an interview on CBC's The Current, that minor pro players are "well-compensated" and don't require the assistance of scholarship money. My guess is Mr. Branch hasn't ridden the buses in the minor leagues while chasing the very dream that is his company's major selling point, for 500 bucks a week.

As far as the benefits of full medical coverage, something can be learned from what WHLer Tim Bozon and his family experienced this past season (full article courtesy of CBC).

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The P.A. will ensure that education packages are consistent in their makeup. Access and restrictions will be clearly defined and agreed upon.

3) The players need to quit whining and toughen up. They are pampered enough already as it is.

Most people that make this argument seem to forget that these players are as young as 16-years-old, living away from home, away from their support system and sometimes living in a completely different country. These are not men. They are teenagers who happen to be involved in a pro-style setting where the stakes are high and money is the major driving force.

It is the "Old Boys" mentality of never showing weakness that has created a toxic culture in hockey. A PA would help to remove this stigma and provide players with the support they need to handle the rigors and stresses of what is essentially a pro hockey landscape. We need not look any further than the Terry Trafford tragedy of this past season to understand that support for mental health awareness and proper protocols are desperately needed to handle difficult transitions for young players.

David Branch has addressed these issues stating that protocols are in place to help players deal with mental health issues. Each team has the support of a "liaison" – for several teams this is a police officer or principal – to help kids work through issues. For one, a police officer isn't a mental health professional, and two, when I played junior hockey, we had a cop who was our "liaison" and his specialization was getting us out of speeding tickets and avoiding the drunk tank at 3 a.m.

What is the benefit of a players' association?

Once again, a P.A. will be able to negotiate and establish proper protocols and professional support for players in regards to mental health.

4) How will players pay union dues? This is just a big cash grab.

Usually, union dues are taken out of an employee's paycheque at a percentage of their wage. For example, when I played in the ECHL, I made \$550 a week and paid roughly \$25 per week for union dues. It worked out to about \$700 for the season, which to me was a major bargain, considering the fact that I required two major surgeries that season on my knee and face (which amounted to tens of thousands of dollars in medical expenses) and reaped the benefits of having a collective voice to help negotiate better living conditions for players, including room and board and accommodations on the road on top of scheduling.

Since players already receive stipend compensation, worst case scenario would be that stipends increase from an average of \$50 a week to \$75 or \$100 a week to ensure players can cover their dues. Or, if it comes to the point where players are paid minimal salaries, the dues would simply be taken out as a percentage of their wages. There are several ways to go about covering these costs. To say it can't be done is simply lazy thinking—which is ironically what people who are against unions deem unionized employees to be.

5) Junior hockey players are amateurs and should not be paid.

On principal, I agree with this. I think is potentially dangerous to give hockey players at young, impressionable and vulnerable ages wads of cash. Often, with the lifestyle these kids are exposed to, these funds will be spent on alcohol and parties. A smarter idea might be to setup an expense reimbursement plan where players can submit receipts to have expenses such as: fuel, clothing, recreation (movies, meals, books, etc.), and other reasonable expenses covered, up to a maximum monthly amount. This way teams can control the way in which compensation is being spent, promoting accountability.

Another option is for additional compensation, beyond weekly stipends for minimal expenses, to be distributed into trusts which can be accessed at a later date. Many times, this is what agents of professional athletes will do with large portions of signing bonuses for young athletes.

What is the benefit of a players' association?

A P.A. would help to ensure that benefits and compensation are being directly tied to rising revenue streams. As teams make greater profits off the backs of the players, the players will experience greater support and healthier development.

How are CHL players being exploited?

1) Education:

David Branch has been quoted as saying that CHL players are "Student-Athletes". Branch is saying that the CHL puts a major emphasis on academics and schooling. The fact is academics in leagues like the OHL are a long, long way down the list of priorities for players, somewhere just below making sure that you packed enough socks for a road trip.

In CHL leagues, where players can play upwards of 100 games over the course of a season, education takes a backseat to hockey. Many players miss weeks upon weeks of class time as they traipse around the countryside on vast road trips. Often practice times are

scheduled during school hours, with players often having to take "independent study" classes or "Co-ops" (I once had a teacher give one of the players I coached course credit for doing laundry after practices at the rink).

During my 4 seasons coaching Tier II junior "A" hockey in Ontario, I coached over 30 former major junior players. The majority of these kids, who were 19 or 20 years-old, were on average 1 to 2 years behind in their academics due to their intense major junior hockey schedules. With such a poor emphasis on education, it is no wonder that less than 20% of major junior players go on to achieve post-secondary degrees.

2) Professional Mental Health Support:

The hockey culture is stressful for anyone, and even more so for junior hockey players where the stakes are high and minds and bodies are still developing. The bill of goods that is sold to every 16-year-old prospect's family is the dream of someday playing in the NHL. Teams exploit this dream in every way possible.

The game of hockey is surrounded with negative statistics and long-shot odds, from scoring percentages, to turnover rates, to the fact that only one team can win each year, to the minuscule odds of making it to the NHL. What accompany these negative statistics are strong feelings of self-doubt, hopelessness, and depression. It's no surprise that there are higher alcohol and drug abuse statistics related to current and former hockey players from junior to the NHL.

It's a vicious cycle of suffering in silence due to stigma, to coping through popular forms of self-abuse. I experienced it as a player over and over again and on many occasions contemplated suicide. There isn't enough support in place to help players deal with difficult realities and transitions that the overwhelming majority of players must face once their hockey careers end at the major junior level.

Summary:

Whether people like it or not, a player's union in the CHL is coming. It might not be this time around, or even the next, but the discussion is only building momentum and eventually the door is going to get kicked in. We should also keep in mind that the dark cloud that is concussions in hockey is picking up speed at an alarming rate as more research is being funded and more evidence and data about long-term effects of head injuries are emerging. The glaring truth is that CHL players are being exploited on several levels. When there is a situation of exploitation, a collective stance is needed to ensure governance and accountability prevails. It's not about greed and compensation, but rather about what is fair and ethical.

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EXHIBIT 1
STANDARD PLAYER'S CONTRACT
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLAYER

Before signing this Standard Player's Contract ("SPC") you should carefully examine it to be sure that all terms and conditions agreed upon have been incorporated herein, and if any has been omitted, you should insist upon having it inserted in the SPC before you sign.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
STANDARD PLAYER'S CONTRACT
(2013 FORM)

BETWEEN

Hereinafter called the "Club," a member of the National Hockey League, hereinafter called the "League"

AND

hereinafter called the "Player"

State/Province/Country

of _____ in _____ of _____

In consideration of the respective obligations herein and hereby assumed, the parties to this SPC severally agree as follows:

1. The Club hereby employs the Player as a skilled hockey Player for the term of _____ League Year(s) commencing the later of July 1, 20____ or upon execution of this SPC and agrees, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, to pay the Player a salary of _____ US Dollars (\$_____).

Payment of such Paragraph 1 Salary shall be in consecutive semi-monthly installments on the 15th and 30th day of each month following the commencement of the NHL Regular Season or following the dates of reporting, whichever is later (provided that the pay period shall not close more than three (3) days prior to payroll dates); provided, however, that if the Player is not in the employ of the Club for the whole period of the Club's NHL Regular Season Games, then he shall receive only part of such Paragraph 1 Salary in the ratio of the number of days of actual employment to the number of days of the NHL Regular Season.

And it is further mutually agreed that if the SPC and rights to the services of the Player are Loaned or otherwise transferred to a club in another league, the Player shall only be paid at an annual salary rate of

_____ US Dollars in the _____ league in the _____ League Year.

or _____ US Dollars in the _____ league in the _____ League Year.

or _____ US Dollars in the _____ league in the _____ League Year.

2. The Player agrees to give his services and to play hockey in all NHL Games, All Star Games, International Hockey Games and Exhibition Games to the best of his ability under the direction and control of the Club in accordance with the provisions hereof.

The Player further agrees,

(a) to report to his Club's Training Camp at the time and place fixed by the Club, in good physical condition,

(b) to keep himself in good physical condition at all times during the season,

(c) to give his best services to the Club and to play hockey only for the Club unless his SPC is Assigned, Loaned or terminated by the Club,

(d) to co-operate with the Club and participate in any and all reasonable promotional activities of the Club which will in the opinion of the Club promote the welfare of the Club and to cooperate in the promotion of the League and professional hockey generally,

(e) to conduct himself on and off the rink according to the highest standards of honesty, morality, fair play and sportsmanship, and to refrain from conduct detrimental to the best interest of the Club, the League or professional hockey generally.

3. In order that the Player shall be fit and in proper condition for the performance of his duties as required by this SPC and the Agreement, the Player agrees to report for practice at such time and place as the Club may reasonably designate and participate in such Exhibition Games as may be arranged by the Club.

4. The Club may from time to time during the continuance of this SPC establish reasonable rules governing the conduct and conditioning of the Player, and such reasonable rules shall form part of this SPC and the Agreement as fully as if herein written. For violation of any such rules or for any conduct impairing the thorough and faithful discharge of the duties incumbent upon the Player, the Club may impose a reasonable fine upon the Player and deduct the amount thereof from any money due or to become due to the Player. The Club may also suspend the Player for violation of any such rules. When the Player is fined or suspended, he shall be given notice in writing stating the amount of the fine and/or the duration of the suspension and the

reason therefor. Copies of the rules referred to herein shall be filed at the main offices of the League and the National Hockey League Players' Association ("NHLPA").

5. (a) Should the Player be disabled or unable to perform his duties under this SPC he shall submit himself for medical examination and treatment by a physician selected by the Club, and such examination and treatment, when made at the request of the Club, shall be at its expense unless made necessary by some act or conduct of the Player contrary to the terms and provisions of this SPC or the rules established under Paragraph 4. At any time a physician selected by a Club makes a determination as to whether or not a Player is disabled and unable to perform his duties as a hockey Player for purposes of this Paragraph 5 of this SPC, such physician shall evidence such determination by fully completing the form attached to the CBA as Exhibit 25-A, which shall be provided to the Player at the time such determination is made and immediately provided to the Club as well. Upon receipt of such fully completed form, the Club shall send an electronic copy forthwith to the Player, his Certified Agent, the NHL, and the NHLPA (the "Recipients"), which shall contain the language from CBA Exhibit 25-A contained in the "Message to Player", provided, however, that the Club's failure to include such language shall not affect the timeframes set forth in this Paragraph 5, or otherwise prejudice the Club.

(b) If the Player, in the judgment of the Club's physician, is disabled or is not in good physical condition at the commencement of the season or at any subsequent time during the season (unless such condition is the direct result of any injury sustained during the course of his employment as a hockey Player with the Club, including travel with his team or on business requested by the Club) so as to render him unfit to play skilled hockey, then it is mutually agreed that the Club shall have the right to suspend the Player for such period of disability or unfitness, and no compensation shall be payable for that period under this SPC.

(c) If the Player is injured during the course of his employment as a hockey Player with the Club, including travel with his team or on business requested by the Club, the Club will pay the Player's reasonable hospitalization until discharged from the hospital, and his medical expenses and doctor's bills, provided that the hospital and doctor are approved by the Club. This approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

(d) It is also agreed that if the Player, in the sole judgment of the Club's physician, is disabled and unable to perform his duties as a hockey Player by reason of an injury sustained during the course of his employment as a hockey Player, including travel with his team or on business requested by the Club, he shall be entitled to receive his remaining Paragraph 1 Salary and Signing Bonuses due in accordance with the terms of this SPC for the remaining stated term of this SPC as long as the said disability and inability to perform continue but in no event beyond the expiration date of the fixed term of this SPC. In consideration of the payment of such Paragraph 1 Salary, as well as payments made by the Club to fund the Hospital, Major Medical, Visioncare and Dental Plan, career ending disability policy and serious disability policy and other consideration (including the payment of salary referenced herein, where applicable), the Player does hereby covenant that in the event he receives full payment of a claim under such career ending disability policy or serious disability policy, he personally releases and will release, and will cause his corporation if a corporate contract is involved to release, the Club, the League, the NHLPA, all other Clubs, the insurance carrier, and the servants, employees, officers and agents of each of the above from any and every additional obligation, liability, claim or

demand for any additional salary or other payments, arising out of or relating to such injury or the treatment thereof, including without limitation liability in tort, and extending to all damages, whenever arising.

(e) In the event that the Player wishes to seek a second opinion in respect of the Club Physician's determination regarding the Player's fitness or unfitness to play, the Player shall provide electronic notice to the Club (unless the Player provides notice by any other means to the General Manager, Assistant General Manager or the Head Athletic Trainer) that he is seeking a second opinion pursuant to Paragraph 5 of the SPC by no later than 5:00 pm New York time on the third day after the electronic notice referred to in Paragraph 5(a) above is sent, except that, if the notice referred to in Paragraph 5(a) above is sent after 5:00 pm New York time the Player shall have until 5:00 pm New York time on the fourth day to provide such notice. Upon receiving notice that the Player is seeking a second opinion, the Club shall promptly provide the Player its complete medical file on the Player in respect of the Player's condition that is the subject of the Club Physician's determination. The Player must obtain a second opinion within five (5) days (or later only upon showing of good cause) of the electronic notice from the Club.

