

Detroit Red Wings

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Can money buy a championship for the Wings?

Will the Red Wings Cup chances overflow in glory once again? With the 2001-2002 season just around the corner, that's the question every Red Wing fan is asking him/herself right now. The Red Wings made a gutsy moves in the off season by acquiring not one, but three

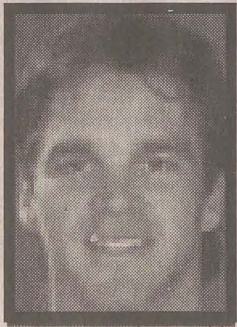
potential Hall of Famer's. Yes, these players may be the missing links in the Red Wings Cup chances, but these players cost the Red Wings some very important players from last years' team. Among these players from last years' team are Chris Osgood, Martin Lapointe, and Slava Kozlov. They'll be missed in Hockeytown this year. The Red Wings future will now begin with the three players

acquired in the off season. First on the list is Dominik Hasek, acquired from the Sabres. Unless he has injury problems this year, look for the Wings to have an iron curtain around their goal. Next on the list is Brett Hull, signed from Dallas in the off season. Look for Hull to reach the 40+ goal mark with the Wings this year. Last, but not least, Luc Robitaille from the Kings. We all remember Luc's name

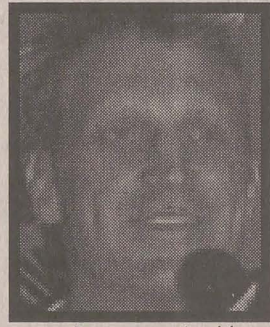
from the Red Wing's playoffs last year. Unfortunately for the Red Wings, Luc lead his Kings past them and on to the next round. Hull and Robitaille alone will more than make up for the loss of Lapointe and Kozlov this year. Let's not forget the key players from last year that are still with the Red Wings. Steve Yzerman, Brendan Shanahan, Sergie Fedorov, and Nick Lidstrom are

among the few left over from last years team. Fedorov and Shanahan both had 30+ goal scoring seasons last year for the Wings. Now add 40+ goals from Hull, and watch out league. Yzerman, Lidstrom, Shanahan, and Fedorov also had 50+ point scoring seasons (assists and goals). Looks like a red hot offense in the making to me. Let's not forget the most important part, defense. Look for Chris Chelios,

Dominik Hasek, Fredrik Olausson, and backup tender Manny Legace to make some standout plays on defense for the Red Wings this season. With all this talent, look for the Red Wings to finish tops in the division and league this year. Did the Red Wings try to buy their way to the gold at the end of the rainbow? And if so, is it wrong? Will it payoff for the Wings in the end? We'll just have to wait and see.



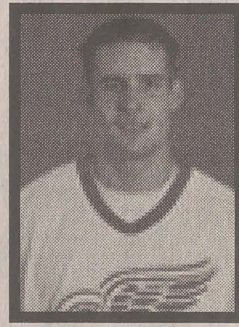
Luc Robitaille



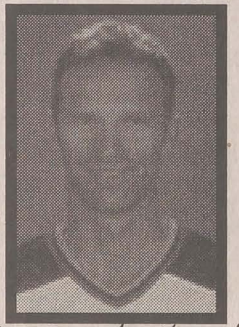
Brett Hull

"With all these weapons watch out!"

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Dominik Hasek

Four New Faces On the Block

ACC GETS A KICK!

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Some people might be wondering why soccer was chosen to be the new sport at Alpena Community College this year. The answer is two fold. First, Ryan Townsend, ACC Student Senate Vice-President (and ACC soccer player), raised money for jerseys and equipment this year. Introducing soccer to ACC was also an easy decision for the Student Senate because of the results of last year's Student Senate survey. Men's baseball was also a choice on the survey. Though baseball was a popular choice, baseball in Northeast Michigan is not practical. With the baseball season extending past the

school year, Alpena is ripe for rainouts/snowouts. The rainout rule states that once a game is rained out, the game has to be played the next playable day. Therefore, that is more money that the school has to spend. In addition, it is difficult to find playable days in Alpena in the spring. Other sports like football were also an economical challenge. High priced equipment and the lack of a football field made football an impractical choice. Mr. Lindsay and Dr. Newport both agreed that soccer was the best choice for A.C.C. Soccer brings diversity to the sports program, more student interest, and a connection with the students and the community.

LUMBERJACK'S SOCCER REVIEW

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The ACC Men's Soccer Club Team started their inagural season with an impressive win over Oakland Community College followed by a hard fought tie on the road against Lansing Community College. In the season opener, ACC thumped heavily favored Oakland Community College 6-2. The Lumberjack's offense featured a balanced attack that included goals from Andy Keller and Josh Kumrits, as well as excellent goaltending from Ryan Baker.

The Lumberjacks made the long haul to Lansing for their second game of the year and dueled Lansing

Community College to a tie. A goal off of Lumberjack goalie Ryan Baker's outstretched fingertips with under two minutes left tied the game that ACC had led 3-2. During both overtime periods, each team muscled the other with physical play that earned a Lansing player ejection from the game (red card). Andy Keller scored two goals on route to the 3-3 tie. ACC's next game features a rematch with Lansing (Oct.6 at Home) that is sure to be an old fashioned grudge match.



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NFL News Brief

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- President Bush urged the sporting world to move on after the tragedies on September 11, 2001, but the players wanted the week off to grieve. Over 38 years ago, the National Football League decided to play football just 2 days after the assassination of President Kennedy. The current NFL commissioner, Paul Tagliabue, chose not to make that same mistake. After the tragedy, the media wanted to attack someone for being disrespectful in any way. But Mr. Tagliabue decided it wasn't going to be the NFL.
- Replacement referees? NFL referees demanded on an increase in salary. After negotiations, they were offered a 60% increase in pay, that plan was rejected. Just before the start of the season, the league withdrew their offer of 60% increase and elected to use replacements. Several players have suggested there will be added danger on the playing field with inexperience refs. There have been some flags thrown late in games, but no serious complaints from the players, as of yet. Football contains a "relief valve" for missed calls on the field, this means each team has the right to challenge a referee's call in question. This "relief valve" is very reassuring to both players and coaches. Once the officials are signaled that a call is being challenged, the play in question would then be reviewed at the instant replay station. This "relief valve" does have its limits. If a none of the camera angles show beyond a shadow of a doubt that the call was incorrect, the call on the field stands.
- According to ESPN's "Power Rankings," the Denver Broncos are at the top of the charts followed by the Baltimore Ravens and the Oakland Raiders respectively.
- The Detroit Lions are not off to a great start. The starting quarterback, Charlie Batch, has already been replaced by Ty Detmer. Johnnie Morton, wide receiver, is catching the ball and doing a good job. Once the new quarterback gets comfortable in Detroit, the passing game should become more effective. This in turn should free up the Lion's running back, James Stewart, he will be able to show his true colors. With the new head coach, Marty Mornhinweg, it is not assuring when rumors fly of him not knowing the wide receivers names yet. The season is long from over and Lions' fans can still hope for a playoff spot.

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