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The Olympic Games in Salt Lake City will go on. This is the straight forward message from Mitt Romney, CEO of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC).

In a letter to all involved sports federations, Romney writes that the federal government has appropriated approximately \$200 million for Olympic Winter Games security. Additional federal funding of approximately \$30-40 million is also "extremely likely" to be appropriated. SLOC's budget includes approximately \$35 million of safety spending as well.

A structure has been worked out to ensure that relevant intelligence information is shared with state and local law enforcement and SLOC so that necessary actions can be taken. After meetings with the President of the United States, the FBI, Secret Service and the Governor of Utah, Romney says that "their commitment was unqualified" and that "every agency and representative of government has assured us that the resources necessary to secure the Games will be provided." Romney completes his letter saying that no consideration has been given to cancelling the Games.

"In fact, in many respects, continuing with the Games is more important than ever. The Games are a symbol of civilization, an affirmation of the family of mankind. NOCs, International Federations, Sponsors, and athletes have consistently spoken in favor of holding the Winter Games, on schedule. The Games will go on."



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We need to protect our stars

In September Peter Forsberg felt that his body couldn't take it anymore. He announced that he was taking a leave of absence. "It is very disturbing that a player who is in his prime has to make such a decision because he has taken so much abuse over the last couple of years."

■ 28-year-old Peter Forsberg, who led Sweden to a gold medal over Canada in the 1994 Olympics, made the announcement during Colorado's training camp in Stockholm, Sweden in mid September.

"I just feel that right now, in my current frame of mind, I can't go out and play at the level I expect out of myself," Forsberg said to the media. "Over the last few years, the numerous injuries and the recent surgeries made me come to this decision."

"I think I need to sit back and listen to my body. I'm not getting younger. My body has been taking a lot of abuse, a lot of beating the last few years. I need to heal my body. I don't know how long it's going to take."

■ "This is obviously a big blow to the game of ice hockey", says IIHF President René Fasel. "It is very disturbing that a player who is in his prime has to take a leave of absence or even retire because he has taken so much abuse over the last couple of years."

"This is primarily about Peter's health. But, unless unexpected things happen, we will miss his seeing his world class skills in Salt Lake City. We couldn't watch the outstanding Paul Kariya play in Nagano 1998 because he was out with a concussion after a careless hit to the head."

The Swedish daily tabloid *Aftonbladet* listed a chronology of all Forsberg's injuries since 1996. According to that list Forsberg has suffered 20 serious injuries in the last five seasons, seven of the injuries were to his head. At least five of them resulted in some sort of concussions.

■ "This makes me even more convinced that the IIHF initiative of "Fair Play and Respect" is extremely important. In many cases players do not have enough respect for each other. We have to bring back the sense fair play and respect to the game."



Photo: JEFF VINNICK

Out - for how long?: In the last Olympics the hockey world could not watch Paul Kariya's outstanding skills and in Salt Lake City we will miss Peter Forsberg, probably the best all-round player in the world right now.

Fasel wants to make clear that that career ending injuries or series of injuries is a global hockey dilemma. "I am being told that in Sweden more than ten elite players had to retire prematurely in the last two seasons due to injuries. We also have had alarming reports of careless hits to the head in the Czech league. I want to emphasize what we are telling our referees at all clinics and camps: **There is no such a thing as a legal check to the head.**"

■ "I am therefore very pleased that the NHL announced prior to the start of the season that their referees will be more diligent in calling hits to the head, slashings and obstructions. This is especially relevant this season when a group of IIHF and NHL referees together will be officiating the Olympic hockey tournament."

"Finally, and on a different note, the global sports family agrees that we can not yield to terror. The Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City must go on as planned."

René Fasel
IIHF President

FAIR PLAY
AND RESPECT

IIHF Semi-Annual Congress: Macedonia and Liechtenstein new members of ice hockey family

The IIHF Semi-Annual Congress was held in Malmo, Sweden, October 4 - 6. These were the main issues and announcements from the congress at the Malmo City Hall.

NHL AGREEMENT RATIFIED BY ALL: IIHF President René Fasel announced that all European nations have ratified the agreement regarding the distribution of the development fee from the NHL to the IIHF. The basic (three-year) agreement between the IIHF and the NHL was signed on June 9, 2001. The details of the IIHF-NHL agreement and the agreement regarding the distribution of the funds were accounted for in the previous *IIHF News Release*.

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING: The congress approved the proposal from the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) that the IIHF member national associations will be a part of WADA's out of competition testing program.

NEW IN THE FAMILY: The congress accepted Macedonia and Liechtenstein as new member national associations of the IIHF, which brings the total of national member associations to 63. The status of Mongolia and Ireland was upgraded to full membership.

EHL RE-LAUNCH ON HOLD: IIHF Council member Rickard Fagerlund (SWE) announced that the earliest possible date for the re-launch of the European Hockey League (EHL) would be the 2003-04 season. "Our commercial partner, along with the IIHF, needs 9-12 months to be able to find appropriate formats for a new EHL. We need this time to present a feasible project", said Mr. Fagerlund.

FINNISH VENUES: The organising committee of the 2003 IIHF World Championship in Finland announced Helsinki, Turku and Tampere as the host cities for the 2003 championship. This will be the last IIHF World Championship played in three cities. From 2004 and onwards only two cities will be allowed to host the tournament.

OLYMPIC OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENT: The congress approved the nominations of the following IIHF referees for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, Men's Tournament: Kevin Acheson (CAN), Rami Savolainen (FIN), Scott Hansen (USA), Ulf Radbjer (SWE), Danny Kurman (SUI), Vladimir Mihalik (SVK). Women's tournament: Laura Vanderhorst (CAN), Jacqui Palm (CAN), Anu Hirvonen (FIN), Anne Haanpaa (FIN), Stacey Livingston (USA), Krista Knight (USA). **See separate list on this page for complete listing of all IIHF referees and linesmen.**

(Officials from the National Hockey League will be named later by the NHL. The IIHF-NHL Olympic agreement stipulates that all games, where more than 50 percent of the participants are playing in the NHL, will be handled by NHL officials.)

STANDBY TRIO FOR 2004: After a swap with Finland earlier this year, the Czech Republic were awarded the 2004 IIHF World Championship in order to allow them additional time to complete a structure of a new arena in Prague. Germany, Switzerland and Canada have announced their interest as stand-by organisers in case the completion of a new arena in the Czech Republic is not possible. If necessary, a stand-by organiser will be named by the IIHF Council in December 2001.



Turned 60: Jan-Ake Edvinsson, General Secretary of the IIHF since 1985.

Edvinsson 60 Has seen the hockey world become bigger and better

When former IIHF President, Gunther Sabetzki recruited Jan-Ake Edvinsson to the International Ice Hockey Federation as the new General Secretary in 1985, the IIHF had 37 member national federations. During the Semi-Annual Congress in Malmo in the beginning of October, the IIHF accepted Macedonia and Liechtenstein as members 62 and 63.

This gives some perspective on how the ice hockey family has grown with Jan-Ake Edvinsson as General Secretary.

On September 13, Jan-Ake celebrated his 60th birthday and he also looked back at his 16 year tenure at the IIHF. Born 1941 in the south Swedish community of Trolle Ljungby, Edvinsson mostly played table tennis and soccer in his home country. In 1972 he was hired as Financial Manager of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association and four years later he was appointed General Secretary of the association. Jan-Ake has been instrumental in changing the image of the IIHF. It has become a major sports federation with the IIHF World Championships and the truly open Olympic ice hockey tournaments as the flagships of the federation. Jan-Ake celebrated with family and ice hockey friends at a reception in Zurich on Saturday, September 16.

