



Captain's Log

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Kiss A Pig Campaign

Dear Friend

I am writing to ask for your support of the American Diabetes Association "Kiss A Pig" campaign.

As a diabetic, I volunteered for this fundraising effort to heighten awareness and raise money for Diabetes Education and Research.

Diabetes affects nearly 20 million Americans, causing severe complications such as Blindness, Amputation, and eventually Death.

While insulin, healthy eating and Regular exercise are required to control diabetes, there is no Cure!

As a prospective father I am increasingly nervous of my children's' chances of contracting diabetes. I

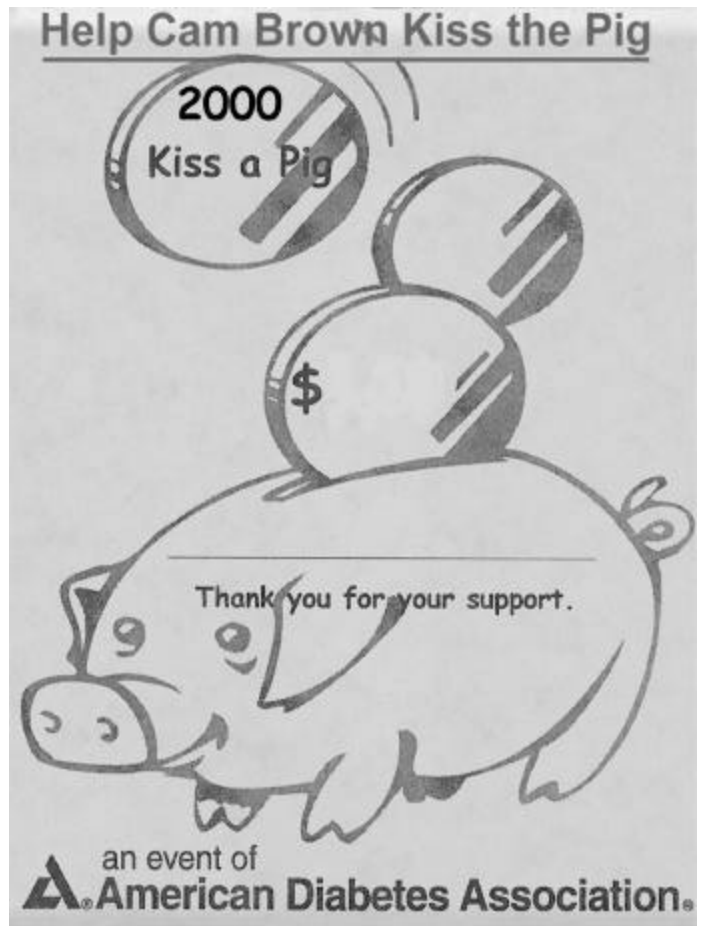
am worried that they will have to learn to stick themselves with needles three times a day, in order to live.

With help from generous people like you we can help make sure the children of tomorrow won't have to deal with this disease. Please send whatever amount of money you can to help find a cure for diabetes.

Thank you.

Sincerely
Cam Brown
Baton Rouge Kingfish

Mail your donations to:
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Rick's Ranting Final Edition

I guess this will be my final note as President of the Captain's Club. The next issue of the Captain's Log will have the thoughts and ramblings of our new President

I have learned a lot during my Presidency of the Captains Club. I have never been part of a Booster Club before and certainly never thought of trying to help lead one. I have really enjoyed my time with everyone. I have met a lot of great Kingfish Fans and hope to continue that in the future. There were a few bumps along the way but I hope I was able to help keep the Captain's Club moving in the right direction

I can't end this season without thanking all of the Committee's for there hard work and dedication to the Captain's Club. Without you this club would be nothing, THANKS.

I also want to thank the Activities Committee on the GREAT End of the Year Banquet. I believe all that attended had a great time.

Now it is time to get behind our new Captain's Club President, Chad Coppola. Give him all the support you can to make the Captains Club better in the 2000-01 season.

We will also be getting in touch with everyone to let you know where and when the first hockey withdrawal party will be, and you should also here about the Captain's Club Picnic in the coming months.

Travel is already working on events for the members during the summer such as a group outing with Zephyrs baseball.

