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PRESIDENT'S PASSAGE

November was an exciting month of hockey with two of our players receiving awards from the AHL, Denis Hamel as 'PLAYER of the WEEK' and Jeff Glass as 'GOALTENDER of the MONTH'. Our whole team has put in the efforts needed for these things to happen. As a booster club we must be proud of the AHL awards and our team.

We just returned from a wonderful road trip to Hamilton—the BULLDOGS—on Friday, then on to Toronto—the MARLIES—on Saturday, and finally to Rochester—the AMERICANS—on Sunday. A loss, a shoot out loss, and a WIN. Three points, we needed more but we'll take it. Hamilton put goodies on our bus, and Rochester treated us to a spaghetti and meatball dinner at a real nice sports bar. Our next road trip is January 4-5 to Portland and Manchester, it should be super! Join us....

Christmas is coming.... soon! I would like to express the clubs' and my own wishes for a Merry Christmas and joyous Holidays!

Dick Havich

*Have a Safe and
Happy New Year!!*



General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, January 2, 2008
7:00 PM at The Relief Pitcher
Guests: TBD

**Vote for the December
Player of the Month!!**

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING!

CHATTIN' WITH THE B-SENS

We had a visit with two of the B-Sens at our December booster Club meeting. Forwards Justin Mapletoft and Tyler Donati stopped by and gave us a brief personal biography followed by a question and answer session. Here's a synopsis of what went down:

Justin Mapletoft, 26, is originally from Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. He resides in Calgary, Alberta in the off-season. He played juniors for the Red Deer Rebels in the WHL. He began his pro career in 2001 with the Islanders organization, playing for Bridgeport in the AHL. He remained in the Islanders system until going to Europe to play during the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons. He is now in his first year with the B-Sens.

Tyler Donati, 21, is from Oakville Ontario. He played juniors in the OHL for the Oshawa Generals, the Toronto St. Michael's Majors, and the Belleville Bulls. He is starting his pro career this season, playing with the B-Sens. He has a twin brother, and an older sister.

Q: Tyler, does your brother play hockey too?

A: TD—Yes, he plays for Las Vegas in the ECHL.

Q: How different is it to play hockey in Europe?

A: JM—There's a bigger ice surface, more room, more finesse, not as much hitting. There's an emphasis on making plays. There are more breakaways and odd man rushes. The rules are the same but there is more emphasis on scoring goals. In the AHL the emphasis is on not getting scored on, and then on scoring goals. In Europe it is the opposite.

Q: Do you like the more physical game or more of a finesse game better?

A: JM—I like both styles. I would love to see them bring the Olympic sized ice surface here. No need to change the rules; just play on the bigger ice.

Q: Do you find the team is starting to gel – to find an identity?

A: JM—I think so. You play throughout good times and bad times in a season. We are playing better now, but we still have 57 more games. When you have 3 games in 4 nights, you just want to get a strong effort out on the ice. We are getting better and are on the right track, but still have a long way to go to be a team that other teams are afraid to play.

Q: Do you anticipate there will be any carryover of the conflict between Danny Bois and the goalie from Bridgeport the next time you play them?

A: TD—We aren't too worried about it. They have some tough players and so do we. Sometimes it carries over.

Q: Ottawa's having some troubles lately. Do you think about how that might affect you?

A: TD—No, I'm not really focused on that. More focused on what's going on here.

Q: Do the team rookies have any specific jobs.

A: TD—Not really. We just keep the bus clean and pick up the pucks. Nothing major. We load the equipment too. There's a ton of us so it's pretty easy.

Q: There seems to be a lot of Ottawa brass here all the time this season. Are you guys aware of it?

A: JM—There's always scouts in the stands. At this level you want to impress everybody. Guys want to showcase themselves for upstairs and for other teams, too. With Tim Murray here there's a bit more emphasis on developing players to get them ready for the next level.

Q: How's you both get to Binghamton?

A: TD—Ottawa approached my agent with a one-way deal. My agent approached me and the rest is history.

JM—I was asking for a trade for the last two years, while playing in Europe. The Islanders still own my rights. Ottawa was interested in trading for me, and the Islanders finally released me so I went with Ottawa.

Q: What do you do for enjoyment during your time off?

A: JM—A lot of movies. Neither one of us likes video games. There are a lot of good restaurants around the triple cities. **TD—**Some bowling, movies. Never been big into video games.

Q: How do you like it here?

