

Pucks Drop Tonight

Hockey season starts today. Or, perhaps more aptly, what's called hockey that really resembles the NBA on ice.

After 77 years, the National Hockey League will begin a new, user-friendly era. And, much like the NBA did in the 1980s, the NHL will try to broaden its fan base. The league changed its division names to resemble the NBA, and realigned. It changed its playoff system to resemble the NBA — the best eight teams from each conference advance to the postseason. It even added a few more teams in basketball cities. California has three hockey teams. Florida has two. Canada, the birthplace of hockey, has eight.

Sabres Will Shock the Eastern Conference

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After a disappointing 1992-93 campaign, the Buffalo Sabres are primed to make a run at the first-ever Eastern Conference title. And boy, do they have the firepower to do it.

Take center Pat LaFontaine and pair him with Alexander "the Great" Mogilny, who is recovering from a broken leg. Then add Craig Simpson, acquired from the Oilers, and Buffalo has the top offense in the league.

Can Super Mario stay healthy? That's the question that the Pittsburgh Penguins seem to ask every year. Two years ago it was the back. And last year it was Hodgkin's Disease and his back.

If Mario Lemieux can overcome both this season, the Penguins could capture their third title in four years — this year in the Atlantic Division. To assure that nobody messes with its prized possession, Pittsburgh has added defenseman Marty McSorley.

The Quebec Nordiques improved vastly last year by the mega-deal that sent Eric "I Hate Quebec" Lindros to Philadelphia. But the Nordiques are taking a risk this season by throwing goalie Stephane Fiset

into the fray to replace Ron Hextall. The Nordiques' talented front line is led by Joe Sakic and Mats Sundin. When Sweden Peter Forsberg returns from the Olympics, the Nordiques will have an offense to be reckoned with.

The New York Islanders stunned the world last season by defeating the invincible Penguins in the second round of the playoffs and will try to follow up, but this time with a new face in front of the nets.

The Islanders chances at making a run for their first cup since 1983 hinge on Hextall's play.

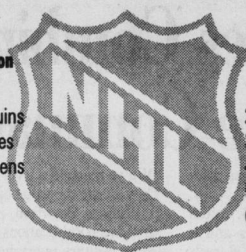
The Stanley Cup champions in fifth? Why not put the Montreal Canadiens in the fifth playoff spot, when they took a third-place divisional title and rode goaltender Patrick Roy to a league title this spring. This team goes as far as Roy does.

Meanwhile, the chant goes on. "1940! 1940! 1940!" After winning their division in 1992, the New York Rangers sunk like a hockey puck through ice in 1993.

But the Rangers are better than a last-place team. Players like Mark Messier, Tony Amonte, Mike Gartner and Mike Richter won't be found on a basement team. The loss of goalie John Vanbiesbrouck should not hurt the Rangers much, as they picked up Glenn Healy.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

- | Atlantic Division | Northeast Division |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. y-New York Islanders | 1. z-Buffalo Sabres |
| 2. x-New York Rangers | 2. x-Pittsburgh Penguins |
| 3. x-Washington Capitals | 3. x-Quebec Nordiques |
| 4. Philadelphia Flyers | 4. x-Montreal Canadiens |
| 5. New Jersey Devils | 5. x-Boston Bruins |
| 6. Tampa Bay Lightning | 6. Hartford Whalers |
| 7. Florida Panthers | 7. Ottawa Senators |



WESTERN CONFERENCE

- | Central Division | Pacific Division |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. z-Toronto Maple Leafs | 1. y-Los Angeles Kings |
| 2. x-St. Louis Blues | 2. x-Vancouver Canucks |
| 3. x-Detroit Red Wings | 3. x-Calgary Flames |
| 4. x-Winnipeg Jets | 4. Edmonton Oilers |
| 5. x-Chicago Black Hawks | 5. San Jose Sharks |
| 6. Dallas Stars | 6. Mighty Ducks of Anaheim |

x-playoff berth; y-division title; z-conference title

Maple Leafs Headed for Stanley Cup Finals

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The Toronto Maple Leafs came awfully close to winning the Stanley Cup last season.

And they'll come closer this year. The Maple Leafs battled the Los Angeles Kings to seven games in the then-Wales Conference finals before losing in overtime. The Toronto defense, led by the patient strategy of head coach Pat Burns, can control the pace of the game. And Center Doug Gilmour (who scored a club-record 127 points last season) could provide the scoring punch.

