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Weekes shines at Boys & Girls Clubs Event

Carolina Hurricanes goaltender Kevin Weekes was the keynote speaker for the first annual Breakfast of Champions celebration, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Raleigh and held at the RBC Center Sept. 16.

Weekes took time out of his preseason conditioning to address a crowded room filled with Boys & Girls Club volunteers, contributors, and the wonderful kids for which the event was held.

About 13 members of the Hurricanes Booster Club, including contest winners and donors attended the morning festivities. More than \$50,000 was raised for the club at the event.

Weekes first congratulated the honored inductees of the Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame including Eric Maye, Blanche R. Bacon, Jack Carter, and W. Trent Ragland Jr.

"This obviously goes far beyond any type of individual recognition," said Weekes. "I prefer to lay in the back, observe things and be a contributor."

Weekes is about to embark on the biggest season of his life. Never having proven himself a legitimate number one goalie in stints through Florida, Vancouver, and Tampa Bay, Weekes has been given the go-ahead by the Carolina Hurricanes organization to perform as the team's starter for the 2003-2004 season. The road to NHL stardom did not come easy and Kevin was fortunate to get some help along the way.

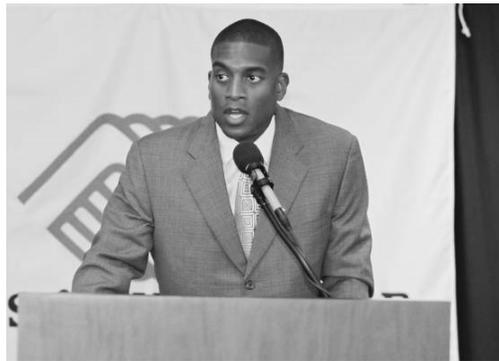
"Growing up in Toronto Canada I was very fortunate to have three things that were very instrumental in my sister's and my life," he said. "Those things being the game of hockey, the Boys & Girls Club and also my family."

Weekes started playing hockey at age six in Toronto. He had to write a book for school once and in this book he stated that he wanted to play hockey in the NHL. It was his experiences playing organized hockey, having great teammates around him, and the Boys & Girls Club that have attributed to his success so far.

"The Boys & Girls Club is about possibilities; it's about dreams; it's about structure, all of which are very important to each and every one of us regardless of age, background, or demographic," he said.

Weekes will be living the dream when starting in goal for the Carolina Hurricanes on Oct. 11 for the team's home opener against the defending Stanley Cup Champion New Jersey Devils.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Raleigh, go to their website at www.wakebgc.org or call (919) 834-6282. The Booster Club is requesting that you donate any unused season tickets for redemption so that we can give the kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs an opportunity to take in a Hurricanes game this season. The Booster Club will also be directing some fundraising efforts toward this cause this season.



Pictured: Kevin Weekes at Breakfast of Champions

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President's Message / John Gallagher

November will be a busy month for Caniacs and Boosters alike. The Canes play 15 games this month with nine home dates at RBC Center.

The Booster Club event calendar is below. Please check your e-mails and www.hurricanesboosters.org for further updates and information.

Saturday, December 6th – We will hold our Annual All-Star Ballot-stuffing contest at the Upper Deck in Cary off of Harrison Avenue. The Canes face the Montreal Canadiens on the road. The top three Boosters who fill out the most ballots will win some fabulous prizes from the CHBC prize bin! Free wings and soft drinks provided by our friends at the Upper Deck! It's all about the free stuff and Hurricanes on the ballot at this annual event! You can also skate over to NHL.com and cast your vote for your favorite Hurricanes players!

Our next general membership meeting will be **Monday, November 17th** at the RBC Center. Our guest speakers will be a Carolina Hurricanes player and will be announced later in the month. Please RSVP to me at johng@hurricanesboosters.org if you are planning to attend. Guests will not be permitted at this meeting.

