

# Out in Left Field

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Last Saturday seemed to be the day for comebacks in the world of sports. The gutsy performance of Christine Hough and Dovy Ladret in the pairs competition of the Canadian Figure Skating Championships being held in Saskatoon, gave the usually glamour and grace sport a rough and tough edge. After Ladret tossed Hough into the air during their program, both skaters fell to the ice rather heavily with Hough bouncing her head off the ice in a way that made all who watched hold their breath. After a five minute break both returned to complete the entire performance, start to finish - flawlessly. The event included the jump which only minutes before nearly eliminated them from participating. In a sport that is stereotypically viewed as feminine, these two athletes certainly displayed a true form of grit.

The Habs of Montreal had the "ghosts of Forum past" out in record numbers on Saturday evening as they eliminated a four goal deficit which they had handed to the New York Rangers. The forum's ferocious boos quickly changed to cheers as the Canadiens, led by Ross Courtnall, scored six straight goals to take the victory. Those forum fans love their Canadiens - win or

tie. Another comeback of sorts, was shown on TSN from Madison Square Garden as Sugar Ray Leonard attempted to dazzle Terrible Terry Norris in the NBC Super Welterweight title bout. Anybody who is a fan of Sugar Ray over his illustrious career would have been sick to their stomach while watching Leonard take the pounding that he did over the twelve rounds. They say a picture is worth a thousand words and the look on Sugar Ray's face told the story and showed the fatigue and disbelief of an old man in a sport made for young men. To Leonard's credit, he went out the same way he came into pro boxing - a class act, but a whole lot richer. Sugar Ray also announced that this fight was his last and I know we've heard that from him before, but this time I think he means it.

Isn't it nice to see American money deposited into Canadian sports. Talking about the new, probable owner of the Toronto Argonauts. Wayne Gretzky and John Candy have teamed up with, franchise miracle worker, Bruce McNall. For years we've seen Candy attend L.A. King hockey games. We knew he was an avid sports fan. Gretzky, who does not fall under the stereotype that pro athletes are not economically concerned and their lives after hockey, he takes care of a lot of his own

financial decisions i.e Hull Olympics. This will be another financial pay-off for the great one. Bruce McNall, who will control 60% of the team, has proven that he can take a slumping sport franchise and turn it into a business success. This business venture will succeed despite the fact that the Argo's are #3 in the minds of Torontonians.

Grant Fuhr made his debut in Cape Breton on Tuesday and stoned the Rochester Americans, stopping 41 shots. Grant will return and play the best hockey of his career, the Grant Fuhr of the 80's is back. Prepare yourself for a trade, Grant Fuhr will be part of a block buster trade before the end of the season. Possible homes; Hartford or Detroit. Eldon (Pockey) Reddick is the one goal tender made available for the expansion teams. Corey Tacks is a steady back up goal tender. Bill Ranford who is ranked near the top in goaltenders, was a Stanley Cup Winner his first full season as a starter.

Trivia Question:

On November 4, 1983 the Montreal Canadiens sent defencemen Robert Picard to Winnipeg for the Jets' 3rd choice in the 1984 Entry Draft. Who?

Last Week's trivia: Danny Ainge played for the Toronto Blue Jays

# Red Eyes lose

by Eileen Dover

The mood in the LBR Red Eyes dressing room following last Sunday's game was one normally reserved for a funeral parlor. Forward Jim Doucette walked in shaking his head and slammed his stick on the floor out of frustration. Leane Connors threw her gloves across the room and put her hands over her sweat filled face. The reason for this was that the Red Eyes had just lost their second game of the season by a score of 7-1 to a team from McLeod residence.

Doucette blamed the loss on the fact that his team doesn't hate to lose. "What you saw out there was a disgrace. We were ineffective in their zone and couldn't clear the puck out of ours. It's going to have to change if we hope to make the playoffs," said Doucette.

As it stands now the Red Eyes record is 2-2 with only 1 game remaining and because other team's standings are not published they have no idea where they stand. LBR was short staffed for the game with only 9 players, 3 of which were female which meant they remained on the ice for the full 45 minute game.

Many girls could not make it as they had previous commitments or were nursing injuries. One excuse for not playing, according to Captain Trudy Estabrooks, was registered by Brent Barkhouse. "Barkhouse told me he would be out of town, but on our way to the Aitken Centre we saw him heading to the Colin James concert. I can't accept that. As it stands now Brent is under indefinite suspension and a fine will be levied against him. He might be sent to our minor league affiliate in Flin Flon, Manitoba."

Scoring for the Red Eyes was newcomer Trevor Downey

on a beautiful rush down ice. He summed up his debut by saying, "I was nervous before the game because I was getting a chance to play with a team deep in tradition and history. I hope I impressed management and want to be asked to play again." Since the end of the game, Downey has received that important phone call and should play this weekend, possibly as a replacement for Brent "Colin James is better than hockey" Barkhouse.

Although the score was 7-1, Red Eyes Bryant Magee did not know it was so one-sided until late in the game. "I wear a visor and with all the sweat and fog that gathers on it the scoreboard looks kind of blurry, and their 7 looked like a 1 so I thought we were tied until someone pointed it out to me."

Forward "Gramps", the oldest member of team, was particularly shaken following the loss. "Teammate Bryant Magee on his out of the locker room, said I'd played like 'cold molasses in the dead of winter'. At first I had feelings of animosity towards him, but then he bought me a COKE and I felt a lot better."

When Magee was consulted about the comment, he simply said, "It's a day to day thing for Gramps. You never know whether or not he'll be here. He can barely make it up to the Aitken Centre let alone play hockey."

This weekend the Red Eyes conclude their regular season with a 12:15 pm game against Tibbits/Bridges. Hopefully all team members and some fans will turn out for what will be the final game of many Red Eyes careers. It will be decided in the weeks following if any Red Eyes performance is worthy of having their number retired.



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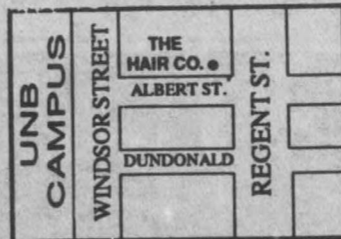
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