

Locals enjoy family hockey event at The Bog

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On Sunday, Nov. 21, at The Bog Ice Arena in Kingston, the legends of the Boston Bruins Alumni took on a top-shelf team of regionally ranked hockey players in a fundraiser game to benefit The Great Blizzards of Massachusetts Special Hockey, also known as The Great Blizz.

Plymouth resident and the group's executive director Steve Nearman has been organizing this event with the Bruins Alumni for the last two years.

The Great Blizz, in its third year, is a team for any-

body who cannot be on any other team. Players range in age from 5 to 35, all genders and skating backgrounds, with cognitive, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

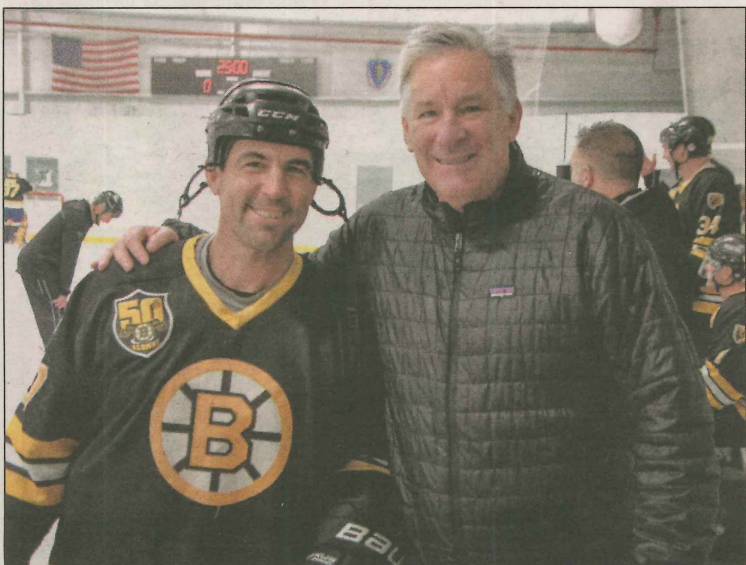
Proceeds from this game fund expensive ice time, equipment and uniforms and travel to tournaments in and out of state.

Two of Duxbury's hometown heroes, Mike Mottau and Pat Leahy, were also part of the Boston Bruins Alumni.

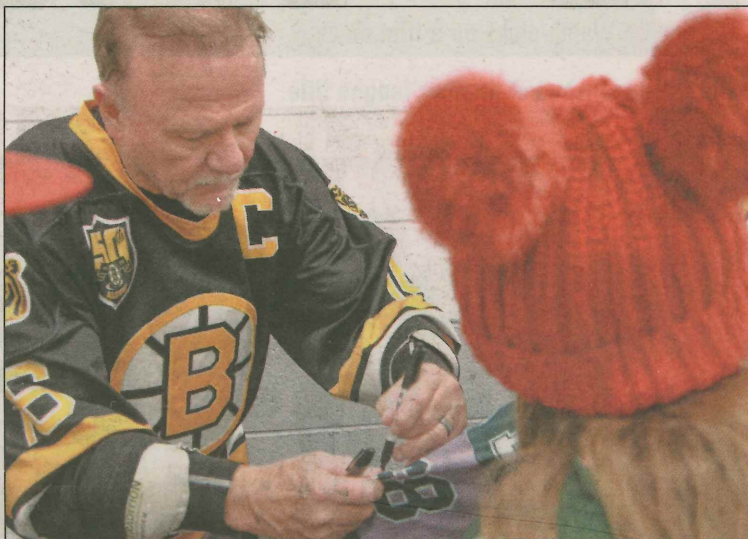
"We love to support and promote a great cause and event like this whenever we can," said Dan Martin, Duxbury Youth Hockey President.



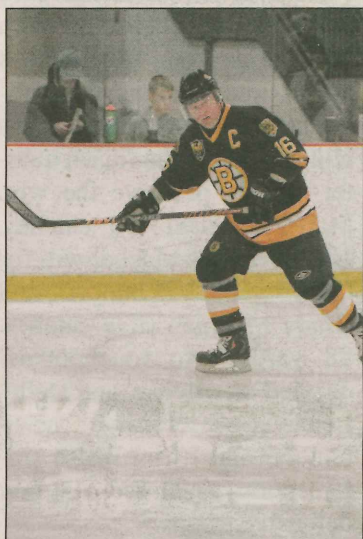
Members of the Bruins Alumni, Great Blizzards and Dave Silk pose for a group photo.



Mike Mottau and Dave Silk, two South Shore hockey legends, share a moment.

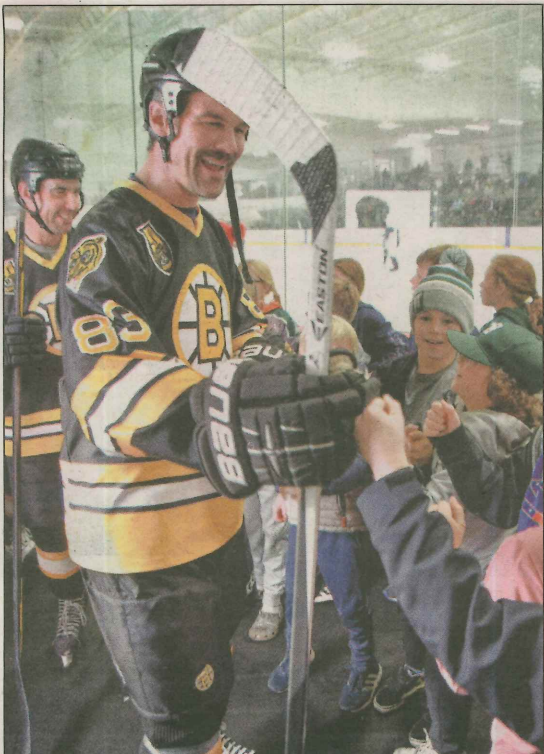


Rick Middleton signs the jersey of a young Duxbury and Bruins fan.



Boston Bruins Alumni Captain Rick "Nifty" Middleton looks as smooth as ever.

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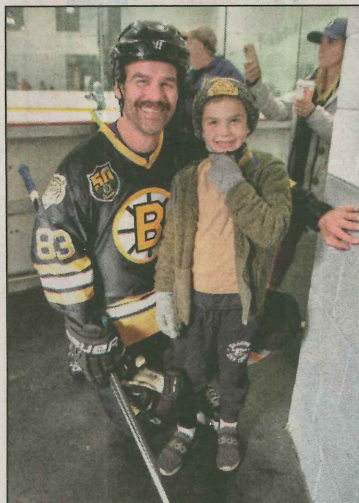
Mike Mottau and Pat Leahy share smiles, high-fives and fist bumps with fans, including many from Duxbury.



Duxbury's Mike Mottau with one of his biggest fans, his daughter Brooke.



Scituate native Dave Silk, a member of the 1980 gold medal USA men's hockey team, was on hand Sunday to drop the ceremonial first puck.



Duxbury's Pat Leahy smiles alongside his son, Clive.



Pat Leahy goes top shelf.



Duxbury resident Mike Mottau played hockey at Boston College and was the recipient of the Hobey Baker Award for top men's collegiate hockey player during his senior season. He went on to a great career in the NHL, including playing for the Bruins.