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Redmen more determined than ever for 136th season of hockey

With only three players lost to graduation and solid recruiting by second-year McGill head coach **Kelly Nobes**, the formula for success is already in place for the 136th season of hockey on the McGill campus.

Nobes guided his troops to a single-season school record for wins as the Redmen posted a stellar 38-8-0 record overall, winning the Queen's Cup title as champions of the Ontario University Athletics conference and earning a second-place finish at the CIS championship.

Among the returnees is CIS scoring champion and All-Canadian forward **Alex Picard-Hooper**, who captured seven major awards, including the Sen. Joseph Sullivan trophy as the most outstanding player in CIS men's hockey. He led the country in both assists (47) and points (58) in 28 regular season games to become the first member of the Redmen to win the national scoring title since 1999-00 when Habs forward **Mathieu Darche** accomplished the feat.

All-starsniper **Francis Verreault-Paul**, who led the nation with 28 goals in only 19 games, has also returned along with All-Canadian rearguard **Marc-Andre Dorion**.

The three seniors lost are forward **Guillaume Doucet**, who graduates with 85 goals and 169 points in 181 career games, centre **Simon Marcotte-Légaré**, who posted a 33-83-116 record in 149 games, and



Head coach Kelly Nobes has been invited to serve as a guest coach at the Detroit Red Wings training camp in September

defenceman **Stephen Valente**, who finished his Redmen career with a 3-18-21 dossier in 132 contests.

This year's squad will be bolstered by a number of key blue-chip recruits. Check "Nobes's Notes from the Bench" on Page 6, to get a feel for the quality of the recruiting class.

Nobes to serve as guest coach at Red Wings training camp

Mike Babcock, head coach of the Detroit Red Wings, has extended an invitation to Redmen bench boss **Kelly Nobes**, to attend the NHL team's official training camp in Traverse City, Mich., Sept. 16-18.

"It's a great opportunity for me and the Redmen hockey program," says Nobes, who returns for his second season after guiding the Redmen to a silver-medal finish at the CIS Nationals in Fredericton last March.

Babcock, who skated for the Redmen from 1983 to 1987, is the only coach to have won five different major championship rings, (Stanley Cup, Olympic gold, IIHF World Championship, IIHF World Junior Championship, CIS Championship).

He will enter his 10th NHL season (including the strike year) with a 373-188-19 record in 656 regular season games.

Raymond, Robillard and Hill highlight upcoming Hall of Fame gala

Martin Raymond, an assistant coach with the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning -- as well as the late **Rocky Robillard** and **Dr. Ross Hill** -- headline a new cast of six inductees selected for the McGill Sports Hall of Fame, bringing the list of honoured members to 107 since the pantheon opened in 1996.

Raymond, an all-Canadian forward from Pierrefonds, Que., graduated as the second-leading scorer in the McGill hockey record books, then went on to become the all-time winningest coach in McGill history.



Robillard was a football and hockey star, originally from Ottawa, who also went on to coach both teams at McGill.

Hill, a Montreal native, was a tremendous booster of the Redmen hockey and football teams. He will be inducted in the builder category.

Other honourees include All-Canadian soccer players **Natalie Ioanidis** of Beaconsfield, Que., and **Marc Mounicot**, a native of France who currently serves as head coach of the McGill

women's soccer team. Rounding out the slate is McGill's 1997 national championship men's soccer team, which finished atop the Quebec

standings and went on to register an upset victory over heavily-favoured UBC in the CIS national championship game.

The induction luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 13 (11:30 am to 2 pm), kicks off the University's Homecoming Week celebrations. Tickets for the event are \$65 and can be reserved by contacting the McGill Alumni Association at 514-398-8288.

Submissions for future inductions can be made by obtaining a nomination brochure from **Kathryn Weaver** at kathryn.weaver@mcgill.ca. A list of previous inductees can be found online at (www.mcgill.ca/athletics/varsitysports/athletes/hof/inductees/).

The selection committee, chaired by **Richard Pound**, was composed of a group representing students, administrative staff, university officials and alumni.

The Presidential Address:



Dear Friends,

Our Redmen finished the 2010-11 season as the second-best team in Canada, exactly where we were nationally ranked for much of the season. We opened a few eyes at the Nationals with solid wins over St. FX and Alberta. UNB outplayed us in the final,

validated their No.1 ranking and deserved the National championship: we congratulate them.

We are proud of our team as well as the support staff and trust that their appetite for even greater success has been further whetted. The experience was a good one for McGill and let us know the areas that need improvement. It is fair to say that the transition is going well and we look forward to supporting Coach **Kelly Nobes** and his staff, including **Daniel Jacob** (Redmen captain in 2004-05), who will be the recipient of funding from the "**Steve & Nancy Molson endowment**" for a full-time assistant coach.

The response to our "Nationals appeal" was remarkable and inspiring. One of our best leaders -- and yarn-spinners -- Capt. **Fraser Gamble** started the ball rolling with gusto once again. Many members reached deep to provide additional help and many others acted on the reminder to follow through on their annual support. The players and coaching staff were very grateful and appreciative.

