

# Chiasson killed in wreck

## Hurricanes defenseman dies hours after playoff game

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Hours after his team was eliminated from the Stanley Cup playoffs, Carolina Hurricanes defenseman Steve Chiasson was killed when his pickup truck flipped on a dark, lonely road.

The 32-year-old player was found about 4:15 a.m. EDT Monday in north Raleigh, and the state Highway Patrol says he might have been speeding after drinking alcohol.

Investigators said the truck rolled and ejected Chiasson, who was not wearing a seat belt.

"This is a tragedy that is impossible to put into words," said Jim Rutherford, Carolina president and general manager.

Hours earlier in Boston, the Bruins ended the Hurricanes' season with a 2-0 victory in Game 6. On Friday night, Chiasson scored the first goal in a 4-3 double-overtime loss to the Bruins.

"When you work together in our environment, you have a fam-

ily among players and an extended family among wives and children that go to school together and play on sports teams together," Carolina coach Paul Maurice said at a news conference.

"It's really an environment unlike any other," Maurice said. "When a tragedy like this has happened, unfortunately ... there's no other way to put it except for we've lost a member of our family. It's a very painful time for all of us."

Added NHL commissioner Gary Bettman: "When a young life ends prematurely, when a young family loses a husband and a father, words cannot begin to express our sorrow."

Team spokesperson Chris Brown said two cases of beer and water, sports drinks, milk and vegetable juice were served on the team's charter flight to Raleigh.

He did not know how much beer, if any, Chiasson drank. After the plane landed about 1 a.m. at Raleigh-Durham International Air-

port, the players got into their vehicles and left.

"When you get on the plane, you're pretty disappointed," said Brown, fighting tears. "We lost a playoff series, but you figure out that it doesn't really matter. You get a dose of reality."

Chiasson spent eight years with the Detroit Red Wings, was traded to the Calgary Flames in 1994 and in 1997 to what then was the Hartford Whalers.

He was drafted by Detroit in 1985 and played his first NHL game the following year. In 1988-89, he led all Red Wings' defensemen with 47 points. In 1989-90, he scored a career-high 14 goals and again led all Detroit defensemen in scoring with 42 points.

"Steve was a member of the Red Wings' family for several years and continued to be a close friend to individual players and staff, as well as the organization. We are deeply saddened by this tragic loss," the Red Wings said in a statement.

# Patriots to improve stadium

BOSTON (AP) — With a \$70 million plan coalescing in the Statehouse to help the New England Patriots make infrastructure improvements at Foxboro Stadium, the team plans to stay in Massachusetts.

A team spokesperson also quashed rumors that owner Robert Kraft planned to sell the team.

"I have said flatly that the Pats are not for sale," Stacey James said Monday. "We plan on staying in Massachusetts for a long time."

The team has not confirmed that it will stay in Foxboro, although there don't appear to be any other viable alternatives in the Bay State.

"We will refuse to comment on

what possibilities there are," James said.

**"I always knew that Foxboro was the best site for them."**

— Mayor Thomas Menino  
Foxboro, Mass.

There had been talk in recent weeks that Mayor Thomas Menino was open to the possible construction of a stadium off the Southeast Expressway. But Menino said Monday that a Boston stadium plan probably would not

come to fruition.

"I always knew that Foxboro was the best site for them. Mr. Kraft owns 300 acres of land there," Menino said. "It's about time we get on ... there are other issues we have to tackle."

James' comments appear to settle an issue that has dragged on for much of the decade. In 1993, Connecticut made an initial failed bid to bring the Pats south. The team also had discussions with officials in Rhode Island over the past few years.

On Friday, Kraft walked away from a \$380 million offer of a new stadium in Hartford, Conn., that some analysts estimated could have been worth up to \$1 billion over 30 years.



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