



WISDOM COUNTS: The Korean hockey team bows to coach Tom Molloy (right) after practice, thanking its private tutor for his efforts on the ice.

For Koreans, tradition goes only so far

ASSIGNMENT CALIBER

A few practices, 28 players bow to the coach, thanking him for his wisdom.

If he looks at a tiny skater, the coach is dumbfounded. He has pushed an Ottawa seal to the first post.

Politeness, discipline, respect for authority — all Korean traditions — tradition goes only so far.

"I've been coaching for 10 years," said hockey instructor Lee Suk-Kwon, laughing at his own joke.

"Coach, No. 2," greeted the Seoul player, one of 28 Korean University hockey players bled through a sign for 100 people practice time at the Olympic Oval.

"You're a hockey genius," said Tom Molloy, assistant coach at University of Calgary, and the players' private tutor.

"Molloy is the son of a gun," said the Korean, according to a statement on the Irish net.

Working through a morning workout, the Seoul players laugh — aged

18-22, coached by Hong Youl-Yu and captained by national team star Jung Sun-Lee — were off to a feisty start.

Wednesday's hazards:

"Coach. One guy goes down via a hard side hipcheck, as he stands patiently waiting for orders from a coach.

Wow. A rampaging winger, eyes down, flatters Molloy as the coach stands beside the bench.

Coach: Two players, idling far from the action, collapse to the ice for no apparent reason.

Just the other day, a Korean suffered an arm fracture after absorbing a punishing check.

It all unfolded to a soundtrack of loud chants, on-ice "Oooooohhh, ooooooh," like the union huzzahs of Arsenal fans.

"They're chanting the name of the school," explained Molloy, who compares the team's proficiency to that of a Canadian AAA Midget club.

"They go out and body check, they go at a guy full speed. They hammer a guy when they hit him, but when they miss," Molloy shook his head.

"They have good skills, for the amount of time they've been playing. But they don't really understand what the idea of the game is. They just have

offense... no defense."

Bringing them up to snuff is where Molloy comes in. He connected with Korean hockey by accident, during a visit by another team during the late 1980s.

"I walked into Father David Bauer Arena, and they didn't have a (Canadian) coach. I guess he got frustrated, and just stopped coming," Molloy remembered.

"I ended up doing the next eight days with them. Then, when a high school team came in in '89, they had six guys who had never had on skates before.

"But after 100 hours, they weren't bad skaters," he said.

Following the Seoul-based squad's arrival last Friday, Molloy escorted it to a food store. Players and coaches loaded up on woks, spices and vegetables. They'll do their own cooking.

If he's invited for dinner, though, Molloy may pass.

"Their food is incredibly hot," he recalled the last time. "Tears were coming out of my eyes, so I asked for something to drink, and belted it back. The guy gave me straight whisky."

Buying groceries isn't the only way the Koreans stimulate the local economy. Molloy led one team into a city

sports shop, and watched it walk away with about \$25,000 worth of gear.

"Forty down sticks, sweaters, pants, helmets. They outfitted the entire team," he said.

On the ice, Molloy has learned to keep the language barrier.

Some hockey terms have worked their way into the Korean language — puck, stick, check, shoot. And Molloy maps diagrams, based on an international language of hockey terminology. Squiggly lines and arrows translate to pass here, shoot there, skate backward or forward, skate without puck, screen, etc.

"The hard thing to do," Molloy continued, "is explain the concepts. I try to make it words they understand, like 'Good offense is fast, but defense is slow.'"

Though the Korean Hockey Federation dates to 1923, two clubs serve a country of 50 million-plus, and live the hell with the games.

"A little 'Net money,'" said engineering student Lee Suk-Kwon, in unimpeachable English. Introduced to the game as 12, he calls himself a defender/defense man.

"No goals," he said.

Except to improve. After 100 hours, it's bound to happen.