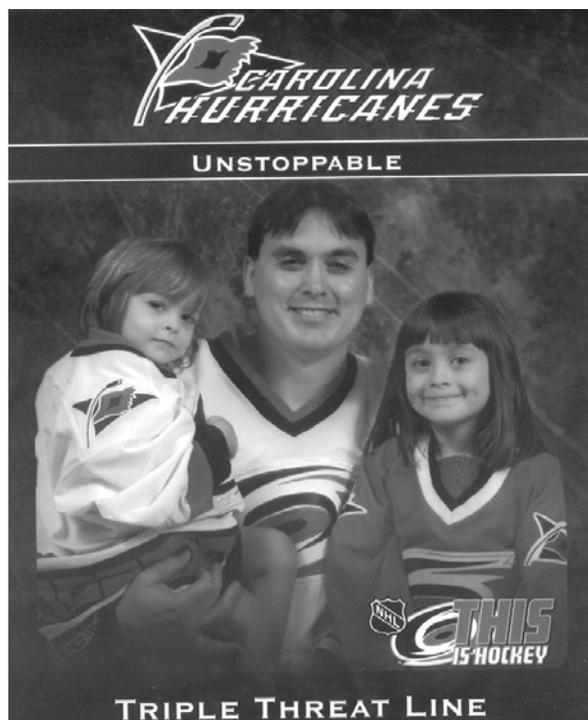
Please also note page 11 of this newsletter prior to the meeting on the 17th. The board has proposed some bylaw changes in an effort to improve the Booster Club. Please read these proposals and we will take a vote at the upcoming meeting.

The annual **Kids 'N Community "Skate with the Canes"** charity event will take place from **1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21** at RBC Center. Tickets will be on sale at the RBC Center, The EYE locations at Triangle Town Center and Crabtree Valley Mall, or by calling the Hurricanes Community Relations department at (919) 861-6231. Tickets are \$50 each, and children under two are admitted free. Please support the Carolina Hurricanes Kids N' Community by attending this wonderful annual event!

Check the picture at right for the answer to the Canes scoring woes! OK, maybe not, but my girls Allison (left) and Isabelle (right) know how to score candy as they brought home a lot this Halloween!

Please stop by the booth and say hello! Bring a friend! Membership applications are available online at our website and at the booth every game night. We also have CHBC pencils free for the kids!

And that's hockey to me...



NHL season off to an interesting start...

Through the month of October (I'm writing this on Halloween in a bald-faced attempt to avoid the neighborhood urchins seeking to stockpile weapons of mass tooth decay), the NHL has provided us with all the highs and lows we've come to expect from the greatest game on ice. Let's take a look at how things are going both locally and around the league:

Hurricanes flash improved defense

I think that the combination of a vastly improved defensive corps and a very solid early showing from Kevin Weekes in net is the real story for the Hurricanes so far this season.

I know that the team has suffered through some spotty scoring in the season's first nine games, but that has been overshadowed by some really solid work in the defensive zone. The additions of Danny Markov (who for my money has been the Canes' MVP for October) and Bob Boughner have clearly helped, but that's only part of the story. Young Bruno St. Jacques has been very reliable so far this year, Bret Hedican is clearly energized by his pairing with the mobile and savvy Markov, and Nic Wallin stepped right up and ripped off two goals in his first significant action of the season.

Though the injury bug has bitten the blueliners a bit of late, as a unit the eight Hurricanes defensemen have been truly impressive where it counts the most...keeping the opponent off of the scoreboard and out of their rhythm.

Not to be over looked in any discussion of an improved defense are the forwards. When effective two way forwards like Rod Brind'Amour, Eric Cole and Josef Vasicek miss significant time with injuries the way they did last season, the overall team defense is certain to suffer. Their return to the lineup along with the addition of Marty Murray has given the Hurricanes a very persistent and defensively responsible group of forwards from top line to fourth line.

Random stuff from around the NHL

While the Canes got off to a solid if not earth-shattering start, the rest of the league has been playing hockey too, and here's a couple of developments that have caught my eye so far:

The Atlanta surprise. The Atlanta Thrashers are a remarkable story. Having to endure the pain of losing a gritty competitor like Dan Snyder in a tragic car accident is one thing. Add in the fact that team leader and All-Star Dany Heatley was not only driving the car, but lost indefinitely with injuries of his own, and the fact that the Thrashers have gone 5-2-2-1 to start the season, and you just have to marvel at the level of play we've seen from the Thrashers. I know these guys are Southeast Division rivals and all, but I ask you to keep them and the families of those two young men in your thoughts and prayers. Some things are more important than hockey.

