WEEKLY RELEASE

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COMING THIS WEEK **BOX OFFICE REPORT**

Fri., Oct. 30	Adirondack Phantoms at Toronto Marlies	7:00 pm	Ricoh Coliseum	**TICKETS 416-597-7825**
Sun., Nov. 1	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at Toronto Marlies	4:00 pm	Ricoh Coliseum	**TICKETS 416-597-7825**

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Marlies Face Former Coach Greg Gilbert on Friday Night at Ricoh Coliseum

Toronto Plays Two Games This Weekend; Both at Home Versus East Division Opponents

Opponents This Week:

(Oct. 30): The Marlies will face the Adirondack Phantoms, AHL affiliate of the Philadelphia Flyers, at Ricoh Coliseum this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. The game marks the first of two meetings between the Marlies and Phantoms this season. The Adirondack Phantoms, formerly the Philadelphia Phantoms, finished the 2008-2009 season with a 43-30-2-5 record for 93 points, and snuck into final playoff spot in the East Division. Last season the Marlies won both their games against the Phantoms, outscoring them 9-1. Adam Munro started both games against the Phantoms stopping 41 of 42 shots for a 0.976 save percentage. This season, the Adirondack Phantoms sit fourth in the East Division with a 4-3-1-0 record for nine points. Former Marlies Head Coach Greg Gilbert, who coached Toronto the previous three seasons, is now behind the bench with the Phantoms. On October 20 the Phantoms acquired forward Stefan Legein, the second round pick in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft, from the Syracuse Crunch for defenseman Michael Ratchuk. Legein was an OHL Second Team All-Star during the 2007-2008 season. The Phantoms post a record of 1-2-0-0 on the road this season. Jon Matsumoto ranks first on Adirondack with seven points (two goals, five assists). Phantoms forward Jason Ward has played in 336 career NHL games, totaling 81 points (36 goals, 45 assists) with the Montreal Canadiens, New York Rangers, Los Angeles Kings and Tampa Bay Lightning.

The Marlies went 1-1-0-1 last week with two games against Abbotsford and one versus Grand Rapids. Jiri Tlusty recorded two multi-point games and five points total (three goals, two assists) in three games.

(Nov. 1): The Marlies will host to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, AHL affiliate of the Pittsburgh Penguins on Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 p.m. for their first of two meetings this season. The game marks the final contest of a four-game road trip for the Penguins who will return home to face the Norfolk Admirals on November 6. The Penguins finished the 2008-2009 season with a 49-25-3-3 record for 104 points and third place in the East Division. Last season the Marlies split their series against the Penguins with each team taking a victory on home ice. This season, the Penguins hold a record of 4-2-1-0 for nine points, ranking them third in the East Division. Right-Winger Chris Conner currently leads the Penguins in scoring with two goals and six assists for eight points. Penguins forward Mark Letestu has tallied a point in each of his past four contests and is also tied for second on the club with a plus-four rating.

MARLIES HEADLINES:

The Past Week: The Marlies went 1-1-0-1 last week on their three-game road trip to Abbotsford and Grand Rapids. Toronto opened the week with a 3-1 victory over the Heat on Tuesday night. Dale Mitchell's first career AHL goal was good enough for the game-winner and Mike Zigomanis notched two assists in his Marlies debut. The following night at the Abbotsford Entertainment & Sports Centre, the Marlies dropped a physical game, 5-3. The two teams combined for 134 penalty minutes. Jiri Tlusty and Zigomanis each had two point games in the loss. On Saturday night in Grand Rapids, the Marlies couldn't hold onto a 2-0 second period lead, falling 4-3 in a shootout to their division rivals.

Jiri Back At It: Jiri Tlusty has picked up right where he left off from a season ago. He ranks first on the Marlies in points with 10 (six goals, four assists) and is currently riding a four game assist streak and has a goal in three straight games. Tlusty has recorded at least a point in six of his past seven games. He's notched a team-high, four multi-point games so far this season. Tlusty currently ranks tied for third in the American Hockey League in goals and ninth in points. Last season he ranked second on the team and 19th in the AHL with 66 points (25 goals, 41 assists).

