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Lepire champion again with Remparts

Rénauld Lepire, equipment manager for the 2006 Memorial Cup champion Quebec Remparts, had the best seat in the house to watch his team capture its first Canadian major junior championship since 1971. The Remparts, coached last year by owner and NHL legend Patrick Roy, defeated the Moncton Wildcats to lay claim to junior hockey supremacy. We caught up with the 61-year-old Lepire to chat about his career and the Remparts:

THN: How long have you been an equipment manager and how long have you worked for the Quebec Remparts?

RL: I've been an equipment manager since 1987 and I've been with the Remparts for four years now.

THN: Before the Remparts, what teams did you work for?

RL: I've worked with a number of teams in a number of different leagues. I was the equipment manager for the St. Foye Gouverneurs when we won the 2001 Air Canada Cup for the national midget level championship.

THN: How did it feel like to win the Memorial Cup?

RL: Everyone was very happy, very excited.

THN: How did the team respond to Remparts coach Patrick Roy last year?

RL: Everybody appreciated what Patrick did for us. We had a good year. The players really liked him and took to him.

THN: Tell us about last year's tournament MVP and Nashville Predators prospect Alexander Radulov.

RL: He's a very quick learner. He is

very competitive and he adapts quickly. Nashville fans should expect a very good player. He should have no problem adjusting to the game up there.

THN: Everyone is keeping tabs on Angelo Esposito, who is expected to go very high in next year's draft. Tell us a little about him.

RL: He's developing his skills really quickly. He's more solid this year, he's gained weight and strength. When he's on the ice, you can tell he's giving his best and then some.

THN: How is training camp and pre-season going?

RL: It is going very well. Everyone who has been invited is getting along

really well. I'm really impressed by the players we have this year.

THN: Are players today more demanding when it comes to their equipment?

RL: Yes they are, more so than in the past. They are very particular, especially about their skates. When it comes to sharpening, they each have their own little way they like things. The technology of skates has really changed over the years and the quality has improved.



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