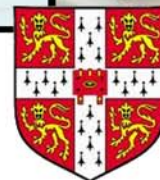


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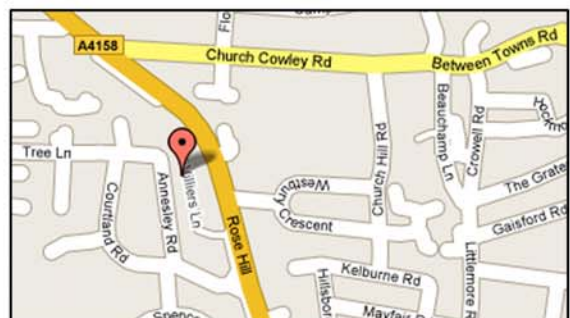
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Schedule of Events

- 16:45 Team warm-up
- 17:00 UK National Anthem
Canadian National Anthem
Ceremonial puck drop by Michael Talbot
- 17:10 Start of match
- 19:15 Presentation of trophies
- 20:00 After-party at Living Room (Oxford Castle complex)
All supporters are welcome to join the players there.

Michael "Moose" Talbot is an Old Blue, playing for Oxford from 1995 to 2001 and coaching the team from 2001 to 2003. As the club's historian, he is working on several publications, including "The First Team Canada: the 1909 Oxford Canadians" and "The History of the OUIHC from 1885". He has presented papers on ice hockey history in Canada, America, the UK, and Ireland, and was interviewed for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's television programmes *The National* and *The Great War* series, in addition to interviews for CBC Radio, *The Globe and Mail*, *National Post*, *The New York Times*, Channel 5 (British television), and numerous Oxford City and University publications.



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Sunday, 2 March, 17:45

Women's Blues Varsity Match

Sunday, 2 March, 20:00

Oxford Vikings vs. Cambridge Eskimos

Oxford Captain's Message

Dear Supporters,

On behalf of the Oxford Dark Blues, I would like to thank you for joining us for the 88th Varsity Match between Oxford and Cambridge. We are looking forward to a tough match and are honoured to participate in what has become the oldest continuing rivalry in ice hockey. Tonight, our club will attempt to defend the Patton Cup for a third consecutive year.



The 2007-08 season kicked off with a strong start for the Dark Blues. Our squad of nine veterans and six rookies quickly joined ranks and developed astonishingly well, stringing together a number of wins and managing to remain undefeated throughout Michaelmas Term. A weekend trip to Scotland at the end of term was particularly memorable. With a severely short bench, we resurrected “the torpedo” – an obscure but effective strategy not seen since the captaincy of Lalit Aggarwal (2004-05) – which allowed us to defeat the University of Edinburgh in what can only be described as a gutsy Iron Man Match. We were Juggernauts and, to top it off, Lube actually scored a goal!

We carried this momentum into our annual tour of the French Alps in January. Thanks to the generous support of our host and former Dark Blues Captain, Mr. John MacBain, we managed to squeeze in a few matches between skiing and our newfound love of chalet-life. In front of large crowds – which included many supportive Brits – we successfully toppled one Russian and two French teams in the Olympic rinks of Courchevel and Méribel.

Since returning to the UK, our sights have been fixed on the Varsity Match. The VM is what the entire season is all about. Our club has been training exceptionally hard for this event, and although circumstances have been particularly difficult in recent weeks – both due to injury and tough league matches – make no mistake about it, we are here to win. “I really want to beat these guys!”

It has been a tremendous season and I am very proud of the success of the club, much of which can be attributed to the exceptional efforts of many individuals. I would especially like to thank Tim Winegard for his immensely valuable leadership and coaching this year, Julian de Hoog and Rod Lubbock for their diligent management of sponsorship and the club's finances, and Rob Bradbury for organizing league fixtures and undertaking numerous (thankless) administrative tasks. I thank Michael “Moose” Talbot for his ongoing research on the club's history and for maintaining close ties with OUIHC alumni. Finally, I would like to thank Team America (Adam Willner and Dave Waterman), Dave Puddicombe, and Rob Nevin; although they are unable to play today, these individuals have shown nothing less than the utmost dedication to the club. Well done boys! Enjoy the game!

