

Yellow Sunday has no purpose

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by Alan Small

When Sandy Jenkins was researching for his new book, *Yellow Sunday*, NHL President John Ziegler said to him, "I don't think that would serve any purpose. It's been covered backwards and forwards in every newspaper."

It's unfortunate that Jenkins didn't heed Ziegler's advice.

Yellow Sunday "uncovers" the infamous fourth game of the Prince of Wales finals, between the New Jersey Devils and the Boston Bruins. This was the game when the NHL referees went on strike because Devil coach Jim Schoenfeld had verbally and nearly physically abused game three ref Don Koharski on national television. This videotape of the incident, one of the most contro-

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versial since Jimmy the Greek was interviewed, shocked many viewers — but not as many as game four — when amateur referees wearing Bruin practice jerseys were used to officiate one of the most pivotal hockey games of the 1988 playoff year. Amidst all of this, NHL president John Ziegler was away on personal business.

This book doesn't dig into the fine details. There is a lot about the court injunction and the actual game. At no time, however, does Jenkins discuss with Schoenfeld why he verbally accosted Koharski, and at no time did Jenkins ever talk to any of the striking referees. He talks with many of

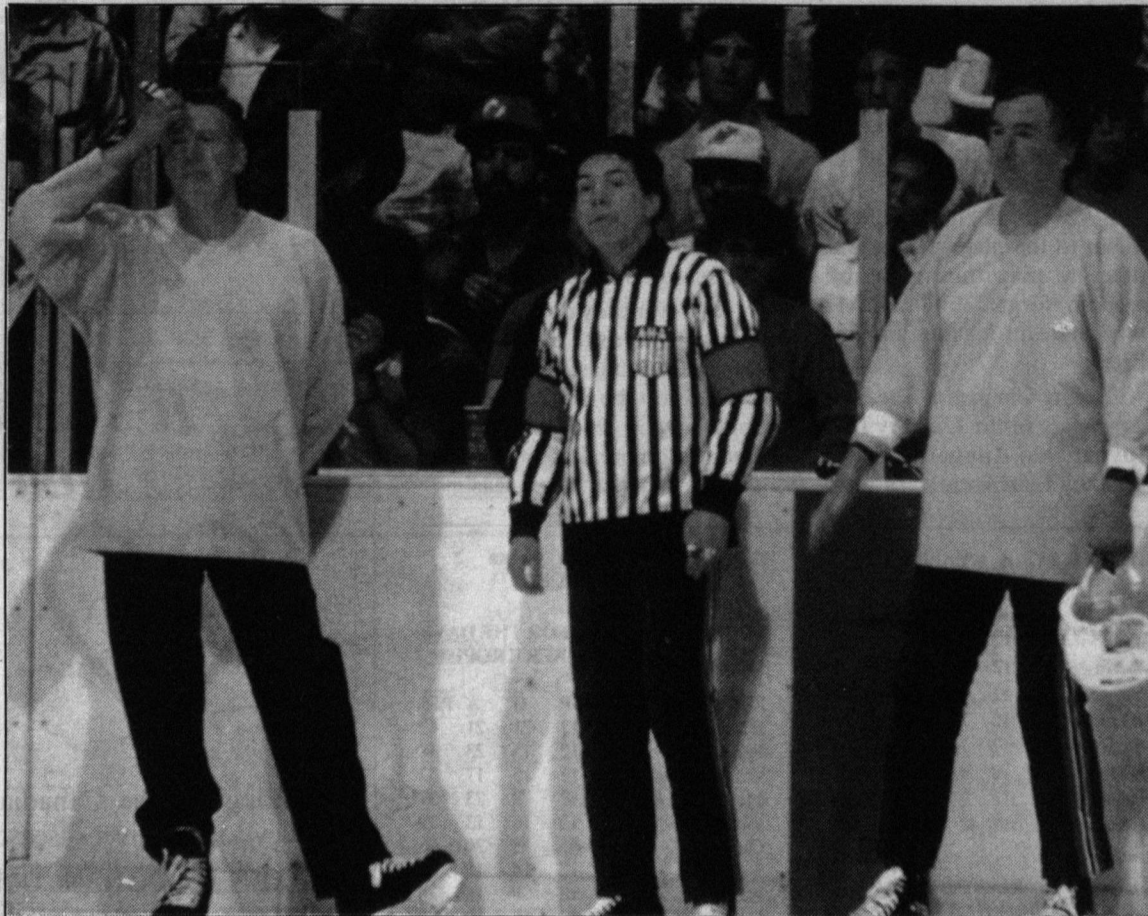
his irresponsibility during the whole event. It is totally useless.

