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## Karen Tulloss Sings Canes into the Playoffs!

Karen Tulloss has been the official National Anthem Singer for our Carolina Hurricanes since their second season in Raleigh. She grew up in Raleigh with her

parents, Bill and Eunice Tulloss, and younger sister, Leigh. She credits her family for their strong support throughout her singing career. Karen has also been known to sing at the occasional wedding and will be singing with a rock band this summer. Her favorite color is red and she will be celebrating her 26th birthday on July 27th of this year. *Hurricane Warning* had a chance to catch up with Ms. Tulloss during the extremely busy 2002 NHL Playoffs:

**HW:** How did you become the official performer for the Hurricanes?

**KAREN:** The Canes went through a fairly normal routine the first year here, inviting singers that had been in Greensboro, and accepting cassette tapes for those that wanted to give it a shot. I was extremely excited to be invited to the Canes/Stars game in November of 1999. It was the largest crowd I'd ever performed in front of and I was just getting over a sore throat. The cough drops must have worked because I sang four more times that season and got recommended to the

Carolina Cobras and Durham Bulls. That summer, (Bob) Becker (former Director of Canesvision) called me and said that other NHL teams had one anthem-

singer. Jim Rutherford had decided to do the same. They offered me the spot and here I am!

**HW:** How has the impact of September 11<sup>th</sup> affected your performance of the Star Spangled Banner? Was it difficult to get through it for the first time after the tragedy?

**KAREN:** I don't know how many people I've told that it is so amazing to hear the crowd sing along. I had some time before the season started to organize

myself for the first game, but it was still hard to hear all of the voices combining that night to sing, see our American Flag

waving on the ice, and know the emotions of everyone in that place were in every word. Lots of people know the Anthem, but to read the words, know what they mean, understand the events in which they were written and how those battles laid a foundation to everything we do in our daily lives as Americans is so important - if not before, then definitely now. Every time I sing, I listen to the words and know that I am fortunate enough to

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*Pictured, from L-R: Jessi, Greg, and Dorsey Miller pose with Karen Tulloss during the 2002 playoffs.*

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## President's Message / SUSAN STACY Hurricanes Have Successful Season!

What a phenomenal year the Carolina Hurricanes have had. We took the Eastern Conference Title as well as made it to the Final Round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. It has been one great ride. I am glad that I was fortunate to be part of all the recent excitement and part of the franchise history. I would like to first congratulate and thank each player as well as the organization on such a record breaking year. We have had the opportunity to share in many accomplishments of the team, as well as several that our very own Captain Ron Francis achieved. I would also like to give a special congratulations to Ron Francis as this years recipient of the Lady Byng trophy and the King Clancy Memorial Trophy. I believe the excitement that we all have shared has shown throughout our community and has shown in the support we continue to receive. We have definitely made a stand in the NHL this year.

This newsletter is the first of our 2002-2003 CHBC season. Don't forget to renew your membership!! The new membership form has been placed in your newsletter this month for easier renewal.

Our next general membership meeting will be held Saturday, July 13th from 12-2 at Playmaker's in Raleigh. We will have our first meeting since the elections with our new board members. We will also be having a "memorabilia swap" concluding the membership meeting and presentation of Member Rewards. Please see the article from Lisa Wall with more details!

I am proud to announce that this year we raised \$1878.71 for the Kids 'N Community Foundation through our raffles and the Fan Favorite of the Year Award. I would like to thank all of our members that helped contribute to this great cause. We will also be sponsoring several under privileged kids to attend the Kids Hockey Camp that the Hurricanes have this year. We are currently in the planning stages of the 3rd Annual CHBC Picnic. Our tentative date is August 24, 2002. Mark your calendars and watch your newsletter and emails for more information. We are still determining the site.

The CHBC has several committees that will need assistance this year. If you are interested in helping with one of the committees or possibly chairing one of our open committees, please do not hesitate to contact me! We will be determining over the off-season, which committees are in need of assistance.

I hope each of you are enjoying your summer and thank goodness we only have a short break before next season begins. Watch your emails throughout the summer for our summer activities. I hope to see each of you on the 13th!!

*Susan*

## Monthly Booster Club Meetings

**UPCOMING MEETING:**  
**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002**  
**Playmaker's in Raleigh**

Watch future newsletters and your e-mail for details.