IIHF referees and linesmen for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games

MEN'S TOURNAMENT

Referees:

Acheson, Kevin	CAN
Hansen, Scott	USA
Kurman, Danny	SUI
Mihalik, Vladimir	SVK
Radbjer, Ulf	SWE
Savolainen, Rami	FIN

Linesmen:

Blumel, Petr	CZE
Bruun, Panu	FIN
Garofalo, James	USA
Hamalainen, Antti	FIN
Kulakov, Sergei	RUS
Lauff, Rudolf	SVK
Nansen, Derek	CAN
Norrman, Johan	SWE
Odinsch, Eduards	LAT
Shelyanin, Sergei	RUS



Kurman



Palm, Jacqui	CAN
Vanderhorst, Laura	CAN

Linesmen:

Bissonnette, Julie	CAN
Cassidy, Sue	CAN
Hujdusova, Henrieta	SVK
Kirschner, Tina	GER
Konstantinova, Marina	RUS
Lischetti, Sandra	SUI
MacKenzie, Megan L	USA
Piacentini, Julie	USA
Robben, Ilse	NED
Suban, Johanna	FIN



Vanderhorst



Odinsch



Suban

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Referees:

Haanpaa, Anne	FIN
Hirvonen, Anu	FIN
Knight, Krista	USA
Livingston, Stacey	USA

Japan back on World stage - goes to Sweden after defeating Far East rivals

It started as if there could be a new team from the Far East going to the 66th IIHF World Championship in Sweden this coming spring - but in the end it was the same old story. Japan was again the winner in the three team (and three game) Far East Qualifier in Harbin, China, October 15 - 17, 2001.

Despite a disappointing 1-1 tie against Korea in the first game, Japan rebounded quickly to beat hosts China 3-1 in the key game of the tournament the next day. In the last game of the tournament underdog Korea had the chance to qualify in case of a win by a three goal margin against China, who at that point no longer could win the qualifier. But the Koreans simply didn't have the firepower to do it.

The game ended with a rare 0-0 result, despite China outshooting Korea 70-15. All games were low scoring but high shooting. In game one, Japan held a 71-24 margin in shots on goal vs Korea, while Japan out-shot China 54-29 in the key game. Korean goalie Sung-min Kim faced 141 shots over two games but was beaten only once! Two goals were enough for Japan's Hiroyuki Murakami (right) to win the tournament in scoring. See page 11 for results and final standing.



Photos: City-Press

Team of the rising sun: Japanese players are having a party after qualifying for the 2002 IIHF World Championship in Sweden next spring. It will be Japan's fifth straight appearance in the elite group where they finished 14th in their first year and 16th in the three last. It will be up to players like Hiroyuki Murakami (left) to bring Japan to the next level. Murakami had two of the team's four goals in the Far East Qualifying tournament in Harbin.

Hlinka done after 0-4 start



It doesn't matter if you, technically, are the best coach in the world. But if you can't communicate with your players you are done - especially on elite level.

Lack of communication with his players was cited as the reason for Ivan Hlinka's dismissal as the head coach of the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins on October 15. At that stage, the parties were not only not talking - they were also losing. Hlinka, the only European coach in the NHL and the man who led Czech Republic to the 1998 Olympic gold medal and the 1999 IIHF World Championship gold, was fired after his team lost the first four games of the season.

Hlinka, who has a very limited command of English, was replaced by Rick Kehoe, who has served as a player and assistant coach in Pittsburgh for 27 years.

Before the 2000-2001 season, Hlinka and Finland's Alpo Suhonen (with Chicago) broke in as the first European coaches in the NHL. Suhonen had to resign due to poor health and has recently written and released a book about his experience. The title: *The Chicago Diaries: A Season From My Heart*.

Fired: Lack of communication was the problem



Cheers in Riga: From left: IIHF's Jan-Ake Edvinsson and René Fasel join a ceremonial toast with Latvian Prime Minister Andris Berzins, Kirvo Lipmans of the Latvian federation and Gundars Bojars, Chairman of Riga City Council after the final signing of the 2006 IIHF World Championship.

Signed, sealed - and to be delivered in 2006

On October 15, the IIHF President René Fasel and General Secretary Jan-Ake Edvinsson visited Latvia and its capital Riga where the Organising Committee of the 2006 IIHF World Championship and the IIHF signed the contract regarding the 2006 Championship.

From the Latvian side, the contract was signed by Andris Berzins, Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia who is also Chairman of the Organising Committee, Gundars Bojars, Chairman of Riga City Council and Kirvo Lipmans, President of the Latvian Ice Hockey Federation.

It is the first time that the IIHF World Championship will be held in Latvia. Fasel, Edvinsson and IIHF treasurer Hans

Dobida also took part at the Grand Opening of the new Lokomotiv Arena in the ancient Russian city of Yaroslavl on October 12.

Together with Prime Minister Mikhail Kasjanov and Minister of the Russian railways Nikolay Aksenenko, Fasel cut the traditional red ribbon thus symbolically opening way to the ice for players. On this evening home team Lokomotiv beat Lada Togliatti 3-1.

It is the best arena of this size - for 9,000 spectators - in Europe.

Rene Fasel announced that in Yaroslavl will host the 2003 IIHF World U18 Championship and this announcement was loudly cheered by the local crowd.

McSORLEY PLANS COMEBACK IN WALES.

Former NHL player/enforcer Marty McSorley, 38, is making a comeback as a player and owner of the Cardiff Devils of the Findus British National League. McSorley and his brother, Chris, were set to close the deal in late October. Marty McSorley applied for a work permit that would allow him to play for the team. McSorley has not played in the NHL since he struck Vancouver's Donald Brashear in the head with his stick February 21, 2000, while playing with Boston. The IIHF cleared McSorley in the spring 2001 to play in Europe. Chris McSorley is head coach of Swiss NLB team Servette Geneva. (Source: USA Today)

Czech junior Kanko plays in Canada without ITC

Sparta Prague of the Czech Extraleague went to court to get its 17-year-old future star, Petr Kanko, back from Canada. Kanko, a right wing picked in the OHL (Jr) entry draft by the Kitchener Rangers, has moved to Canada despite being under contract to Sparta and, most importantly, without obtaining an international transfer card (ITC) from the IIHF. Under IIHF transfer rules, Kanko is therefore playing in Canada illegally.

"We have contacted the IIHF Disciplinary Committee, asking them to suspend Kanko because he broke all existing and binding contracts", said Sparta's board member Martin Urban. Meanwhile, the case was heard before the Court of Ontario and the petition for injunction by Sparta Prague for the player to return to the Czech Republic was determined as "without merit". The judge further ruled that the player "would suffer irreparable harm" if he was unable to remain with Kitchener.

The case will now be an issue for the IIHF Disciplinary Committee.

Kanko played for the Czech Republic in this year's IIHF World U18 Championship in Finland and was the team's best scorer with six goals. As of Oct. 24 Kanko was leading Kitchener in scoring with 15 points (4+11) after 12 games. He is eligible for the 2002 IIHF World U20 Championship.

- with files from Pavel Barta, Faceoff.com

In-line hockey report

IIHF - FIRS merger still a year or two away

During a meeting in Hanover between a delegation of FIRS (International Roller Skating Federation) and the IIHF on Sunday May 13th both organisations expressed strong will to co-operate. The goal is to develop the game of in-line hockey in the best possible way. The co-operation should eventually lead to one organisation in which both organisations participate in, on a parity basis. The first step to show this intention is to join forces in organising one World Championship for in-line hockey.

It was decided to form a co-ordination committee to study the strategy how to implement the intention of both organisations to co-operate.

FIRS Representatives are: Mr. George Pickard (USA), Mr. Ernesto Gonzalez Molina (ARG) and Mrs. Valerie Leftwitch. For the IIHF Mr. Walter Bush and Mr. Rob van Rijswijk, a third person still has to be nominated.

In-line hockey is still developing both in ice hockey countries as well as in non-traditional ice hockey countries. New countries that become involved in the IIHF program at present are Estonia, Slovenia and Columbia. Ecuador could be a future member. Also the level of play is increasing. In fact we can conclude that the sport is on the verge of entering a new and high quality level. Both FIRS and IIHF are currently holding their own championship. For the outside world this is very confusing.

Talks with our affiliated organisations learned that there is a strong wish to have the IIHF involved in in-line hockey. Some important national organisations have announced to stop their in-line hockey activities should the IIHF cease their engagement with the sport. The feeling within the group of participating countries is very sceptic. To make the collaboration between IIHF and FIRS successful it is important to understand why both organisations want this collaboration.

