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There is yet another RGHL season in the books chocked full of memories, for those of us who still can remember. The guys in red have won a second consecutive championship. Scoring is way up from last year, with almost 100 more goals (measured against Week 28 for both years) deposited into the net.

Matt T. Ref was back for the final weekend. He had been off for several weeks. My confidential informants reported to me that the rumor as to why he had been off was in fact true. It does take time for a person and their new leader dog to form that bond and trust that allows them to operate as a team. Well done Stevie, that is, Matt!

And now for another installment of "It's a Bitch Getting Old":



Before I launch into the hyper accurate description of the day's action I would like to say that this piece of crap is a labor of love and I am glad that you guys seem to enjoy it. Either I am a decent writer, or you are easily amused.

I would also like to thank Mike Dunn for doing a job that is not very easy. Running a hockey league, especially such a prestigious league as the RGHL can be a thankless job but some knucklehead has to agree to do it.

Enough of that crap, here goes!

## **RETREADS AT FLAMING YELLOW HAMMERS**

The first game of the day featured a matchup between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in the league. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place Retreads, led by Don Leaky Fawcett, were on the road to the Flaming Yellow Hammers. The Flamers, led by Millsie Miller have been on a tear, reeling off 6 victories in a row. The Treads had been almost as hot, having gone 4-1-1 in the same window.

The first goal of the game was scored by the Hammers. Bobby the Dent, scoring his 21<sup>st</sup> of the season, put a patented miss of the goal post shot past the Dobber to give the Hammers an early 1-0 lead. The Sheff was the lone helper on the goal. Both teams performed well but this goal would be the only one of the first half.

Queen had a hit song called "*Hammer to Fall*". The hammer fell alright but it fell on the Treads. 1 minute into the half the Hammers began the onslaught. Scoring the second goal of

the game for the Flamers was Web Foot, a.k.a., Ron Duguay, Bob the Machine Mahinski on the assist. The goal was his 17<sup>th</sup> of the year (as a regular). Just under 2 minutes later the Hammers expanded to lead to 3-1 when the Ghoul Shouligian put the biscuit in the basket. Assists were earned by Sheff and the Dent. 13 seconds later the Hammers took a 4-0 lead. Illogical Ilardi beat the Dobber, converting passes from Duguay and Jack My Johnson. The lead went to 5 at the 8:32 mark. Scoring the 5<sup>th</sup> straight Hammer goal was the Sheff. Helpers on this goal were earned by the Illogical One and JMJ. 12 seconds later the Treads hit the score sheet. Responding for the Treads was Zippy Zbikowski as he ripped one past a nearly comatose Robber. It took 6 minutes for the Hammers to restore their 5-goal lead. Web Foot did the deed with an unassisted goal scored with 2 minutes to play. The Treads, in a classic case of TLTL scored two goals in the last minute and a half. Finnstar Ahonen got the first one with help from I See Dead People McNamara and Big Boy Eliassen. With 48 seconds left the Driller put the puck up where Momma keeps the cookies, giving the Robber no chance. Mimic Kmiec drew the primary assist with Zippy on the secondary. The Hammers skated off with an impressive 6-3 victory, ending the season with their 7<sup>th</sup> victory in a row.

Buddha chose Bob the Machine Mahinski as his star of the game for his steadiness on defense and his two-point effort.

## **SAINTS AT GREYBEARDS**

The second game of the morning featured a matchup between the visiting Saints led by the Good Shepard and the Greybeards, still missing the coaching acumen of the Legend. Don, acumen means the ability to make good decisions quickly

and to show good judgement. The team has been led by substitute coach Claude LeCooch, who has filled in admirably. The Saints have performed well lately, winning 2 of their last 3. The Beards are 1-2 in their last 3 with the win breaking a long winless streak.

