When the Islanders say, “There’s never been a better time to become a season ticket holder,” it’s not just a lot of talk. That’s because this year, the reasons to climb on board are many, and the offers, remarkable.

For starters, the Islanders are putting a price freeze on season tickets. In other words, if your buy your tickets now, you’ll lock them in at 2007-08 prices.

If that wasn’t enough, if you sign up for tickets for the 2008-2009 season by April 30th, you will get an additional 5% discount off the already discounted price. That’s a savings of up to $260 per ticket.

If you double up your package and sign on for two years, you can take advantage of the Islanders new Two-Year Loyalty Rewards Plan. Receive an additional 12.5% discount on your 2008-09 season tickets with their 2-year renewal program. That’s a savings of up to $450 per ticket!

With the two year renewal program you’ll also receive complimentary VIP parking - a $1,680 value!

This year, the organization is instituting payment plans for all season ticket holders. Fans who purchase tickets for the 2008-2009 season can make payments over six months, while fans that sign up for two years can make their payments over 14 months. Those who choose to pay for their two-year plan in one payment will save an additional 1.5% (after the 12.5% discount has been applied).

While the substantial savings are reason enough to sign up for season tickets, the Islanders offer their season ticket holders some of the best perks in all of pro-sports.

When you become a season ticket holder, you also become a member of NYI365. NYI365 members enjoy great benefits like the exclusive NYI365 Autograph Party, guaranteed same seats for the playoffs, Nassau Coliseum Event Presales, Bonus Seats, “Bring a Friend Nights,” Open Practice Sessions, NYI365 Member Discount Card and the online “Islanders Account Manager.”

Best of all, as a season ticket holder, you’ll have the power to be a difference-maker every night at the Coliseum. That’s because when the Coliseum is packed to the gills, it gives the team a virtual extra man advantage. And when you and your fellow fans unite on game nights, your show of force can tip the scales in favor of the orange and blue.

For more information on Season Tickets, call:
1.800.882.ISLES Ext. 1
Dear Long Islander:

As you know, Long Island’s only major league sports team is the New York Islanders. I’m inviting you to take emotional ‘ownership’ of the team and make the Islanders your team.

While there are countless reasons for you to become an Islanders Season Ticket Holder, the best reason I can give you is that the Islanders are Long Island. We’re the only team named after its fans and we’re the only team in professional sports that wears a map of their home so close to their heart. The Islanders are proud to represent Long Island each and every time we take the ice, and we want Long Island to take pride in us.

Season ticket holders are the lifeblood of any sports franchise and next season we’ve challenged ourselves to sell 10,000 season ticket plan. To reach this goal we’ve developed season ticket plans with price points for all fans. The result of this campaign will be an electric atmosphere on game day and memories for a lifetime for everyone who’s there with us.

A large part of this bold initiative involved creating a list of potential season ticket holders with whom we could open a dialog. We looked at our current season ticket holder base from every conceivable demographic angle and based on this study, we came up with a list of names that were a lot like them.

You are on that list.

If you were to look around the Coliseum on game night, you’d probably see a lot of your friends, neighbors and colleagues. That’s one of the main reasons why we say, “We’re All Islanders.”

If you’re not entirely familiar with the Islanders our hope is that this special issue of Islanders Illustrated will peak your interest in the great game of hockey and your hometown team. You’ll also learn about the advantages of being a season ticket holder and the unprecedented access to the team you can gain as a member of NYI365.

If you’re already a fan, we hope that Islanders Illustrated will help fuel your passion for the team and you’ll share that passion with others to create new fans.

In either case, we hope you enjoy this publication and look forward to seeing you at the Coliseum and at one of our many events around Long Island in the months ahead.

Very truly yours,

Chris Dey
For the first time in 30 years, there was an Islanders goaltender playing in the All-Star Game. Rick DiPietro’s superb play in the first half earned him one of three spots on the Eastern Conference team for this year’s game at Philips Arena in Atlanta.

Billy Smith was the last Islanders goaltender to be picked for the All-Star Game — he actually won the MVP trophy after pitching a shutout for the Campbell Conference in his half of the 1978 game (back then, each team used only two goalies).

Initially, DiPietro was selected to back up starter Martin Brodeur of the New Jersey Devils. But when Brodeur opted to miss the game for family reasons, the big question became which goaltender (DiPietro, Florida’s Tomas Vokoun or Boston’s Tim Thomas) would get the start. That question would be answered on Saturday.

Here are some snapshots from Rick’s big weekend:

**Saturday morning**

Most of the Eastern Conference players have already arrived when DiPietro breezes in, and he does some quick hits with TV and Internet media, then settles in to greet the reporters waiting at his location.

Word is starting to get out that Rick will be the starter for the East — and, as it turns out, the man at the opposite end of the ice will be none other than former Islander Chris Osgood. His arrival on Long Island via the waiver draft in the fall of 2001 turned out to be one of the best things that ever happened to DiPietro, as the younger netminder profited from playing in Bridgeport for most of the nearly two seasons that Ozzie manned the net at the Coliseum.

