



Captain's Log

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"Tip Of The Ice"

By Patricia Kelly

Helping out the Kingfish in their best start in club history is forward Luke Curtin. Last season's rookie all star, Curtin appears to be unstoppable with the puck averaging a goal a game going into the game against Peoria.

Curtin spent his summer playing golf, water skiing and visiting with friends and family in his hometown of St. Paul, Minnesota. He also had the chance to visit with friends in Vancouver, British Columbia, and even made his way back down south for a visit to Dallas.

About a month before the season starts back up, Luke begins building his strength back up by skating and working out more often to build up the endurance that is needed throughout the season.

Superstitions are a big part of any sport and any player including Luke. He will eat at the same time on game day, sleep at the same time and for the same amount of time every time.

For anyone that has been in the Centroplex before a game, seeing Luke skipping rope in the corner is a given. This is also one of his superstitions as well as always getting dressed starting with the left side first then the right.

He started playing hockey at the age of six because his neighbors daughter played, but his love of sports didn't stop with the ice. Luke appears to be a natural born athlete good at whatever sport he decides on.

He played high school football (quarterback) and helped his team win a conference his freshman year, but he says his favorite non-hockey memory is his soccer championships at the age of 13.

His favorite hockey memory was playing for the U.S. A. in the Mexico Cup for the under 18 age group. A 17 year old Luke Curtin helped his team bring home the silver medal.

Championship teams just seem to follow the 6'2" Minnesota native.

Luke was a little disappointed about not being called up to a higher league, but he is not upset.

"I like it here. It's a great place to play. I want to be at a higher level so if I perform, I'll get better looks," he says.

He feels the season is going pretty good so far. "It's the best start this team has had in four years. We are playing pretty well, better than expected," he says. Luke's favorite thing about Baton Rouge is the "friendliness of the people. The people here treat you with such respect. It's like a second home."

When he is not playing hockey, Luke just likes to keep busy whether its playing golf, just hanging out with his fellow Kingfish players or believe it or not, "I love to shop!" he says with a grin.

A little known fact about him is that he likes ketchup on everything. "I love my ketchup," he says.

Luke's roommate, Chris Aldous would like to add a little known fact that will probably make any south Louisianan cringe: Luke also likes to put ranch dressing on his jambalaya.

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Luke would like to tell the members of the Captain's Club: "Thanks for everything. Without you we wouldn't be anything. Thanks for all the support and keep it up."

Rick's Rantings

The Holiday season is upon us once again and I know we are all busy during this time, but the club and players are in need of your help.

We have the monthly raffle which is going to benefit our Baton Rouge Youth Hockey, The Diabetes Association and MDA. We are also adding a "Kiss A Pig" raffle to benefit Cam and the American Diabetes Association.

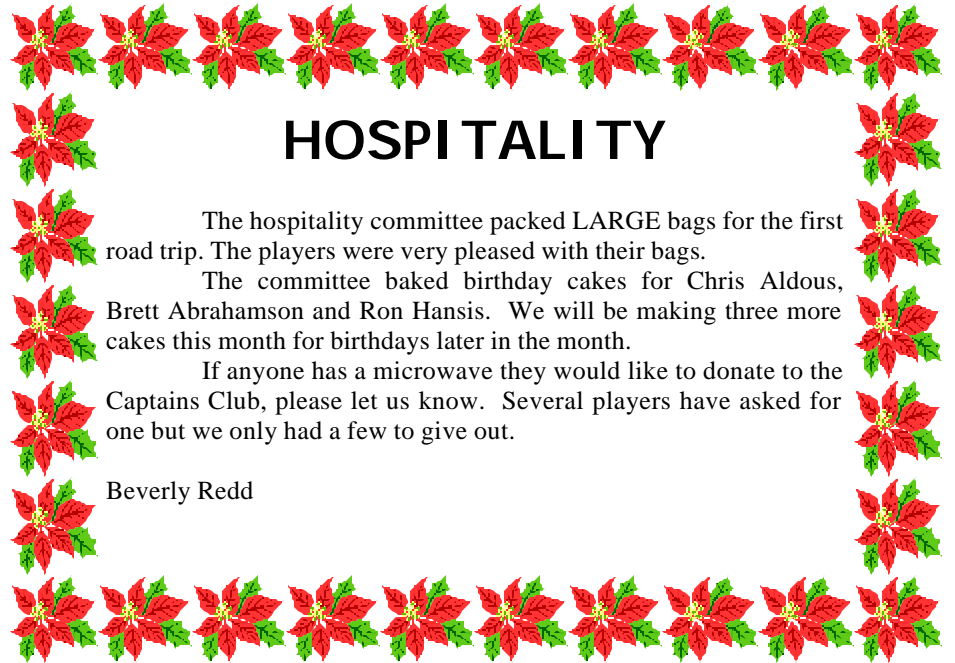
If we would volunteer to take some tickets to work and other gatherings we could raise more money for our charities and Cam's contest. Please volunteer a little of your time.

