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Go Fish Go

Tip of the Ice

by Patricia Kelly

From the start of the season the 2000-2001 Baton Rouge Kingfish have seemed to be plagued by many injuries. One of those names on the Injury Reserve is a very recognizable one to the world of hockey, that of Chris Chelios. No not that Chris Chelios, but they are related.

Kingfish fans only got a glimpse of this Chelios before he injured his ankle in the second home game of the season against Arkansas.

The Oak Park, Illinois native has been playing hockey for sixteen years. "My dad threw me on skates," Chelios says. His cousin had seen some success on skates so he decided to give it a whirl.

He attended the University of Wisconsin Superior where he earned his degree in teaching with minors in health and coaching.

After his playing days are done he would like to pursue a career in teaching with the possibility of running hockey camps during the summers.

Also high on his list in his post-hockey career is to "find myself a sweetie, have 4 or 5 kids and a house with a white picket fence."

When he isn't playing hockey, Chelios likes to spend his free time doing volunteer work with youth groups.

"I want to help kids anyway I can," he says.

He also likes to watch sports and movies. His favorite movies include "Shawshank Redemption" and "Armageddon."

He's not big into reading he says opting for magazines like "People", "Maxim", and "Sports Illustrated".

His favorite song is "New Orleans Is Sinking" by the Tragically Hip and pretty much anything by the Dave Matthews Band.

Coming to Baton Rouge found Chelios reunited with former teammate Brian Leitza and Coach David Lohrei whom he'd met up with before in Sioux City.

"I was ready to hang up the skates until David (Lohrei) called and convinced me to put the skates on and try out. I found myself making the team. I was really nervous. This is a dream come true."



Coach Lohrei is also responsible for Chelios' nickname. Back in Sioux City, he made a good play and Lohrei responded with "Ats a way Cheeko" and it just sort of stuck, Chelios said.

For his heroes, he doesn't look any farther than his own family. "My cousin Chris Chelios because he's faced a lot of adversity. He was cut from a few great teams, didn't play hockey for a year. I try to be like him on the ice, anticipate the play. I may not be the biggest guy or the fastest but I give 110%."

He also cites his mom and dad as being heroes of his for "always being there for me and working all hours to give my brother and sister and I all the advantages in life."

Chelios' favorite hockey memory is playing his first game as a Kingfish. "I was so nervous," Chelios says.

His favorite non-hockey memory is being the first Chelios to graduate from college.

A little known fact about this defenseman is that "people can always count on me if someone needs help or just someone to talk to. My doors are always open."

Chelios would like to tell the members of the Captain's Club: "Thank you for everything you have done for the team so far. We really appreciate what you have done. You are wonderful to have."

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Chad's Corner

Well, it is hard to believe, but the holiday season is here again. It feels like we just were entering the year 2000, and now soon it will be 2001. And with the weather starting to become cold, it really puts you into a hockey state of mind.

I would like to thank the members who attended the last club meeting on November 14. We all had a good time, and it was nice to have some guest speakers there to share their views on hockey, the Kingfish, and the Captains Club. I would like to thank Coach David Lohrei, and players Jarrett Smith & Kevin Magnuson for taking time out of their busy schedules to speak to the club. I know that everyone who attended the meeting enjoyed it, so don't miss out on the next general meeting: December 12 @ Ryan's on Coursey, Dining at 6, meeting at 7.

A big thank you goes out to all who help donate food, for our annual Food Drive which was held on Nov. 10 & 11. Please remember that the Captains Club Toy Drive will be Friday, December 15 against New Orleans, and on Saturday, December 16 against Arkansas. Please bring toys on both of these dates to donate, and remind other fans to help us out with this great cause at the holiday season.