HORSE RACING Positive cocaine tests s'un B.C. horsemen

by Curtis Stock
Edmonton — We've been eight months since an Alberta race horse tested positive for cocaine. Just the problem continues to grow in British Columbia where drug use belonging to an unscrupulous lawyer have come back positive for cocaine.

However, and from investigations of Vancouver's Hastings Park racetrack, positive and confirmed. That's why the track's general manager, Ted Taylor, has quietly dealt with the horsemen.

"I don't have any sort of a ball of wax about cocaine, there where we're concerned," Taylor said. "None of my trainers, who have had cocaine use

BASEBALL STRIKE DEADLINE Players say all bets are off

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball owners and players waged an angry bargaining session Wednesday, driving the sides further apart and dimming hopes of a settlement before the union's Aug. 12 strike deadline.

Eugene Ozra, the union's No. 2 official, said Wednesday night players were so incensed by management's failure to make a \$7.8-million pension payment the board needed to discuss its reaction to what he called "the distasteful deal."

The board will speak by telephone, and some players said they might push for an immediate strike.

"All bets are off," said Bruce Butler, the Los Angeles Dodgers player representative. "Right now there is hostility on our side. My guess is the players are frustrated."

As a White House press conference

No union bashing C4

get involved, but wanted to be consulted.

"At this time the situation is still fluidly delicate and I don't see us leaving it at that," he said. "We can play a constructive role we can."

The assistant was the most vocal player voice behind the strike in 42 years with one player testing positive for cocaine was arrested for firing a handgun.

Union head Irving Scharf intended a lawsuit over the owners' failure to make the Aug. 12 payment. He called owners "liars" and "liars" and their "vicious attitude" and "lack of their promise to pay."

Management's failure to make the payment was discussed at the meeting, but Scharf said he would not



USA National Team 70 – Jim McElmury, Charlie Brown, Bryan Grande from Bemidji Team



Won a +55 tournament with 2 of my WWHL team players on our team.



