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Hyde Park youth league retires jersey of past player turned NHL amateur, scout killed aboard 9/11 flight

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Mike Bavis, an assistant hockey coach at Boston University, addresses the crowd as, from left to right, Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley, Rep. Angelo Scaccia, Boston City Council President Steve Murphy, Thomas M. Menino Jr., and City Councilor Rob Consalvo look on.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Former Hyde Park hockey player turned NHL minor league player and scout Mark Bavis had his jersey retired at Bajko Rink last night, some 20 years after the Roslindale native last wore No. 9 for the youth league.

Bavis was aboard United Flight 175, the second plane to hit the World Trade Center towers in New York City on 9/11. He skated four seasons alongside his twin brother Michael with the Boston University Terriers hockey team and together they won three Beanpot titles and one Hockey East Championship.

The 31-year-old Newton resident was drafted 181st overall in 1989 to the NHL by the New York Rangers and played with minor league affiliate teams for three years.

He became an assistant coach for hockey programs at Harvard and Brown universities and for the Chicago Freeze junior hockey team before joining the Los Angeles Kings as an amateur scout. When he died, Bavis was headed to the

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NHL's training camp in LA to start his second season working for the professional team.

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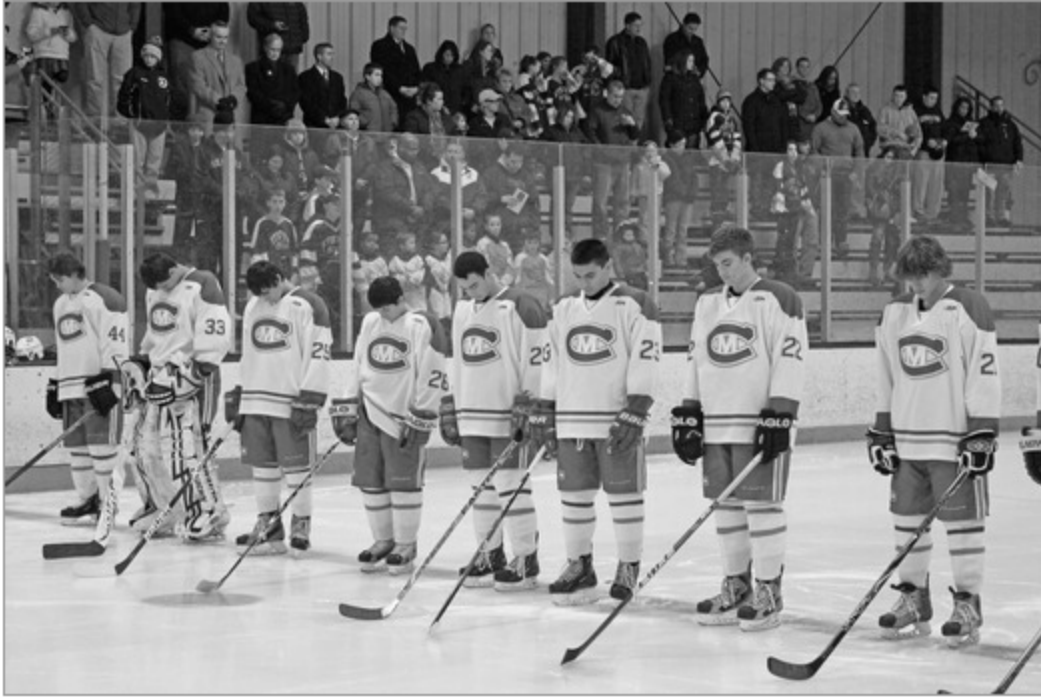
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Mike Bavis drops a ceremonial puck before the game.



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Members of the varsity hockey team bow their heads for a moment of silence ahead of their Thursday night matchup against Xaverian, which CM won 4-0, in the 10th annual Mark Bavis Cup, held at Hyde Park's Bajko Rink, with CM president Paul Sheff (upper left) in the stands above them. Hyde Park Youth Hockey marked the occasion by retiring Bavis's youth hockey number.

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