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It will be a feather in Vanbiesbrouck's cap if he turns out to be half the goalie that Bonnie Prince Charlie was, but then again, that's asking a lot because there simply aren't any great goaltenders like Charlie Rayner anymore.

"They rush the kids a little too fast into the NHL," explains Rayner. "That's the big problem. Young goalies don't get a chance to school themselves in the minors the way we did."

And they don't get a chance to skate up to center ice either because there was only one Chuck Rayner and I will always be thankful that I was lucky enough to see him do it.

BENNETT'S BEAUTIES

Since crack HOCKEY NEWS photographer Bruce Bennett was profiled on ABC recently, we should honor His Eminence Bennett by allowing him to pick "Bennett's Best," Bruce's list of the most photogenic hockey players. The list, with Bennett's comments, follows:

1. CHARLIE SIMMER: "I'll never forget when Simmer was with the Kings and I was taking pictures of him. Charlie, as usual, was very co-operative, but the best part was when Marcel Dionne walked by and said the reason why Simmer was such a good subject was that Charlie's wife once posed as a *Playboy* centerfold."

2. RANDY CARLYLE: "He has a nice and easy smile. He's a nice and easy guy."

3. DON MALONEY: "The man is very natural."

4. WAYNE GRETZKY: "I've shot him many times but I'll never forget one occasion when Wayne was in a great hurry. In spite of that he went through every contortion and every pose that I requested. He's very easy to work with."

5. BILL SMITH: "Despite the negative image he has—an unfair one—he's always accommodating."

6. RON DUGUAY: "Believe it or not, he's shy and this shyness was evident when we did our shoot. Nevertheless, Ron came across very warmly in the picture."

BOOBY PRIZE: TIGER WILLIAMS: "I once did a magazine centerfold with Tiger. He was brief and had an unpleasant demeanor!"

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