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Crusade Fulfilled: Canes Get 2011 All-Star Game

On April 8th it was announced that the 2011 NHL all-star game will be played in the RBC Center. The announcement puts an end to a long wait for those that remember the 2001 NHL All-Star Crusade and the promises from Commissioner Gary Bettman almost 10 years ago.

"The fact that this all-star game has been awarded to the Hurricanes is a testimony to the strength of this franchise and above all the enthusiastic support the Caniacs have shown for your team." Said Bettman.

The arrival of the All-Star festivities in the triangle marks a full circle for the signature NHL events held in the Triangle. The Canes have already hosted two Stanley Cup Finals (2002, 2006), three Eastern Conference Finals (2002, 2006, 2009), and the NHL Entry Draft (2004).

While from a revenue perspective the NHL retains most if not all dollars generated from the game, the Hurricanes have opportunities to lure in new corporate partners. The Raleigh-Durham market will be a focal point of the 2011 NHL All-Star Game and some companies will have to be impressed with the climate



*The Wait is over!
The All-Star Crusade logo used during the 2001-02 season ticket drive.*

and atmosphere this area would bring to hosting such a large-scale event.

What can we expect to see at the 2011 NHL All-Star game in Raleigh, North Carolina? Aside from the biggest stars in the game, there will likely be a fan festival with many current and former stars around for all the fans to see. There will be a super skills competition with the All-Stars competing in various events such as the fastest skater, hardest shot, shooting accuracy, and breakaway challenge. There is also the YoungStars game, a game Eric Staal played in back in 2004 when Minnesota hosted the 54th NHL All Star Game.

The YoungStars game could be an interesting exhibition with plenty of local flavor since the 2010-11 Carolina Hurricanes will likely boast of a lot of young talent based on the impressive array of call-ups from this past season.

The Triangle will be the best host this game has ever seen. Our fan base is one of the most passionate and there will be another opportunity to show the hockey world we have the loudest house in the NHL.

---John Gallagher, editor of *Hurricane Warning*

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President's Message / Clare Cook

Hello Members,

The other night I was at my favorite watering hole watching two play-off games on the big screens side by side. I started to reflect on the past season with our boys. A couple of things came to mind; 1. How I wish it was our team on the big screen and 2. How our boys really came through. Sure the boys didn't make the play-offs but boy did they give a good run from January on. It is funny (at least to me) how their play changed around the same time the MOJO Viewing Parties started at the Backyard Bistro. I wasn't sure about that but did check with Joe, one of the owners of BYB, and he confirmed that their first Mojo was on January 21st.

The club has been very fortunate this year.

- We had a wonderful spot in front of section 124 for all home games.
- Kids-n-Community staff has gone beyond our expectations.
- We have been welcome at all the Cool Bars and Mojo Viewing Parties.
- We built over 389 bears and delivered them within a week of the build.
- We raised over \$1135 on donated sticks for our private raffle
- Stormy gave us one of his game worn jerseys to raffle
- Over 25 people have showed up for all meetings (with the exception of Skate & Sled)
- We had 6 people running for the board (in the past it has been hard to even get enough people nominated to run for open positions)
- Backyard Bistro and Tobacco Road Sports Café have donated items/rooms to the club.
- Our facebook page is up and running

One of the challenging aspects of this year is the decline in donations and memberships. According to the organization this has happened all around the league. We have a lot to look forward to as a club:

- Our Draft Party being catered as a Thank you from BYB
- Durham Bulls game this summer
- Skate Like an All-Star this summer
- Our annual Picnic
- All-Star Weekend next year
- HOSTING NHLBCC convention August 2011

Please be sure to sign up for the club for the upcoming 2010-11 season. Membership year starts in June. We look forward to seeing y'all there!

Lastly, I would like to thank outgoing board members Bob Hagen, Stacey Hacker, and Pam Kadzielawski for their outstanding service and commitment to the club.

Sincerely,
Clare Cook, President
Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club



Check out the CHBC on Facebook!

Welcome Back:

The last time I wrote anything hockey-related was about 4 years ago at the start of the 2006-07 season. It's been a wonderful 3 year vacation, but it's good to be back in what promises to be a great year in both CHBC and Carolina Hurricanes franchise history with the 2011 NHL All-star game and the 2011 NHLBC Convention. On to the hockey and the season in review.



Future looks good! Brandon Sutter with my daughter Allison and me at Skate with the Canes!

2009-10 Hurricanes:

There's enough bitter taste for the team not making the 2010 NHL playoffs so I am only writing about the positive because frankly I am a glass half full kind of guy. Eric Staal had a point-per-game kind of season despite missing 12 games and became the captain of the franchise. Jussi Jokinen put up career numbers in goals and points during the 2009-10 campaign. Joni Pitkanen and Tim Gleason were solid during the second half of the season and Jamie McBain made a case for himself to be a contributor for the 2010-11 Hurricanes. Brandon Sutter showed he can be one of the great two-way players in the game.