The two have affection and respect for each other.

Osgood, who’s having a superb season with the Detroit Red Wings, has been impressed with his former teammate’s development.

“I get to watch him sometimes on TV, and he’s been playing great,” Osgood said. “He’s the centerpiece of their team. He makes the other guys around him better.”

Ozzie also told reporters that he knew DiPietro was going to be something special.

“When I played with him when he was younger, I could tell he was going to be really good. He’s going to be a great player for a long time. He has the right attitude. He doesn’t get too up or too down. He plays solid, and the big thing is — not a lot of other goalies can make other players better, but he does that.”

By John Kreiser
For his part, Rick is also glad for Osgood’s success. “You always root for him,” he said, “and it’s really nice to see him doing well.”

“He was real welcoming when I came in. Ozzie has a great track record – he’s won a Stanley Cup. He’s got all sorts of little advice that he’ll give you along the way.”

**Saturday evening**

In a scene straight out of a Hollywood premiere, the players walk the red carpet as they enter Philips Arena for the SuperSkills competition. The players are besieged for autographs, and Rick signs busily on his way into the building.

“This might be the top,” he tells an interviewer when asked how making his first All-Star Game ranks among his career highlights. “It’s a huge honor, being with all these great players and great fans. It didn’t really sink in until I got here.”

If there’s one part of the SuperSkills that’s made for Rick, it’s the goalie’s portion of the obstacle course competition. Each of the three rounds ends with goalies trying to shoot the puck into an empty net at the other end of the ice. For Rick, who barely missed scoring a goal in Ottawa less than two weeks earlier and loves to handle the puck, it’s natural. Sure enough, he helps the East to victory in the event by firing his last two shots cleanly into the middle of the net.

**Sunday afternoon/evening**

Rick leads the Eastern Conference team onto the ice for the warm up and then for the game itself. Rick is wearing a microphone and begins the game chatting with Versus’ play-by-play man Mike Emrick (more familiar to local fans as the TV voice of the Devils).

The puck is barely on the ice after the opening faceoff when Rick and “Doc” start their conversation — only to see an East defenseman give the puck away. Before Rick (and anyone else) can react, Rick Nash scores to give the West a 1-0 lead — just 12 seconds into the game. It’s the fastest goal from the start of a game in All-Star history.

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But the quick goal doesn’t affect Rick’s willingness to chat with the TV folks as the period goes on — and his performance shows no ill effects, either. He’s in top form, stuffing shooters near the post, getting his glove and stick in front of superb scoring chances by some of the game’s best snipers.

Rick’s puckhandling was the highlight of the first period. After making a glove save, he quickly threw the puck in the air and swatted it with his goalie stick. He connected too well — the pass was off the mark and went all the way down to the other end for an icing call.

One minute later, he was at it again, stickhandling in the faceoff circle before finding a teammate with an outlet pass. The next time he touched the puck, the crowd yelled for him to shoot. He declined.

Rick finishes his night’s work with 12 saves on 13 shots and a 5-1 lead — putting him in line to become the first Isles goaltender to get an All-Star win. But it doesn’t happen. The West gets two goals in the second period and actually goes ahead in the third before the East rallies for an 8-7 victory. Marc Savard’s goal with 20.9 seconds left breaks a 7-7 tie, with the win being credited to Tim Thomas.

**Last word**

The Isles’ Eastern Conference rivals, who see Rick on a regular basis, know how good he is. But his performance during All-Star Weekend made some converts among Western Division teams, who rarely see the Islanders.

One person who was impressed was Detroit coach Mike Babcock. He told the *Windsor Star’s* Dave Waddell that of all the players he watched at the All-Star Game, he was most impressed with the play of DiPietro.

"You know these guys (in the East) are good, but you don't see them," said Babcock, who coached the Western Conference stars. "He (DiPietro) is a really talented kid and I liked how much fun he had. I think it's really important if a goalie can have fun in the game, I think you last longer. I was impressed with him."
The story has become legend. About an hour after the New York Islanders completed their sweep of Edmonton in 1983 for their fourth consecutive Stanley Cup, a dejected Wayne Gretzky and the rest of the Oilers walked by the Islanders’ locker room on their way to their team bus. What Gretzky, Mark Messier, Paul Coffey and the rest of the future Edmonton dynasty saw was not an Islanders championship team dancing in the locker room, but more than half the players with ice packs covering their bodies.

“That image stuck with us for a long time,” said Gretzky, who would lead the Oliers to the Cup the next season, ending the Islanders’ dynasty in 1984. “More than anything, it taught us what it takes to win. The Islanders had just won their fourth championship, and here they were with player after player after player nursing their injuries. That was what made the Islanders so great. Every player on that team contributed in their own way.”

This is the Code of Hockey.