A couple of our club objectives in our by-laws are to "encourage and promote the interest of ice hockey in Louisiana" and "provide a method for people who enjoy ice hockey to meet and commingle with others interested in the sport".

We can do this by selling some group tickets to the Dec. 26th game against our rival across the pond, Lafayette. This will also help benefit the Captains Club and the Kingfish players.

The Captains Club Christmas party will be Dec. 21st and I hope to see all of you there. There will be a little change starting with this event. The Captains Club parties will be available to Club members only. If you would like to attend the Captains Club parties please get your membership in now.

If you have any questions or suggestions don't hesitate to let the Board and Committee members know.



HOSPITALITY

The hospitality committee packed LARGE bags for the first road trip. The players were very pleased with their bags.

The committee baked birthday cakes for Chris Aldous, Brett Abrahamson and Ron Hansis. We will be making three more cakes this month for birthdays later in the month.

If anyone has a microwave they would like to donate to the Captains Club, please let us know. Several players have asked for one but we only had a few to give out.

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Back as Number 16 in a Kingfish uniform is center and last year's co-MVP (he shared the title with goalie Jordan Willis) Dan Shermerhorn.

Dan spent most of his summer here in Baton Rouge house-sitting and "just hanging out with friends." He did get the chance to play roller hockey for five weeks with a team in Anaheim, California and spend two weeks back home in Calgary catching up with his mom and childhood friends.

His off-season workout consisted of more weights during the summer due to the fact that the players have to "rebuild, re-tone and reacclimatize" themselves.

Dan says "You have to give your best every game because you are utilizing more energy" when you are on the ice.

When he is not playing or teaching hockey he likes to socialize with his friends, play golf and "just have fun no matter what." Dan does admit that at times he does have a tendency to over extend himself but he just deals with it.

Having played hockey for twenty-three of his twenty-six years, when asked what his favorite non-hockey memory would be, the only thing he could come up with was "being born." After being reminded he couldn't possibly remember that, he conceded that he didn't really have one.

The answer to his favorite hockey memory was much easier to answer. "It would have to be the goal I scored in a triple overtime game in 1995 at the University of Maine against Michigan in the NCAA semifinals."

Dan is very happy to be back playing in Baton Rouge this year. "I like what I see on the ice" he says of the 1999-2000 Kingfish team, "As long as we work hard we are gonna make some heads turn."

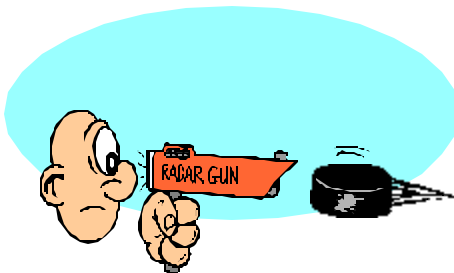
His two favorite things about Baton Rouge are the "friendly people and the tasty home cooked meals that are often offered and served."

A little known fact about Dan is that he chews four pieces of gum, at once, during the game. When you look across the ice and see him chewing, know that he is chewing on two pieces of "Bubblicious" ("for volume" he adds) and two pieces of Extra ("for flavor").

The best way to sum up Dan Shermerhorn is what could probably be his motto on life: "Every situation is as fun as you make it therefore why not make it as fun as you can."

He also adds that "The crowd needs to be loud and involved."

Dan would like to tell members of the Captain's Club that all of the players "appreciate everything that is done," and he looks forward to working with the members in any and all endeavors.



Captain's Club Shirts

We still have some Captains Club T-shirts and Golf shirts available in a number of sizes. See Carrie Ferguson for info on purchasing.