A: JM—Bridgeport has a beautiful rink and no fans. Here we have people like you that support us. We've got to put a good product on the ice and then you guys get out and tell people. Then more will come and then we can start selling out. If we keep on playing well and we get better, that will get us some more sell outs. As players you want to play in a sold out rink. We play a real tough style game here and sold out—it will be a real intimidating rink to come to.

Q: Any plans after hockey?

A: JM—I don't think Tyler's looked that far yet. My wife has a couple years of school left, she has been traveling around with me. **TD—**Retire someplace warm.

Q: Tyler, as a rookie are you doing anything special regarding the long pro season?

A: TD—Not really. Juniors' season was 80 games last year. It's a little tougher here. I'm learning to use my body more. Veteran players help, giving both positive and negative feedback. Anytime someone brings up a point to me I take it into consideration.

Bridget Traver

50/50 WINNERS

Thanks to all of you for supporting our 50/50. Congratulations to the following winners:

11/17/07 Dan Seymour	11/30/07 Heather Denton
11/22/07 Jennifer DeSouza	12/01/07 John Castilli
11/24/07 Meaghan M. Myers	

On Sat., December 22 the Booster Club donated our share of that evenings tickets to COMMUNITY OPTIONS. Thank you to everyone who purchased 50/50 tickets that night and also to Kim Galindez and Jennifer Brand for volunteering that night. This was also the first time

that the Booster Club donated to Community Options. They were grateful that we chose them. They even booked a few rows of group seats and brought along their own cheering section. Their group really enjoyed the game and now we have a few more hockey fans that will return to future games.

Our January 50/50 charity night will be donated to the SOS SHELTER. Watch the web site or ask at the Booster Club table for that date.

Bridget Traver

TRIPS

Thirty-five of us enjoyed our trip to **Hamilton, Toronto and Rochester** on December 7, 8 and 9. The weather was good until our trip home from Rochester on Sunday evening. It was a little icy but Wayne got us through just fine. Several of us went to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto and were surprised to see some Binghamton hockey memorabilia. We took 3 out of 6 points in the 3 games we saw and overall I think everyone had a good time!

Our next trip is to **Portland and Manchester on Jan. 4 and 5**. We will depart at 7:00 am on Friday from the Oakdale Mall. We should arrive at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland around 2:00 pm. I'm really looking forward to some great lobster!

On Friday, **January 25** we will be taking a bus to **Utica** for our home game against Toronto. The cost for the bus is only \$30 per person. You will need to purchase your own game ticket from the Binghamton Senators.

Saturday, **March 8**, we are going to play **Albany in Glens Falls**. We will depart at noon and go to the Glens Falls Outlets before the game. There are several restaurants in the area for your dining pleasure!
Cost: \$50 Dep: \$25 Bal Due: 3/2 Sign-up Deadline: 2/18

Our only **NHL** game this season is on Tuesday, **March 25**. We will be going to **Buffalo** to see the **Ottawa Senators** play the Sabres. Check at the Booster Club table for availability.

Any questions, please call Jan at 772-0174 or e-mail bsensbc@aol.com. You can sign up at any game or meeting.

*Support your SENS on the road,
Jan & Theresa*

CHARITIES

The Booster Club will be collecting items this season for the "OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" organization. They are a non-political organization whose mission is to offer moral support to our armed forces. Year round they send care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. If anyone would like to contribute any items they can be brought to a meeting or dropped off at the Booster Club table. Following are items that are mostly requested by the troops. For a full list of items you can contribute, stop by the Booster Club table.

non-perishable food items in non-breakable containers, with pull-top lids or in foil pouches. Such as: tuna, fruit, beef jerky, candy, granola bars.

Toiletry items: toothbrush/toothpaste, hand sanitizer, chap stick/blistex, (non-medicated) eye drops and nasal spray, athlete's foot powder (Gold Bond), shaving cream/gel, disposable razors. When going out in the field the troops also like travel size items of hand/body lotion, shampoo, etc.

Other items: AA batteries, toilet paper, writing paper, pens, self adhesive envelopes, current CDs/DVDs, athletic or thermal socks, magazines (recent-especially sports-related), vehicle air fresheners.

Letters and cards addressed "TO ANY SOLDIER" will be mailed with the care packages also.

Thank you for taking the time to show your appreciation to the men and women supporting our country.

Bridget Traver

JANUARY PROMOTIONS

Well, here we are in January which means the All-Star event is right around the corner! Leading up to All-Star weekend we will have 6 home games, one of which is going to be at the Utica Memorial Auditorium. Before we know it the All-Star weekend will be here!

