

RAG HOCKEY NEWS
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It's Saturday which means that the vaunted RGHL Hockey League is set to hit the ice for Week 18 action. Today's games are being brought to you from the Arctic Circle. While that might not be exactly true I think this might be the first time that it's colder outside than it is in the arena. All this cold weather coupled with wind chills causes severe problems. As you can see from the news flash below some suffer more than others. And they are still out of power from 2015!



As promised here is the 10th and final installment of:

A Goalie's 10 Rules for His Old Timer Hockey League

Rule No. 10: Shut the frig up

Sometimes NHL players will rouse their teammates with a fiery encounter with the referee. What passion! What hockey knowledge! What a leader! In Old Man Hockey, a good rule of thumb is, Shut the Frig Up. Shut the frig up because you won't win the argument. Shut the frig up because you aren't riling us up. You are, however, making us roll our eyes. This is Old Timer Rec Hockey, and you are making an ass of yourself. You will get a penalty. You will make our Old Man Penalty Killers skate a butt-load for two minutes while you're oiled up and flexing angrily in the penalty box. Maybe—just maybe—a series of bad calls should cause the Old Man Captain to have a quiet “hey, pal” conversation with the ref. But as for the rest of us, the needle only moves backward with displays of Old Man Histrionics.

These rules and other interesting info can be found online at [Cross Ice Hockey for the Recreational Player](#).

Enough of that crap, here goes

WEAKLY WARRIORS AT GRAYBEARDS

We opened the festivities with a game between the two teams tied for third place, both with 15 points. Soupy's Warriors have struggled lately, going 0-2-1 in the last three while the Coaching Legend's Beards have fared slightly better, going 0-1-2 in their last 3. The game also put the battle of the Roy brothers out there for all to see.

The home team struck first in this game. 2 minutes into the game Less is Mouranie lit the lamp behind Pistol Pete with help from P Andy and the Rat Ratkowski. Apparently, this goal set must have pissed off the Warriors as they went on a 4-goal binge (3 in a row in this period) with no response from the Beards. The first of these goals was netted by No Loan Sloan and was assisted by Frenchie Ouellette and Raffle Boy Roy (AKA the Enforcer). With Less is More in the sin bin for tripping the Warriors scored a power play goal. The time of the goal was 9:33 and was scored by the Enforcer. The lone assist on the power play goal

was earned by Zamboni Zambo. I would like to make some comments about the Enforcer that most of the skaters in our league have not noticed or just might be uniformed. These are the points that I want to bring out.

1. Plays on the power play and scores.
2. His assists and overall play allows guys like Less is Mouranie to score.
3. Provides the intimidation factor that keeps the other team honest.
4. Serves as the Zamboni on occasion.
5. His knowledge of the game goes way back. He was there when they invented ice (not refrigeration, ice).

The final goal in this period came with only 50 seconds to play. The Driller put one pas the Roth of God to send the Warriors to the break with a 3-1 lead.

Just 19 seconds into the second half the Warriors scored their fourth unanswered goal. No Loan Sloan was the goal scorer with the lone assists earned by the Zamboni. It took another 10 minutes for the Beards to wake up. Starting a comeback for the Coaching Legend's Beards was Secretary Perry. Chuck the Puck and Doc Bakalyar drew the assists. With just over 5 minutes to play the Warriors were forced to play shorthanded due to a tripping call against the Cheese. The Beards took advantage and scored a power play goal of their own. Less is More scored converting passes from Claude LeCooch and Have another Bud Roy. Unfortunately, the comeback would fall short. The Warriors skated off with a 4-3 win.

Buddha chose Jimmy the Enforcer Roy as his star of the game for his goal and assist. Everyone should know that the Enforcer is the oldest Buddha's star recipient in the history of the RGHL.

