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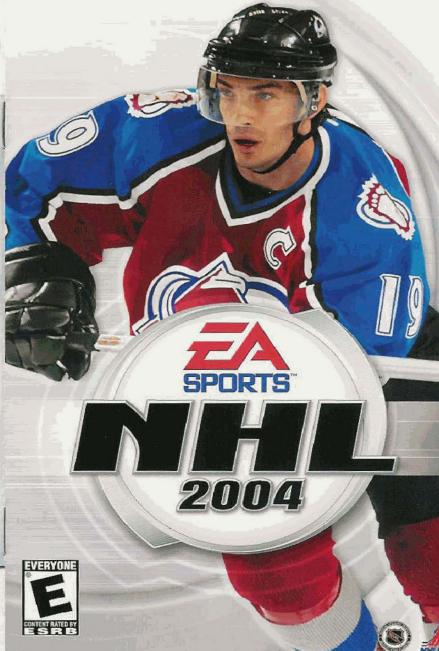












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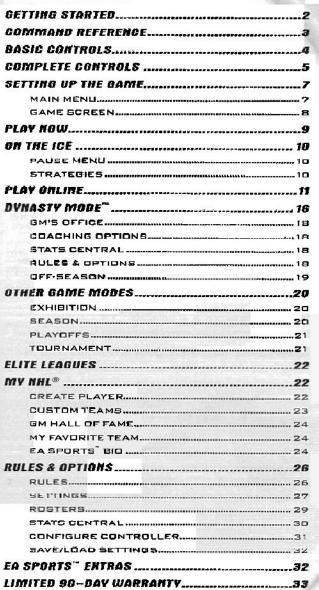
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HANDLING YOUR PLAYSTATION 2 FORMAT DISC:

- This disc is intended for use only with PlayStation 2 consoles with the NTSC U/C designation.
- * D(rush it, or submerge it in liquids.
- ♣ D(not leave to 1 direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
- . Be sure to take an occasional rest break during extended play.
- Keep this compact disc clean. Always hold the disc by the edges and keep it in its protective case when not in use, Clean the disc with a lint-free, soft, dry cloth, wiping in straight lines from center to outer edge. Never use solvents or abrasive cleaners.

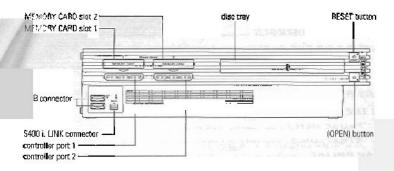
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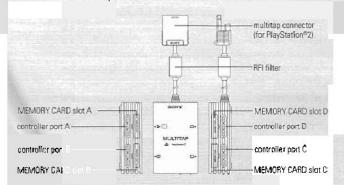
GETTING STARTED

PLAYSTATION®2 COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM



- Set up your PlayStation²² computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual
- 2. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located at the back of the console) is turned on.
- Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the open button and the disc tray will open.
- Place the NHL® 2004 disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the open button
 again and the disc tray will close.
- Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate.
- 6. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on

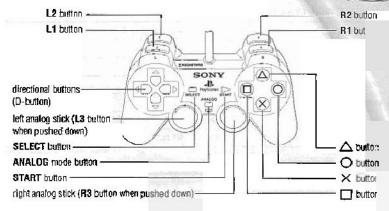
MOTE: When using the Multitap (for PlayStation®2), a controller must be connected to controller port 1-A.



COMMAND REFERENCE



DUALSHOCK[®]Z ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



MENU CONTROLS

tware

Highlight menu items	D-button 🌣
Cycle choices/Move sliders	D-button ⇔
Select/Go to next screen	⊗ button
Return to previous screen	♠ button
Change music track	R3 button



For more info about this and other titles, visit EA SPORTS" on the web at www.easports.com.

BASIC CONTROLS

Before you get on the ice you need to know the basics or the big hitters are going to mop up the arena with you.

PLAYER WITH PUCK

Move player	left analog stick
Flat pass	⊗ button
Saucer pass	button
Shoot	● button
Auto deke	♠ button (tap)
Manual deke	right analog stick
Speed burst	R1 button (hold)

PLAYER WITHOUT PUCK

Move player	left analog stick	
Change player	⊗ buffen	
Speed burst	R1 button (hold)	
Poke check	button or Shift + right analog stick	
Body check	♠ button	
Bruise Control**	right analog stick	
Hook/Pin/Tie up	L2 button	

For a more detailed list of commands, > Complete Controls on the next page.



COMPLETE CONTROLS



When you're ready to take your game to the next level, master these more advanced controls and you'll be playoffs-bound in no time.

PLAYER WITH PUCK

left analog stick		
right analog stick		
⊗ button		
button (hold briefly for faster pass)		
button (hold briefly for harder shot)		
button (tap)		
L1 button + 🙆 button		
♦ button (tap)		
R3 button (tap)/● button		
⊗ button		
R1 button		
Tap the L1 button while in a wind up		
Tap the L1 button while in a pass wind up		
L1 button		



TIP: Use a saucer pass to pass the puck over your opponents' sticks.

PLAYER WITHOUT PUCK

Move player	left analog stick
Speed Burst	R1 button
Body check	button/right analog stick
Hook/Pin/Tie up	L2 button
Dive	11 button + 🛎 button
Block	L1 button + 📵 hetton
Charge up a hit	Hold R3 button

PLAYER WITHOUT PUCK (CONT.)

Last man back	S button (hold)	
Change player	⊗ button	
Poke	button	
Shift Button	L1 button	
Bruise Control™	right analog stick	

BRUISE CONTROL"

The new Bruise Control™ lets you use the right analog stick to check, allowing you to control the direction you throw a check. If you see two opposing players and want to hit the one on the right, move the right analog stick ⇒ and your player throws a check in that direction. You can also press and hold the R3 button and your player "charges up" or "loads up" to increase the power of the hit.