Golf shirts—Large (25)—X-large (10)—Small (1)

T-Shirts—XXX-Large (1)—XX-Large (2)—X-large (2)—Large (1)—Medium (2)—Small (3) and Child sizes—Large (2)—Medium (1)

Golf shirts are \$25.00 and T-shirts are \$15.00

Travel Committee

Hey, Kingfish Fans and
Booster Club Members:

(sung to "Side By Side")

We ain't got a barrel of money,
We may look ragged and funny,
BUT we're trav'lin along,
singing our song,
GEAUX.....FISH.....GEAUX.....!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have info for a bus trip to Birmingham on the 18th of December. The price is \$55 per person (\$45-bus, \$10-game ticket, drivers' tip included) and if we fill the 55 seat bus, we will be able to give everyone a refund of approximately \$8-\$9 dollars. This is about a 6 hour ride. We will leave ABOUT 10 a.m. on Saturday December 18th, and return home after the game. (We will give you a definite time of departure when we have the bus filled-we may be able to leave at 11 am) No hotel....Most people requested no overnight stay. Bring food and beverages so we will not have to stop and eat. The last trip we had, several people brought "stuff" and we all shared. We had a lot of fun....You may bring an ice chest as long as it will fit under your seat or up in the overhead compartments. There is a bathroom on the bus. We will be at the Captain's Club Table an hour before all games and during intermissions. Or, we sit in Section 304, Row D, Seats 6-10. The deadline for tickets is Friday December 3rd, the Pensacola game. We must have all money in by then to pay for the bus. If we happen to not get enough passengers, we will have to cancel the trip. BUT, if we get 40 people signed up, "We Are On Our Way To Birmingham", (hence, the refund if we get 55 people on the bus). We have about 15 riders as of today, Saturday, November 27th. We need a little help filling the bus. If you know of someone who may not have passed the Captain's Club table and don't know about the trip, please pass on this info to them. If you know of someone who is not a member, tell them about our club so they can join in the fun. Come see us at the Table and let's go cheer our team on to ANOTHER VICTORY!!!!!!!!!!!!

We will also have bus trips to ALL away games in New Orleans. The price for a 55 seat bus, including your game ticket, will only be \$21 per person (\$8-bus, \$12-ticket, \$1-driver tip). We've reserved 100 seats in the same section we had for the first game---they were good seats.

We will always sell our travel activities as: bus & ticket, bus only, or ticket only. We are trying to accommodate all those interested in supporting our Kingfish out-of-town. If you know of someone who is not a member of our "Baton Rouge Kingfish Captain's Club" please have them stop by our table to sign up and join us in all of our Kingfish activity fun. We have also arranged for future seating in La-

fayette to be in the 200 level, probably around the end we defend twice. All the seats may not be grouped together but they should be close. The price will be approximately around \$12. We do not have busses for Lafayette games (unless, in the future, we have enough requests).

OK...here are our plans for future Bus and/or Group Seating arrangements....(the following are with no overnight stay, unless indicated)

1. We have reserved a 55 seat bus for all New Orleans away games....
2. Biloxi on Tuesday, December 28th.....group seating only (we are checking on a bus, leaving about 3-4 pm)
3. Mobile on Saturday, January 22nd.....bus and/or group seating (leaving about 2-3 pm)
4. Mobile on Friday, January 28th.....bus and/or group seating (maybe, because it's a Friday, leaving 2-3 pm)
5. Birmingham on Friday, February 25th.....group seating
6. Pensacola on Saturday, March 11th.....bus and/or group seating (leaving about 1-2 pm)
7. Birmingham on Friday, March 24th.....group seating only
8. Biloxi on Tuesday, March 28th.....group seating only (we are checking on a bus, leaving about 3-4 pm)
9. AND.....We are attempting to arrange a bus trip for the 3 away games on the weekend of March 17-19, New Orleans-Arkansas-New Orleans. Of course, we will have the bus for both New Orleans games but we are going to put Arkansas in the middle. We would travel to New Orleans on one trip then make the Arkansas-New Orleans trip with an overnight stay on another bus. We'd leave early Saturday from Baton Rouge, stay in Little Rock that night, leave EARLY Sunday morning headed to the New Orleans game, and return to Baton Rouge Sunday night. These arrangements are still being working on.