While the Leafs will claim the Western Conference's Central Division, the Kings should win the Pacific — if Wayne Gretzky can stay healthy. Los Angeles has an explosive team with three lines of proven goal scorers. If goalie Kelly Hrudey stays in postseason form, they'll give the Leafs a run.

If St. Louis Blues goalie Curtis Joseph stays in postseason form, the Blues may not lose a game. Joseph was unbeatable in the playoffs, keeping St. Louis in each game all by himself. Brett Hull had an off year last season — just 101 points — but Craig Janney picked up the slack and led

the team in scoring. The Blues will take the third playoff spot.

Behind Pavel Bure's hard shot and Kirk McLean's sharp goaltending, the Vancouver Canucks should challenge the Kings for Pacific Division Crown. But despite good talent, the Canucks haven't advanced to the Stanley Cup finals since 1982.

Speaking of talent and not advancing to the Stanley Cup finals, the Detroit Red Wings are always getting picked by some one to win the whole thing. They haven't advanced to the finals since 1966.

New head coach Scotty Bowman, a six-time Stanley Cup winner, will try to change that. Bowman will give center Steve Yzerman the ice time he needs to lead the league in scoring.

The Calgary Flames took second to Vancouver in the Smythe, er, Pacific Division last season. They've got the talent to take a low playoff spot, but not much more. The Flames most notable off-season acquisition was Center Kelly Kisio, who's getting up in years.

Is there a better name in hockey than Teemu Selanne? The Winnipeg Jets' star, who scored 76 goals last season, is one of the game's up-and-coming stars. The Jets can score, but they lack speed defensively.

Put them seventh in the playoffs.

The Chicago Blackhawks have the offensive potency of an expansion team. The Blackhawks need a bigger performance from big names Chris Chelios and Steve Larmer. But they're too good not to make the playoffs.

That leaves the once great Edmonton Oilers out of the playoffs again. If the Oilers don't actively pursue talent instead of giving it away, they could get caught by the expansion teams within a few years. The latest key departure? Left wing Craig Simpson, who is now playing for the Sabres.

Moving from Minnesota to Texas hasn't increased popularity for the Dallas Stars. The move hasn't increased their talent, either.

The San Jose Sharks went all out to increase their abysmal 24-point season last year. A solid defense should allow a better year, though not a good year. And Andy Moog (37-14-3 with Boston last season) will help the cause in goal.

And finally, deep in the cellar quack the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. The Ducks lack any sort of offensive threat. Besides, the Gods of hockey will no doubt punish the team's owners for their grotesque name.

The Official Hockey Glossary for the Southern Fan

When I was nine, my brother and I would play our own version of hockey during the intermissions of New York Rangers games.

He'd push the coffee table from the living room into the dining room. Then he'd take every pillow in the house and build a hockey rink on Mom's oriental rug.

For hockey sticks, my brother used the skills he acquired in junior high school shop class to nail a couple of pieces of scrap wood together. The finished sticks, which were no bigger than pencils, were sanded down and painted. His stick was red and mine was blue, which, by no mere coincidence, happened to be the colors of our toothbrushes.

We'd use a marble as a puck and play for hours. He'd always win, of course. At 15, his motor skills were just a tad more developed than mine. The game usually ended for injury reasons: Rug burn took its toll during the season, and a high shot could literally take your eye out.

We were raised hockey fans. My brother now works in New York City and occasionally makes it over to Madison Square Garden for a game. On the other hand, I decided to move to North Carolina, where

the only sport lower than hockey on the appeal totem pole is lawn bowling.

But this season the NHL is making an effort to get new fans. Maybe it's because more people watched Arena Football on ESPN last year than most hockey games.

But whatever the reason, the NHL is reaching out to you, hockey haters, and the least you can do is be prepared. So here's a glossary of terms the new hockey fan will need:

Blue line — A thick blue line that crosses the ice in two places.

Boarding — The catch word used by referees for intentionally trying to wound your opponent by slamming him into the plexiglass walls that outline the rink.

Canucks — A derogatory word for French Canadians. Vancouver's hockey



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franchise affectionately uses the name as its nickname.

