

A lucky shot for a Bruins fan

By Chelsea Bengier

Going to see a hockey game means more than an arena filled with people and an ice rink. It is more than a puck and some players. For Bostonians it is hard to live in the city without feeling the surge of energy emanating from the sports fans. The Bruins may be just a team, but for fans worldwide, they're an inspiration. This drive brought the Bruins and hundreds of fans to Vancouver for game seven of the Stanley Cup Championship.

Bill Sarro, owner of Fresh Catch in Mansfield, and his eleven year old son, Will, joined the celebrations in Vancouver and watched their own amazing story unfold.

"I took my son to a couple of the games and I told him if they won game six, then we'd go to game seven," Sarro said.

Beat them they did: winning 5-2 in game six, the Bruins cemented Sarro's decision to go to the final game.

Although the Sarros were set to fly out of Logan on Tuesday, their plane was delayed and changed from stopping in Minnesota to laying over in New York. While most delayed flights are the cause of missed meetings



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and additional frustrations, this delayed flight gave Sarro and his son the chance of a lifetime. On the trip to New York, Will quickly befriended two young guys.

"We were looking for tickets because we didn't have tickets on the way out there and one of the guys said, 'Call my buddy and tell him Sully sent you.' We then realized that the two guys were the Green Guys, without their uniforms, who came out to see the Bruins game," Sarro said.

"We hung out with them the whole trip out there and during

the game we went down and saw them. It was pretty cool."

The Green Guys have become a YouTube and TV phenomenon for their random dancing and hysteria during Canucks hockey games. They stand around the opponent's penalty box, trying to distract the player by wearing bright green spandex suits that cover their entire bodies and mask their identities.

The streets were plastered with people, mostly Vancouver fans, pre-partying before the game. The crowd was pretty rough during the day, Sarro said.

"Before the game they closed the streets down at ten and everyone was just out in the streets partying," Sarro said. "My son and I were walking down and they were heckling us because we had our Bruins hats on, not even our Bruins shirts,



Will Sarro stands next to Bruins' Dennis Seidenberg

just our hats!"

After being harassed by the opposing fans, Sarro decided to take a side street detour and catch a cab to get something to eat by the water. Much to their surprise, the hotel beside the restaurant was the Bruins hotel. Walking over and not expecting anything, Sarro and his son were amazed to find the Bruins lounging around on the main level, with no security, getting ready before the game. The bus pulled up and David Krejci got on while the rest of the players hopped into cabs to go to the game.

"It's amazing! Zdeno Chara, one of the best defenseman in the world, jumped into the cab,



Will Sarro meets one of the Green Guys in Vancouver.

his head hitting the ceiling, and the guy driving is wearing a Canucks jersey, taking him to game seven of the Stanley Cup Final," Sarro said. "I've never seen anything like it."

The Sarro's streak of luck continued when they found that their seats were ten rows from the rink. Sarro saw every goal with the best view in the stadium. The arena shook as the Bruins took home their first Stanley Cup since 1972 and Sarro joined in the enthusiasm, staying until the very end.

"After the game, everyone was cheering," Sarro said. "Once 'Love That Dirty Water' came on everyone was allowed to go down on the ice, all the Bruins fans, probably 150 to 200. It was great."

Unfortunately, Vancouver did not take their loss well. After the final score, rioting broke out in the streets. Boston fans had to take their Bruins gear off and Sarro recalled one entrance had a car on fire thirty feet from it.



Zdeno Chara greets two young Bruins fans before the game at the Boston Garden.



The Bruins hoist the Stanley Cup at the Rogers Arena in Vancouver.



Zdeno Chara, left, hangs out with his teammates outside the Bruin's hotel in Vancouver.

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They had to go to the back entrance, where the Bruins team bus was and wait for a cab to take them back to their hotel. The cab ride which would have taken less than half an hour, turned out to be a three hour trip due to the police road blocks.

"We were stopped at a red light and they were running toward us trying to tip

our taxi over and trash cans were lit on fire right next to us," Sarro said. "It was crazy."