There are some local and national matters on the table this season.

The local one is the FMH Alumni Weekend scheduled for Oct. 13-15 in conjunction with McGill's Homecoming Week. A very deserving and ever-humble **Martin Raymond** will be inducted into the McGill Sports Hall of Fame at the luncheon on Thursday Oct. 13. We hope you will join us in celebrating with him. Then the weekend will also feature reunions for anniversary teams mentioned on the next page, along with a bash for Coach **Ken Tyler**'s 60th birthday. Details are also posted on the team website www.redmenhockey.com.

The national matter is the possibility of Canada going to Division 1 and Division 2 tiering for university sports. UBC has been a catalyst for this discussion and we at FMH shall be an integral piece of what it

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Also, live webcasts for selected home games
available online at:
www.ssncanada.ca

takes for McGill Redmen Hockey to compete and succeed at the highest level possible. Stay tuned.

As you know, FMH funds awards, coaching, recruiting, meals, equipment, travel and more in support of our premier hockey program at our elite academic institution.

There are many names being added thanks to the growing accomplishments of our team and enthusiasm of our volunteers.

As well, McGill is in a capital campaign and you can direct your funding to Redmen hockey as part of the current campaign. Athletic Financial Awards is a key area needing support. Your ongoing support (annual gifts, special donations and more that you put into the Redmen) is why our McGill hockey program produces at such a consistently high level.

Enjoy what's left of the summer and we hope to see you at Homecoming. Slainté!

Mike Nelson

President, Friends of McGill Hockey

***Note:** if you donate \$500 to Friends of McGill Hockey in any one year or a total of \$1,000 over four years, you can have your name and jersey number inscribed in the Redmen dressing room on the Dedicated Benefactors Honour Roll.*

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Redmen trio receive invite to NHL camps

Andrew Wright and **Marc-Andre Dorion** of the McGill men's hockey team and **Nicholas Therrien**, a key Redmen recruit from the Chicoutimi Saguenéens, have been invited to try-out for a couple of National Hockey League teams.

Wright, a 6-foot-2, 185-pound left-winger, received an invitation from the Montreal Canadiens to attend a development evaluation camp in June.

Dorion, a 5-foot-11, 185-pound defenceman from St. Hubert, Que., will be going to the Phoenix Coyotes rookie camp in September, while **Therrien**, a 5-foot-10, 185-pound rearguard from Chateauguay, Que., has received an invitation from the St. Louis Blues to participate in the 14th annual NHL Prospects Tournament, an annual event held in Traverse City, Mich.

It will mark the third tryout at the NHL-level for **Dorion**, a two-time all-Canadian who attended the Toronto Maple Leafs rookie camp in 2010 and a Dallas Stars rookie camp before enrolling at McGill in 2008. **Dorion**, a 24-year-old physical education junior who will need just 13 points in his senior year to become McGill's all-time top-scoring blueliner, owns a 30-111-141 record in 129 games overall since joining the Redmen in 2008.

Therrien, who has committed to skating for the Redmen this fall, played in the QMJHL with both Chicoutimi and Lewiston. The 21-year-old blueliner won the league's Prix d'excellence Guy Lafleur scholarship in June. During his four seasons of major-junior hockey, he tallied 18 goals and 82 points in 185 games, including a 12-32-44 record in 68 contests last season, while serving as team captain of the Saguenéens.

Other recent McGill players to participate in an NHL camp after toiling for the Redmen include **David Urquhart** (New York Rangers, 2009; Montreal 2010), goaltender **Mathieu Poitras** (Anaheim, 2008; Washington, 2005), forward **Greg Davis** (St. Louis, 2001) and defenceman **Todd Hanrahan** (Pittsburgh, 1994).

Habs sign Darche to pact

The Montreal Canadiens signed veteran **Mathieu Darche**, a former star forward with the McGill Redmen, to a new one-year contract this past summer.

The 34-year-old native of St. Laurent, Que., had career highs in goals (12) and points (26) in 59 games last season.

Darche, who was only assessed five minor penalties during the season, registered 90 shots on net and maintained a plus-minus differential of +7, while averaging 11:16 of ice time per game. He added one goal and an assist in seven playoff games.

"Mathieu is a classy veteran player who displays great leadership and determination, and we strongly believe he can help us achieve our goals in the upcoming season," said Canadiens general manager **Pierre Gauthier**, in a statement released by the club.

The six-foot-one, 207-pound left-winger has scored 25 goals and 35 assists in 189 career NHL games with the Columbus Blue Jackets, Nashville Predators, San Jose Sharks, Tampa Bay Lightning and the Canadiens, where he has played the past two seasons.

Darche played four years at McGill before graduating with a commerce degree in 2000. He is the ninth player from McGill to skate in the National Hockey League and one of 159 Canadian university players who have made the lofty leap to that level.

He is the third McGill grad to play for the Canadiens, joining left winger **Jack McGill** (1934-37) and centre **Nels Crutchfield** (1934-35).

With the Redmen, **Darche** scored 170 career points, including 78 goals, in 133 games overall and won the CIS scoring title in his senior year.

