



FRIDAY NIGHT HOCKEY NEWS

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The Blue Team Bounces Back

Score - Blue Team 7, White Team 6

It has been an interesting few weeks since our last article following the first game of the post Christmas season. After a rough first game, under the strong leadership of their captain Jeff Bugden, the white team rebounded back with consecutive and decisive wins over the struggling blue team. "We were very disappointed as a team after our first game and loss and knew we needed turn this around", Jeff was quoted as saying, "it has been a collective team effort and we are now very pleased with the results we are seeing". These results being, for lack of a better word, a hammering of the blue team.

Not surprising this past week was the trade of Ferguson to the blue team for future considerations. When asked about this latest move, Jeff responded with "are you surprised? You are only as strong as your weakest link. We had high hopes for what Ferguson could bring to the team but his sloppy play in our own end and lack lustre performance in the scoring side of things left us only one option".

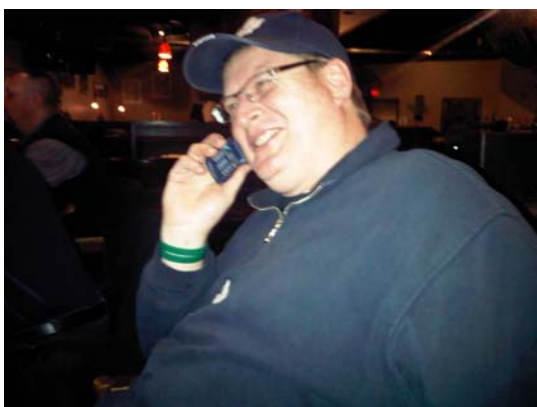
Captain Bill Carr was not available for comment but GM Mike Gleeson was very pleased with the change and addition of Ferguson to the blue team line-up. "I wouldn't say it was the decisive factor tonight as there were a number of changes we made that led to the turn around in this game".

And a turn around it was. After four consecutive "beatings" at the hands of the white team, the blue team came out strong scoring early and maintaining the lead throughout the course of the game to a nail biting 7 to 6 win over the white team. The addition of Dan Gleeson back into the line up and the return of Doug Sirrs added the extra punch that was needed to rally the team around GM and acting Captain Mike Gleeson to show the white team that they still mean business. "A strong defensive line with Doug, Gil and Kelley, some added speed up front and outstanding goal tending from Paul Robataille gave us the edge we needed to turn this around, we are very positive about what the future holds and for a great rest of the season".

This in addition to hat tricks from Dan Gleeson and Geoff Quayle with a last minute game winner from Jules Valeri definitely made the difference. "They came out strong and caught us back on our heels to start" said Bugden, "but we rallied back and made this a close game and almost pulled the win out of it. Overall the team played very well, I am not the least bit disappointed, next week is a new week and we will be ready to turn this back around".

As the trade deadline of February 28th approaches, we will be watching closely for any additional moves that may be made as we near the end of regular season play for the Friday Night Leafs. Hold onto your hats as the ride will likely get more interesting!

Highlight Reel



GM Mike Gleeson discussing trade options with Burke



Carry over from the game and a net crashing incident, Berthelot takes it out on Tobias at Cherry's



First Star

Paul
Robataille



Second Star

Dan
Gleeson



(As Selected by the Blue
Team)

Rob
Berthelot

