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It's hockey season and here's Sam's picks

by Sam McCaig

No matter who rises from the wreckage in Russia, no matter who wins the national election, and no matter what

other programs are "recommended" for extermination here at Dalhousie, we always have one universal good to fall back on.

Hockey season is back.

We are granted a reprieve from tanks and taxes, troops and terror. The worst that can happen is a Senators-Sharks game or a Dale Hunter blindside hit. Instead of wondering who Preston Manning thinks he's kidding, we've only got to wonder who's centering Brett Hull. It's our pleasure to ask the same old, reliable questions: is Wayne the scoring leader, when do Domi and Probert meet again, who is New Jersey's coach and, if we're lucky, what's the scoop on the Brad Marsh comeback story?

Of course, not everything is completely perfect in the professional hockey world. First of all, this whole renaming of the divisions is sacrilegious. It's like the powers-that-be decided, "Thanks, Canada, for giving us this great game and taking it this far, but you're a little over your head now, so why don't you let us do some marketing surveys and popular opinion polls, and we'll come up with new divisional names that will enable all those fans in Arizona to know on which pond the Mighty Ducks reside."

Hey, I know hockey is a game and part of the entertainment industry, but "The Mighty Ducks"? Can you picture Gordie Howe as a Duck? They've got Stu Grimson and Todd Ewen skating around with a masked Daffy on their chest. If you had to go through that humiliation, you'd want to fight everybody too.

And speaking of fighting, it's part of the game. Don Cherry, however you feel about him, speaks for the good of the game. He's a throwback who reminds his audience about the principles upon which hockey was founded and first flourished. Like it or lump it,

and in hockey you lump it, toughness is a vital ingredient. You either rise to the occasion or pray your linemate is Alan May.

But toughness certainly isn't the only ingredient. Let's face it, Gretzky is not the NHL's answer to the Insane Warrior; he's more like the NHL's answer to the Anal Retentive Chef. He's not fast, he's injury-prone and he uses an aluminum stick. However, he's also the finest playmaker to ever grace this green earth, and he learned the game from Walter on their backyard rink, so he qualifies for the Hall.

But this is a preview, not a review. **NORTHEAST DIVISION**

1. Pittsburgh: Mario will be healthy when he has to be; the Good (Larry Murphy), the Bad (Marty McSorely) and the Ugly (Ulf Samuelsson) on defense are very intimidating.
2. Quebec: If Fiset is The Man, they'll go far.
3. Montreal: Last year the ghosts won it for them, don't bet on a repeat.
4. Buffalo: They've got to get it together sometime.
5. Boston: They're weak-kneed. Oates, Juneau and Neely are all playing on one hinge in the same division as Ulf Samuelsson.
6. Hartford: On the rise, but not this year.
7. Ottawa: Yashin and Daigle will help, but it will be another long season.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

1. Rangers: Messier and Keenan won't let last year happen again.
2. Washington: No superstars, but deep everywhere except in goal.
3. Islanders: Team on the rise; health of Hextall is big factor.

4. New Jersey: A team without a face.
5. Philadelphia: Moving on up, might make playoffs.
6. Tampa Bay: Any team headed by Phil Esposito will be fun to watch but they've got a long way to go.
7. Florida: Won't give up too many goals, but won't score any.

CENTRAL DIVISION

1. Detroit: Capable of winning Cup; Yzerman wins the Hart.
2. Chicago: Will grind out second-place finish but lose in first round of playoffs.
3. Winnipeg: Loss of Housley hurts, but Numminen is best-kept secret in league. Will be dangerous in playoffs.
4. St. Louis: Switch Housley to center and play him with Hull.
5. Toronto: Looks like a letdown.
6. Dallas: Short on sharpshooters in the heart of Texas.

PACIFIC DIVISION

1. Vancouver: They're just a step behind the league's elite.
2. Los Angeles: Give Wayne two aspirin and call him in April.
3. Calgary: If their core remains healthy, they can play with anybody.
4. Edmonton: Sha na na na, sha na na na, hey hey hey, goodbye.
5. San Jose: Might roar into fourth with 45 points.
6. Anaheim: A bad team.

And that about covers it. Hartford, Philadelphia and the Islanders are on the rise, but it will be Pittsburgh in six over Detroit. But until then, you've got about 35 Saturday nights to kick back with a cold one and join a few hockey pool buddies in watching Don and Ron spar during the first intermission of a 1-1 Habs-Leafs game. Pray for OT.

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Ted Wickwire honoured at Dal

On a field that no longer has varsity football played on it, Dalhousie University honoured a former star football player by renaming the athletic field for him. The Studley Field is now the "F.B. [Ted] Wickwire Memorial Field"

after the late Ted Wickwire who was a star quarterback for the Dalhousie Tigers in the late 1950's.

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Wickwire, who died on March 22, 1991, was selected Dalhousie's outstanding male athlete on 1959 and 1960. Although he never led the Tigers to a championship Wickwire established the Tigers as a team to be reckoned with in varsity football. Last year the Dalhousie Board of Governors established the F.B. [Ted] Wickwire Memorial Trust Fund for field development.

In each of the last three years a portion of the Student Athletic Fee has been dedicated to the trust along with a yearly contribution from the unrestricted portion of the Annual Fund. The fund now stands at approximately \$500,000.

Wickwire was praised for his team attitude and athletic ability by former teammate Peter Corkum at the luncheon last Saturday.

"Ted could pass; Ted could fake; Ted could run."

With Dalhousie University President Dr. Howard Clark sitting at the head table, Corkum made a plea for a varsity football team to play on the Wickwire Field.

"It's Ted's field out there. We should be out on it. Dalhousie's football team should be out on it."

In his five-year career with the Tigers which ended in 1960, Wickwire led his team to one final in 1959 where they lost to St. FX.

In his speech Dr. Clark praised Wickwire and spoke of the importance of athletics for a university. He said the money raised through the Wickwire fund would be used to work on the newly-named Wickwire field and improve its grounds.

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