Cross Checking — The catch words used by referees for intentionally trying to wound your opponent by taking your stick with both hands and using it like a quarterstaff on your opponent's back. Draws a two-minute penalty inside the arena, a two-year prison term outside of it.

Icing — An effective way players can stop play so announcers can breathe.

Goon — A player who is paid thousands of dollars to board, cross check, rough, slash, maim, lacerate, torment and torture the other team's best player.

Wayne Gretzky — Hockey's best player ever, now plagued by back injuries. See "Goon" entry.

Hooking — The catch word used by referees for intentionally trying to wound your opponent by taking your stick and putting it between the blades of your opponent's skates, whereby pulling his feet from into the air and causing him to crash head first into the ice.

Islanders — Team from New York that plays on Long Island, which is correctly pronounced "Lahwn Guyland."

Les Habitants — Another name for the

Montreal Canadiens, hockey's winningest team. All that's right with the NHL.

The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim — All that's wrong with the NHL.

1980 — The "Miracle on Ice." The United States defeats the Soviet Union and wins the gold medal in the Olympics.

1940 — The last time the Rangers won the Stanley Cup. Don't rub it in, OK?

"Oh, Canada!" — The Canadian National Anthem. The song, according to most American fans, goes something like this: "Oh, Canada! Blah blah blah blah blah blah! Something something something! Blah blah blah blah blah blah!"

Luc Robitaille — A winger for the Los Angeles Kings. No special significance here, just a really cool name.

Slashing — The catch word used by referees for, well, you get the picture.

Teal — The color of the San Jose Sharks. Blood shows up surprisingly well on teal.

Toronto Maple Leafs — Yes, they spell it wrong. We don't know why.

Winnipeg — A city in Manitoba, Canada. Or the object of the game tiddlywinks. Or the team everybody forgets about when making a list of hockey teams.

McEnroe Won't Captain U.S. in Davis Cup Tourney

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — John McEnroe withdrew as a candidate for U.S. Davis Cup team captain Monday, saying "personal considerations" prevented him from pursuing a job he coveted only weeks ago.

The four-time U.S. Open champion did not elaborate. He announced the move in a two-paragraph statement released by a longtime associate, Mike Altieri, director of public relations of Forum Sports.

The statement said McEnroe has "left open the option" of playing again in the Davis Cup and has "not ruled out the possibility" of becoming team captain in the future.

McEnroe separated from his wife, actress Tatum O'Neal, almost a year ago, but it was not known if that figured in the Davis Cup announcement.

A representative for McEnroe in New York said neither he nor his father and adviser, John McEnroe Sr., was immediately available for comment.

Tom Gorman resigned as captain Sept. 9. On the same day, McEnroe said on the USA Network:

"I think I've made it clear that I would like to be Davis Cup captain ... I don't think there's a U.S. player that doesn't want to be captain of the Davis Cup team. I think it's a great honor."

McEnroe, 34, is the winningest player in U.S. Davis Cup history.

He led the United States to titles in 1978, '79, '81 and '82.

J. Howard "Bumpy" Frazer, president of the U.S. Tennis Association, called McEnroe the "greatest contributor to Davis

Cup in modern times." He said he was "very surprised" to hear of McEnroe's withdrawal.

"We will, of course, respect his decision and will continue with the selection process," he said.

Frazer said last month the USTA wanted to name its new captain in October. Pairings for the world group will be announced Oct. 19 in London.

Besides McEnroe, a number of other tennis personalities, including Stan Smith and Brad Gilbert, have been mentioned for the post.

McEnroe has clashed with the USTA hierarchy for years.

Although his criticism did not win him friends among the leadership and his on-court outbursts did not win him points for tennis diplomacy, he remained a favorite among players.

McEnroe is semi-retired and is no longer playing in the ATP Grand Slam tournaments.

A problem for U.S. Davis Cup teams for many years has been getting the sport's top players to leave lucrative tennis tournaments and exhibitions to devote weeks to Davis Cup workouts and matches.

Gorman, 47, captain since 1986, left the team after the United States defeated the Bahamas in Charlotte, N.C., Sept. 24-26. The 5-0 victory sent the U.S. team to the world group in 1994 and dropped the Bahamas to zone play.

Gorman, who played on the 1972 championship team and captained two U.S. teams to Davis Cup titles, said he now wants to work toward developing new players.

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