January 11 the Senators will be hosting Bridgeport and the Parrot Heads will be out in force! The Pirates of the Susquehanna will be welcoming all of their fellow Jimmy Buffet fans to the game for our second annual Jimmy Buffet night. The Pirates of the Susquehanna will also be fund-raising in support of the Make A Wish Foundation on the concourse that night with great gift baskets available through a raffle. Directly following the game we will have a concert on the main concourse with the band Jimmy and the Parrots sponsored by Coughlin & Gerhart, KHM Inc., and Delgado's. This will be an event you won't want to miss!

January 12 the Senators will be wearing throw back Whalers jerseys as they welcome Manchester to the Arena. These jerseys will be auctioned off directly following the game that night.

January 16 is our first season ticket redemption night as well as the first bring-a-guest night. Please call the Senators' office for more details on how to redeem un-used season tickets and your bring-a-guest vouchers.

January 19 we will welcome all of the *Star Wars* characters back to the Arena. The members of the 501st legion Garrison Excelsior will be on hand in full costume for pictures and autographs.

January 25 the Senators will make the trip up to Utica to face off against Toronto. While the players are battling it out in Utica the final touches will be made to BCVMA in preparation for the All-Star Classic that weekend.

Thank you

I Would like to thank everyone who supported the Teddy Bear Toss, and various Toys for Tots fund-raisers throughout the month of December. Through your generosity the Senators were able to help a large number of local children have a happy holiday.

Thank you to the booster club members that helped wrap the players' Christmas presents for the Children's Home and the Girls group home, we never would have been able to get all of those presents wrapped without your help!

I would also like to thank Jen Camp and Justin MacGregor for the wonderful job they do each and every game night decorating the concourse for all of our fans!

ALL-STAR UPDATE

The planning of the events surrounding the All-Star weekend is going well. We are in the process of planning a Mascot Parade to help celebrate the All-Star event as well as Hockey in Binghamton. If you have a "float" that you would like to enter in the parade or know of anyone who would be interested in participating in the parade please call me at the office. I have never planned a parade before and will take all the help I can get!

We have also finalized plans for a fireworks display following the Skills Competition prior to the post skills party. When everyone is leaving the Arena and heading over to the Holiday Inn a spectacular fireworks display will be lighting the way. I hope everyone will be able to attend the All-Star weekend, I am sure it will be an event like no other.



Christa Reese

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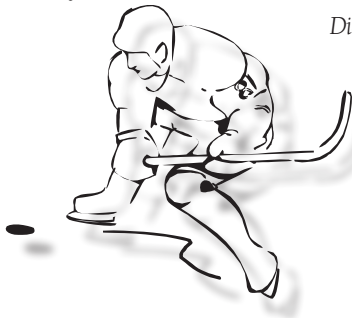
PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Jeff Glass is the Senator to earn the 'Player of the Month' honors this season for November, as voted by the members attending the December 5th meeting. Jeff has led us in goaltending and has 2 shutouts for the month and was selected as 'Goaltender of the Month' by the AHL.

Great job!



Dick Havich



EXTRA EFFORT AWARDS

The Booster Club is proud to award our players for their extra efforts such as Hat Tricks, Shut-Outs, and Four Point nights for defensemen, and Five Point nights for any player.

For these efforts, we give a \$50 gift certificate from the Oakdale Mall.

These Extra Effort Awards were made in November by our league leading goalie, Jeff Glass. On Nov. 18 he notched a Shut-Out on the road in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, his first of

the season for a 3-0 win!

then Jeff did it again, here at home on Nov. 30 against Bridgeport in a 4-0 Shut-Out win! This will be great for our B_Sens and his league stats as well. Our Goalie is leading our young group of guys into a great start.

Jeff will receive two gift certificates. to the Oakdale Mall.

Congratulations!

The next Extra Effort Award was made as we started December on the 1st. It was Lawrence Nycholat as he produced a Four Point Night on a defense that is helping the B-Sens win! This one was an 8-5 home win that was exciting to watch. This is the effort we want. our team is improving game after game.

Lawrence will receive a gift certificate to the Oakdale Mall.

Congratulations!

Dick Havich

50/50 SUCCESS

The 50/50 is a success because of the Booster Club's membership and their support.

Our sincere appreciation to:

- Clara Groover, Diana Traver for their great sales at the Back Table.
- Jan Havich for handling our money.
- Gary Severcool – our Pro at tearing tickets.
- Dick Havich for putting away all the 50/50 supplies.
- Bev Simmons, Irene Survilla for making it possible for us to have a break.

You are all a gift to us, thank you and we wish you all Joy on the New Year.

Joyce and Joe Lamphere
 Co-Chairs of 50/50