(f) The physician consulted by the Player ("Player's Physician") in accordance with Paragraph 5(e) must make a determination as to whether the Player is disabled and unable to perform his duties as a hockey Player and shall evidence such determination by fully completing the form attached to the CBA as Exhibit 25-A, which shall be provided to the Player at the time of the examination, with an electronic copy sent forthwith to the Club and the Recipients. The Club Physician and the Player's Physician must consult as expeditiously as possible and, in any event, by no later than 5:00 pm New York time on the third day after the Player is sent electronic notice of the determination by the Player's Physician (referenced in this Paragraph 5(f) above) (or later only upon a showing of good cause).

(g) (i) If, after consulting as provided for in Paragraph 5(f), the Club Physician and the Player's Physician agree that the Player is either disabled and unable to perform, or not disabled and able to perform, his duties as a hockey Player, their agreed-upon determination shall be evidenced by fully completing the form attached to the CBA as Exhibit 25-B (as set forth in Paragraph 5(g)(i)(iii)). Such determination shall be conclusive, final and binding upon the Club and the Player, absent a showing of improper interference with the procedures set forth in CBA Section 17.7 and Paragraph 5 of the SPC.

(ii) If after consulting as provided for in Paragraph 5(f), the Club Physician and the Player's Physician cannot agree on whether the Player is disabled and unable to perform his duties as a hockey Player, they shall each evidence such disagreement by fully completing the form attached to the CBA as Exhibit 25-B (as set forth in Paragraph 5(g)(iii)).

(iii) Pursuant to either Paragraph 5(g)(i) or 5(g)(ii) above, the Player's Physician shall complete his/her portion of Exhibit 25-B first and then shall send such form to the Club Physician. The Club Physician shall then complete his/her portion of Exhibit 25-B and then shall send such fully completed form to the Club, the Player's Physician and the Recipients.

(iv) If the Club Physician and the Player's Physician cannot agree on whether the Player is disabled and unable to perform his duties as a hockey Player pursuant to Paragraph

5(g)(ii) above, they shall confer and agree on an independent physician to examine the Player. The independent physician must be selected as expeditiously as possible and, in any event, within the time frame referred to in Paragraph 5(f) above (or later only upon a showing of good cause). If the Player's Physician and the Club Physician are unable to select the independent physician within such period, the independent physician shall be selected jointly by a medical designee appointed by the NHL and a medical designee appointed by the NHLPA. That selection shall take place as expeditiously as possible, but not later than 5:00 pm New York time on the second day after referral to the NHL and NHLPA medical designees.

(h) Following the selection of the independent physician pursuant to Paragraph 5(g)(iv), the NHLPA (with a copy sent forthwith to the Club and the Recipients) shall provide the independent physician with a completed form set out in CBA Exhibit 25-C. The Club also shall send to the independent physician a copy of the medical file that it had forwarded to the Player pursuant to Paragraph 5(e). The Player shall direct the Player's Physician to forward to the independent physician a complete copy of his medical file in respect of the condition that is the subject of the Player's Physician's second opinion pursuant to Paragraph 5(h). The Player must submit himself to examination, and the independent physician must examine the Player, within five (5) business days of his selection (or later only upon a showing of good cause). The independent physician shall make a determination of whether the Player is disabled and unable to perform his duties as a hockey Player and evidence such determination by fully completing the form attached as Exhibit 25-A, which shall be provided to the Player at the time of the examination and an electronic copy sent forthwith to the Club and the Recipients.

(i) The independent physician's determination as to whether the Player is disabled and unable to perform his duties as a hockey Player shall be conclusive, final and binding upon the Club and the Player, absent a showing of improper interference with the procedures set forth in CBA Section 17.7 and Paragraph 5 of the SPC.

(j) If, pursuant to Paragraph 5(g) or Paragraph 5(h) a Player examined in connection with Paragraph 5(d) is declared to be unfit for play by reason of an injury sustained during the course of his employment as a hockey Player, including travel with his team or on business requested by the Club, he shall continue to receive the full benefits of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 5(d). If such Player is declared to be physically able to play and refuses to do so, he shall be liable to immediate suspension without pay. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Player is deemed to have had a separation from service (as defined in Treas. Reg. section 1.409A-1(h)) and, prior to such separation, the Player has not been disabled for purposes of Section 409A(a)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code, any amount payable pursuant to this Paragraph 5(j) shall be paid over the Buy-Out Period prescribed by Paragraph 13(d) (i.e., over twice the remaining term of the SPC).

(k) If either the Club or the Player fail timely to comply with any of the requirements set forth in Paragraph 5, absent a showing of good cause, then such non-complying party shall be deemed to have acceded to the other party's position in such dispute.

(l) The Club and Player shall cooperate, and shall cause their respective physicians to cooperate, for the purpose of making medical records available to any physician who examines the Player pursuant to this Paragraph 5.

(m) For purposes of clarity, the Club Physician, the Player's Physician and the independent physician shall be charged only with determining whether the Player is disabled and unable to perform his duties as a hockey Player. Any other determinations, including whether a Player's disability is a hockey related injury, shall be within the jurisdiction of the Impartial Arbitrator.

(n) In connection with a disability which is not caused by an injury sustained during the course of his employment as a hockey Player including travel with his team or on business requested by his Club, the procedures set forth in this Paragraph 5 shall also apply to the Club Physician's determination regarding the Player's physical fitness to return to play. If the Player is declared to be fit for play, by the Club Physician and the Player's Physician, or by the independent doctor, he must perform his duties hereunder and shall be entitled to receive the full benefits of this Agreement. If he is declared to be not physically able to play, he shall not be entitled to the benefits of this Agreement until he has been declared to be physically fit to play by the independent medical specialist.

(o) The reasonable costs incurred by the Player in the course of obtaining a second opinion pursuant to this Paragraph 5 shall be borne equally by the Club and the Player.

6. The Player represents and agrees that he has exceptional and unique knowledge, skill and ability as a hockey Player, the loss of which cannot be estimated with certainty and cannot be fairly or adequately compensated by damages. The Player therefore agrees that the Club shall have the right, in addition to any other rights which the Club may possess, to enjoin him by appropriate injunctive proceedings without first exhausting any other remedy which may be available to the Club, from playing hockey for any other team and/or for any breach of any of the other provisions of this SPC.

7. The Player and the Club recognize and agree that the Player's participation in other sports may impair or destroy his ability and skill as a hockey Player. Accordingly the Player agrees that he will not during the period of this SPC or during any period when he is obligated under this SPC to enter into a further SPC with the Club engage or participate in football, baseball, softball, hockey, lacrosse, boxing, wrestling or other athletic sport without the written consent of the Club, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

8. (a) The Club recognizes that the Player owns exclusive rights to his individual personality, including his likeness. The Player recognizes that the Club owns exclusive rights to its name, emblems and uniform, which the Player wears as a hockey Player for the Club.

The Player hereby irrevocably grants to the Club during the period of this SPC and during any period when he is obligated under this SPC to enter into a further SPC with the Club the right to permit or authorize any firm, person or corporation to take and make use of any still photographs, motion pictures or electronic (including television) images of himself in uniform and agrees that thereafter all rights in such photographs, pictures and images (including the right to identify him by name) shall belong to the Club exclusively for the purposes of telecasts, film or video documentaries or features, advertisements and promotions of the Club's games, use by the media for reportorial purposes, game programs, yearbooks, magazines and the like, and purposes in which the focus is on the Club or game and not the individual Player.

The Club hereby irrevocably grants to the Player during the period of this SPC and thereafter the right to use the name of the Club (but not the emblem or uniform unless otherwise agreed) to identify himself, truthfully, as a Player of the Club, past or present.

All obligations and rights set forth in this Paragraph 8(a) shall be subject to modification from time to time by the provisions of the CBA.

(b) The Player further agrees that during the period of this SPC and during any period when he is obligated under this SPC to enter into a further SPC with the Club, he will not make public appearances, participate in radio or television programs, or permit his picture to be taken, or write or sponsor newspaper or magazine articles, or sponsor commercial products without the written consent of the Club which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

9. It is mutually agreed that the Club will not pay, and the Player will not accept from any person, any bonus or anything of value for winning or otherwise attempting to affect the outcome of any particular game or series of games except as authorized by the League By-Laws.

10. The Player agrees he will not tamper with or enter into negotiations with any Player under SPC or reservation to any Club of the League for or regarding such Player's current or future services, without the written consent of the Club with which such Player is connected under penalty of a fine to be imposed by the Commissioner of the League.

11. It is mutually agreed that the Club shall have the right to Assign or to Loan this SPC, and the Player agrees to accept and be bound by such Assignment or Loan, and will faithfully perform and carry out this SPC with the same purpose and effect as if it had been entered into by the Player and such other club.

It is further mutually agreed that in the event that this SPC is Assigned, or the Player's services are Loaned, to another club, the club shall by notice in writing delivered to the Player advise the Player of the name and address of the club to which he has been Assigned or Loaned, and specify the time and place of reporting. If the Player fails to report to such other club, he may be suspended by such other club and no Paragraph 1 Salary shall be payable to him during the period of such suspension.

12. **Default.** If a Club defaults in the payment of any compensation to the Player provided for in his SPC or fails to perform any other obligation under his SPC, the Player may, by notice in writing to the Club and to the League and the NHLPA, specify the nature of any and all defaults and thereafter:

(a) If the Club fails to remedy the default within fourteen (14) days from receipt of such notice, except as hereinafter provided in Paragraphs 12(b), (c) and (d), the SPC shall be terminated, and, upon the date of such termination, all obligations of both parties shall cease, except the obligation of the Club to pay the Player's compensation to that date, provided, however, that;

(b) the Player hereby irrevocably offers the League an option to cure said default within the seven (7) days next succeeding the fourteen (14) days within which the Club may cure

the default upon the condition that, in the event the League may accept this offer, the League would then guarantee payment of that portion of the Player's compensation, as set forth in the Player's SPC, as may become due for a period of twenty-one (21) days from receipt by the League of any notice of default. The League may accept this offer by notification to the Player and the NHLPA in writing of such acceptance and of its guarantee of said twenty-one (21) day compensation period as soon as possible following receipt of notice of default from Player but in no event later than fourteen (14) days following receipt of such notice. This offer will be deemed rejected if not accepted as set forth above;

(c) said option may be assigned by the League to any other Club and, upon such assignment, the assignee Club shall inure to all of the rights of and assume all obligations of the League under this Paragraph 12;

(d) the Player further agrees that, if the League has given due notice as set forth in Paragraph 12(b), he will continue to perform all of his obligations under his SPC for the full twenty-one (21) day period and, in the event the Club does not cure the default within the fourteen (14) day period, as set forth in subsection (a), the League, or any Club to which its option has been assigned, may cure the default within the seven (7) days following the first fourteen (14) days next succeeding receipt of notice of default; and

(e) the Club agrees if it does not cure the default within the fourteen (14) day period, as set forth in Paragraph 12(a) above, and the League, or an assignee Club, cures said default in accordance with Paragraph 12(b), (c) and (d) then, in such event, all rights and obligations of the Club under this SPC shall be transferred to the League, or such assignee Club, provided, however, that no obligation with respect to a default or defaults claimed to exist at the time of notice of default, as provided above, but not specifically included and set forth in said notice shall be assumed by the League or such assignee Club and the League or such assignee Club shall have no liability with respect thereto.

(f) The Club and/or the League may dispute the Player's assertion of a default through an expedited arbitration proceeding in which case the Arbitrator shall be directed both to hear and decide such case within fourteen (14) days of receipt of notice from the Player pursuant to this Paragraph 12 absent a showing of good cause by the League and/or the Club as to why it requires additional time in order to adequately investigate and try such case. In such event, it is nonetheless the intention of the parties that the case be heard and decided as expeditiously as possible. During the pendency of the Grievance concerning the existence of a default, the Player's SPC shall remain in full force and effect.

13. The Club, in addition to other rights hereunder, at its option, by written notice delivered to the Player in accordance with Exhibit 3, may terminate this SPC on the following conditions:

(a) The Club shall offer the Player on Unconditional Waivers, either before or promptly after the notice of intention to exercise the Ordinary Course Buy-Out option (herein called "notice of termination") is given.

(b) Termination pursuant to this Paragraph shall be effective upon receipt by the Player of the notice of termination and the Player clearing Unconditional Waivers pursuant to Paragraph 13(a) above.

