



# PORTLAND WINTERHAWKS

## Booster Club

### HAWKEY TALK - SEASON PREVIEW - 2010-11

#### Presidents Message

Just a few short months ago, the Winterhawks ended their season full of hopes for the upcoming season. Well here we are and it appears to be another exciting year on the horizon. Without a doubt though, it means changes again. The team loses and gains players plus we have many at NHL camps and who knows where those players will start the season.

For the Booster Club, changes abound and I am sure you will like what you see. The first change is one agreed upon last season. The Booster Club has applied for 501(c)(3) status and will operate as such this season. The status will allow the Booster Club to promote itself more, be a fully legal operating charity and accept donations in its quest to provide more dollars to the player's continuing education fund.

The second change is one that happens as a result of sponsorship changes. The Monday Night Pizza Blasts with Winterhawks Players will move to Flying Pie Pizzeria in Milwaukie, OR. The Milwaukie location will have lots of parking, is on the #33 bus line for those wishing to go by mass transit and has a space that is similar in size to our previous location. We are still finalizing the details as to the players and other arrangements, so bear with us. We are scheduled for Monday October 25 as the first Pizza Blast event, more details to follow. Thanks again to Pro Sound and Lighting for providing the sound system for the events.

The Booster Club has scheduled 2 jersey raffles this year. We have the old and the new this year. The old is a former Winterhawk 1987 game worn Ken

#### Letter from the Editor

It seems like the 2009-10 season was just ending at the hands of the Vancouver Giants, and yet here we are opening the 2010-11 season with those same Giants. This may have been one of the biggest off seasons in team history as the Hawks were all over the news both locally and nationally.

Locally, the Hawks have made huge strides with local youth hockey, by purchasing and renovating Valley Ice Arena in Beaverton. The new Winterhawks Skating Center will be home to both the Winterhawks and the Portland Jr. Hawks. This was a huge step helping bring a new vibe to the hockey culture in Portland.

Nationally, the Hawks were the talk of the 2010 NHL entry draft. In all, 8 players were selected by NHL teams, and some have already signed their entry level contracts.

Portland is a favorite to win the US Division and after having a very competitive training camp, many tough decisions have been made with who is going to start the season here in Portland.

As a fan of the WHL, and of course Portland, it is great to see the on ice product improve.

Portland appears to once again be a destination for players and families. With the direction of the on ice product, the momentum of last seasons success, the sky seems to be the limit for this season, lets all tag along for the ride.

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## Pizza Blast Update Shows

New location - - Lots of Free Parking  
Flying Pie Pizza  
16691 SE McLoughlin Blvd in Milwaukie!  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Monday, October 25th, 2010

(TBA)

Monday, November 29th, 2010

(TBA)

Monday, December 13th, 2010

(TBA)

Monday, January 17th, 2011

(TBA)

Monday, February 14th, 2011

(TBA)

Monday, March 14th, 2011

(TBA)

*Dates and Players Subject to change,  
please check at the booster table for updates!*

## Players of the Month 2010 - 11

2009-10 Fan Favorite - #22 Nino Niederreiter

October 2010 -

November 2010 -

December 2010 -

January 2011 -

February 2011 -

2010-11 Fan Favorite -

**Remember to vote for the 2010-11 players!**

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At All Home Games Staff Are Available at the Booster Club Table

## Booster Club Meeting Dates

Saturday, October 30th, 2010 - Memorial Coliseum

Saturday, November 20th, 2010 - Memorial Coliseum

Saturday, December 11th, 2010 - Rose Garden

Saturday, January 22nd, 2011 - Memorial Coliseum

Saturday, February 19th, 2011 - Memorial Coliseum  
(Nominations Meeting)

Sunday, March 20th, 2011 - Rose Garden  
(Elections Meeting)

## 2010 - 11 Board Members

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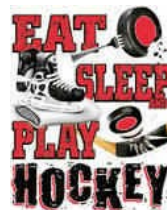
Council Member—Marian Brown

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## **BUS TRIPS!**

The Boosters are once again planning trips:

Check the Booster Club Table for more  
information and Pricing.