Although the rioting was shockingly violent and chaotic, it only emphasized the impact of the Bruin's winning season. Suspense built with every game, inviting fans and apathetic viewers both to encourage and support the Bruins. While angry flames licked the trash cans of Vancouver Canucks fans, Bruins buffs rejoiced in the refreshingly cool pleasure of the underdog team that finally brought home the Stanley Cup.



Rioters run amok after game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals between the Canucks and the Boston Bruins in Vancouver on June 15.

Letters

to the editor



To the Editor,

After a long, long time away the Stanley Cup has finally come home! Long suffering fans have rejoiced!

To recognize a group of truly gifted athletes, not to mention down to earth regular guys, the City of Boston held a well-deserved victory parade on Saturday June 18. The City Fathers asked that fans take public transportation to the parade to prevent massive traffic and parking gridlock. As New England sports fans always do they listened and lined up for the trains.

Unfortunately, on the Providence to Boston line, the number of fans opting for the train far outstripped the capacity of the trains. The question of why the "T" did not deploy double deck trains on these runs I'll leave for another day. Trains came in to Mansfield station with very limited remaining capacity and had to leave after picking up only a relative few new passengers. Hundreds were left behind. In the end the "T" did turn a train around in Boston and finally, at ten thirty, took the last group of fans into Boston.

I was there, in uniform, with my officers

and we all spoke with many very unhappy people. They made a very convincing case that they felt let down but the shortage of train capacity.

The real purpose of this letter is not to criticize the "T" but to praise the fans and the train crews. The train crews were dealing with a very tough situation and were, in fact, the face of the "T" for those persons trying to get to Boston. The crews were professional and cool headed and conducted themselves in a praiseworthy manner. The fans, as Boston fans do, let it be known that they were not happy but they did it in a polite manner realizing that neither the police nor the working train crews were the cause of their problem.

The conduct of those fans is to be commended and, with this letter, I do so.

They made me, and my police officers, even more proud to be fans of the Boston Bruins all of New England Sports Teams.

To the Bruins and to the fans, thank you and well done!

Arthur M. O'Neill
Chief of Police

Mansfield Police Department

Mansfield Adventure winners



Jim Vaughn (center) with Team Monticello (left to right: Monica, Julia, Mary and Jim Monticello)

The Monticello family raced to a 1st place finish ahead of 10 other teams at the Mansfield Adventure, a fundraising event hosted by Mansfield's Downtown Business Association (DBA).

The Adventure scavenger hunt through Mansfield's downtown business area required teams to decipher clues directing them to local landmarks, businesses, and historic sites. On 21 May, 11 teams competed for individual prizes, donations to their favorite non-profit organizations, and a chance to take Adventure bragging rights away from the 2010 championship team of Jay & Debbie Barrows.

For their winning effort, Team Monticello received a \$250 check donated by Barrows Insurance for the Borgess Diabetes Center. The Monticellos also received a 1st place prize packet that included a variety of prizes & gift certificates donated by DBA members and event sponsors.

Not far behind the Monticellos in this fun and highly competitive event, Team Bauer, representing the Mansfield Animal Shelter, and Team Normand, representing the North Attleborough Animal Shelter, finished tied for 2nd place. Members of

these teams also got to share a prize packet in addition to receiving donations to both animal shelters.

Other teams, competing on behalf of Susan G Koman Race for the Cure, Garden Club of Mansfield, Relay for Life, the Jimmy Fund, Celebrate Diversity Scholarship Fund, and Town of Mansfield, also received donations.

Jim Vaughn, the event organizer, said the Adventure was designed to attract people to Mansfield's downtown business area, contribute to local causes, and provide a fun and educational activity for all ages. It's also a fantastic way for neighbors to meet, and to get some fresh air & exercise while doing so.

Sponsors of the Adventure, who collectively contributed several hundred dollars worth of gifts and prizes were Advantage Appliance, Angie's Alterations, Artiste Gallery, Aunt Aleda's Bakery, Barrows Insurance, Casey O'Conor's, Kristi Johnston Artworks, Mansfield Eye Care, Mangia Bene, My Town Adventure, Stan's Barber Shop, Sun Kissed Tans, The PRO'S Care Care Complex, and True Value Hardware.