# Congratulations 2002 Eastern Conference Champs!

## **Toast to the Winners**

Congratulations to the 2001-02 Carolina Hurricanes for bringing the Finals to Raleigh.

In my last article, I advised everyone to enjoy this year's playoff ride. Little did I know that we would still be playing hockey in June! How cool was it to come within three wins of the Stanley Cup! A chance to play for the Cup in the Finals does not happen very often. Failure is not a word that should enter our minds as we look back on this great season. Last year, the Canes went down swinging in a six-game series against New Jersey. Not only did the Canes build from that famous ovation from last season, they carried that winning momentum into the Stanley Cup Finals for the first time in franchise history! The Canes shocked the world by beating the unbeatable Red Wings in Game 1 and continued to be competitive in their five-game series loss to Detroit. Being a Canes fan just got even better.

## **Congratulations Scotty!**

Congrats to the Detroit Red Wings and especially Coach Scotty Bowman on their Stanley Cup win in 2002. While it was heartbreaking to watch them defeat our Canes, we must give the Wings due credit for their accomplishments this season. Coach Scotty Bowman won his record 9<sup>th</sup> Stanley Cup as a head coach. We hope Red Wings players, fans, and Mr. Bowman will enjoy this year's championship back in Detroit.

## **All Aboard**

For a team that struggled to find its fan base just three short seasons ago, the Hurricanes won a new breed of fans with their amazing run this season. I would love to tell these folks, "Where have ya been?" But I take great pride as a fan and booster

in welcoming all the new Caniacs into our great circle of fans.

The best part of these playoffs has been watching the fan base come full circle. From our days in Greensboro to today, the new fans have had a taste of great playoff hockey and the glory that comes with winning the Stanley Cup. Hockey will survive and thrive in the Triangle!

## **Video please**

A word to Canes management: Please, oh please, put out a highlight video for this season so fans can relive the magic of this season. \$19.95 would be a small price to pay for reliving the greatest moments in Carolina hockey history.

## **State of the Canes**

The Hurricanes now have a very short period of time to shore up the roster for next season and prepare for the 2002-03 season. This is a luxury that all Stanley Cup contenders will face. The good news is Ron Francis will continue to play and hopefully, he will resign with the Canes.

The Canes will also have to address resigning other unrestricted free agents this summer. Notables include defenseman Bret Hedican, who was acquired from the Florida Panthers via trade this season. Hedican was a key to the Canes post-season success in 2002. Another unrestricted free agent, forward Jeff Daniels, also faces an uncertain future with the Hurricanes.

Jeff O'Neill and Sami Kapanen are two of the Carolina's restricted free agents, meaning they have no contract, but the Canes retain their rights. At press time, O'Neill did accept a two-year contract. Other restricted free agents include Kevyn Adams and three defensemen: Niclas "Mr. Overtime" Wallin, David Tanabe and Aaron Ward.

One issue to address would be the lack of scoring punch in the playoffs. Should the Canes get into a bidding war for the likes of a Bill Guerin or a Jarome Iginla? It seems not. Rather than purchase or rent the perfectly cut diamond, the way the Canes found success was by mining diamonds in the rough into polished stars (a.k.a. Jeff O'Neill, Erik Cole, Niclas Wallin).

Hurricane General Manager Jim Rutherford has a tough job to do this summer. How do you make another run at the Cup and grab the three wins that got away? Do you keep your team intact or do you have to make personnel decisions without upsetting your team's chemistry? These are the questions the Hurricanes will make this off-season. Unlike years past, the Hurricanes can relax in the notion that fan support will be there in record numbers next season.

## **Kudos**

Long-overdue kudos go out to Hurricanes owner Peter Karmanos for bringing the team to the Triangle and sticking it out through some tough times early. The loss to Detroit was probably even tougher for him to swallow. Mr. Karmanos, if you are reading, thank you for giving this town a season to celebrate and for the many seasons of great memories we will all share in this franchise's bright future.

I give honorable mention to all those who came out for the CHBC tailgate during the playoffs. A great time was had by all. I could name names, but that would take away the mystique of all who were there. I thank all you fans for making this a great hockeytown and for helping all of us Boosters realize our dream of acceptance by ACC country. We've come a long way in a few short years...

