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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, as hockey seasons go this one has been very unique. The team has shown that it can put away opponents and score 12 goals in a game and turn around and get shut out 8-0. It goes to show you that nothing is written in stone and you have work for everyone thing you get. This goes for the Club also. In the past we have been accustomed to great raffles with high dollar tallies each weekend. With the economy being down so are our raffles and **we** have to work harder just like the team. All I want to say is we need everyone's help at the tables and each member meeting so we can keep the players and staff supplied with everything their going to need to bring home the Kelly Cup this year.

This year are holiday party will be held on 1/25/09. This is later than normal but this was based on the unusual schedule caused by Augusta leaving the league. If you haven't made your RSVP and paid please do so quickly. You don't want to miss your chance to dine with the players and talk with them one-on-one.

I also want to thank all the members and corporate sponsors for the donations for all our road trips and especially the donations to the guy for the teams private players only Christmas Dinner .

As always, GO BLADES
DOUG BYINGTON, PRESIDENT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 19, Boys & Girls Club Super Card Giveaway
Dec 20, Trimmers Holiday Decor Holiday Game
Jan 03, NHL Jersey Night!
Jan 10, College Alumni Night!

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The Florida Everblades Fan Club now has its own private phone number. Secretary Rene Neuberger will monitor the phone and any messages. Our new phone number is 239 834-3177. You can use this number leave us a message and Rene will respond accordingly.

Button Update

Button sales are going well. It's hard to keep up with all the call-ups and trades but we keep trying.

We going to be selling some of the old buttons and photos from last year. Come by the table and spin the magic wheel for a package of random buttons and/or photos at \$1, \$2 or \$3 a package. We won't guarantee who's in the package but it will well worth the small investment.

We're also going to start having action photo buttons for sale at the table. We'll sell at the same price as the regular buttons.

Something special for this year. If you have a special picture of your family member, pet or just about anything bring it in. For a nominal fee of \$3.00 if it fit on a button we'll make one for you.

If any of you have any pictures of the team during any of the games or any of the many events through out the year, I would like to have a copy of those pictures so I can make picture buttons with them. Feel free to email any pictures to me at dalejrfan8808@live.com. Any and all pictures will be greatly appreciated

Russ Hogenson
Photo Button Chairman

Hockey Superstitions

Patrick Roy

-Before every game, I meticulously lay out each piece of my equipment on the locker room floor and I always dress myself in the same order.

-Between periods, I juggle with a puck and bounce it on the ground. Then I put it in a special place where no one will find it and make off with it, otherwise... so the legend goes, bad luck could befall the culprit and he would suddenly turn into an alligator

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“We, the members of the Florida Everblades Fan Club, are committed to act in a professional manner, as a booster organization, in supporting all efforts for the promotion of professional hockey in Southwest Florida. The objectives of the Fan Club are to have fun, along with providing a forum for hockey enthusiasts to exchange ideas and have opportunities to enjoy the game of hockey. Furthermore, the Fan Club will provide support for the members of the Florida Everblades hockey team and their families.”

NHL Hockey History In Brief: The Time Line

Part 1 of 5: Origins of the game.

Courtesy of tmlLfever.com

Just thought we would show everyone the history of the NHL and what it took to get to where we are now.

Early to mid-1800s:

Ice hockey as we know it is first played in either Windsor, Nova Scotia, Kingston, Ontario or Montreal, Quebec, depending on who you believe and how you read the evidence.

1877:

The first known rules are published by the Montreal Gazette.

1888:

The Amateur Hockey Association of Canada is formed, with four teams in Montreal, one in Ottawa and one in Quebec City.

1889 or 1892:

The first women's hockey game is played in Ottawa or Barrie, Ontario.

1893:

Frederick Arthur, Lord Stanley of Preston and Governor-General of Canada, donates a trophy to be called the Dominion Hockey Challenge Cup. It will be known more commonly as the Stanley Cup. The first winning team is from the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, champions of the AHAC.

1894:

The first artificial ice rink is opened in Baltimore.

1895:

College athletes from the United States and Canada play the first international series of matches, with the Canadians winning all four games. College and club teams in the Eastern U.S. soon take up the game.

1896:

The Winnipeg Victorias become the first team from Western Canada to win the Stanley Cup.

Late 1800s and early 1900s:

North American ice hockey appears in European countries, taking its place alongside similar games such as bandy.

1900:

The goal net is introduced.

1910:

The Montreal Canadiens play their first game after joining a new league called the National Hockey Association.

1911:

Teams in Western Canada form the Pacific Coast Hockey Association. The league introduces several innovations: Blue lines are added to divide the ice into three zones, goaltenders are permitted to fall to the ice to make saves and forward passing is allowed in the neutral zone.

The 60-minute game is divided into three 20-minute periods.

1912:

The number of players allowed on the ice is reduced from seven to six per team.

1917:

Four NHA teams reorganize to form the National Hockey League. A new Toronto franchise, the Arenas, is added. The Arenas will become the Maple Leafs in 1927.

The Seattle Metropolitans of the PCHA become the first American-based team to win the Stanley Cup, after the Cup's trustees rule that teams outside Canada can compete for the trophy.

Watch for Part 2 in next month issue

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<http://www.nailershockey.com/boosters.htm>

<http://www.phpa.com/en/content/home/index/>

While you're surfing the NET check out these websites from the other booster clubs of the ECHL. I think you'll learn a few things and have some fun in the process. In future issue we'll post different hockey sites that you can tour and have fun at the same time. Editor

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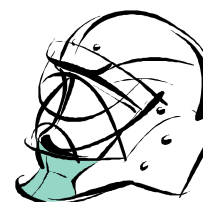
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Membership totals as of 1/1/09

Total memberships	61
Total Adults	105
Total Children	46

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The Florida Everblades Fan Club would like to thank all of our sponsors for their assistance in helping us provide for the team. To show our appreciation we highly encourage all members to patronize these outstanding sponsors for the 2008-2009 Florida Everblades Hockey season.

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I would like to announce that some of our corporate sponsors are offering special discounts and promotions to the members of the Florida Everblades Fan Club. Here is a list of our sponsors and the discounts they offer.

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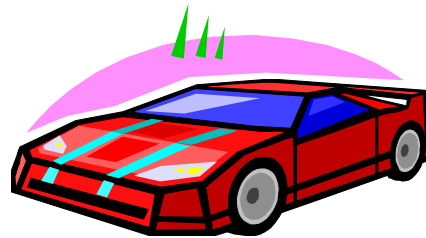
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