The best part I take away from the Carolina Hurricanes team of 2009-10 was the never quit vibe I felt each time you heard a comment from anyone on the team. The effort remained even through a string of losses. The team never lost its fighting spirit which led to another bright spot in its goaltending. Manny Legace is a veteran goalie the canes were able to pick up and the team responded. Manny finished the season at 10-7-5-1, which you would think would be impossible for a goaltender to have a winning season based on the dismal start. It would be a shame not to have Legace back as Cam Ward's understudy, but the guy behind Manny, Justin Peters was no slouch. Peters came in as the rookie and was also thrust into the number one job when Legace had injuries to deal with. Peters had a record of 6-3 in 9 appearances this

season. While it would be a great luxury to give him more playing time in the AHL next season, the Canes could promote this kid without a second thought because he looks to be NHL-ready.

New Captain:

I was really bummed to see Brind'amour lose the captaincy this season. I wanted to see him keep it until he decided to retire. I like continuity not to

mention my Staal jersey still has the "A" and I'm not ready to buy a new one! Staal is deserving of the honor and I was proud as a fan the way the transition was handled between the two. Eric Staal may wear the "C", but Rod still is a valuable leader and competitor the Canes can use next year (if ya don't believe me, check out what former Sharks captain Patrick Marleau is doing for his team in the 2010 playoffs!). Eric wearing the "C" should bring good fortune in the coming year if the latter half of the 2009-10 season is any indication.

Trades:

It was very sad to see guys like Nic Wallin, Joe Corvo, Scott Walker, Matt Cullen, and Aaron Ward go. The economics of the business lead to emotional goodbyes to our team. I give President and GM Jim Rutherford an A+ for the deals he was able to make being a known seller based on the team's performance. The Canes will have some very nice extra draft choices to add depth to the AHL team coming to Charlotte and hopefully have one NHL-ready guy with that first round pick at number 7.

Rest Up:

The wait for opening night 2010 will be a long one, but rest easy. 2010-11 will be one to remember. Stock up on your tailgate supplies and prepare for the All-Star frenzy, a deep Cup run, and the best NHLBC convention ever!

Dedicated CHBC Member Bob Hagen Moving South



Bob Hagen is one of the Booster Club's most dedicated members. Having been a member of the club since the 2002 season, Bob is a perfect example of what it means to be a Caniac. When asked about his favorite memories of the team, it's easy to relate to his choices from the 2002 and 2006 playoffs.

"I loved the Cup run of 2002 for the Triple Overtime Game 3 against the Redwings, and the 2006 game-winning series in our building," Said Hagen. "I loved witnessing the series ending handshakes."

Bob has roamed the halls of the RBC Center between periods like many of us Caniacs and felt the highs and lows of the team. This upcoming season will be different for him because he will be retiring and moving to Florida before the start of the 2010-11 season. While the closest NHL team will be the Tampa Bay Lightning and he looks forward to watching Martin St. Louis in action, he will remain a loyal to his Carolina Hurricanes.

Originally from Ohio, Bob is a Cincinnati Reds fan and will probably take in some spring training down in Florida as one of his hobbies when hockey season is done. He will also play a lot of golf in the not-too-distant future.

Bob owns 5 autographed Carolina Hurricanes jerseys. No one was more ecstatic than Bob when the Canes brought back Erik Cole during the 2008-09 season since many of his signed jerseys have the #26 on the back.

Bob also owns one blank 3rd jersey reserved for the player to be named later. Perhaps one of the new young stars will emerge as worthy of sewn on lettering. "I'm encouraged for next year with the young guys making the team." Said Bob.

The Booster Club will never be the same without you, Bob. Thanks for sticking with us all these years.

Kudos for the Critters



Honored at the April CHBC meeting for their contributions to the Caniac Critters project are (Left to Right): Sherry Shearin, Annette Hutchins, and Michelle Morris.

Kaiton Speaks of Bright Future, All-Stars at April Meeting

As excited as most Hurricanes fans and booster club members are about hearing Chuck Kaiton speak at a meeting, no one is more excited than the Hall of Famer himself.

"It's always good to be around hockey fans." Said Kaiton.

Chuck gave us a review of the 2009-10 season from his perspective and some great insights into the Canes' goaltending situation, the upcoming 2010-11 season, and some all-star tidbits.

Albany Moving to Charlotte:

In a season where Canes fans struggled to find good news, one of the great stories of the year occurred with the announcement of the Carolina Hurricanes' minor league affiliate moving from Albany, NY to Charlotte, NC.

"I think it will be so great to have the American Hockey League in North Carolina." Said Chuck Kaiton.