There is no sport like it, which is why hockey is the greatest game on the planet. In the NBA, Michael Jordan can play all 48 minutes of a basketball game and carry his Chicago Bulls to championships. In baseball, a dominant pitching performance by a Josh Beckett can lead a team to a World Series. In football, your offensive leaders – the quarterback, the receivers, the running backs, the linemen – are on the field at all times.

In the National Hockey League? Consider the cases of Islanders Hall of Famers Bryan Trottier and Mike Bossy. When the Islanders were becoming the last major pro team in North America to win four straight championships, Trottier and Bossy were on the ice less than half the game. Consider the case of Alexander Ovechkin, the young superstar of the Washington Capitals. In ’07-08 Ovechkin became the first player in more than a decade to score 60 goals (Bossy did it an NHL-record 5 times). Despite Alexander’s Greatness, the Capitals were in a desperate fight in the final week of the season just to make the playoffs.

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Perhaps no team in the history of hockey personified the Code of Hockey more than the dynastic New York Islanders. For every Hall of Famer like Trottier and Bossy, Denis Potvin and Billy Smith, there was “The Core” – the gritty third-liners like Duane “Dog” Sutter, the rugged stay-at-home defensemen like Dave “Bammer” Langevin – that always got the dirty job done.

That’s why when the Islanders honored “The Core of the Four” during their dynasty celebration on March 2nd, Bossy began the evening by saying “Make no mistake – without the contributions of everyone on our team, there would not have been four straight Stanley Cups.”

While it is probably safe to say there may never again be a team like the 1980-83 Islanders, the New York Islanders of the late 2000s will be modeled after their predecessors. The modern version of the National Hockey League – with a salary cap and more player movement than three decades ago – makes it virtually impossible to keep a core of 16 players as Islanders GM Bill Torrey did with the dynasty. But by no means does this prevent the Islanders from building a true team, with contributions from established stars (Rick DiPietro, Bill Guerin), rising stars (Kyle Okposo) and both experienced (Richard Park, Brendan Witt) and young (Blake Comeau, Chris Campoli) who understand their roles and execute them to perfection.

“If you look at the recent Cup winners,” says Guerin, the Islanders’ Captain, “there’s no doubt they have had some stars like Vinny Lacavalier, Eric Staal and Rob Niedermayer. Those guys may have led the way, just as Potvin, Trottier and Bossy did for this franchise years ago, but the team left standing holding the Stanley Cup over their heads has been the team that had the best performances from players 1 through 20. That’s how you win the Stanley Cup, and that’s how our team is going to come together and win.”

How the Code of Hockey led to the Islanders Dynasty and will lead to another championship on Long Island

By Chris Botta

**IT TAKES A TRUE TEAM**

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It is never too early to start thinking about next season. Visit newyorkislanders.com/wintix for your chance to enter to win a pair of season tickets for the 2008-09 season. You’ll catch 42 games of exciting Islanders hockey and receive all the great benefits of being an Islanders Season Ticket holder like invitations to exclusive team events including meet and greets and more!

Visit newyorkislanders.com for official rules and regulations.
The Islanders NYI365 KIDS SEASON PASS was so well received in its inaugural year that the team was quick to make the offer available for the 2008-2009 season as well.

The one-of-a-kind NYI365 KIDS SEASON PASS will give youngsters 42 games of the best of Rick DiPietro, Bill Guerin and Mike Comrie, as well as games against Sidney Crosby and the Penguins, the rival New York Rangers and New Jersey Devils, and the rest of the NHL.

The Kids Season Pass works like this: Islanders fans ordering one full Islanders adult season ticket at the club’s already discounted prices can reserve the seat next to them for a child 12 years and younger for the 2008-09 season for just $420. Tickets are currently available in designated family sections comprised of lower level seats at the Coliseum.

“The NYI365 KIDS SEASON PASS came about after (owner) Charles Wang made it clear to us that he wanted to make Islanders games the number one entertainment option for Long Island families,” said Islanders Senior Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Operations Chris Dey. “The Kids Season Pass has made a huge impact in our ability to reach this goal.”

When the plan was announced in the summer of 2007, the NHL commissioner was blown away by the Islanders’ initiative to bring hockey to more families in New York.

“There’s nothing like a jammed hockey barn when there are young fans cheering their hearts out.”

“We applaud the Islanders for an innovation that encourages families and young people to attend our games,” said NHL commissioner Gary Bettman. “This initiative presents an opportunity to share the excitement of National Hockey League action with even more fans.”

Since the NYI365 KIDS SEASON PASS is for children 12 years of age or younger, tickets are exclusively designed and coded for children.

“Of course, we love to see all kinds of fans packing our games at the Coliseum,” said Islanders head coach Ted Nolan. “But let’s face it: there’s nothing like a jammed hockey barn when there are young fans cheering their hearts out. I’m thrilled that so many fans took advantage of this offer this past season and I hope to see even more next year.”