Ducks' Cup hangover. The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim have proven that California teams can have a Stanley Cup hangover too. Although they seem to have found their legs in the last couple of games, the Ducks stumbled out of the gate after their surprise visit to the Cup Finals last spring. Unlike the Canes before them, Anaheim made a lot of personnel changes in the off-season, so possibly their slow start is more about chemistry problems than hangovers.

The older set sets the example. In the "Old Guys Come up Big" category, October 29th featured a couple of milestones from two of the game's biggest names. Brett Hull notched his 718th goal in Detroit's wild 6-5 loss to the Blues to pass Phil Esposito for 4th place on the NHL's career goals list, while Mario Lemieux was busy notching his 1,700th NHL point with an assist in Pittsburgh's 4-4 tie with the Islanders. Stay tuned for more Hull heroics, as he now stands only 12 goals behind the sublime Marcel Dionne for 3rd place in career goals. Wait a minute. Did I just call those two guys old? Shoot, they're both younger than I am and they're both playing some pretty good hockey.

November busy for Canes. After a leisurely pace through the first nine games, the Hurricanes will face a more brisk schedule in November. With three key games against Division leading Tampa Bay and 10 games in 18 days to close out the month, November will probably shape up to be significant as the Canes seek to turn that improved defense into a solid position in the standings.

■ **Your Turn**

Which NHL player do you enjoy watching the most, and why?

Martin Gelinias and Erik Cole. They always give it everything they've got!
Ryan Baptiste

It has to be two players: the two-headed monster of Erik Cole and Rod Brind'Amour. They are exciting and get the job done. Their "O" and "PK" are both excellently executed. Any third man on that will get their points.
Dan Patriss

Hard-hitting hockey is what is most fun, not just goal scoring. If we don't score enough to win a game, that's regrettable, but you never want the other team to leave thinking you're soft and that they had a "fun time" playing you. One of my favorite NHL players to watch is Scott Stevens – for all the above reasons! (I do have others favorites too, like Hilly, Bates, Cole, Ward, etc.)
Terry Byrne

The player I like to watch the most is Ron Francis! Need I say more?
Ken LaFlamme

Ron Francis. He plays with skill, class and a lot of determination.
Tom Carie

I enjoy watching Erik Cole the most. He is aggressive on the forecheck and has a knack for scoring. You can always expect to get 110 percent each night from Cole. He is also not afraid to make the "big hit" when necessary. He is a great catalyst for the rest of the team. Can you imagine a line with Cole, Kevyn Adams, and Craig Adams? Wow!
Brett Ciancanelli

I'd have to say that I enjoy watching Jesse Boulerice. To me, he's not afraid to take a stand and defend himself or his teammates.
Angela Wood

Ilya Kovalchuk. He's a scoring machine.
Nancy Kuznetsov

Joe Sakic. He's my all-time favorite player. No superstar mindset for this guy. In addition to being one of the best two-way players in the game, he is never shy about going into the corners to scrum for the puck nor afraid get in front of the net and take a pounding to screen the goalie and create chances. Add to that beautiful skating and the sweetest release in the game, and what is not to like?
Diane Haley

Ron Francis, because he was and still is the best franchise player in Whalers' and Canes' history.
Daniel van Buynder

■ **CanePoll**

Early on in the season, the Hurricanes are struggling once again to put the puck in the net. The answer to this problem is:

a. Don't worry. The scoring will come as soon as the lines gel together.

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b. Forget defense! Let's totally revamp our style of play and use a more free-flowing approach, focusing on more shots and scoring opportunities.

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c. Give up some of our defensive stalwarts and trade for a high-priced goal-scorer.

■ **1**

d. Bring up someone from Lowell.

■

e. Other.

■ **2**

Trading Corner / Jeff Ciancanelli

The Trading Corner took a few minutes to ask the voice of the Carolina Hurricanes, Chuck Kaiton, about some of the hockey memorabilia he's obtained over the years.

Trading Corner: What types of memorabilia do you collect?

Chuck Kaiton: I don't really collect anything. The things that I've got were things that were given to me. Any memorabilia I have are things from Gordie Howe or players of the past, which I used to get from them because they were nice enough to give it to me. I have just kept them as mementos. So, I am not a collector per se. Everything that I have has been sentimentally given to me and autographed to our family. I have some pictures of Ron Francis doing color with me, back when he was a kid (first years in the league) and was injured, that type of thing.



