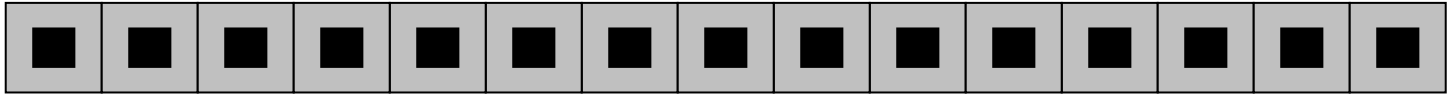


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## Forslund ready for 13<sup>th</sup> season with Canes

The adversities faced by an injury-plagued, last-place team have created a burn that should lead to a hopeful, enthusiastic season this year, Hurricanes broadcaster John Forslund told members of the CHBC in the organization's 2003-04 kick-off meeting Aug. 25.

"It's going to be a very exciting season," said Forslund, who's entering his ninth season as the television voice of the team, and 13<sup>th</sup> year overall with the club. "The adversity we faced was more than any team should have to endure. There's a real burn to come right back... That's the feeling I get from those guys."

Forslund said the key – and the biggest question mark – to this year's season is goaltending. Kevin Weekes, who has been handed the job of the Number One netminder, is unproven over an 82-game schedule. But he has the combination of capabilities, desire and belief, Forslund said, to get the job done.

"Kevin Weekes is in a position to flourish this season," he said. "It's all up to him."

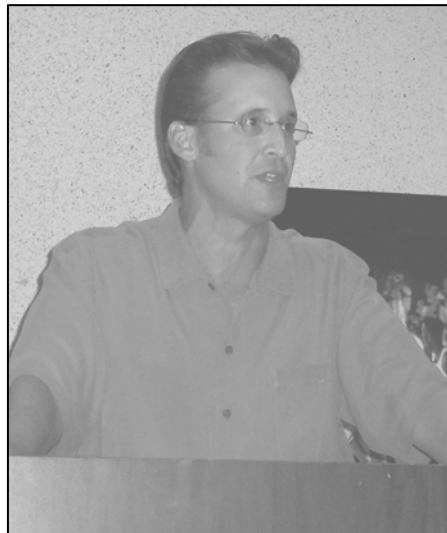
Forslund outlined the team's blue liners, and said that despite not having a sure-fire Norris Trophy candidate, Carolina's defensive corps was solid.

Newcomers Danny Markov and Bob Boughner should make significant positive impact, he said – Markov with his skills and Boughner with his physical play and locker room leadership. And having Glen Wesley back on the ice after finishing last season with Toronto – it was "pretty much a sure thing" he'd return to the Canes, according to Forslund – is another plus.

Offensively, the Hurricanes might still struggle to score goals. But with a balanced attack, a full season of Radim Vrbata in the lineup and contributions from newcomers like Marty Murray, the lack of a line of 30-goal scorers "is not as overwhelming a concern," Forslund said.

He expects youngsters Ryan Bayda, Jeff Heerema and Brad DeFauw, among the forwards, and defenseman Bruno St. Jacques to have the best shot at making the team out of training camp.

This season will feature a 69-game schedule on Fox Sports Net, Fox 50 Digital and Time Warner Cable, in addition to three Hurricanes games carried nationally on espn2 – matchups with Boston on Oct. 23, the Rangers on Jan. 8, and Detroit on Jan. 31.



**Hurricanes broadcaster John Forslund addresses CHBC members at the RBC Center Aug. 25. Forslund is entering his 13<sup>th</sup> year with the Hurricanes.**

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## President's Message / John Gallagher

This message opens on a sad note as we reflect on the life of Herb Brooks, Coach of the famous "Miracle on Ice" Team USA in 1980. Mr. Brooks passed away in an unfortunate accident on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Please include his family and friends left behind in your thoughts as we approach the 2003-04 season.

The Booster Club event calendar continues to heat up! The latest events:

**Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, 8 – 9:30 a.m.: The Boys & Girls Club Breakfast of Champions with Kevin Weekes; individual tickets can be purchased for a donation of \$50. Please contact April Anthony at (919) 834-6282.

**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Washington Capitals pre-season trip. Sign-up sheet included in this newsletter.

**Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CHBC Spooky Hayride. Like last year this will be a scary hayride complete with a bonfire and S'mores for everyone. Individual tickets are available for \$7. Not recommended for young children. Please contact Dawn Colby at canesfan1@earthlink.net if interested in attending.