He earned all-Canadian honours, merited Academic All-Canadian status, served as team captain and won the Bobby Bell trophy three times as Team MVP.

You are cordially invited to the

2011 FRIENDS OF MCGILL HOCKEY ALUMNI WEEK-END

We will be celebrating the anniversary of the following era teams:

1981-1987 (25th to 30th anniversaries)

1991-92 (20th anniversary)

2001-02 (10th anniversary)

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011

McGill Sports Hall of Fame luncheon 11:30 am - 2 pm

(featuring induction of Martin Raymond, Dr. Ross Hill & Rocky Robillard)

Friday, Oct. 14, 2011

7pm Hockey Redmen vs Windsor

9:30pm post-game Redmen meet and greet in Alumni Lounge

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011:

1 pm Young alumni game

2 pm Older alumni game (36 + up)

4 pm Hockey Redmen vs. Windsor

7:30 pm Coach **Ken Tyler's** 60th birthday party

(location to be determined)

Information: Coach **Kelly Nobes** (514) 398-7006

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The Pearl's Gems: by Earl (The Pearl) Zukerman

Dear Friends,

I trust you all had a great summer... I spent a week in NYC and then four restful days in the Muskokas, visiting with former Redmen coach **Ken Tyler**...

I also had a blast at **Marek (Muff) Nesvadba's** 50th birthday party, organized by his lovely sidekick Johanne, at their stunning villa near Lakefield, Ont... Among the other Redmen in attendance were: **Mike Babcock, Jay McMullan, Mike Nelson, Mark Reade, Doug Harrison and Paul Barber**... Speaking of the Bull, I am please to report that his 18-year-old daughter Emily, has made the McGill women's rugby team...

Gov. Gen. David Johnston, the former McGill principal and Redmen hockey booster, gave an inspiring opening address at the recent Canadian bar convention in Halifax. In attendance was **Mike Nelson**, who had not seen Johnston since their McGill days but when Mike greeted Johnston, the GG said: "Hello Mike. Nice to see how well McGill's men's and women's hockey programs are doing!" He then remarked about the extraordinary gifts of the Molson's and the Kerr's for coaching support at McGill. Johnston said that he continues to follow CIS hockey and often skates and runs along the Rideau Canal.

I had the opportunity to meet up with **Dave Barrette** at a recent Alouettes football game at Molson Stadium... Dave's

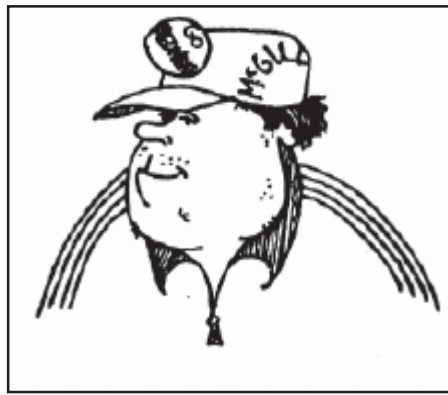


Illustration of Pearl by ex-Redmen captain Ken Covo

been overseas in Dubai since leaving our alumni league about a decade ago. He is an executive with CAE and plays on the CAE-sponsored Canadiens, a local senior hockey team with **Guy Arguin**, an executive with British American Tobacco... My spies tell me that they actually played a few games together before realizing that they had previously known each other as teammates at McGill in the mid-1980s!!!

Congrats to former Redmen player and assistant coach **Real Paiement**, who was recently appointed head coach of the Ottawa Gee-Gees... **Kelly Nobes** was at the NHL coaches conference in Minnesota during the 2011 draft and got a chance to grab a pop with all of our NHL coaches in attendance including **Martin Raymond, Guy Boucher, Jamie Kompon and Mike Babcock**...



The boys celebrating Marek (Muff) Nesvadba's 50th birthday bash, in Duro-Drummer Township, Ont. Pictured from left to right are: FRONT ROW: Mark Reade, Steve Droz (football grad), Dr. Gordon Brabant (basketball grad), Muff and Paul Barber. BACK ROW: Gary Wilkinson (friend), Mike Zinay (friend), Dr. Jay McMullan, Mike Nelson, Mike Babcock and Earl (The Pearl) Zukerman.

The third annual Redmen summer hockey fundraising tournament in August was a roaring success with more than 21 ex-Redmen and 19 current players participating. Each of the 10 teams entered in the 4-on-4 tourney featured a captain who was either current or former Redmen player. Among the grads who played are: **Mathieu Darche, Martin Raymond, Dave Gourde, Ken Morin, Dan Jacob, Alain Cusson, Ben Gazdic, David Bahl, David Lizotte, Yan Turcotte, Eric L'Italien, Louis-Simon Allaire, Luc Vaillancourt, Mathieu Poitras, Teddy Kyres, Daniel Pharand, Stephen Valente, David Grenier, Dan Gubiani, Adam Shell, Sebastien Langlois and Pierre-Luc Gosselin**...