Chuck Kaiton

TC: What is the first piece of hockey memorabilia you recall receiving?

CK: Ever? Oh wow. That's a real good question. When I was a kid, I had Gordie Howe and Bobby Hull autograph a mailing envelope. I have that framed in my office. I was about 14 years old when I got that. That would be probably the first thing I ever collected. I also have a ticket stub from when I was 16. The first game the Detroit Red Wings played was against Toronto, at Olympia, for the 1968 season opener. I was at the game and I used to like to meet and talk to the broadcasters when they would come to a game. In those days, it was very acceptable to stand by the back door and when Foster Hewitt came in, I got his autograph on the ticket stub from that opening night in '68. He had a very unique way of writing his

autograph. He would write his name, then he would write his signature phrase, which he started, that all broadcasters use these days, "He shoots, he scores!" I keep that in my wallet all the time now.

TC: A lot of collectors have a special place in their homes to display their prized possessions. Do you have such a display? If so, can you share a little?

CK: No. I just have things on the walls and in boxes. Really I don't have any room per se that has any of that. I just keep everything stored away in boxes. There are just a couple of pictures hanging on the walls.

TC: If something was to happen and you could only grab one piece of memorabilia and lost the rest, what would that one piece of memorabilia be?

CK: That's an easy one. That would be definitely a picture of Gordie Howe. In fact, he just gave this to me this summer of him shoveling 544 pucks into a net. It was a staged promotional shot when he tied Rocket Richard's record. I would say it would be a tie between that and a Mickey Mantle picture of him and myself when I used to work in television in Hartford. I used to do weekend fill-in work in the summers and I got a chance to interview Mickey Mantle and I've got that framed. But that picture Gordie just gave me – it was a picture from 1962, I guess it would have been – in a Red Wings jacket shoveling 544 pucks into this net. It's kind of a neat picture. I would say that I would grab that one over everything else.

TC: Is there a moment that stands out in your mind that was special, as far as receiving memorabilia from a player?

CK: This goes back to Gordie Howe. Now you got to remember in '79-'80 he was able to play one game in Detroit with his sons, Mark and Marty, and they started. They played against the Red Wings in 1980. Somebody took a picture – I imagine it was the Detroit paper or Red Wings photographer – of the opening faceoff of that game. Gordie gave me, unsolicited, a picture of that faceoff and autographed it to our family. I think that piece means as much as the one he gave me this summer, because basically when he does these things, he does it from the heart. I've never asked for anything from him. He gave me this about a week or two after the game. I've got that framed and hanging in our house.

TC: How do you feel about other collectors having Chuck Kaiton memorabilia?

CK: Well, I'd be flattered number one. I don't know how much it's worth. I don't know if it would be worth very much (*laughing*). If people had it for sentimental reasons I'd be flattered. That and 50 cents probably would buy you a cup of coffee. I know there is a website that has all of the goal calls from Hartford.

www.brassbonanza.com/Sound/

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Halloween Hayride gives club members chills, thrills

The bold and intrepid members of the Booster Club ventured out October 24th to Holly Farms in Youngsville for a night of fun and haunting. After meeting in the parking lot and looking in the gift shop and pumpkin patch we headed off to our bonfire and dinner.

The night had a slight chill, but the raging bonfire kept all warm as we roasted marshmallows and made S'mores for all! Matt and Tom Carrie seemed to be experts. We did many experiments in Newton's second law of thermodynamics and proved a frozen molecule, when excited very fast with heat, will expand quickly and render the holding apparatus useless. Putting it another way, many hot dogs fell off our sticks into the fire! After much laughter and hockey talk, our driver for the hayride was here and off we went!

The ride wound through open field with many twists and turns. At each turn there was a themed campfire with some of history's scariest movies. We started out with the Poltergeist TV (they're baaaaack!) and descended to scary movie ghosts "attacking" the hayride. Jason of "Friday the 13th" fame running, for example, on to the hayride and

scaring many of the occupants! Elena Barnes and her son rode point and warned us of the upcoming ghosts.

Next up were the sounds of chainsaws – and it was only a matter of time until the Texas Chainsaw Massacre was "reenacted"! A few "Night of the Living Dead" zombies kept everyone on their toes, and then we saw "Freddy" and his claws find his next victim... and before anyone knew it, Freddy was next to us!!

