

Sports Slants - continued

game (some say that the Chicago team in the U.S. senior league in which Thunder Bay Twins participated drew more fans than the Cougars) can pay such fantastic prices for a player.

The fact is, though, they are and why should a guy like Stapleton argue He's got his John Henry on a contract which guarantees that \$200,000 a-year salary.

I've said it before and I'll say it again - money talks.

Do you realize that to date, no less than 20 established NHL players are now drawing WHA pay cheques.

Bobby Hull, the ex-Black Hawk great, was really the guy who started the ball rolling.

Here's a list of other prominent NHLers who have and will play for WHA clubs:

The two biggies, Bobbie Hull and Gordie Howe.

Also, Marc Tardif, Rehean Houle and Dale Hoganson of Montreal Canadiens (this year) and C.C. Tremblay last season; Mike Walton of Boston Bruins this year, John McKenzie and Ted Green last year; Al Karlander from Detroit and Harry Howell from Los Angeles. Others who played last year and will play in the WHA again this season include Tom Webster, Wayne Connelly, Wayne Carleton, Brit Selby and Brad Selwood.

Oh, and I almost forgot another ex-Bruin - goalie Gerry Cheevers. And one more - Reggie Fleming.

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