Noah Honch
Men's Captain
Oxford University Ice Hockey Club

Cambridge Captain's Message

Dear Supporters,

Thank you for coming to watch the 89th annual Varsity Match. You are now part of a great history, in the longest ice hockey rivalry in the world. I would also like to thank OUIHC and its management team for putting on the game. Their flawless organisation means that it is always a pleasure to play here in Oxford.

The Cambridge Blues have had a good season; we have gone from strength to strength as a team, and come into the Varsity Match fully prepared to play 60 minutes of the most intense hockey of the season. After a successful recruitment drive early in the year, we spent the first term building up squad fitness and skills in preparation for our annual training camp in Zuoz, Switzerland. With a lack of an ice rink at Cambridge, the training time is invaluable and we are indebted to the Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz for hosting us during the week. The team has fared well during Lent term, continuing with an effective training program and gaining valuable game experience in our BUIHA league fixtures. Despite losing two players due to injury, myself included, the team remains fit and strong with no other injury problems.



We are most grateful for the continued support of Cambridge University Press and our alumni, without which, we could not be here. The generous support from our benefactors takes the edge off what is otherwise a prohibitively expensive sport for many students.

My team has made it a pleasure to captain them again, in my final year of Cambridge hockey, and I commend them for your support in this historic match.

Sincerely,

Chris Hurn
Men's Captain
Cambridge University Ice Hockey Club



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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	College	Nationality	Subject
4	Chris Pettengell	D	5'11	170	Keble	England	Medicine
6	Noah Honch (C)	D	6'1	190	Lincoln	Canada	Archaeology
11	Jake Harris (A)	F	5'11	160	Pembroke	Canada / England	Biological Sciences
16	Tait Simpson	F	6'0	190	Christchurch	Canada	MBA
18	Tim Winegard (A)	F	6'3	200	St. Antony's	Canada	Military History
21	Roy Nyberg	F	6'1	180	Templeton	Canada / Finland	Management
23	Julian de Hoog (A)	F	6'1	190	Exeter	Canada/Germany	Computer Science
31	David Putnins	G	6'1	220	Mansfield	USA	Mathematics
37	Robert Bradbury	F	6'2	180	Jesus	England	Chemistry
54	Rod Lubbock	D	6'3	200	Keble	England	Engineering
69	Dmitri Akatov	F	5'11	170	Merton	Germany / Russia	Computer Science

Coaching and support staff: Robbie Nevin
David Puddicombe
Dave Waterman
Adam Willner

Cambridge University

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Nationality
6	Henry Jenks	F	6'2	200	USA
10	Peter Morelli	F	5'9	160	Canada
12	Alan Douglass	F	5'11	160	USA
14	Kevin Musselman	F	5'7	150	Canada
16	Luc St-Pierre	F	5'8	155	Canada
17	Jonas Rooze	D	6'2	180	Belgium
18	Richard Trueman	D	5'8	195	England
19	Sidney Elbaz	D	5'11	160	Canada
20	Chris Hurn (C)	D	6'2	210	England
22	Gareth Barry	G	6'9	250	England
27	John Jenkin	F	6'4	200	Canada
42	Sean Jeffries	D	5'10	160	USA
44	Ben Lees	F	6'1	165	Northern Ireland
77	Shane Woods	D	6'3	200	Canada

Coach: Prof. Bill Harris

British University Ice Hockey Association

Standings

Last updated 23 February 2008

Division 1 North							
Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Nottingham Mavericks	6	4	1	1	35	13	9
Edinburgh Eagles	3	1	1	1	11	8	3
Sheffield Bears	3	1	0	2	14	19	2
Newcastle Wildcats	4	1	0	3	9	19	2

Division 1 South							
Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Oxford Blues	8	5	2	1	57	19	12
Birmingham Eagles	9	5	2	2	38	45	12
London Dragons	7	4	2	1	59	28	10
Southampton Spitfires	7	3	0	4	47	39	6
Warwick Panthers	9	2	0	7	32	75	4
Cambridge Blues	4	0	0	4	13	40	0

