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"Remember, this was an 86-game season, nor just a sax game season. The first 80 games brought us the Adams Division Championship. The last six taught the players a valuable lesson, which they will benefit from next year."

Those comments from President and General Manager Emile Francis sum up the 1986-87 season for the Hartford Whalers. It was a good year — the heat year the Whalers ever had in the National Hockey League.

"Our goal is to improve as a team every year," Francis added. "We fild that this past sesson and I feel confident we will do it next year. We have learned to win in the regular season and now we must learn to win in the players. We felt into the Nordiques game plan — which was to incite us into silly penalties that took some of our best players off the ice. Jack Evans proached to the players every game to remain caller, but we have a lot of young players and they did not need his advice until game six.

"As I said before, every team has to learn through experience. All the great teams have had similar lessons. Next year, I can assure you we will be much more disciplined in the playoffs.

"Playoffs naide, I feel our club bad a real strong season. We were the third best defensive item in the league and we finished fourth in the overall standings. I think we have the nucleus for an outstanding team. That's not to say we won't try to strengthen conselves if the opportunity arises, but our playoff performance will not dictate any trade we might make.

"We are not in a 'must trude' situation," Francis remarked. "We have depth and a great corps of young players like Ron Francis, Paul Lawless, Scot Kleinenduest, Sylvain Cose, Dana Murzyn, Dave Tippett, Ulf Samuelsson, Ray Ferraro, Sylvain Turgeon, Paul MacDermid, Dean Evasion, Stewart Giovin and Kevin Dineen. In fact, Cote and Lawless were our two most improved players this season. These youngsers combine with veterans like John Anderson, Doug Jarvis, Joel Quenneville, Randy Ladouccus, Mike Liur and Steve Weeks to give us a fine seam?

Francis noted that many people had pointed to the team's size as a factor in its early exit from the playoffs. He strongly disagreed. "Our average player is 6-1 and 191 pounds. That's bigger than most teams. Our smaller players like Dave Tippett and Dean Evasion were probably our best performers in the playoffs. Their desire and heart overcomes any size factor. Mast Nashund, Guy LaFleur and Camille Henry were all great performers in the playoffs and they were small.

"Quebee played well in the series. Their snipers, like Parer Stastny, John Ogrodnick and Michel Goulet were right on target, but they had a lot of chances because of the record number of penalties we had in the series. Daring the regular season, we were the least penaltized team in the NHL, which is a good indicator of how successful the Quebee game plan was.

"Another factor was that two of our key penalty killers, Ulf Samuelsson and Scot Kleinendorst missed a lot of time in the series, and Quebec's veherans exploited this." As the as the future is concerned, Francis noted

As far as the future is concerned. Francis noted that the Whalers have some good talent on their American Hockey Legue affiliate in Binghamton, including goalender Peter Sidorkiewicz, right wing



1986-87 HARTFORD WHALERS — Front row, left to right: Sieve Weeks, Dave Bobych, Dave Tippett, Assistant Coach Cloude Larose, Chairman and Managing General Partner Howard L. Baldwin, Capatin Ron Francis, President and General Manager Entle Francis, Head Coach Jack Evans, Assistant General Manager Bob Crocker, Kevin Duncen, Joel Quenneville and Mike Lita . . . Middle row, left to right: Assistant Equipment Manager Steve Latin. Assistant Trainer and Head Equipment Manager Sig Cutoningham, Poul Lardses, John Anderson, Mike McEven, Dana Micro, Drov Semenko, Rondy Ladouceur, Uff Samuelstron, Paul MacDermid, Wayne Bubych and Head Trainer Tom Woodcock . . . Back row, left to right: Doug Jarvis, Ray Ferraro, Gord Sherven, Shawe Charles, Sylvain Turgeon, Stevart Gavin, Scot Kleinendorst, Torrie Robertson, Sylvain Cote, Doan Evason, Pat Hughes and Clubhouse Assistant Howard Baldwin, Jr.

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