Have you heard about the crazy middle-aged climbing virus that has struck three Redmen thus far? Seems that **Mike Farmer** first caught the bug and he has since spread the virus to **Ken Covo** and **Pat Shannon**... The trio were spotted climbing Mt. Washington in July, where they reached 13.7 km... Farmer, I'm told also bumped into **Jay McMullan** on a hiking trail in Lake Placid... What's next? Mt. Kiliminjaro???

Dr. Taro Kaibaro, now a prominent neurosurgeon in Glendale, Arizona, was interviewed on the Team 990 in Montreal last spring about the brain surgery on former Expos great Gary Carter... Had a chance to catch a beer (or two) with **Bryan Larkin**, who made the trip across the pond from England for the 25th reunion of his graduating management class... Larks, an all-Canadian rearguard who looks like he could still play for the Redmen, promises to return to Montreal to see the Redmen play UPEI in late September.

Heard that **Mike Richards** had a good excuse for missing the FMH Awards banquet in April... It seems that he was in South Africa at the time... No confirmation yet if he was trying to start up a new hockey league over there!.. Congrats to Tanya and **Matt Humes** on the birth of Maya, their fourth child (!), March 1... The future Martlet star weighed in at 7 lbs., 8 oz... Ditto for Mardy and Fraser Gamble on the addition of Angie, their second daughter, who was added to the family in mid-March... **David Burgess** is heading back to the Netherlands for his seventh year in Europe and ninth year of pro hockey. It will soon be time for him to use his business degree but for now he is still living the dream and enjoying every second.

Burnett joins staff of national junior team

George Burnett, head coach of the Belleville Bulls and a former McGill hockey player, has been re-appointed as an assistant coach with the Canadian national men's hockey team for the 2012 world junior championship in Calgary and Edmonton.

It marks Burnett's second consecutive year with the national junior team, which won silver last season. He is among a growing list of other McGill grads who have had coaching stints with that elite program, including **Mike Babcock**, **Real Paient** and **Guy Boucher**.

Burnett, a 49-year-old native of Port Perry, Ont., who is also the general manager of the Ontario Hockey League's Bulls, will work with head coach Don Hay of the WHL's Vancouver Giants, along with assistants Ryan Huska (Kelowna, WHL) and Pascal Vincent (Montreal Juniors, QMJHL).

Burnett skated for the McGill Redmen from 1982 to 1984 and was the team's first-ever All-Canadian, when he set a single-season school record (since broken) with 81 points in 38 games overall during his freshman campaign.

After graduating with a physical education degree, he went on to OHL coaching stints in Niagara Falls, Oshawa and Guelph. He then took over behind the bench for the American Hockey League's Cape Breton Oilers, winning the Calder Cup championship in 1994. At the age of 32, he became the third-youngest head coach in National Hockey League history when he was appointed to guide the Edmonton Oilers in the 1994-95 season.

Burnett, who later was an assistant coach with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, also served as bench boss of the Canadian national under-18 team that won gold at the 2010 Ivan Hlinka memorial tournament.



George Burnett, who was McGill's first All-Canadian back in 1982-83, has had a long coaching career since graduating in 1985, including NHL stints in Edmonton (photo on left) and Anaheim.

He's also coached in the AHL (Cape Breton, Binghamton) and OHL (Niagara Falls, Guelph, Oshawa, Belleville).

McGILL PLAYERS IN THE NHL

Sam Rothschild (left wing; played 1924-28 with Montreal Maroons, NY Americans & Pittsburgh Pirates)

Lester Patrick (defenceman; played 1926-28 with New York Rangers; also coached from 1926-39)

***Russ Blinco** (forward; played 1933-39 with Montreal Maroons and Chicago Blackhawks)

Nels Crutchfield (forward; played 1934-35 with Montreal Canadiens)

Jack McGill (left wing; played 1934-37 with Montreal Canadiens)

Johnny Peirson (forward; played 1946-58 with Boston Bruins)

***Jack Gelineau** (goaltender; played 1948-54 with Boston & Chicago)

Reggie Sinclair (right wing; played 1950-53 with New York & Detroit)

Mathieu Darche (left wing; played 2009-to present with Montreal and 2000-08 with Columbus, Nashville, San Jose, Tampa Bay)

*NHL Rookie of the Year

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-McGill T-shirt
-parking pass
-access to VIP Lounge

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OUA Update on Scholarships

The Ontario University Athletics board of directors have voted to increase the caps on individual Athletic Financial Awards (AFAs), also known as athletic scholarships. The motion passed with a 14-4 majority in favour of increasing the cap from \$3,500 to \$4,000 commencing in the 2012-13 season. The decision was made at the OUA Annual General Meeting held in Huntsville, Ont., on May 13.

"The decision by the Board further demonstrates our commitment to student-athletes," said OUA President Gord Grace. "Increasing the Athletic Scholarship amount will allow OUA member schools to continue to attract the best and brightest."

In September of 2001, the OUA increased the maximum level of AFAs from \$1,500 to \$2,500 and in September 2005 that figure was increased to \$3,500.

The OUA Board also approved two motions directing the AFA task force to gather additional data that will be used to inform future AFA funding decisions.