We are selling tickets as a fundraiser to the December 29 game against the Ice Gators. Tickets are \$7, and would make a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer for you family, friends, co-workers etc. If you have not picked up your tickets to sell yet, please contact Marilyn Kelly, or myself. This is a fun and easy way to support the Kingfish, fill the Centroplex, and raise money for the Captains Club, which goes to help and support the players. I challenge each member to sell at least 10 tickets, to what is sure to be high-energy hockey game. Lets lead our Kingfish to victory over the Ice Gators, and show the Lafayette fans, who will be there who is the best hockey team in Louisiana, The Baton Rouge Kingfish. Both on the ice, and in the stands.

I look forward to seeing each and every Captains Club member at our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17. Please remember that you must be a club member to attend. The activities committee has told me that this will be the best party yet, so lets all come out for a fun time, and to wish a Merry Christmas to all the Kingfish players, office staff, and fellow Captains Club members.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me. From my family to yours, have a very happy and safe holiday season.

Activity Committee

The Activity Committee is planning the Christmas party. The Christmas party is scheduled for December 17th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. It will be held at Desire, 450 Main St. (Main and 4th).

Tickets will go on sale December 10 at the Captain's Club table. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Price of tickets will be \$15.00.

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A great hockey team!!!!

I wasn't sure who to e-mail about this matter, so I picked you. My husband, three-year old son and I attended the Mississippi Sea Wolves/Kingfish game this weekend in Biloxi, and we were very impressed with the team. Not only did they play great, but they made a very strong impression on my son, Zachary. He never got the opportunity to meet the team before, and we were sitting in the section next to where the team entered and exited to and from the ice. One of the team members handed him a practice puck and that was the start of a treasured collection.

The whole team was standing there waiting to go out and play between periods and they were acknowledging him like they had always known him (talking to him and giving him "high-five"). Zack's idol is Cam Brown and Cam stood there talking to him and even let him touch his hockey stick for "good luck". He told Zack that he would make the next goal for him. Cam assisted in the next goal and Zack just knows that he made that possible.

After the game when we were walking back to our

hotel, the team was coming out to their bus and Cam signed Zack's jersey and took a picture with him. We made the trip to Biloxi just to see a great hockey team and they have proven that they really are great—both on the ice and off.

I don't know how many e-mails you get on this matter, but I had to let you know how impressed we were with these guys and how wonderful they are. Not many professionals would take the time to make a three-years olds day. He is so excited that he tells everyone he meets about his "lucky" weekend.

If you get the chance please tell these guys that they have a Kingfish fan for life and thank you for the great memories that Zack will have forever. We rarely miss a home game and now we know we will try to never miss one.

Sincerely,
Kim Thibodaux

(This is an email I received after the Kingfish visited the Seawolves Nov. 25, 2000 and thought others would like to read it.. - Rick)

Thank you

I would like to take this time to issue a big THANK YOU to all of the members of the Captain's Club who participated with the Thanksgiving meal prepared for the players on Tuesday November, 21st. I've only resided in Baton Rouge since August, and it's by far one of the best meals that I've had.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the club for welcoming me to take part in events such as bus trips to the away games. You guys made my first trip to New Orleans very exciting, although I was slightly worried about getting shot after the game (I've seen the episode of Cops in New Orleans), you guys assured me that nothing bad would happen. When we all went to Jackson, Mississippi to watch our team, I had a blast. And then the Sunday game in Lafayette was a total success. I can't remember having that much fun in one day.

So as Thanksgiving comes and goes, I just wanted you guys to know exactly what I'm thankful for. So to Linzi, Holly, Billy, Sabrina, Chad, Crystal, Jamie, Lori, Nancy H & Family, thank you guys for letting me feel at home down here, I truly appreciate it. I'm sure my parents are 100% in debt to you guys for taking good care of me. I hope this holiday season is wonderful for everyone of you! — Jeremy Holbrook

TOY DRIVE

December 15th and 16th 2000, we will be collecting toys for the area's needy children.

Please bring new unwrapped toys to the games. We will have collection boxes at the main entrances. The toys will be delivered to local hospitals and distributed to various charities.

