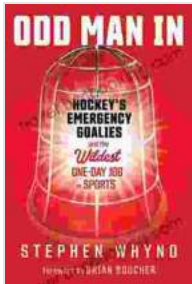


Hockey's Emergency Goalies: The Wildest One-Day Job in Sports



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The world of professional hockey is filled with stories of extraordinary skill, grit, and determination. But amidst the elite athletes and thunderous crowds, there exists a unique and often overlooked group of individuals who embody the true spirit of the game: emergency goalies.

Emergency goalies are typically everyday people with little or no hockey experience. They are teachers, firefighters, students, or even fans in the stands who are called upon in the most unexpected and urgent of circumstances.

A Day to Remember

The life of an emergency goalie takes an extraordinary turn when they receive the call that a team is in need. With little time to prepare, they must don their borrowed gear and step into the crease.

For some, it is a moment of adrenaline and excitement. For others, it can be a daunting task filled with nerves and uncertainty. But regardless of their initial feelings, emergency goalies always rise to the challenge, fulfilling their responsibility with unwavering determination.



Unforgettable Stories

The annals of hockey history are filled with countless tales of emergency goalies who have made an indelible mark on the game.

- **Scott Foster**, a Zamboni driver, stepped in for the Chicago Blackhawks in 1987 and made 35 saves, leading his team to a 4-3 victory.
- **Darren Pang**, a TV commentator, played goal for the St. Louis Blues in 1991 and stopped 17 of 20 shots, earning a 2-1 overtime victory.

- **Tom Webster**, a 49-year-old accountant, saved 25 of 30 shots and earned a 3-1 win for the Dallas Stars in 1998.

These are just a few examples of the many emergency goalies who have demonstrated incredible resilience and courage in the face of adversity.

A Special Bond

Emergency goalies form a unique and unbreakable bond with the teams they help. Despite being temporary members, they are forever etched into the memories of players, coaches, and fans.

Their contributions are not limited to the ice. Emergency goalies often inspire their teams and provide a much-needed morale boost during challenging times.



A Labor of Love

While emergency goalies receive a token payment for their service, their main motivation is the love of the game. They willingly give up their time and put their bodies on the line to help their beloved sport.

Their selfless acts deserve our admiration and respect. They remind us that true sportsmanship is not defined by athletic ability, but by the willingness to step up and make a difference.

Hockey's emergency goalies are a testament to the unpredictable and captivating nature of sports. They embody the essence of resilience, dedication, and the indomitable spirit that drives every hockey fan.

The next time you witness an emergency goalie taking to the ice, remember that you are witnessing something truly extraordinary. They are not just ordinary people filling a role; they are heroes who step into the spotlight when it matters most.

To learn more about the fascinating world of hockey's emergency goalies, I highly recommend the book "Hockey Emergency Goalies: The Wildest One-Day Job in Sports" by John Feinstein. This captivating read delves into the stories and experiences of these unsung heroes, offering an unforgettable glimpse into the heart and soul of the game we love.

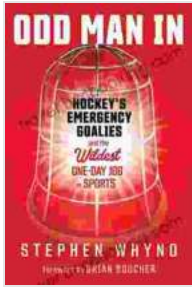
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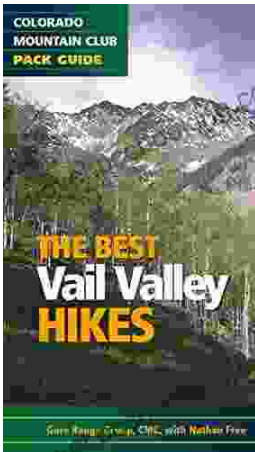
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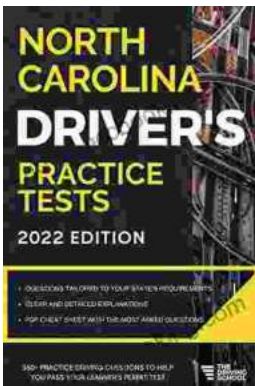


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