Indeed, the Charlotte Checkers will help solidify the Carolina Hurricanes' hold on the hockey market in the state of North Carolina. The possibility now exists for fans of either team to see the prospects in action and follow them to the big club as inevitable call-ups occur.

Goaltending:

Jim Rutherford will have a tough decision to make in the 2010 off-season. This past season, Manny Legace came in to fill a void left by Cam Ward's injuries and Justin Peters was thrown into the mix of starters when Legace went down. Both played well enough to secure the backup spot behind Cam Ward.

"I like the veteran Legace," Said Kaiton. "You need a guy with Legace's mentality to be the backup. At age 38, he could be content to back-up (Cam) Ward and be in the NHL."



The Hall of Fame voice of the Hurricanes was the guest of honor at the April CHBC Meeting!

In a nutshell, a guy like Legace gets it and would accept a role with the Hurricanes if given the opportunity as he did in the 2009-10 campaign. The problem is Legace is a free agent and could explore options in Russia.

Justin Peters, on the other hand, is another viable option for the Canes, but is playing behind Cam Ward the

best place for him?

"Justin Peters could benefit from another year

in the AHL." Said Kaiton. "Like a rookie major league pitcher, Peters has the advantage that there is not much footage of his play."

Whether it's Legace or Peters, Chuck told the Booster Club crowd that the Canes are in a great position to have so two solid options.

History of the Superskills Competition:

The highlight of Chuck's visit with the booster club is a story about the unofficial beginning of the NHL Super Skills Competition. While the first official Super Skills competition was held in Pittsburgh at the 41st All-Star Game in 1990, Chuck credits former Hartford Whalers VP of Marketing and Public Relations William Barnes with starting the concept.

It was 1986 and the Hartford Civic Center was the location of the 38th All-Star Game. It was Barnes' idea to do more than just a game. He wanted to have the NHL All-stars put on a show of skill like never seen before. Tickets were given away to a 15,000+ crowd from schools throughout the Hartford area in anticipation for this first-of-its-kind event that afternoon.

(see **Kaiton**, continued on page 6)

Plenty of Summer fun with your Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club!

2010 NHL Entry Draft Party and Thank You Buffet

Friday, June 25th 7pm at the Backyard Bistro

The Backyard Bistro will be throwing us a Buffet to Thank us for supporting them this year. The Backyard Bistro is located at 1235 Hurricane Alley Way Raleigh, NC 27607 (across from the RBC Center).

Durham Bulls Game vs Charlotte Knights

Friday, July 16th 7:05pm Durham Bulls Athletic Park

Join us in Covered Terrace Seats as we watch the Bulls take on the Charlotte Knights.

\$14 per ticket

Please RSVP: president@hurricanesboosters.org

Skate Like an All-Star

Saturday, August 21st or August 28th

2:30-4:30pm at the RecZone

Join us for a fun & cool afternoon at the RecZone. The RecZone is located at (912 Hodges St, Raleigh, NC) **\$5 per person**

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The problem with the first ever skills competition was that no one had communicated it to the NHLPA or the players. The miscommunication could have ended in disaster with a disappointed crowd of school children. Fortunately, guys like Wayne Gretzky and Bryan Trottier (who were NHLPA player representatives at the time) would never disappoint the kids. Chuck ended up narrating a Wales-Campbell conference practice that did include a breakaway goal-scoring contest. The NHL later expanded on Barnes' concept in 1990, bringing us the NHL Super Skills Competition as we know it today.

2010-2011 Outlook:

The 2010-11 season will see a very different training camp with focus on a competitive youth movement. Chuck believes players like Zach Boychuk, Drayson Bowman, Jamie McBain, and Patrick Dwyer have all made a case for a closer look for the upcoming training camp.

The big question stated Kaiton: "Can we make a run at the Washington Capitals?"

Based on how Washington ultimately finished in the playoffs with a first-round exit, the Capitals may not be as much of a concern.

"Just getting in will be very important," Said Kaiton. "In order to get in, it will be interesting to see how the team responds with a younger line-up."

Getting into the playoffs will be the top priority and then anything can happen. Avoiding a repeat of the dismal start of the past year will be key. The start of the season will be a challenging one with the team starting out in Finland. Historically, teams that start their seasons overseas normally do not start well. Hopefully the Canes will break the trend.

Finally, to all the Ray Whitney fans out there, Chuck believes Ray will be offered a contract to return with the Canes next season.

Your Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club in Action!



CHBC at the 2010 UNC Telethon!



Dawn Cullom Mooney gets warm at the CHBC Skate & Sled 2010



Pam Jenkins at the CHBC Goodie bag and Welcome to the Season Event!



Tammy Sofield all smiles at Caniac Critter Build 2010!



Caught Bear-handed? Michelle Morris at Caniac Critter 2010 Duke Delivery

Want to see more?
Skate over to the
CHBC Facebook page for more
photos from this past season!
GO CANES!

NEXT CHBC EVENT

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