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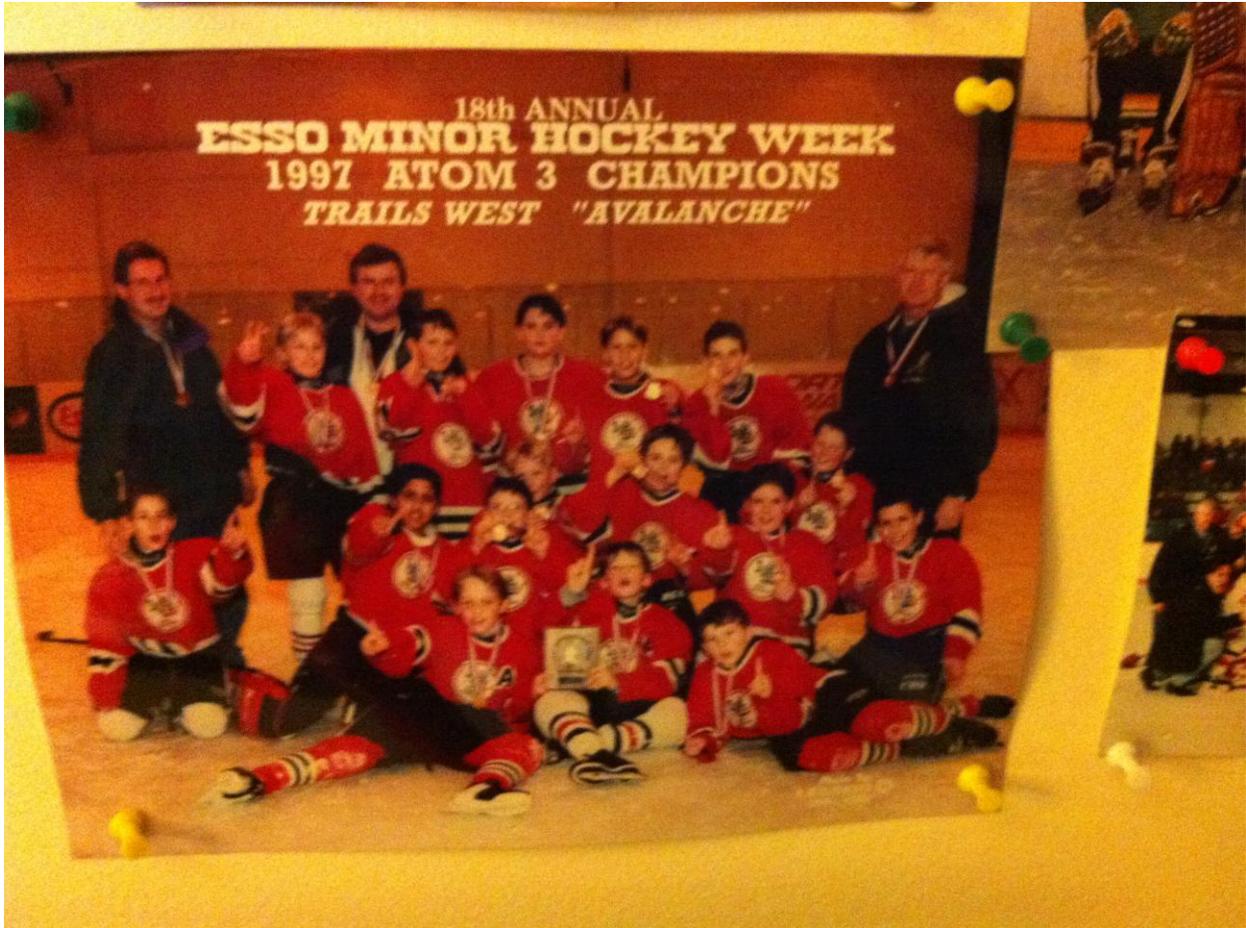
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