**And That's Hockey to Me!**

## **Sound off on the 2001-2002 season and playoffs. What did you think about the Hurricanes magical season and playoff run?**

This year will go down as the watershed year that established hockey as major sport in Carolina and here to stay. The way the fans, city, and even ratings kept climbing throughout the playoffs show that hockey can and will survive in ACC country. It was a run better than I ever expected and already looking forward to next year! Thanks to you Canes!

**Patrick Drollinger**

I thought that going to the Olympics was going to be the highlight of my hockey loving life. But not even that compared to the emotions I went through with our playoff run. I went from extreme happiness, to disappointment, to no sleep, to having Leaf fans sleep on my floor, to not being able to concentrate at work, to jumping up and down, to yelling, to screaming, to hanging out at the airport late at night. When the Canes beat out Toronto to go to the Stanley Cup Finals, I would [shed a] tear up every time I thought about it. I was so happy and so proud of these boys. Being able to go to a Stanley Cup finals was more than I had ever imagined. All the emotions came crashing down with that open net goal of Shanahan's. I cried because I could hardly bare the pain on the faces of our "little mongrels". I have never been so proud of a team like I have been of our Canes. THANKS CANES for the best hockey experience of my life!

**Debi Golden**

Bates Battaglia rules! Go go Canes!

**Isabelle Gallagher**

It's kind of hard to sum up my feelings on the Hurricanes' season this past year. The fact that they achieved a Conference Championship is so far beyond the goals I had in mind for this team that it's hard to comprehend. I had hoped we could win the Southeast Division this year, win a playoff round, and see where it went from there. Winning two more rounds and the first game of the Stanley Cup Finals wasn't really on my radar, to be honest.

So my first feeling is shock, but in a good way. I've been very happy over the years with the way this organization has built itself through smart drafting, patient player development, and the odd free agent signing. This year was simply a somewhat unexpected payoff for the solid work of recent years. Erik Cole, Jaroslav Svoboda, Sami Kapanen, Jeff O'Neill, Josef Vasicek, Tommy Westlund, Marek

Malik, Nic Wallin .... all totally homegrown and farm-raised Hurricanes products. Mix in some smart trading for Sean Hill, Bret Hedican, Kevin Weekes, Kevyn Adams, Martin Gelinis and the like. Mix in a few key free agents like Ron Francis and Arturs Irbe and what you've got is a reasonably priced team that obviously has the potential to compete at the highest level in the NHL. For this market, I think that's fantastic.

I think I am most happy that this club was able to achieve so much without the ridiculous spending that we see from so many NHL teams. The Hurricanes have shown that you can do things in a responsible manner and win. That's a great message to send to your small market fans. This was a fun, fun post season. One I'll always remember.

**Jeff Harrod**

The Canes had an amazing season. It seems every year we fans have something more to build on. The "can't quit" attitude this team found in round one of the 2001 playoffs so late in the game made its way into this season and playoffs. The team made a great run with more than enough excitement to get this town behind them for the long haul. The best part is guys like Niclas Wallin, Erik Cole, Jaroslav Svoboda, and Josef Vasicek still have their best hockey years in front of them. This is a team built to last and remain competitive for a real long time. Next season will be a blast!

**John Gallagher**

### **THANK YOU: FROM CHBC ACTION FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

To the Hurricanes Booster Club,

I extend a great thank you on behalf of my two sons, Jake and Zak Kopitzke. Through your generous donation, my boys will be able to continue to play hockey at the Carolina Sportsplex. I can't tell you how grateful we are.

Lisa Kopitzke, Zak and Jake

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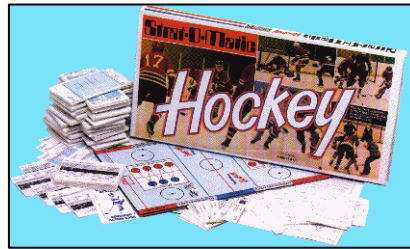
Just because it's July – which means summer and the ice is gone at the ESA – doesn't mean hockey season is coming to an end.

And just because Hurricanes coach Paul Maurice has kept Ron Francis, Sami Kapanen and Jeff O'Neill together on a line most of the season, that doesn't mean that you can't split them up.

