

"I take my wife with me wherever I go..."

Sports

...She's too ugly to kiss goodbye
— Bum Phillips

Don't Jump! The Jets will handle 'em for us

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I'm sure you've heard this all before.

"Calgary's gonna kick their butts! It won't even be close. Four quick ones over the Oilers!"

One would expect to hear this kind of sewage being spewed out of Calgary when the playoffs roll around. Unfortunately for all Oiler fans, this kind of incident is commonplace in our fair city.



Instead of Oiler fever hitting every person in this city, making them get right behind the Oilers, all we hear is the afore-mentioned piece of unsubstantiated garbage from the Oiler detractors in this city.

Tonight those much hated Flames are in town to hang a lickin' on those poor Oilers, which will supposedly make the Oiler chances in the playoffs appear to be zero.

One thing these people forget to mention is the apparent lack of meaning the regular season meeting tonight has. One of the biggest cliches in the playoffs every year is "The playoffs are a whole new season". When Calgary said that last year, we took it as truth. When it is time for those hated Oilers to use it, it's a crutch.

What hypocrisy!

In Calgary the whole town is squarely behind their team. The small pockets of resistance (Oiler fans) tend to make little noise. Here in Edmonton, we are overcome with doubt over our team and with fright over the team from the south.

Well enough barnstorming the fans, what does this guy think about the series.

I say Winnipeg loses to Edmonton in six games.

"What?! Winnipeg?! Are you



Could this be the scene for the Smythe Division final? An improved defence and new blood will vault the Jets past the Flames.

photo Rob Schmidt

serious?!" — fan.

If one takes a look back at the series the Flames and the Jets had last year, it's plain to see that the Jets were only a defence away from winning the series. With coach Dan Maloney shoring up the defence (fourth in NHL) and with Dale Hawerchuk, the Flames had better not be looking ahead to the Oilers or else they will be looking at the golf course.

Calgary has not improved their lineup from last year. The whole new outlook the team got from people like John Tonelli, Joe Mullen, and Gary Suter threw the Oilers off enough to upset them. If you look at the other three teams in the Smythe playoffs, all you see is change. Winnipeg has two rookie

goaltenders, the Kings have Jimmy Carson and Luc Robitaille to beef up their attack, and the Oilers have a renovated defence and Kent Nilsson. The Flames had added some new faces like Brett Hull, but they are nowhere to be found on the roster anymore.

After getting a look at the Jets Tuesday night, we shouldn't expect another Battle of Alberta until next summer, when the Eskimos go down to play in McMahon Stadium. It will be a shame too, since last year's series was by far the best hockey played in by far the best rivalry in the NHL.

It would have been a great way for Edmontonians to get rid of their frustrations and doubts about this squad.

Moses Solomon "Rabbi of Swat"?!

1. What team did Moses Solomon, "The Rabbi of Swat", play for?
2. Which goalie let in the seven goals to the Soviets in the '79 Challenge Cup?
3. What team lost 23-2 to the Ottawa Silver Seven in 1905 for the Stanley Cup?
4. What three Dodger pitchers gave up the three home runs to Reggie Jackson in the 1977 World Series?
5. Garney Henley, ex Hamilton Tiger Cat, now coaches a basketball team in the CIAU. What school is it and where is it located?
6. In the 1982 playoff series where the L.A. Kings upset the Oilers, two of the five games went into overtime with each team winning one. Who scored the O.T. winners?
7. Which goalie surrendered Bobby Hull's record breaking 51st goal?
8. What Boston goalie gave up the ten point night to Darryl Sittler in the Maple Leaf Gardens on February 7th, 1976?
9. What golfer blew the Masters when he attempted to chip out of the water on the 15th hole in 1985?
10. One golfer entered the final day of four major tournaments in 1986 holding the lead. He only wound up winning one of them however. Who is he?
11. What team traditionally hosts the opening game of the Major League Baseball season, and what newer franchise plans to do so this year?
12. Who got credit for the goal that Steve Smith banked off of Grant Fuhr's leg in the Stanley Cup playoffs last year?
13. Everyone knows Ron Kittle as the best home run hitter in Edmonton Trapper history. How many homers did he hit in his final year here, and why was the last one so special?
14. Who scored the last goal in the history of the World Hockey Association, and against which team was it scored?
15. Who is Osbourne Smith and what is he known for?
16. In what Major League ballpark is Death Valley, and what does it protect?
17. Which two players are at the very bottom of the alphabetical players lists of the National and American Leagues?
18. Which two players are first on those lists?
19. What two players went straight from the college ranks to the Majors last year?
20. Name the cities that housed these old parks., Three out of four will do: Crosley Field, Sportsman's Park, Forbes Field, and the Polo Grounds.

ANSWERS:

1. The Brooklyn Dodgers.
2. Gerry Cheevers.
3. The Boston Bruins.
4. Burt Hooton, Elias Sosa, Charlie Hough.
5. Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario.
6. Wayne Gretzky and Darryl Evans.
7. Joel Youngblood, S.F., Robin Yount, Milwaukee.
8. Don Aase, Baltimore, Jim Acker, Dave Reece.
9. Curtis Strange.
10. Greg Norman.
11. Cincinnati Reds, Toronto Blue Jays.
12. Pete Incafiglia (Texas), Bo Jackson (Kansas City, 25 games).
13. Cincinnati Reds, Toronto Blue Jays.
14. Dave Semenko, Winnipeg Jets.
15. He plays shortstop for the St. Louis Cardinals and is called "Ozzie".
16. Yankee Stadium, The Yankee.
17. Joel Youngblood, S.F., Robin Yount, Milwaukee.
18. Don Aase, Baltimore, Jim Acker, Dave Reece.
19. Curtis Strange.
20. Atlanta Braves, Toronto Blue Jays.