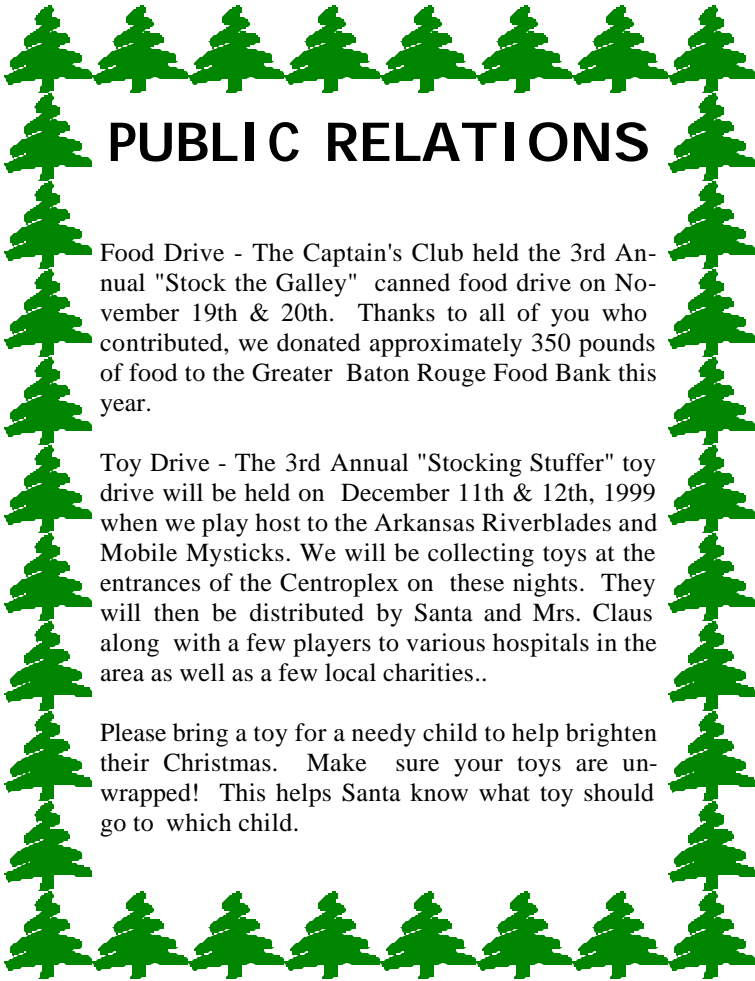
We will have all info and arrangements for the above at the Captains' Club Table.

Thanks for your time, Nancy and Nancy

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(Please e-mail both of us at the same time in case one of our addresses is having problems. All mail will be replied to.)

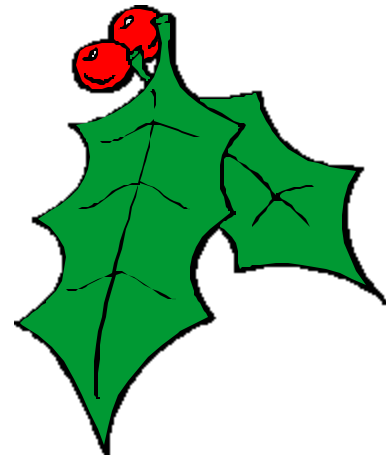


PUBLIC RELATIONS

Food Drive - The Captain's Club held the 3rd Annual "Stock the Galley" canned food drive on November 19th & 20th. Thanks to all of you who contributed, we donated approximately 350 pounds of food to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank this year.

Toy Drive - The 3rd Annual "Stocking Stuffer" toy drive will be held on December 11th & 12th, 1999 when we play host to the Arkansas Riverblades and Mobile Mysticks. We will be collecting toys at the entrances of the Centroplex on these nights. They will then be distributed by Santa and Mrs. Claus along with a few players to various hospitals in the area as well as a few local charities..

Please bring a toy for a needy child to help brighten their Christmas. Make sure your toys are unwrapped! This helps Santa know what toy should go to which child.



Activities Committee

Activities Committee will host the Baton Rouge Kingfish Captains Club Christmas party on Dec. 21st from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Plantation Room at the LSU Union (same as last year).

Tickets will be on sale starting Friday Dec. 4th at the Captain's Club table during the game intermissions.

Tickets will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Admission to the Christmas party will be for Captain's Club members only.

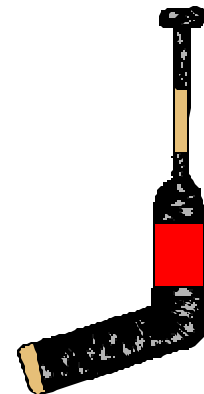
Happy Holidays and we hope to see you there!



Would you like to join in on the conversation with other Kingfish fans. Join us at the Kingfish Onelist e-mail list.