The IIHF started to be engaged in the sport in 1996. The reasons to become involved where:

- Protecting the ice hockey stadiums
- Request from the IOC to structure and build-up the top sport branch.
- In-Line hockey as a marketing tool to spread the game of ice and in-line hockey globally

For FIRS in-line hockey is important because of its' popularity. In-line hockey gives FIRS the possibility to go new avenues and expand. It brings a modern element to their traditional core business. One important reason for teaming up with FIRS is that the IIHF feels that two world championships damage the sport and its official international recognition. And as we said, it confuses the outside world.

The reason for FIRS is without doubt that they are seeking a strong partner to help them push the sport forward.

On June 8 and 9 the co-ordination committee had its first meeting in Torrevieja. It was agreed with FIRS that we should focus on the goal to work together in hosting one world championship per year.

Generally one can say that FIRS and the IIHF approach a World Championship differently. With FIRS, the participants must cover all costs for the event. This includes transportation, accommodation, arena, referees etc. On top of that the participants must pay an entry fee to cover the cost of the FIRS Committee members. This set-up makes the World Championship look like an invitational tournament. Not the best players compete but the one who can afford to pay for the trip. In some cases the national organisation covers the cost. FIRS wants as many countries as possible participating in their tournament, regardless the quality of the team. The IIHF wish to limit the participation to a maximum of 16 teams. These 16 teams have qualified through a qualification system.

The FIRS delegation already explained that they had picked Miami (USA) as the venue for their 2002 World Championship. FIRS wishes to



Entering a new era: Seeking for solid organisational base for in-line hockey.

stick to the venue. The IIHF prefers to move the tournament back to Europe and make use of the excellent proposals from Germany.

The playing Rules of FIRS and IIHF differ. The dimensions of the goals are different. The IIHF uses offsides and icings. The IIHF insisted to have a standardisation of the playing rules. It was agreed that two members of the committee would come with proposals to unify the playing rules.

Both parties could not agree on the location of the administrative office for the joint venture. The IIHF wishes to have the IIHF office as co-ordination point. The IIHF has professional staff dealing with the daily operations of the sport. FIRS wishes to have the operation run under their name. The IIHF In-Line Committee finds this unacceptable. The IIHF In-Line Hockey Committee foresees difficult discussions before this joint venture will come about.

The committee is of the opinion that the co-operation should be seriously studied. The committee however doubts that it will come to a co-operation that will make it possible to join forces for the 2002 World Championship. The committee asks Council to postpone this co-operation until 2003.

The IIHF budget still gives the committee the opportunity to organise the 2002 World Cup. Moreover two cities in Germany wish to organise the IIHF In-Line Hockey World Championship.

In the beginning of the month of July the IIHF In-Line Hockey Committee was informed that the cities of Nuremberg and Düsseldorf were very interested in organising the next World Cup. Both cities are willing to invest in the tournament which gives the IIHF the opportunity to lift the standard of organisation tremendously and for the first time gives the possibility to gain revenue to cover a great deal or maybe all costs. It is the first time in the history of the IIHF in-line hockey program that we have a bidding competition.

The Nuremberg proposal is unique because of two reasons. Nuremberg has the desire to become the In-Line Skating Capital of Europe.

And Nuremberg wants to organise a great in-line skating event on a yearly basis tied to the IIHF In-Line Hockey World Championship. The event should be held in the end of July every year. This fits perfectly in the plans of the IIHF. The Marketing Company that is in charge of the organisation estimate a total number of 200,000 visitors. The event will feature entertainment, In-line skating circuits, street hockey tournaments and a fun park. The city of Nuremberg covers the hotel costs and the transportation for 16 teams.

The development of in-line hockey is reaching another stage. We encounter increasing interest that might result into a solid organisational and financial base for the in-line hockey sport. This situation will bring continuity to the sport, definitely influence the negotiations with FIRS and will alter the landscape of in-line hockey.

Walter Bush Jr.
Chairman

Robert van Rijswijk
Secretary

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ICE HOCKEY 2000 PROGRAM - REPORTS FROM GREAT BRITAIN & FRANCE

Shortly after ICE HOCKEY UK became the governing body for ice hockey in Great Britain, in July 2000, we eagerly accepted the IIHF's offer to participate in the Ice Hockey 2000 Program. We take it to be a great honour to be able to help create this outstanding development program for ice hockey.

GREAT BRITAIN

With the full support of our partners in Great Britain, we have been able to implement both the Hockey Development Camps and Learn To Play Program into our development programs in Great Britain.

■ Learn to Play Program

The biggest challenge that we faced as a nation when entering Ice Hockey 2000 was that a successful U10 league had been running in England for six seasons and that the *Learn To Play* ideas and implications were not fully understood. This, along with us not having a history of playing and practicing on the cross-ice, made instituting the program a test.

Our *Learn to Play* program kick-off weekend was held over the weekend (10th-11th March) with the U10 Jamboree on the Saturday at Newcastle Arena and leaders seminar on Sunday at Teeside University. The weekend was a great success with 136 youngsters and 27 leaders participating in the Jamboree.

Shortly afterwards the EIHA adopted the *Learn To Play* Program and incorporated it into both their Beginners Program and the U10 league. Seminars have been held all over the country during the summer to introduce the philosophies and principals of the *Learn To Play* Program to the clubs. This season, over 50 Jamborees have been

scheduled, in which over 700 players will participate. At the moment, 14 of the jamborees have successfully taken place.

ICE HOCKEY UK sees the *Learn To Play* Program as a way of increasing the number of players playing ice hockey in Great Britain, while offering a safe and positive learning environment.

■ Hockey Development Camps

The Hockey Development Camps fit perfectly into Great Britain's (England/Scotland) program and has become the main vehicle for developing all aspects of our elite ice hockey in Great Britain.



Hockey Jamboree: British youngsters embrace the *Learn to Play* program

Number one goal: build foundation for future national teams

The number one goal for participation in the Hockey Development Camps has been to build the foundation for future national teams participating at the IIHF World Championships at Senior, U20, U18 and Women's levels. We also intend to establish U17 and U16 Great Britain teams that will compete internationally.

To achieve these goals there has been a conscious decision to ensure that different players and management staffs are sent to each camp during a season. This ensures that 34 players and eight staff members at each age level will be exposed to and experience hockey in an international environment.

We are already seeing the benefits of our involvement in the Hockey Development Camps. We have seen many of the players, as well as two coaches, a manager and equipment manager, be promoted to one of our world championship teams.

ICE HOCKEY UK

France benefits from special programs to catch up with the elite

With 18,000 registered players, Ice Hockey is an important part of the French Ice Sports Federation. The French Federation is one of the nations who founded the IIHF in 1908 but is still a developing country. With the help of IIHF, different education programs have been carried out by our staff, especially towards young hockey players.

FRANCE

The *Learn To Play* program and the new system to play the games has been included in our by-laws as it is now compulsory for the clubs to follow it. The parents brochure has been translated to French and will be distributed all over the country and its hockey regions. A complete program of seminars will start in the different regions next month with coaches, leaders and administrators. On that occasion they

will receive the binders and all the promotional material made by IIHF.

The IIHF development camps for the U16 and U17 links directly to our national selection and development program. After the regional selections for the U15 the players are called to camps and regional tournaments to be selected for the

IIHF events which they appreciate very much. They are all eager to participate in the new concept for the sport sides as well as the social sides.

■ For the first time, the National Association of Belarus in collaboration with the IIHF "Partnership for Progress" is organising a coaching seminar in Minsk, later this spring. More in the next *IIHF News Release*.

IIHF International Coaching Symposium in Gothenburg - for top level coaches

The International Ice Hockey Federation continues its tradition of organizing the International Coaching Symposium during the IIHF World Championship. For the first time, this Symposium is designed for top-level coaches.

All coaches are going to be actively integrated and



involved in this event. The interactive and dynamic program will be a personal enrichment for each coach. Top-level presenters will discuss topics to share knowledge on an international level.

This upcoming Symposium will be an excellent opportunity to meet international coaches and to share your views in a social and relaxed environment. Learn about what is going on elsewhere. Experience how different



Building for the future: IIHF Special Projects co-ordinator Magnus Eriksson (front row, left) together with officials from the French Ice Hockey Federation.

approaches lead to new solutions. Dynamic, international personalities will share insight and visions.

