Before 94: The Story of the 1978-79 New York Rangers

The 1978-79 New York Rangers were one of the most exciting and successful teams in franchise history. Led by Hall of Famers Rod Gilbert, Phil Esposito, and Brad Park, the Rangers won their first Stanley Cup in 54 years. Before 94: The Story of the 1978-79 New York Rangers tells the story of that magical season, from the team's struggles early on to their incredible run to the championship.



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The book is written by John Halligan, a lifelong Rangers fan who has covered the team for over 30 years. Halligan provides a detailed and comprehensive account of the season, drawing on interviews with players, coaches, and executives. He also includes a wealth of behind-the-scenes stories and anecdotes that bring the season to life.

Before 94 is a must-read for any Rangers fan. It is a well-written and informative book that captures the excitement of one of the most memorable seasons in franchise history.

The Team

The 1978-79 Rangers were a veteran team with a lot of experience. Rod Gilbert was the team captain and had been with the Rangers for over a decade. Phil Esposito was a superstar centerman who had won the Hart Trophy as the league's MVP in 1969. Brad Park was a brilliant defenseman who had been named to the NHL's First All-Star Team four times.

In addition to these three stars, the Rangers had a number of other talented players, including Walt Tkaczuk, Ron Duguay, and Dave Maloney. The team was coached by Fred Shero, who had won the Stanley Cup with the Philadelphia Flyers in 1974.

The Season

The Rangers started the season slowly, winning just four of their first 10 games. However, they quickly turned things around and went on a 10-game winning streak in December. The Rangers continued to play well throughout the season and finished with a record of 40-23-17. They won the Patrick Division and earned the second seed in the playoffs.

In the playoffs, the Rangers defeated the Atlanta Flames, Philadelphia Flyers, and Boston Bruins to reach the Stanley Cup Finals. In the Finals, they faced the Montreal Canadiens, who were one of the most dominant teams in NHL history. The Rangers lost the first two games of the series, but they rallied to win the next four games and claim the Stanley Cup.

The Legacy

The 1978-79 New York Rangers are one of the most beloved teams in franchise history. They were a talented and resilient team that overcame adversity to win the Stanley Cup. The team's victory brought joy to Rangers fans everywhere and helped to establish the Rangers as one of the NHL's elite teams.

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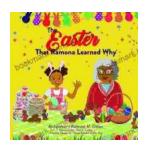
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