

# NHL Playoffs; St. Louis Unbeatable

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In October *the Brunswickan* published my predictions for the 1990-91 NHL regular season and looking back I made some interesting ones.

My biggest goof was picking the LA Kings to finish last in the Smythe. They finished in top spot. Oh well, we all make mistakes. I also said the Bruins would disappoint, they did okay. Pittsburgh wasn't supposed to make the playoffs but they did. I did not lose all my credibility as a predictor this season because after all I did pick Quebec to finish last which is exactly what they did. I don't know it was just a hunch I had way back when.

As everyone knows there are really two seasons in the NHL and the second one began on Wednesday with the start of the playoffs. So here come the 1991 NHL playoff predictions according to me.

#### Wales Conference Adams Division

##### Hartford-Boston

The Hartford Whalers always seem to play their best hockey against the Bruins and if there is going to be a first round upset it could be in this series. The addition of John Cullen

from Pittsburgh gives the Whalers some offensive punch but Ray Bourque and co. should shut him down. Should be the best opening round series. (Boston in 6)

##### Buffalo-Montreal

last year when these two teams met, Buffalo had home ice advantage and lost. Montreal has it this year and that should help as the Canadiens lost only 12 games in the Forum this season. Canadiens are healthy and should cruise. Besides what are playoffs without a Boston-Montreal series. (Montreal in 5)

#### Patrick Division

##### New-Jersey-Pittsburgh

Inside Sports Magazine predicted New Jersey would reach the finals this year but barring a miracle they won't. After exhausting themselves in the final weeks just to make the playoffs, the Devils are a tired hockey team. Pittsburgh was second in total goals this season and should burn New Jersey's defense. (Pittsburgh in 6)

##### Washington-NY Rangers

The Rangers always, play their best hockey until March, get everyone excited, and then

nosedive in the homestretch. This season was no exception as they lost 8 games in a row in the final three weeks. Washington, like New Jersey, also fought for a playoff spot so anything can happen in this series. The CAPITALS always seem to be involved in these long drawn out series that go the full 7 games and with the Rangers having home ice advantage, the Rangers will win the seventh game. (NY Rangers in 7)

#### Campbell Conference Norris Division

##### Minnesota-Chicago

The only reason to watch this series is to see whether or not Minnesota can get more than 6000 fans to a home game. Chicago finished with more points and are clearly too strong. (Chicago in 4)

##### Detroit-Brett Hull

St. Louis will go as far as Brett Hull carries them and that could be a long way. Detroit should be a mere tune up for bigger and better things. (St. Louis in 4)

#### Smythe Division

##### Vancouver-Los Angeles

What's black, orange and gold and plays golf in the middle of April? The Vancouver Canucks. Over before it begins. (Los Angeles in 5)

##### Edmonton-Calgary

The battle of Alberta heats up again. Edmonton did not display the form of a reigning Stanley Cup champion this season and won't in the playoffs either. Calgary had another quality year but always seem to have a tough time in the first round. If they make it, they'll go a long way. (Calgary in 6)

So there you have it The Brunswickan's 1991 NHL playoff predictions. Many teams have a shot at the cup and there should be many

surprises in store. In October we predicted Edmonton would take it and they can't be counted out. Deep down I think the St. Louis Blues will be the happiest bunch this summer.

Below are my unofficial odds for each team winning the Stanley Cup.

Team	Odds
St. Louis	3-1
Calgary	4-1
Los Angeles	6-1
Boston	10-1
Chicago	10-1
Montreal	12-1
Edmonton	13-1
Pittsburgh	15-1
Washington	20-1
Buffalo	25-1
NY Rangers	35-1
Hartford	50-1
New Jersey	75-1
Detroit	75-1
Minnesota	100-1
Vancouver	250-1



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## UNB Student Union Speaker Series

# UFOs REAL, SCIENTIST SAYS

"Flying Saucers ARE Real" is the title of an updated slide illustrated lecture to be presented by Fredericton nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman at MacLaggan Hall on the UNB Campus at 8PM, Thursday, April 11. The lecture is sponsored by the UNB Student Union Speaker Series. Tickets will be available at the door at \$3. for students and \$5. for adults.

Friedman has BS and MS degrees in physics from the University of Chicago and worked on a variety of advanced nuclear and space system development programs for such companies as General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors. He has spoken about UFOs at more than 600 colleges in 8 provinces and all 50 states and appeared on hundreds of radio and TV shows across North America. Just recently he has been on CTV's "Shirley" and "Canada AM" and the CBC's "Best Years". He has also appeared in the USA on Nightline, and twice each on Sally Jessey Raphael, Unsolved Mysteries, and Merv Griffin.

Currently he is working on a book about crashed saucers recovered in New Mexico in 1947. His lecture will feature new information about those events including testimony from a recently discovered witness who actually touched alien bodies recovered with the saucers.

"I am convinced the evidence is overwhelming that some UFOs are alien spacecraft, and that the subject represents a kind of Cosmic Watergate," he noted. "The recovery of crashed saucers is an historic event not yet in the history books", he added.

His program will cover all aspects of the UFO question and will feature a number of new slides. The lecture will be followed by a question answer session. He will also discuss recent sightings in N. B.