(c) The notice of termination shall be effective if given in the form attached as CBA Exhibit 20, with a copy to the NHLPA and Central Registry as follows:

(i) beginning the later of June 15 or forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the Stanley Cup Finals and ending at 5:00 p.m. New York time on June 30; and

(ii) For Clubs who have Club or Player elected Salary Arbitration filings pursuant to Article 12, within the forty-eight (48) hour period beginning on the third day following the later of: (i) the Club's receipt of its last salary arbitration award; or (ii) settlement of its last case (provided such award was received or such settlement occurred prior to 7:00 p.m. New York time; awards or settlements that occurred or were received at or after 7:00 p.m. New York time will be deemed to have occurred or received the following business day for purposes of this provision).

(d) If the Club elects to terminate this SPC pursuant to this Paragraph 13, it shall be obligated to pay to the Player, in equal semi-monthly installments, to be paid in accordance with the payroll payment schedule applicable to the Club's Active Roster, over twice the remaining term of the SPC (the "Buy-Out Period"):

(i) if the Player is under 26 years of age at the time the termination is effective, an amount equal to 1/3 of, or

(ii) if the Player is 26 years of age or older at the time the termination is effective, an amount equal to 2/3 of the total fixed amount of the Player's Paragraph 1 NHL Salary, for the unexpired fixed-term of this SPC, reduced by any advance payment of Paragraph 1 Salary received by the Player prior to the date the termination is effective.

(e) Upon termination, the Player shall immediately be an Unrestricted Free Agent and shall no longer be obligated to perform under this SPC.

(f) Waiver claim of Player by another Club shall pre-empt and relinquish Club's Buy-Out obligation, due to failure to clear Waivers.

(g) Clubs shall file their Buy-Out agreements, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 21, with Central Registry and the NHLPA within 24 hours of such agreements becoming effective.

14. The Club may also terminate this SPC upon written notice to the Player (but only after obtaining Waivers from all other Clubs) if the Player shall at any time:

(a) fail, refuse, or neglect to obey the Club's rules governing training and conduct of Players, if such failure, refusal or neglect should constitute a material breach of this SPC.

(b) fail, refuse or neglect to render his services hereunder or in any other manner materially breach this SPC.

In the event of termination under Paragraph 14(a) or (b) the Player shall only be entitled to compensation due to him to the earlier of the date such notice is personally delivered to him or the date such notice is e-mailed to him.

In the event this SPC is terminated by the Club while the Player is "away" with the Club for the purpose of playing games the installment then falling due shall be paid on the first week-day after the return "home" of the Club.

15. The Player further agrees that the Club may carry out and put into effect any order or ruling of the League or its Commissioner for his suspension or expulsion and that in the event of suspension his Paragraph 1 Salary shall cease for the duration thereof and that in the event of expulsion this SPC shall terminate forthwith.

16. Except as otherwise provided in CBA Article 18, the Player agrees that, in the event of his suspension without pay pursuant to any of the provisions of this SPC, there shall be deducted from the Paragraph 1 Salary an amount equal to the exact proportion of such salary as the number of days' suspension bears to the total number of days of the Regular Season Games.

17. If because of any condition arising from a state of war or other cause beyond the control of the League or of the Club, it shall be deemed advisable by the League or the Club to suspend or cease or reduce operations, then:

(a) in the event of suspension of operations, the Player shall be entitled only to the proportion of Paragraph 1 Salary due at the date of suspension,

(b) in the event of cessation of operations, the Paragraph 1 Salary shall be automatically canceled on the date of cessation, and

(c) in the event of reduction of operations, the Paragraph 1 Salary shall be replaced by that mutually agreed upon between the Club and the Player, or, in the absence of mutual agreement, by that determined by neutral arbitration.

18. The Club and the Player severally and mutually promise and agree to be legally bound by the League Rules that affect any terms or conditions of employment of any Player and by any collective bargaining agreement that has been or may be entered into between the member Clubs of the League and the NHLPA, and by all of the terms and provisions thereof. This SPC is entered into subject to the CBA between the NHL and the NHLPA and any provisions of this SPC inconsistent with such CBA are superseded by the provisions of the CBA.

The Club and the Player further agree that in case of dispute between them, except as to the compensation to be paid to the Player on a new SPC, the dispute shall be referred within one year from the date it arose to the Commissioner of the League, as an arbitrator and his decision shall be accepted as final by both parties, unless, and to extent that, other arbitration procedures

are provided in any collective bargaining agreement between the member Clubs of the League and the NHLPA to cover such dispute.

The Club and the Player further agree that all fines imposed upon the Player under the Playing Rules, or under the provisions of the League By-Laws, shall be deducted from the Paragraph 1 Salary of the Player and be remitted by the Club to the NHL Players' Emergency Assistance Fund.

19. The Club and the Player represent and warrant that there are no undisclosed agreements of any kind, express or implied, oral or written and that there are no promises, undertakings, representations, commitments, inducements, assurances of intent, supplements or understandings of any kind between the Player or his Certified Agent and the Club that have not been disclosed to the NHL, with regard to: (i) any consideration of any kind to be paid, furnished or made available during the term of the SPC or thereafter; and/or (ii) and future renegotiation, extension, amendment or termination of this SPC.

20. Capitalized terms shall have the meaning set forth in the CBA, to the extent not otherwise defined in this SPC.

21. Unless otherwise specified, the service of all notices pursuant to the provisions of the SPC shall be effected in accordance with Exhibit 3 of the CBA.

22. The parties agree that the rights provided herein and in the CBA and in any addendum hereto and the promise of the Player to play hockey only with the Club, or such other club as provided in Paragraphs 2, 11 and 12, and the Club's right to take pictures of and to televise the Player as provided in Paragraph 8 of this SPC have all been taken into consideration in determining the Paragraph 1 Salary payable to the Player.

23. It is severally and mutually agreed that this SPC and the CBA contain the entire agreement between the parties and there are no oral or written inducements, promises or agreements except as provided herein.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have signed this _____ day of _____ A.D. 20____.

Witnesses:

Club

Address of Club

President

Player

Home Address of Player

I hereby certify that I have, at this date, received, examined and noted of record the within SPC, and that it is in regular form.

Dated _____, 20 _____
for the National Hockey League

Les parties ont par les présentes exprimé leur volonté expresse que ce contrat soit rédigé en anglais.

The parties hereby state their expressed wish that this SPC be drafted in the English language.

EXHIBIT 2
NHLPA DUES OR FEE AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize and direct my present Club or any other National Hockey League Club by which I may be employed during the life of this authorization and to whom a copy of this authorization is furnished to deduct from my salary and to pay to the National Hockey League Players' Association annual membership dues or a service fee and any assessment in the amount from time to time certified by the National Hockey League Players' Association to the Club as properly authorized. The membership dues or service fee and any assessment shall be deducted from my salary and forwarded to the NHLPA.

This authorization is irrevocable for a period of one year from the date hereof or until the expiration date of the currently effective Collective Bargaining Agreement between the National Hockey League Players' Association and the Clubs of the National Hockey League, whichever occurs first, and I agree and direct this authorization shall be automatically renewed and shall be irrevocable for successive periods of one year each or for the period of each succeeding Collective Bargaining Agreement, whichever shall be shorter, unless written notice is given by me to the National Hockey League Players' Association and the Club not more than 20 days and not less than ten days prior to the expiration period of one year or of each Collective Bargaining Agreement, whichever occurs sooner. Such revocation shall not be effective until its receipt by the Club and unless notified by me in writing to the contrary, the Club may rely on representations by the National Hockey League Players' Association as to the amount of annual dues or assessment payable by the Club on my behalf. This authorization and direction shall also be revoked by my resignation from the Association or by my transfer to a position not covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the National Hockey League Players' Association and the Clubs of the National Hockey League upon receipt of written notification thereof by me to the Club.

Player Signature

Player Name (Please Print)

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Derek Boogaard: A Boy Learns to Brawl

By JOHN BRANCH

DEREK BOOGAARD was scared. He did not know whom he would fight, just that he must.

Opportunity and obligation had collided, the way they can in hockey.

His father bought a program the night before. Boogaard scanned the roster, checking heights and weights. He later recalled that he barely slept.

A trainer in the dressing room offered scouting reports. As Boogaard taped his stick in the hallway of the rink in Regina, Saskatchewan, he was approached by one of the few players bigger than he was. Boogaard had never seen him before. He did not know his name.

"I'm going to kill you," the player said.

The scrimmage began. A coach tapped Boogaard on the shoulder. Boogaard knew what it meant. He clambered over the waist-high wall and onto the ice.

He felt a tug on the back of his jersey. It was time.

The players flicked the padded gloves from their hands. They removed the helmets from their heads. They raised their fists and circled each other. They knew the choreography that precedes the violence.

Boogaard took a swing with his long right arm. His fist smacked the opponent's face and broke his nose. Coaches and scouts laughed as they congratulated Boogaard.

He was 16.

Boogaard was exhilarated, exhausted, relieved. Maybe the fear was extinguished, but it always came back, like the flame of a trick candle. One fight ended, another awaited. It was a cycle that commanded the rest of his life.

There is no athlete quite like the hockey enforcer, a man and a role viewed alternately as noble and barbaric, necessary and regrettable. Like so many Canadian boys, Boogaard wanted to reach the National Hockey League on the glory of goals. That dream ended early, as it usually does, and no one had to tell him.

But big-time hockey has a unique side entrance. Boogaard could fight his way there with his bare knuckles, his stick dropped, the game paused and the crowd on its feet. And he did, all the way until he became the Boogeyman, the N.H.L.'s most fearsome fighter, a caricature of a hockey goon rising

nearly 7 feet in his skates.

Over six seasons in the N.H.L., Boogaard accrued three goals and 589 minutes in penalties and a contract paying him \$1.6 million a year.

On May 13, his brothers found him dead of an accidental overdose in his Minneapolis apartment. Boogaard was 28. His ashes, taking up two boxes instead of the usual one, rest in a cabinet at his mother's house in Regina. His brain, however, was removed before the cremation so that it could be examined by scientists.

Boogaard rarely complained about the toll — the crumpled and broken hands, the aching back and the concussions that nobody cared to count. But those who believe Boogaard loved to fight have it wrong. He loved what it brought: a continuation of an unlikely hockey career. And he loved what it meant: vengeance against a lifetime of perceived doubters and the gratitude of teammates glad that he would do a job they could not imagine.

He did not acknowledge the damage to his brain, the changes in his personality, even the addictions that ultimately killed him in the prime of his career. If he did recognize the toll, he dismissed it as the mere cost of getting everything he ever wanted.

The Biggest Kid, but No Bully

There were times, as a boy, that Derek Boogaard's skates broke, the rivets attaching the blades giving way under his heft. His awkward size and movement led to teases from teammates and taunts from fans. He heard the whispers of parents saying that this oversize boy — too big, too clumsy — had no rightful place on the team.

Boogaard never fully escaped such indignities. But there was one place where he could reliably get away.

Youth hockey in western Canada is a perpetual series of long drives across dark and icy landscapes. For Boogaard, that often meant riding shotgun in his father's police car.

It meant stopping after school for gas and a Slurpee as the winter dusk settled early on the prairie. It meant a postgame meal of rink burgers, the snack-stand staple that warmed the belly against the bitter cold. It meant a radio usually tuned to hockey — maybe the Toronto Maple Leafs, Derek's favorite team, or the hometown junior league team, the Melfort Mustangs. And it meant falling asleep in the dark of a winter's night, awakened by the warm light of the family garage.

"I think the best part of playing hockey for ages 3 until 16 was the little road trips with dad," Boogaard handwrote a few years ago, part of 16 pages of notes found in his New York apartment after his death.

He remembered the blue and white jerseys of his first team. He remembered his grandfather tapping the glass to say hello. He remembered scoring his first goal — against his own goalie.

“I remember when I would sit in the bench I would always look for my mom or my dad in the stands,” Boogaard wrote.

During the first shift of his first game, Boogaard skated all the way to one end, alone, away from the puck and the other children, looking for his family.

“And he finally saw us,” his father, Len Boogaard, said. “He had a big smile on his face and he was waving at us.”

Derek Boogaard was born on June 23, 1982. He was the first of four children of Len and Joanne Boogaard, three boys then a girl, spaced evenly two years apart.

Len Boogaard, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, mostly worked his beats in small towns on the Saskatchewan prairie. R.C.M.P. policy dictated a move every few years so that familiarity in one town did not breed comfort or corruption. It cast his family, like those of other officers who are part of the sprawling Canadian carousel of small-town law enforcement, into roles as perpetual outsiders.

The Boogaards lived in Hanley, Saskatchewan, population 500, when Derek was born. After a couple of years near Toronto, the family moved to Herbert, Saskatchewan, a town of fewer than 1,000 people, predominantly Mennonite. Whether Len Boogaard was issuing traffic tickets or investigating domestic disturbances, the grievances “would ultimately come back to the kids at some point,” he said.

