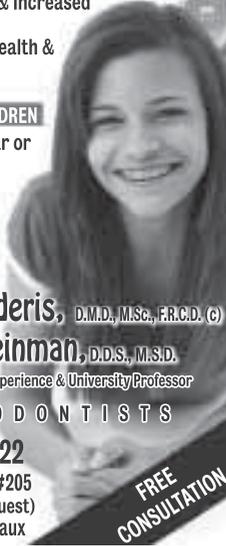


Pointe Claire's Bartlett a standout on Habs TV broadcasts

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Mike Cohen

If you have tuned into Montreal Canadiens regional television broadcasts on City or Sportsnet the past two seasons then you have no doubt enjoyed the excellent play by play work of Pointe Claire resident John Bartlett.

Montrealers first got to know Barlett when he was hired to handle the play by play duties for the Habs when TSN 690 first got their rights. It was then station general manager Wayne Bews, also of Pointe Claire, who knew that Bartlett was the right hire at the time. Three seasons into that gig he was hired by Rogers on the eve of the 2014-2015 season.

"It's been great," Toronto native Bartlett told me. "I've done more TV than radio in my career and always have enjoyed it. And I think we've been building something that has a big sense of pride for Habs fans. For the first time in Canadiens history, every game is now available on TV in English

and it's been great to be a part of building a new generation of Habs viewers. For years, you could only get one game a week, but now there will be kids growing up able to watch every single game in English. We've had very strong numbers that have continued to grow from



John Bartlett (left) seen here with the legendary Dick Irvin.

day one and we try to provide the best show we can for our viewers."

Bartlett, wife Abby and year and half old daughter Tessa, love life in Pointe Claire. In addition to calling the plays for Habs games, Bartlett has been part of some Hockey Night in Canada broadcasts. He will also be working on the American Hockey League Classic and some Canadian Women's Hockey League (CWHL) action.

"It's always special to work Hockey Night in Canada as it's a Canadian institution. I've always dreamed of working HNIC, so every chance I do is a dream come true."

RYNBEND KEEPS HABS HEALTHY: One busy man on the Habs staff is Pointe Claire native and present-day Dorval resident Graham Rynbend, the head athletic therapist. He is now in his 16th season in that post, after being assistant athletic therapist from 1997 to 2000. Prior to officially joining the team, he spent three years honing his professional skills working as a volunteer at all Canadiens home games. Rynbend graduated from Concor-

dia in 1991 with a Bachelor in Science (Athletic Therapy). After becoming a Certified Athletic Therapist in 1994, he earned a certification as Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS). Prior to working for the Canadiens, he spent two seasons as a member of the medical staff with the Montreal Machine of the World League of American Football. Before working with professional sports teams, he had five years of private practice at the Concordia Sports Medicine Centre.

PRESS BOX NOTES: I watched last Wednesday night's Habs-Devils game from the press box and picked up some interesting notes. Global TV's Billy Shields is a regular at Habs games these days, but you won't see him directly in any reports. He is conducting interviews with players in order to feed the national newsroom with material....Habs and TSN 690 play by play man Dan Robertson continues to do an outstanding job calling the plays, with former Habs Sergio Momesso handling colour. Dan still calls the Maritimes home, but resides in NDG during the season. Momesso grew up in NDG, but has lived in Pierrefonds for years... On a recent Habs road trip it seems defenceman PK Subban showed his generosity to teammates and staff. He picked up the tab for a nice dinner totalling a reported \$25,000... It was nice to talk to former Hab Peter Mahovlich between periods. He is now a scout for the Florida Panthers. ■

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Erratum: Mike Cohen's Top 16 Predictions

Due to a production error in last week's Suburban, two of columnist Mike Cohen's 16 fearless predictions for 2016 were left out. Here they are:

Number 15: Francois Legault quits as leader of the

Coalition Avenir Québec. Mario Dumont takes over.
Number 16: CJAD's Aaron Rand is named to the Senate of Canada along with Jonathan Goldbloom.

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residential, industrial and offices. In all, 142 townhouses and 182 stacked townhouses could

be developed with linking green spaces throughout the new development.

Residents were concerned about the potential increase

in traffic or construction woes during the project. A register could be set up if enough residents sign it, prompting a referendum on the project's future. ■

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