It took a while for the first goal to come in this game, but it was not for lack of scoring chances. Both teams produced good chances, but the goalies were keeping the net clean. Finally, at the 9:51 mark Chuck Less is Mouranie put one past Mr. Congeniality to give the Graybeards a 1-0 lead. The solo assist on the goal was earned by Chuck the Puck. Chuck the Puck on the assist was going to become a recurring thing during this game. 3 minutes later the Beards increased their lead to 2-0. Sparky Sparks blasted one past the Saints goalie with help from Chuck the Puck and Claude LeCooch. 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  minutes later the Beards scored their 3<sup>rd</sup> unanswered goal. This goal was scored by the Bonnie Lass, who was stationed at her usual post, off to the goalie's left. Sparky Sparks and Chuck the Puck drew the helpers. Over a 30 second time span the team of Less is More with the goal, his 40<sup>th</sup>, and Chuck the Puck with the assist combined for 2 goals to stake the Beards to a 5-0 lead, ending a disastrous 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  minutes for the Saints.

The second half saw no further scoring but was probably the best period of the year (without scoring) for the Saints as they put a tremendous amount of pressure on the Beards net. The Rockstar made several strong stops including a glove save on a shot from the wing that was labeled for the far side upper corner.

The Graybeards ended the season on a high note with a 5-0 shutout victory over a scrappy and determined Saints team that deserved better.

Buddha chose the Rockstar and Chuck the Puck Reaume as his co-stars of the game. The Rockstar was chosen because of the well-earned mop wringer and Chuck the Puck for his work on the Geo-Thermal Reflector, a project designed to shield the earth from the sun's rays when the Ozone is depleted. It consists of a large umbrella with a cable down to the surface to provide solar energy. Oh, and he had 5 assists.

### **WEAKLY WARRIORS AT RED ACES**

The final insult of the day pitted Soupy Campbell's Weakly Warriors taking on Why Knott's League Champs Red Aces. The Warriors have dropped their last three while the Aces are 1-2 in their last 3.

The Aces were missing Looking for Love Newlin, still down in Nashville. According to my confidential informants Bob, who used to be looking for friends with benefits, has made an adjustment in his search criteria. He has now settled on friends with Social Security benefits. Here's hoping that works out for you.

The Aces jumped off to a quick 2-0 lead. Scoring at the 16:05 mark was Boom Boom Jerry, scoring his 51<sup>st</sup> goal of the year, putting a perfectly placed shot past Bronco Steve Roth. Assisting on this goal was the Bonnie Lass and TV Tom. 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  minutes later Doc Bakalyar, playing his second game of the day, lit the lamp with help from MDOT and TV Tom. 4 minutes later the Warriors hit the score sheet with a goal scored by another regular playing his second game, one Jumpin' Joe

Pironello. This goal was unassisted. The Aces responded 14 seconds later to restore their 2-goal lead. Doc Bakalyar did the damage with his second of the game. The helpers were earned by Boom Boom and Bonnie Lass. 30 seconds later Zamboni Zambo picked up a loose puck and blasted it in past a startled Pistol Pete. This was another unassisted goal, the last goal of the period. The Red Aces went into the intermission nursing a 3-2 lead. 3 minutes into the second period the Warriors tied the score. Ken the Early Bloomer, with help from Jumpin' Joe, deposited the biscuit in the basket past Vezina Voncina. This goal would prove to be the last of the game sending both teams to the party with a kiss your sister 3-3 tie.

Buddha chose Bob the Machine Mahinski as his star of the game for his steady work on defense.

I spoke with Dimitrie today and he is making progress. He no longer wears the neck brace or uses the walker. He is handling some of his duties as a priest. He still has some numbness in his right side. He is continuing to work on his conditioning with the goal of being able to at least skate again.

I also spoke with Micky Rourke and he seems to be recovering nicely from his colon cancer surgery. It appears that all the cancer was removed with his colon resection, but he will be undergoing some mild chemo for safety's sake. He said that this was his first real colonoscopy, but he did have some unofficial ones in the shower at the rink. He told me he plans to resume skating in a couple of weeks.

As always, I will point out that my intent is not to offend anybody. It is to offend everybody. If you are offended, walk it off princess.

All R & G League games can be viewed on local cable. Look for the replays immediately following "Mass for Shut-ins". Also, the latest copy of THE RAG is available on our web site, along with some other interesting shit. This is the address for the website:

<http://sites.google.com/site/over60hockey/>