## Hope is epidemic...Optimism Spreads

By Andy Kemper

First off, welcome to the 2010-11 WHL Season Boosters...hope you all had a great summer and are ready for what will hopefully be a very successful season for our Portland Winterhawks.

Thinking back to this time last season, most were cautiously optimistic that the Winterhawks would continue to improve and be a playoff team for the first time in three seasons. In the end, I don't think even the most optimistic of the optimists saw a 44 win, 91 point season on the horizon, but that is what the team achieved behind a nucleus of young, talented players that really grew as the season progressed.

Now, the team has lofty expectations, both from themselves and from the hockey community at large as we enter the new season. A season that has the team ranked in the top five of all teams in the Canadian Hockey League before we even drop the puck for game one.

The off-season was highlighted by the NHL Entry Draft in June where eight Winterhawks heard their names called, two of them in the first five selections. We all knew how good Ryan Johansen (fourth overall to the Columbus Blue Jackets) and Nino Niederreiter (fifth overall to the New York Islanders) were last season and the NHL took notice as well. As of this writing, both players are still with the big club and may be there to start the season. Johansen has already signed his entry level NHL deal with Columbus and could play as many as nine regular season games before being returned and burning the first year of his NHL deal while Niederreiter is expected to sign and at least start in Long Island.

Currently, there are seven other players still in NHL main camps as we approach the opening game for the Hawks. Think about that for a second...nine players in NHL main camps. Who would have imagined *that* two years ago? Add in those already returned and the Hawks had 13 current members attend NHL camps. Add in Chris Francis and Stefan Schneider, who graduated from last years team, and that is 15 players who played in Portland who are getting a professional opportunity. Absolutely incredible...

But, it doesn't end there...even with so many people gone, the Hawks went 4-0-0-2 in six preseason games, being led by a new corps of draft eligible players that have a great chance to hear their name called next June. Sven Bärtschi, the new Swiss sensation the Hawks drafted in the CHL Import Draft, led all scorers in preseason with 5-4-9 in five games. Bärtschi is a late birth date 1992 born player that is trying to do what his countryman Niederreiter did last year by raising his draft status by playing so well in North America.

Ty Rattie, the Game 7 overtime hero against Spokane, is also entering his draft year and he was, at times, the most dominant player that I saw for any team in preseason. He seemed to have great chemistry with Bärtschi and Teal Burns (another late birth date 1992 born player) in the preseason, and don't be surprised to see them together in the regular season as well.

On the back end, two 16 year olds, Derrick Pouliot and Josh Hanson, will look to make their mark as well as 17 year old Tyler Wotherspoon, who saw spot duty last year. The Hawks have a multitude of puck-rushing defensemen and you can expect to see the Hawks utilize them in a quick transition game, turning defense into offense in a hurry. Gone are Eric Doyle and Luca Sbisa, but there are riches a plenty on the blue line.

There are still some decisions to be made on the roster once everybody that is coming back from pro camp returns. There won't be any easy decisions for Mike Johnston, Travis Green and the rest of the Hockey Operations staff. This is a very deep team, both on the active roster and on the 50 man protected list. To make this team, you need to be at your best, both physically and mentally.

For me, I can't wait to get started. I'm looking forward to my second season working with Todd Vrooman on our radio broadcasts on the Alpha Broadcasting Network. The majority of our games will be on Freedom 970 once

# Talking Hockey with Coach Mike Johnston

Booster Club Newsletter – September 2010



The 2010 training camp was much different than a year ago. Not only did we have a smaller group to work with (80 players over 4 teams) but I felt the intensity and competitiveness was more evident earlier this year. We started camp with fitness testing in the afternoon on day 1 and right away you could see the veteran group take charge. Most players knew they were headed to NHL camps around the 7<sup>th</sup> of Sept and only had a couple weeks to prepare.