I will still be serving on the Board of Directors so if I can still be of any help just let me know. We will still be working events and doing projects during the off season so if you can and would like to help use the contact list to the right to offer what ever assistance you can. Your help is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for the support,

Rick Ferguson

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee is presently involved in the packing, washing and inventory of returned apartment items. The committee will meet in June to start compiling data for the player information books.

We will soon begin making travel bags for next season. If anyone has material that could be used for these bags please contact Sandra Bell at 756-4532 or Nancy Hayzlip at 673-1652. Approximate ¾ yard of fabric is required for each bag.

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Tip of the Ice

March 1999 began with the Kingfish hoping to make the playoffs for the first time in their three years in Baton Rouge. The Christmas prior had found Kingfish defenseman Scott Humeniuk engaged to Lauri McConnell and their future was bright.

As "Hummer" sat on the bench on March 2 waiting for practice to begin, his life and everyone's life around him would change. Scott suffered a stroke and was rushed to the hospital within a few minutes. As word began to spread around town, Scott was losing all feeling in his right side and his speech was deteriorating.

Almost immediately Scott was on the mend. He still has a long road ahead of him but seems to be doing pretty well.

After staying in Baton Rouge until June, Scott and Lauri headed back home to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan where they spent some time at the City Hospital and then moved to a private rehabilitation clinic. Now, Scott only returns to the hospital once a week for his speech therapy.

His workout now consists of lighter weights, a more cardiovascular routine and time at the pool.

What has probably done him the most this past winter was spending his free time coaching a senior men's hockey team as part of his therapy.

Scott is quick to add that it was "half-volunteer and half-therapy."

Lauri says "He hasn't forgotten any hockey. Sometimes he has trouble getting out what he wants to say. The shorter sentences are easy but the longer sentences he sometimes has trouble with."

Obviously Scott didn't have any trouble communicating his displeasure in at least one game this past winter because he got kicked out for arguing with an official.

A fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Wayne Gretzky, Scott has played hockey since he was 6 years old and would love nothing more than to still be playing.

"Right now I'm just trying to feel my way-to see what my options are."

His future in hockey is on hold right now but would maybe like to coach. "I just want to get better. I don't want to be out of commission."

It's amazing to look at Scott and Lauri a year ago and then look at them today.

"This whole thing scared me. It made me appreciate Scott and life more. It's just a bump in the road and you just do what you can do." Lauri says that Scott has dealt with it better than she has.

"He never complains, he never got angry with

God, he never asks 'why me'."

by Patricia Kelly

This past week, found Scott and Lauri back in Baton Rouge visiting with friends and fans that they had met while down here. They wanted to come back and see all the fans and friends who supported them along the way and just thank them.

"It was good for them to see him a year later and it was good for him too," Lauri said.

Both she and Scott say that they have played in a lot of places but the friends that they made while down here were the best.

While here, he had the chance to go on the teams final bus trip of the season and even to see the playoff games.

"It was really nice! I was really excited about it. This bus is different than the one last year, it's so much nicer. It was really good to see the guys."

During the intermissions, Scott would make his way down from the broadcast booth where he could on occasion be heard cheering on the team to the locker room with his notepad in hand. Like many Kingfish fans, he found it frustrating.

"I wish they were winning for themselves. I was trying to say something positive. I'm an outsider now. It's frustrating because I can't do anything to help them."

When Bob McGill found himself frustrated, Scott would try and just reiterate what coach had said and say something positive.

"He's a good coach and was a good player and is frustrated that he couldn't help them out," Scott says of McGill, "He's done a good job."

Unfortunately it wasn't enough to keep the Fish in the playoffs. There is always next season. Until then, Lauri would like to send a message to all the fans that supported them this past year:

"Thank you again. You do a great job supporting the team and can take credit for his (Scott's) recovery coming along as far as he has."

Scott agreed with what Lauri said and wanted to add "The fans in Baton Rouge, they are wonderful. We don't know what we would have done without them. They are true fans and I thank you. My speech and walking would be tough without them. I don't know what we would have done."

Scott and Lauri will be heading to Tampa after leaving Baton Rouge then back home to continue with Scott's therapy in Saskatoon.



Just a quick update on the 12th annual ECHL Booster Club Jamboree to be held in New Orleans, Friday, July 28-Sunday, July 30, 2000.