Based on the overwhelming response this offer had in its first season, fans are encouraged to inquire about ticket availability as soon as possible because the family sections are expected to sell out quickly once again.
THE CLOCK IS TICKING

Sign up for New York Islanders season tickets for two seasons by April 30th and you’ll receive an additional 12.5% discount off your plan. You’ll still receive the regular season subscriber discounted price on your tickets, as well as the best season ticket holder perks in all of pro sports. This new two year loyalty rewards program is our way of thanking you for your continued support.

THE NEW TWO-YEAR LOYALTY REWARDS PLAN

With your two-year commitment, you’ll receive the following benefits on top of all the great perks of being a season ticket holder:

- Price lock on season tickets for 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons
- Additional 12.5% off your tickets for the 2008-09 season
- VIP parking for both the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons ($1,680 value)
- Flexible 14 month payment plan
- Maintain your standing on the priority seating list for the new Coliseum at the Lighthouse

ENTER TO WIN TWO (2) 2008-09 SEASON TICKETS!

Visit newyorkislanders.com/wintix for details and your chance to win.
Islanders and Bridgeport Sound Tigers fans don’t have to wait any longer to see their most highly touted Islanders draft pick since Rick DiPietro was chosen first overall in 2000. Kyle Okposo, chosen seventh overall during the 2006 Entry Draft, signed with the Islanders during the 2007-08 season and made his NHL debut on March 18 against the Toronto Maple Leafs at Nassau Coliseum.

Kyle made the jump to the professional level and joined the Bridgeport Sound Tigers with a slew of credentials, including two World Junior Championship appearances, along with WCHA All-Rookie Team and WCHA Second Team honors while with the NCAA powerhouse Minnesota Golden Gophers.

With Bridgeport, Okposo was immediately put on the top line with Jeff Tambellini and Frans Nielsen. In 29 games, Okposo compiled eight goals and 16 assists and was one of the Sound Tigers’ best forwards before being called up to the NHL.

With some NHL experience under his belt, some of his teammates weighed in on comparing Okposo to other NHLers. Both Comeau and Gervais each picked Ottawa Senators center Mike Fisher. The eight-season NHL veteran finished the 2007-08 with over 20 goals for the third consecutive season.

"Kyle has that rugged game to him like Fisher does," said Comeau. "He's strong on the puck and goes hard to the net. I remember him being a complete player. He also has good velocity on his shot."

GM Garth Snow chose to steer in a different direction when comparing Okposo to other NHL players.

"You hear Shane Doan, Jerome Iginla," said Snow. "I think that’s the biggest mistake. You just want Kyle Okposo to turn into Kyle Okposo. You take a little bit of the positives of every successful hockey player and incorporate it into your own game."

With such an impressive resume behind him, it’s no surprise that Kyle scored his first NHL goal in only his second game with the Islanders.

Kyle had a standout season with Minnesota in 2006-2007, his freshman year. Despite the team falling short of their ultimate goal of a national championship, they won both the WCHA regular season title and playoff championship.

In 40 games, the St. Paul native placed second on the team in goals with 19 and second in points with 40. His point total was tied for seventh in the country among rookies. Okposo also ranked tied for third on the team with three game-winning goals and six power play goals.

Okposo’s year-long performance earned him spots on the WCHA All-Rookie team and the All-WCHA second team. He was the only freshman picked to be on one of the top two conference teams.

Of his 19 goals, the most magnificent was his game-winning tally against Minnesota State-Mankato on Dec. 12, 2006. Okposo received the puck at the side of the net; brought the puck and his stick back between his legs before lifting the biscuit over the sprawled goalie for a 2-1 Gophers lead.

The Islanders’ 2006 number one draft pick missed four of Minnesota’s games while representing the United States at the World Junior Championships in Sweden. He helped lead the US to the bronze medal.

At this year's World Junior Championship, Okposo was a key contributor to the United States' perfect preliminary round record of 3-0-0. The US finished a disappointing fourth, but Okposo gained some valuable experience, earning a goal and five assists in six games.

Okposo played high school hockey at Shattuck in Minnesota. In two seasons at the Midget level, he compiled 191 points. During his senior year, he joined the Des Moines Buccaneers of the USHL. Okposo helped lead the Buccaneers to the league title after compiling 27-31-58 in 50 games. He placed second on Des Moines in goals, assists and points.

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The future looks very bright not just for Kyle but the Islanders as well.
### Top 10 Reasons to Become an Islanders Season Ticket Holder.

You know that Islanders hockey is the biggest reason to become a season ticket holder, but there are a million other reasons as well. Since we can’t print every reason, we’ve whittled the list down to the Top 10 Reasons to become an Islanders Season Ticket Holder.

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For more information, call: 1.800.882.ISLES Ext. 1

or email: tickets@newyorkislanders.com

Check out pages 8 & 14 for info on additional savings on Season Tickets! Limited time only!
The Islanders Business Club is a business and social network that was created by the team last year to help members leverage their relationships with the team and ultimately, grow their own businesses.