Division 1 South Results

Away \ Home	Birmingham	Cambridge	London	Oxford	South'ton	Warwick
Birmingham		4:2	5:3	2:2	5:2	6:5
Cambridge			1:22		5:7	
London	6:6			8:6		7:3
Oxford	7:0		4:4		5:1	13:0
South'ton	14:3			3:12		17:5
Warwick	4:7	7:5	3:9	1:8	4:3	

Scores in the table above denote (Team in that row) : (Team in that column)

Oxford Player Profiles

Dave “Titties” Waterman



Joining us from the Deep South, our “Titties” illustrated his bravery and unabashed libido on a flight to France, pictures of which now grace the more refined and hallowed pages of the internet. One of the strongest “Hackey” players on the team, Titties also harbours an enormous passion for

NASCAR. His childhood was pretty typical, really: summers in Rangoon, luge lessons. In the spring, he'd make meat helmets.

4 Chris “Head” Pettengell



Oh boy! Head is, well...what you would refer to as a fashion icon. He sports a variety of men's and, at times we think, women's apparel, pulling off his sense of dress with unquestioned masculinity. Tuck it away and add a smattering of rouge and Head will take to the streets by storm. Don't let his gentle gynae-

cological examinations fool you though – this season Head has earned himself a rightful claim to the title of Team Enforcer. Ask Southampton.

6 Noah “Houdini” Honch



As Captain of the team Noah is our leader in many ways. Coming from Western Canada he loves flora and fauna, most notably “Tequila Bears.” Soft-spoken by nature, give him a few “wobbly pops” and the true nature of this Albertan makes an appearance, in a sort of now you see me, now you

don't proposition, completed with a wave at the window.

Robbie “Snuggles” Nevin



Nev, although a Brit, has a little bit of that Texas charm in him. He loves a good time, steaks and claims you can get a good look at a T-Bone by sticking your head...errr...I mean...? When not strutting around on the rink, Nev is a self-proclaimed expert in cheese rolling, facebook-

ing, beer tasting and journeys into the unknown. It is no wonder he has such a hard time with U.S. Customs and Immigration.

11 Jake “Spanky” Harris



Oh, our little Spanky! On ice he is a treat and off-ice he always has at least one hand full. A part time model, his face and gluteus maximus have adorned Oxford Student Newspapers and the photographs of many shocked tourists on the slopes of the French Alps. His commitment to the team is fierce,

except for when there is a conflict with his four and a half month “Dating” Anniversary.

16 Tait “Juggernaut” Simpson



Tait's personal life remains much of a mystery. This probably makes him the wisest person on the team, as sharing anything personal with us is a bit like playing Russian Roulette. Quiet and reserved, Tait at times looks on with horror and disbelief at some of the finer student-athletes that the University

of Oxford chose to matriculate. Who can blame him! There are rumours circulating in the U.K. and in France that he is indeed the Juggernaut!

18 Tim “Glass Menagerie” Winegard



His stories are legendary, just ask him sometime. His guidance and wisdom as Coach are valued both on and off the ice, as he (together with Lube) has taught the younger members of the team what they do not want their children to become. Though playing rough and tough, this soldier deep down has a “man

crush” on Noah. However, we cannot reveal the true nature of his nickname without offending 4/5 of the population and furniture manufactures the world over.

Adam “Spiderman” Willner



According to some very unreliable sources and rumours, Adam is besotted with Hillary Clinton. Although an excellent hockey player, he secretly enjoys ballet, figure skating, quilting and practicing the Spiderman move in the mirror. We have also learned that Adam and Titties were once con-

joined twins, which explains why they never leave one another's side. However, other rumours abound which also try to explain this unusual relationship.

21 Roy "Ambulance" Nyberg



This illustrious Finn was the star attraction at our team bonding night. Possessing excellent night vision in the woods and an ability to flail his arms in un-human directions, Roy is very appreciative of Oxford's hard working paramedics, whether he uses their services or not. Appearing drastically younger than his age, this soft-spoken gentleman should have a real hoot on his 47th Birthday, so long as he doesn't drink from "the things."