For more detail information please follow the IIHF Home page where you could find the latest news.

We from the IIHF and the organising committee in Gothenburg are looking forward to see you at the 2002 Coaching Symposium from May 3 to 5, 2002.

Hockey Night in M

74,554 college fans set new world attendance re

When the happening was announced on June 18, many considered it either as a joke or a simple publicity stunt. A regular season game in a college hockey league in a football stadium in front of some 70,000 fans?

Only in America...

But on October 6, 2001 the unbelievable became something for the record books of ice hockey. US-college rivals Michigan State Spartans and University of Michigan Wolverines played their CCHA season opener at Spartans (Football) Stadium on in front of a sellout crowd of 74,554 fans. It was the biggest crowd to ever see an ice hockey game.

The old record was an estimated crowd of 55,000 spectators at the 1957 IIHF World Championship in Moscow's Lenin Stadium, where the Soviet Union played Sweden to a 4-4 draw on March 5, 1957.

That score was enough for Sweden to win the World Championship.

The game at East Lansing was not about any World Championship medals. It was a matter demonstrating the strength of college sports and college hockey in particular where the world attendance record attempt was more important than the score.

There was, of course, some hockey played too. No. 1 ranked Michigan State University tied No. 4 ranked University of Michigan 3-3 with MSU's Jim Slater netting the equalizer with 47 seconds remaining. Wolverines' Canadian forward, Mike Cammalleri, was the star of the historic game recording two goals and one assist.

The Michigan State Spartans (East Lansing) vs Michigan Wolverines (Ann Arbor) rivalry is one of the oldest in the game of hockey. The first-ever match up between the schools took place on January 11, 1922. The game at Spartans Stadium was the 238th hockey meeting between the universities.

"This could be a breakthrough game for the sport of ice hockey", said Wolverines' coach Red Berenson, who played out-door hockey with Team Canada when they were touring Europe in the late 50s. "But it's also a throwback game for the older people in the crowd, it is good for the young guys to experience playing outdoors. This was the best of everything."

Red Berenson led Canada to the 1959 IIHF World Championship gold where he also won the tournament in scoring.

"I think it's the coolest thing I've ever seen," said Carrie Bochenek, a Michigan State student who was selling programs in the stands. "I thought I wouldn't be able to see, but it was awesome."

NHL-legend Gordie Howe dropped the ceremonial puck prior to the official opening face-off.

Michigan State spent about \$600,000 on the event.

Michigan State - U. of Michigan 3-3 (1-1, 1-0, 1-2)

First period: 1-0 (3:25 pp) Adam Hall (Slater, Goodenow), 1-1 (17:13) Jason Ryznar (Cammalleri).

Second period: 1-2 (3:08) Mike Cammalleri.

Third period: 2-2 (5:43 pp) Duncan Keith (Fast, Miller). 2-3 (11:13) Mike Cammalleri (Ryznar, Vancik). 3-3 (19:13) Jim Slater (Hall, Fast).

Shots on goal: MSU 24, UoM 22.

Referee: Steve Piotrowski.

Attendance: 74,554.



A night to remember: Michigan State Spartans and University of Michigan Wolverines smash a 41-year old atten

Michigan

Record for ice hockey

Photos: DAVE SANDFORD, Hockey Hall of Fame



Attendance record for ice hockey on October 6, 2001 when teams skated to 3-3 tie in front of 75,554 fans.

IIHF News & Appointments

Karin Hörhager

is the newest member of the IIHF Sport Department. Working part time with the IIHF, Karin is responsible for international player transfers. At twenty-five years of age, Karin studies



Geography and Economics at the university of Zurich when not at the IIHF.

A resident of Wettingen, Switzerland, she is an avid hockey fan and attends games when ever possible. Karin is an active sports enthusiast who plays tennis and floorball in her spare time.

Karin joined the IIHF on September 1, 2001.



Magnus Eriksson, Special Projects coordinator at the IIHF Sports Department, has this mobile phone number: +41.79.543 85 59

OBITUARIES

Brian Sproxtan died at the age of 44 on Monday, August 20, 2001. Sproxtan started his career in the Canadian junior leagues and was drafted by the New York Islanders before moving to Holland where Groningen became his first team there. He also spent time at Leeuwarden, Utrecht, Valkenburg, Geleen, The Hague, Amsterdam and Rotterdam, the latter in coaching capacity. In total he scored over one thousand points in the Dutch leagues, including 446 goals. In his 36 international matches Sproxtan had 64 points. Last season he was back in Canada working for a minor bantam A team in the Newmarket Hockey League. Sproxtan suffered from liver disease.

Carl Brewer died at the age of 62 on Saturday, August 25, 2001. Brewer was part of three Toronto Maple Leafs' Stanley Cup teams in the 60s and an all-star defenseman from 1957 to 1965. He represented Canada in the 1967 IIHF World Championship in Vienna and also helped IFK Helsinki to a Finnish championship in 1969. Brewer was Finland's assistant coach at the first Canada Cup 1976. He made a remarkable comeback with the Leafs 1979-80 and played 20 games at the age of 41.

Billy Harris died at the age 66 on Thursday, September 20, 2001. Harris was a forward on the Toronto Maple Leafs' teams which won the Stanley Cup 1962, 1963 and 1964. After stints with Detroit, Oakland and Pittsburgh, Harris was hired by the Swedish Ice Hockey Association 1972 as coach of the national team. He coached Tre Kronor at the 1972 Sapporo Olympics and at the IIHF World Championship in Prague later that spring.

Shawn Walsh died at the age of 46 on Monday, September 24, 2001. Walsh was a highly successful college coach at the University of Maine where he coached and developed world class players like Paul Kariya, Mike Dunham, Eric Weinrich and Garth Snow. His NCAA championship team of 1993, which won 42 out of 45 games that season, is considered as one of the most successful US college hockey history.

National federations news

BELARUS

Vladimir Krikounov has been appointed as the new national team coach of Belarus. Born April 23, 1950, Vladimir is a graduate of Kirovo-chepetsk hockey (coach-Nikolai Poliakov), a former defenseman and a degree as Master of Sport.

Krikounov has played for Olympia Kirovo-chepetsk (1966-72), Kristall Saratov (1972-75), Soviet Wings Moscow (1976), Dynamo Riga (1976-82), Dynamo Minsk (1982-84, scored 26 goals), National "A" (1976, 1979) and "B" (1974-76) USSR teams.

In the USSR Super League Championship Krikounov played 302 games scoring 78 points (35+43) and 15 games for the USSR National team. Bronze medallist at the Canada Cup (1976). He coached Spartak Ekaterinburg (1996-97) and Dynamo-Energia Ekaterinburg (1997-99), Ak Bars Kazan (from June 1999 to October 2001). Won silver with Ak Bars in the Russian Super League (2000), worked as assistant coach of the National Team of Russia during Baltica Cup (2000), Sweden Hockey Games (2001) and the 2001 IIHF World Championship in Germany.

CANADA

Mike Pelino has been named head coach of Canada's first entry to the 2002 IIHF World U18 Championship in Slovakia 11 - 21 April.

Pelino, 41, who will be video coach for the Canadian men's Olympic team at Salt Lake City, has been with the Canadian Hockey Association as the general manager-assistant coach of the national men's team since August 1999.

"It's a great move on Canada's part to enter a team in the under-18 IIHF championship," Pelino says after his appointment. "We've got lots of young players developing in the minor-hockey systems and the junior leagues."

He was head coach of Canada's under-18 team in 1996, winning a gold medal at the Pacific Cup, and an assistant coach with the 1997 national junior team that won the gold medal at the IIHF World U20 Championship. Canada will be participating in the World U18 Championship for the first time.

"Some of the best players will be involved in their club team playoffs, but we'll still be able to put together a good team."

"The trend from a philosophical standpoint is that we're really stressing skill development and creativity, just letting the players enjoy what the game of hockey is all about," he said.

"Our teams will be entertaining and offence-minded."