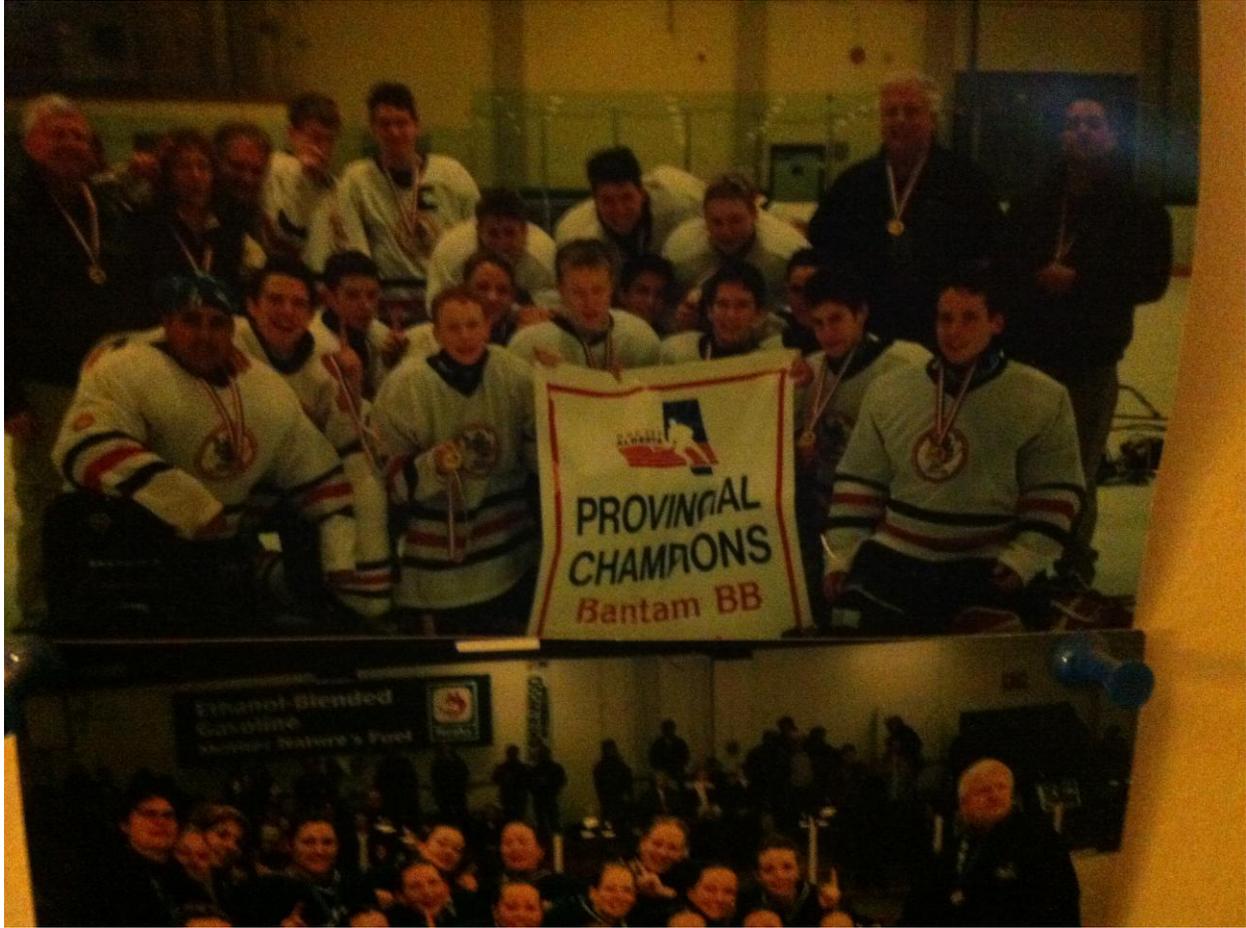
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Mount Royal Cougars
2007-2008