The Jammin with Jazz committee is close to finalizing all the details for the weekend and the Krewe of Brass is looking forward to hosting all ECHL booster club members

ECHL Booster Club Jamboree

that are interested in visiting the Big Easy for the event. By the first week in May, your booster club should receive in the mail the complete agenda for the weekend, including the Saturday AND Sunday seminar schedule, as well as registration information.

Some advanced info that may help you and those from your club that might be coming--

1) having received most of the surveys back we sent out (have you sent yours back yet?), we have decided to break with tradition from past jamborees and NOT hold any type of reception or get-together on Friday night, July 28. It seems that most would like to have at least an evening to go out on the town and do some sightseeing before the meetings begin on Saturday morning. Also, it seems that those flying in will be arriving at various times Friday, which makes the logistics of getting everyone together not feasible. IF you are flying, some airlines that may offer inexpensive airfare and/or group discounts are-- Southwest Airlines, Midway, Airtran.

Please check their websites for possible route info. Also, some have expressed an interest in taking the train! Surprisingly, there are quite a few ECHL cities that Amtrak service. Please check their website for info.

Reminder--members of the Krewe of Brass are more than happy to greet you at airport or train station and transport you to hotel--just keep us informed of your travel plans!

2) The host hotel, The Queen and Crescent Hotel, centrally located in downtown New Orleans and within easy walking distance of everything, has rooms blocked off for us at a great rate--\$75 (plus tax) per night for Friday and Saturday nights. Check-in is 4:00 p.m. and check-out is noon. If you are interested in arriving a day earlier (Thursday) or staying a day later (Sunday) to see and do more in New Orleans, they have an internet rate of \$59 per night for a limited amount of rooms. Please check their website for more info on the hotel. We strongly suggest that you book your room(s) ASAP. If driving, there is a parking lot across from the hotel OR you might want to consider parking at one of the many meters close to the hotel for the weekend, as meters are free

from 6:00 p.m. Friday till Monday morning. FYI--they do have a very nice complimentary continental breakfast in the mornings and a very cozy lounge for a late nightcap!

3) For those clubs whose members are within 1-3 hours drive of New Orleans and plan to drive to the jamboree early Saturday morning, the seminar will take place roughly from 9-5 p.m. (with an hour for lunch mid-day). The dinner will be held Saturday night, wrapping up in plenty of time for those who want to experience some of the nightlife of the Big Easy or who need to drive back home at a decent hour.

4) There will be some meetings held in the morning of Sunday, July 30. We understand some may have flights to catch Sunday afternoon in order to return home, so we are looking to wrap up the jamboree by 11:00 a.m.

The Sunday seminar will take place at the hotel. We would encourage at least 1 person from each club to be in attendance at the closing meetings--if you nothing else than their vote on next year's convention. Again, Krewe of Brass members are happy to volunteer their services to get you to airport or train station in time to depart.

Looking forward to seeing you in July!

ROY BOWEN
Krewe of Brass



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 e-mail to kingfish-subscribe@onelist.com or pointing your web browser to <http://www.onelist.com/community/kingfish>

It is FREE!!



Southwest Airlines didn't know what they were getting into by selling us 9 crazy Kingfish fans tickets (Stuart & Sandra Bell, Evelyn & Mimi Clouatre, Nancy Hayzlip, Nancy Matherne, Sabrina Ballard, Lori Elisar

and me-Jamie Landry). We flew out at about 9:00 am Saturday April 1. We arrived in Jacksonville at 11:30, got our rental cars and were on our way to see our guys play in Tallahassee. Within 3 1/2 hours we were there. We arrived a little early so we caught the annual Tallahassee Spring Festival.

When the arena opened, we watched the guys warm-up. They seemed happy to see us there. It was a great game even though we lost 6-5 in a shoot out. Pavel seemed to really take it to heart because he was really down after the game. We all know he played a great game. Then the guys got on the bus and

Our Florida Road Trip

By Jamie Landry

the road we stopped and ate at Applebee's where we met a very friendly manager, who was a former hockey player. He even proved to us that he was a player by popping his tooth out of his mouth. He looked a little like Shermie! Sorry Dan.

After eating we drove 2 1/2 hours and then decided to stop and sleep. We left the next morning at 10:00 for another exciting day with the fish.

