

Herb's Hockey Picks

By Herb Barton

I've noticed lately that alot of Canadiens fans have a big smile on their face. Telling them that their current 11 game unbeaten streak is temporary just doesn't alleviate. Fortunately one can always bring up Claude Lemieux's behavioral problems to bring them down to earth.

Lemieux was recently suspended for complaining about lack of ice time, believing he deserved more. Personally, he reminds me of a spoiled brat who pouts when he doesn't get his way. Claude Lemieux's prime concern is himself, not the good of the hockey club. Since hockey is a team sport an attitude change is in order or he'll soon be playing someplace else. It's sad to see the taste of stardom and money start to ruin a promising hockey career. Maybe the suspension will help him out.

Not only are the Canadiens hot but so are the Detroit Red Wings. A 9 game unbeaten streak has left them tied for 3rd place over-all with Edmonton. This recent surge to the top has been accomplished without superstar Steve Yzerman in the lineup. Those suggesting Yzerman was a M.V.P. candidate must be biting their tongues now. Of course their fine play of late and the lacklustre play of the Bruins has put coach Jacques Demers in position to win the Jack Adams trophy for the league's top coach.

Demers coaching abilities appear to be at a level that nobody else can attain, similar to Gretzky's playing abilities.

Speaking of Gretzky he is now 15 points behind Mario Lemieux in the scoring race. With only 10 games to go he'll to score 3 points a game to make a decent run at it. For anybody else that would be incredible but for the "Great One" it's the type of streak we've become accustomed to.



Bruins have been depressed lately with the recent trade for Andy Moog and a slip that has left them 5th place over all. Still memories of the past keep them going. One Bruin fan mentioned to me that Bobby Orr still holds the N.H.L. +/- record. His record being +124. This record is going to be a tough one to break. It's certainly one Gretzky won't attain as his defensively play works against him.

Last weekend the Leafs, North Stars, and Canucks broke prolonged losing streaks. I don't imagine it will take these teams long to figure how to lose again. They're so competent at it. Minnesota even tied Montreal behind the outstanding goaltending of Jon Casey. Casey had been called 3 weeks supposedly for one game and he's still up.

With the season drawing to a close the 50 goal watch is on. Mario Lemieux reached that plateau long ago, Steve Yzerman reached it just before injury, and now rookie Joe Niewendyk has reached that plateau. Stephane Richer and Mike Gartner also appear certain to net 50 this year. Niewendyk is in sight of the rookie goal scoring record set by Mike Bossy. Bossy's 53 goals was considered one of the toughest records to beat but Niewendyk has scored a majority of his goals on the power-play in reaching 50.

To close, my puck's off to Ron Lapointe coach of the Quebec Nordiques. The Nords weren't supposed to make the play-offs this year but Lapointe has them 1 point behind Hartford. A team that was considered a Stanley Cup contender by some. Gotta love those former Express Coaches. What do you think B.J.?

From the Litterbox

The Daily Creamer

A deranged unidentified University student took a hostage at the UNB Registrar's office early Monday morning.

Fredericton city police sources states that the RCMP SWAT team had been called in and that the situation was under control at press time.

No further details were available.

Editor's Log Brunnsdate 122.23

I was planning my pages for the week. Looking at my miserably small pile of copy, I tried to figure out how to stretch it out to 5 pages.

Oh well, I'll have some help with layout. I'll get Marks to do some layout - heh, heh, heh.

After the frivolity, the news editor came up and showed me the front page of *The Creamer*

"Guess who - ha ha ha"

"Can they prove it?"

"Who the f**k else would it be?"

"Oh no! I need a vacation."

Wednesday Night Layout

Crack Fizz!! Ahh! The pause that refreshes.

"Marks!! How the hell did you escape the SWAT teams, the Green Hornets, and the short blonde chick from the C.P.'s?"

"Sorry Chief, that's classified. Only McGyver and I know. Thanks "Wenger Delemont."

(Editors note: Makers of the famed Swiss Army knife)

"Well look Marks, I want you to do some layout."

"Layout? Layout? You want ME to do Layout?!?!? Okay, sure. What's Layout?"

"You take the copy, and cut it to fit in the space I've marked for it."



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Professor Robert Redden will be available to discuss the Boston-Bouvé College Graduate Program in Speech, Language Pathology and Audiology at the University of New Brunswick on March 23, 1988.

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