

FROM THE ATLANTA THRASHERS LOCKER ROOM

STEWART INTO THIRD DECADE OF NHL CAREER

Bobby Stewart has been working in the NHL since 1973 when he started with the Atlanta Flames. He followed them in their move to Calgary where he witnessed their 1989 Stanley Cup triumph and stayed with the organization for 26 years. Now in his second tour of duty in Atlanta, the father of one is in his 11th year as the head equipment manager with the Thrashers.

THN: How did you get started in the National Hockey League?

BS: I started out in Montreal for the Jr. Canadiens. An opportunity to get a job in the NHL came in 1973 with the Atlanta Flames. A job in the NHL is a position that I've always wanted, so that's where I ended up.

THN: What would you say your career highlights are?

BS: In 1989 with Calgary when we won the Stanley Cup, that's the highlight as far as hockey goes.

THN: What players have you worked with have

had the strangest superstitions?

BS: I've had that question asked a lot, I've never had a real answer for it. I've heard stories from



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other managers of players with wacky demands, but nothing really comes to mind. Goalies are really in tune with their equipment, they put a lot of thought into it. Some

goalies can be pretty offbeat guys and I enjoy working with them.

THN: You've been in the industry for over 30 years, what sets Blademaster apart from other machines?

BS: It's worked well for so long, they've done a lot of work to enhance the machine over the years. The guys who work there are good guys, they've done research to keep improving the equipment. It doesn't change too often, but every new machine that comes out is better than the one before it.

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