GOALIE WITH PUCK

Pass	button		
Saucer pass	button	1 Statement	
Clear puck	button		

GOALIE WITHOUT PUCK

Save attempt	bullon (tap or hold)		
Control goalie	L1 button + & button		
Free skate with puck/without puck	left analog stick/L1 button + left analog		
	stick		

FACE-OFFS

Draw puck	⊗ button	
Body check/Big hit	⊘ butto	log stick

FIGHTING

FIBRING	
High/Low punch	● button/❷ button
High/Low block	left analog stick ①/left analog stick 小
Activate fight	SELECT button

STRATEGY

You can map your controls to

Bring up line change menu/Select line	R2 butto /R2 button	D-button
Pause game	START building	
Offensive Quick Play strategies	D-button 🛈	
Defensive Quick Play strategies	D-button ⇔	

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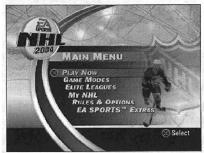
SETTING UP THE GAME



Familiarize yourself with the Main menu and the game screen, and then play a couple of no-consequences Exhibition games to get yourself quickly in the game.

MAIN MENU

Access all game modes, create players and teams, and make adjustments to rule i. and more



PLAY NOW Get on the ice and in the game fast.

GAME MODES Play Online, Dynasty Mode", Exhibition, Season, Playoffs,

and Tournament mode games.

ELITE LEAGUES Play through a season with a team from any of these

international leagues: Elitserien, SM-Liiga, and DEL.

Create a player, or custom team. Visit the GM Hall of MY NHL®

Fame, set your favorite team, view Unfockables, or access

your EA SPORTS Bio.

NOTE: You must have a memory card (@MB)(for PlayStation®2) inserted in he EA SPORTS Blo to function. MEMORY CARD

Adjust Rules, Settings, and Rosters, view the numbers **RULES & OPTIONS**

at Stats Central, configure your controller, Save/Loa*

Settings, or select a Language.

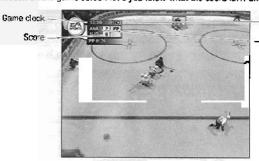
EA SPORTS™ EXTRAS Get an in-depth look at strategies with Marc Crawford. view the NHL® tutorials, take a look at the game credits.

or have a peek at other games from EA SPORTS with the



GAME SCREEN

The information on the game screen let's you know what the score is... and more.



PLAYER ICONS

The icons next to your players tell you what their strengths are.



BIG HITTER



BIG SHOOTER







HOT STREAK



INJURED, can't play



NJURED, can play but is susceptible to further injury if he does



TIRED, indicates a goalle who has played too many games without restina

Period

A team name displayed in vellow Indicates that the

team is on a

power play.



PLAYER IS SUSPENDED



PLAYER HAS THE FLU



COLD STREAK



PEEDSTER (FAST SKATER



PLAY NOW



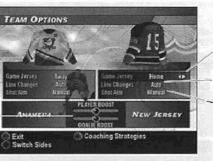
This mode gets you on the ice with minimal setup for a quick fix of hard-hitting hockey.

#87E: Default options are listed in bold in this manual.

TO START A PLAY NOW GAME:

- 1. From the Main menu, highlight PLAY NOW and press the St button. The Choose Teams screen appears.
- 2. Press the D-button or the left analog stick at to select a team.
- ⇒ Press the D-button or the left analog stick ⇔ to alternate between Home and Away teams.
- Press the L1 button or R1 button to cycle between leagues.
- Press the button to select a random team from the selected league.
- Press the button to advance to the Choose Sides screen.
- Press the D-button or left analog stick to position the controller icon on the side you want. to control and then press the Doutton.
- To set your Team Options (>> below), press the O button.
- 6. When you're finished selecting teams, press the So button to advance to the Quick Settings.

advantage eam's prayers or goalie by moving the appropriate slider closer to the team you want to give the advantage to



Choose a game jersey

Set line change oction

Select MANUAL or AUTO shot aim

QUICK SETTINGS MENU

SKILL LEVEL

Choose a skill level from Beginner to Difficult.

CAMERA

Select a camera view from ICE, CLASSIC, OVERHEA

BROADCAST, ACTION,

PERIOD LENGTH

Set your period length to 5, 10, 15, or 20 minutes.

RULES

Set the rules governing the game to CUSTOM (uses the rules that you set in the Rules & Options screen), OFF (no rules enforced), NHL, or INTERNATIONAL.

When you've adjusted your settings, press the So button to accept the settings and advance to the face-off (>> p. 10).

ON THE ICE

Everything from taking a breather to pinpointing your penalty-kill strategy: this section helps you excel at all aspects of the game.

FACE-OFF

It all starts with the face-off. Be ready to play when the ref drops the puck,

Press the S button + the left analog stick to win the face-off and pass the puck to a teammate

PAUSE MENU

Press the START button to access the Pause menu during a game.

RESUME Return to the game.

REPLAY View an instant replay of the last few moments of the

game.

RULES AND OPTIONS Adjust your Rules, Game Speed, Display, and Sound

Options.

STATS CENTRAL View the Team Comparison, Scoring Summary, Penalty

Summary, [Team] Stats, and Goalie stats.

CAMERA Change the Camera View, toggle Autozoom ON/OFF,

toggle Camera View to ALTERNATING, ALWAYS UP or

ALWAYS DOWN.

[TEAM] OPTIONS Edit lines, adjust your strategies, set Line Changes to OFF/

MANUAL/AUTO, toggle Shot Aim MANUAL/AUTO, pull your

Goalle or leave him in the net, or Take A Timeout.

CONTROLLER SETUP Change the team you control

Quit the game and return to the Main menu.

STRATEGIES

Adjust your Strategies to suit the

he ice.

TO ADJUST YOUR STA

- From the Team Options screen, highlight STRATEGIES and press the button. The Strategies screen appears for the team selected.
- Adjust pressure and select a strategy for each Offensive line and your Power Play strategy.
- 3. Adjust your strategies for Pressure, Strategy, and Penalty Killing on defense.
- For more information on Strategies, check out the Marc Crawford strategy videos from the EA SPORTS Extras menu (> p. 32).

PLAY ONLINE

Go up against the best gamers in the country. Take your NHL feam on the road without leaving your home.

