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With over 15 years of equipment managing experience, Peter Bureaux has his eyes set on the prize. After several seasons spent hauling gear for the Dayton Bombers, Bureaux moved up to the AHL, where he currently works as head equipment manager for the 6-time Calder Cup winning Rochester Americans. Interested in potentially landing a future gig with an NHL team, Bureaux spent time at the Florida Panthers' training camp last season.

THN: During games what is your biggest responsibility?

PB: Making sure the guys have everything they need and making sure they get their equipment quickly so they don't have any excuses.

THN: Leading up to a game, what are you responsible for?

PB: Before a game we make sure the players have whatever it is they need and that their skates are done and ready. Practice days are more relaxed.

THN: Could you pinpoint some of the more stressful aspects of the job?

PB: When we're on the road we take a bus most

of the time and it can be difficult, like when we play three games in three nights. Even when we fly it's tough because certain airlines can get picky about what we can bring with us.



PETER BUREAUX
EQUIPMENT
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THN: Any bizarre equipment requests from players?

PB: One guy wanted to wear number 99...it didn't go over so well.

THN: What was your biggest challenge?

PB: Biggest challenge was having three owners in four years in Dayton. Bills weren't getting paid and equipment was tough to come by.

THN: Are you looking to eventually move up to the NHL?

PB: For sure I'd like to move up, like everyone else I want to get to the top level of what I'm doing.

THN: Anything about the Blademaster system that makes the job easier?

PB: Definitely the customer service is great and the products are top notch. It's all I've ever used and it's definitely a good machine.

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