**Fantasy Hockey League:** The Booster Club will be supporting a Fantasy Hockey League this season. If interested, please contact Donna Scanlon at donnascan@aol.com. There is a \$5 administrative fee and prizes and bragging rights will be awarded to the top teams in each division.

Other important dates for activities relating to the Carolina Hurricanes:

**Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** – Canes pre-season game against the Tampa bay Lightning at the RBC Center. 7 p.m. start time.

**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** – Canes pre-season game against the Atlanta Thrashers at the RBC Center. 7 p.m. start time.

**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Caniac Carnival

**Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** – Kids 'n Community Golf Tournament

Our next general membership meeting will be 7 p.m. on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at the RBC Center. Our guest speakers will be Mike Sundheim, Director of Media Relations and Kyle Hanlin, Manager of Media Relations.

Very special thanks to John Forslund for accepting the role of Guest Speaker at our August meeting. Listen up for Mr. Forslund in the booth this season when he's on the call for Hurricanes radio and television broadcasts. Also, don't forget to look up at the Jumbotron for the award-winning *Forslund Focus* that runs during Hurricanes games.

Please join us for some hockey talk and free stuff on September 29<sup>th</sup>! It's member rewards and it's all about you this year. You never know what you can win at a Booster Club meeting!

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to renew your CHBC Membership for the 2003-04 season. We want you all to join us for an exciting and fun-filled year!

Thanks for your support of the Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club!  
And that's hockey to me...

John

**Next CHBC Meeting:**  
**Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

RBC Center

Speakers: **Mike Sundheim & Kyle Hanlin**  
from the team's Media Relations Department

To paraphrase the Car Talk guys on National Public Radio, you've wasted yet another perfectly good summer going on vacation and goofing around ... now we're only weeks away from the opening of NHL training camps. Where does the time go?

The last time we talked, the Hurricanes were fresh off a successful draft in Nashville, and GM Jim Rutherford had talked about all the hard work he had to do over the summer. Most of that work is behind him now, with the lone exception of re-signing center Josef Vasicek. Markov was eventually re-signed to a multi-year deal, Glen Wesley returned to the fold as a free agent, free agent enforcer Joey Tetarenko joined the club, and bruising defenseman Bob Boughner was acquired in a trade with Calgary to wrap up a relatively busy summer break for the Hurricanes' front office.

### Things to look for in pre-season

The Hurricanes will be focusing more on the NHL end of the business in training camp this year, as only 40 or so players will go to camp with the big club. In other words, only players with a legitimate shot at making the NHL roster will go to camp with the Hurricanes this year, which will allow Paul Maurice and his staff to spend more time on the NHL players and less on developing prospects.

With a smaller training camp roster, the competition for NHL jobs should be intense. The Canes will enter camp with no less than 8 defensemen who saw significant action in the NHL last season and probably only 7 roster spots, and things are even more up for grabs on the forward lines. No less than 18 forwards who recorded points for the Hurricanes in 2002-03 will return and battle it out with some new additions for roughly 14 roster spots. In addition, there are probably spots up for grab on all four lines and much will be at stake as the forwards compete to find ice time and roles on the team.

### Questions in Search of an Answer

As with any training camp, there are a fair number of questions that must be answered before the Canes can think about competing for an Eastern Conference Playoff spot. Here are a few:

**Who will provide the offense?** Jeff O'Neill has proven himself to be a reliable 30-goal contributor, and Ron Francis place as one of the best playmakers in NHL history is already etched in stone. Aside from those two, however, the Canes must find enough scoring to maximize the impact of what looks to be an improved defense. In 2002-03, Carolina managed only 171 total goals, while the average for

the 16 playoff teams was 234.5 total goals per team. That's a lot of ground to make up, and much will be determined by performances in camp and pre season games.

**How will the defense shape up?** Yes, the additions of Boughner and Markov give the Hurricanes a more imposing physical presence, and the re-acquisition of Wesley solidifies the defensive unit in the smarts department, but how all these parts fit together with the returning defensemen will go a long way towards determining just how effective they will be collectively. The effectiveness of any NHL defenseman is directly linked to how well his attributes fit the requirements of his team. So merely adding new blood won't by itself improve the defense corps. That will take an improved sense of cohesion and the defining of partners and roles as camp and pre season games roll on.

**How effective can the Hurricanes be on special teams?** Both the power play and the penalty killing were problems at times in 2002-03. While the Canes have added some fresh players with skills in both areas, it takes time for these units to develop. Look for Danny Markov to emerge as a key man at the point of the power play, as the Russian defender has good skills and a nice, low point shot. Marty Murray will likely be a strong addition to an already solid group of penalty killing forwards, but the defensive pairings will need to be solidified against live fire.