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ROTE: In order to play online, you will need the following items: a Network Adaptor (Ethernet/modern) (for PlayStation*2) Installed, an active

net connection via your own Internet Servia memory card (8MB) (for PlayStation®2)w r (ISP) account, 256 KB free

e. Prior to playing online, you will need to :

r Network

Contiguration file. NHL 2004 includes a Network Configuration GUI for setting up this file.

NOTE: When saving and loading Your Network Configuration file, you must use MEMORY CARD slot 1.

SELECT NETWORK CONFIGURATION

Before you can begin playing online, you must select Your Network Configuration file (found on your memory card) or create a new one through the Network Configuration GUI.

NOTE: After using the included Network Configuration GUI, the RESET button functions differently in *NHL* 2004. To put the console into stamode press and hold the RESET button until the LED turns red.



NETWORK CONFIGURATION FILE

Press the D-button ⇔ to scroll through the available Internet service provider settings and select one for the upcoming online game. The default displayed onscreen is the last Internet service provider settings used when playing online.

CREATE/EDIT CONFIGURATION

The Network Configuration GUI allows you to create and edit Your Network Configuration file. When selected, the game shuts fiself down while the Network Configuration GUI loads. When complete, the game re-launches itself and goes through its normal loading procedure before returning to the Main menu screen.

CONNECT

After selecting Your Network Configuration file, connect to your Internet Service Provider. If the connection is successful, the NHL 2004 Server Login screen appears.

ACCOUNT SETUP

Before you can begin playing online, you must create a new account or use an existing one.

- If you have already created a profile, press the D-button to highlight account NAME and then press the Sobutton. If you have not created a profile, highlight CREATE NEW ACCOUNT and press the Sobutton to begin the process. If you want to log off and return to the previous acreen, press the Sobutton.
- Successfully creating an account and logging in automatically saves your Account Information.

USING AN EXISTING EA ACCOUNT

- 1. From the Game Modes menu, select PLAY ONLINE.
- 2. Select Your Network Configuration file.
- Your EA Account appears by default or you can select a different account by entering the account name and password of the different account.
- Your EA Account only defaults once you've saved it by successfully logging in.
- 5. Select an EA SPORTS online User Name and press the 3 button.
- You can have up to four EA SPORTS online User Names. Change, delete, or create new User Names from the User Name Management screen or from t account Information screen.

WELCOME TO NHL 2004 ONLIN

ONLINE LOBBY Enter a room based on somewer and region, or create your own password-protected room.

TOURNAMENTS Create or Join an online tournament.

LEADERBOARD View the online Top 100 Players and Stat Leaders.

SETTINGS Adjust Gameplay, Display, or Sound Settings.

NEWS Access news.

Download updated rosters.

Disconnect from NHL 2004 online.

ONLINE LOBBY

From the Online Lobby, you can enter a room or create a room of your own. Rooms are where players gather to chat and challenge each other to a game.



EA MESSENGER

Instant Message, challenge, and find your buddles online. See how your buddles are doing while playing online, or send messages to other users playing EA SPORTS games.

ENTER/CREATE A ROOM

There are four main channels, corresponding to skill levels (Beginner, Intermediate, Professional, All-Star), and two rooms in each channel (East and West). Press the D-button ① to select different rooms. Press the L1 button/R1 button to scroll through the four channels. Press the ⑤ button to create your own room. Press the ⑥ button to access the User List and see who's in the Room/Channel.

MATCH-UP ROOM

From the Match-Up Room, you can greet and meet other players or challenge someone to a game.

ITOTE: NHL 2004 supports a USB keyboard for typing messages to the whole room or to an individual player. Whenever you bring up the onscreen keyboard in the Chat Lobby, or when chatting with an individual player, you can use a USB keyboard to type in messages.

PLAYER OPTIONS

Press the D-button to highlight the name of another player or press the S button to bring up the player options. From here you can challenge another player to a game, send/read a private message, add/remove a player to/from EA Messenger, or block/unblock a player. Press the D-button to highlight the option you want, and then press the S button to accept.

ACCEPTING OR DECLINING CHALLENGES.

When you are sent a challenge, a flashing icon appears beside EA Messenger at the bottom of the screen, Press the L2 button to access EA Messenger and then select the User challenging you. Select READ CHALLENGE and then accept or decline the challenge.

⇒ If the User is not in your buddy list, highlight them in the Current User List and press the ⊗ button. Then select READ CHALLENGE, You can then accept or decline the challenge.

PLAYER CONNECTIONS

Press the D-button to highlight the name of another player. A Connection bar is displayed in top right of the screen. Green indicates a good connection; yellow, a medium connection; a red, a poor connection.

MOTE: If the connection bar is green, ping is less than 150 milliseconds. Yellow = ping is less than 350 milliseconds. Red = ping greater than 350 milliseconds.

ROSTER UPDATES

LOG OFF

PLAYER OVERVIEW

General player stats are in the upper right portion of the screen. These includes the player's User Name along with the info listed below

RECORD View a player's Wins, Losses, Ties, and Overtime Losses.

DJSCONNECTION % How often a player loses connection or quits without

completing the game.

CONNECTION Displays the quality of the user's connection.

TOURNAMENTS

JOIN Search for a tournament to join.
CREATE Create a new tournament.

MY TOURNAMENTS Lists tournaments you have joined

Press the D-button to highlight the tournament you want to resume, and then press the button.

TOURNAMENT SEARCH

NAME Create a filter to search for a name. Leave this blank for

any tournament name.

RANKED GAMES Create a filter for ranked or unranked games

DIFFICULTY Create a filter for game difficulty,

PERIOD LENGTH Filter for a 5, 10, 15, or 20 min period length TEAMS Filter for 4, 8, or 16 team tournaments.

ROUND LENGTH Filter for 1 HOUR, 1 DAY, 2 DAY, or 3 DAY round lengths.

UNIQUE TEAM Filter for tournaments allowing or disallowing duplicate

team selection.

HEROES Filter for tournaments that allow/disallow heroes.

CREATE TOURNAMENT

NAME Enter a name for your tournament.

RANKED GAMES Decide whether you want the tourney games to count

towards players" overall stats. When ON, Difficulty is locked

at Medium, Period Length at 5 min, and Rules are ON.