To date, the club boasts roughly 100 members. The organization has decided to expand membership to 1,000 for the 2008-09 season.

What will this growth mean to those who become members? It means that there will be 999 opportunities to connect with other club members, which can translate into 999 deals (or more) to close and 999 friendships to forge. In other words, when the club grows to 1,000 members, each one of them will have ample opportunity to grow their business and the power of their network.

Charter members of the club gave it rave reviews in its first season. During the club’s first event prior to the Islanders Home Opener on October 6th, members were seen rubbing elbows with Islanders Owner Charles Wang, Christie Brinkley and Entourage star Kevin Connolly. While it was certainly a thrill for members to fraternize with the celebrities in the crowd, the night focused on the business side of things.

“The Islanders Business Club is a really good way to network,” said Glenn Mehl, a financial representative at Forest Hill Financial Group. “Events like these are phenomenal because they give you the opportunity to meet people and get your name out there.”

As Long Island’s major league sports team, the Islanders galvanize our community. The team brings people together in an exciting atmosphere with a common interest. The Islanders Business Club capitalizes on this excitement becoming an ideal business platform for all members.

“All of us here have the same goal – trying to make our businesses and organizations better,” said Craig Katinas, Director of Development at the American Red Cross. "It's wonderful that the Islanders have created a networking opportunity to do that for all the businesses here. Joining the Business Club is about seeing what sort of partners the Islanders have, since we're part of that.”

Throughout the 2008-2009 season, the Islanders Business Club hosted several pre-game networking events where members continued their mixing of business with pleasure. Guests included Isles alums Bryan Trottier, Bob Nystrom, Ed Westfall, Steve Webb and Eric Cairns, ESPN’s Neil Everett and Gary Dell’ Abate from the Howard Stern Show.

While networking events are certainly a highlight of the Islanders Business Club, participating businesses are also featured in the business directory of the club’s website (www.islandersbusinessclub.com).

Select members were even profiled here in Islanders Illustrated.

“The main goal of the Islanders Business Club has always been to help members of the Long Island business community get the most out of their relationship with the Islanders,” said Islanders Hall of Famer, Mike Bossy who proudly serves as Islanders Business Club Executive Director. “It’s important for us to give back to the businesses and business executives that have generously partnered with us.”

With 1,000 members, the Islanders Business Club will certainly be the talk of the Long Island business community.
Launched in the summer of 2007, the Islanders Business Club has been a remarkable success in its first year. And whether you’re the head of a large business or a small business owner, the New York Islanders’ Business Club can be a valuable tool for networking with other decision-makers, entertaining existing clients or wooing new ones.

No matter the size or nature of your organization, the Islanders Business Club has a membership plan that can fit your needs and your budget.

The Islanders are offering an additional 5% off package prices for businesses who sign up by April 30, 2008.

There are currently three comprehensive business club plans available ranging in price from just over $3,000 for a basic two-seat plan all the way up to the Center Ice Plan which includes four center ice seats, as well as two games in an Islanders Suite for just over $17,000.

**Islanders Business Club Executive Package**

Package includes:
- Four (4) incredible center ice seats (section 101)
- Fourteen (14) pre-game networking events
- Two (2) game nights in an eight (8) person suite ($500 food and beverage allowance included)

Cost: $18,000  
Limited time offer: $17,100

**Islanders Business Club Ticket Plan**

Package includes:
- Fourteen (14) Pre-Game Networking Events
- VIP Parking
- Invitations to Exclusive Team Events: including meet and greets and more!

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Over 16 years after making his debut with the New Jersey Devils during the 1991-92 season, Islanders captain Bill Guerin has more to worry about than just scoring goals and winning Stanley Cups. At 37 years of age, Guerin has a wife and four kids, to whom he is extremely devoted. But it’s the relationship and values he learned from his parents that Guerin has tried to pass onto his four children.

Guerin grew up in Worcester, Massachusetts loving hockey from an early age. For as far back as he could remember, the right wing’s father built a makeshift rink in the backyard so he could practice his hockey skills all day and night.

Along with the labors of setting up the rink each winter, Guerin’s parents were responsible for driving Guerin to his youth hockey games. And as any hockey parent would know, that included early morning practices any day during the week.

“My parents were a great support system,” said Guerin. “I played all the time, and they were always right there, making sure I made every practice and game on time.”

Guerin kept up his hockey playing for the love of the game. His continuing of the sport lay completely in his own hands.

“I played because I was having fun,” said Guerin. “My parents never put any pressures on me to keep playing. I don’t think there was ever a day I didn’t want to be a hockey player and my family always supported me.”

Not only did his parents never push him to pursue hockey, they were also completely positive about his performances. You would never hear any criticism about his game, no matter how well he played.