We stopped and ate at Shoney's and while we were there we watched NHL highlights from the night before. That's when we saw our former Kingfish goalie, Travis Scott playing. We arrived in Ft. Myers 5 hours later. We checked into the hotel to rest before the game.

The Fish played a really hard game, but lost with the final 4-1. The guys were happy after the game because they made it to the playoffs. Thanks to New Orleans for beating Jackson. We were all treated to Pavel's bubble gum and hugs before he got on the bus. We cheered the guys on their way to their 1st playoff game in South Carolina.

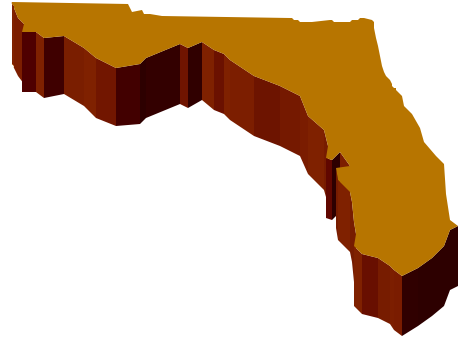
During the game in Florida Nancy M. got sick, but being the true fan she is, she stayed to support the guys. The next morning Mimi, Evelyn, and Nancy M. were all sick and they even had to go to the hospital. (Everyone is doing well now).

The other six of us headed off to Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay. We even got Sabrina on a roller coaster! After regaining our hearing back from Sabrina's screams, we enjoyed the rest of the day at the park.

When we left the park we went to the airport to catch our plane. We flew out at 9:00 PM. It was a great road trip and we are looking forward to many more. Hope you can join us.

were on their way to Ft. Myers and so were we.

Before getting on



The fourth annual Kingfish Captain's Club Awards Banquet was held on Wednesday March 29, 2000 at Classic Connections. The Banquet was a huge success thanks to the hard work of the Activities Committee. Those who were unable to attend missed a great time and fellowship with the players and club members. The presence of former Kingfish Scott Humeniuk and finance Lauri McConnell was an added bonus to all who attended. It was wonderful to see the progress he has made through his hard work and perseverance.

Awards Banquet

The Captain's Club recognized the Kingfish players by presenting each of them with an electronic pocket organizer. The awards presentation followed with Hat Trick Honors being award to Luke Curtin and Bryan Richardson. Award for Fan Favorite was presented to new comer goalie, Pavel Nestak. Left-winger Sylvain Dufresne received Rookie of the Year honors. Best Defenseman was awarded to Paul Croteau and Most Improved Player was defenseman Ted Laviolette. Jon Sturgis was named Most Valuable Player. The night climaxed with a special presentation to Captain Club President Rick Ferguson, for two years of dedication and service as president.

Again, special thanks to Evelyn Clouatre and the Activities Committee for their hard work in making this year's banquet the success that it was.

Tip of the Ice

When he first started playing hockey at the late age of seven, Kingfish defenseman Brett Abrahamson says he was the worst player on the team. Kingfish fans will have to agree he has come a long way. When not helping the 1999-2000 Kingfish in their best start in team history, Abe likes to golf and fish.

Living a life in and around hockey Abe doesn't really have any one memory that stands out as his favorite that doesn't pertain to hockey. He just likes to enjoy everyday life with his family and friends and to just be happy.

His favorite hockey memory was winning the conference title when he was playing for the University of Minnesota where he studied Speech Communication.

"Winning the conference and getting the ring was really nice." Abe feels this season is going pretty well thus far.

"We have a real tight knit group on and off the ice and that helps. We are a lot more like a family. You go to war for your buddy." Abe was very excited to have the opportunity to play in Baton Rouge again citing the weather, the food and the atmosphere as his favorite things.

"Everyone here is always so happy and likes to have fun." Playing for Big Daddy Bob McGill made his decision that much easier. "Having the same coach again makes it easier for everyone," Abe says. When he isn't playing hockey, Abe likes to watch his favorite movies, "Tombstone" and "Ace Ventura-Pet Detective". His favorite song is "La Bamba" and he doesn't have a favorite book.

A little known fact about him is that he likes to watch television in bed.

The only problem is that there is no television in his bedroom so he drags his mattress out



into the living room of his apartment and then is able to watch television in bed.

Abe would like to tell the Captain's Club "Thanks for all the treats on the road and it's nice to have 50 fans waiting outside for us on the road. Thanks for everything that the Captain's Club does for us."