The Neely Cup was well played and won by Team Wesley. It was good to see our veteran players playing and practicing with our young guys right away. For the scouts it was a chance to evaluate all of our drafted, listed and invites against proven WHL players. Sure it was an eye opener but when we had exit meetings with the 15 year old players and parents that was their favorite part of the camp – skating alongside NHL drafted players. Our veteran players did a great job throughout camp setting an example and standard for the younger guys. You could really see that our group was starting to mature.

Winning the Everett Tournament was another highlight of preseason. It was a unique set up this year with the Soo Greyhounds participating from the Ontario league. Initially when I had asked to be one of the teams playing them I didn't realize that they were basically going to bring their team with the exception of one injured player. As a coaching staff we had planned to split the weekend between 30 players rotating around. In the end after a lot of discussion we stuck to the plan and finished the tournament with a 2-0-0-1- record which was good for first place. The game against the Soo turned out to be an early season character builder with a 6-5 come from behind win.

Prior to the Tri City Tournament our 11 players who were destined for NHL camps started to leave for rookie camps and tournaments. It was an exciting time for Troy Rutkowski, Luke Walker, Oliver Gabriel, Riley Boychuk, Spencer Bennett, Brad Ross, Brett Ponich, Taylor Aronson, Tayler Jordan, Taylor Peters, and Mac Carruth. Nino and Ryan had gone down to their respective teams in August to prepare early and as it turned out work on a contract deal – which we congratulate both of them on. As a result the Tri tournament turned out to be a showcase of young talent and the depth of organizations in the league. Our guys played great winning both games and I believe they all really enjoyed the opportunity to play enhanced minutes and new roles.

Now the real games begin and as I finish this newsletter we head into the regular season tomorrow which is really exciting. Unlike last year we probably won't know what our final team will look like for several weeks due to the fact that we still have 7 guys at NHL camps and several may stay to play regular season games in mid October. One thing I do know is that the guys who are here have worked very hard and are prepared for the start. The only injuries to report are to our goaltenders Mac Carruth who will miss the first 7 days and Ian Curtis who is still recovering from major off season shoulder surgery but is skating and practicing. It looks like Taylor Aronson who had similar surgery at the end of the season is ready to go.

I hope you all enjoy the season—it looks like the US Division will once again be one of the most competitive in the WHL.



## September Player - # 9 Teal Burns

# H a w k R o o k i e Q & A

Teal, Thank you for being part of this years edition of Hawk Rookie Q&A.

HT—Since you were able to spend some time with the Hawks last season, what sorts of things were you able to take from that experience to motivate yourself in the off season?

TB—I just saw how good the guys were and how much I had to improve to play a key role on the Hawks. I can't take anything for granted and I have got to keep working hard.

HT—Did the coaches have a list of things for you to work on before coming back to camp?

TB—The coaches didn't have a list for me of what they wanted me to work on, but they did tell me I needed to get faster and keep my energy level up at all times.

HT—How did that help your confidence coming into fall camp?

TB—It helped my confidence level because I knew I had to prove myself and show them that I can play in the league. That I can be a key player.

HT—When the coaches told you that you were going to be on the team this year, what was your reaction?

TB—Well, everything isn't finalized yet, but I do think I have a really good chance of playing here, and get a chance to play with Bartschi and Rattie. Like I said, I just have to work hard and not take anything for granted, or I may miss my opportunity.

HT—Was this the toughest training camp ever for you?

TB—I would say the last training camp was the toughest because of how many players there were and how much you had to work just to stand out a little bit. The camp this year was definitely tiring on the mind and body though.

HT—Let's switch gear, tell us a bit about your family back home...

TB—My family back home... we are a really close knit family. I have one brother who is 15 months older than me, we are really good friends. My parents are really good people and they support me in everything I do.

HT—What subjects do you like in school? What is the difference between school back home and here?

TB—I would have to say I like Math and English because they come really easy to me. School here is different because I have never been to college and I didn't expect it to be like this.

HT—What is a day in the life of Teal Burns in the off season?