After all this excitement, it was nice to head back to the bonfire for some more fun, hockey talk and of course more S'mores!!! Erich and Michelle Webber also found the nutritional value of S'mores to their liking.

Thank you for all those who attended and made this event such a wonderful experience and gathering place for not only hockey, but many other events. I look forward to seeing you and many other members in the coming months as we do more events outside of the hockey arena. Look in the newsletter each month for announcements and details. And very special thanks to Kendra, Dawn, Donna and Cheryl for all their help and planning such a fun event!

- Patrick Drollinger

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TC: I understand that you have a stick from "The Great One" after the 1986 All-Star game. Can you tell our readers about it?

CK: It was just kind of lying there the next day and it was broken and used. Well, it wasn't totally broken, it was chipped and still in decent shape. I just grabbed it. It was one of his old Titan sticks. I think he was one of the few players who ever used them. It has "W. Gretzky 99" on it. He used it in that All-Star game in '86 and it was just sitting there in the visiting locker room. I thought that would be a nice thing to take home. I didn't even realize it was an authentic stick until later on. Then I caught my kids playing with it in the street one day, playing street hockey. I was about ready to kill' em. They didn't know; they were only 9, 7 and 5. They just took that stick and didn't even know it was Wayne Gretzky's stick. I guess it was my fault for leaving it in the garage. They started using it and luckily it didn't break. Now, I have never gotten that autographed but I would like to someday for sentimental reasons. Maybe he will want the stick. If I ever showed it to him, he might want it.

TC: If you could get your hands on any piece of memorabilia, from any hockey player, past or present, what would that be?

CK: This would probably be impossible to get, but I would like to get the stick that Gordie Howe used to get his final NHL point and goal with the Whalers. I would think that would be neat. Also, to try and get the stick of Ron Francis' final point, because he is such a meaningful player to me, having seen every game he has played for this organization. It would just be nice to have some kind of commemorative piece, just for sentimental reasons, from either Gordie or Ron Francis because they have finished and will finish their careers with our organization.

Please e-mail your questions and suggestions regarding hockey card collecting to Brett Ciancanelli at bbccaniac26@yahoo.com.

D. C. road trip eventful – on and off the ice

It was a beautiful Friday. There were no clouds in the sky and, more importantly, I didn't have to go to work! I was joined by fellow boosters Bob Bake, Myrna Rockholt, Tammy Bristow and Glenda Hulme in the RBC Center parking lot that October 3, and if all my fellow boosters known that the Canes always lose when I go to DC (no wins and four losses, and all the losses by at least three goals) perhaps they would have found a deep, dark ditch and buried me inside. Luckily, my friend Bob kept mum on the subject.

We departed in a rental van that had a small scratch on the back bumper (kids, this will be important later!). There was loads of hockey talk throughout the four-plus hours of our trek to Washington. We first stopped off to eat at a Friendly's somewhere in Virginia. I got my sugar-kick from the ice cream and then we were raring to go!

On the way out, one car got a little too friendly and we were rear-ended as we yielded, trying to find our way back north. The driver of the other vehicle got out and said, "Sorry, I was watching the traffic." Apparently not! I had to hold Bob and the ladies back, as their eyes were very Jesse Boulerice-like. Luckily we had those scratches on the back bumper and there was no damage so we would not miss face-off at the MCI Center.

Finding our way back to the highway was rough. Bob and I, both from Pittsburgh, used our city-boy navigational skills and still ended up going south instead of north. Go figure.

Upon arrival, our accommodations were first class. We found out on TV that the Canes had picked up Jamie Storr. We took a train to the arena to witness a pre-season debacle (remember when the Canes had a little scoring problem? Glad that is history!).

We met up with other Boosters who drove up on the trip but opted out of the accommodations. These folks included Tricia and Jim Andrews, Dawn Coe, Tom and Elizabeth Sullivan, Nancy Fahey and Molly Hunsinger.

The Caps have a pretty nice arena and the action on the ice was fierce, especially in the third. The Canes were mounting a comeback late in the game on goals by Marty Murray and Eric Staal, but they ended up losing and we took to our walk of shame out of the arena after the 3-2 defeat.

The Washington Capitals Fan Club was gracious enough to host us at an Irish Pub after the game to

drown our sorrows in chicken wings and spirits! That was the highlight of the trip!

