

Profile: Guy Kinnear of Midland trainer for Toronto Maple Leafs

by Don Lawrence
Guy Kinnear is what many people would describe as a regular sports nut.

Kinnear lives in Midland, and in many ways is your average man on the street, except for one thing; he lives the life almost every young boy dreams of.

Kinnear is the head trainer of the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey club and has been for the past 11 years, with another three years before that with the Marlboros.

It must be a fascinating job for Kinnear, because it's not what you would call the ideal working conditions.

Due to the nature of his job, he lives alone in Toronto in an apartment next door to the Gardens for eight months of the year, beginning the first of September, and going right up until the end of the hockey season, with return trips home maybe seven times a season.

The actual length of his stay in Toronto will, naturally, depend on whether the Leafs make it to the playoffs, and how far they advance.

The job also means long hours for Kinnear, spent in planning and supervising all aspects of the rigorous training the team must go through.

In addition to this, his duties include handling the meal money for the team and trainers, making sure the medical ends of things is kept up, putting the team through its paces at practices, and, at one time, washing the uniforms.

Appointment

Kinnear assures us though, that since his appointment as head trainer, he hasn't had to do that any more.

Now, the uniforms are dry cleaned after every game. There is also talk of a second set of sweaters in each colour so that they will have

clean sweaters to wear if they have back to back games on a weekend, or during the week.

His family seems to have adjusted fairly well to the situation, having really never known anything different.

Kinnear was involved in hockey as a trainer before he got married, and therefore, has always been away for eight months of the year. It has by now, no doubt, become a part of the family's routine.

Kinnear admits that, "I like the sport, but not the travelling so much," adding that he has seen almost every major city in the U.S.

A normal day, if it can be called that, begins at 9 o'clock in the morning for Kinnear, when he visits the Gardens, and then might return to his apartment about 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

Come 4 p.m. you'll find him back at the arena, making last minute checks, and the players come in around 6 p.m.

The team members are usually out of the arena 40 minutes after the end of the game, but that isn't where his job ends.

It is still his job to make sure the equipment is loaded on the truck and on its way to the airport, if the Leafs have an away game the next day.

This involves a lot of hurried plans, and airtime, but it doesn't seem to bother Kinnear, and despite the number of times everything is packed and repacked, only twice in his 14 years has any bag of equipment been misplaced.

Kinnear gets \$28 a day meal money, as do the

players, and other trainer. In addition, there is a \$300 a game expense set up for the two trainers, out of which hotel bills and other things are paid.

Travelling

Kinnear confesses that the travelling is the worst part of the whole job, for the trainers or the players, injuries counted.

Kinnear also has a mechanics license, which he uses to work on marine craft during the summer months as a part-time thing. He also visits the gardens once a week in the summer months.

In fact, Kinnear spends a lot of his free time at the gardens. If the Leafs aren't playing, he will watch any other games going on there.

He will also attend other sporting activities, which he considers entertainment.

Kinnear is a long time friend of Harold Ballard, and says that "he is a great guy, he's been very, very generous to me."

It seems that Ballard is not all that bad a guy after all, because as Kinnear points out, "He attends every practice and every game," adding that, "He lives and dies with the team, feeling every loss as greatly as the players themselves."

Kinnear has never considered going to another team, but says if he did, it would be another Canadian team.

He seriously doubts he would go though, stating if he lost his job with the Leafs, he would likely just return home to Midland.

Kinnear has never been with the Leafs

when they won a Stanley Cup, but let's face it, who on the present team, has?

He joined the team one year after they won their last Stanley Cup, in 1967.

Sittler

The year he joined the Leafs, Darryl Sittler was just coming onto the Leaf roster. The plan was to build around Sittler, but that strategy hasn't seemed to work.

As Kinnear says, "You can't win it with all 22-year-old guys, and you can't win it with all 30-year-old guys, you have to have both, young and old."

If the Toronto Maple Leafs are on the right trail with all their trades, then we should see the Stanley Cup coming back to Toronto after so many years' absence.

One thing for sure, Guy Kinnear will be there sharing all the glory and the money.

How much money? That's a good question, so I asked him. His reply was imply, "I do all right."



Toronto bound...again

Guy Kinnear, of Midland, is the trainer for the Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey Club and as such, lives away

from home most of the year. His only explanation is that he 'likes the sport.'



Money available for Home and Residential Rental Unit Repairs

Applications are now being accepted for home owners and landlords wishing to apply for financial assistance for home and rental residential unit repairs under the R.R.A.P. (Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program) which is a Federal sponsored program, and O.H.R.P. (Ontario Home Renewal Program) which is a Provincial sponsored program.

All home owners and landlords in

Penetanguishene, with the exception of those units in the Town's new subdivision, Rolling Sands Estates and Brule Heights Subdivision are eligible to receive R.R.A.P. and O.H.R.P. funds for residential unit repairs. Home owner loans are geared to income. The interest rate, which ranges from 1 per cent to 12 per cent depending on which program is used, is again geared to income. The programs provide loans with forgiveness portions as follows:

O.H.R.P. HOUSING:
Adjusted Family Income
\$6,000.00 or less

Maximum Grant
\$4,000.00

Maximum Loan
\$7,500.00

Note: \$15,500.00 A.F.I. is the maximum income where a grant or loan is available. Interest rate ranges from 0 per cent to 8 per cent depending on income.

R.R.A.P. HOUSING:
Adjusted Family Income
\$9,000.00 or less

Maximum Grant
\$3,750.00

Maximum Loan
\$10,000.00

Note: \$16,450.00 A.F.I. is the maximum income where a grant or loan is available. Income above that is eligible for a loan only. Present interest rate if 12 per cent.

R.R.A.P. RENTAL:

Note: Not geared to income but to construction cost of repairs.

Maximum Grant

50 per cent of construction cost, to a maximum of \$2,500.00. Providing landlord comes up with the other 50 per cent of funds.

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