No one was more affected than Derek, who spent a childhood trying to fit in. The biggest kid in class, shy and without many friends, Boogaard was often tagged as a troublemaker and dismissed as a distraction. A grade school teacher, the family said, routinely relegated Boogaard to a closet.

Boogaard had a restless, inquisitive mind, but struggled to follow directions. He labored through reading assignments. On an application for a hockey team in ninth grade, the Boogaards said that Derek had an average grade of 65 percent. They also noted that he was 6 feet 4 inches and 210 pounds.

He was hardly a bully. Paradoxically, he was picked on largely because he was so big. At age 11, after another family move, he was quickly challenged to a schoolyard fight by a boy named Evan Folden, who considered himself king of the school jocks.

Boogaard won his first fight. He bloodied Folden’s nose.

He was continually targeted by older kids and challenged by classmates wanting to build a reputation. Even his younger brother Ryan and Ryan’s posse of friends ganged up on him, like Lilliputians on Gulliver.

The family feared for Boogaard’s safety because he often acted without considering the outcome. He

once moved a friend's new trampoline close to the garage, climbed to the roof and belly-flopped onto the canvas. The springs broke, the frame collapsed and Boogaard hit the ground with a thud, bruising his ribs.

"There were some cognitive issues and behavioral issues that made it difficult, as well, trying to understand what he was doing sometimes," Len Boogaard said. "He would do stuff and he wouldn't appear to know the consequences of what he was doing — or why he was doing it, what sort of impact it would have on him or other people around him."

The family was determined to provide positive reinforcement. Hockey was one way.

"It's something that he really enjoyed to do," Joanne Boogaard said. "And because he struggled so much in school, we bent over backwards to give him every opportunity that you could for him to do what he liked to do."

That is why, after a separation from Len Boogaard when Derek was 16, she took out a second mortgage on the house, to finance the sports her children played. It is why Len Boogaard repeatedly drove Derek 90 minutes each way to Saskatoon for skating lessons, then boxing lessons to teach him to be a better fighter on the ice.

Len Boogaard, a quiet man smoldering with a cop's intensity, sometimes saw that his son needed a boost. So he would pull into an icy parking lot and spin the police car in a dizzying series of doughnuts. Or he would park at the edge of a pasture and moo at the cows through the loudspeaker. Or, with the back seat filled with boys, he would shout for them to look up before hitting the brakes, smashing the smiling faces into the clear partition and sending the boys into shrieks of laughter.

Derek Boogaard loved that part of hockey.

A Memorable Night in Melfort

Melfort, Saskatchewan, has about 5,000 residents. It is surrounded by horizons of flat, windswept fields, covered in grain in the summer and snow in the winter, crosshatched every few miles by two-lane roads. It rests under the dome of an impossibly wide sky, pierced by the occasional water tower or silo.

The Boogaards and their four children arrived in 1993, when Derek turned 11, moving into a split-level house at 316 Churchill Drive. There were hockey games in the street, wrestling matches on the front lawn, video games in the basement and family dinners around a cramped kitchen table.

"It seemed so small because they were all so big," said Folden, who became a teammate and friend of Boogaard's after their schoolyard fight.

They were rough-and-tumble days, and even Krysten — the youngest, on her way to 6 feet 5 — was pulled into the scrums. "Cage raging" began in elementary school and continued in hockey dressing

rooms as teenagers.

“It’s where you put your gloves and helmet on and just go at it like a hockey fight and the loser is the one on the ground,” Boogaard wrote. “This is where you kinda learn how to punch.”

In eighth grade, Boogaard had an assignment: Describe what you want to do for a living. He wrote that he wanted to play in the N.H.L., envisioning himself among the class of gritty players with scoring punch, like his hero, Wendel Clark, who grew up in Saskatchewan and became captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The teacher asked Boogaard for an alternate plan. Boogaard said he did not have one. Their ensuing debate landed Boogaard in detention.

“He didn’t have a Plan B,” Len Boogaard said. “Plan A was to play hockey. There was no backup plan.”

And what if hockey did not work out?

“I have no idea,” his father said. And neither did anyone else.

Boogaard’s size, if not his skill, provided roster spots on top-level youth teams. At 13, a team photograph showed Boogaard among the tall boys in the back row, with a round, cherub face. Two years later, it was as if Boogaard had been stretched by a rolling pin. He towered over his teammates. His knees ached from the growth spurt.

Floyd Halcro, a coach who helped talk Boogaard into playing after he had quit hockey at age 14, heard all the concerns, from parents of teammates and opponents alike.

“He would get penalties that were not, in any way, shape or form, his fault,” Halcro said. “I’m 5 foot 9, and a little guy my size would take a run at Derek and run into his elbow, and the refs would give him a penalty. He got so many penalties because he was 6 foot 3, 6 foot 4 at that age. And he was actually picked on by other teams, by other referees, other communities, simply because of his size. Derek would certainly stick up for the team, he would stick up for his teammates, but wasn’t mean at all.”

That is what made one particular episode so memorable. The old rink at the corner of Stovel Avenue and Manitoba Street, covered in pea-green aluminum siding, squats low next to Melfort’s curling club. Built in 1931, Main Arena has low-hanging fluorescent lights above the ice and orange-glow heaters above three rows of bleachers.

Exactly what happened that winter’s night has been left to the rusty memories of the few dozen in attendance. This much is clear: Melfort was losing badly, and 15-year-old Derek Boogaard was suddenly inside the other team’s bench, swinging away at opposing players.

“It felt like I had a force feild on me,” Boogaard wrote. (His notes had occasional misspellings.)

Players scattered like spooked cats, fleeing over the wall or through the open gates.

“He had gone ballistic,” Len Boogaard said. “It was something I hadn’t seen before.”

Eventually subdued and sent to the dressing room, Boogaard re-emerged in his street clothes. He sidled up to his seething father, who was dressed in his police uniform.

“Dad just kinda asked me what the [expletive] are you doing?” Boogaard wrote. “So I stood by him for the rest of the game.”

Len Boogaard nodded toward the few unfamiliar faces in the bleachers. There were about 10 scouts from teams in the Western Hockey League, a junior league that is a primary gateway to the N.H.L. Among them were two men representing the Regina Pats — the chief scout, Todd Ripplinger, and the general manager, Brent Parker.

“All the Western League scouts’ jaws are down like this,” Parker said. His mouth fell open at the memory.

Ripplinger and Parker scribbled a note saying that the Regina Pats wanted to add Derek Boogaard to their roster. They stopped at the Hi-Lo Motor Inn on the edge of Melfort and used the fax machine to send the note to the W.H.L. office in Calgary. Then they drove three hours back to Regina.

“Me and Brent talked all the way home about how we’d never seen anything like that before in our lives,” Ripplinger said.

Ripplinger arranged to visit the Boogaard family a few days later. Boogaard sheepishly made just one request: Could the Pats provide some extra-large hockey shorts?

Derek Boogaard had outgrown his.

Learning His Future: His Fists

The Western Hockey League has 22 teams flung across western Canada and the northwestern United States. The players, ages 16 to 20, have their expenses paid, receive a small stipend for spending money and can earn scholarships to Canadian colleges.

Most harbor hopes of playing professionally. On a typical roster of two dozen, a few will advance to the National Hockey League. And in today’s N.H.L., about one of every five players once played in the Western Hockey League.

It is one of the three top junior leagues in Canada, the others based in Ontario and Quebec. In many regards, the W.H.L. is the toughest. Not only are franchises stretched 1,500 miles apart in some instances, making travel part of the teenage tribulation, but they also have produced some of hockey’s most notorious enforcers — from Tony Twist and Stu Grimson to Colton Orr and Steve MacIntyre. Veteran executives recall games where the only way to stop the brawls was to shut off the arena lights.

The teams are not affiliated with N.H.L. teams, so player development is less a goal than profit.

Fighting, an accepted and popular part of the game, is seen as a way to attract fans.

Efforts to ban fighting in the N.H.L. have long been stymied, in part by the popularity and tradition of it in the junior and minor leagues. Web sites are devoted to the spectacle, often providing blow-by-blow descriptions, declaring winners and ranking the teenage fighters.

Boogaard stepped into this culture when he was 16. The unwritten rules were well established.

Both players must agree to the challenge. Gloves are off. Until a few years ago, helmets were removed as both a sign of toughness and consideration to the unprotected knuckles of the combatants. When the leagues made helmet removal illegal, players learned to delicately remove each other's helmets before the fight began — a concoction of courtesy and showmanship. Players knowingly drifted to the center of the rink. Some, like professional wrestlers, paused to pose or fix their hair.

The reaction of the scouts that winter's night in Melfort made it clear what to expect when Boogaard went to his first W.H.L. training camp in Regina in the fall. If Boogaard wanted to advance in hockey, he would need his fists.

"He knew," Ripplinger said. "He was a smart guy. He knew he wasn't going to be good enough to make it on skills alone, and he used his size to his advantage. I remember him at 16 years old, pushing weights and boxing and stuff like that. He knew his job."

Boogaard's first fight was the one-punch nose-breaking knockdown of the reigning tough kid during Regina's first team scrimmage. But Boogaard, seen as a fighter, not a player, played little during the preseason. Finally, he was told he would play one night in Moose Jaw, against the Pats' primary rival.

The family drove four hours from Melfort. Ryan Boogaard, two years younger, researched W.H.L. fighters, a brotherly scouting service that continued through Boogaard's career. He warned Boogaard of a player named Kevin Lapp, rated as the league's No. 2 fighter. Lapp was nearly 20. Boogaard was 16.

Moments into Boogaard's first shift, Lapp asked if he was ready. Boogaard said he was. He was not.

He heard the older players in the back of the bus making fun of him on the way home. The next day, Boogaard was reassigned to a lower-division team in Regina.

Len Boogaard told his son he was proud of how far he had made it.

"When all the people in Melfort said that I wasn't any good," Derek Boogaard later wrote, "he said I shoved it up their [expletive] already."

The next team also had little use for Boogaard. During a game at a tournament in Calgary, Boogaard watched teammates take turns on the ice while he sat, unused, on the bench. Frustrated at being forgotten — or viewed as something less than a hockey player — he finally turned to the coach.

"I'm good, I can play," Boogaard cried. "I'm right here in front of you."

He later lashed out at the coach in the hallway and quit. Joanne Boogaard came from Saskatchewan to retrieve him. She drove him eight hours home.

"For your son to cry halfway from Calgary to Regina, just to be beside himself with, 'Why does this have to happen?'" Joanne Boogaard said. "All he wants to do is play. All he wanted was to have his fair share, to show people."

Boogaard thought his hockey career was over. His parents were divorcing. Len Boogaard was reassigned to Regina, the provincial capital. Joanne Boogaard, a Regina native, moved from Melfort, too. Derek Boogaard was failing classes at his new high school. The family worried about the people he hung around.

Just 16, he and two friends got into a fight outside a bar. Boogaard later wrote that they beat up seven 30-year-olds. He came home at 2:30 a.m. with no shirt and his body splattered in blood. One eye was black by morning.

By the fall of 1999, the 17-year-old Boogaard had grown a few more inches, to 6-7. The Regina Pats wanted him back in training camp. Desperate to prove himself, he fought teammates 12 times in four scrimmages.

Called into the coach's office one day, he thought he would be cut from the team. Instead, he was told he would play that night against the Kelowna Rockets.

Kelowna featured a 6-7 enforcer named Mitch Fritz. Ryan Boogaard provided the scouting report. Fritz had an overhand punch that reminded the Boogaards of the villainous ape in the Donkey Kong video game.

Fritz won. Boogaard was traded. There is not much use for an enforcer who loses fights.

Struggling With Everything

Prince George, British Columbia, where Boogaard had been dealt, was curious to meet its new teenage enforcer, but not quite prepared. Boogaard's jersey had to have extra bands of cloth sewn to the bottom and at the end of the sleeves.

After his first practice with the Prince George Cougars, Boogaard met with General Manager Daryl Lubiniecki.

"If you win a few fights in this town you could run for mayor," Lubiniecki said.

The local paper, The Prince George Citizen, ran a full-page photograph of Boogaard with a Boogeyman theme. The family name had always been pronounced "BOH-guard." With Derek, some were starting to say it as "BOO-guard." Boogaard was expected to step into the character, leading with

his fists.

“It bothered me,” Joanne Boogaard said. “I didn’t want him to fight. He knew that. He would always be: ‘Oh, Mom, it’s O.K. It’s my job now. It’s what I’m doing.’”

Prince George is a city of 80,000 about 500 miles north of Vancouver. It spills out of a valley amid a wrinkled landscape of mountains carpeted with evergreen forests. Bears and moose are common backyard visitors. For the Cougars, the nearest opponent is a six-hour drive. It is not uncommon for the team bus to roll into town at midday after a road trip.

“Prince George, it’s not a dirty town, a rough town, but it’s an honest town,” said Jim Swanson, the local paper’s former sports editor. “And people didn’t mind seeing two guys who were willing to drop the gloves and go at it.”