You can join the list by sending an email to kingfish-subscribe@onelist.com or pointing your web browser to <http://www.onelist.com/community/kingfish>

It is FREE!!



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Having his season cut short last year, returning defenseman Chris Aldous is anxious to get the new season underway. Chris spent his summer back home in Louisville, New York, recovering from an injury sustained in a game against the Mobile Mystiks last March.

For his off-season workout, Chris concentrates on gaining strength and endurance and getting himself fit. He doesn't skate as much during the off-season and starts about a month before he comes back to build up his endurance.

After his morning workout, he would head to work helping out his uncle and spend time training with his cousin, Mike Hurlbut who played for the New York Rangers and now plays in the AHL.

Hockey seems to be the family business in Chris' family. At the young age of four he began playing hockey.

"My brothers always played and my parents were very regimented when it came to hockey. It was just something I knew I wanted to do," he says.

Hockey has been such a part of his life that Chris struggled a bit to come up with his favorite non-hockey

memory. He finally decided it was getting his Bachelor's degree in Management at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (where Kingfish center Bryan Richardson also attended). He hopes to be able to put his degree to use one day saying he "really enjoyed the financial system" aspect of his studies.

He was quicker to come up with a favorite hockey memory saying it was "winning our high school championship in New York State in my senior year (1993)."

As one of our nine returning players, Chris is excited to be back in Baton Rouge. He is ready to get things going again. "We have a solid team this year. The drive is there, the talent is there, the work ethic is there and it makes you want to come back even more."

He says that the people he met here last year made him so comfortable and the hospitality was so amazing he found it easy to come back.

Like many other Kingfish players, Chris sights the people, the food ("in particular boiled crawfish/shrimp") and the perfect weather here as his favorite things about Baton Rouge.

When he is not playing hockey, he likes to spend his free time at the gym working out, playing golf (he, like Paul Croteau, says he is better at it than Cam) and can't wait until he can get a computer so he can spend his time playing on it.

Chris also enjoys sitting down with a good book, but a little known fact about him is that the only books he will read are the ones that people recommend to him to read. His favorite book "so far" is "Cat & Mouse" by James Patterson.

He would also like to send this message to all Captain's Club members: "The time and effort that the Captain Club puts forth to please the players will never be forgotten."

Raffle Winner



Zac Venable was the November winner of the Autographed Kingfish Jersey.

Resource Committee

We have finalized our plans for Cam's "Kiss A Pig" Raffle. The Tickets will be \$2.00 each. The drawing will be held on March 10 during the 2nd intermission of the Pensacola game

We will need people to check out tickets to sell. We would like to see Cam Brown win the "Kiss A Pig" Contest this year. Cam came in 2nd last year with only a few weeks to work on it, with some extra effort he could be #1 this year. There will be 3 prizes for the raffle:

First prize will be Cam Brown's Shooters Jersey from the 96-97 inaugural season.

Second Prize will be a framed collage with pictures of Cam Brown

Third Prize will be a "Kiss A Pig" goodie basket

The Captains Club is also selling tickets to the Dec. 26 game against Lafayette. They sell for \$7.00 and can be checked out by seeing Carrie Ferguson. If we sell 500 or more tickets to the game the Captains Club will receive \$2.00 per ticket sold. This means if we can sell 500 tickets to the Dec. 26 game the Captains Club will make \$1000.00 off the sales. They will make great stocking stuffers and allow you to bring your relatives to the game. Take some tickets to your work to sell to fellow workers.

If this goes well, we will continue this for selected games to raise money to better support the Kingfish players and the Captains Club.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ e-mail _____ Fax _____

Employment _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Type of Membership:

____ \$15.00 Individual (18 years of age and up)

____ \$25.00 Family (Parents and Children under 18)*

____ \$150.00 Corporate (Limited to 10 employees)*

* Please list all names and ages to the side.

Referred by: _____

I want to work on the following committee:

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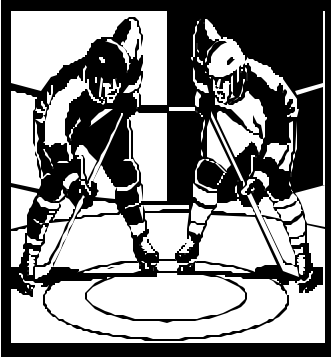
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BATON ROUGE KINGFISH CAPTAINS CLUB MEETING

Tuesday December 7, 1999

Place: Mama Citas

Eating at 6:00 pm

Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm