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KUBIE COSSACKS "STEAL" THE SHOW IN OPENER



Captain Ewanchyna Defends his Actions

Calgary, Alberta – In a Facsimile interview on Monday morning, The Kubie Cossacks captain, Peter Ewanchyna, defended his outrageous actions of calling up players stating *"On behalf of the Kubies, I'd like to defend our play last night. The 5 Kubies who did show up played very well and should not have that win taken away from them. The Kubies took a large risk upon themselves in calling up the untested Jonny (Hockey) Buck, and the other teams now have the benefit of seeing the impact he can have on the ice."*

The rules clearly state that each player may be called up by each team once with no ruling on the level of player recruited".

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After each Captain submitted their opinions of the Kubie Cossacks game #1 antics to the Commissioner's office for review, it was decided a trade was inevitable. While Mr. Ewanchyna was not available for comment, we did learn that he plans to continue to call up players to "balance" the teams. Well, as a fan, and the editor, I can't wait to see what the Kubie Cossacks have up their sleeve for Game #2 in the season series.

FANS IN THE STANDS!

The infamous UHL (also known as the Ukrainian Hockey League) hit the ice on Sunday April 2nd for the 19th season of this unique gentlemen's hockey league.

While many hockey fans know the other leagues like the NHL, OHL or WHL, this UHL is something unique and far exceeds what you would expect to see having a bunch of Ukrainians on the ice with sharp blades attached to their feet and sticks in their hands. They are fast, they are charismatic, and they are fun to watch!

The UHL Weekly News interviewed the #1 fan (Sam "the fan" Bulych) and in a statement release to the UHL he said *"this is by far the best free entertainment anyone could ask for. The fact you can smell Kolbassa fumes coming from the bench and to see players able to turn BOTH right and left is quite spectacular. I try to get to every game to assess each player and see who will be this years shining new star. This year should be good with the addition of two new teams!"*

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JOSEPHS TRADED

After the first game went into the record books, it didn't take long for the Cossack Captains to gather in the UHL boardroom to negotiate a trade. After the beating the Cadillac Cossacks took from the Kubies, we all knew something was up. It was about noon Tuesday when Josephs got the news that he was traded to the Kubie Cossacks for a simple assortment of Irish beer. A transaction never seen before in league history. Yes, we have seen player for player, and even a player for a ring of Kolbassa, but never an assortment of Irish Beer. Corey Taillon, Captain of the Cadillacs said that there is a plan in place and you'll have to wait to see the outcome.

Ron Josephs, a forward wearing #4 playing right wing (and the instigator of the league before it later became the infamous "UHL") is known for his committed desire to win and passion to play with his three kids, Andrew, Katy and Nicholas Josephs all of Calgary.

Following the news of his trade, he stated:

"First – I don't play Defence!

Second – I never got a chance to drive the team Cadillac before I was traded.

Third – I like the Cadillac hat – so I am keeping it.

Fourth – I was never consulted on this – I need a new agent

Fifth – there better be kubasa in the dressing room with a vodka chaser

Sixth – if it's Sunday there must be beer too

Seventh – I need a new agent.

Eighth – I don't think I got an assist – so the stats guy is crazy

Ninth – I can dress in any room – doesn't matter

Other than that – GREAT TRADE!

We will eagerly wait to see what Josephs brings to the Kubies, in the meantime all eyes are on the Fightin' Cossacks who remain somewhat quiet this season. Bring on Game #2!

The Cossack Kup in 2017... Who will win?



Flames Community Arenas – Calgary.

Fans are embracing the new format the UHL Board of Governors have put out this season by expanding to an unprecedented four teams. Fans are filing into the arena to witness the play of 44 men battling and grinding their way to clinch the Cossack Kup and to sip the sweet nectar of Vodka from the Kup.

The UHL kicked off the season on Sunday night with a bang. Fans saw the Cadillac Cossacks get blanked 5-0 in the first game of the night by the Kubie Cossacks. "It was a clinic demonstrated by the Kubies" said the one (and only) fan. We look forward to seeing what's next when the four teams battle again this Sunday night at 8:00pm at the Flames Community Arenas. Tickets are still available from scalpers and small children using a Lite Bright.

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The Commish takes control!



Late Sunday night in a SW Calgary Hockey Arena it was the second game of a back-to-back series played by the Golden Knight Cossacks (a knock-off of that other leagues expansion team) and the Fighin' Cossacks. It was a spectacular performance by both teams. Fans witness a 5-4 victory by the Knights over the Fighin' Cossacks however it was the unprecedented tuck-in goal scored by Ron Bobyn, also known as "The Commish" in the dying seconds of the game that stole the show. In a statement from Bobyn *"I saw the goalie break to the left when I was curling around the net, so I simply closed my eyes, grit my teeth and tucked it in the net on the short side"*. Bobyn, known for his organizational skills and not his hockey skills, scored what ended up to be the game winning, and series tying goal on the night. Maybe he should stick to sending out memos and ordering online stuff?

SIROISHKA SHINES!

Right wing and D-Man Mike (Walter) Siroishka wearing #5 appeared to have tried to steal the show by a close call near the net. Siroishka was playing in the slot being "the Wall" in front of goalie #31 Jerry Demchuk when a shot from the line hit Demchuk whereby Siroishka played his normal tactic of swinging and swatting at the puck until it goes somewhere. Well, to Siroishka's amazement, it did not cross the line. In fact, the UHL Players Association is reviewing the play siting the play demonstrated extreme goaltender interference by Siroishka. No penalty was called. *"The puck sat on the goal line for what felt like an eternity"* according to Siroishka, however Demchuk confirmed the puck didn't cross the line and the play was called dead before Siroishka back-slapped the puck into the net with reckless abandonment. Siroishka was excited at the moment the puck apparently went into the net, however after learning that the goal was called back, he was last seen on the bench searching for a cold beer in an effort to ease the pain. He says he will get that one back in game #2 on Sunday.

FREE AGENTS PUT ON A CLINIC

New UHL Free Agents Robbie Prokop and Calvin Bochulak each scored once for their team in their first appearance in a UHL uniform. Prokop opened the scoring for the Golden Knights while Bochulak, who was picked up just six hours before puck drop, scored a nice goal to close it off for the Cadillacs 1-0 win in game 3.