After the party with the Caps, it was back to our original group of five on the train ride back to the hotel. While waiting for the train, a tipsy city dweller really seemed interested in the Hurricanes. Being the good booster, I tried to sell him a Booster Club magnet, but to no avail. If I had a few more minutes, I think he would have bought 10. My team was not working with me that night!

The train ride was highly eventful. Our train ended up stopped three stops away from our hotel. While waiting, one young man turned the train into a boom box and acted as though his seat and the floor were a drum set. At 1 a.m., no one really had the nerve to ask him to stop. I was almost inspired to sing the new "This is Hockey" theme song, but all that came out was "Chilli's babyback ribs...Barbeque saaaaaaauce!"

We made it back to the hotel for a good night's sleep and then proceeded on our way home. We stopped at a fast food restaurant (we won't mention the name in case they happen to be a team sponsor!) not knowing they were out of everything until the truck arrived two days later. There was no ketchup, no Coke, and no napkins! Sometimes it takes sacrifice to be a Caniac.

We managed to return home safe and our sour experiences soon turned to tears of joy once the Canes took it to the Capitals at the RBC Center and won Saturday by a score of 3-1. There really is no place like home!

Southern Comfort Cup Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Florida Panthers	3
Carolina Hurricanes	1
Washington Capitals	0
Tampa Bay Lightning	0

Fan Favorite Standings

1. Radim Vrbata
2. Danny Markov
3. Eric Cole
4. Nic Wallin
5. Eric Staal

Remembering Terry Sawchuk, the game's greatest goalie

Every sport has its tragic figures.

Hockey's include the great goaltender Georges Vezina, who had never missed a game in his 15-year pro career before taking himself out of the net one late November night in 1925, complaining of chest pains and dizziness.

Vezina, who saw 22 of his 24 children die in infancy, was diagnosed shortly thereafter with tuberculosis and died the following March. Nicknamed the "Cucumber" because he reacted so coolly under fire, Vezina was immortalized in 1927 with the creation of the Vezina Trophy, awarded annually to the league's top netminder.

Then there's Howie Morenz, the best – and most popular – player of the 20s and 30s. His contemporaries were unanimous in their assertion that Morenz was the most exciting player of the day. He drew huge crowds wherever his Montreal Canadiens played, an effect Michael Jordan would later have on Chicago Bulls' opponents.

Morenz was traded away from, and then back to, the Canadiens toward the end of his career. But a broken leg suffered in a game on January 7, 1937, put him in the hospital. So serious was the injury that Morenz became convinced he'd never play again. He didn't. Just two months later, after telling a visiting teammate he'd next see the Canadiens play from "up in heaven," the still-hospitalized Morenz died from a coronary embolism. But those attending his funeral later in the Montreal Forum agreed that what really killed Morenz was a broken heart: he knew his playing days were over.

Neither Vezina nor Morenz, however, can compare in level of talent – or level of tragedy – to the story of Terry Sawchuk.

You might have heard his name recently, when he was placed on this year's NHL All-Star ballot, along with other NHL greats. In addition to voting for this year's best and brightest, the league is giving fans a chance to select an "all-time" best team.

Now-retired Colorado Avalanche goaltender Patrick Roy (on the ballot as well) passed Sawchuk with his 448th career victory in October of 2000, making Roy the winningest goalie in NHL history. Many doubted Sawchuk's 30-year-old record of 447 wins, achieved over a 21-year career, would ever be broken. The pursuit was as closely watched in hockey circles as Hank Aaron's pursuit of Babe Ruth's home run record in the spring of 1974.

So when Roy beat the Washington Capitals in overtime that October night three years ago, it was fitting that Roy recognized Sawchuk's achievement and paused to remember him in an on-ice interview after the game, saying Sawchuk was on his mind when the record became his.

But Sawchuk's story is different than Vezina's or Morenz's. It's more tragic. There's probably a reason the NHL's official website posted more than two dozen stories about Roy the week before Roy broke Sawchuk's record, and only one story about Sawchuk. Called "Uke" by his teammates – owing to his Ukrainian heritage – Sawchuk may have been the greatest goalie of his time, if not history. But he was also the most troubled and most enigmatic.