Strat-O-Matic's unique hockey board game lets you roll your own lines throughout the year, all with a simple roll of the dice.

Best known for its Major League Baseball game, the Strat-O-Matic game company was founded by Hal Richman 40 years ago – that's before household computers, before Sony's PlayStation and before Nintendo's GameBoy. And while you can play a variety of hockey video games these days, nothing approaches the realism of Strat-O-Matic – either for performance or for your job of managing and coaching a team.

Here's why: Strat-O-Matic uses a sophisticated database of information about each and every NHL player in a board game format that provides unparalleled statistical realism. At the conclusion of each season, every regular skater in the league is rated for his offensive and defensive abilities, the power and accuracy of his shot, his tendency to take bad penalties, his penchant for forcing opponents to make mistakes, his face-off ability, and dozens of other measurements. The same processes are used to determine a goalie's particular strengths and weaknesses. When



all is said and done, a set of cards – one for each player on each of the league's 30 teams – is created to be used with Strat-O-Matic's game.

That's when the fun starts.

Playing either solitaire or against a friend, you choose teams, determine who's home and who's away, set offensive and defensive line combinations (as in real hockey, the "away" team puts lines on the ice first), and drop the puck.

The game of baseball centers around each pitch, and in Strat-O-Matic's baseball game each at-bat takes place with a simple roll of the dice. Hockey is a much harder sport to translate into a board game because of its back and forth action, but Strat-O-Matic accomplishes that in a fairly smooth way.

Each face-off at the beginning of a period or after a stoppage in play is done with a roll of the dice and by referring to the game's "face-off chart." The chart (one of several used in the game) indicates which player on which team (home or away) possesses the puck, and the action begins. The coach of the team with the puck draws an "action card," of which there are 30. Cycle through

all 30 action cards and you've played one period.

The action cards simply indicate the first play in the next sequence of events. It could give the possessing player an option at taking a shot, making a pass, or it could even indicate a penalty.

Play from that point on, until there's a stoppage in play, is determined by the decisions of the coaches, the roll of the dice and each player's particular tendencies, as indicated on the individual player cards. A stay-at-home defenseman, for example, may gain possession of the puck and have an option to take an outside shot – a low percentage opportunity (where you might have to roll a "3" with the dice to score, a 1 in 11 shot) or, in some cases, a play with no chance of scoring because of an opposing goalie's particular rating. So you, as coach, may opt to attempt a pass to your goal-scorer for a better opportunity. That's done by using the other set of cards in the game, the "split deck" cards. (They're called "split deck" cards because they're split into about a dozen lines of information and indicators and are used in conjunction with ratings on individual player cards to determine specific results of each play.)

The player gaining the puck may have a chance to take an inside shot, a higher percentage play. But the cards may also give the opposing coach an option to have the player matching up against the shooter try to intimidate him, and possibly strip him of the puck. **Continued on Page 8...**

## Olympic experience ends without gold, but with memories

(Debi Golden traveled to Salt Lake City for the 2002 Winter Games, taking in parts of the hockey medal games. Here's the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of her story.)

*by Debi Golden*

Whatever bad feelings I had for any on that team as an NHLer (Chelios, Roenick), it's gone. I fell in love with the Team that day. They were pure class after the game in the way they handled the loss. Each one will always hold a special place in my heart. Well, Modano already had!

We got home with long faces, but it didn't last long. I have to tell you about a couple from Detroit staying with us. The lady was American and her husband was Canadian. She wore a stars and stripes fleece jacket and he wore a maple leaf red and white fleece jacket. They were an older couple too cute for words. He came home with a smile as big as Texas. His wife told me that he started crying five minutes before the game was over and didn't stop until the ceremony was over. That touched my heart and made me happy for him. A few TV stations interviewed the two. Maybe you saw them. I know their friends in Canada did.

That night we all stayed home and watched the Closing Ceremony on the big theatre screen. It was beautiful. I was exhausted. With all the emotions of the day, I think I was the first one to bed.