“My dad would never say anything other than how proud he was of me,” said Guerin. “The only time he ever yelled at me was when I was around ten because I did something really stupid and got kicked out of a game. I embarrassed myself and my team. That was the only time. He just wanted me to have fun.”

It was apparent at an early age that Guerin was a skilled hockey player, but his education was also very important while he was growing up. If there was one thing his parents did pressure Guerin about, it was his grades.

“They made sure I had something to fall back on,” said Guerin. “My dad was a big education guy. He made sure I kept up my end of the bargain by getting good grades.”

“I want to be like my parents were for me. I never think they play a bad game. I just want them to be happy and hope they love what they’re doing.”

Guerin held up his end of the bargain, attending Boston College, but after showing exceptional talent while playing for the Eagles, he turned pro after two collegiate seasons. Proud of their son’s accomplishments, his parents had no regrets letting their son forego his final two years of school to follow his dream.

And on February 20, 1992, at the age of 21, Guerin made his NHL debut, completing his lifelong goal of reaching the highest level of hockey. And he wasn’t alone. His dad made the trip out to Chicago.

“It was so great to see my dad out there,” said Guerin. “It meant everything to me to have him at my first game. My parents still come out to see my games. They’re still there for me.”

But now Guerin is a father of his own, meeting his wife Kara through a friend during his playing days in New Jersey. Since their marriage, they’ve had four kids – Kayla (10), Grace (9), Liam (6) and Lexi (5).

The additions to his family have changed things for Guerin who must now balance hockey with his new responsibilities.

“When you’re playing in the NHL and you’re young without children, you pretty much go on your own schedule,” said Guerin. “You don’t think about kids running around. When you’re a young married couple, it’s pretty easy and fun. That all changed when we had kids. You have different responsibilities. It doesn’t always go as smoothly at home as it once did. A baby might cry during a pre-game nap or the night before a game. You have to think as a father and not as a hockey player when you’re at home. I’ve always tried to leave the game at the rink, no matter what. If we lose or I have a bad game, it shouldn’t be brought home. The kids don’t need a grumpy dad around the house. Despite all the change, it’s been great.”

Some of the tough situations hockey families have to cope with are not only their father being away for days and weeks at a time due to the travel, but also the constant moving. Guerin and his family have had to make a number of moves because of trades and signings elsewhere.

“It’s tough at times, but it’s all we know as a family,” said Guerin. “We all realize that it’s not the ideal situation, but hockey has treated us well. We don’t take that for granted. It’s hard to uproot and leave friends behind, but it becomes easier each time.”

Guerin insisted that the one person who makes the moves even easier is his wife, Kara. As the wife to a professional hockey player and the mother to four kids, she has quite a handful. And Guerin gives her all the credit in the world.

“She’s so important to us, I can’t even explain,” said Guerin. “She is our support system. In order to survive, your family has to have a strong wife. She runs a pretty good ship – knowing their schedules and where they have to be. She’s really got it together.”

With his kids now old enough to understand what he does for a living, Guerin can bring them to games so they can watch him play.

“I can’t bring them everyday because they’re in school,” said Guerin. “But they come to weekend or afternoon games. My son Liam comes down during the day and I let him bring his skates. He loves being in the locker room and saying hi to the guys.”

Like Liam, his oldest daughter Kayla has already picked up the game of hockey. Guerin says Liam is having fun with it. “Playing sports is a good way to make friends,” said Guerin.

But like his parents, Bill just wants his children to have fun. “I want to be like my parents were for me. I never think they play a bad game. I just want them to be happy and hope they love what they’re doing.”
ISLANDERS
SEASON
TICKETS:
FUN & PRACTICAL

By Andrew Miller

S
o you’re giving some serious consideration to becoming an Islanders Season Ticket Holder, but you’re still sitting on the fence because the little voices inside your head are at odds over whether or not to take the plunge.

On the right side of your brain, the fun loving, jersey-wearing, enthusiastic fan is saying, “GO FOR IT!”

While the left side of your brain, (the practical, conservative half) is saying, “Wait just a minute. 42 games is a lot of hockey, are you sure you can make it to all those games?”

Then the right side of your brain snaps back at the left with, “Yeah, but you can get 42 games for the price of 21! It’s a great deal and a great time to buy.”

We understand your dilemma.

Do you go with your heart and join the growing number of Long Islanders like you that have become Islanders Season Ticket Holders? Or do you listen to the pragmatic part of you that points out that with your son’s soccer practice and your out-of-town business meetings, you might not be able to fit 42 games into your busy schedule?

Fortunately, the Islanders have a solution to your crisis: New York Islanders Account Manager.

Think of Islands Account Manager as a season ticket holder’s best friend. As the name implies, Account Manager gives season ticket holders the ability to easily manage their accounts online – everything from tracking ticket usage to updating account information.

While these features should be enough to pacify the left side of your brain; Ticket Forwarding and Ticket Exchange are two parts of Account Manager that will no doubt address its scheduling concerns, as well.