■ The CHA has also revealed the logo (right) for the 2003 IIHF World U20 Championship in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

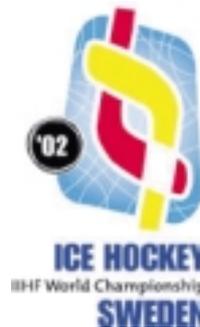


Pelino: Great move for Canada



SWEDEN

The Swedish Ice Hockey Association opened the 2002 IIHF World Championship office on October 8. The address is: VM-kansliet Svenska Ishockeyförbundet Box 5204 121 16 Johanneshov **Kicki Alfredsson** is in charge of the office and



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The webpage of the 2002 World Championship:

www.swehockey.se/vm2002/

CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Ice Hockey Association has launched a website for the 2002 IIHF World U20 Championship:

www.iihfworlds20-2002.cz

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Jindrich Micka is the General Secretary of the Organizing Committee while **Michaela Drobna** is in charge of Media & Public Relations.

The Czech Ice Hockey Association has a new fax number: + 420.2.3333 60 96

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ESTONIA

As of September 14, 2001 the official name is Estonian Ice Hockey Association and this is the new board:

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15 youth hockey programs worldwide get A.S.S.I.S.T from NHL

From Brooklyn, New York to Healy, Alaska, and from Canada to New Zealand, hockey programs worldwide are celebrating today after sharing the National Hockey League's \$100,000 in NHL A.S.S.I.S.T. grants.

NHL A.S.S.I.S.T. - in cooperation with the IIHF - has awarded grants of up to \$10,000 to each of 15 youth hockey programs. The monies may be used by these programs toward the costs of equipment, ice time and travel to competitions. While NHL A.S.S.I.S.T. grants were designed to offset costs related to the game of hockey, the impact on the programs goes beyond financial assistance. The grants provide a vehicle for coaches to continue teaching youngsters about the core values of ice hockey: camaraderie, discipline, dedication and sportsmanship.

Since NHL A.S.S.I.S.T. was established in 1997, 62 youth hockey programs from around the globe have received a total of \$500,000 USD in financial support. Programs that have benefited from NHL A.S.S.I.S.T. grants in the past provide evidence of hockey's international scope, hailing from countries such as China, Mongolia, Slovakia, Russia, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Romania, South Africa, Ukraine and New Zealand, among others.

The 2001 NHL A.S.S.I.S.T. grant recipients are:

Kuujjaraapik-Whapmagoostui Minor Hockey Association, Kuujjaraapik, Quebec, Canada

Bridgetown Regional Minor Hockey Association, Middleton, Nova Scotia, Canada

Burnett Youth Hockey Association, Siren, Wisconsin, United States

Dunedin Ice Hockey, Dunedin, New Zealand

Healy Hockey Association, Healy, Alaska, United States

Laramie Amateur Hockey Club, Laramie, Wyoming, United States

Magrath & District Minor Hockey Association, Magrath, Alberta, Canada

Minot Hockey Boosters, Inc. Minot, North Dakota, United States

Pro Hochei Domino, Miercurea Ciuc, Romania

Southern Aroostook Minor Hockey Association, Houton, Maine, United States

Specialized Children Youth Sport School of Olympic Reserve, Kyiv, Ukraine

The Greater New York City Ice Hockey League, Brooklyn, NY, United States

Trepassey Area Minor Hockey Association, Trepassey, Newfoundland, Canada

Twig Amateur Hockey Association, Saginaw, Minnesota, US

White River Minor Hockey Association, White River, Ontario, Canada

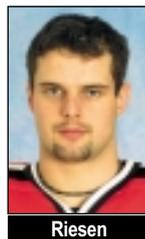
NHL A.S.S.I.S.T. recipients were selected by a seven-person committee that awarded monies based on a program's needs and its players' community service. Special consideration was given to organizations that welcome the participation of girls, the economically disadvantaged and the physically challenged.

Members of the NHL A.S.S.I.S.T. Committee include **Pat LaFontaine**, five-time NHL All-Star and former NY Islander, Buffalo Sabre and NY Ranger and **Bryan Berard**, former Olympian (1998), NY Islander, Toronto Maple Leaf and Calder Trophy winner as Rookie of the Year in 1997. Also on the committee are **Bernadette Mansur**, Group Vice President, Communications, NHL; **Johnny Misley**, Director of Development, Canadian Hockey Association; **Bob Naegele III**, Chariman, Athletica; **Rae Briggie**, Director, Member Services, USA Hockey; and **Dave Fitzpatrick**, Assistant General Secretary & Sport Director, International Ice Hockey Federation.

■ United States beat Canada 4-1 on October 23 sweeping a two-game series between the powers of international women's hockey. The United States, which also beat Canada 4-1 in Utah three days earlier, was clearly the superior team in an easy victory before a sparse but enthusiastic crowd at San Jose's Compaq Center. Canada won three games against Sweden by a combined 27-0 score before losing twice to its archrival. Goalie Sami Jo Small got little help from her defence while stopping 25 shots. The Americans won the first gold medal in the sport by beating Canada in the 1998 Nagano Olympics, but Canada has won all seven IIHF World Women Championships.

Dump & Chase from the World of Hockey

■ RETURN TICKET: In the last edition of the IIHF News Release we listed more than 70 players who left European leagues to play in the NHL. But as the season got under way, there were several returnees

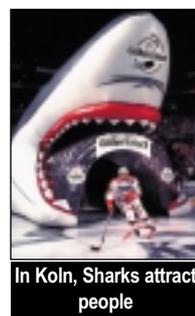


Riesen

from NHL back to Europe. Among the most notable: **Andrei Kovalenko** (RUS) left the Boston Bruins for Lokomotiv Yaroslavl of the Russian Hockey League, **Pavel Patera** (CZE) left the Minnesota Wild to play for Avangard Omsk (RHL), **Jan Benda** (GER) did not break the Edmonton Oilers line-up and returned to Ak Bars Kazan (RHL), the same team that left him behind at a Swedish airport in August. Swiss NLA club HC Davos picked up both Swiss national team players **Reto von Arx** (Chicago) and **Michel Riesen** (St. Louis) while **Nils Ekman** (SWE) did not see any chance to crack the New York Rangers lineup and opted for Swedish champion Djurgarden. In Czech Republic, Sparta Prague were happy to sign **Frantisek Kucera**, who negotiated a release from Washington. Sodertalje SK, who returned to the Swedish Elite League from Division I, got both **Peter Popovic** (SWE) from Boston and Finnish national team stalwart **Juha Lind** (from Montreal).



Lind



In Koln, Sharks attract people

□□ HOCKEY HOTBEDS: Kolner Haie (Sharks) of the German Hockey League (DEL) and SC Bern of the Swiss NLA remain the teams with the best crowds in Europe. Koln had 18,410 fans against Munchen Barons on September 7 (3-0, Munchen) while Bern were supported by 15,360 against traditional rival Fribourg/Gotteron on October 15 (4-2, Bern). In September, Koln also had 17,654 fans vs Dusseldorf (3-1, Koln) and 15,091 against Frankfurt (4-1, Koln).

■ WINTER OLYMPICS IN JULY OR

AUGUST? According to the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Blackhawks' **Bill Wirtz** is the only

NHL owner who voted against the NHL's participation in the 1998 and the 2002 Olympics.

"I don't mind playing the Olympics, but I resent interrupting the season", Wirtz told the paper. "Season ticket holders don't want to see hockey in June. They want to see it in February."

Wirtz didn't say when he would like to have the Olympics being played, before or after the NHL season.

By the way, Wirtz doesn't need to worry about the Chicago fans not wanting to see hockey in June. His Blackhawks have not seen post-season for the last four years. For this season, Chicago has sold fewer than 5,000 season tickets in the 20,500 seat United Center. As for the Stanley Cup - it has eluded the Windy City since 1961. So, maybe the Olympics is not the problem after all.

□□ 41 AND STILL GOING STRONG. According to reports,

Vyacheslav Fetisov, GM and head coach of Russia's Olympic team, wants to invite old teammate **Igor Larionov** to the Olympics in Salt Lake City. Larionov won Olympic gold in 1984 and 1988 and he could have a shot at joining the exclusive group of six players who have won three Olympic hockey golds.