Tip of the Ice

by Patricia Kelly

The general consensus in the hockey world is that goal tenders are a different breed. Kingfish netminder Mike Lenarduzzi is no exception to that myth.

Lenny, only his family calls him "Mike", started playing hockey at the age of 5.

"I watched it on TV and all my friends were playing," he says.

The 27-year-old London, Ontario native was excited when he decided to join the Kingfish for the 1999-2000 season. His first thought was, "Yeah, I get to go back down South. It has such great weather." Having played with Kingfish head coach Bob McGill in Hartford as well as being friends with last season's netminder, Jordan Willis helped Lenny in his decision. "Jordan said a lot of good things about Baton Rouge."

Kingfish fans were already familiar with Lenarduzzi having seen him shut out the Kingfish in his 1997-1998 season with the Mobile Mysticks.

When he is not trying to stop the puck, Lenny likes to spend his free time sleeping, playing baseball and spending a lot of time at the gym. Why so much time at the gym? "I just want to get big," he says with a grin.

Yet another myth about not just goaltenders but players in general is their superstitions. Ask Lenny about his superstitions and you'll get the same answer every time, "I don't have any. I have routines."

He would only mention two of his "routines" because "every one in the state will read this and know everything I do." The two he mentioned have nothing to do with his preparation for the game. He will lift his feet while going over the railroad tracks and will also spit to the right, twice. One can only hope he doesn't do them at the same time and while he is driving.



Describing himself as having a very short attention span, Lenny also likes to spend his free time reading books that keep his attention like Stephen King's "It" and "The Shining". His favorite song is "Get Naked" by Methods of Mayhem.

Putting yourself between the net and a puck traveling in excess of 90 miles per hour at times is not without it's dangers and Lenny has had numerous concussions to prove it.

He has had "too many concussions to count," he says so what keeps him coming back for more? "I don't know. I love hockey, I love playing." He really hasn't put a lot of thought into what he'll do after hockey.

"Maybe coaching or possibly a rep for Eagle, selling hockey equipment. That would be pretty cool."

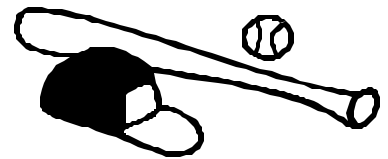
Lenny names his dad as being his hero. "He is a short little Italian man that looks nothing like me." And the reason? "Just because."

A little known fact about Lenny is that he is the first Kingfish player to have a helmet made while with the Kingfish and to actually have the Kingfish logo put on it. Kingfish fans can only hope that this means this will also be the one of the few times we have had the same goal tender for two seasons in a row.

Lenny would like to tell members of the Captain's Club "Thanks and keep up the great work!" with two thumbs up.

Hey Guys! Well, travel is going to try and rest a little bit this summer, before the big season, but we are trying to plan a couple of group outings. The New Orleans Zephyrs contacted us, and want us to try and do a group outing to a game. The proposed date for that is Saturday, June 17th. The game will be at 7:05, and we are going to rent a bus and go. Your \$25-\$30 cost will include seats behind home plate, the bus ride, and a t-shirt with the Zephyrs logo, and our logo on it. We really want you guys to go...I know it's not hockey, but hey, we can have a good time anyway! I need to know if you want to go in the next couple of weeks, around the first week in May. I'm going to need the money by May 15th. That's the only trip planned so far. If we have fun with that, we may do another one during the summer. Also, if you have any other suggestions as to things we can get together and do this summer, let me know. Thanks!
 Don't forget to let me know about the Zephyrs game!!
 Call me at 225-768-7379, or 504-957-9978.
 Ask for me or Holly (my roommate and co-chair!).
 E-mail will work too, at linzi@mindspring.com.
 Hope to hear from you! Linzi Connors Travel Chair

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* Please list all names and ages to the side.

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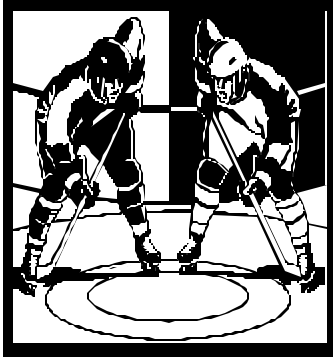
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