23 Julian "Hooger" de Hoog



As Jules matures, it appears that his girlfriend's brazen and typical Aussie mentality is starting to rub off on him. He once accused a Chestnut of being lazy for refusing to fall. Having secretly posed as his sister and vice versa, Jules is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get. He also emphatically denies the rumours that he is distantly related to "Glass Menagerie", although reports confirm that he is a natural at the GM.

31 Dave "Hamburglar" Putnins



Foosball is a dangerous hobby; just ask Dave and his nose. A staunch anti-gourmet advocate, the Hamburglar is a world expert on all things deep-fried or kebab van. Summers at Math Camp in Utah and an extensive history of success designing "Battle Bots" have given Putnins an almost unfair ability to warp space and time when pulling pucks out of the air. Our slightly off goalie is one of a kind and we love the snacks in his beard, his only pair of socks, and picking him up from ER one week before the varsity match.

37 Rob "Kreme" Bradbury



Typical of British gentlemen, Kreme loves passionate walks in the rain and road trips to Nottingham, after which originally silver cars are returned "rust" coloured. Another fashion icon on the team, he enjoys wearing his trousers at Titties level. Although studying Chemistry, Kreme seems to know more about global weapons systems than the average "Mad Scientist" which makes us wonder what his true identity really is...? We do know that he is not the Juggernaut.

54 Rod "Lube" Lubbock



Rivaling "Glass Menagerie" for the position of most tactless player on the team, our Rod Lube loves to share everything with his teammates: stories, bodily functions, diseases, his love for Mary Poppins and just about all else. A part-time ball-waxer and burgeoning expert in the fields of fashion, linguistics and E-Bay, Lube is again one of a kind. We are all still pondering why any female would approach or shack-up with such a disreputable character.

David "Gimp" Puddicombe



Puddi enjoys poker. At times he even tries to lose as the punishment to him is a reward. He loves orange balls, the Gimp Pit, bruises, sunbathing in movie theatres and driving in the UK. Possessing good looks and intelligence, this double threat makes girls Puddi in the hands of an experienced Master such as himself. Frequently spotted by the Paparazzi donning his infamous white bath-robe, this is a man not to be taken seriously.

69 Dmitri "Speedo" Akatov



Like Spanky, Dmitri posed for numerous tourists in France; a movie of their exploits can now be exclusively viewed on U-Tube. A concert Pianist, "Speedo" is a skulking character who exploits the horizontally challenged of Prague. Our intelligence sources have him connected to various shady organisations such as: "Russians for the Global Banning of Vodka," "Nudists Dress for Less" and "The Oxford University Society of the Juggernaut."

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Cambridge Player Profiles

6 Henry "The Unit" Jenks



The machine has proven a welcome addition to the team this term. An ex-rower, ex-rugby player and roller hockey convert, after much trial and error his processors have finally deduced his gears and pipes are best suited to sport on ice.

10 Peter "The Proletarian Poet" Morelli



The Blues resident Red is always ready to revolt in the name of a good cause. With his communal passing style and fighting spirit he has solidified the Blues offense. Off the ice you might find him donned in a single breasted suit serenading with romantic quotes and soothing guitar. You won't find him curled up asleep in a closet.

12 Alan "Short Stick" Douglas



Alan continues to believe that crocheting improves stick-handling skills. He also claims his knitting abilities have proved more useful on the ice than his field hockey experience. A longboarder/gaisticks goalie turned ice hockey player, he'll run you over with a rugby tackle if you don't keep your head up during the match.

14 Kevin "The Muscleman" Musselman



The toughest little giant you will ever meet, Kevin will never take himself out of a match unless he has to watch over the kid he never actually had. Impossible to stop and a slippery goal scorer, the missing tooth immediately marks him out as a true Canadian hockey player.

16 Luc "The Oracle" St. Pierre



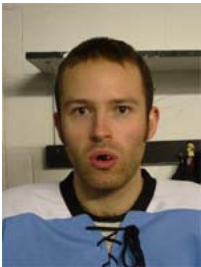
Our very own Quebecois separatist never fails to produce words of wisdom or goals. A philosophical sniper who likes green tea and fireworks, listen for his trademark laugh as he puts one past the goalie.