Bad ranking

■ NOT FUN FOR PETERI. The Swiss tabloid BLICK ranked all 36 foreigners in the Swiss NLA league as of October 22. 28-year old Canadian defenseman **Mike Gaul** (Fribourg/Gotteron), with only three NHL games during his career, was a surprise pick as the number one foreigner. The last man on the list was Lugano's defenseman **Petteri Nummelin**. The captain of Team Finland in the last IIHF World Championship is, so far, a huge bust according to BLICK's hockey expert Klaus Zaugg.

□□ NOT FUN FOR ALEXEI EITHER. The Hockey News, the best known hockey publication in the world, did some ranking of their own the other week.

Russia's and New York Islanders center **Alexei Yashin** was selected as the Most Selfish player in the NHL. THN adds: "Lord knows Yashin got his reputation the old fashioned way: He earned it." USA's and St. Louis' left wing **Keith Tkachuk** was the Most Overrated, while Sweden's and Detroit's **Nicklas Lidstrom** was the Most Relaxed.



Selfish?

IIHF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP		
2002	SWEDEN, Gothenburg, Karlstad & Jonkoping	26.04 - 11.05.02
2003	FINLAND, Helsinki, Tampere & Turku	26.04 - 11.05.03
2004	CZECH REPUBLIC, Prague & Ostrava	24.04 - 09.05.04
2005	AUSTRIA, Vienna & Innsbruck	TBA
2006	LATVIA	TBA

IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I, GROUP A		
2002	NETHERLANDS, Eindhoven	14-20.04.02

IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I, GROUP B		
2002	HUNGARY, Szekesfehervar & Dunaujvaros	14-20.04.02

IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II, GROUP A		
2002	SOUTH AFRICA, Cape Town	31.03-06.04.02

IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II, GROUP B		
2002	YUGOSLAVIA, Novi Sad	25-31.03.02

IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - FAR EAST QUALIFICATION		
2002	CHINA, Harbin	15-17.10.01

IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II QUALIFICATION		
2002	MEXICO, Mexico City	04-06.04.02

IIHF WORLD WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP		
2003	CHINA, Beijing	01-07.04.03
2004	APPLICANTS: CAN	

IIHF WORLD WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I		
2003	TBA	

IIHF WORLD WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I QUALIFICATION, GROUP A		
2003	TBA	

IIHF WORLD WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I QUALIFICATION, GROUP B		
2003	TBA	

IIHF WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP		
2002	CZECH R, Pardubice, Hradec Králové	25.12.01-04.01.02
2003	CANADA, Halifax, Sydney	26.12.02-06.01.03
2004	APPLICANTS: FIN, SVK	

IIHF WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I		
2002	AUSTRIA, Kapfenberg & Zeltweg	09-15.12.01

IIHF WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II		
2002	CROATIA, Zagreb	30.12.01-03.01.02

IIHF WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III		
2002	YUGOSLAVIA, Belgrade	05-09.01.02

IIHF WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP		
2002	SLOVAKIA, Piestany & Trnava	11-21.04.02
2003	APPLICANTS: RUS	
2005	APPLICANTS: CZE	

IIHF WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I		
2002	SLOVENIA, Bled & Ljubljana	23-29.03.02

IIHF WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II		
2002	FRANCE, Briançon	22-29.03.02

IIHF WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III		
2002	LITHUANIA, Kaunas & Elektrenai	05-09.03.02

IIHF ASIAN OCEANIA U18 CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I		
2002	NEW ZEALAND, Auckland	10-15.03.02

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

2002	USA, Salt Lake City	08-24.02.02
2006	ITALY, Torino	TBA

IIHF IN-LINE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2001	USA, Ellenton, Florida	15-22.07.01
2002	GERMANY, Nuremberg & Pfaffenhofen	20-28.07.02

IIHF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

2001/2002 IIHF CONTINENTAL CUP		
First Round:		21-23.09.01
Second Round:		19-21.10.01
Third Round:		23-25.11.01
Final Round:		11-13.01.02

NATIONAL TEAM BREAKS

1st Weekend of September	27.08.-02.09.01
2nd Weekend of November	05-11.11.01
3rd Weekend of December	10-16.12.01
2nd Weekend of February	04-10.02.02

OTHER INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**IIHF WORLD WOMEN CHALLENGE TOURNAMENTS**

2002	GREAT BRITAIN	08-10.02.02
	NETHERLANDS, Tilberg	08-10.03.02

IIHF OLDTIMERS WORLD CUP

2002	FINLAND, Helsinki, Espoo & Vantaa	16-20.04.02
2003	POLAND, Krynica	TBA

WINTER UNIVERSIADE

2003	ITALY, Tarvisio	16-26.01.03
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ASIAN WINTER GAMES

2003	JAPAN, Aomori	01-08.02.03
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IIHF CONGRESSES**SEMI-ANNUAL CONGRESS**

2001	SWEDEN, Malmö	04-06.10.01
2002	ITALY, Sicily	12-14.09.02

ANNUAL CONGRESS

2002	SWEDEN, Gothenburg	08-11.05.02
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ANNUAL & GENERAL CONGRESS

2003	SPAIN, Marbella	01-08.06.03
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IIHF SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**GENERAL**

IIHF Referee Supervisors Seminar:		
AUSTRIA, Vienna		13-14.06.02

New Rules Seminar:

AUSTRIA, Vienna		15-16.06.02
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COACH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

National Association Instructors Seminar:		
CZECH REPUBLIC, Nymburk		01-07.07.01

IIHF International Coaching Symposium:

SWEDEN, Gothenburg		03-05.05.02
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MEDICAL PROGRAM

IIHF/FIFA/IOC International Symposium on Concussion in Sport:		
AUSTRIA, Vienna		02-03.11.01

National Association Chief Medical Officer Workshop:

AUSTRIA, Vienna		04.11.01
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GAME OFFICIAL'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

2002 Olympic Winter Games Preparation Camp:		
GERMANY, Fussen		14-16.09.01
CANADA, Toronto		07-10.12.01

National Association Instructors Seminar:

CZECH REPUBLIC, Nymburk		01-07.07.01
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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

IIHF Hockey Development Camp:		
CZECH REPUBLIC, Nymburk		01-07.07.01

Ice Hockey 2000, Under 17 Development Camps:

GERMANY, Fussen		31.10-04.11.01
FRANCE, Pralognan		31.10-04.11.01
NORWAY, Stavanger		06-10.02.02

Ice Hockey 2000, Under 16 Development Camps:

GREAT BRITAIN, Hull		31.10-04.11.01
AUSTRIA, Kapfenberg		31.10-04.11.01
GERMANY, Fussen		06-10.02.02
JAPAN		TBA

National Association Learn to Play Instructors Seminar:

TBA		June 2002
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2002 IIHF Asian Oceanic Regional Development Camp:

JAPAN, Karuizawa		20-26.07.02
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IIHF Continental Cup 2001/02

First round: September 21, 22, 23, 2001

□ Winner advances to second round.

Group A

Kazzinc Torpedo (KAZ)	3	3	0	0	45-2	6
Polis Akademisi (TUR)	3	2	0	1	9-23	4
Progym Apicom (ROM)	3	1	0	2	13-10	2
Partizan Belgrad (YUG)	3	0	0	3	3-45	0

Results: 21/9: Torpedo-Partizan 28-0, Polis A.-Progym 3-0. 22/9: Torpedo-Progym 6-1, Partizan-Polis A. 2-5. 23/9: Progym-Partizan 12-1, Polis A.-Torpedo 1-11.

■ All games at Izmit Olimpik, Turkey.

Group B

HC Minsk (BLR)	3	3	0	0	51-3	6
BB Ankara (TUR)	3	2	0	1	22-29	4
Slavia Sofia (BUL)	3	1	0	2	10-16	2
Maccabi Lod (ISR)	3	0	0	3	8-43	0

Results: 21/9: Minsk-Maccabi 25-1, Slavia Ankara 5-7. 22/9: Slavia-Maccabi 3-2, Ankara-Minsk 0-19. 23/9: Maccabi-BB Ankara 5-15, Minsk-Slavia 7-2.

