

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Seafood Industry,

Re. The 2017 NFI/SIRF Hockey Game for the Mark Leslie Living Tribute Fund

Dear NFI Members:

Once again for the third out of the last four years, the Gorton Cup went into overtime with Seafax squeaking out a 5-4 win over the NFI in a very exciting fundraising game for the Seafood Industry Research Fund held at Harvard University on March 20<sup>th</sup>. For the most part, it was a close-checking, hard-nosed game that featured outstanding play by both goalies, Howard Bloom of Seafax and Fred Torrisi of the NFI.



The NFI jumped out to a 1-0 lead early in the 1<sup>st</sup> period on a hard shot by Will Stoner of Preferred Freezer off a nifty pass from his associate at Preferred, Ryan Martin. Oddly enough, before they got off the ice on that shift, Seafax scored two goals in 30 seconds to take the lead, one by the slick-skating Adam Rousseau of Bristol Seafood in Maine and the second off the stick of Andy Mecs of Starkist.

In the second period, Seafax went up by the score of 3-1 when Jason Hamilton scored a nifty goal after Seafax had applied tremendous pressure in the NFI's defensive zone. However, John McGeough of Newport International playing for NFI shortly thereafter managed to tighten up the game to 3-2 with some fancy stick handling and a shot under the crossbar that eluded Seafax's very stingy goalie, Howard Bloom. But Adam Rousseau's second goal of the evening late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period gave Seafax another two-goal cushion to make the score 4-2.



For a good part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> period, Seafax bottled up the NFI in its own end with tenacious forechecking. However, the young and speedy Joe Lyons of the NFI finally blew down the left wing boards and scored on a wide angle shot to bring the NFI to within one goal of Seafax again. It stayed this way right until the last 30 seconds of the game when John McGeough patiently worked the puck down deep before feeding Will Stoner a centering pass which he redirected for the tying goal, forcing the overtime.

Early in the OT before the NFI could get the tired John McGeough back on the ice, Adam Rousseau worked the puck down low and then fed Joel Harvey of Bellingham Cold Storage playing for Seafax with a nice pass for the game winning goal and a 5-4 hard-fought victory for Seafax.

We managed to complete this year's game without injury to anyone including John Connelly, our head ref and his linesman and assistant referee, Steve Burke.



The best news is that with the funds raised through the hockey game in addition to Russ Mentzer's SIRF direct mail campaign and the Global Aquaculture Alliance's (GAA) efforts, the Mark Leslie Living Tribute Fund has become the highest grossing named fund of all time with the total in excess of \$72,400 with more donations and pledges continuing to be received. The success of the fund is certainly a testament to the high degree of respect and admiration that our industry holds for Mark Leslie.



It was also most appropriate that Mark was present at the game to drop the first puck along with Wally Stevens of GAA. The evening certainly turned out to be an enjoyable and meaningful one for all participants.

Sincerely,

Mike Gorton (NFI) & Jim Bonnvie (Seafax)

# 2017 NFI / Seafax Hockey Rosters

## **NFI /USA/ WHITE TEAM**

Mike Gorton - Captain / SG & Co.

Ryan Martin - Preferred Freezers

William Stoner - Preferred Freezers

Carl Hampe 'C' - Ipswich Maritime Products

Steve Mannarino

Nat Gorton

Darren McGinnis

Joe Lyons

Pete Taussig

John McGeough - Newport Intl.

Matt Tenaglia - Preferred Freezers

Doug Lyons

Jim O'Hanley

George 'Chags' Chagnon

Goalie - Fred Torrisi

## **SEAFAX/CANADA/RED**

Jim Bonnvie - Captain

Jason Hamilton - Seafax

Patrick Maloney - Maloney S/F

Chris Shea

Andy Mecs - Starkist

Adam Rousseau - Bristol Seafood

Kyle Monahan

Nolan Russ - Ready Seafood

Joel Harvey - Bellingham Cold Storage

Kevin Joy - Seafax

Todd Clark - Endeavor S/F

Ken Lundberg

Rob Junkin

Andy Raynor - GAA

Tom Morss

## **Goalie**

Howard Bloom

## **Referees**

John Connelly - NFI

Steve Burke

## **Photographer**

Gail Hannagan

## **Dropping the Puck**

Wally Stevens

Mark Leslie