MRAHL needs players

The McGill Redmen Alumni Hockey League, which has operated out of McConnell Arena on Thursday nights since 1988, still has a few openings for players in the 25-42 age group, approximately. This is one of the rare years that the league has some openings due to a few retirements.

The four-team league is entering its 23th season and features a 21-game schedule (plus 2 or 3 playoff contests). Games are scheduled for 8:15 pm or 9:30 pm every Thursday, beginning around the third week in September.

We are also putting together a list for those who only want to participate on occasion, when a substitute is needed.

Please forward your name, e-mail address and phone number to **Ken Morin** (ken.morin@mail.mcgill.ca). Anyone interested should also indicate your preferred position (i.e. D/F/G) and whether you want to play as a regular or sub.

Nobesy's Notes from the Bench / Derrière le banc avec Kelly Nobes

Dear Friends,

My first season back at McGill was a memorable one and reinforced my pride to be back in the Redmen family. Our team proved yet again that not only can they be the most elite students in the country but also one of the best hockey clubs in the nation.

Our undefeated season at McConnell Arena, combined with the capturing of the league's Queen's Cup title and a silver-medal finish at the CIS championship in Fredericton was an educational journey. Finishing second at Nationals serves to motivate us even more this coming season. Our ultimate goal remains the same, to win a national championship and we will go about it by focusing on getting better every day.

On the coaching front, I am pleased to report that our entire staff of **Daniel Jacob, Chris LaPerle, Stephane Fortin and Jean St-Pierre** are back. Funding for the new full-time coaching position, initiated by the generous endowment gift from **Stephen and Nancy Molson**, will be in place and fully operational by 2013. Until then, we are exploring creative ways to retain Coach Jacob on a full-time basis and hope that we can count on the continued financial support of the FMH membership in this project.

On the recruiting front, we had a very productive year and have overcome the loss of three seniors by adding six solid major junior players from Quebec and Western Canada to our roster. The financial support of FMH, over and above what is available from McGill, allowed us to heavily recruit Western Canada as we sent Coach LaPerle to Alberta and BC in October and I flew out west in April. It also allowed us to host several interested recruits which is a critical part of the recruiting process and greatly enhances our chances.

The following recruits have committed to play for the Redmen for the 2011-12 season: **Colin Archer** (team captain, Red Deer, WHL), **Mark Segal** (Vancouver, WHL), **Marc-Olivier Vachon** (team captain, Drummondville, QMJHL), **Nicholas Therrien** (captain, Chicoutimi, QMJHL), **Hugo Laporte** (Gatineau & Baie Comeau, QMJHL) and **Guillaume Langelier-Parent** (Baie Comeau, QMJHL), who played last season for Longueuil and is a brother of current Redmen forward **Maxime Langelier-Parent**.

In terms of scheduling for the upcoming season we have our 28 regular season games which begin in Thunder Bay on Oct. 7 with two tough games against the Lakehead Thunderwolves.

Our exhibition schedule should be very competitive and includes a preseason road trip to Denver, Colorado to play University of Denver, Colorado College and the U.S. Air Force Academy on consecutive nights. All are very strong NCAA Div 1 programs that play on large ice surfaces and at high altitude.

We also have a pair of home preseason games lined up with UPEI, a strong Atlantic conference opponent and a Christmas matchup at home with the Waterloo Warriors, traditionally a competitive, hard-working OUA team. We expect that the challenging road trip to Colorado and the home stands against strong CIS opposition will help us in our preparation for another shot at a national championship.

In closing, I would like to thank you, the alumni, for your tremendous support over my first year as head coach of the program. The many positive messages and phone calls from former Redmen over this past year have helped make my transition back to McGill a smooth one. The current players and staff are very aware of how much support they receive from our alumni and clearly understand that they are playing for something that is bigger than themselves. This feeling of family was especially prevalent throughout our playoff run last year.

I look forward to see you during the upcoming season!

Kelly Nobes
Head Coach
McGill Redmen



Chers Amis,

Une première saison mémorable, qui a renforcé ma fierté envers la famille des Redmen. Notre équipe a encore une fois prouvée qu'il est possible d'être parmi les meilleurs étudiants au Canada tout en étant une force sur la glace.

Avec un dossier parfait à l'aréna McConnell, combiné avec le championnat de notre ligue (Queen's Cup) ainsi qu'une médaille d'argent aux Championnats canadiens à Fredericton; cette saison s'est avéré éducative. Notre deuxième place aux Championnats canadiens servira grandement à nous motiver pour la saison 2011-2012. Notre but ultime ne change en rien; gagner le championnat canadien tout en s'améliorant chaque jour.

Du côté des entraîneurs, je suis content d'annoncer que notre groupe composé de Daniel Jacob, Chris LaPerle, Stéphane Fortin et Jean St-Pierre seront tous de retour cette année. La généreuse donation de Stephen et Nancy Molson permettra la création d'un poste d'entraîneur-adjoint à temps plein qui prendra effet en 2013. D'ici là, nous explorons plusieurs avenues pour supporter à temps plein l'entraîneur Jacob et espérons toujours compter sur le généreux support de FMH dans ce dossier.