SAINTS AT FLAMING YELLOW HAMMERS

The second game of the day was between the Saints led by the Occasionally Good Shepard and Millsie Miller's Yellow Hammers. The Shep's resurgent Saints have gone 2-1 in their last 3. Millsie's 2nd place Hammers have been slumping with a 0-1-2 in their last 3 games.

In line with what has become the norm the first goal came early, this time in the first minute. The Dent skated in from the wing and misfired. The puck went into the net instead of clanging off some metal object such as a post or a crossbar. Assisting on the goal was the Driller and the Sheffer. The Saints responded 7 minutes later when the original Bastard scored an unassisted goal. Anorexic Ward skated through the whole Hammers team completely unnoticed, turned sideways, stuck out his tongue. The Dobber confused what he was looking at (he told me he thought someone has suspended a 6-foot-tall zipper from the ceiling). Less than two minutes later Bell Ringer Ballarin netted his first of three. Pirouette Pironello and sub It's Miller Time earned assists. It looked like the period would end with the Saints nursing a 2-1 lead, but the Bell Ringer wasn't taking the last 6 seconds off. He slammed another past the Dobber to give the Saints a 3-1 lead going into the half.

The Hammers scored 2 quick goals of their own to start the second half. The Driller scored at 14:40 to cut the lead to 3-2. Sweetness McSween assisted on the goal. 1 ½ minutes later the Driller scored his second in a row. This goal was unassisted. The Driller picked up a loose puck, moved through the whole Saints team and buried the puck past the Robber. The score was now tied but there was a lot of time left in the game. The Saints retook the lead when Bell Ringer scored his third of the game, assisted by Pirouette Pironello. With just over 4 minutes left in the game the Bell Ringer took a slashing penalty. It only took a few seconds for the Dent to tie this game at 4, taking a perfect feed from the Driller. The goal was scored at 4:10. The Hammers took too much time changing lines after the goal was scored so what we ended up with was a goal scored at 4:10 and a delay of game penalty on the team scoring the goal also called at 4:10. The Saints were not able to take advantage of the ensuing power play, so the game would end with a 4-4 tie.

Buddha chose the Bell Ringer as his star of the game for his 3 goal effort.

RETREADS AT RED ACES

The final atrocity of the day featured the Leaky One's Retreads visiting the first place Red Aces led by Why Knott. The Leaky One's team has been playing better lately as they enter the game playing .500 hockey over their last 3 (1-1-1) while the Aces are 3-0 during the same time frame.

The Retreads have been without the Sound of Music Andrews for their last couple of games. I think he has been helping on his cousin's concert tour. My confidential informants snapped a picture of a practice session by cousin Julie. She has been trying to update her act and needed The Sound's help. Below is a picture of that practice session:



The Aces lit the lamp first in this game. Looking for Love picked up a rebound that sub goalie Eddie the Eagle could not locate and buried it for a 1-0 Aces lead. The original shot was taken by Homer Holmstrom, so he earned the primary assist. It took the Retreads 3 minutes to knot the score. Sharp passing between Slick Barry Anderson and sub

It's Miller Time sent the Missing Linkous in alone and he made no mistake as he deked the Rockstar and tucked it into the open net. With less than 2 minutes to play the Aces retook the lead. The Bonnie Lass picked up a loose puck and lifted it over the Eagle's left pad for her eighth goal of the season. The assists for the goal went to Homer and Baby Cahn You Drive My Karjala. The period ended with no further scoring.

The only scoring in the second half was netted by the Retreads. Playing in his second game of the day EIEIO MacDonald slid one past the Rockstar with helpers coming from Mickey Rourke. Both teams skated hard and had scoring chances but were turned away by blocked shots and saves being made by the two goalies. A story of the game was the parade to the penalty box by the Aces. The Aces spent 10 minutes of the game killing penalties including a brief 5 on 3 in the second half. The Retreads were unable to convert on the penalties but they kept the Aces' offense off track.

Buddha chose Eddie the Eagle and the Rockstar as co-stars of the game.

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/>