For Boogaard, instantly homesick, the season started poorly and got worse. He lost his first fight to Eric Godard, a future N.H.L. enforcer. Quickly tagged with a reputation for poor balance and wild swings, Boogaard lost most of the rest of his fights, too. Online voters gave him a 6-9-1 record.

His private struggles were just as profound. Junior hockey is considered a rite of passage for Canada’s most promising young players. It is a wild, frightening, competitive and lonely voyage into the world of frenzied fan bases, full-time coaching staffs, cross-province bus travel and host families, known as billets.

Boogaard got tangled in all of it. He was awed by the ferocity of fans. (“That’s the worst I have ever heard people yelling and screaming,” he wrote of a game in Swift Current.) His spirits flagged under the callousness of coaches pressured to win. His inexperience meant that he spent overnight bus trips sitting near the front, not sleeping in the bunks in back reserved for veterans. And Boogaard bounced from one host family to another, unable to create a facsimile of his once-stable home life.

“It was a very long year for me,” Boogaard wrote. “I struggled with everything it seemed.”

Boogaard was hardly a model citizen. He quietly rejected authority figures — teachers, coaches, host families — who treated him with what he sensed was distrust. He disobeyed rules, particularly curfews, and rotated through several families. He never completed 10th grade.

“He was a boy in a man’s body,” said Dallas Thompson, then an assistant coach for Prince George. “Everything was in a hurry. He knew what he wanted to do: He wanted to play in the N.H.L. A lot of things, like school and growing up, got accelerated a bit, and I think it overwhelmed him at times.”

In March 2000, during a home game against Tri-City, Boogaard was hit in the face by an enforcer named Mike Lee. The two were ushered to the penalty box.

“I sat in the box for the five mins and I couldn’t close my mouth,” Boogaard later wrote. “My teeth wouldn’t line up.”

Boogaard went to the hospital, where his jaw was wired shut. The Cougars put him on a liquid diet and sent him home to Regina.

“He was missing a tooth,” Len Boogaard said. “He could fit a straw through there. Then he realized, too, in that space, he could shove food down as well. So he would cut up little pieces of steak and slide it through that hole. Instead of losing weight, he gained about 25, 30 pounds that summer, while his jaw was wired shut. It was incredible.”

The father laughed at the memory.

“He’d go to McDonald’s and shove fries through that little hole there.”

The Phone Rings. It’s the N.H.L.

Boogaard ultimately found refuge at the home of Mike and Caren Tobin, owners of a Prince George jewelry store and longtime hosts for the Cougars. Boogaard trailed a teammate to their house and never wanted to leave.

“Derek was shy — oh my God was he shy,” Mike Tobin said.

The house became Boogaard’s sanctuary. He played video games in the basement and made himself comfortable in the kitchen. He brought other teenagers — not teammates, usually, but assorted misfits he befriended at school. He went to action movies with Mike and tagged along on family outings. He helped run the birthday party when the Tobins’ twin daughters turned 5 and had a giant bounce house in the front yard.

Boogaard felt an instant kinship with Mike Tobin — an affable man who treated Boogaard less like a son than a little brother, who did not finish school but built a successful business, who drove nice cars and had a stately home on the edge of town.

“He hated, hated, hated school,” Tobin said of Boogaard. Imitating Boogaard’s deep voice and sideways smirk, he added: “ ‘Look at Mike. He didn’t finish school and he has a Porsche.’ ”

Boogaard, with a backlog of frustrations, wanted to quit during training camp in 2000. He was 18. He called his father to tell him. He told his teammates he had a plane ticket home. Tobin ultimately persuaded him to stay.

And, suddenly, Boogaard started to win fights.

“His first year in the W.H.L., I think, it was mostly adjusting to his frame, not knowing how to use his reach,” Ryan Boogaard said. “I think he felt more comfortable with that frame in his second year in the W.H.L., and he did a lot better.”

He quickly avenged his broken-jaw loss to Mike Lee. He beat Mat Sommerfeld, a rival who had torn Boogaard’s name from the back of his uniform and held it over his head after an earlier conquest. One

Web site put Boogaard's record at 18-4-4 in fights that season. One poll named him the toughest player in the W.H.L.'s Western Conference.

When Boogaard took the ice, a buzz rippled through Prince George's arena, which routinely had capacity crowds of 5,995. One side of the arena would shout "Boo!" and the other would shout "Gaard!"

He scored only once in 61 games for Prince George in 2000-1. He recorded 245 penalty minutes, ranking eighth in the W.H.L. He was, finally, an enforcer, appreciated by one team, feared by all others.

"Whenever he would score or get a point, they would cheer like it was the greatest thing," Swanson, the former sports editor, said. "It just wasn't something they expected. Whenever you heard the name Derek Boogaard announced, you expected it to be followed by, 'Five-minute major for fighting.' "

Yet, improbably, Boogaard found himself on the ice during overtime of a playoff game.

"I was standing in front of the net and I turned around and the puck was just sitting there while the goalie thought he had the puck," Boogaard wrote. "I backhanded it into the net and the game was over. It was an unbelievable feeling. The guys came out of the bench and the place was going nuts. It was the best feeling I had the last 2 years."

The television announcer called it "a miracle on ice." It remains a highlight in Prince George hockey history.

"I don't think I ever saw our rink, or Derek, that happy as the time he scored that goal," said Thompson, the former assistant coach.

The 2001 N.H.L. draft began on June 23, Boogaard's 19th birthday. Now of legal drinking age, he spent the night mostly at the Iron Horse Bar in Prince George with a couple of friends.

The next day, the phone rang at Joanne Boogaard's house in Regina. It was Tommy Thompson, then the chief scout of the Minnesota Wild.

"I told her I was calling from the Minnesota Wild and that we had drafted Derek," Thompson said. "She clearly was not expecting this call. She said he was already on a team, in Prince George. I said, 'No, the N.H.L. draft.' She said: 'N.H.L.? You've got to be kidding.' "

Caren Tobin answered the ringing telephone in Prince George moments later. She ran upstairs to the bedroom where Boogaard was sleeping. She pounded on the door. Boogaard answered in grunts and asked her to take a message. She coaxed him out of bed and downstairs to the phone.

"In typical Derek style, he goes, 'Uh-huh, uh-huh, O.K., yeah, O.K., thanks,' " Tobin recalled. With little emotion, he hung up and said he was drafted by the Wild in the seventh round, No. 202 over all.

The Tobins screamed in excitement.

Boogaard said he was going back to bed. He had a headache.

A month later, he was in St. Paul, home of the Wild. An arena worker let him into the team dressing room. For the first time, he put on an N.H.L. uniform.

And it fit.

Punched Out: Over six months, The New York Times examined the life and death of the professional hockey player Derek Boogaard, who rose to fame as one of the sport's most feared fighters before dying at age 28 on May 13. This article, the first of a three-part series, revisits Boogaard's childhood in the rugged youth and junior leagues of western Canada and his progression from physically awkward boy to renowned brawler on the ice.

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Sutch: What we can all learn from Trafford tragedy

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Teammates Terry Trafford (16) and Gregg Sutch (44) with Saginaw.

Gregg Sutch played in the Ontario Hockey League for five seasons (2008-09 to 2012-13). He finished his career with the Saginaw Spirit, where he was one of Terry Trafford's linemates. Sutch, 22, was a first-round draft pick in the OHL and a fifth-round pick of the Buffalo Sabres in the 2010 NHL entry draft. He is currently retired from hockey and will be writing on occasion for Yahoo Sports. – Ed., SS

It's been a few days now since Terry Trafford was found dead in his truck, and the tragedy has been replaying over in my head day in and day out. We all know the story of Trafford by now, but that's not what I'm here to write about. What I want to discuss is how we react to this tragedy.

It's pretty clear hockey needs a serious overhaul:






- The face of major junior needs major reform.
- The way we view hockey players needs to change.
- Hockey players need to change the way we see ourselves.

For many of us, the words "I am a hockey player" have become a social stigma. Hockey has become so overwhelming and blown out of proportion that it consumes our lives. We grow up playing hockey and after a while we allow hockey to define us. Hockey becomes who we

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are. Everything about us is related to hockey - the way we carry ourselves, the way we dress, the way we act and talk. It's become so prevalent that people can pick out hockey players in a crowd. Is that really good anymore?

Stereotypically, a hockey player is supposed to be a man's man and as tough as nails. If you're a hockey player, you don't want to speak out if you need help. Why? Because you're supposed to be tough.

A hockey player's biggest fear is for someone to call us a "baby" or "soft." Our biggest fear is that if we admit we need help with something or, if you don't want to play hockey anymore, we will not longer be viewed as that tough hockey player. When you grow up that way, there's no way you're going to face those fears. A hockey player will suck it up and drag it out for as long as they can, playing minor hockey in remote cities making very low pay, because sometimes that's all you know.

I've been there.

It was one of, if not my main fear, when moving on from the game. I was scared people would say I was "soft" because I didn't want to play hockey anymore. This needs to change. If you continue to be overwhelmed and live with that fear, it'll eat you up. You won't ask for help when you really do need it, and the problem will grow.

I know too many guys who continue playing hockey well into their late 20s, early 30s, toiling in remote leagues, because hockey is all they know. At some point, though, we all have accept the reality that there is life after hockey.

Five years ago, I was in Los Angeles in a room with NHLers John Tavares, Cam Fowler, and Adam Larsson. In a seminar conducted by former actor and leadership consultant, Steve Shenbaum, we were asked to write down five things we valued. The trick? We weren't allowed to write hockey, family or friends. After 20 minutes, I had nothing on my paper. It was something so simple, yet so alarming. I couldn't think of one thing I valued aside from the obvious. That day I vowed to grow myself as a person and value more than just the obvious. Fortunately, that's what helped me move on from the game because I knew I was more than just a hockey player.

Shenbaum called these five values "your coins" and told us to always carry them with us. He told us not to talk solely about hockey when meeting people because it was our values that made us special.

We see too many kids now who grow up playing the game, and that's all they know. In the event hockey is ripped away – say a career ending injury or being cut from a team – and you no longer know who you are. That's what scares me. Kids, grow yourself as a person away from the rink because one day, you will have to hang up the skates and be more than hockey; it's inevitable.

Pawns In The Junior Game

How we treat hockey players must also change. I've been there myself. You make it to the OHL and now you're a pawn. You become a piece of the business, and if you're no good, you're gone. It's the dark side of the game.

There's not enough emphasis on helping the players grow as decent

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individuals as opposed to how much emphasis is put on the win column. *I can honestly say that I only know a handful of people in the hockey world that I worked with that truly cared about me as a person.* These individuals know who they are because I've gone out of my way to acknowledge them for what they've done for me. I wouldn't be who I am today without these men in my life, but to the rest, I was just a pawn.

If I didn't fit in with the team or your game plan, it was a quick fix to ship me off somewhere else or sit me out. Major junior touts itself as a league where you go and you're well on your way to the NHL. Let's just stop and think about that for a second. You do realize how few guys make the NHL, right? You realize just how hard it is, right?

Let me give you an example: I attended Buffalo Sabres training camp for two years. Everyone there was trying to make a team of 20-plus players out of 3-4 NHL draft years, AHL players, CHL players, NCAA players, and regular NHL roster players. Did I mention you only have two years to prove yourself to get a contract?

So instead of trying to sell to these kids and their parents on a fast track to the NHL by joining the league, let's start growing these kids as human beings. Let's develop them into well-rounded men who are prepared for the future, and that's not just on the ice. I was fortunate to have played for Saginaw Spirit head coach Greg Gilbert who helped round me out into a decent individual.

It's too bad there isn't more of this going on in hockey because I know far too many guys who only know hockey and nothing else. A lot of it also has to do with parents.

Parents, you need to let your kids play the game for fun. Don't push little Johnny through something because you want him to make the NHL. Let him take his life course and be the support system he needs for that journey.

As players, we also need to take it upon ourselves to grow. I get it - you're living the dream, no school, just play hockey, and not a worry on your mind. Wait till you're done hockey or hockey is taken away from you, and you've done nothing for yourself. It's like hitting a wall. Do something for yourself to prevent this from happening.

If you need help, speak up.

I always spoke to my teammates if I needed someone to hear me out and I still do it now. You need to develop your support group. Don't be afraid to talk to the boys because at the end of the day, we are one big family and only we understand each other. Your coaches should be able to help too; hopefully they are there to help you in ways that are more than just hockey related.

Billets, help out your players at home. Don't turn a blind eye to the kids if you think something weird is going on.

