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MAINE HOCKEY CHANT CHEAT SHEET

THE UNOFFICIAL

INTRODUCTION

Thanks for taking time out of your busy day to read this cheat sheet before you head out to the Alfond Arena for an exciting night of Black Bear hockey. Through this front page, you'll be able to know everything there is to know before heading out to the rink. The chants themselves will be on the back side.

WHAT TO WEAR?

JERSEYS: Black Bear hockey jerseys, either home or away and from any era, are fine. Generally speaking, you can purchase replica jerseys at the bookstore, at Bear Necessities in the concourse, and online through various outlets. Jerseys of former Black Bears who have since moved on to the pros are also passable. Non-Swayman Bruins jerseys are okay, but the jerseys mentioned above are more preferable.

T-SHIRTS: Anything with a UMaine logo is fine, however it is preferred to wear specific UMaine hockey apparel at the rink. However, if you just have a generic Black Bears shirt, or UMaine football or basketball apparel, that's fine too.

COATS: Take them off. Trust me - though Alfond Arena is, well, an ice arena, it can be abnormally hot inside.

PAT SHEA MERCH: Not only allowed, but encouraged. Shea Hydrated.

BUCCIGROSS MERCH: Discouraged. Besides, he's never released any merch in Maine colors. Odds are, you're probably wearing the UNH colorway. Gross.

VINTAGE MAINE-IAK SHIRTS: First off, where'd you find one? Second off, hell yeah, wear it with pride.

PRE-GAME

Most hockey games will start at 7pm, but sometimes due to scheduling or television obligations, they will start earlier. Be sure to check GoBlackBears.com for start time info.

SHOW UP EARLY! The doors at Alfond Arena now open 90 minutes prior to game time. Student seating in the balcony is limited, so get in line early if you want the best seats.

While the student section seating is mostly a free for all, be aware of the "reserved" seating.

The folks who carry the Sieve sign and Bernie, the referee dummy, sit in the front row of section JJ. The Naked 5, five guys who paint M-A-I-N-E on their chests and run a lap after every Black Bear goal sit a few rows behind them, near the aisle between JJ and KK.

The Screamin' Black Bear Pep Band takes up half of section HH, and will usually take their place when warmups are about to end.

YOUR JOB is to be loud, participating in chants, standing, and generally acting psychotic. You are to also follow the three pillars of student section behavior:

- 1.) Show up early. As referred to earlier, the gates at Alfond Arena open 90 minutes before game time. Try to be in your spot 30 minutes before puck drop to participate in all the pregame festivities.
- 2.) Stand during the game, and try not to check your phone. Watching the game and participating will make the section as a whole look and sound more impressive. Sitting during the intermission isn't generally frowned upon. Use this time to check your phone.
- 3.) Stay loud at all times. This is a given. Never be quiet. "Inside voices" are frowned upon at the Alfond.

WHAT'S A SIEVE?

"SIEVE" (PRONOUNCED: SIV)

- 1.) A mesh utensil which a substance is sifted or strained through.
- 2.) A bad, "leaky" goaltender that lets too many goals into his net, ultimately causing his own team to lose the game.

A sieve, in our usage (#2), is the most derogatory thing you can call an opposing goaltender without resorting to profanity. Our section will use this word a lot, as do many hockey student sections. So to speak, the word "Sieve!" and "Sieving the goaltender" is a college hockey-wide tradition.



WHO'S BERNIE?

BERNIE THE REFFIGY

Bernie started his life as a stuffed monkey in the claw machine of the local Denny's. After being won by a Hockey East official (reported to be John Gravellese), Bernie was gifted to the Maine-iaks that night. After which, Bernie took on his current form. You'll see Bernie make an appearance when the officials take to the ice, and when the Maine-iaks believe that the officiating crew is not doing their job well.



FINAL PREPARATIONS

So you've made it to your seat, and the band is in their spot after warmups have concluded. The band will proceed through their pregame setlist, which includes:

American Woman
Take on Me
Rock and Roll Pt. 2 (The Hey Song)
The theme song to Friends
Everytime We Touch
Livin' on a Prayer

If you've been to a game before, you probably know what to do during this time. But if you haven't, just do what everyone else is doing.

Afterwards, the lights will dim and a short video will play on the video board above center ice. Cheer when Bananas skates by, jeer when the refs skate by. At the conclusion of the video, the Black Bears will take to the ice, accompanied by the Stein Song.

