



1. RON WILSON IS A SCREAMER.

BUT NOT AT US. "Coach doesn't yell at players. He yells at the assistants. More efficient, I guess. He can yell at a coach, who'll tell the forwards or whatever. Saves having to yell at a bunch of guys."

2. MARCEL GOC IS A CHEATER.

"To pass time on plane rides, we all play SOCOM on PSP. You can have 12 guys playing at once. Marcel Goc is the best player. I think he has cheat codes. I see him going on the computer, downloading stuff. I'll catch him one of these days."

3. CURTIS BROWN IS A POLITICIAN.

"He might run for prime minister one day, on the peace and love platform. I'll be his campaign manager. He's honest, so that might throw a wrench into it. Our first issue will be getting rid of practices like the one we had today—nothing but hard skating. But we'd work to eliminate suffering for all Canadian people."

4. SCOTT HANNAN IS A LADY-

KILLER. "I can't tell you how many 'I Love You, Scott' and 'Marry Me, Scott' posters I see. And he also gets a lot of marriage proposals. None of us can figure out why. He never shuts up. And he seems to be stuffing his face all the time."

5. DOUG MURRAY HAS ISSUES.

"He's the worst snorer and also the worst driver. Always in a hurry. Not the good kind, where you get there on time; the bad kind, where you're afraid for your life."

6. PATRICK MARLEAU IS A PRINCE.

"He's always picking up the tab. Not just dinners, but other things, like movies. Always throwing his card down. He also has the best sense of direction."

7. SCOTT PARKER IS SCARY ...

"Our best fighter. You never know what he'll do, which is the beauty about a guy like that. We feel bigger when he's on the ice. Last year he did a nice thing in Nashville. He climbed the glass, which is strange, but it got the fans going. Even on the road, it's more fun when the fans get into it."

8. ...BUT JOSH GORGES ISN'T.

"Really sensitive young man, ready to give you a hug anytime you feel down. He's just concerned about his teammates. He also watches chick flicks. *The Notebook* is his favorite. And he's secure in that."

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