

## **better hockey 2**

The goal of the game is goals.

Remember the piano-size goalie squeezing himself into the tiny net in that old commercial? A funny sight - especially the sound of suction. No corner holes, no five hole, nothing but goalie - what an exaggeration!

63 NHL goalies faced 742 shootout attempts this past regular season. 68% - 2 out of 3 - from the league's best shooters - alone and with all the time in the world - *failed to score!* This is a fair sample and a *mirror* of hockey things as they are. (nhl.com/stats) And how many of those 742 did *you* see come from outside 10 feet? What is wrong with this picture? The greatest players - the greatest goalies - but the goalies are greater? You would think a free one-on-one should be a 50/50 shot, right?

**it's not that the goalies are too good - it's that the nets are too small.**

Ice level replays often show us HD game action from an open attacker's viewpoint to the goalie and his net - and what *little* there is to shoot at. Add congestion, sticks everywhere and precious little time, it's easy to see why most shots miss high or wide or never reach the net - and why we impatiently sit on our hands, tossed just a few goal crumbs, most nights.

Live graphic color and *the Flying Frenchmen* hooked me young at old MSG. Hockey at its best is the most wonderfully flowing fastest show on Earth. Every hockey fan has been to: "I don't know if my heart can handle this!"

Hockey *is* getting better at getting our game right. The skill, action and tenacity cooks hot everywhere, but too few biscuits get to find the basket. It's like a date movie teasing with nine scenes before the boy gets the girl.

**more popping of the twine!**

It *does* matter how big the net is, and how big the *show* is, when + 90% of all scoring chances that actually reach our 4 x 6 red frames *every* season are gobbled up by goalies. Only one in ten finds paradise - playoffs, less. The 80% skaters and the 100% fans should have better than a 10% chance. The numbers say 5 goals on 50 combined shots a game is what *will* happen.

**8 goals per game on average is the ideal that will tip American popularity.**

(in Canada this small yet big net change will probably be a tough old nut)

**here's how.**

Let's look at the Standard since the Roaring 20's: our 4' x 6' red goal frame. She is ready for pro retirement as part of the natural order of improvement. The fresh replacement looks like great-grandma, has the same proportions, only now her 2 *yards* between the pipes has matured to a larger 2 *meters*.

A **pro metric net** goal frame measures 6¾" wider and 4½" higher inside. This increases the scoring area by 19%, and will balance our NHL Hockey.

Imagine a hip new level where the skater/goalie relationship is finally *fair*.

Imagine shootouts or big penalty shots with *slap shots* and a 50/50 chance.

Imagine *The Great 8* bursting the blue line - then really popping the twine!

Fans will still marvel at the saves - but will marvel more at the *more goals!*

**8 goals per game on average is the result that will tip American popularity.**

(and Canada will be there to proclaim how better *Their Game* has become)

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