Boys, we are more than just hockey players, we need to discover more about ourselves. A great example I can share is when NHLer Matt Duchene lived with veteran Adam Foote in Colorado. Duchene is one those, "eat, sleep, hockey" guys and Foote caught onto that quickly. Foote, a perennial hockey player, had one rule for Duchene: Talk hockey at the rink, but once you leave the rink, no more hockey talk. When I heard this, it was refreshing. We all play so much hockey, it becomes

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consuming. If we can learn how to keep hockey at the rink and be a well-rounded individual away from the rink, we will grow so much more. By doing something small like this, you will develop more values than your obvious ones in hockey, family and friends.

Players, if there's one thing I want you to all take away from this it's to change the way you view yourself, and for the way everyone else views you. Don't let hockey define you, let hockey be the game you love to play. Let hockey be your enjoyment and your getaway.

Don't let hockey be your life. Don't ever let one single thing, whatever it may be, be your life.

My biggest wish is for the junior leagues to start developing these kids as individuals and not just as hockey players. We are humans at the end of the day, and when you treat us as pawns, when we are only 16-20 years old, we don't know how to handle it. It starts early, so parents, let your kids play the game for fun, and let them chase their dreams.

Play for the right reasons and carry your five coins with you when you do it.

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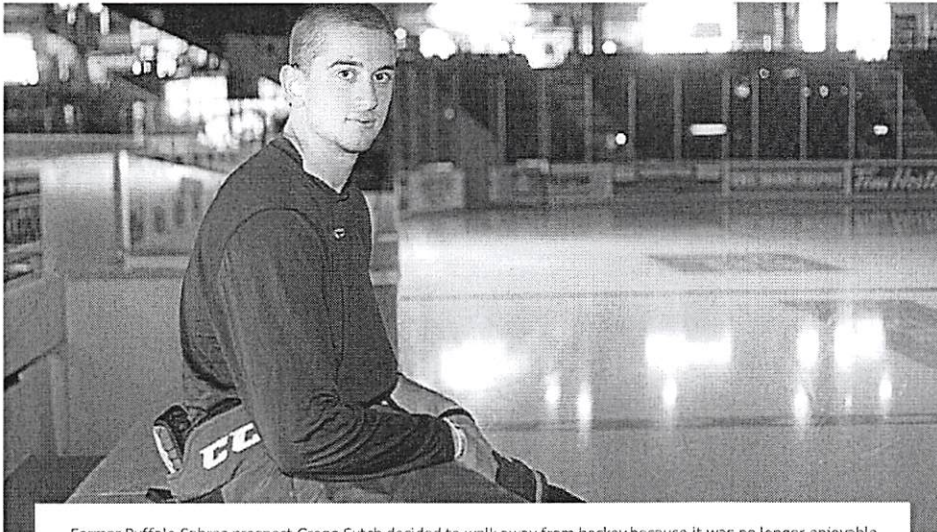
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Ex-NHL prospect Gregg Sutch explains how he fell out of love with hockey



Former Buffalo Sabres prospect Gregg Sutch decided to walk away from hockey because it was no longer enjoyable. (QMI Agency)

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Gregg Sutch had tried to keep himself busy, distracting himself from reality for four months.

But while he was watching the Canada-Finland men's hockey game Sunday, reality stepped back into the room when his girlfriend, Shannon, turned to him and asked if he was ever going to play hockey again.

That's the moment Sutch, a fifth-round pick of the Buffalo Sabres in the 2010 NHL draft, decided it was time to tell his story.

In a 2,000-word blog post published to his personal website Monday night, the Newmarket, Ont., native cracked the vault wide open.

"Almost every day I am asked the same few questions from people I interact with," the blog post starts. "Are you going to play hockey again? 'Why did you stop?' and, 'Did something happen?'"

Sutch, 22, played five seasons in the Ontario Hockey League but failed to land an entry-level contract with his NHL rights-holders, the Sabres. He

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land an entry-level contract with his NHL rights holders, the Sabres. He joined York University's hockey team last fall before quitting a few weeks later because "the thrill of playing was gone."

His blog post touches on his childhood obsession with hockey and how the sport worked as a "getaway." He remembers being constantly consumed by hockey, ignoring his teacher as a kid so he could concentrate on drawing backyard rinks on a piece of paper.

Sutch was an elite minor midget player for the York Simcoe Express in 2007-08. Years of hard work led to him being taken with the 11th pick of the OHL draft. The Sarnia Sting took him before future NHLers like Cam Fowler (17th), Jeff Skinner (20th), and John Carlson (33rd).

"As soon as I joined the OHL, things changed," Sutch wrote. "Big time."

Although he would get drafted by an NHL team, Sutch, a 6-foot-2 winger who played a workmanlike game, was in no way guaranteed a pro contract. He was traded three times during his OHL career, suiting up for Sarnia, then the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors, Barrie Colts and, finally, the Saginaw Spirit.

"It's all about business and that's where my love for the game started to fade away," he added later in the post.

Injuries came and went. Hockey politics didn't help the situation. Sutch's force-fed role – "hit everything that moves and fight," he wrote – contributed as well.

A myriad of factors made hockey feel like work when it wasn't supposed to.

"There have been a few things that triggered me to finally reveal the truth behind it all," Sutch told QMI Agency via email on Tuesday. "One of the things that really stuck out to me was when I see the state of minor hockey nowadays; crazy parents, politics, the money."

"Where did the fun in the game go?"

The life of a junior hockey player is, generally speaking, painted with a positive brush.

You're a level or two away from competing in the best league in the world, playing in front of thousands a few times a week. The lifestyle has many perks.

But, overall, the pressure that goes along with it can weigh heavily on teenagers. Sutch's revelations, although not the norm, are not necessarily unique.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people make out a junior hockey player's life to be, 'living the dream' when it's really not," Sutch said in the follow-up interview.

Sutch was quick to note he is thankful for the experiences he gained through the pursuit of pro hockey, adding he had his fair share of fun along the way. However, as relayed in the blog post, "bulls---" can often "overshadow the good experiences."

"He had a rough ride," said Murray Kuntz of CAA Sports, Sutch's former agent. "You hear about all the glory rides, but Gregg's one kid – with injuries and being traded a couple times – (where the junior hockey experience) really took a toll on him."

Kuntz sent Sutch a text after reading his blog post. He told him how proud he was, that it took courage to admit things weren't perfect.

"Too often I hear about people doing a job or playing a sport because

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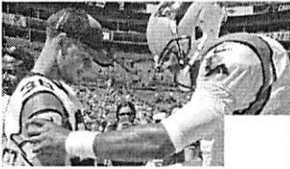
someone else said they should do it," Sutch said in the follow-up interview. "Whatever happened to doing what's right for yourself? Ultimately, if you're doing it for yourself, whether that's playing hockey or being a teacher, you're going to have more success that route and enjoy your life a lot more."

Sutch has plans to attend Georgian College this fall to study fitness and health promotion. He's a CrossFit coach at a gym in Newmarket right now, and has dreams of opening his own facility one day.

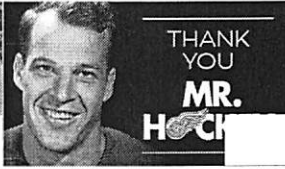
Although it's not his original path, not pro hockey, it's something that has ignited Sutch's passionate side once again.

"Find what you love and stick with it," he said towards the end of his post. "Hold on to it."

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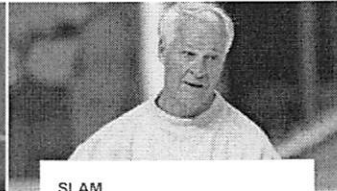
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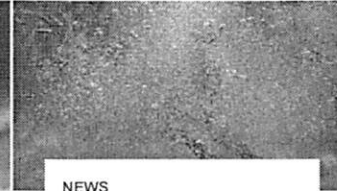
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TYLER BOSTON AND THE DIFFICULTIES OF BALANCING JUNIOR HOCKEY AND EDUCATION

For an 18-year-old, Tyler Boston already has a lot of regrets. The former Guelph Storm forward turned heads in late December when he [announced \(https://www.instagram.com/p/_4Z0Btqd84/\)](https://www.instagram.com/p/_4Z0Btqd84/) he was leaving the Ontario Hockey League mid-season to focus on his education and future career goals. Boston had amassed 17 points through 32 games with the fledgling Storm but after looking over his high school marks, having a conversation with his father and deciding that the focus of his future endeavours were going to be educational, the timing was right for him to walk away.

Boston is trying to gain acceptance to the University of Western Ontario's social sciences program and there were a handful of courses he needed to upgrade his marks in, something he didn't think was possible while playing in the OHL.

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"I didn't put in the effort at the time that I needed to in high school. I screwed myself in the long run," Boston tells VICE Sports. "That's why making this decision was tough because it was my fault, no one else's. I sort of felt bad for Guelph because they were nothing but first-class with me and the schooling there. It was all me."

Not long after he decided to walk away from the Storm, his agent was contacted by Marty Williamson, head coach of the OHL's Niagara Ice Dogs, who soon traded for Boston. The deal was contingent on Boston being able to receive extra tutoring from the Blyth Academy located in Burlington, Ontario, which wasn't available to him in Guelph. It was a deal he couldn't decline and now that he's a member of the Ice Dogs, Boston's committed to righting the wrongs of his academic past.

Though he's been granted a new lease on his educational future, Boston's situation echoes that of many in Canada's top junior leagues. With the lure of a professional hockey career seemingly always on the horizon, not enough interest and effort is paid to high school education until it's too late. "I was lazy in the past, I realize that," he says with regard to his performance in high school.

Boston is now receiving private tutoring in Niagara in the hopes of being accepted to Western in the fall. The university's admissions site lists the midyear average guidelines for marks anywhere between the mid-and-high 80s, but also states that "estimates are provided as a guide only.

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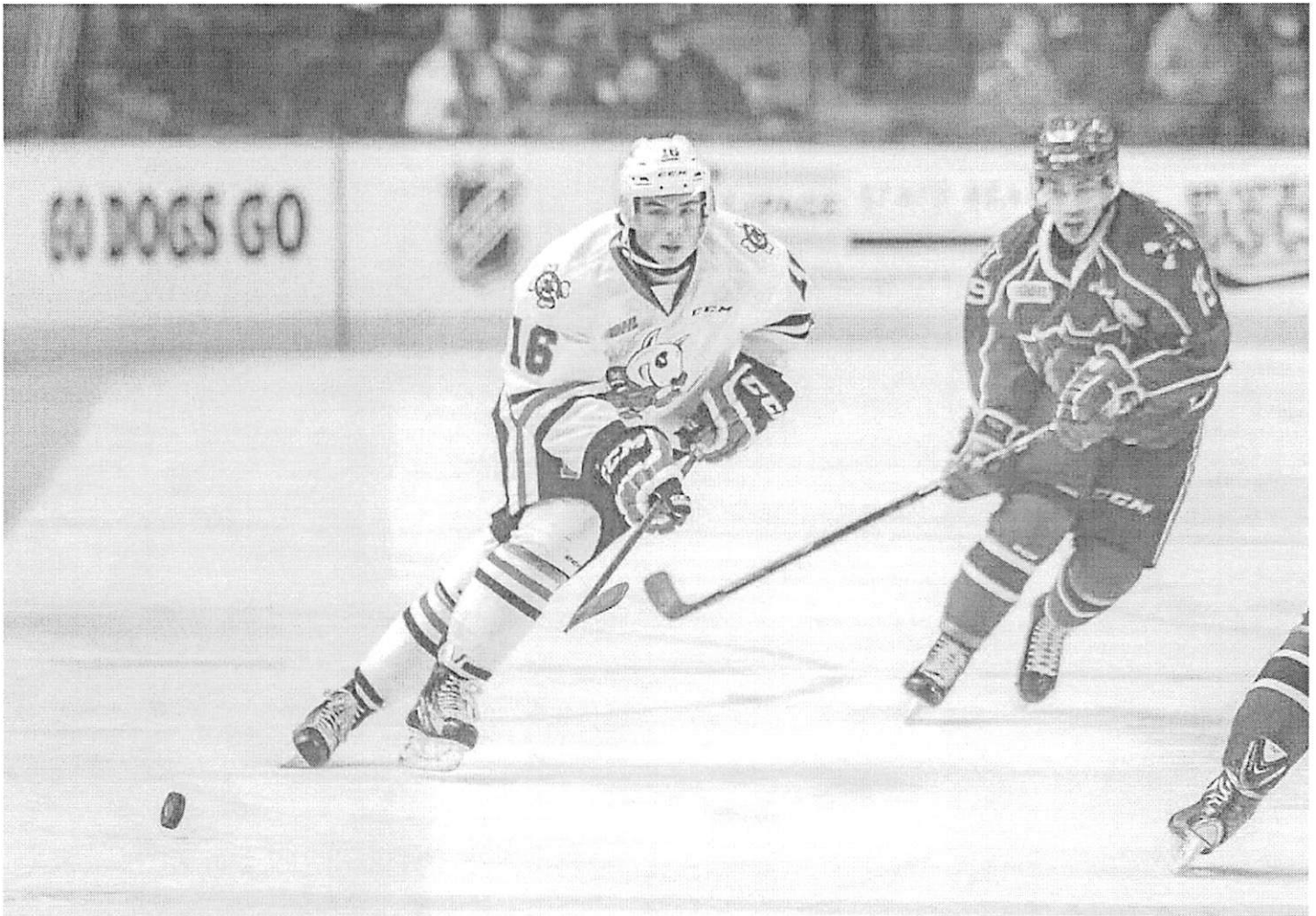
The growing concern over how young, elite junior hockey players who may not have a future in professional hockey transition into a post-secondary education is not lost on Adam Dennis, the recruitment and education director of the OHL.

