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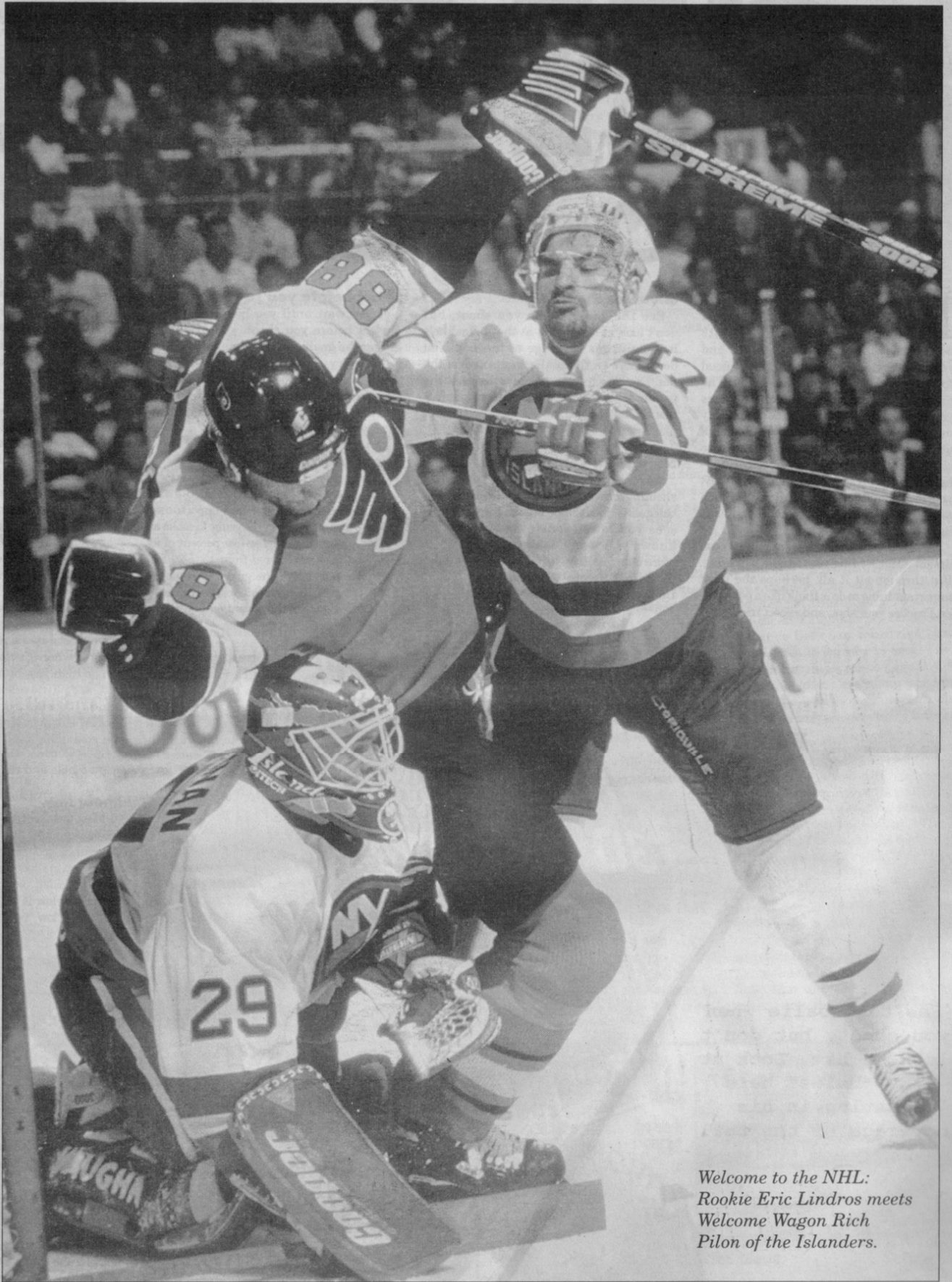
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*Welcome to the NHL:
Rookie Eric Lindros meets
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BRUCE BENNETT'S PERSONAL FAVORITES



Bruce Bennett

Bruce Bennett has been taking photos of NHL action since his days as a college student in the mid-1970s. Back then he surely didn't know that what started as a way for

him to earn a little extra tuition money would blossom into what is now the world's largest provider of professional hockey photography. But blossom it did, and today the words "Bruce Bennett Studios" are virtually synonymous with pictures of the game we all love. Think of a great moment in hockey captured on film over the past two decades and odds are you're thinking of a Bruce Bennett shot. In addition to being the official photographer of *Hockey Player Magazine*, Bennett's photos have graced—and continue to appear on—the pages of every major sports publication in North America, as well as *Time*, *Life*, *People*, *Us* and *Newsweek* magazines.

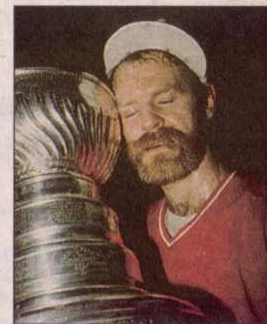
"It's a true passion for the game that motivates me," says Bennett, something comes as no surprise to those familiar with his work.

Bennett and his staff of 14, based in Hicksville, Long Island, account for the annual placement of nearly 5,000 hockey photographs. Bennett himself works an average of 140 NHL games per season.

How has the photography game changed over the past 20 years? Well, gone are the days when Bennett leaned out over the ice from the penalty box. He now shoots from behind the protective wall of Plexiglas. "Since the feel of the game is different behind the glass," says Bennett, "today's photographers have to be more alert and anticipate the action."

On these pages Bruce Bennett shares with us some of his favorite pictures of the game we all love, and he captures on film. ●

—Alex Carswell



(top): *The thrill of victory: Calgary's Lanny MacDonald upon winning the Stanley Cup in 1989. (left): Philly squeeze-steak: Peter Zezel and Rick Tocchet combine to squash a Buffalo defenseman.*



(top): *Seeing double: A fan throws a puck into the fray, confusing Vancouver goalie Kirk McLean. (right): The face of hockey: Wendel Clark.*



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(top): Philadelphia's Mark Howe helps Washington's Bob Babcock learn to fly. (right): Gretzky pumps number 77 past Sabres goalie Don Edwards in 1981, breaking Phil Esposito's single season goal-scoring record. This frame has been printed more than 30 times. (below right): First star of the game: Mario Lemieux (bottom left): High Flyer: Philadelphia forward Al Conroy is upended enroute to San Jose Sharks goalie Arturs Irbe. (left): When superstars collide: Mario Lemieux embraces Wayne Gretzky after the winning goal in the 1987 Canada Cup. (below): "The tandem of Mike Richter and John Vanbiesbrouck split the goaltending chores so evenly, I split a jersey and taped them in."