17 Jonas "Babyface" Rooze



This is no ordinary Belgian: a versatile player on and off the ice, stealth is his key to success, as is his inability to grow a beard and a masterful poke-check. Always looking to improve, he has looked to the experienced veterans of the club who have been generous about giving lessons on and off the ice.

18 Richard "Questions" Trueman



For a man who watches paint dry for his PhD, he sure skates fast. The best looking chap in a Euro-suit, this Northern Monkey's stops are key to success on defense; the only thing he finds impossible to stop is his quest to have the answer to everything.

19 Sidney "The Swarthy Portuguese" Elbaz



A Canadian lawyer who loiters around the Hawk's Club, his criminal complexion belies his sense of law, order and spirit on the ice. However, sleepless nights suffering from spouts of yellow fever have not helped his game.

20 Chris "Fudgy" Hurn



Eternally on a cake ban, the Blues have never had a more committed captain. Over the years Chris has given so much to Cambridge ice hockey, including but not limited to his heart, soul, a chunk of leg and left lung. Some might say that this pulmonary donation was going too far, and unfortunately it will keep him off the ice this year. But stationed behind the bench he is poised to give even more.

22 Gareth "Gaz" Barry



This unconventional goalie has learned that the best way to stop pucks is with your head. An outstanding season last year was cut short by illness, so we look forward to seeing him fulfill his potential against Oxford this year. 'The puck does not go in'.

42 Sean "Old Man River" Jeffries



Sean's hockey skills have improved this year as a result of being so over the hill he has started to climb back up again. His thirty-ninth birthday passed without incident, such that he was still able to score a goal the day after the celebration. The American on the team actually proved to be more intelligent, politically flexible and humble than expected on and off the ice.

44 Ben "White Knight" Lees



Rumor has it the hospital wants Ben to keep playing ice hockey as long as possible to reduce their exposure to liability. Ben scored for the first time this year with the Cambridge Women's Ice Hockey team - he has yet to put any points on the board during a men's match this year.

77 Shane 'The Week Ender' Woods



The big old timer makes a big return. His Canadian cannon from the point is sure to leave a bruise and his impassive box-face never fails to strike fear into the heart of any enemy who dares challenge him in the defensive end.

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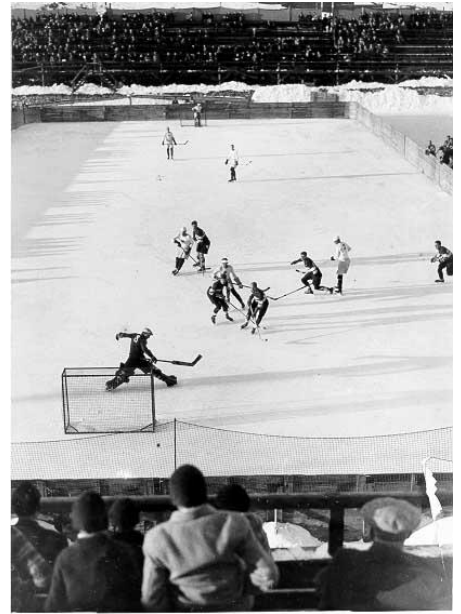


A Brief History of Ice Hockey

Though Canada is widely known as the home of ice hockey, the game gradually developed into its present form through the activities and interests of many individuals and groups. Its origins clearly lie in the British Isles. In England a game of this type called “bandy” was played before 1300 AD, while in Scotland and Ireland it was known as “shinny” and “hurley” respectively.

Early in the seventeenth century the metal skate was invented in the Netherlands and later brought to England. During the severe winter of 1813-14 in England, a game of “bandy” is known to have been played in the ice of Bury Fen in Huntingdonshire. Within a few years definite rules had been developed for playing “bandy” on ice.

When and where ice hockey began in Canada is uncertain. There are accounts of games being played early in nineteenth century Halifax, Montreal, Kingston and elsewhere. It remains a controversial issue today. Some who have studied the history of ice hockey in Canada argue that the first game of ice hockey was played in Kingston in the winter of 1855. Others maintain that it was in Montreal that ice hockey, in its present form, was first played in Canada.