DIFFICULTY Choose the difficulty level for each game

PERIOD LENGTH Choose a 5, 10, 15, or 20 minute period length.

HEROES Select YES/NO to allow heroes.

NO. OF TEAMS Choose 4, 8, or 16 team tournaments.

UNIQUE TEAM When set to YES, all Users must use unique teams. NO

allows for duplicate teams in a tournament.

ROUND LENGTH Choose between 1 HOUR, 1 DAY, 2 DAY or 3 DAY round

lengths.

YOUR TEAM As host, you get to pick the first team.

TOURNAMENT TYPE Set this to PUBLIC to allow other users to join without a password. Choose PRIVATE to allow other users to enter. PASSWORD

Press the
button to enter your

password here when Tournament Type

is set to PRIVATE

CREATE Create your tournament.

TOURNAMENT NEWS

Set News

Enter a message to leave for other participants in the

tournament.

TOURNAMENT LOBBY

Press the D-button to highlight the name of another player or press the S button to bring up the player options.

If you highlight your next opponent, you can challenge them to a game, send/read a private message, add/remove a player to/from EA Messenger, or block/unblock a player.

If you highlight a player who is not your next opponent you can, send/read a private message, add/remove a player to/from EA Messenger, or block/unblock a player.

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EA SPORTS" TALK

Talk smack to your opponents during online gameplay with all-new EA SPORTS Talk.

To activate EA SPORTS^{**} Talk: Connect your USB-supported headset to the PlayStation*2 computer entertainment system. Once connected with another User you now have an open line.

WOTE: EA SPORTS Talk does not support modern connections.

#01E: EA SPORTS Talk supports the Logitech USB headset

#67F: During gameplay, if your USB headset is plugged into and you are not able to talk to your opponent:

Your opponent may not have a USB headset connected to their console.

 Your opportant may be connecting to the Internet through a dial-up modern connection.

You and your opponent may have a low quality connection to ea

other.



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DYNASTY MODE™

ake your team from the trenches to the playoffs and see how many times you can bring home a Stanley Cup⁵.

TO START A DYNASTY MODE™ GAME:

- From the Game Modes menu, choose DYNASTY MODE. The Dynasty Mode pop-up screen appears.
- Choose NEW and press the button. The Create GM screen appears.
- Highlight the GM into that you want to enter or edit and press the button. The Text Entry overlay appears.
- Highlight the character you want to enter and press the S button. When you're finished entering characters, highlight DONE and press the S button.
- When you've entered all your GM info, highlight DONE and press the button. The Dynasty Setup menu appears.
- 6. Press the D-button to highlight the various Dynasty settings, and then press the D-button to to change the setting. When you're done making adjustments, press the START button to advance to the Select Team screen.
- Press the D-button to highlight the learn you want and then press the Structure.
- To view Dynasty Info including staff, facilities, and revenue ratings, press the button.
 When you're finished setting up your Dynasty, press the START button to advance to the Dynasty.

When you're finished setting up your Dynasty, press the START button to advance to the Dynasty Central menu.

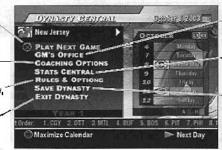
DYNASTY CENTRAL MENU

Play the next game on your team's schedule

nes and jersey ers or view e schedule

Adjust game, display, and sound settings

Exit Dynasty mode and return to the Main menu



Visit your GM's office and manage rosters, upgrades, finances, and progress reports

View team standings, team stats, player stats and awards

Save your Dynasty

Press the L1 button or the R1 button to move back/forward in your schedule

MAKING A NAME FOR YOURSELF

The goal in Dynasty Mode is to earn the highest GM score and make it to the GM Half of Fame. GMs have 20 years to earn profits, win some Stanley Cups, and build a Dynasty.

EXPERIENCE POINTS

GMs receive experience points for their actions and their team's performance. Many of the points are handed out at the beginning of the off-season based on their GM ranking. GMs earn experience points based on their rankings in: profit, attendance, team winning percent, playoff performance, trading, and more. The higher the rank, the more bonus experience points you earn.

UPGRADES

For every 100 experience points a GM earns, he earns an upgrade. Upgrades allow GMs to hire new staff and build new facilities. Upgrades also improve your players and increase profits. When you earn an upgrade, you also receive a gift from the team owners.



BUILDING YOUR DYNASTY

There are three ways to advance through the season:

PLAY NEXT GAME Choose this option to play the next game on your

schedule. Other games in the league before this date are

simulated.

NEXT DAY Press the START button to go to the next day. This

sims all games and practices and takes you to the next

morning.

SIM TO DATE Press the button on any day on the calendar and you

can sim to that day. Press the @ button on the day that.

you are currently on to sim that day.

PRACTICES

Schedule practices to get your team back in shape for the season.

TO SCHEDULE A PRACTICE:

- From the Calendar at the Dynasty Central menu, press the D-button to highlight the day you
 want to schedule and press the S button. The Set Practice Type menu appears.
- 2. Press the D-button 1 to highlight the type of practice you want to schedule.



IIP: The type of practice you schedule affects the team's performance on the following day.

MORALE

All players on your team have a morale rating that starts at 100. Morale goes down if players don't get the fee time they want, your team loses a bunch of games in a row, your team's locker room rating is low, or if you have too many long practices. View player morale on the Progress Reports screen. When morale goes down, player attributes go down.

PRESTIGE PLAYERS

Provers rated 95 and above are considered high prestige players or superstars. Players rated 90 and above are considered prestige players or stars. Having these players on your team raises revenue through higher TV contracts and higher attendance. However, stars and superstars want lots of ice time, so watch their morale. Also, superstars cost lots of money, so watch your profit margins. View how many stars and superstars you have on the Contracts screen.

TV CONTRACTS

A TV contract is already in place for the first season. Starting in the second season, you are effected a contract based on your previous year's playoff performance and the number of prestige in prestige players on your team.

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GM'S OFFICE

MANAGE ROSTER

FINANCES

View contracts/Move players, renegotiate Contracts, Trade

Players, and sign Free Agents.