Finally, the epilogue of the book, which Jenkins earnestly titles *Fear and Loathing in the NHL*, is shameless in its copying of Hunter S. Thompson. Thompson's gonzo writing style at its

best is hit-and-miss, and this chapter of the book is the worst kind of miss. It doesn't entertain, and when gonzo writing doesn't entertain, it is just rude.

If anyone really needs to know about this event, go to the library and look up old newspaper ver-

sions of the game. This book doesn't tell you much more.



The three replacement refs: Vin Godleski, Paul McInnis, and Jim Sullivan.

the players, and that is the strongest part of the book. His interview with Alain Chevrier, then the Devils third string goalie, is excellent. Chevrier tells about how he psyched up the amateur refs. The interview, however, is a small interesting part of what is largely a boring book that does exactly what Ziegler thought it would: it has let the reader read about an event that has been covered backwards and forwards.

Three chapters in this book are hardly worth the effort: the chapter describing the NHL's history of disciplining its players and coaches is slightly interesting, but nothing difficult. Anyone who has strolled through the Hockey Hall of Fame or read a hockey history book could have done the same thing.

Appendix A either prints a resume of some of the people involved in the incident, or prints quotes of sports columns bashing the NHL and/or Ziegler for its/

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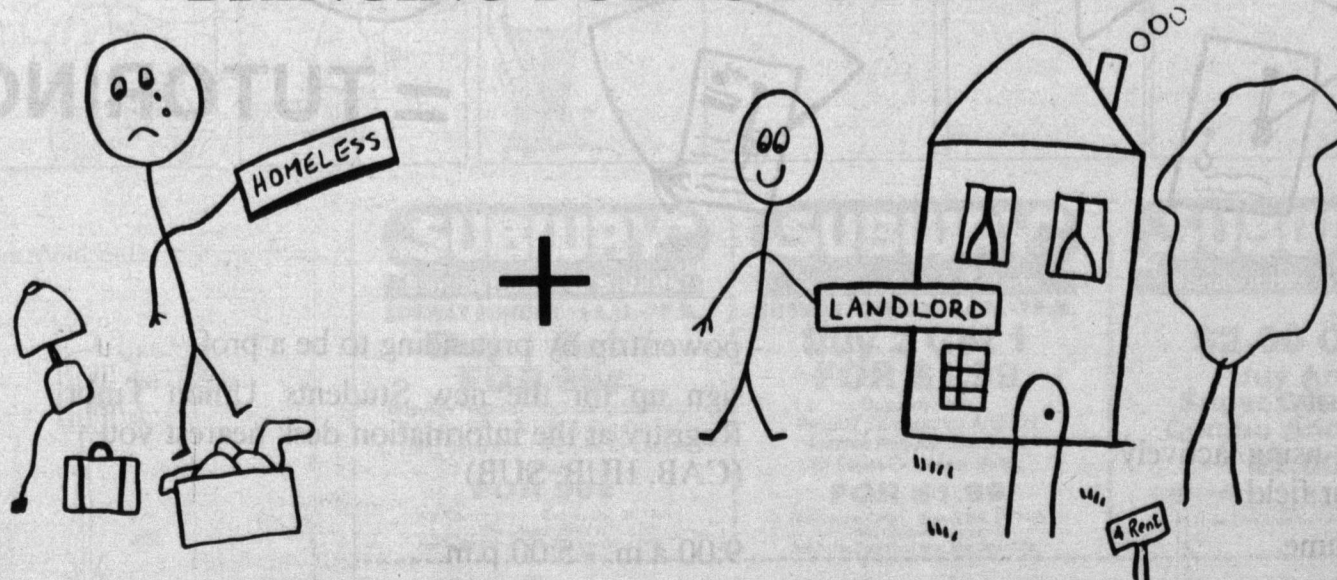
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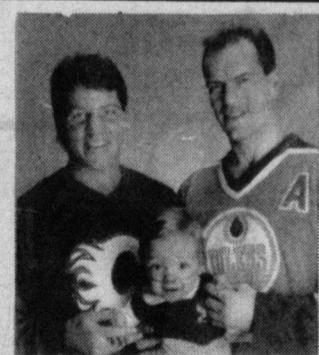
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