"We're dealing with teenage kids. And when you deal with teenage kids, they go through a lot," says Dennis, a former goaltender with the Storm from 2002-05. "Especially with high-level hockey and trying to balance everything at once."

Dennis says a day in the OHL allows every player to be home by 6:30 or 7 PM during the school week. The onus is on players to complete necessary high school assignments and take advantage of that time.

"It translates into life skills," he says. Exit strategies in terms of education after hockey are worked on with specific teams, though Dennis says the Canadian Hockey League has a working partnership with the CIS—the governing body for university sports in Canada—which he believes is very beneficial for players. Dennis points to the league's scholarship program which is available to all OHL players.

The OHL's website states that all players have the opportunity to receive a scholarship that can be used at any post-secondary institution in North America. These scholarships must be accessed within 18 months after a player's overage year. The OHL handed out 285 scholarships last season. This is in addition to the costs covered by teams for high school and post-secondary education while a player is on their roster.



Newest Ice Dog Tyler Boston chasing down the puck. —Photo by Natasa Djermanovic-Vivid Eye Photography

Dennis says there's no minimum GPA for players entering the OHL. But minimum grades are still required for entrance into any post-secondary program. It's because of this that some junior hockey players stumble. The grind of a 68-game season on players as young as 16 years old causes some to focus solely on hockey as they often lack the long-term vision of a life after their junior career.

"The OHL takes a toll on your body and mentally, as well," admits Boston.

When it does come time to make use of the OHL scholarships, players are often forced to recognize their own lack of preparation.

"Getting into academic schools is hard," says Colleen Reed of American College Consulting, which works with elite athletes who want to attend post-secondary institutions. "It's a daunting prospect with not much positives to it. There's no guarantee that you're going to get picked up by a school. It's a lot of self-recruiting. A lot of kids really don't know how to do that."

The realization of time lost in the classroom because of time spent on hockey can also lead to mounting pressure, or worse.

"It can lead to some depression," Reed says. "When you're so used to being on a team and their team is their life, it's their whole social situation and everybody understands the commitment. But then all of a sudden you don't have that. If academics have never been a priority, it's hard to switch."

Boston was able to make the switch, but his tale is a cautionary one. With more and more NHL players coming in from abroad, the path to the NHL is not nearly as easy as it once was for young Canadian boys. There are likely hundreds of players like Boston across the CHL who cannot imagine a life beyond hockey, and the pursuit of that can come at the expense of an education.

Boston admits that with his Storm teammates "education wasn't really a hot topic." That should come as no surprise to anyone who has spent time around a junior hockey player in Canada or a young, elite athlete anywhere. Education is a constant and therefore appears as if it'll be available forever. The lure of a professional contract, especially when surrounded by others chasing those same contracts, is much more compelling.

The mistakes Boston made are his and his alone. He's owning them and using them to catapult him into what he hopes be a rewarding education in the future.

"If I just worked hard and was responsible, I wouldn't be in the situation I'm in," he says.

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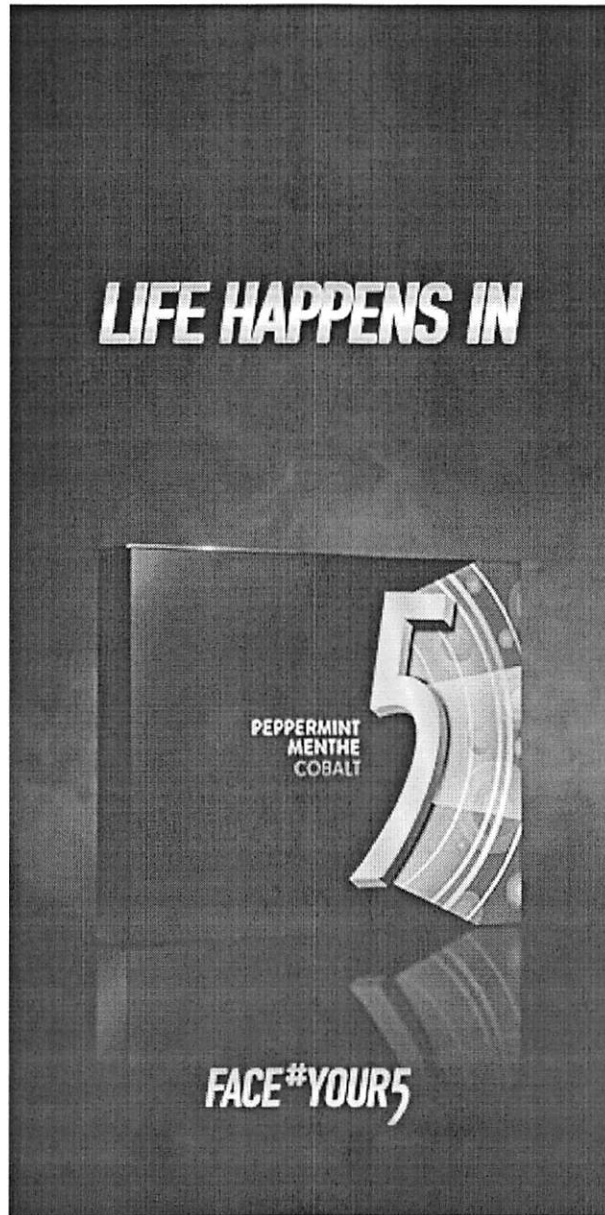
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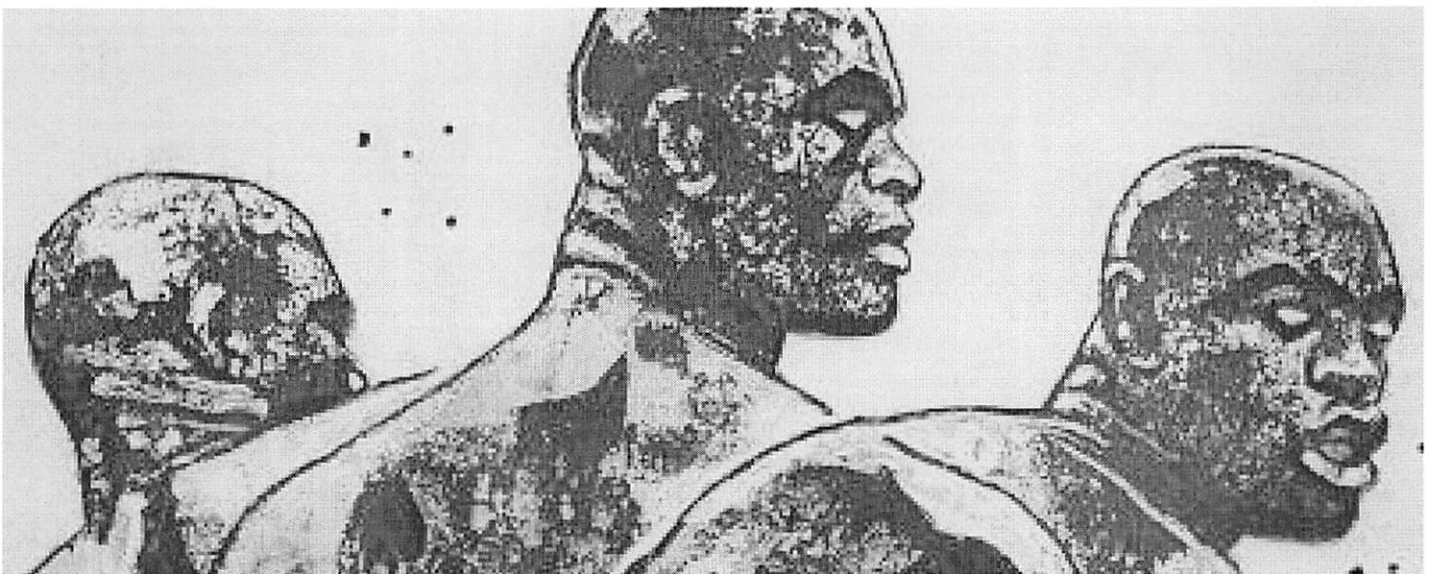
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Calgary, AB – The Western Hockey League is proud to announce that 35 WHL players were selected in the 2015 NHL Draft at the BB&T Center in Sunrise, FL.

Five of the WHL players selected in the 2015 NHL Draft were chosen in the first round.

Ivan Provorov of the Brandon Wheat Kings was the first WHL player selected in the 2015 NHL Draft, chosen by Philadelphia Flyers with the seventh overall pick. Provorov, a product of Yaroslavl, Russia, recently completed his rookie season with the Wheat Kings after electing to play in the WHL.

A 6'0", 200 lb defenceman, Provorov was voted the Eastern Conference Defenceman of the Year after posting 61 points (15g-46a) in 60 games played which was also tops amongst WHL rookie skaters. Provorov went on to put up 13 points (2g-11a) in 19 games during the 2015 WHL Playoffs. Provorov was selected by Brandon 30th overall in the 2014 C Import Draft.

Forward Jake DeBrusk of the Swift Current Broncos was the second WHL player selected with the Boston Bruins 14th overall pick. DeBrusk recently completed his second season in the WHL in which he posted 81 points (42g-39a) and played in all 72 games. DeBrusk becomes the second-highest Broncos player to ever be selected in the NHL Draft. Tomáš Tatar, an Edmonton, AB native was selected by the Broncos 137th overall in the 2011 WHL Bantam Draft.

After a trade that saw the New York Islanders acquire the 16th overall pick, Seattle Thunderbirds forward Mathew Barzal heard his name called by the Islanders. The first overall pick from the 2012 WHL Bantam Draft posted 57 points (1:45a) in just 44 games during the 2014-15 WHL Regular Season. Barzal is the 15th Thunderbird to be selected in the first round of the NHL Draft.

Rounding out the first round of WHL selections, Everett Silvertips defenceman Julius Noah Juulsen was selected 26th overall by the Montreal Canadiens and Kelowna Rockets forward Nick Merkley was selected 30th overall by the Arizona Coyotes.

• 18 WHL forwards were selected in the 2015 NHL Draft while 15 defencemen and two goaltenders were chosen.

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2015 NHL Draft, WHL Players

1st Round

- #7. Philadelphia Flyers – Ivan Provorov; Yaroslavl, RUS; Brandon Wheat Kings
- #14. Boston Bruins – Jake DeBrusk; Edmonton, AB; Swift Current Broncos
- #16. New York Islanders – Mathew Barzal; Coquitlam, BC; Seattle Thunderbirds
- #26. Montreal Canadiens – Noah Juulsen; Abbotsford, BC; Everett Silvertips
- #30. Arizona Coyotes – Nicholas Merkley; Calgary, AB; Kelowna Rockets

2nd Round

- #37. Boston Bruins – Brandon Carlo; Colorado Springs, CO; Tri-City Americans
- #38. Columbus Blue Jackets – Paul Bittner; Crookston, MN; Portland Winterhawks
- #41. New York Rangers – Ryan Gropp; Kamloops, BC; Seattle Thunderbirds
- #47. Winnipeg Jets – Jansen Harkins; North Vancouver, BC; Prince George Cougars
- #51. Buffalo Sabres – Brendan Guhle; Sherwood Park, AB; Prince Albert Raiders

3rd Round

- #65. Toronto Maple Leafs – Andrew Nielsen; Red Deer, AB; Lethbridge Hurricanes
- #69. Columbus Blue Jackets – Keegan Kolesar; Winnipeg, MB; Seattle Thunderbirds
- #76. Arizona Coyotes – Adin Hill; Calgary, AB; Portland Winterhawks
- #79. New York Rangers – Sergei Zborovskiy; Moscow, RUS; Regina Pats
- #84. Anaheim Ducks – Deven Sideroff; Summerland, BC; Kamloops Blazers

4th Round

- #94. St. Louis Blues – Adam Musil; Delta, BC; Red Deer Rebels
- #99. L.A. Kings – Austin Wagner; Calgary, AB; Regina Pats
- #105. Boston Bruins – Jesse Gabrielle; Moosomin, SK; Regina Pats
- #106. San Jose Sharks – Adam Helewka; Burnaby, BC; Spokane Chiefs
- #112. New York Islanders – Parker Wotherspoon; Surrey, BC; Tri-City Americans
- #113. New York Rangers – Brad Morrison; Westside, BC; Prince George Cougars
- #116. St. Louis Blues – Glenn Gawdin; Richmond, BC; Swift Current Broncos