Monday morning a few of us got up and drove up to Park City (ski resort). We didn't go skiing but opted to go shopping instead. This was my first site of a Roots store and what was happening with it. You all have heard of the famous USA Berets. Well, I had ordered two of them on roots.com as soon as I had seen them on TV at the Opening Ceremonies. They are still backordered. I was hoping to be able to wear them there. The way these

things took off was nothing short of the Cabbage Patch phenomena. People were waiting in lines for hours just to buy these hats. That is unbelievable to me. I never saw the inside of a Roots store while I was there.

We had a great day of shopping for souvenirs. A lot of people were at the airport trying to fly out and having to wait for hours for delayed flights. I actually did something right in scheduling us to fly out on Tuesday. That night we all went out to eat at a nice restaurant. This is the first time we actually ate out, as the house



*Debi Golden poses in front of the venue for Olympic hockey at the Salt Lake games.*

hosts had more food than we could ever eat. When we walked out of the restaurant, we saw five Durangos with NHL logos on the side. There was a nightclub right next door. I just knew SOMEONE important was over there. We ventured next door and no one. I think they were just parked there. Oh well. They said Wayne Gretzky and wife were there two nights before. So much for that. I knew the players were all back at their NHL teams anyway.

We went home and had our last evening with our hosts and new friends. We could not have asked for better hosts. If you didn't have a rental car (which we did), they took you to your venues or to the transportation area to get to your venues. Unfortunately they had had

some guests earlier that didn't mind having them get up at 5:30 a.m. and take them somewhere, only to have to pick them up at 12:30 at night. They were very happy to see us with a rent-a-car after two weeks of this.

Tuesday morning we got up and got ready to go to the airport. I was not ready to leave. We just got there!! I was pretty spoiled in this beautiful home as well. I am sure they were kind of happy to be getting their house back, if not their master bedroom. I found out they had been sleeping in their office on a futon for over two weeks. I am sure the

money they brought in made up for the sore backs!

Right when we walk into the airport, I saw a lot of people with LATVIAN Jackets on. This absolutely thrilled me. After I checked my luggage, I talked to a few of them. When I got through security, we ended up sitting next to all of them. So I sat and talked to one of the Luge guys and one from the cross-country team. I told them how we all love Archie and we were all pulling for Team Latvia in hockey. They got the biggest kick out of that.

I also met a couple of guys from the band Moby that played in the Closing Ceremonies. They were so excited to have been there and very nice guys. Since my flight was delayed a bit and I was bored, I decided to do what I (and my housemates) did a bunch of times after the Gold Medal Game and that was to look at my pictures through my camera's LED. I had taken both my smart media cards out of my camera and put them in my purse. When I went to put this card in my camera again, it read **RE-FORMAT**. My heart stopped. WHAT? I was in shock. I had no clue what happened to these pictures.

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## Memorabilia Swap After Next General Membership Meeting

By CHBC Vice President Lisa Wall

Do you have lots of extra hockey cards? Did you pick up extra gamecards from the Playoff games? Are your family and friends flabbergasted when you buy two of everything. Here's your chance to weed through your collection (come on, let's all admit that we have too much stuff and move on). After our next general membership meeting, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, we'll have a memorabilia swap. The idea came about when several

members were comparing hockey cards and as any card collector knows, there are always lots of "extras". There really aren't any limitations on what or how much you bring, but tabletop space will be limited. So, it's time to go through all your stuff and figure out what you don't need and bring it to our next meeting. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow CHBC'ers and hockey enthusiasts.

## CANES SELECT GOALTENDER CAM WARD IN 2002 DRAFT

(Toronto) The 2002 Eastern Conference Champion Hurricanes started planning their future on June 15<sup>th</sup> by selecting Goaltender Cam Ward with the 25<sup>th</sup> pick in the NHL draft.

Ward played for the Red Deer Rebels of the WHL this past season, helping his team advance to the WHL Eastern Conference Championship. He recorded a shutout in his first WHL start and was named the WHL's top goaltender in the Eastern Conference. Although Ward was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among American goaltenders, he was just as surprised as many to be taken in the first round.

"I was very much surprised but at the same time very thankful that Carolina chose me and that I'm given the opportunity. It is a dream come true and I couldn't ask for anything better." said Ward.

"Your heart is beating so fast and it felt like I was going to tip over and fall down the stairs. You can't get the smile off my face right now."