Sawchuk was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and grew up idolizing his older brother, Mitch. At seven years Terry's senior, Mitch Sawchuk was a talented hockey player who played goalie and taught young Terry the nuances of the game – especially about the important of balance on the ice. Despite the age difference, they spent many hours together, and certainly a good part of those on the ice.

But Mitch suffered a heart attack and died tragically when he was 17, and Terry just 10. The loss devastated Terry. He coped by refocusing on hockey, and soon evolved into a scorer who starred in local youth leagues.

When he donned Mitch's old goalie pads and took to the net, though, Terry's real greatness emerged. Remembering his dead brother's admonition about balance, Terry developed what would become the famous "Sawchuk crouch." He placed his hands – catching glove on his left, goalie stick in his right – in front of him and bent deeply at his waist, face low to the ice so that his center of gravity was just above his feet. The stance gave him near-perfect balance and great lateral movement, both perfect tools for a goaltender.

In time Sawchuk established himself as the premiere goalie in hockey. He became the first player in history to win "Rookie of the Year" honors in three different leagues in consecutive years and had an unheard-of goals-against average of 1.95 in his first five years in the NHL, as a member of the Detroit Red Wings.

He amassed 56 shutouts in that time and finished his career with 103 scoreless games – still a record. (Roy, by comparison, had 48 at the time he

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Remembering Terry Sawchuk, the game's greatest goalie

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broke Sawchuk's record.) Playing maskless for most of his career, Sawchuk won four Vezina trophies and four Stanley Cups and was named a first-team All-Star three times – this during a time when the league's six teams carried a total of seven goalies, most of which are now in hockey's Hall of Fame.

But Sawchuk was also a womanizing alcoholic who abused his wife and on occasion exhibited violent tendencies. He neglected his seven children. He was moody and brooding and bitter and prone to stretches where he rarely spoke to teammates or family members. He once quit during the prime of his career, after a bout with mononucleosis and a nervous breakdown, only to return the following season. His playing weight ranged 60 pounds at times, and various illnesses, accidents and operations followed him around the league to the five different teams for which he played.

The biggest tragedy, though, was his death.

Shortly after the 1970 season ended, a drunken Sawchuk got into an argument with fellow New York Ranger Ron Stewart, with whom Sawchuk shared a rented home during the hockey season. A scuffle began in a bar in Long Island when Stewart began questioning Sawchuk about unpaid bills. Stewart, who recognized that Sawchuk was in one of his famous poor moods, left the bar and went back to the rental home. Sawchuk followed him there.

A shoving match – later ruled as "horseplay" in

court – in the dark outside the house came next, and Stewart, backing away, tripped on an overturned metal barbecue pit. Sawchuk fell on top of him, and Stewart's knee drove into the goalie's stomach.

In great pain, Sawchuk was rushed to hospital, where his condition – a severe laceration of the liver, which compromised his gall bladder – worsened. In the next four weeks Sawchuk's condition ranged from stable to grave – and stable again. An emergency surgery performed on May 30 seemed to go well, and Sawchuk stabilized overnight. But shortly after sunrise the next day, he went into respiratory, then cardiac, arrest. A two-hour attempt to resuscitate him failed.

An autopsy reveal numerous blood clots, all resulting from Sawchuk's bleeding liver.

What the autopsy could not reveal was the secret to Sawchuk's greatness. That was evident by simply watching the Uke play: he was described as a perpetual motion machine in goal, making some of the most acrobatic stops imaginable. What drove that greatness – and the monstrosity that Sawchuk sometimes was - is more of a mystery.

Now that he's no longer number one, the mystery will probably never go away.

Sawchuk didn't have much peace in his 40 years on Earth. May he rest in peace now, and may his talent not be forgotten.

CHBC Fantasy Hockey Standings

(www.sportingnews.com / as of November 5)

Rank	Team	Manager	TSNP (Total Points)
1	Sabaca	Caniac41	2175
2	canesin7	Pat Drollinger	2012
3	GoMarty23	Bill Horner	1842
4	Eye of Hurricanes	James Paul	1784
5	All the President's Men	John Gallagher	1758
6	The Happy Gilmours	Carolina Crash	1620
7	Batesbombers	Donna Scanlon	1571
8	Carolina Cougars	BryanCanes	1503
9	Coles Town	evan&mom	1475
10	It's All About the Hockey	Cheryl Mulhern	1464
11	horners storms	Zachary & Addison Horner	1441
12	Barry's Caniacs	Barry Shafer	1336
13	Chiasson the Dream	MissCaniac	1322
14	the OZOne	canesfan9123	1298
15	Power Skaters	evan&mom	1255
16	Pale Riders	Pete Peters	1000
17	Raisin' Cane	Raisin Cane	0

Member Focus/ Lorraine Perri

Lorraine Perri has been a member of the Booster Club since the team first moved to Raleigh in 1999. She graduated from Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park, N. Y., in 1962.

