

Vierumäki Times

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Granlund drops by for a visit



Vierumäki Times got to talk to an IIHF World Champion, Mikael Granlund.

VT: You are a first round pick of the Minnesota Wild. Have you ever heard of Finland, MN, USA.

MG: No idea. *(Laughs while reading a printout from wikipedia)*. It has one gas station.

VT: Will you be moving there when you sign with the Wild?

MG: No but I might visit.

VT: Moving on. Something about yourself. What is your first car?

MG: A Smartcar for Two

VT: Who is the best Finnish player to come back from the NHL to play in Finland? Antti Laaksonen or Ville Peltonen? Remember Peltonen is a teammate.

MG: *(Thinks for a second)* Ville Peltonen.

VT: Best Finnish Defensemen: Teppo Numminen or Sami Salo or Sami Vatanen (who is in the room). Now no pressure, Mikael. I am a Canucks fan and Sami (Vatanen) is here.

MG: Teppo Numminen.

VT: Now you have obviously been asked about *"THE GOAL"* a million times. Now tell me, did you use any sticky tape on the blade?

MG: No, but I used a little luck.

VT: Okay, let's say you never scored that goal. Who do you think scored the "goal of the year"?

MG: I don't know but if someone can score two goals on one shot that will be the goal of the year for me.

VT: Are these the weirdest questions you have ever been asked?

MG: Maybe. (editor: Which in Finnish means "Yes").

VT: Thank you, Mikael.

Two minutes in the box

Today's highlights:

It's an off day for all campers and coaches. Linnanmäki and Helsinki, here we come!!!!

Monday's weather forecast:

After a couple of gloomy days, the sun chose the perfect day to make an appearance. It was an excellent 22 degrees.

Quote of the day:

"Esa talks twice as much as anybody else. That's because you can understand just half what he says."
(Craig MacTavish) on Esa Tikkanen

Question of the day:

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

Today's question:

Who was scored the Edmonton Oilers' first goal in the NHL?

(Answer in tomorrow's Vierumäki times)

Answer to yesterday's question: *Pavel Bure* was nicknamed the "Russian Rocket"

Finnish ABC's!!!

The staff in Vierumäki works hard to make your living easy. Let's learn some courtesy words, so we can thank them.

Milk=Maito Salmon=Lohi

Reindeer=Poro Coffee=Kahvi

Facts about Finland, MN, USA

State: Minnesota

County: Lake County

Population: 628 (as of 2010)

Population density of 3.0 (per square mile)

Notes: It has a gas station, motel, general store, four bars and a post office.

Source: Wikipedia

Meet Team Blue “Bruins”

Team Roster:

Goalkeepers:

30 Harald Joonas FIN

31 Ruzic Ivan CRO

Defensemen:

3 Orlov Egor RUS

4 Montenoise Arthur FRA
Oudot

5 Soma Shuto JPN

6 Krupin Andrei EST

7 Fridriksson Egill ISL

8 Muhic Benjamin BIH

Forwards:

10 Ericson Carl SWE

11 Zembergis Davis LAT

12 Todam Manuel GER

13 Hunt Oliver GBR

14 Poch Lucas ESP

15 Tadic Marko SRB

16 Coolen Stef BEL

17 Ellis Frazer NZL

18 Tevzadze Andro GEO

Staff:

MC Bergkvist Stefan SWE

C Alipov Yevgen UKR

C Natroshvili Irakli GEO

C Elmer Michael GER

GC Paalanen Mika FIN

TM Lukota Martin CZE

EM Smid Zdnek CZE



“The calm before the storm” A peek into the “Bruins” dressing room

The first three days have been kind to the blue team. Through four games the “Bruins” have been able to amass an excellent record of three wins and one loss thus far. Mentor coach Stefan Bergvist attributes the results to the teams’ hard work and positive attitude

Bergvist feels that the boys are growing as a team and the evidence is in the way they help each other out. Communication within the team is getting better, says the Swedish mentor coach.

Although there are many positives about the team, there is always room for improvement. Bergvist feels that the players can work on their technical skills like passing and stickhandling.

Bergvist notes that the team has had a good schedule which has probably contributed to the Blue team staying healthy with no major injuries or sicknesses.

The Bruins’ coaches hail from several nations; Ukraine, Georgia, Germany and Finland, but despite possible language barriers and cultural differences they have been able to work very well together.

“You don’t win silver, you lose gold” with these Bruins.

MC = Mentor Coach

C = Coach

GC = Goalie Coach

TM = Team Manager

EM = Equipment Manager