UPGRADES Use

Use upgrade points to improve your staff in the following areas: Scouting, Medical, Coaching, Marketing, and Legal.

Or apply them to your facilities: Equipment Room, Team

Travel, Team Gym, Practice Rink, and Locker Room.

Set Ticket Prices, Playoff Ticket Prices, view Next Game.

Attendance, Average Attendance, and more. Review your Team Salary, Staff Salary, Facility Expenses, and

Operating Cost.

GM RANKINGS See how your GM ranks compared to other GMs in the

league. GMs are awarded bonus experience points based on their end of season ranking.

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PROGRESS REPORTS Check out how your players are doing at Home and Away

and see how their morale is holding. This screen shows the adjusted attributes of your players after practices, morale, and upgrades are taken into account.

SCOUTING REPORTS See who the upcoming falent is. Hire more scouts on the

Upgrade screen to see more rookie attributes.

OFFICE REWARDS Get some new gear for your office. Change your art, computer, couch, and more. You get a new item for each

100 experience points you earn,

COACHING OPTIONS

EDIT LINES

Edit your team's offensive and defensive lines.

JERSEY NUMBERS

Change player jersey numbers and set the captains on

n.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE

ill of the games scheduled for the year.

STATS CENTR

TEAM STANDINGS

Look at how the all the NHL teams are ranked against one

another.

TEAM STATS—SEASON Look at 6

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PLAYER STATS-SEASON

I onk at each individual player stats for the Season.

AWARDS

player awards.

RULES & OPTI

For information on Rules & Options, ...

CONFIGURE CONTROLLER

Change your controller configuration.

OFF-SEASON

After the Stanley Cup Finals are complete, it's time for the off-season. The first task of a GM is to draft some rookies. On June 11th of every year, you participate in the NHL Entry Draft.



NHL® ENTRY DRAFT

Sim to June 11th or beyond to participate in the draft.

TO DRAFT PLAYERS:

- 1. At the NHL Entry Draft screen, press the START button to begin the draft.
- 2. When it is your turn to draft, press the So button to go to the Scouting Report screen.
- Press the D-button to scroll through the list of players and press the button to toggle between skaters and goalies.
- 4. Press the START button to draft the player you want.
- 5. Continue this process until all five rounds are complete.
- Tild you want the CPU to draft for you, press the START button when it is your turn to draft
- 6. Press the START button again at the end of the draft to exit to Dynasty Central.

FREE AGENTS

Free agents can be signed during the season and during the month of July.

TO SIGN FREE AGENTS

- 1. From the GM Office, select MANAGE ROSTER Then, choose FREE AGENTS.
- Press the D-button or left analog stick () to find a free agent that you want and press the button to offer a contract. The Contract Offer screen appears
- Press the D-button or left analog stick to char and the number of years and then
 press the button again to offer the deal.
- 4. The player accepts or rejects your offer.
- You can submit offers to a player as many times as you like.



OTHER GAME MODES

In addition to online, Dynasty Mode, and Play Now, there are four other game modes for you to master.

EXHIBITION

This game mode pits one team against another with nothing at stake except pride.

TO BEGIN AN EXHIBITION GAME:

- 1. From the Main menu, choose GAME MODES. The Game Modes menu appears.
- 2. Highlight EXHIBITION and press the Structure. The Choose Teams screen appears
- Continue as you would in a Play Now game (>> p. 9).

SEASON

Put your team through a grueling 29-, 58-, or 82-game season.

TO BEGIN A SEASON:

- 1. From the Main menu, choose GAME MODES. The Game Modes menu appears.
- 2. Highlight SEASON and press the A button. An overlay appears.
- 3. Choose NEW to start a new Season. The Season Setup screen appears

SEASON SETUP MENU

Most of the topics at the Season Setup menu are self-explanatory. Those that require more explanation are listed below.

STARTING ROSTERS

Select CURRENT to use the rosters last saved. When set to FANTASY DRAFT, you go through a fantasy draft, allowing you to assemble your dream team. DEFAULT rosters are the rosters that NHL 2004 shipped with.

OTLOSS

When set to 0 Pts, no points are allotted for an overtime loss. When set to 1 Pt, each team gets one point.

TIE BREAK

Choose how a tie game is decided: CONTINUOUS OT, SHOOTOUT, 5 MIN. THEN SHOOTOUT, SINGLE OT (4 ON 4), SINGLE OT (5 ON 5) or NO OVERTIME.

HERO RATING

ON/OFF.

ARENA TY₽E

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PENALTIES

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FIGHTING Move the slider toward the right to

increase the likelihood of fights. Move it

to the left to decrease the likelihood.

OFFSIDE Determine whether or not Offsides

violations are called. The default is ON.

IGING Determine whether or not loing violations are called. The

default is ON.

2 LINE PASS Determine whether or not 2 Line Pass violations are

called. The default is ON.

CPU TRADING Toggle CPU initiated trades ON/OFF.

INJURIES Toggle injuries ON/OFF.

PLAYOFF TIE BREAK Choose how a tie game is decided: CONTINUOUS OT.

SHOOTOUT, or 5 MIN, THEN SHOOTOUT.

LINE CHANGES Toggle automatic line changes MANUAL/OFF/AUTO.

After you've adjusted your Season settings, highlight DONE and press the button to advance to the Select Team screen and then continue as you would in a Dynasty Mode game (>> p. 16).

PLAYOFFS

See if you can handle the pressure and excitement of the postseason. You set the teams, the rules, and the Playoff structure.

TO BEGIN A PLAYOFF GAME:

- 1. From the Main menu, choose GAME MODES. The Game Modes menu appears.
- 2. Highlight PLAYOFFS and press the 3 button. An overlay appears.
- Choose NEW to start a new playoff game (series). The Playoff Setup screen appears.

PLAYOFF SETUP MENU

The Playoff Setup menu is similar to the Season Setup menu.

- ⇒ Adjust your Playoff settings as you would adjust your Season settings (> p. 20).
- ⇒ After you've adjusted your Playoff settings, highlight DONE and press the So button to advance to the Select Team screen and then continue as you would in a Dynasty Mode game > p. 16).