She currently has a 17-year tenure as a Travel Agent with Anchors Aweigh Cruise Agency and works part-time as a Receptionist for Coldwell Banker, Howard Perry and Walston, a position she has held for nine years.

She has been married to husband Ron (*pictured with Canes Defenseman Sean Hill, bottom right*) for 35 years and both of them are regulars at the Booster Club Meetings and Carolina Hurricanes hockey games. They have two daughters, both married, and boast two young grandchildren.

Perri started out as a New York Islanders fan, but soon switched over to the Canes, making the slogan "You'll know when you go" a reality.

She was there for the Canes at the airport throughout the 2002 Stanley Cup run. Her devotion to her team can be witnessed by the #32 Hurricanes vanity plate on her car; friends say she is a true Caniac.

"As a true fan, I believe it is very important to support the organization in every way you can." Lorraine said.

Lorraine's favorite Hurricanes player is Ron Francis for his leadership both on and off the ice.

"He's a great player and a great person in the community," she said. "My dream would to have him autograph a stick that I can add to my Ron Francis wall of Fame."

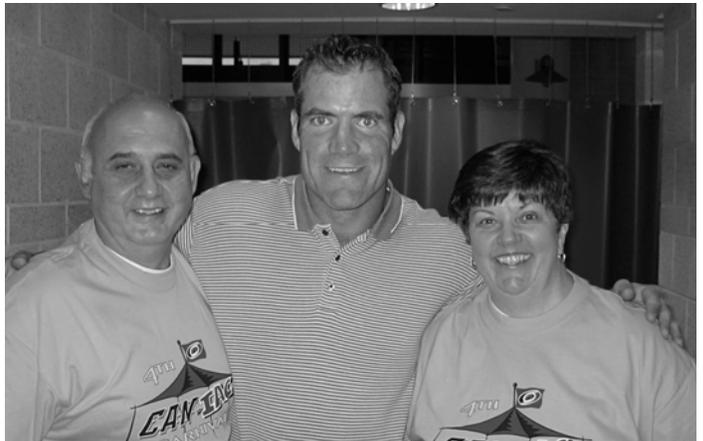
She joined the Booster Club four years ago to get together with other hockey loving friends, to learn more about the game and the Hurricanes, and to promote hockey to the community. She and Ron

are often at the RBC Center helping the Hurricanes at different events during the season. Her positive attitude makes Lorraine a true asset to our Booster Club and to the Hurricanes' faithful.

Outside of hockey, one of Lorraine's goals is to travel to all seven continents. She has just three more to go. It is no surprise that her favorite movie of all-time is *Around the World in 80 Days*. Lorraine has also been known to take in a Duke women's basketball game. She witnessed their trip to the Final Four in Atlanta last season.

Besides her family, Lorraine's passion is travel. Her favorite place in the world to visit is Aruba. She went there for the first time in 1963. Recently the government recognized her family as "Good Will Ambassadors" for 40 consecutive years travel to the Island.

"We hope everyone gets the opportunity to travel to our 'home away from home' to see why we like it so much," she said.



CHBC Announces '10 for 10' Program

RALEIGH, NC (October 29, 2003) –The Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club announced the Club will donate \$10 for every goal and assist scored by Carolina Hurricanes Captain Ron Francis during the 2003-2004 season to NC Special Olympics.

The program, titled the "10 for 10" Program, will be the first such effort for the Booster Club to use player statistics tied with a donation amount. Regardless of final statistics, the Club will donate a minimum of \$500 for this program to the NC Special Olympics.

In addition to this program, the Booster Club will continue its Fan Favorite Player of the Year Award. For a \$1 donation, fans can vote for their favorite Hurricanes player. All proceeds from the Fan Favorite go to the Carolina Hurricanes Kids N' Community Foundation.

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