Sur le plan du recrutement, nous avons eu une année très productive et avons surmonté la perte de trois gradués en ajoutant 6 excellents joueurs juniors provenant du Québec et de l'Ouest canadien. Le support financier de FMH nous a permis de recruter ardemment dans l'Ouest du pays en envoyant Chris LaPerle en Alberta et Colombie-Britannique en Octobre en plus de me permettre de retourner en Avril. Ceci nous permet aussi d'accueillir plusieurs recrues de premier plan, ainsi augmentant nos chances.

Les joueurs suivants se joindront aux Redmen en 2011-2012 : Colin Archer (capitaine, Red Deer, WHL), Mark Seagal (Vancouver, WHL), Marc-Olivier Vachon (capitaine, Drummondville, LHJMQ), Nicolas Therrien (capitaine, Chicoutimi, LHJMQ), Hugo Laporte (Gatineau et Baie-Comeau, LHJMQ) et Guillaume Langelier-Parent qui a joué l'an dernier avec Longueuil (LHJAAAQ); frère de Maxime Langelier-Parent qui évolue déjà pour les Redmen.

En ce qui attrait à notre cédule, notre saison de 28 matchs commencera avec deux matchs contre l'Université de Lakehead à Thunder Bay, le 7 Octobre. Nos parties préparatoires seront un bon test pour notre programme et inclus un voyage à Denver, Colorado avec des matchs contre l'Université de Denver, Colorado College et Air Force. Tous de très bons programmes NCAA Div.1 qui évoluent sur une grande surface glacée en haute altitude.

Nous accueillerons aussi une paire de matchs contre UPEI, un programme performant de la division Atlantique en plus d'un duel contre les toujours très compétitif Université de Waterloo durant le temps des Fêtes. Nous espérons que ces matchs préparatoires aux États-Unis ainsi que ceux nous opposant à de très bons programmes de la SIC nous aideront dans notre préparation pour une autre participation aux Championnats canadiens.

Pour conclure, j'aimerais prendre le temps de vous remercier, les alumni, pour votre support exceptionnel durant ma première saison à la barre de l'équipe. Tous les messages d'encouragements, les appels d'anciens joueurs, reçu lors de la dernière année m'ont facilité mon retour. Les joueurs et entraîneurs actuels, réalisent tout le support qu'ils reçoivent et réalisent qu'ils jouent pour quelques chose de plus grand qu'eux-mêmes. Ce sentiment familial a été particulièrement utile durant nos séries éliminatoires de l'année dernière.

Au plaisir de vous revoir au courant de la prochaine saison!

Kelly Nobes
Head Coach
McGill Redmen



Kelly Nobes's Redmen pose for celebratory photo after winning the 2011 Queen's Cup as champions of the 18-team Ontario University Athletics conference. It was McGill's third such title in four years.

2011-12 McGill Redmen Tentative Training Camp Roster

No.	NAME	P	HT	WT	BORN	ELIG	PROGRAM	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS TEAM
1	Hubert Morin	G	5-10	185	1987	4	Civil Engineering 4	St. Georges de Beauce	St Lawrence, Jr AAA
2	Hubert Genest	D	6-1	190	1989	2	Kinesiology 2	Québec City, QC	Montreal Jrs, QMJHL
3	Hugo Laporte	F	6-0	170	1990	1	Physical & Health Ed. 1	Ste. Julie, QC	Baie Comeau, QMJHL
4	Vincent Bourgeois	D	6-0	172	1990	2	Political Science 3	Rosemère, QC	Montreal Jrs, QMJHL
5	Nicolas Binie	F	5-10	185	1990	2	Physical & Health Ed. 2	Montreal, QC	Kahnawake Condors, Jr AAA
6	Neil Blunden	D	6-1	183	1989	2	Political Science 2	Montreal, QC	Surrey, BCHL
7	Benjamin Morse	D	6-0	192	1989	4	English 4	Toronto, ON	St. Michael's Buzzers, OPJHL
8	Ryan McKiernan	D	6-0	196	1987	2	Accounting 2	White Plains, NY (USA)	Drummondville, QMJHL
9	Alexandre Picard-Hooper	F	5-10	185	1987	4	Finance 4	Boucherville, QC	Saint John, QMJHL
10	Marc-André Dorion "A"	D	5-11	185	1986	4	Physical & Health Ed. 4	St. Hubert, QC	Baie Comeau, QMJHL
11	Evan Vossen "C"	F	6-0	195	1989	5	Industrial Relations 5	Swift Current, SK	La Ronge, SJHL
12	Jean-Francois Boisvert	F	5-9	180	1989	3	Anatomy & Cell Biology 3	Mirabel, QC	Trail, BCHL
14	Daniel Conacher	F	5-10	210	1987	2	Secondary Social Science 2	Calgary, AB	La Ronge, SJHL
15	Marc-André Daneau	F	6-1	195	1987	4	Kinesiology 4	Daveluyville, QC	Lewiston, QMJHL
16	Maxime Langelier-Parent	F	6-2	225	1987	4	Economics 4	Léry, QC	Gatineau, QMJHL / Coll.Francais, Jr
17	Colin Archer	D	6-2	193	1990	1	Management 1	Red Deer, AB	Red Deer, WHL
18	Francis Verreault-Paul	F	5-10	180	1989	4	Psychology 4	Mashteuiatsh, QC	Chicoutimi, QMJHL
19	Andrew Wright	F	6-2	185	1989	4	Economics 4	Toronto, ON	North York Rangers, OPJHL
20	Keven Dupont	D	5-11	195	1989	2	Kinesiology 2	St. Charles de Bellechasse	Victoriaville, QMJHL
21	Patrick Belzile	F	6-2	205	1986	3	Finance 3	Saint-Éloi, QC	Sherbrooke, Jr. AAA
22	Justin Ducharme	F	5-10	180	1991	1	Science 1	Québec City, QC	La Ronge, SJHL
23	Sanfred King	F	6-2	202	1990	1	Secondary Social Science 1	Brandon, MB	Kindersley, SJHL / Brandon, WHL
24	Nicolas Therrien	D	5-10	192	1990	1	Management 1	Chateauguay, QC	Chicoutimi, QMJHL
25	Guillaume Langelier-Parent	F	6-0	192	1990	1	(undeclared) 1	Léry, QC	Baie Comeau QMJHL / Coll.Francais
26	Christophe Longpré-Poirier	F	5-10	200	1988	3	Physical & Health Ed. 3	Longueuil, QC	Québec Remparts, QMJHL
27	Benoit Levesque	F	6-1	191	1989	2	Management 2	Vaudreuil, QC	Drummondville, QMJHL
28	Marc-Olivier Vachon	F	5-10	185	1990	1	Mining Engineering 1	Thetford Mines, QC	Drummondville, QMJHL
29	Antoine Tardif	G	6-0	185	1980	2	Management 2	Daveluyville, QC	Québec Remparts, QMJHL
30	Mark Segal	G	6-1	180	1991	1	Science 1	Vancouver, BC	Vancouver, WHL