THE STEIN SONG

Oh, fill the steins to dear old Maine
Shout till the rafters ring
Stand and drink a toast once again
Let every loyal Maine man sing
(Drink, Drink, Drink!)

Drink to all the happy hours
Drink to the careless days

Drink to Maine, our alma mater
The college of our hearts always
To the trees, to the sky, to the Spring and its glorious happiness
To the youth, to the fire, to the light that is moving and calling us
To the gods, to the fate, to the rulers of men and their destinies
To the lips, to the eyes, to the girls who will love us someday

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YOU SAID IT ALL

(usually played following the Stein Song)

When you say Maine, the northeast corner of the good ol' USA
When you say Maine, you're talkin' Kittery to Madawaska all the way
When you say Maine, you're talkin' rocky coasts, potato fields and spruce
When you say Maine, you gotta be careful when you're driving or you'll hit a **MOOSE!**

When you say Maine, talkin' Mahaney Diamond and Alumni Field
When you say Maine, at the Alford the poor (opposing team) will have to yield

**It may be ten below, under five feet of snow
No matter where you go, we all love Orono!**

WHEN YOU SAY MAINE BLACK BEARS, YOU SAID IT ALL!

I think I touched on most everything, but if I missed anything, feel free to chant along with it.

For more information on tonight's opponent (and sieves), and up-to-the-minute announcements, visit www.maineiaks.fans

PLAYER INTRODUCTIONS

After the players skate out onto the ice, it's time for the starting lineups.

The Opposition's players will be greeted as such:

Skater #1: So What!
Skater #2: Who Cares!
Skater #3: Big Deal!
Skater #4: What a Joke!
Skater #5: Looooooser!
Goalie: Sieve! Sieve! Sieve!

After the opposing team's players get introduced, the PA announcer will announce the Junior Captain of the game. Respectfully applaud, and wait for the band to go into the beat that accompanies our player introductions. Clap along with this beat, and cheer wildly when our players get introduced.

When our goalie is being introduced, bow down to him, as if he is a goaltending god we are not worthy to be in the presence of. After his name gets called out, look for a chant of the goalie's name, and proceed to chant it until it's time for the national anthem.

After the anthem, it's game time!



HEY, WE SCORED!!!

GENERIC CHANTS:

Let's Go Black Bears (clap, clap, clapclapclap)
Go Blue (clap,clap)
Let's Go Maine, Let's Go Maine
Defense! (clap,clap)

ONE MINUTE LEFT...

When there is one minute of play remaining, the PA Announcer will announce that there is "One minute, One minute remaining in the period." You should respond to that with a very loud "THANK YOU!" After which, the PA Announcer will respond with "You're welcome."

Rule of thumb: Heckling the opposition and the referees is encouraged, but be creative, and keep it within the boundaries of good taste. There are kids in the building, y'know?

THE OPPOSITION

WHEN THE OPPOSITION'S SIEVE TAKES HIS MASK OFF:
Ugly Goalie! (clap,clap,clapclapclap)

WHEN THE OPPOSITION'S SIEVE PUTS HIS MASK BACK ON: You're still ugly! (clap,clap,clapclapclap)

OPPOSITION TAKES A PENALTY:
Cheater, Cheater, Cheater... (repeat)
Hey buddy, You're outta here!

OPPOSITION HUDDLES AROUND THE NET BEFORE THE OPENING FACEOFF:
Or-gy! Or-gy! Or-gy! (repeat until huddle is broken)

THE SOCCER CHANT:

We are the UMaine boys!
We are the Blue and White!
And we will fight, fight, fight!
(insert random gibberish here)
Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!

The foghorn will be sounded from the catwalk above the ice, The band will play the Stein Song, and at the conclusion, start chanting "Sieve, Sieve, Sieve" until it devolves into unintelligible screaming. If a Black Bears player has scored three goals in one game, that's a hat trick! People will start throwing hats on the ice after this impressive feat.

BAND SPECIFIC CHEERS FOLLOWING THE MEXICAN HAT DANCE:

Ole!
Call: Jose!
Response: Cuervo!
Call: Who wants a shot?
Response: I do! (raise hand)
Call: (someone) is buying!
Response: *cheer wildly*

FOLLOWING THE MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL THEME:

Whoa! Dismount! (stomp, stomp)

FOLLOWING THE BAD TOUCH:
Sweat, baby, sweat!

STICK SALUTE

Following every game, win or loss, the team will do a lap around the ice, raising their sticks, and saluting the fans for coming out to the game. Stick around for this regardless of the result.

Hope this helps! Go Blue!