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Let’s say you’re a season ticket holder and you get called out of town on business at the last minute. You call up a colleague and offer him your game tickets and he jumps at the chance. With a few clicks of the mouse, you log on to Ticket Forwarding and you electronically forward your tickets to his or her e-mail.

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And while Account Manager is a remarkable tool, the Islanders know the value in affording each season ticket holder with a personal Account Executive – an honest-to-goodness, real live person dedicated to ensuring that your experience with the team is a positive one.

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Why an Islanders game may be just the ticket for your group or organization

Planning a group activity can be a daunting task, but bringing your organization to an Islanders game is easy, fun and affordable. Whether you’re running a company outing, a school, scouting or sports team event, a birthday party, or you just have large group that loves hockey, the Islanders Group Sales team will work with you to make your event a big hit.

With group ticket pricing, you’ll get substantial savings off regular box office prices and you can just about guarantee that your group will have a great day or night out. If you’re looking for a unique group experience at an Islanders game, there are a number of special group events you and your group can participate in.

If you’re looking to turn an ordinary birthday party into an extraordinary one, why not host it at an Isles game? There are three great party packages available and each one includes game tickets, hot dog and soda vouchers and a special gift for the guest of honor. Plus the birthday boy or girl will get to see their name on the Jumbotron.

Your youth team can take advantage of the Islanders Mites on Ice or Future Isles programs. With Mites on Ice, your youth team can attend an Isles game and play a brief game or breakaway contest during the game’s first or second intermission; Future Isles allows youth teams to hit the Coliseum ice and play before an Islanders game! Mites on Ice requires a minimum purchase of 75 game tickets, while Future Isles requires a minimum of 200 tickets.

If your organization wants to hit the ice without suiting up for a game, Private Post Game Skates can be arranged. You can even have your group host a Post Game Meet & Greet with a current player, alumnus or coach.

On the topic of players, last season, Bill Guerin, Mike Comrie, Ruslan Fedotenko, Rick DiPietro, Mike Sillinger, Josef Vasicek and Jon Sim got involved with RexCorp Islanders Inspire, the program that allows companies (and generous individuals) on Long Island to take an active role in affording positive life experiences to thousands of Long Island children. Through RexCorp Islanders Inspire, companies can purchase blocks of 100 $50 face value tickets to be donated to worthy organizations on Long Island. Participating companies receive a host of benefits, including a PA announcement and scoreboard mention during their sponsored game, a signed Islanders hockey puck, four VIP tickets to that night’s game and more!

Groups that are looking for a novel way to raise funds should look at the Islanders Pucks Into Bucks program. With Pucks into Bucks, organizations can purchase $50 tickets for only $20 and resell them for $30 - a profit of $10 per ticket.

As you can see, there is no shortage of fun and exciting ways for your group to get on the action of Islanders hockey this season. If you need more information, you can call 1.888.882.ISLES, Ext. 3 or e-mail groupsales@newyorkislanders.com

A favorite among fans and players alike, Mike Comrie will be back with the Islanders for the 2008-2009 season. Comrie re-signed with the club on February 26, putting to rest any trade rumors that circled around him near the deadline.

The center from Edmonton was one of the most consistent and productive forwards for the Islanders in 2007-08. Playing on the team’s top line throughout most of the season, Comrie led the team in points.

As injuries hampered the Islanders’ lineup late in the season, Comrie took on a greater role, earning an “A” as one of the alternate captains. With Mike Sillinger out, Comrie also became the go-to guy on many crucial faceoffs.

“I'm extremely happy to have reached an agreement with the Islanders for the 2008-09 season,” said regarding his new contract. "I love being an Islander and wanted to stay. The management and the coaches have shown great belief in us as players and I am honored to be a part of this organization. I would like to thank Garth Snow and my representative, Ritch Winter, for making this a deal that both sides are comfortable and happy with. I look forward to the rest of this season and I'm thrilled to be an Islander for at least another season."

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At press time, the 27-year old Comrie had missed only one game all season, due to the flu and trailed only Bill Guerin in goals with 21. Comrie originally signed a one-year contract with the Islanders on July 5, 2007.

"Mike Comrie has been everything we could have asked of him in his first season as an Islander," said general manager Garth Snow. "He's been our top center, on the first unit of our power play and he has contributed in so many ways. He's also been a great teammate and a first-class pro, on and off the ice. We are delighted that he wanted to remain an Islander and we were able to work out a contract for next season."

Comrie was selected by Edmonton in the third round (91st overall) of the 1999 NHL Entry Draft. Besides Edmonton, he has also played with the Philadelphia Flyers, Phoenix Coyotes and the Ottawa Senators, whom he helped lead to the Stanley Cup Final in 2007.

With Comrie back in the mix next season, the Islanders know they have a reliable offensive threat at the pivot position.
launched in the summer of 2007, RexCorp Islanders Inspire has been a remarkable success in this its inaugural year. Since the Islanders Kids’ Home Opener, which saw some 1,200-area children attend the game through RexCorp Islanders Inspire, the response to the program from the team and the public has been nothing short of astounding.

