

Dildonians not welcome at the Air Canada Centre?

Boy it can be tough being from Dildo. Laugh, laugh, laugh. Wild misunderstandings. Misconceptions-a-plenty.

Ask the Reid brothers Wes, Lemuel and Max.

They can tell you.

The three brothers, two of which still live in Dildo, recently had the opportunity to take in an NHL hockey game between the Maple Leafs and Avalanche at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto.

Being the patriotic sort - and knowing that there would be TV cameras around - the three brothers brought with them a placard which said, what else, but a hearty hello to all the people back in Dildo.

Security at the ACC were not amused.

On three different occasions, security personnel came to see the trio and asked them to hand over or put away their "obscene" sign. Of course, the brothers, being steadfast Dildonians, were defiant of such an outrageous prospect.

However, the last time security stopped by, the head of the team was with them and indicated that the threesome faced the possibility of expulsion from the game. As a result, one of the three brothers whipped out the ol' drivers licence just to prove that, yes Virginia, there is a Dildo.

Just imagine!

Good thing they had a driver's licence.

Next thing security would've had to post a call to native Newfoundland and Labrador and longtime CBC hockey announcer Bob Cole up in the broadcast booth to confirm Dildo's existence.

Why, it could've caused an international incident!

I can just see the headlines now - Dildo brothers linked with Osama! or - Crazy Dildonians defy ACC security! or maybe - Cole denies affiliation with Dildonian sign terrorists!

And they call us stupid?

Hey security guys (a.k.a. Torontonians) - pick up a map or atlas and lay off the spiked coffees for a bit.

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You just might learn something.

And if you're lucky, the Reid brothers might just be willing to teach it to you!

FROM THE SIDELINES

* Vaclav Varada of the Buffalo Sabres is the latest goon to take a pot shot at Eric Lindros, but he's the first one to pay - with a three game suspension. Varada's starting to get a label as a cheap-shot specialist after some questionable hits and plays - and having former teammate Doug Gilmour crapping all over him isn't helping either . . .

* In eight games, Jason Allison no goals and five assists. Make no wonder the Los Angeles Kings are looking at acquiring Tony Amonte to help out . . .

* I've always thought that Curtis Joseph is the most valuable goalie in the league, especially with how up and down the Leafs can be. In my books, a close second to Joseph would have to be Edmonton's Tommy Salo, the main reason the Oilers are off to such a great start. The guy is superhuman, but because he plays in faraway Alberta, nobody knows he's alive . . .

* I'll bet Mark McGwire didn't think it would end like this. After captivating the sports world just three years ago, he simply fades into the night, another old, broken-bodied ball player who used to hold the most prized record in the game. It's a shame it has to end like that because he and Sammy Sosa essentially saved the game . . .

* With McGwire's retirement, there's talk in St. Louis of the Cardinals using their extra money from McGwire to go after super-star first baseman Jason Giambi. So far that seems unlikely with budding young star and rookie of the year Albert Pujols looking like a lock at first with Big Mac gone . . .

* I've been hesitant to criticize Michael Jor-

dan, but things don't seem to be getting any better for him just yet. But like I've said, the Wizards pretty much suck, so what can you expect - God himself couldn't make this team a contender. And even MJ knows you can't be a legend without a supporting cast . . .

* By the time you read this, Lennox Lewis will either have regained his title, or solidified his place as yet another fallen has-been heavyweight champ following Saturday night's rematch with Hasim Rahman. As for being one of the all time greats, he's not even close. He's lost too many matches to guys he should've mopped the ring with . . .

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Four cities in NHL history have lost their franchises, and then regained them again at a later date, including Minnesota (North Stars, Wild), Atlanta (Flames, Thrashers), and Colorado (Rockies, Avalanche). What other current NHL city carries this distinction? Here's a hint - the city is the only one that didn't change the name of their franchise when it returned. Answer next week.

Last weeks question - Only twice in major league history has a team gone from worst one year to first the very next, and ironically enough it happened in the same year. Even more ironic is the fact that those two teams eventually squared off in one of the greatest World Series' showdowns ever. Which teams were they?

Those teams were the **Atlanta Braves** and the **Minnesota Twins**.

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