Ward describes his style as mixed with hints of a stand-up and butterfly. Ward also has a good glove hand and has excellent rebound control. Ironically, one of his hockey heroes is Curtis Joseph of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Ward had this to say when commenting on the prospect of competing in training camp this season: "It's going to be great to go there and experience [training camp] to see what it's all about. Definitely looking forward to it and I am going to go down there learn as many things as I can, take it in, and try to improve each day."

The last time the franchise took a goaltender in the first round was in 1995 when the Hurricanes acquired Jean-Sebastian Giguere, who was later traded to Calgary for Trevor Kidd and Gary Roberts. Hurricanes General Manager Jim Rutherford was happy to take Ward in the first round despite his ranking.

"We had him a lot higher on our list. He's a guy that we followed real close all year. Technically, he's very good. There's really not a weakness in his game at this point in his career and we think he's fundamentally sound and a guy that will develop into a real good goalie for us." said Rutherford.

For now, Ward will be considered as a goalie of the future for the Carolina franchise. He will likely play at least two more years in junior before appearing in a Hurricanes uniform during the regular season.

"He's a real character guy. It is just a matter of how he develops now." said Rutherford

Carolina exercised their option of the 58<sup>th</sup> pick to Detroit in the second round as part of the Aaron Ward trade. Carolina reacquired their 91<sup>st</sup> pick from Philadelphia by giving up their 3<sup>rd</sup> round pick next year and their 6<sup>th</sup> round pick this year. With that pick, the Canes selected defenseman Jesse Lane from the Hull Olympiques of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

**Notes:** Cam Ward is not related to current Hurricanes defenseman Aaron Ward. Carolina Center Kevyn Adams was taken with the 25<sup>th</sup> pick overall by Boston in 1993.

-John Gallagher, Co-editor

*(Editor's Note: The above article was originally run on the Triangle Sports Journal Website on June 17<sup>th</sup>)*

## Letter from Belgium

Hi everyone,  
My name is Wendy. I'm Daniël's wife and we're from Belgium, but you've already known that, right?

O Sunday, June 2, we heard that there was a pay-TV in Belgium that would give the Stanley Cup finals on TV. But we didn't have pay-TV. So you can understand that Daniël (as a big Canes fan) didn't catch much sleep. The next day after a lot of thinking and a few phone calls we bought a connection for the pay-TV.

**Game 1:** The alarm clock went off at 2.55 am Belgium time. We settled us in the couch. This was the first time I ever watched an NHL-game on TV. And it was great until the wings scored. But when the canes scored he jumped up and said: "YES". When Detroit scored another goal he got nervous again. And then the Canes scored. Now he couldn't sit still anymore. It was overtime ... and 58 seconds later he was the happiest man from Belgium. The game was over at 5.30 in the morning and it was almost time to get ready for work. So there was not many time left for sleeping.

**Game 2:** Same time, same channel. Again it was a very exciting match and we could live with a 1-1 score. But then in the last period it happened. The Wings scored 2 times and we lost the game. Too bad. Daniël wasn't very happy. We went quickly to bed to sleep a little hour before he had to work and before Byron woke up.

**Game 3:** Again we woke up at 2.55 am. It was 2-1 for the canes and there was only 2 minutes to play. Daniël said: "Icing against Carolina at this time of the game. That's no good. They will get a goal against." And a few seconds later he got right. He put his PC on (the TV is here a little later than the actual game time) and they were still playing. He said: "This can take a while. Let's go to bed".

But He couldn't sleep. Every half hour he went to see what the score was. I guess it was the third time that he game back with the bad news: "They've lost".

**Game 4:** Daniël watched the game alone until it was 3-0, then he came back to bed. He thinks it's over now. He is in a bad mood. Every game they've lost it became worse. But at the other side he's happy that they've already come so far. This never happened before. But somewhere he hopes that they will win one more game. And I hope that too.

**Game 5:** He watched the game alone again. I couldn't stay awake, I'm not a night person, and he is. So I don't know anything about this game, except they've lost again and I could see when Daniel came back to bed he was near crying. It was over. Now when I'm typing this story down it's Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> and he is (I think) already a little bit over the loss, because his mood is a bit better. Yes, it was hard to live with him for four days. I always looked it from the bright side. It is the best result they've ever had, although it would be much more fun if they've won the Cup. But who knows...maybe next year. And we will come to see some games next season. Until then, bye-bye.

