

FROM THE NEW YORK ISLANDERS LOCKER ROOM

Boggs gears up the Islanders

With over 20 years in the business, Scott Boggs, now in his third season as equipment manager for the New York Islanders, knows his way around a locker room. The Halifax native, who now calls New York home, offered THN a look into his life and experience with the new, young Isles.

THN: What's the best thing about working in New York?

SB: Just working in the NHL more than anything. I'd work in any NHL city if possible. The best thing about New York I'd say is some of the travel we avoid, with the teams being so close together.

THN: There's a new 'buzz' around the team this season, what do you think is the main reason for that?

SB: Obviously John Tavares and the other young guys we have coming in – Kyle Okposo, Josh Bailey, Bruno Gervais, Jack Hillen – we have some good young guys coming in and the team is going in the right direction.

THN: What's it like

watching young stars like John Tavares and Matt Moulson every night?

SB: It's a lot of fun because you're a big part of it. You see young guys come up throughout the years and you get to



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watch them grow and it's a lot of fun.

THN: What's the favorite thing about your job?

SB: Well, I don't consider it a job. Being around hockey my whole life, I just enjoy every day coming to the rink because it's not always the same.

There's always something that comes up that needs to be addressed.

THN: Why do you like using the Blademaster?

SB: I love using it. Blademaster is one of the top machines in the business. We're happy with the one we have in our locker room. With the way the counter top is set up two people can sharpen at once, so if there's an emergency my assistant and I can prepare skates at the same time.

THN: What do you hope to take away from your experience as an equipment manager?

SB: Hockey is a great sport and the people are great, from the coaching staff to the players. Everyone is so down to earth.

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