

FROM THE WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS LOCKER ROOM

NO REST FOR RICHARDS IN PENGUINS LOCKER ROOM

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Teddy Richards has been with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins for nine years. After graduating college, he offered his services as a volunteer stick boy. He was then hired as an assistant equipment manager and four years later was named head equipment manager.

THN: Which player has the strangest superstitions with their equipment?

TR: Marquis Mathieu. I don't want to call him superstitious, but he was very high maintenance with his stuff, either socks being to thick or too thin. We had another guy, Dave Brown and he would be constantly checking his gear, it always had to go back a certain way.

THN: What is your favorite part of the job?

TR: The locker room atmosphere. Showing up each day, no two days are alike. Being part of a team, being inside the locker room, just the camaraderie, the guys,

getting to know players on a personal level.

THN: What is your career highlight so far?

TR: We made it to the Calder Cup final twice. Both times unfortunately we lost. I got to work an All-Star Game, that was awesome. Just being part



TEDDY RICHARDS
EQUIPMENT
MANAGER

of the Pittsburgh organization, being in Wilkes-Barre, having a great crowd each game.

THN: What made you decide to become an equipment manager?

TR: I played sports my whole life. I always

enjoyed the stuff that went on inside the locker room with the guys. Being an equipment manager gives me a chance to work at something that I really enjoyed doing.

THN: What makes the Blademaster such a good machine?

TR: When it comes to Blademaster if it's not broke don't fix it! Very reliable! I still have the old hand riveters. I just like the feel of each rivet, you know exactly what you're doing, it's the same with the skate machine. The machine I have at the rink is 11 years old, that thing is the Cadillac of machines.

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