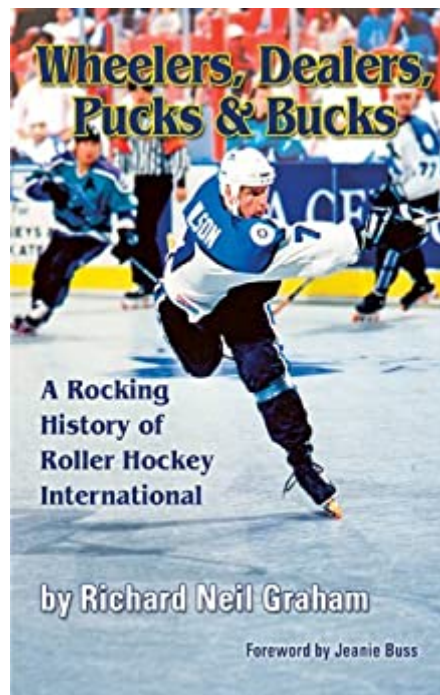




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Synopsis

Who won the first professional sports championship for the city of Anaheim? Which Roller Hockey International team owner posed for Playboy? Which RHI team's logo did Sports Illustrated describe as looking like "a malevolent vacuum-cleaner attachment"? Which coach won two championships for two different teams in RHI's first two seasons? Why were fans nearly ejected from the Oakland Skates arena for celebrating a hat trick? All those questions and more are answered in "Wheelers, Dealers, Pucks & Bucks: A Rocking History of Roller Hockey International." Author Richard Graham takes you behind the scenes to show how Dennis Murphy created Roller Hockey International, and why Murphy might be the most unlikely, least known and most influential visionary in North American professional sports history. Despite his rather leprechaun-like stature, "Murphy" had tall dreams, a gift of gab and the ability to bring together a diverse group of people to work toward a common goal. After seeing some children playing hockey on inline skates on a suburban street, Murphy was inspired to create a professional league that ran from 1993-1999 and which soared and then crashed much like the inline skating craze of the 1990s.

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Good book

Great read about inline hockey. Lots of interesting insights into the development of the game.

Mr. Graham has written a treasure of a book for anyone from the casual hockey fan to the most die hard RHI fans of the day. From the untold stories of practical jokes between players, to the demise of the once promising league and the year by year season highlights that forever etch this league in pro-sports history, the book is what was once sorely needed. It is a curtain call and perfect ending, and something an RHI fan Deserves. Those of us who remember this once great league never got to say good-bye. One year it was just over. Finally we have an account, and maybe even the names of those to blame, for the leagues demise. Richard nailed the tone of the league without unjustly coloring it with his own. His descriptions and depictions read easily and as if he was there living it. Oh wait, that's right he was, and his experience speaks volumes here. Greg read.

I hadn't thought about inline roller hockey in quite some time till I did a little youtubing one day and found a random link to it. I remember being a kid and watching it on ESPN and just remembering "whatever happened to this league" it was a fun intense viewing experience. After doing some searching I found out that thru I could get a book with all the backstage deals/parties/and other wild moments.. Why would I buy this book. I think from the 1st page to the last it was a great read. Learning how the league formed, and then how with too much bravado a lot of the higher ups/founders in the league ended ruining it. Great story, great read.

I had played inline hockey growing up, and even started a team for my high school when I was in 10th grade, the brighton bulldogs! After I graduated there was no real competitive inline hockey leauge besides the adult leauges here and there. When I was growing up there was about 6 or 7 inline rinks I could play at, but around 2006/2007 3 of thoes shut down! I remember going to a denver daredevils when I was about 8, and I loved it. There needs to be a professional nation wide inline hockey leauge. Especially since this NHL is in a lock out. I can work and just because the

ones in the past failed, just means they have already done the hard learning for us. This book was great. Learn from it. Love it.

Wheelers, Dealers, Pucks & Bucks: A Rocking History of Roller Hockey International. It's A 8 Season History Roller Hockey International Being Professional Roller Hockey League!

If you love business, people, or hockey you'll love this book. It's a fast read that captures a unique moment in sports history. Funny, informative and for me, nostalgic taking me back to hockey's high water mark in the United States. If you own or manage a business this is a must read as well in understanding fads, trends and how to capitalize and when to get out or at least not bite off more than you can chew!

It is fantastic! Some names and memories that live on to this day! Very comprehensive and a thrill to read. It brings back a lot of the fresh feelings that were going on in the sport and the players involved behind the scenes.

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