Head Coach: Kelly **Nobes** (McGill '97; 2nd season at McGill; 11th in CIS; OVERALL: 38-7-0 at McGill, 147-122-8 CIS career)
Asst. Coaches: Jean **St-Pierre**, Stéphane **Fortin**, Daniel **Jacob**
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2011-12 McGill Redmen Schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
Sept. 23	*19h00	vs UPEI
Sept. 24	*19h00	vs UPEI
Oct. 1	*19h00	at Denver U.
Oct. 2	*18h00	at Colorado College
Oct. 3	*18h00	at Air Force Academy

REG. SEASON OPENER:

Oct. 7	19h30	at Lakehead
Oct. 8	19h30	at Lakehead

FMH HOMECOMING WEEKEND:

Oct. 14	19h00	vs WINDSOR
Oct. 15	16h00	vs WINDSOR

Oct. 21	19h00	vs UQTR
Oct. 23	15h00	at Concordia
Oct. 28	19h00	vs CONCORDIA
Oct. 30	14h00	at Ottawa
Nov. 4	19h00	vs TORONTO
Nov. 5	19h00	vs NIPISSING
Nov. 9	19h00	at UQTR
Nov. 11	19h30	at Queen's
Nov. 18	19h00	vs RMC
Nov. 19	19h00	vs QUEEN'S
Nov. 26	19h30	at Nipissing
Nov. 27	14h00	at Ryerson
Dec. 29	*20h00	vs WATERLOO
Dec. 30	*20h00	vs WATERLOO
Jan. 6	19h00	vs OTTAWA
Jan. 7	19h00	vs RYERSON
Jan. 13	19h00	at RMC
Jan. 14	19h00	at Toronto

WINTER CARNIVAL GAME:

Jan. 20	19h00	vs CARLETON
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Jan. 27	19h00	vs OTTAWA
Jan. 28	19h00	at Carleton
Jan. 31	19h00	at UQTR
Feb. 3	19h00	vs CONCORDIA
Feb. 4	19h00	vs CARLETON

COREY CUP GAME:

Feb. 8	19h30	at Concordia
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Feb. 10	19h00	at Ottawa
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OUA EAST QUARTERFINALS (best-of-three series):

Feb. 15-20 TBA

OUA EAST SEMIFINALS (best-of-three series):

Feb. 22-27 TBA

OUA EAST FINALS (best-of-three series):

Feb 29 - Mar. 5 TBA

OUA QUEEN'S CUP (gold / bronze medal game):

Mar. 10 TBA TBA

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Mar. 22-27 TBA

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HOME GAMES IN BOLD



2010-11 CIS HOCKEY STANDINGS (FINAL)

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS	PCT	PIM
OUA EASTERN CONFERENCE (top 8 make playoffs)									
TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS	PCT	PIM
McGill	28	24	2	2	141	66	50	.857	555
UQTR	28	19	8	1	106	90	39	.679	585
Carleton	28	18	8	2	108	67	38	.643	583
Nipissing	28	17	8	3	99	89	37	.607	560
Queen's	28	14	11	3	99	110	31	.500	480
Toronto	28	10	11	7	85	100	27	.357	458
Concordia	28	12	14	2	107	127	26	.429	685
Ottawa	28	11	14	3	94	124	25	.393	498
x-Ryerson	28	8	18	2	77	118	18	.286	631
x-RMC	28	5	22	1	71	139	11	.179	658