JURNAMENT

wite the teams. You set the rules and determine the tournament structure. Set up and play an 8- or 16-team tournament and ally do rule the rink.

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etting up a Season. Follow the instructions for

FLITE LEAGUES

NHL 2004 now gives you a chance to go a whole season with a team from three of the top elite leagues. Choose from the Elitserien (Sweden), SM-Liiga (Finland), and DEL (Germany) leagues. With Elite Leagues you have 39 additional teams to play as or against, all with their unique jerseys, traditions, and chants, specific to their league. In the SM-Liiga league, the top goal scorer of each team wears a Golden Heimet.

International rules govern gameplay, instead of NHL rules (e.g., 2-Line passes are permitted). League-specific rules are also enforced. For example, in the SM-Liiga league, there is no overtime in regular season games. However, in the DEL league, no game ever ends in a fig.

Set up an Elite League game as you would set up a Season (> p. 20).

MY NHL®

From creating a player to creating a world-class team, this section lets you play NFH. 2004 the way you want to play it.

CREATE PLAYER

From his skates to his stick, you determine the make up of your created player.

TO CREATE A PLAYER:

- 1. From the My NHL menu, choose CREATE PLAYER. The New/Edit screen appears.
- 2. Choose NEW and press the S button. The Player Information screen appears.
- Press the button to enter your player's name and birthplace. The Text Entry overlay appears.
- ☼ To choose a play-by-play name and country, highlight the information you want to set and press the S button. Your options are displayed on the right half of the screen. Press the left analog stick or the D-button S until your choice is highlighted and then press the S button.
- To enter your player's birth date, highlight DAY and press the left analog stick or the D-button until the desired date appears. Repeat this process for Month and Year.
- Press the left analog stick or the D-button 1 to adjust all the information this way, and then highlight CONTINUE and press the 8 button. The Player Appearance screen appears.

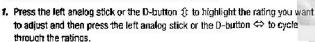
PLAYER APPEARANCE SCREEN

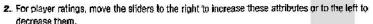
Adjust your player's head and face, height, weight, helmet, visor, stick, and skates.

- Press the right analog stick () to zoom in/out.
- ⇒ Press the right analog stick ⇔ to rotate the player model.
- When you finish editing your player's appearance, highlight CONTINUE and press the So button to advance to the Player Ratings screen.

PLAYER RATINGS SCREEN

TO ADJUST YOUR PLAYER RATINGS:





- Press the button to access the Player Hockey Sonse ratings. Move the sliders to adjust the following attributes: Fighter, Offense/Defense, Potential, Pass/Shoot, Pass/Carry, Resist Injury, and Resist Ponalties.
- 3. When you're done adjusting your player's ratings, press the START button.
- Adjusting a player's ratings affects his salary. A more skilled player eams a larger salary.

CUSTOM TEAMS

Create a team name, select your jerseys, name your stadium, and then put the finishing touches on your team by staffing it with the top players from all leagues.

TO CREATE A CUSTOM TEAM:

- 1. From the My NHL menu, choose CUSTOM TEAMS. The New/Edit screen appears.
- 2. Choose NEW and press the S button. The Team Information screen appears.
- Enter your team information the same way you would ente When you're finished, highlight CONTINUE press the buadvance to the Team Appearance screen.

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- 4. Adjust your team's appearance in the way you would adjust your player's appearance (> p. 22). When you're finished, highlight CONTINUE press the button, or press the START button to advance to the Team Arena screen.
- Adjust the information for your team's arena the way you adjusted your team's appearance, and then highligh button, or press the START button to advance to the Choose Pla
- To cycle between teams, press the R1 button or the L1 button.
- You must have at least two goalies and 18 skaters on your team.
- 7. When you've finished adding players to your team, press the START botton to confirm. An overlay appears and prompts you to press the Start botton to return to the Custom Team menu.
- Your custom team can be used in all modes of play except online. To use your custom team in Season or Dynasty mode, you must replace an existing NHL team with your custom team.



GM HALL OF FAME

The GM Hall of Fame ranks the top 10 GMs and lists their Team, Experience points, number of Stanley Cups won, and their overall GM score.

MY FAVORITE TEAM

The first time you start NHL 2004 with a memory card, the My Favorite Team overlay appears. This team is then used as the default team for Play Now, Dynasty, and Exhibition modes. Your favorite team is also featured in the menu artwork and is your default team for rosters and create-a-player.

- Press the left analog stick or the D-button \$\opin\$ until your team is highlighted and then press the button.
- If you don't want to set a favorite team, choose DEFAULT and then press the button.

EA SPORTS" BIO

EA SPORTS Bio is a feature designed to reward you for playing EA SPORTS titles. Your EA SPORTS Bio, a file shared between all EA SPORTS games via your memory card, is a résumé that tracks key accomplishments and time spent playing different titles in the EA SPORTS lineup.

The first time you select EA SPORTS BIO from the My NHL screen, with a memory card in MEMORY CARD slot 1, you are prompted to create an EA SPORTS Bio. You are also prompted when you complete accomplishments or reach a new garner level.

EA SPORTS" GAMER LEVELS

When you first create your EA SPORTS Bio, you start out as a Level One gamer. There are multiple ways that you can earn credit toward a promotion to the next level.

EA SPORTS TITLES PLAYED

Every EA SPORTS title you add to your EA SPORTS résumé gets you more credit toward the next fevel gamer. Play more products, earn a higher level rating—it's as easy as that.

GAME TIME

Finally you get recognized for all the time you put in on EA SPORTS titles and get rewarde your loyalty and devotion. Does it get any better than this? The more time you put in, the 1 you rise to the next level.

NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED

Every game you play and complet edit toward the next level. In addition, winning games gives you additional bonus points toward your level.

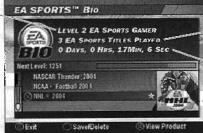
REWARDS

When you reach a new level, you may unlock a game-specific reward. Some rewards are bigger than others; it all depends on the level you achieve

A level increase potentially unlocks rewards for all EA SPO! fless of which title the level was achieved while playing.