Ice hockey in a form that closely resembles its present day form was created by a small group of students at McGill University in the mid-1870s. Recognizing the need for a standard set of rules, they studied carefully the rules for English rugby and field hockey. To that point there was little uniformity in the rules for ice hockey. The McGill University Hockey Club, which emerged in the late 1870s, is believed to have been the first organized hockey team in Canada, and the game subsequently spread across the country.


Interest in ice hockey was destined to spread beyond Canada. Some Canadians, studying at the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, organized teams in their respective universities. The first Cambridge-Oxford ice hockey match was played at St. Moritz, Switzerland, in 1885. Each year since then, save for wartime and certain exceptions, Oxford and Cambridge ice hockey teams, boasting truly international rosters, have met for their friendly annual encounters. These two ice hockey teams, like their counterparts at several Canadian universities, are among the most historic and continuous hockey teams in the world.




Varsity Match Results 1998 – 2007

2007	Oxford	11:1	Cambridge
2006	Oxford	6:1	Cambridge
2005	Oxford	6:1	Cambridge
2004	Oxford	1:5	Cambridge
2003	Oxford	4:3 (OT)	Cambridge
2002	Oxford	1:8	Cambridge
2001	Oxford	5:12	Cambridge
2000	Oxford	4:2	Cambridge
1999	Oxford	1:2	Cambridge
1998	Oxford	1:8	Cambridge




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Overview of the Rules

Ice hockey is played by two teams, usually having 15 – 20 players each. Each team may have at most five players on the ice at any one time, plus a goalie. Substitutions may be made at any time, and usually players will not stay on the ice for more than one to two minutes at a time. The team having scored the most goals at the end of the game wins.

Positions: Teams almost always play with three forwards (one centre forward and two wingers) and two defencemen. The three forwards together form a *line*, and usually lines are kept playing together consistently throughout the game.

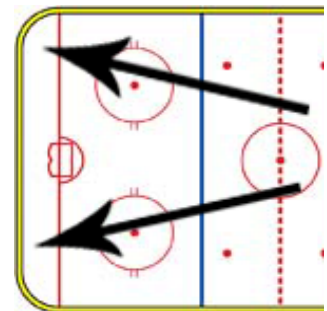
Duration: The game is divided into three *periods* of twenty minutes each; the clock runs only while the puck is in play. The teams switch sides after each period.

Penalties: The game is very physical, but there are rules against dangerous play enforced by the *referee*, assisted by two *linesmen*. Any infraction of these rules is indicated by a whistle, and play is stopped. The offending player is sent to the *penalty box* (two minutes for most infractions), and his or her team must play with one less player; that team is then said to be *shorthanded* or on *penalty kill*, while the team having a player more is on a *power play*. If a penalty has been committed but the blameless team currently has the advantage, the whistle will be delayed until the offending team gets possession of the puck.

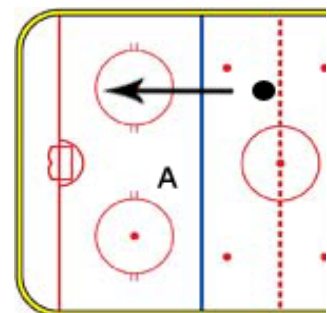
Possible penalties include boarding, charging, cross-checking, elbowing, high-sticking, holding, hooking, interference, roughing, slashing, spearing and tripping. However, full-body hits are allowed, provided that the brunt of the contact is made with shoulder or hip.

The two most common causes of play stoppage do not incur penalties:

Icing: *Icing* occurs the puck crosses the centre line (the red one in the centre of the ice) and the goal line (the red one near the goal) without any player touching the puck on the way there. Play is stopped and the puck is returned to the other end of the ice for a face-off in the offending team's zone. Icing is *not* called when the shooting player's team is playing shorthanded (i.e. with one player less).



Off-side: When a team is attacking (i.e. moving the puck into the offensive zone), the puck must cross the blue line before any offensive player does. If a player (in the diagram to the right, player A) crosses the blue line before the puck, he or she is *offside*, and the ref will blow the whistle to stop play. If the puck leaves the attacking zone, all offensive players must also leave the zone before the puck re-enters it, or play will be stopped.



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