

Detroit Red Wings®

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Red Wings To Hold Open Practice March 29

...Fans to Help Inter-City Youth Hockey Programs ...

Detroit, MI ... The Detroit Red Wings will hold an open practice for fans on Saturday, March 29. Fans are asked to bring new or gently worn hockey equipment or provide a donation of \$5 per person – all of which will be donated to the Detroit Hockey Association. The practice is scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m. with doors opening at 11:00 a.m.

Before practice begins, fans in attendance will have the opportunity to participate in contests and question and answer sessions with Red Wings personalities. During practice, fans will watch the players go through various drills and prepare for the team's game against the Nashville Predators on Sunday, March 30. For more information, log on to www.DetroitRedWings.com

In addition, the practice will feature a "fire sale" of autographed memorabilia from former Red Wings players and coaches including Brendan Shanahan, Mathieu Schneider, and Scotty Bowman. This is a unique opportunity for fans to purchase signed items at great, low prices. The proceeds from the fire sale will benefit the Detroit Red Wings Foundation.

"We believe it is important to thank fans for their support this season by opening a practice to the public," said Senior Vice President of Business Affairs Steve Violetta. "This public practice will not only allow fans to observe the intricacies of a Red Wings practice up close, but fans will also assist the Detroit Hockey Association and Detroit Red Wings Foundation in the process."

The Detroit Hockey Association is an amateur, non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt youth ice hockey organization that has focused on building the character of metro Detroit youth for over 30 years. The Detroit Hockey Association provides competitive ice hockey programs for the developed as well as the developing player. Teams, known as the Detroit Dragons, are available for boys and girls of all age groups. For more information, please visit www.detroithockey.org or www.hockeyinthehood.org.

The Detroit Red Wings Foundation supports several initiatives and organizations including: the development of inner city youth hockey, the fight against cancer, a wide array of children's health, educational and recreational activities and other needs of the community through the sport of hockey. The Detroit Red Wings Foundation is associated with Ilitch Charities, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) organization.