

FRIDAY NIGHT HOCKEY NEWS

Friday December 16, 2011

2011 ~ 2012 Christmas Party and Hockey Draft

The lead up to the draft for the 2012 half of the season was almost as exciting as the draft itself. Sparks were flying early in the week with some mud slinging between Brad Taylor and Roy Druce exchanging "pleasantries" via email. A tussle began with a reference by Taylor to "old men" and "wheel chairs and walkers" in relation to the draft and who may and may not be attending, comments that the individuals targeted (Druce and Carr) took some offence to. We are not sure if there was a lot of whining or "winning", but we believe some biscuits were consumed along with camomile tea while comfortably seated in rocking chairs. Whatever the case, Druce and Taylor are on opposing teams so stay tuned for the first game of the season, it should be a news worthy event.

But not as news worthy as the draft held at <u>Brothers Ristorante</u> on Friday December 16th. There was much anticipation of who would be the first draft pick and where Bugden would fall in the pecking order. In order to ensure both teams had a goalie this year, the goalies Molloy and Robitaille were chosen as Captains for the upcoming season. The Commish (Gleeson) was quoted as saying "after last years draft with Carr and Bugden as the Captains and the ensuing feuds, changes needed to be made to ensure a fair and equitable process". We are unsure of exactly what was meant by fair and equitable, but we are confident that the meeting held by the Captains and the Commish (not to be confused with the Captain and Tennille) prior to the draft beginning had nothing to do with the outcomes.

Tensions were high leading up to the much anticipated night with a not so surprising first draft choice being the high flying Brad Taylor. "Not surprising", boasted Taylor, "when you got game you got game. Golf in the summer and hockey in the winter, what can I say but **WINNING**"! As the night progressed and the teams were chosen, Bugden waited in anticipation for the call that did not come until the last man was standing. "Someone was going to get stuck with him", stated Robitaille, "and with Molloy getting the first pick and me the last, I knew it was going to my luck that Jeff Bugden would not be a choice".

However, an emotional and obviously shaken Jeff Bugden took the high road and vowed to make this the season of all seasons and compared himself to the likes of Kessel. With an obvious quiver in his voice and what looked like tears in his eyes, Jeff Bugden stated "Sticks and stones, that is all I have to say. You can try to break me but

I am bigger than this and will show you all. Leave me to last will you, try to make a statement will you...". The ensuing breakdown that followed the fist pumping rant showed just how shaken he actually was by these events, but we will leave this at Brother's to never be spoken of again (Jeff paid us).

The night did end well though with a surprising signing bonus that Jeff Bugden received in the form of a new car, as presented to him by the staff at Brother's (see picture below). We do apologize, but something happened to the picture and we were only able to get Jeff's hands... but really we are ok with this! Click on the image below for a larger view... and maybe Jeff too!



Stay tuned for more stories as the season unfolds, should be a great year with some great teams chosen by our new captains!!