Minor Hockey Week



Bantam Champs. Same group won in Midget as well.



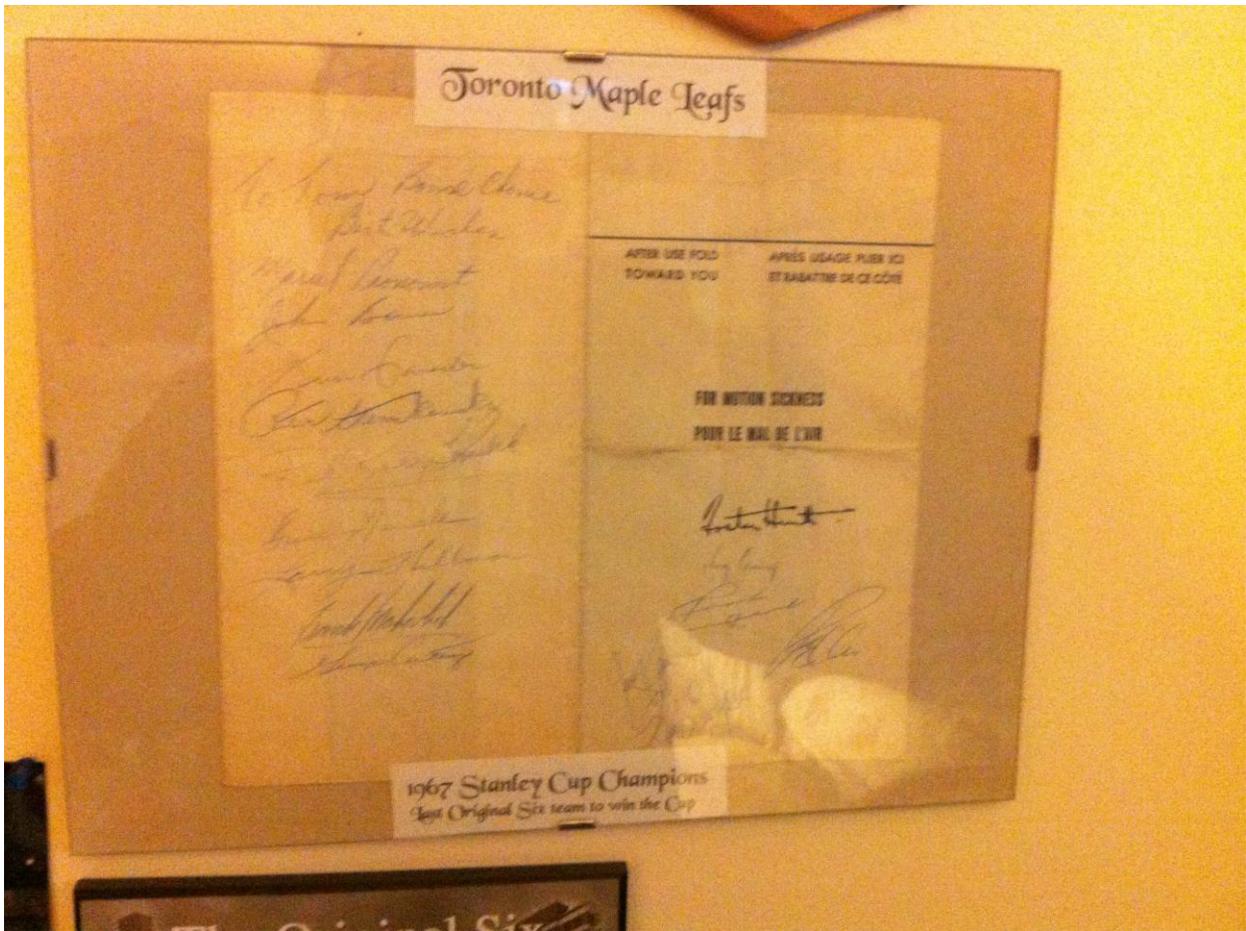
Coached two Korean High school teams one summer. 6 hrs. on the ice each day 6 days a week for 4 weeks.



HC Dukla Jihlava jersey. 2010 I mentored their coaches and was offered a job.



Mount Royal Women Champs. We won next season as well and were in the finals 4 of the 5 years I was there.



67 Leafs autographed an air sickness bag. My sister Jaynie was their stewardess the entire play-off.



U of Calgary we won 90 and 96 as well. They haven't won since.



1973 Bantam. My first team. I am coaching the same level for the same organization this year.



My dad, his dad, grandfather and brothers about 1927.



End of this years Jasper camp.



Red Bull jersey. I like to get jersey's from the teams I coach.



Juuso having dinner in Turku, Finland.



The mother of all rock climbing hills at U of Salzburg outdoor centre.



SAIT college team 84-85. I loved these guys.



Filand National U17 team. I got the ice ready for them last Christmas morning and we played shinny. Me and my grandson Aidan.



Tiger scrimmaged with us to get ready for the Toronto – Detroit outdoor game.



Drive to Jasper to give a clinic every year between Christmas and New years.



Fat bikes in Jasper for riding over the snow.



Cathy and I in Paris last May.



My selfie with the Mona Lisa. Didn't turn out to good.



Turkish toilet In Paris.



My kid's and the Heatley's when they lived next door about 86.



Finland U20 World Jr. coaches 2012 with Jim and I at a Flames game.



At dinner in Kaleden visiting Jaynie last month with grandkids, Cathy, Annie, Melissa. Jackson was

shaking



2005 Me, Tracey and Dany after the Canada – USA game in Innsbruck at the IIHF World's.



Jursi, me Pierre in Salzburg after a practice.



Jaynie and me in a few years ago.



Being interviewed in Jihlava, Czech Republic.



Scotty took Juuso and I out for lunch when Detroit was in town. They both happened to be in town at the same time. Fluke.