

FROM THE CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS LOCKER ROOM

PARCHMAN ENJOYING 16TH SEASON WITH BLACKHAWKS

Troy Parchman went from spending late-nights stenciling the University of Saskatchewan football team's logo on their helmets in the '80s to having his name stenciled on hockey's Holy Grail a season ago. Now in his 16th season as the equipment manager for the Chicago Blackhawks, Parchman has plied his trade at Olympics and World Championships, but nothing compares to the thrill of a Cup drive.

THN: What was the atmosphere like around the team during the playoff run, are players overly superstitious with their gear that time of year?

TP: It was neat to go through that and just be a fly on the wall. Just to hear the guys talk, they were pretty calm. Before overtime in game 6 against Philadelphia everybody was fine, nobody was panicking – even though I was running around like crazy. But nobody was really superstitious, they were very confident in what they were doing.

THN: How does the experience of a Stanley Cup run compare to working on the international stage?

TP: Winning the Stanley

Cup totally changes your life. It justifies and reinforces everything you do and that seems to give you more confidence. The '91 World Championships was great too, it was the first time I worked with



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pros and that was quite the experience. It was my most memorable moment before the Stanley Cup.

THN: Having worked in football and hockey, what are some of the biggest differences in the duties of an

equipment manager?

TP: There's not as much equipment in football. There's so much more gear in hockey, you have to stay on it; it always seems like there is something that needs to be repaired.

THN: You currently use the Blademaster skate sharpening system with the Hawks and used it internationally, what separates it apart from the competition?

TP: It's all I've ever used; they've always taken good care of me. Everything works great and it's built to last and that makes my job a lot easier. I still use the old ruby stone model, but they've got a lot of neat new stuff out that I look forward to trying out.

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