### Can players rebound fully from injuries?

While it's easy to presume that athletes of the caliber of Rod Brind'Amour and Eric Cole will simply plug themselves right back in where they left off before injuries last season, that's a dangerous presumption. How those two key forwards rebound from season ending injuries will be very important to the team's chances this season. In addition to Cole and Brind'Amour, others such as Brendl, Heerema and Vasicek suffered through injuries in 2002-03. How well Pete Friesen, the Hurricanes' Strength and Conditioning Coach, gets his troops ready for action might well be a key for Carolina this season.

Let's face facts. When you finish deal last in the NHL, there are going to be a LOT of questions to be answered before you can begin the task of taking on the NHL with renewed confidence the following year. I'm looking forward to our first chance to see the fruits of those efforts at the Hurricanes' first RBC Center game of the pre season against Tampa on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. That's less than a month away ... man, where does the time go?

## Which Hurricanes player(s) will have the most impact on the team's performance this year?

In my mind the impact player this year could very well be Danny Markov. With the acquisition of Danny, we now have a very solid eight-man defense, which should really help our netminders, and hopefully allow our forwards to concentrate more on the forward lines – rather than , then constantly having to back check all the way into our defensive zone.

**Craig Saunders**

Ronnie Francis. No explanation needed. And Rod Brind'Amour – faceoffs and penalty kill.

**Jim Andrews**

Jeff O'Neill, Rod Brind'Amour, Erik Cole, Danny Markov, Patrick DesRochers, Bob Boughner. Jeff will keep trying to outpace his previous stats as he matures. Rod and Eric will be working hard to return to peak performance. Danny, Patrick and Bob will work hard to prove themselves.

**Barry Shafer**

Jeff O'Neill and Kevin Weekes.

**Daniel van Buynder**

Rod Brind'Amour - with Rod's experience and faceoff expertise, he will help lead the Canes back to the playoffs. His presence on and off the ice makes a tremendous difference to the team.

**Brett Ciancanelli**

### Carolina Hurricanes

#### At a glance

**2002-03 Record** - 22-43-11-6

**2002-03 Offense** - 171, 30th in NHL

**2002-03 Defense** - 240 goals against, 27th in NHL

**Additions** - D Bob Boughner, D Glen Wesley, D Danny Markov, F Joey Tetarenko, D Allan Rourke, F Chad LaRose, F Marty Murray

**Deletions** - D Nikos Tselios, D David Tanabe, D Igor Knyazev, F Harold Druken

**2003 Draft picks** -- (2) Eric Staal, C, Peterborough (OHL), (31) Danny Richmond, D, Michigan (CCHA), (102) Aaron Dawson, D, Peterborough (OHL), (126) Kevin Nastiuk, G, Medicine Hat (WHL), (130) Matej Trojovskyy, D, Regina (WHL), (137) Tyson Strachan, D, Vernon (BCHL), (198) Shay Stevenson, LW, Red Deer (WHL), (230) Jamie Hoffman, C, Des Moines (USHL), (262) Ryan Rorabeck, Toronto (OHL)

### CanePoll

## Who will lead the Carolina Hurricanes in points this season?

**Jeff O'Neill** 38 percent

**Rod Brind'Amour** 38 percent

**Ron Francis** 12 percent

**Radim Vrbata** 12 percent

*(Based on 8 votes)*

## Trading Corner / Brett Ciancanelli

As the 2003-04 NHL season approaches, the Canes are ready to begin their Quest for the Cup. Trading card companies are also beginning their quest to provide the best products for all of the collectors in the hockey world. Here is a "sneak peak" into the 2003-04 trading cards of our beloved Hurricanes.

### Be A Player Trading Cards

#### **2003-04 In The Game Action (Base Set)**

104 Tomas Kurka	117 Pavel Brendl	120 Radim Vrbata
127 Rod Brind'Amour	131 Ryan Bayda	133 Ron Francis
136 Sean Hill	141 Jeff O'Neill	148 Josef Vasicek
150 Kevyn Adams	160 Kevin Weekes	165 Mike Zigomanis
168 Jaroslav Svoboda	170 Aaron Ward	173 Jan Hlavac
175 Erik Cole	183 Patrick DesRochers	187 Craig Adams
189 Bret Hedican	191 Brad Defauw	

