

Unsung Heroes



If the goaltender is the “backbone” of a team then these guys are the camp. Often the forgotten people on any team, the equipment managers are some of the most respected people within the team. They spend countless hours doing thankless jobs and that often go unrecognized. Equipment managers are the ones that make sure that players and staff alike are taken care of so they can do their jobs. They make sure jerseys are clean and presentable, gloves are palmed and skates sharp enough to make the tightest turns.

Jason Ellery (GBR) and Tatu Vento (FIN) along with the individual team equipment trainers are the unsung heroes of the development camp. Both have worked on teams playing in some of the highest levels of hockey in the world and they have chosen to bring their professionalism and expertise to our camp. Before you leave you should shake the hands of these hardworking gentlemen.

As Jason likes to say “ Sounds like a plan”.

Two minutes in the box

Today's highlights:

Participants for the skills challenge have gone through just over two days of practices. Today, they do it for real and try to qualify for a spot at the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

Saturday's weather forecast:

25 degrees with the possibility of rain and lightning. –Finnish Meteorological Institute

Quote of the day:

"You were born to be a player. You were meant to be here. This moment is yours."

Herb Brooks

Question of the day:

In every Vierumäki times, we will have a question of a day.

Today's question:

Who scored the winning goal at the 1980 Olympic Winter Games gold medal final?

(Answer in tomorrow's Vierumäki times) Answer to yesterday's question:

Canada Hockey Place and UBC Thunderbird Arena

Finnish ABC's!!!

Here are some useful Finnish you can use on it ice.

Good Game=Hyvä Peli

What a goal!=Hieno Maali!

Nice Pass=Hyvä Syöttö

Facts about Heinola, Finland

Population 20,259

Notes:

Most of Heinola is situated between Lakes Ruotsalainen and Konnivesi.

Vierumäki is considered part of Heinola.

Steely sTEALers

Team Roster:

Goalkeepers:

30 Descloux Gauthier SUI

31 De Vogel Mark NED

Defenseemen:

3 Jacobs Joshua USA

4 Kryvenko Sergii UKR

5 Telsnig Lukas AUT

6 Zulevs Maksims LAT

7 Anic Ivan SRB

8 Lee Tae Ho KOR

Forwards:

10 Honkanen Manu FIN

11 Barnabo Luca ITA

12 Revil Pierre FRA

13 Gran Martin NOR

14 Jarcov Luka CRO

15 Petrov Stanislav BUL

16 Gyorgy Robert ROU

17 Waltener Clement LUX

18 Versluis Arie MAL

Staff:

MC Hunt Jim USA

C Guibet Romain FRA

C Cha Bong Hwa KOR

C Byhur Thomas SWE

C MacLean Ross CAN

TM Ime Lajos HUN

EM Torny Gabor HUN



Teal players celebrating a goal.

“So far so good” is how the coaches for team Teal has the described the camp. The sTEALers has come together nicely because of good attitude. “It feels like they’ve been together for years”, says student coach Ross MacLean. This is due to the internal leadership if the team.

The strength of the sTEALers is its depth. Teal is also blessed with a solid core of defenseemen which plays a two-way game and is good at moving the puck. The forwards are committed to doing the unheralded things like blocking shots and going into the “dirty” areas of the ice to get the puck. Most importantly, the players listen to the coaches and follow the game plan while playing as a unit.

The coaches are impressed with the improvement that the boys have shown over the week. Every player has put the practice times and coaching to good use. The goalies have gone through a change of style that can be described as a positive one.

All the coaches and staff have nothing but positive things to say about one another. They described themselves as a group that took a while to get to know each other but willing to put cultural and language barriers aside for the betterment of the team. They also describe Jim Hunt as an effective head coach. Teal has no slogan, perhaps they just want to let their actions do all the talking.

MC = Mentor Coach

C = Coach

GC = Goalie Coach

TM = Team Manager

EM = Equipment Manager