PRODUCT LISTING SCREEN

Your gamer level is based on the number of EA SPORTS titles played, hours logged, and your accomplishments





Number of all EA SPORTS titles played

Total combined hours logged for each EA SPORTS title included in your Bio

Press the button to delete your entire EA SPORTS Bix

PRODUCT SUMMARY SCREEN

Toggle Major and Recent Accomplishments



Total time spent playing the selected title

 Number of games played for this title

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In each EA SPORTS game, there are certain accomplishments you can achieve. These accomplishments vary by title. When you achieve an accomplishment, a prompt appears asking if you want to save this accomplishment to your EA SPORTS Bio.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This list shows the five highest-ranking accomplishments.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This list shows the m

complishments, sorted by date.

NOTE: NHL 2004 slot 1.

orts the EA SPORTS Bio in MEM

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RULES & OPTIONS

Adjust all of the rules and settings governing your experience on the ice, from turning off various infractions to determining if the final moments of a pivotal game trigger a player to become a hero.

RULES

Some of the items on the Rules screen are self-explanatory or were already described under Quick Settings ($\gg p$, 9). Those that require more explanation are listed below.

PENALTIES Move the slider toward the right to increase the likelihood

of penalties being called.

FIGHTING Decide how often a fight breaks out.

OFFSIDE Determine whether or not the referees call offsides. A player is offside when he crosses over the other team's

blue line before the puck does. Default is OFF.

ICING Determine whether or not the referees call icing. Icing

occurs when a player hits the puck from his own half of the ice beyond the other team's goal line and an opposing

player touches the puck. Default is OFF.

2 LINE PASS Determine whether or not the referces call a two line pass

infraction. This penalty occurs when a player passes the puck over at least two lines (a blue line plus the red line)

to a teammate. Default is OFF.

INJURIES When ON, players can be injured. Default is OFF.

HEROES When ON, certain players become heroes in the last

minutes of a close game, overtime, the playoffs, or Medal

Rounds of a tournament.

RINK TYPE When set to AUTO, the home team determines the rink

type. Or choose NHL or International to predetermine the

arena type.

TIE BREAK Choose how a tie game is decided: CONTINUOUS OT,

SHOOTOUT, OT AND SHOOTOUT, SINGLE OT (4 ON 4), or

SINGLE OT (5 ON 5).



SETTINGS

Set up the game the way you want to play it. Adjust gameplay, display, and sound settings.



GAMEPLAY SETTINGS

NOTE: Press the **R1** button and the **L1** button to cycle through the Gameplay Settings sub-menus.

BASIC

SKILL LEVEL Choose one of four skill levels: BEGINNER, EASY,

MEDIUM, or DIFFICULT.

GAME SPEED Use the slider to increase or decrease the game speed.

PUCK CONTROL Use the slider to make the puck easier or harder to

control.

FATIGUE EFFECT Move the slider to change the effects of fatigue.

INJURIES Move the slider to change the likelihood of injuries.

FIGHTING DIFFICULTY Move the slider to change the difficulty of fighting.

SKATING

SPEED BURST Adjust the percent of your player's speed burst. The

higher the value, the more power his speed burst has.

FATIGUE RECOVERY Determine how quickly your players recover from fatigue.

PLAYER ACCELERATION How fast the player accelerates from a standing position.

CHECKING

HITTING POWER Adjust the power of players' hits.

HITTING DIFFICULTY Move the slider to adjust difficulty of lining up a body

check and hitting an opponent.

BRUISE CONTROL™ Move the slider to the left/right to decrease/increase the

effectiveness of Bruise Control**.

AGGRESSION Set the level of aggressiveness.

STICK CHECK Determine how effective players are at

EFFECTIVENESS checking

PASS-SHOOT

SHOT ACCURACY Adjust the accuracy of shots.

SHOT POWER Adjust the power of shots.

PASS ASSIST Determine how much A¹ assistance you have when

making a pass. Higher is more assistance and lower is

less assistance.

PASS SPEED Adjust the speed of flat passes.

SAUCER PASS SPEED Adjust the speed of saucer or flip passes.

PASS INTERCEPTION Determine the frequency of interceptions.

AI PASS FREQUENCY Determine how often the CPU-controlled players pass.

DUMP SPEED How fast the puck moves when dumping the puck.

DUMP HEIGHT How high the puck can go when dumping the puck.

PHYSICS

PUCK FRICTION Adjust the amount of puck friction. Raising the friction

level will cause the puck to slow down at a faster rate.

GLASS BREAKING Determines the frequency the glass will break.

PUCK ELASTICITY Determine the elasticity of the puck. The higher the value,

the more "bouncy" the puck is.

PUCK GRAVITY How long the puck will stay in the air.

DEFENSE

SHOT BLOCKING How likely a CPU player will attempt to block a shot.

HOOK EFFECTIVENESS The chance of a hook being successful.

DISPLAY SETTINGS

CAMERA VIEW Select ACTION, ICE, CLASSIC, OVERHEAD, LIVE, or

BROADCAST.

AUTO ZOOM Turn camera Auto Zoom ON/OFF.

CAMERA PERSPECTIVE Change the Camera View, toggle Autozoom ON/OFF, toggle Camera View to ALTERNATING. ALWAYS UP or

ALWAYS DOWN.

HOTE: Camera Perspective only affects the

direction of the Home team.

SCORE OVERLAY

Toggle ON to show the score on-screen.

CONTROL INDICATOR

Select whether players are identified by POSITION, or toggle OFF to turn off player identification. Default is **ON**.

SOUND SETTINGS

AUDIO Choose between STEREO, DOLBYTPRO LOGIC II, or

MONO.

ON-ICE SOUND Toggle on-ice sound ON/OFF.

Move the sliders to change the volumes for Commentary, Music, SFX, Crowd, and Rink Speech.



ROSTERS

All of the roster options listed below can be accessed by choosing ROSTERS from the Rules & Options menu.