Go Canes!

Wendy, Daniël and Byron

**Don't miss ...**

**The 2002 CHBC Picnic!**

Tentative Date...

**Saturday,  
August 24<sup>th</sup>**

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**For further info!**

### Game Review continued from page 5...

Another possibility in trying for an inside shot is a turnover, which could result in a breakaway – a very high percentage shot – for the opposition.

As in the real game, one play builds upon another, and one "great play" – a low-chance roll of the dice for one player or another – can turn the game around.

The game works best if you use three lines of players, although there are provisions for rolling four lines. And there are three ways to play – basic play (about 30 minutes per game), advanced (about 40) or super-advanced (about 45). Those times don't include game set-up, which can take 10-15 minutes if you use score sheets and decide to keep stats (which I recommend).

The basic game is faster is gives fewer options to each coach. The advanced game simply lets a coach choose an offensive or defensive strategy – essentially deciding how many whether to use more forecheckers to force turnovers and increase the likelihood of you scoring (while also giving the other team more breakaway chances) or whether to use fewer forecheckers and limit the other team's offensive chances. The super-advanced version primarily changes penalties and allows more strategy in special teams situations.

Like the sport of hockey itself, Strat-O-Matic's hockey game is hard to describe to someone not familiar with sports board games.



## Olympic Experience continued



**Valerie and Pavel Bure accept their Bronze Medals for Team Russia.**

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my smart media cards out of my camera and put them in my purse. When I went to put this card in my camera again, it read **RE-FORMAT**. My heart stopped. WHAT? I was in shock. I had no clue what happened to these pictures.

The only thing I can think of is I just went through the x-ray machine at the airport. I

was told this would not affect those cards. I refused to accept these pictures were gone. When I got back to work I had a couple of friends look at this card and they said they didn't see anything on. I cried for two days. Sorry, that's just how important my pictures are and these pictures were very special to me. They were my memory. I found a site on the Internet called flashfixers.com, which promises a 90 percent recovery rate of corrupted flash cards. That is where my smart media card is right now. I have received two emails from them stating they don't think they are going to be able to recover anything. I have resigned myself to the fact they are lost. There is nothing I can do about it, but it was a very disappointing ending to a wonderful time in my life. I still have the Bronze Medal game pictures and a tape of the Gold Medal game. I see us every time the camera shows the left of the rink. We all have those silly beanies on. Sorry this was so long. They asked me write my story. I didn't plan on writing a book. But, this is my story. It was chance in a lifetime and I took it. It was worth every penny. One thing I will never forget is being part of the well-known chant: U-S-A...U-S-A...and living it.

*Editor's Note: We apologize for not running Debi's photos in the April issue.*

### Karen Tulloss...

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stand in front of a crowd on any given night in the United States and sing for those that knew what it meant.

#### **HW: Do you have any goals for a singing career?**

**KAREN:** I am practicing with a band right now, and hope to be out later this summer tearing it up. We sing everything from Black Crowes to Dixie Chicks, and Pat Benatar to the Rolling Stones. The Hometown Music Connection is a live show, currently in Dunn, that I'll be performing in when they travel to Clayton this fall.

#### **HW: How do you prepare each game night?**

**KAREN:** I get to the game each night about an hour before puck drop. I always wear Canes colors and try to find wild and crazy patterns in clothes during the season. The first order of business is to get some water and a throat lozenge, and then do a little catching up with the Storm Squad in the room that we share. I stand by the ice for most of the warm-ups, and then hang out until the officials are ready. My rule is to walk out behind them because the game doesn't start without them and that will never make me late. I run through the anthem double speed under the red tunnel to warm up, hope my mic is working and then jump on out there! Two things I love to hear during the anthem. First, cheering in general and second, people singing along. This playoff series has been amazing, and I can honestly tell you that during Game 5 vs. Toronto I could not hear the words coming out of my mouth.

I have a blast (singing for the Canes) and stay for every game, barring serious illness, which I think some people don't know. I can't imagine just singing and leaving. I can't wait for the seasons to come!

**GO CANES!**

*The Booster Club thanks Karen Tulloss for taking part in this month's interview!*

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