5th Round

- #122. Buffalo Sabres – Devante Stephens; Surrey, BC; Kelowna Rockets
- #124. Edmonton Oilers – Ethan Bear; Ochapowace, SK; Seattle Thunderbirds
- #129. Columbus Blue Jackets – Sam Ruopp; Zehner, SK; Prince George Cougars
- #131. Montreal Canadiens – Matthew Bradley; Surrey, BC; Medicine Hat Tigers
- #136. Calgary Flames – Pavel Karnaukhov; Minsk, BLR; Calgary Hitmen
- #143. Washington Capitals – Connor Hobbs; Saskatoon, SK; Regina Pats
- #147. New York Islanders – Ryan Pilon; Duck Lake, SK; Brandon Wheat Kings

6th Round

- #152. Buffalo Sabres – Giorgio Estephan; Edmonton, AB; Lethbridge Hurricanes
- #173. Washington Capitals – Colby Williams; Regina, SK; Regina Pats

7th Round

- #187. L.A. Kings – Chaz Reddekopp; West Kelowna, BC; Victoria Royals
- #203. Winnipeg Jets – Matteo Gennaro; St. Albert, AB; Prince Albert Raiders
- #205. Nashville Predators – Evan Smith; Parker, CO; Victoria Royals
- #210. Vancouver Canucks – Tate Olson; Saskatoon, SK; Prince George Cougars

Past WHL – NHL Draft Results

- A total of 35 WHL players were selected in the 2015 NHL Draft, including five in the first round.
- A total of 37 WHL players were selected in the 2014 NHL Draft, including nine in the first round.
- A total of 33 WHL players were selected in the 2013 NHL Draft, including eight in the first round.
- A total of 32 WHL players were selected in the 2012 NHL Entry Draft, including six in the first round.
- A total of 33 WHL players were selected in the 2011 NHL Entry Draft, including five in the first round.
- A total of 43 WHL players were selected in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft, including seven in the first round.
- A total of 31 WHL players were selected in the 2009 NHL Entry Draft, including five in the first round.
- A total of 37 WHL players were selected in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft, including nine in the first round.
- A total of 37 WHL players were selected in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft, including nine in the first round.
- A total of 24 WHL players were selected in the 2006 NHL Entry Draft.
- A total of 43 WHL players were selected in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft.

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31 OHL Players Selected in 2015 NHL Draft



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Saturday June 27, 2015

Sunrise, FL - The Ontario Hockey League proudly announced that 31 OHL players were selected in the seven rounds of the 2015 NHL Draft held this weekend at the BB&T Center in Sunrise, Florida, representing over 14% of the 211 players picked by all 30 NHL clubs.

The 31 OHL players included seven selected in the first round including four picks in the top-six led by Connor McDavid of the Erie Otters who became the ninth straight CHL player to be selected first overall. The second round of the 2015 NHL Draft also featured seven OHL players bringing the league's two-round total to 14 representing close to 23% of the top-61 selections.

The OHL contributed to the Canadian Hockey League's total of 95 players selected including 34 players from the Western Hockey League, and 30 players from the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. A total of 54 CHL forwards were selected including 18 from the OHL, along with 37 defencemen (12 OHL), and four goaltenders (1 OHL).

"The NHL Draft is a special time for players to enjoy the experience with their family, friends, billets, and teams," said CHL President David Branch. "Congratulations on behalf of the CHL to all of our players and their families, as well as our coaches and teams who continue to build the CHL's development model for amateur athletes as the number one supplier of talent by way of both quantity and quality of players to the NHL."

14 different OHL teams developed NHL Draft picks in 2015 led by four from the Barrie Colts and Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. The four Colts represents a modern draft record, while the Greyhounds also tied their modern draft record set in 2011 and matched again in 2014. The OHL and MasterCard Memorial Cup champion Oshawa Generals had three players selected, while the OHL finalist Erie Otters also had three players chosen. With two players selected, the London Knights continued their record streak of consecutive players chosen each year since 1969.

17 different NHL teams selected at least one OHL player led by the Toronto Maple Leafs and New Jersey Devils with four OHL players each, followed by the Calgary Flames and Tampa Bay Lightning who each selected three OHL players.

Following the 2015 NHL Draft, a total of 2,229 OHL players have been selected since 1969 representing just over 21% of all

players.

- [PHOTO GALLERY](#)

OHL Players Selected in the 2015 NHL Draft:

(Click on a player to watch post-draft interview)

First round (7 OHL players):

1. [Connor McDavid \(Erie Otters\) - Edmonton Oilers](#)
3. [Dylan Strome \(Erie Otters\) - Arizona Coyotes](#)
4. [Mitch Marner \(London Knights\) - Toronto Maple Leafs](#)
6. [Pavel Zacha \(Sarnia Sting\) - New Jersey Devils](#)
11. [Lawson Crouse \(Kingston Frontenacs\) - Florida Panthers](#)
15. [Zachary Senyshyn \(Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds\) - Boston Bruins](#)
24. [Travis Konecny \(Ottawa 67's\) - Philadelphia Flyers](#)

Second Round (7 OHL players):

33. [Mitchell Stephens \(Saginaw Spirit\) - Tampa Bay Lightning](#)
34. [Travis Dermott \(Erie Otters\) - Toronto Maple Leafs](#)
42. [Mackenzie Blackwood \(Barrie Colts\) - New Jersey Devils](#)
44. [Matthew Spencer \(Peterborough Petes\) - Tampa Bay Lightning](#)
53. [Rasmus Andersson \(Barrie Colts\) - Calgary Flames](#)
54. [Graham Knott \(Niagara IceDogs\) - Chicago Blackhawks](#)
56. [Vince Dunn \(Niagara IceDogs\) - St. Louis Blues](#)

Third Round (5 OHL players):

63. [Kyle Capobianco \(Sudbury Wolves\) - Arizona Coyotes](#)
67. [Blake Speers \(Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds\) - New Jersey Devils](#)
72. [Anthony Cirelli \(Oshawa Generals\) - Tampa Bay Lightning](#)
82. [Mitchell Vande Sompel \(Oshawa Generals\) - New York Islanders](#)
88. [Thomas Schemitsch \(Owen Sound Attack\) - Florida Panthers](#)

Fourth Round (2 OHL players):

97. [Colton White \(Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds\) - New Jersey Devils](#)
103. [Chris Martenet \(London Knights\) - Dallas Stars](#)

Fifth Round (1 OHL player):

134. [Matt Schmalz \(Sudbury Wolves\) - Los Angeles Kings](#)

Sixth Round (4 OHL players):

155. [Stephen Desrocher \(Oshawa Generals\) - Toronto Maple Leafs](#)
164. [Roy Radke \(Barrie Colts\) - Chicago Blackhawks](#)
166. [Andrew Mangiapane \(Barrie Colts\) - Calgary Flames](#)
176. [Liam Dunda \(Owen Sound Attack\) - St. Louis Blues](#)

Seventh Round (5 OHL players):

185. [Nikita Korostelev \(Sarnia Sting\) - Toronto Maple Leafs](#)
186. [Steven Lorentz \(Peterborough Petes\) - Carolina Hurricanes](#)
196. [Riley Bruce \(North Bay Battalion\) - Calgary Flames](#)
201. [Gustav Bouramman \(Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds\) - Minnesota Wild](#)
207. [Jeremiah Addison \(Ottawa 67's\) - Montreal Canadiens](#)

2015 NHL Draft

Draft Historical Selections by Club

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UNITED STATES HOCKEY LEAGUE	ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE	QUEBEC MAJOR JUNIOR	WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE
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UNITED STATES HOCKEY LEAGUE DRAFT SELECTIONS BY CLUB																
TOTAL	CLUB	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08	'07	'06	'05	'04	'03	'02	'01	'00
14	CEDAR RAPIDS	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	1	-	2	2	-	2	1	-
11	CHICAGO	1	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	-
20	DES MOINES	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	3	4	1	-	2	3	2	1
7	DUBUQUE	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5	FARGO	-	-	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	GREEN BAY	1	1	1	3	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	4	-	2
12	INDIANA	3	-	2	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	LINCOLN	-	1	3	1	-	1	2	3	-	1	-	4	-	2	1
4	MUSKEGON	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	OMAHA	4	1	-	1	-	1	1	4	1	1	-	-	1	1	4
19	SIOUX CITY	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	4	2	-	1	2	1
15	SIOUX FALLS	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	3	1	-	1	-
4	TRI-CITY	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
114	U.S. UNDER-18 NTDP	12	12	10	11	10	9	8	13	13	8	4	2	-	-	2
17	WATERLOO	2	4	1	-	-	3	1	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
3	YOUNGSTOWN	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* THE U.S. UNDER-18 NTDP JOINED THE USHL IN 2009-10

TEAMS NO LONGER OPERATING																
3	OHIO	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	TWIN CITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2	TOPEKA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
1	FARGO-MOORHEAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	THUNDER BAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	RIVER CITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

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34	BARRIE	3	-	1	2	2	2	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	3	6	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
74	BELLEVILLE	1	2	4	1	1	1	3	4	2	2	-	-	2	3	1	5	2	5	-	3	3	-	4	1	24
32	ERIE	1	1	2	-	2	3	1	5	-	2	2	-	2	2	3	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
88	GUELPH	1	5	4	2	-	5	3	1	1	2	2	1	2	4	1	3	5	1	6	5	7	2	2	-	23
108	KINGSTON	3	2	-	-	2	2	2	-	4	2	-	1	1	2	-	4	1	4	4	3	2	5	3	2	59
154	KITCHENER	2	2	3	3	1	1	2	4	-	4	2	1	4	1	1	-	5	3	2	4	2	4	1	3	99
163	LONDON	2	6	6	2	2	3	1	3	1	3	6	4	2	2	1	4	8	1	4	1	1	4	3	1	92
32	MISSISSAUGA ST. MICHAEL'S(TORONTO)	-	1	1	3	3	4	4	-	-	-	4	5	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	NIAGARA (MISSISSAUGA)	4	1	1	3	3	-	1	3	1	1	3	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	NORTH BAY (BRAMPTON)	2	1	1	-	1	2	2	3	-	4	4	2	4	3	3	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
166	OSHAWA	2	2	2	5	2	3	2	2	2	-	3	3	3	1	2	3	4	3	1	10	1	4	4	4	98
146	OTTAWA	2	1	1	2	4	1	2	1	1	2	3	2	-	3	2	6	2	5	2	1	1	4	6	5	87
48	OWEN SOUND	1	3	5	3	4	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	2	3	2	3	4	2	1	1
175	PETERBOROUGH	2	-	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	5	5	1	2	1	4	1	5	4	5	2	4	4	3	112
76	PLYMOUTH	5	1	3	4	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	6	2	2	4	3	6	2	7	2	2	-
82	SAGINAW (NORTH BAY)	1	3	3	4	1	3	3	-	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	7	2	5	2	25
40	SARNIA	2	-	2	1	1	-	4	1	1	3	-	5	2	1	3	1	3	2	7	1	-	-	-	-	-
126	SAULT STE. MARIE	4	3	3	4	2	1	2	3	-	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	4	1	4	3	4	3	7	2	66
118	SUDBURY	-	2	-	3	1	2	2	1	2	4	-	1	1	2	-	5	5	3	1	2	2	10	2	8	59
100	WINDSOR	3	1	4	1	4	5	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	5	1	4	3	-	3	-	42

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27	BRANTFORD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	
37	CORNWALL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	29
62	HAMILTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	60
20	MONTREAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
5	NEWMARKET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	
72	NIAGARA FALLS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	3	4	4	4	49	
52	ST. CATHARINES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52
97	TORONTO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97

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62	NEW WESTM'R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62							
12	TACOMA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	2	3	-	-			
2	VANCOUVER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2			
70	VICTORIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	74
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Toronto – There has been much media speculation in the previous two days surrounding the attempted organization of our 1,300 players by an organization called the Canadian Hockey League Players' Association.

To date, the league has not received any formal notification on the formation of this association or any intent to organize our players.

The CHL is comprised of the Western Hockey League, the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, and the Ontario Hockey League. The league is recognized as the number one player development league in the world for the NHL, Canada's national teams and Canadian Interuniversity Sport hockey.

We are of the opinion that no junior hockey league in the world has made more changes to support the best interest of its players both on and off the ice as the CHL. This is evidenced by our drug education and anti-doping program, our concussion management program, numerous charitable programs and our Respect in Sport program as developed by Sheldon Kennedy in the area of player abuse.

In addition, the CHL provides North America's best player scholarship program, funded through the league's ownership.

Our league is comprised of 60 teams, all of which operate as individual corporate entities. Given this structure, any organization drive would be required to be at an individual team level.