



Time Out

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Vierumäki Face of the Day



Nathan jumped at the chance.

"It was tough in the beginning because compared to Australia, the people are quiet and not as happy," says Nathan.

But soon, he was learning the Czech language and fitting in well with his team.

"The level of hockey was really high in the beginning, but after awhile you start to get used to it."

Each day, one player at the 2009 IIHF Hockey Development Camp will be featured as the Camp's Player of the Day. Today, Team Yellow's Nathan Walker from Australia is highlighted.

Like the movie, Team Yellow's Nathan Walker is the Transformer of the camp.

The Australia native started playing Inline Hockey when he was just four years old. Soon the game on wheels wasn't fast enough for the powerful defenseman so he made the transition to ice hockey, a rarity in Australia.

Soon Nathan was a standout on his ice hockey team, so much so, that when a coach from the Czech Republic was in Australia as a guest coach, he asked Nathan if he would be interested in playing in the top hockey nation. Of course

This fall, Nathan will begin his third season in the Czech Republic. During the summer, he always goes home to Australia, where he morphs into a rugby player.

"It's a lot like hockey, only no equipment. For me hockey is a little more interesting because it's a faster game."

At the end of the summer, Nathan leaves his rugby teammates behind and heads back to the ice.

"Most of my friends think it's pretty cool that I play hockey in the Czech Republic. It's not something too many people do."

And in the future, Nathan hopes to have one last transformation, becoming a professional hockey player in the NHL or another top league.

Two Minutes in the Box

Today's Highlights:

Only one more day of action is left on the ice. While the players are getting tired from all the games and practices, they are still working hard for wins.

Saturday's Weather:

Things will be a little warmer and sunnier on the last day of camp. Expect a high of about 21.



Global Game: Bosnia

Bosnia and Herzegovina, or a shorter BIH is a budding hockey nation with six participants at this year's camp, including two players. The country has only 60 players and has played at a few Division III qualification tournaments, but with such a small pool, it is difficult to keep a national team in tact. Still the country continues to plug along and hopes to be able to field a national team on a consistent basis.

Question of the Day

Every day, there will be a trivia question in the newsletter. Answers can be given in the entry box at the Kiosk (snack bar). Yesterday's winner is **Christoph Duller of Team Red** (the answer was 1995). You can pick up your prize at the camp office.

Today's Question

The IIHF has an Inline Hockey World Championship each year. Which northern nation won this year?

THE LEADERS OF THE PACK

It's tough to define just what exactly the Coaching and Technical Directors are working on at this year's camp in Vierumäki, because virtually everything falls under their umbrella.

The group is made up of adults from smaller to middle hockey nations that are here to learn the best ways to create and maintain hockey development programs. The lessons they learn here will be taken home and used in all corners of the world. The group essentially starts from the technical side, which involves the building and creation of ice rinks.

But once those rinks are in place, there needs to be a plan for who will use the ice and how to create the best hockey development programs with the resources available, which are sometimes very limited.

The group has interacted with virtually every other group in Vierumäki. They have worked with the Learn to Play group to develop basic drills and practice plans for beginning teams and have works with the mentor coach group to gain insight into the top coaching techniques. In addition, they have watched

the games and the players in action on the ice and during the off-ice practices.

In the classroom, experts from some of the top hockey nations have provided valuable resources for the students to take home and use in their budding hockey programs.

But the best part of the day comes in evening when the group hops onto the ice when it is free and plays a little pick-up hockey. After all practice makes perfect and that's what the CD-TD group is aiming for.

On the Ice: Meet Team Yellow

Team Players:

USA	Izyk Dalton	G
GER	Cüpper Marvin	G
SWE	Folin Niklas	D
DEN	Pallesen Jesper	D
HUN	Korbuly Gergely	D
JPN	Hashimoto Jun	D
AUS	Walker Nathan	D
POR	El-Zein Youssef	D
CZE	Faksa Radek	F
NOR	Medby Endre	F
GBR	Adams Ryan	F
BLR	Gavrus Arthur	F
NED	Verreijen Joey	F
CRO	Sakic Marko	F
EST	Terna Martin	F
SRB	Mikuljanac Milos	F
TUR	Gökalp Solak	F

FIN	Merikivi Lauri (mentor)
CZE	Petr Jakub (coach)
AUT	Werfring Dieter (coach)
POR	Silva Helder (coach)
FIN	Salmela Janne (coach)
UKR	Sysyuk Vadym (manager)
MDA	Bulici Vladimir (equipment)

Team Schedule / Results:

July 5	vs. Green	W 5-4
July 6	vs. Maroon	W 10-4
July 7	vs. Teal	W 4-3
July 9	vs. Red	18:30
July 10	vs. Blue	16:45
July 11	vs. Black	16:45



PHOTO OF THE DAY: With four wins, Team Yellow can afford to be a little cocky. Little did they know when they started the camp that they would live up to their team motto of 'shoot, pass, kick their a***'. Here the team helpfully demonstrates their motto.

About the Team:

Team Yellow is on a mission, to stay undefeated at this year's camp. So far, so good. With two shootout wins and two regulation victories, the Yellow team has had great success on the ice. It is only fitting that their team motto is the feisty 'Shoot, pass, kick their...' well, you can figure the rest out. The bulk of the team hail from European nations, only three are from overseas, including U.S. goaltender Izyk Dalton. Along with German goalkeeper Marvin Cüpper, the two have been kept busy with all the shootout games, but it makes no difference to the tired duo as long as they keep on piling up the victories.

Game Results

Below are the game results from the previous day's games.

Team Red 1, Team Yellow 7

It was the fourth straight win for undefeated yellow with their largest margin of victory yet. The loss was the Red team's third straight as they will look to end camp on a high note in the last two days.

Team White 6, Team Green 4

In the battle of the beatens, Team White came away with bragging rights after a 6-4 win. It was the first win for White. For Green, its back to the drawing board after suffering a handful of close losses. The team has two more chances to pick up a win.

Team Black 2, Maroon 3

Team Maroon is on a roll, earning their second straight win with a close 3-2 victory against a strong black team. It was the first loss for black, which can still finish at the top of the standings with a strong last two days.

Team Blue 6, Team Teal 4

Team Blue continued to be one of the stronger teams on the ice with their third win at the camp. The two-goal loss dropped Teal's record to an even 2-2.



I feel like I have so much to teach you and so little time! Since you all are learning all about hockey, I thought you might like to learn some hockey words that you can use back home to impress people. Enjoy!

I am a champion = Minä olen mestari
My team is the best = Minun joukkueeni on paras
I am the best player = Olen paras pelaaja