RexCorp Realty jumped at the chance to sign on as the program’s title sponsor soon after its inception.

“Hopefully, by showing these kids how the Islanders work together on the ice, we can demonstrate how hard work and teamwork can make a difference in one's life,” said Scott Rechler, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of RexCorp.

Islanders Captain Bill Guerin and his teammates Mike Comrie, Ruslan Fedotenko, Rick DiPietro, Mike Sillinger, Josef Vasicek and Jon Sim were all quick to become a part of the program. What really impressed Guerin was the fact that RexCorp Islanders Inspire also provided the children with transportation to and from the game.

“It’s a great concept, because you can give kids tickets to a game…but it’s not always the easiest thing to get there,” said the Isles forward and father of four. “The fact that they provide a ride to and from the game is a big step in getting them into the building and opening their eyes to the great game of hockey.”

More than 12,000 children have taken in an Islanders game this year thanks to RexCorp Islanders Inspire. And while the smiles on their faces and their cheers from the stands are more than enough thanks, the words of appreciation that the program has received speak volumes:

“Thank you for your overwhelming support and generous donation of tickets for our special camp program. Camp Adventure relies on the interest and generosity of organizations and individuals like you to expand the program each year. Please know that your donation truly touched the lives of children with cancer and their families. As we grow with each passing year, we count on the continued dedication of community members to expand our services. Thank you for all that you do to make this program a success.”

Elisa Brundige
Director of Camp Adventure

“On behalf of the children in the Hematology/Oncology Division of Schneider Children’s Hospital, we would like to express our most heartfelt appreciation to you for all the hockey tickets that you’ve donated to us recently. Because of your generosity, many of our children will be privileged to attend future Islander games. Most of the children who will attend are those who are not often able to enjoy “normal” childhood activities such as simply going to sporting events because of their low blood counts and immune-deficiencies.”

Fran Mannino, CCLS
Schneider Children’s Hospital

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the donation of the New York Islanders tickets. Our members were thrilled to have the opportunity to see the New York Islanders play on Monday, October 8th. We also appreciated the transportation service that was provided to the game.”

Lori Wood
Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay-East Norwich

“The section was filled with a bunch of thrilled kids, and a few families that would not have had an opportunity to see a game if it was not for you…. The kids finally realized that the sillier you act, the better chance you have of getting on the Jumbotron... Needless to say, it was great!”

Family & Children’s Association
There is no doubt that the “Core of the Four” ceremony at the Coliseum brought back many amazing memories for Islanders fans. Those lucky enough to be in attendance on March 2nd got a close up look at the small group of men who made up the Islanders incredible dynasty of the early 80’s.

There’s been a lot of talk about whether this is the last time for a long time we will see all of these men on the ice together. While this may be true, there is one other way to see them, and you won’t have to drive down Hempstead Turnpike to do it.

On the Friday night before the Core of the Four game, Islanders TV gathered the “Core” guys together at Rothmann’s Steakhouse in East Norwich for the most intimate and extended interview session in Islanders history, and it’s coming soon to DVD.

They gathered around a round dinner table, 14 of them to be exact, in shifts of 5, and the wine and stories flowed. Who was the biggest practical joker on the team? What special snack did Al Arbour give his guys before a big game? Just how good were those teams? Just how good did they think their competition was?

Only one man could lead a literal round-table discussion on these topics, and fortunately, he was there. Legendary Islanders Hall of Fame announcer Jiggs McDonald hosted the discussion, and did a masterful job steering the conversation to areas the fans will absolutely cherish.

Bossy, Trottier, Nystrom, Morrow, Goring, Torrey, and even “Mr. 1,500” himself, Al Arbour, were among the special guests who allowed us to join them for dinner in this special production.

The “Dinner and a Dynasty” DVD is just the latest creation from Islanders TV.

Those of you used to Islanders TV (and those numbers are now in the millions), are certainly used to the kind of content “ITV” has been pumping out since its launch in the fall of 2006. From the daily “Islanders Today” live from Islanders practice, to the “Raw” series which chronicles every Islanders interview session of the season, to the new “Down the Isle” series, which follows the players’ wives, Islanders TV brings the Islanders fan closer to their team than any other fan in all of sports.

What started as an idea for one team has grown into a video revolution for the entire National Hockey League, as all 30 teams and NHL.com now have “Islanders TV-like” video portals on their web pages. The company that makes it all possible is Plainview based NeuLion, a video technology company that has mastered the art of streaming crisp internet video.

“Dinner and a Dynasty” is the most extensive production in Islanders TV history, and will be available in the summer of 2008.

To watch Islanders TV, go to www.newyorkislanders.com and click the Islanders TV box. No television or cable box is required, just a computer and a thirst for all things Islanders.
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