Spread the word and make some children's Christmas brighter. If you have any question contact the Public Relations committee



December 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 @ Augusta	2 @ Greenville
3 @ Augusta	4 Coach's Show	5	6	7	8 @ New Orleans	9 @ Pensacola
10 Vs. Tallahassee	11 Coach's Show	12 General Meeting	13	14 @ Arkansas	15 Vs. New Orleans (Toy Drive)	16 Vs. Arkansas (Toy Drive)
17 Christmas Party	18 Coach's Show	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22 Vs. New Orleans	23 @ Louisiana
24	25	26 Coach's Show (tentative)	27	28	29 Vs. Louisiana	30
31 @ Louisiana						

Captains Club Dates of Interest	
December 12—	Captains Club General Meeting
December 15 & 16—	Captains Club Toy Drive
December 17—	Captains Club Christmas Party
December 20—	Newsletter Article Deadline

Are you "On-Line", check out the Captains Club web site at [Http://www.kingfishfan.com/cc](http://www.kingfishfan.com/cc). Get up to date info on the Captains Club.



**Do You have your
Captains Club Shaker?**

For only a \$6.00 donation you can have your very own Captains Club shaker. They also make great stocking stuffers.

Show your team spirit!!!
Stop by the Captains Club table or see Linzi to get yours.

Travel Committee

people that you could hear! Our support helped our guys win, and we are ready to watch them do it again! Here's the next trip deadlines...

Sat. Dec. 23 in Lafayette (Section 202)
 \$13 a ticket
 Deadline December 12 Captain's Club Meeting

Sat. Jan. 13 in New Orleans (Section 107)
 \$26 bus and ticket
 \$13 ticket only
 Deadline Jan. 5 home game

Sun. Dec. 31 in Lafayette (Section 202)--Game time 7:35 p.m.
 \$13 a ticket
 Deadline December 16 home game

For all these trips, please go see Holly, Nancy M. or I (Linzi) at the Captain's Club table at home games. If you don't want to venture over to the table, come see us in Section 304, Row D. Please help us win in the Cajundome a couple more times! If you have any questions or concerns, come talk to us! As always...see you on the road!

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Don't go to away games because you don't know where to go. Here are a few of the other teams arena's for the coming month.

Pensacola — I-10 into Pensacola then go south on I-110. Pensacola Civic Center is located at the end of I-110 in downtown Pensacola. (850) 432-0800

New Orleans — I-10 to New Orleans, at the I-610 split stay to the right on I-10. After the Carrolton Avenue/Airline Highway exit, take exit #234A "90 Claiborne Ave. west - Superdome exit". Follow the signs to the Superdome parking garages.

Lafayette—West on I-10 into Lafayette to Exit 100 (Ambassador Caffery), Take left and head south on Ambassador Caffery then take left on Congress. Cajundome is on the right. 1(800) 622-1337

Now that you know where to go, come join the fun of Kingfish away trips.

NOVEMBER MEETING GUEST SPEAKERS

Did you miss the Captains club meeting? If you did you missed three great guest speakers; Coach Lohrei, Kevin Magnuson, and Jarrett Smith came to speak to us.

Coach Lohrei was the first to speak. He expressed thanks and appreciation to the Captains Club for all they do for the team. He said he enjoys living in Baton Rouge. He encouraged everyone to join him and Chris Kenyon every Monday at 6:00 pm for the Coach's Show at Casino Rouge.

Next was defenseman Kevin Magnuson. He is from Illinois. He spoke of his family's visit to Baton Rouge and how they loved the area. He talked about his dad, a former Chicago Blackhawk player. He also told us a little bit about his education. He graduated from University of Michigan, where he majored in Political Science.

Jarrett Smith, Kingfish center from Alberto, Canada, is playing his first year pro hockey. During the off season Jarrett loves breaking and training horses. He grew up on a ranch with bucking horses and rodeo bulls.

Their appearances were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Hope to see you at the December meeting.

NEWSLETTER HELP WANTED

We are looking for newsletter articles. If you can write or have an idea about an article please contact Sabrina Ballard.