■ All games at Slavia Arena, Sofia

Group C

Vojvodina N. S. (YUG)	3	2	0	1	11-12	4
Slavia Optima (SLO)	3	2	0	1	11-11	4
Medvescak Z (CRO)	3	1	0	2	12-11	2
Steaua Buc. (ROM)	3	1	0	2	9-9	2

Results: 21/9: Steaua-Vojvodina 5-0, Slavija-Zagreb 4-3. 22/9: Zagreb-Steaua 6-3, Vojvodina-Slavija 7-4. 23/9: Steaua-Slavija 1-3, Zagreb-Vojvodina 3-4.

■ All games at Mihai Flamaropol, Bucarest.

Group D

Acroni Jesenice (SLO)	3	3	0	0	15-5	6
Dunaferr (HUN)	3	2	0	1	11-5	4
Miercurea Ciuc (ROM)	3	1	0	2	9-13	2
KHNL Zagreb (CRO)	3	0	0	3	7-21	0

Results: 21/9: KHNL-Ciuc 5-6, Dunaferr-Jesenice 2-3. 22/9: Jesenice-KHNL 6-1, Ciuc-Dunaferr 1-2. 23/9: Ciuc-Jesenice 2-6, Dunaferr-KHNL 7-1.

■ All games at Dunajvarosi Jegcsarnok, Dunajvaros.

Group E

HC Rouen (FRA)	3	3	0	0	19-8	6
Nijmegen Tigers (NED)	3	2	0	1	16-9	4
Liepajas (LAT)	3	1	0	2	15-10	2
CG Puigcerda (ESP)	3	0	0	3	7-30	0

Results: 21/9: Rouen-Nijmegen 6-2, Metalurgs-Puigcerda 11-2. 22/9: Nijmegen-Metalurgs 4-2, Puigcerda-Rouen 4-9. 23/9: Puigcerda-Nijmegen 1-10, Rouen-Metalurgs 4-2.

■ All games at Lycee Sportif Font Romeu, Puigcerda.

Group F

Grenoble (FRA)	3	1	2	0	10-7	4
Rödovre (DEN)	3	1	0	2	11-6	4
Tilburg (NED)	3	1	0	2	11-7	4
CH Jaca (ESP)	3	0	0	3	4-16	0

Results: 21/9: Jaca-Rödovre 1-6, Tilburg-Grenoble 3-3. 22/9: Jaca-Tilburg 2-6, Rödovre-Grenoble 3-3.

23/9: Grenoble-Jaca 4-1, Tilburg-Rödovre 2-2.

■ All games at Ijssportcentrum Tilburg.

Second round: October 19, 20, 21, 2001

□ Winner advances to third round.

GROUP G

HC Milano (ITA)	3	2	1	0	10-7	5
Olimpija L. (SLO)	3	2	0	1	12-10	4
Torpedo (KAZ)	3	1	0	2	12-9	2
Klagenfurt (AUT)	3	0	1	2	10-18	1

Results: 19/10 Olimpija Ljubljana-Kazzinc Torpedo 5-2, HC Milano-Klagenfurt 4-4. 20/10 Klagenfurt-Olimpija 5-6, Kazzinc Torpedo-Milano 2-3. 21/10 Kazzinc Torpedo-Klagenfurt 8-1, Milano-Olimpija 3-1.

■ All games at Milano, Italy.

GROUP H

HC Minsk (BLR)	3	2	1	0	10-7	5
Sokol Kiev (UKR)	3	2	0	1	13-6	4
Alba Volan (HUN)	3	1	1	1	7-10	3
Neman Grodno (BLR)	3	0	0	3	3-10	0

Results: 19/10 HC Minsk-Sokol Kiev 5-3, Alba Volan-Neman Grodno 3-2. 20/10 Sokol Kiev-Neman Grodno 5-0, Minsk-Alba Volan 3-3. 21/10 Alba

Volan-Sokol Kiev 1-5, Neman Grodno-Minsk 1-2.

■ All games at Alba Volan, Hungary.

GROUP J

U. Oswiecim (POL)	2	2	0	0	8-1	4
HC Senators (CZE)	2	1	0	1	11-5	2
Energija Elektrenai (LTU)	2	0	0	2	2-15	0
Vojvodina (YUG)	Not qualified					

Results: 19/10 HC Senators-Vojvodina 12-0* Elektrenai-U. Oswiecim 1-4. 20/10 Elektrenai-Senators 1-11, U. Oswiecim-Vojvodina 12-4*. 21/10 Vojvodina-Elektrenai 9-9*, U. Oswiecim-Senators 4-0.

■ All games at Oswiecim, Poland.

* Vojvodina's games not counted in final standing.

Team entered tournament with less players than the required minimum.

GROUP K

HC Prostejov (CZE)	3	2	1	0	10-7	5
GKS Katowice (POL)	3	2	0	1	11-6	4
Acroni Jesenice (SLO)	3	1	1	1	6-10	3
Berkut Kiev (UKR)	3	0	0	3	6-10	0

Results: 19/10 Berkut Kiev-GKS Katowice 2-4, HC Prostejov-Acroni Jesenice 3-3. 20/10 Katowice-Jesenice 1-0*, Berkut Kiev-Prostejov 2-3. 21/10 Jesenice-Berkut Kiev 3-2, Prostejov-Katowice 4-2.

■ All games at Prostejov, Czech Republic.

* Game forfeited (5-0) after first period due to abuse of officials by the Acroni Jesenice coaches.

GROUP L

Jukurit Mikkeli (FIN)	3	2	0	1	10-5	4
Storhamar (NOR)	3	2	0	1	12-9	4
HC Riga 2000 (LAT)	3	2	0	1	16-11	4
HC Rouen (FRA)	3	0	0	3	6-19	0

Results: 19/10 Storhamar-Rouen 5-2, Riga 2000-Jukurit Mikkeli 3-2, 20/10 Riga 2000-Storhamar Dragons 2-6, Jukurit-Rouen 3-1. 21/10 Rouen-Riga 2000 3-11, Jukurit-Storhamar 5-1.

■ All games at Mikkeli, Finland.

GROUP M

Anglet Hormadi (FRA)	3	3	0	0	13-8	6
Sheffield Steelers (GBR)	3	2	0	1	12-8	4
Herning Blue Fox (DEN)	3	1	0	2	13-13	2
Grenoble (FRA)	3	0	0	3	7-16	0

Results: 19/10: Sheffield-Herning 5-3, Grenoble-Anglet 2-5. 20/10: Grenoble-Sheffield 1-4, Anglet-Herning 4-3. 21/10: Herning-Grenoble 7-4, Anglet-Sheffield 4-3.

■ All games at Anglet, France.

Third round: November 23, 24, 25, 2001

Group N

HC Asiago	ITA
HC Lugano	SUI
HC Milano	ITA
HC Minsk	BLR
At Asiago	

Group O

HKM Zvolen	SVK
ERC Ingolstadt	GER
Unia Oswiecim	POL
HC Prostejov	CZE
At Zvolen	

Group P

Valerenga Oslo	NOR
London Knights	GBR
Jukurit Mikkeli	FIN
Anglet Hormadi	FRA
At Oslo	

□ Winner advances to Final Round with defending champion Zurich Lions at Hallenstadion, Zurich, January 11 - 13, 2002.

IIHF Far East Qualifier**Final standing:**

Japan	2	1	1	0	4-2	3
Korea	2	0	2	0	1-1	2
China	2	0	1	1	1-3	1
15/10 Japan - Korea	1-1					
16/10 China - Japan	1-3					
17/10 Korea - China	0-0					

□ Japan qualifies for the 2002 IIHF World Championship in Sweden. Will play in Group A with Czech Republic, Germany and Switzerland.

Ceska Pojistovna Cup 2001

September 6-9

Czech Rep-Russia	4-5 (1-1, 1-1, 2-2, 0-0, 0-1)
Finland-Sweden	4-2 (0-1, 0-0, 4-1)
Finland-Russia	2-1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
Sweden-Czech Rep	3-1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
Russia-Sweden	4-3 (0-0, 1-1, 2-2, 0-0, 1-0)
Czech Rep-Finland	0-3 (0-2, 0-0, 0-1)

Final standing

1. Finland	3	3	0	0	9-3	9
2. Russia	3	0	2	1	10-9	4
3. Sweden	3	1	1	1	8-9	4
4. Czech Republic	3	0	1	2	5-11	1

Directorate awards:

Best goalkeeper: Maxim Sokolov, Russia

Best defenceman: Tomas Kaberle, Czech Republic

Best forward: Mika Alatalo, Finland

Media All Star Team

Goalkeeper: Fredrik Norrena, Finland

Defenceman: Tom Koivisto, Finland

Defenceman: Tomas Kaberle, Czech Republic

Forward: Daniel Alfredsson, Sweden

Forward: Petri Pakaslahti, Finland

Forward: Dmitrij Zatonskij, Russia

U20 Five Nations Tournament

Czech Republic: Prostejov, Olomouc

September 3-8

Czech Rep-Russia	4-6 (1-4, 1-0, 2-2)
Sweden-Finland	1-0 (0-0, 1-0, 0-0)
Slovakia-Czech Rep	0-6 (0-3, 0-3, 0-0)
Russia-Sweden	5-4 (3-1, 0-1, 2-2)
Sweden-Slovakia	7-2 (1-0, 4-1, 2-1)
Finland-Russia	5-4 (2-1, 0-1, 3-2)
Slovakia-Finland	4-7 (1-3, 1-1, 2-3)
Czech Rep-Sweden	7-3 (4-0, 1-1, 2-2)
Russia-Slovakia	7-0 (2-0, 3-0, 2-0)
Finland-Czech Rep	4-0 (1-0, 1-0, 2-0)

Final Standing:

1. Finland	4	3	0	1	16-9	6
2. Russia	4	3	0	1	22-13	6
3. Czech Rep	4	2	0	2	17-13	4
4. Sweden	4	2	0	2	15-14	4
5. Slovakia	4	0	0	4	6-27	0

HOCKEY SHORTS

■ The Newcastle Jesters franchise of the British Sekonda Superleague could not be saved. The league announced on October 24 that the franchise had been withdrawn from the owners and all league fixtures involving the Jesters have been expunged. Newcastle did never start the 2001-2002 campaign due to the non-payment of hockey related debts. The main debts are to last season's players and to other hockey creditors. The Sekonda Superleague will continue operating with seven clubs.

■ The Gold Medal game and the Semi-finals at the 2002 IIHF World Championship in Sweden are already sold out. According to the Swedish Ice Hockey Federation, 170,000 tickets have been sold for the championship.

■ USA Hockey executive director Doug Palazzari confirmed that Team USA wouldn't be making the trip to Finland for the Women's Four Nation's tournament Nov. 3-10 because of the events of Sept. 11. The U18 Boys' team also won't be making the trip to Finland for their 3-nation's tournament. Palazzari said the cancellation was made because the organization had concern about getting players home should there be further trouble around the world.

■ On October 25, the Colorado Avalanche posted their 300th consecutive home sellout when they played Vancouver (4-1). It is the longest current streak in the NHL.

Brooks hopes he has some 1980 magic left

By Szymon Szemberg, IIHF

He was virtually an unknown 42-year old university coach in 1980 when he led a bunch of unassuming college kids to Olympic hockey gold, arguably the biggest upset in international hockey history. Now, 22 years later hockey fans in the US don't expect another "Miracle on Ice".

They simply expect gold.

Can Herb Brooks deliver again?



■ Everyone who likes hockey and is old enough, remembers the scenes from the Olympic Fieldhouse arena of February 22, 1980. First Mike Eruzione's unbelievable goal with exactly ten minutes remaining, the Soviets bombarding the American net for the rest of game and, finally, the whole arena exploding in an orgy of joy.

The "invincible" Soviets, winners of the four last Olympics, perennial IIHF World Champions, the same team that beat the NHL All Stars 6-0 in New York one year earlier and virtually the same line-up that would demolish Team Canada 8-1 in the Canada Cup final one year later. Now beaten, 4-3. By a college team wearing USA jerseys.



Huge upset: Team USA players go wild at Lake Placid at the final horn of the game against the Soviet Union. 4-3 for the US was Herb Brooks' biggest moment.

Exactly four months before the men's Olympic hockey final will be played at Salt Lake City's E-Center on February 24, 2002, the IIHF called the "Miracle Man" to check out things.

■ Didn't you think twice when you were offered the job, with the unavoidable pressure of repeating 1980?

- There were several people telling me "you are crazy to take it" or "geez, why would you do it now, you have won gold already, this can only diminish the memories" and things like that. But no, once US Hockey presented their stuff and asked me to be the head coach I did not hesitate. I am very dedicated to the American hockey movement and I was honoured.

- Another big difference is that the Soviet Union, the best hockey team ever, is no longer around. There is no pressure to beat them anymore.

■ Back in Lake Placid you coached amateur kids, now you will deal with seasoned pros and multi-millionaires. How will your coaching methods differ?

- The whole experience at Lake Placid was about teaching young players the game. We had long preparation time and we could practise fundamentals. Now, we have no time to practise and the whole challenge is to cope with lack of preparation and to create an environment where the players have fun. What all hockey players have in common, college kids or pros, is that they carry a little boy inside of them. My job will be to bring out that little boy out of them.

- I like to think that I will be able to create that camaraderie and togetherness.

■ Not many coaches who coached at top international level in 1980 are still doing it today. How have you managed

to stay on top of things when hockey has changed so much over the years?

- I have always advocated the hybrid philosophy - to blend the best from North American hockey with the best from the European game. Remember that in 1980 we threw their own game right at the Russians, Finns, Swedes and the Czechs. They are doing today what I already believed in the 80s. So I think that I am still on top of things.



Mr Magic: Wants to repeat feat.

■ There is a general feeling in the hockey world that American hockey has stagnated after the victory in the 1996

World Cup. The players who were the core six year ago are still the go-to-guys today, but older and slower. What is your feeling about that?

- I would say that the team of 1996 had their peak in Nagano in 1998. And I agree that we should have had a new wave after that, but haven't. We are trying to broaden the base of our talent pool and to develop young talent... yes, it does concern me and it does concern US Hockey.

■ The men's final is on February 24. Which teams will be on ice?

- Oh, that's tough. Any two of the top six ranked teams are able to reach the final and I would also add Slovakia to that group. Russia have been great underachievers in international hockey for the last years but they have great, great talent and Fetisov is the guy who can bring them together. I say, watch out for the Russians.

■ So what you are saying is that there will be almost like Lake Placid, USA vs Russia?

- No, I did not say that. Goal will be a key position in a short tournament and in that case you have to go with the Czechs, them having Hasek. Canada has four-five great goalies led by Patrick Roy. Czechs and Canada is a likely pairing in the final if you think that a hot goalie can do the job all the way. I suspect that the Russians are not that strong in goal.

■ Well, if your team makes the final, who do you see being your Mike Eruzione in 2002?

(Laughter) - Eruzione was our leader in Lake Placid, the guy we'd rally around. I think defensemen Chris Chelios will be our leader in Salt Lake. But I don't expect him to score the winning goal.

THE GAME

February 22, 1980

at the Olympic Fieldhouse, Lake Placid.

USA-Soviet Union 4-3 (2-2, 0-1, 2-0)

First Period: 0-1 (09:12) Vladimir Krutov (A. Kasatonov), 1-1 (14:03) Buzz Schneider (M. Pavelich), 2-1 (17:34) Sergei Makarov (A. Golikov), 2-2 (19:59) Mark Johnson (D. Christian, D. Silk).

Second period: 2-3 (02:18) Aleksander Maltsev (V. Krutov).

Third period: 3-3 (08:39) Mark Johnson (D. Silk), 4-3 (10:00) Mike Eruzione (M. Pavelich, J. Harrington).

Shots on goal: USA: 16 (8-2-6), Soviet Union: 39 (18-12-9)

Referee: K-G Kaisla, FIN

NB: One of the myths surrounding the 4-3 victory, is that this was the gold medal winning game. But USA still had to beat Finland two days after the "Miracle on Ice". After trailing 2-1 after two periods, "Brook's Brigade" scored three unanswered goals and won the final game 4-2. In other games USA beat Czechoslovakia 7-3, Romania 7-2, Germany 4-2 and Norway 5-1. Sweden was the only team that managed a point vs USA, 3-3 in the opening game.