TB—I wake up in the morning around 10, my mom makes me breakfast while I shower and get ready to go workout. After breakfast, I go to a crossfit gym called Vancouver Island Crossfit. I work out there for about 5 hours a day, 11 - 4. Then I head home, shower, eat dinner and play roller hockey the hangout with some friends. I then repeat that over and over again.

HT—Many of the Hawks have played musical instruments or other sports. What is your other hobbies or interests?

TB—I do not play any instruments, but I do play roller hockey and lacrosse which I love doing. For a hobby I like to play tennis or a pick up game of football.

HT—If you were coaching youth here in Portland, what would you tell them is the most important thing to work on to make it to the WHL?

TB—The most important thing to work on to make to the WHL is that you always have to play hard each and every shift. You never take a shift off, you have to be strong and you have to be a good skater.

Yaremchuk pre season Toronto Maple Leafs Jersey. Ken Yaremchuk was a member of the 1983 Memorial Cup Champions. The new is a 2008-09 game worn Chris Francis Portland Buckaroos Jersey which is signed by Chris. These will be season long raffles ending on March 18, 2011. We want to earn alot of money from these, so buy your tickets early and often!

Get ready for our new contest, the First Goal and First Penalty which debuts this year. Also, we are working on bus trips for this year to Everett, Seattle/Kent and a special 2 night Vancouver and Chilliwack trip for March. Details at the Booster Club table or the website [www.pwhbc.com](http://www.pwhbc.com).

Finally, the Booster Club is looking to retire the Booster Club tables and just utilize folding tables at the arenas. With games splitting between the Rose Garden and Memorial Coliseum and the wear and tear on tables, plus the incredible amount of time needed to move them and set up, it has been decided that we will just use the folding tables. However, with that said, we are still going to be in the same locations as before. Entry "BB" at the Coliseum and Entry "A-12" in the Rose Garden.

It will be a great season, a lot of fun and we are glad you will be a part of it!

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again, but we may see some time on 750 KXL or 95.5 The Game FM depending on schedules. Todd and I really enjoyed working together last year and we hope that you enjoy our broadcasts as we try to portray just as much fun and excitement as we feel during each broadcast.

Thanks again for your great support of the Portland Winterhawks and there is great hope and optimism as we enter the 2010-11 Season. You are a big part of the team...bring the noise and your friends to support this team. I look forward to working with the Booster Club in any way that I can this season...and, as always...

GO HAWKS!!!!

### Former Winterhawk — Andrew Ference



As a new feature we are going to see what former Portland Winterhawks are up to. This month we look at former defensemen and current Boston Bruin, Andrew Ference.

Andrew is originally from Edmonton, Alberta Canada. It only seems fitting that someone born on St. Patrick's Day ends up playing in Boston. Andrew played for several seasons in Portland (94-95 through 98-99) and was a member of the 1998 Memorial Cup Champions. While in Portland, Andrew was drafted by the Pittsburgh Penguins. Andrew made his debut for Pittsburgh as a 20 year old. Andrew made his first playoff run with the Pens in 2000 - 01. Andrew was traded to the Calgary Flames for that famous "future considerations" in the middle of the 2002-03 season. While living in Calgary Andrew became involved with protecting our environment and started a carbon neutral program for the NHL. This program allows players to buy carbon credits that help counter act the carbon footprint of professional sports. Currently over 500 NHL players participate in this program. Andrew spent the 2004 - 05 lockout playing in the Czech Republic and returned to the Flames after the missed season. In the spring of 2007 Andrew was again on the move, this time traded to the

Boston Bruins, where he is currently still playing, after agreeing to a new three year extension in the spring of 2010. As a member of the Bruins, Andrew helped give Sidney Crosby his first NHL Gordie Howe Hat Trick and Andrew fought Sid the Kid on December 27, 2007. Andrew is married and has two daughters. In total Andrew has now played in 570 regular season games in the NHL, going for 24 goals, 117 assists, 141 points and 504 penalty minutes as well as 74 play off games, for 3 goals, 19 assists, 22 points and 81 penalty minutes.