Q & A with Jarrett Smith

by Patricia Kelly

How long have you been playing hockey?

“Since I was four years old.”

What is your favorite hockey memory?

“When my Junior’s team made it to the division finals.”

What is your favorite non-hockey memory?

“My younger brother being drafted in the first round by the Vancouver Canucks.”

What do you do when you aren’t playing hockey?

“I just hang out with the guys and work out at Calloway’s. It’s a chore learning how to cook, how to fend for myself.”

How did you spend your summer?

“Working on my family’s ranch in Alberta.”

How do you keep in shape over the summer?

“I don’t spend too much time on the ice until mid to late August. I do some weightlifting, biking, running and I have my own personal trainer back home in Alberta.”

What is your favorite book?

“My favorite author is Will James. He writes westerns, cowboy books. I can’t really pick one.”

Favorite movie?

“Tombstone.”

Favorite song?

“I’m not really much of a music listener but I do like the song by George Strait, ‘Cheyenne’.”

Do you have any pets?

“I have one horse of my own back at the ranch and a bunch of dogs and cats running around.”

Do you have any superstitions?

“No, not at all. I do have a game day routine.”

Who are your heroes?

“Mark Messier because of the way he plays and his leadership abilities. He plays outstanding seasons for so many seasons in a row and at his age, it’s amazing.”

What would you like to say to the Captain’s Club?

“I have never been involved with a team with a booster club before. It’s amazing how much effort you put into it and don’t really get anything for it. It makes our lives easier to have people like you. You are wonderful and we are very thankful.”



Visit from The Gator Farm

By: Carol Ann Bullock

During last season's Kelly Cup playoffs, several Kingfish fans and I traveled to the Lafayette Cajundome to attend the Louisiana Icegators home games to support the Louisiana Icegators in their quest for the Kelly Cup.

Since the Kingfish were no longer in the playoffs and we had an opportunity to attend playoff games, we did so and decided to support our neighbors, the Icegators. It was fun cheering for them - since we weren't playing against them. The game had a different outlook - they were no longer our rivals.

All the Icegators fans treated us with courtesy and were very friendly and happy to receive our support. We proudly wore our Kingfish jerseys and stood alongside the Icegators and cheered along with them. It was a good feeling of unity and good will. Very friendly and peaceful and a lot of fun to be had.

So when I got the message that Pilot, his wife, Debbie, Hockeye and others from The Gator Farm were

coming to the Mobile/Kingfish on Friday, November 10th to return the favor and cheer for the Baton Rouge Kingfish, I thought this was a great idea!

By the way, there was a game for the Icegators that night in New Orleans, but The Gator Farm chose that night to come to the Centroplex and lend their support in helping the Kingfish fans cheer for their Kingfish Hockey Team.

It was fun to be with The Gator Farm to cheer the Kingfish. There was a lot of surprised Kingfish fans when they saw The Gator Farm show up for our game against Mobile. The Farm came with their cowbells, horns, loud voices and they even bought a Kingfish banner and attached it to the Gator Farm flag and waved it proudly when we scored a goal.

The Farm could be heard throughout the Centroplex cheering loudly for the Kingfish. They never sat down once - they stood and cheered for the entire 60 minutes of play.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Gator Farm for attending our game and cheering for us.

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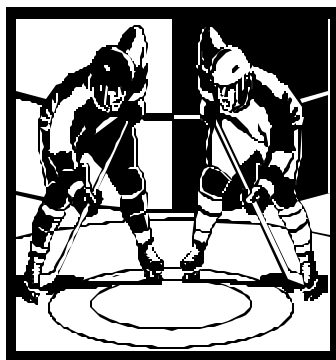
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BATON ROUGE KINGFISH CAPTAIN'S CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Meeting
Tuesday December 12, 2000
at Ryan's Steak House
11650 Coursey Blvd.
Come see which Kingfish players will be there!!
Dining at 6 pm and meeting at 7 pm.