#### **2003-04 In The Game Action (Home Boys)**

HB-2 Ron Francis

#### **2003-04 In The Game Action (Sapphire Game-Used Jersey)**

M-98 Erik Cole                      M-118 Kevin Weekes

#### **2003-04 In The Game Action (Bronze Game-Used Jersey)**

M-157 Ron Francis

### Pacific Trading Cards

#### **2004 Pacific Hockey (Base Set)**

58 Ryan Bayda	59 Rod Brind'Amour
60 Erik Cole	61 Ron Francis
62 Jeff Heerema	63 Sean Hill
64 Arturs Irbe	65 Jeff O'Neill
66 Radim Vrbata	67 Kevin Weekes

#### **2004 Prism Game-Worn Hockey**

20 Ron Francis	21 Arturs Irbe	22 Jeff O'Neill
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#### **2004 Exhibit Hockey (Base Set)**

25 Rod Brind'Amour	26 Erik Cole	27 Arturs Irbe	28 Jeff O'Neill
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#### **2004 Exhibit Hockey (Exhibit Photos)**

157 Ron Francis

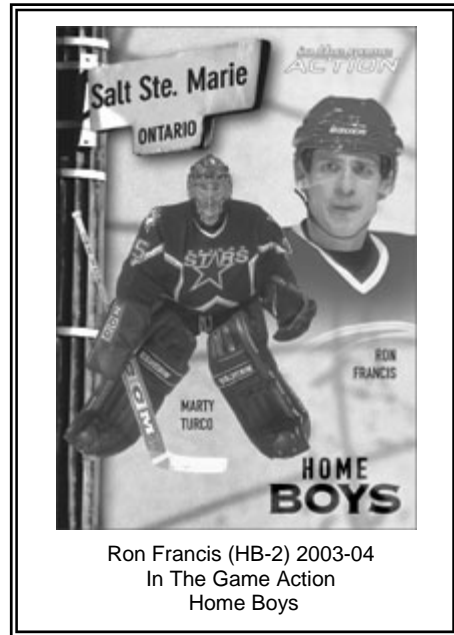
### Topps Trading Cards

#### **2003-04 O-Pee-Chee**

22 Kevin Weekes	37 Jan Hlavac	51 Niclas Wallin
109 Rod Brind'Amour	116 Jeff O'Neill	134 Josef Vasicek
182 Erik Cole	246 Sean Hill	250 Ron Francis
306 Bruno St. Jacques	324 Tomas Kurka	

#### **2003-04 Topps O-Pee-Chee (American Idols)**

UI-19 Erik Cole



## Flyers fan now a committed Caniac

Tricia Andrews is one of those unique individuals that seem to have built her life while there was a hockey game going on.

She's originally from Flyers country, coming from Bristol, a suburb of Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania. Some of her favorite hockey players are ex-Flyers, including Eric Lindros and Rod Brind'Amour.

A hockey fan from birth, she was overjoyed to see the NHL place a team in North Carolina. She met her husband, Jim, while attending a game in Greensboro on February 21, 1999. Like many of the Hurricane faithful, Tricia started out a fan of hockey and adopted the Canes as her team.

We can also thank Jim for bringing Tricia into the Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club. Jim was an individual member at first and Tricia joined this past season when the couple decided to be a part of the boosters to meet people and do activities.

Montreal is on her list of hockey cities she would most like to visit due to its rich history. She and Jim like to visit bed and breakfasts in different states.

While Tricia works for Duke University, she did not declare an ACC favorite when she was put on the spot.

"I don't actually have a preference." Said Andrews. "I have been down here for 8 years and still don't quite get this ACC basketball fever thing that happens in the spring."

She is actively involved with animal rescue with a focus on cats. She and Jim spend a lot of time at home with their two dogs and two cats while watching reality television. Her passion is evident in the tag lines at the end of her e-mails she sends.

"Everyday I am telling someone the benefits of



**Tricia Andrews, CHBC's 'Member of the Month,' poses with Canes broadcaster John Forslund at the club's August meeting. Andrews presented Forslund with a gift box of cookies after Forslund's keynote address.**

spaying and neutering their pets," Tricia said.

Tricia owns no Canes jerseys. She has a Rod Brind'Amour Flyers jersey and a San Jose Sharks jersey with Arturs Irbe's name and number on the back. But one of the perks being married to Jim is that she is able to help herself to one of his three hockey jerseys on game day.

## Caniac Calendar

**Camp begins Sept. 12 at The RecZone in Raleigh**

Pre-Season Schedule

Sept. 19 vs. Florida @ Office Depot Center, Sunrise, Fla. – 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 20 vs. Atlanta @ TECO Arena, Estero, Fla. – 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 21 vs. Tampa Bay @ St. Pete Times Forum, Tampa – 5 p.m.

Sept. 23 vs. Atlanta @ Philips Arena, Atlanta – 10:30 a.m.

**Sept. 25 vs. Tampa Bay @ RBC CENTER, 7 p.m.**

**Sept. 26 vs. Atlanta @ RBC CENTER, 7 p.m.**

Oct. 3 vs. Washington @ MCI Center, Washington – 7 p.m.

**Oct. 4 vs. Washington @ RBC CENTER – 7 p.m.**

## THE GAME

by Ken Dryden

Trying to describe the experience of reading Ken Dryden's classic "The Game" is akin to trying to describe a fabulous meal at a great new restaurant: I can tell you what's on the menu, what the décor was like, how the courses tasted, and how great the dessert selection was. But in the end, I know you won't appreciate it until you go yourself. It's that good. And it's that hard to describe.

So here goes my feeble attempt: The Game, part semi-autobiographical account of Dryden's last season with the Montreal Canadiens, and part collection of essays/observations about hockey and what it means to be a hockey player, is the best

hockey book ever written. If you're a fan, it should be required reading – not just because of the incredibly rich subject matter, but because of Dryden's keen sense of observation and perspective and his wonderful prose.

One reviewer, writing when the first edition of this book was published in 1983, went so far as to say that "The Game" is a

hockey book "so rare that there's actually nothing to compare it to."

Having read a great many books on the game, I'd have to agree. What makes The Game so rare, and so interesting, are Dryden's insights – into everything from life on the road, contractual squabbles, the stress of being a goalie, the high expectations of winning multiple Stanley Cups, the notoriety of being a celebrity in hockey-mad Montreal, and much more. He writes lengthy passages about most of his teammates (including Guy Lafleur, Larry Robinson, Bob Gainey and Jacques Lemaire) and the Canadiens' famous chemistry, as well as a fascinating section on his coach for eight seasons, Scotty Bowman. He assesses the professional game and his own place in it, including the motives that drove him – at the peak of his career – to take a year off to pursue his study of law. He talks about what it meant to win six Stanley Cups in eight years, then call it quits in 1979 (after his sixth Cup) at age 31.

That's just an appetizer.

Dryden writes in his introduction that the book was lived and researched over a 25-year period, the last five of which he spent writing, working from observations and notes collected on scraps of paper over the years. As a result, the book's organization is more "stream of consciousness" than anything else. In one chapter, he recounts what he can remember from his incredible run in the 1971 playoffs – when, after playing only six regular season games, he led Montreal to the Stanley Cup with a first-round upset over heavily favored Boston. Among those memories: "A burning/freezing feeling," he writes. "In my back, in my arms and neck, slow at first, then surging through my body. Hearing a referee's whistle, and looking at the clock – 00:32 – then at Orr, his stick across his knees, bent double, squeezing out breath he couldn't find; at Esposito, sweat cascading down his face, his eyes, his cheeks and mouth drooping in weary sadness, then at our bench, standing, jumping, hugging each other, and *knowing*, for the first time, knowing it was over. Then it happened – seven games of feelings, too busy, too afraid to feel before, were suddenly released and swept over me, and for thirty-two seconds I got a rare and precious gift: I felt victory *while* it was happening."

Elsewhere he talks in detail about the superstitions he has as a goalie and his detailed pre-game routine – including his complicated ritual for stopping the last shot in warm-ups. "*I must catch cleanly (no juggling or trapping) a shot from a player unaware his shot must be caught (no gratuitous flips). And then I must leave the net. If I don't, I will play poorly.*" It is not so easy as it seems. Undefended shooters come in close and try to score, and I must stay in net long enough to get warmed up. Yet I have help, at least I think I do – from [Larry] Robinson. We have been teammates for more than 400 games, and Robinson seems to understand. I have never told him, nor has he ever asked, nor have I told anyone. But as the clock flashes down, as I dance about my crease anxiously, he seems always to get the puck, and with it to take a shot I can catch.

"With less than a minute remaining, as Robinson moves slowly into position, I catch Lapointe's shot and leave the net."

Dryden added a new foreword in 1999 about the closing of the Montreal Forum – a passage, featuring Montreal's good-bye to Rocket Richard – that will bring tears to your eyes.

All in all, The Game is a great experience – just like hockey itself.