OUA WESTERN CONFERENCE (top 8 make playoffs)

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS	PCT	PIM
Western	28	20	3	5	120	74	45	.804	481
Laurier	28	15	7	6	93	77	36	.536	550
Lakehead	28	16	9	3	118	83	35	.571	458
Guelph	28	15	10	3	93	85	33	.536	523
Brock	28	13	9	6	81	84	32	.464	444
Waterloo	28	15	12	1	86	91	31	.536	709
UOIT	28	12	12	4	82	100	28	.429	502
Windsor	28	12	12	4	75	77	28	.429	578
x-York	28	10	16	2	74	108	22	.357	647

CANADA WEST CONFERENCE (top 4 make playoffs)

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS	PCT	PIM
Alberta	28	19	6	3	112	74	41	.679	325
Calgary	28	17	8	3	82	67	37	.607	485
Saskatchewan	28	17	11	0	96	71	34	.607	398
Manitoba	28	13	9	6	89	81	32	.464	528
x-Lethbridge	28	13	10	5	97	109	31	.464	483
x-UBC	28	11	12	5	76	101	27	.393	414
x-Regina	28	8	18	2	54	103	18	.286	611

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE (top 6 make playoffs)

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS	PCT	PIM
UNB	28	23	5	0	114	43	46	.821	229
Saint Mary's	28	18	9	1	108	65	37	.643	191
StFX	28	17	10	1	99	83	35	.607	211
Acadia	28	14	11	3	90	98	31	.500	214
UPEI	28	14	11	3	102	97	31	.500	207
Dalhousie	28	13	15	0	91	121	26	.464	205
x-Moncton	28	10	15	3	82	109	23	.357	274
x-St. Thomas	28	3	21	4	73	143	10	.107	197

x-failed to qualify for playoffs

McGill star Verreault-Paul scores with skill, smarts

By PAT HICKEY
(reprinted from The Gazette)
June 2, 2011

Francis Verreault-Paul's journey from the Innu village of Mashteuiatsh to Montreal cannot be measured in kilometres.

It's a journey that is marked by hard work and perseverance, and Verreault-Paul was rewarded Wednesday when he was presented with the Guy Ladler Trophy that is awarded annually to the Quebec university hockey player who best combines hockey with academic success.

"I never thought I would win this award," Verreault-Paul said. "When I started at McGill three years ago, I couldn't speak any English. There aren't many people from my community who have the opportunity to attend university and I hope that I can serve as a role model for the young people and I can give back to my community."

The 24-year-old has already taken a step in that direction. For the past three seasons, he has run a summer hockey camp in the village outside Roberval on Lac St. Jean.

The idea of attending what Verreault-Paul described as the "best university in Canada" never entered his mind until he played for the Quebec under-17 team. It was coached by **Martin Raymond**, the former McGill coach who is an assistant with the Tampa Bay Lightning.

"I played five seasons of junior hockey in Chicoutimi and he talked to me about McGill all the time," said Verreault-Paul, who received a \$6,000 bursary from the Canadiens and Molson/Coors. "It was difficult when I went to McGill because I didn't have any English, except for some hockey words I picked up in the dressing room. I would have to



Kelly Nobes (left) poses with 2011 recipients from the Guy Lafleur awards, each of whom will be skating for the Redmen this season: Francis Verreault-Paul, Guy Lafleur, Guillaume Langelier-Parent and Nicolas Therrien

read things three or four times before I understood it. I spent all my time going from the library to classes to the rink and back to the library."

The work paid off on both fronts. For the past two seasons, Verreault-Paul has been the leading goal-scorer in Canadian university hockey. And last semester, the psychology major had a 3.13 grade-point average, which is equivalent to 78.3 per cent.

He's the 14th McGill player to win the award in its 26-year history. The previous winners included Canadiens forward **Mathieu**

Darce and Tampa Bay head coach **Guy Boucher**.

It was a big day for McGill coach Kelly Nobes, who took the Redmen to the CIS final this past season. The two other award winners honoured yesterday, **Nicolas Therrien** from the Chicoutimi Saquenéens and **Guillaume Langelier-Parent** from Collège Français de Longueuil, both have committed to play for the Redmen next season.

Therrien, a 21-year-old defenceman, won the Guy Lafleur Award for the top student-athlete in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. The Châteauguay native maintained an 89 per cent average at CEGEP de Chicoutimi. He was honoured as the QMJHL scholar-athlete of the year. He also received a \$6,000 bursary and he and Verreault-Paul also benefit from the QMJHL's scholarship program.

Langelier-Parent isn't as fortunate. He won the Lafleur award for the Quebec Junior AAA league, which carries a cash award of \$1,000. Langelier-Parent, who has already begun his engineering studies at McGill, played with Baie Comeau in the QMJHL, but fell short of the two seasons required to qualify for the league's scholarship program.

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