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ROSTER MANAGEMENT

TO MOVE A PLAYER TO ANOTHER TEAM:

- From the Rosters menu, choose ROSTER MANAGEMENT. The Roster Management screen appears.
- Press the L1 button or the R1 button until the team from which you want to move a player is displayed.
- 3. Press the left analog stick or the D-button 1 to highlight the player you want to move.
- 4. Press the
 button to switch sides and then press the R1 button or the L1 button to choose the team to which you want to move a player.
- Press the button to switch sides, then press the button to complete the move. A pop-up appears asking you to confirm that you want to make this move, choose YES and press the button.

EDIT LINES

Rearrange your lines to incorporate new talent, maximize a hot streak, or work around an injured player.

TO EDIT YOUR LINES:

- From the Rosters menu, choose EDIT LINES. The Edit Lines menu appears.
- Press the R1 button or the L1 button to cycle through the teams until you find the team whose line(s) you want to edit.
- Press the left analog stick or the D-button
 to cycle through the lines until the line you want to edit is displayed.
- Press the left analog stick or the D-button \$\opi\$ to highlight the player you want to move into the vacated spot and press the \$\opi\$ button.
- To auto-set a team's lines to Best Lines, press the
 button.
- To view a player's stats highlight the player whose stats you wish to view and press the L2 button.

JERSEY NUMBERS

TO CHANGE A PLAYER'S JERSEY NUMBER:

- 1. From the Rosters menu, choose JERSEY NUMBERS. The Jerseys screen appears.
- 2. Press the L1 button or the R1 button to find the player's team.
- Press the left analog stick or the D-button \$\frac{1}{2}\$ until the player is highlighted and then press the
 button. The player's current number is highlighted with a yellow box.
- 4. Press the left analog stick or the D-button until the number you wish to change the player's number to is highlighted and then press the button.
- 5. Press the button to return to the Main menu when you're finished.
- Press the button on the Jersey Numbers screen to bring up an overlay and change captains.

STATS CENTRAL

View team and player stats for a season or for playoffs. The table below lists the abbreviations for team, player, and goalie stats.

TEAM		PLAYER		GOALIE	
GP	Games Played	GP	Games Played	GP	Games Played
W	Wins	G	Goals	GAA	Goals Against Average
L	Losses	A	Assists	W	Wins
T	Ties	PTS	Points	L	Losses
OTL	Overtime Loss	PIMS	Penalties in Minutes	T	Ties
PTS	Points	+/-	Goal differential while the player is on the ice, excluding power play goals.	GA	Goals Against
W%	Winning Percentage	PPG	Power Play Goals	S%	Save Percentage
GF	Goals For	SHG	Short-Handed Goals	SA	Saves
GA	Goals Against	GWG	Game-Winning Goals	S0	Shutouts
PPG	Power Play Goals For	GTG	Game tying goals	MIN	Total Minutes Played
TPP	Total Power Plays	S	Shots	PIMS	Penalties In Minutes
PP%	Power Play Percentage	S %	Shooting percentage	G	Goals
SHA	Short Handed Goals Against	FOW	Face Offs Won	Α	Assists
PPA	Power Play Goals Against	FOT	Face Offs Taken	PTS	Points
TSH	Times Short Handed	Hits	Hits	нт	Height
PK%	Penalty Killing Percentage	GV	Giveaways	WT	Weight
SHGF	Short Handed Goals For	TK	Takeaways	GLV	Clove Hand
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TEAM STATS

You can view Team Stats for an entire season or for just the playoffs.



- From the Rules & Options menu, choose STATS CENTRAL. The Statistics screen appears.
- 2. Highlight TEAM STATS SEASON or TEAM STATS PLAYOFFS. The Team Stats screen appears.
- ⇒ Press the D-button ⇔ to view off-screen stats.
- To re-sort the displayed stats, press the D-button ⇔ and highlight the column by which you want the stats sorted and then press the ❷ button.

PLAYER STATS

View Player Stats for the season or for the playoffs.

TO VIEW PLAYER STATS:

- 1. From the Rules & Options menu, choose STATS CENTRAL. The Statistics screen appears.
- Choose PLAYER STATS—SEASON or PLAYER STATS—PLAYOFFS. The Player Stats screen appears.
- Press the button to toggle between Season/Playoff and Career stats.
- Press the button to cycle through the categories of players displayed, including Skafers, Forwards, Defensemen, Goalies, Rookie Skaters, Rookie Forwards, Rookie Defensemen, and Rookie Gualies.
- Press the L1 button or the R1 button to change the team(s) displayed.
- ⇒ To resort the displayed stats, press the D-button
 ⇔ and highlight the column by which you want the stats sorted and then press the
 ⇒ button.

CONFIGURE CONTROLLER

TO CONFIGURE YOUR CONTROLLER:

- From the Rules & Options menu, choose CONFIGURE CONTROLLER. The Controller Configuration [1] screen appears.
- 2. Press the D-button & to select a button for which you want to change the control.
- Press the D-button ⇔ to cycle through the options for that button. When the controls are configured to your liking, press the ➡ button to accept your changes.
- To switch between "with puck" and "without puck" controls, press the O button.
- Press the L1 button to toggle vibration ON/OFF.
- Press the R1 button to return the controls to the default setting.
- To alter more advanced controls, press the button.



SAVE/LOAD SETTINGS

TO SAVE YOUR SETTINGS:

- 1. From the Rules & Options menu, choose SAVE/LOAD SETTINGS. The Save screen appears.
- 2. Press the D-button 3 to highlight the file you want to save, and then press the Dobutton.

NOTE: Never insert or remove a memory card when loading or saving files.

TO LOAD YOUR SETTINGS:

- 1. From the Rules & Options menu, choose SAVE/LOAD SETTINGS.
- 2. Choose LOAD. The Load screen appears.
- 3. Press the D-button It to highlight the file you want to load, and then press the button.

EA SPORTS™ EXTRAS

Take a look at what's new in this year's game, review NHL strategies with Canucks Head Coach Marc Crawford, polish your game at the NHL Training Camp by watching the tutorial videos, view the NHL 2004 game credits, and get a sneak peek at what's coming from EA SPORTS.

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- Win with Defense

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See who had a hand in creating NHL 2004.

SEASON PREVIEW

Take a look at what EA SPORTS has for you this season.



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