Munny In The Bank: Adam Munro has made a significant impact for the Marlies since signing a PTO contract on Thursday, October 15. Last week he turned aside 107 saves on 115 shots (.930 save percentage) in three games. On Tuesday night in Abbotsford he was named the game's third star of the night when he made 36 saves in the 3-1 win. In five games this season, Munro has a record of 1-2-1 with a 2.71 goals-against average and 0.919 save percentage.

We're Going Streaking: Three different Marlies are currently riding at least a three-game point streak. Jiri Tlusty has notched a point in each of his past four games (three goals, four assists). Mike Zigomanis has registered an assist in each of his first three games with the Marlies (five assists). Dale Mitchell, who started the week with his first career AHL goal, is currently riding a three game point streak (two goals, one assist).

Gettin' Ziggy With It: Mike Zigomanis immediately made his impact felt after signing with the Marlies on October 19. In his Marlies debut last Tuesday against the Heat, he recorded two assists and a plus-one rating. In three games last week he notched five assists. He was the lone Marlie to score in Toronto's 4-3 shootout loss to the Griffins on Saturday night and also collected an assist in the game. The Toronto, Ontario native played in 22 games last season with the Pittsburgh Penguins, collecting six points (two goals, four assists) and 27 penalty minutes. Zigomanis has skated in 189 career NHL games with Carolina, St. Louis, Phoenix and Pittsburgh.

Hanson Catching Fire: Christian Hanson started last week off with a three point game (one goal, two assists) in Abbotsford in the Marlies 3-1 win. Hanson scored the game's opening goal on the power play and also chipped in with two assists, good enough for first star honours. On Saturday night in Grand Rapids he registered two assists and a plus-two rating. He currently ranks second on the Marlies in points with eight (two goals, six assists).

Multi-Point Games: Jiri Tlusty leads the team with four multi-point games this season. The Marlies had four different players record at least two points in a game last week. Christian Hanson tallied Toronto's first three-point game on Tuesday night in Abbotsford.

Multi-Point Games	
Tlusty	4
Hanson	3
Zigomanis	2
Deveaux	1
Hamilton	1
Slaney	1
Berry	1

Reading Report: The Toronto Maple Leafs ECHL affiliate, the Reading Royals currently rank second in the East Division with a 1-2-1-1 record for four points. Stefano Giliati extended his goal scoring streak to a team-high four games by registering a goal in each of the three games played last week. On Friday night, Giliati scored one goal and chipped in with three assists for a four point evening. He ranks first on the Royals in goals (four), assists (four) and points (eight). Joe Ryan currently ranks second on Reading with 21 penalty minutes.

Welcome Back: The Toronto Marlies opened their 2009-10 season at Ricoh Coliseum on Sunday, October 4 against the Hamilton Bulldogs with a 3-2 shootout victory. Kyle Rogers and Ben Ondrus each scored for Toronto and Andre Deveaux notched the shootout winner. Joey MacDonald was solid in net, earning second star honours, making 32 saves in the victory. In total, the Marlies will play five home games and four road games during the month of October.

In The Community: The Toronto Marlies participated in their first of seven community practices last night at the Bob Fallis Arena in Bradford, Ontario. The team hit the ice at 6:00 p.m. for an hour long practice and then had a full team autograph signing afterwards. On Tuesday, November 3 the Marlies will travel to Woodbridge to the Al Paladini Arena for their second community practice of the season at 6:45 p.m.

Behind The Bench: The Marlies have a brand new coaching staff this season. Dallas Eakins was named the head coach of the Toronto Marlies on August 4, 2009. Eakins previously served as the Director of Player Development for the Toronto Maple Leafs last season. Gord Dineen and Derek King will both be behind the bench as Eakins' assistants. Dineen spent the 2008-09 as the head coach with the Iowa Chops. King returns to the organization after playing 161 games for the Maple Leafs from 1997 to 2000 during which he scored 45 goals and 53 assists for 98 points.

Making Their Debut: The Marlies dressed nine new players in their home opening game against the Hamilton Bulldogs on October 4. Defensemen Brendan Mikkelson, Carl Gunnarsson, Brennan Evans and Juraj Mikus; forwards Richard Greenop, Greg Scott, Christian Hanson and Tyler Bozak and goaltender Joey MacDonald all made their Marlie debuts.

Starting in Scotland: The Marlies played three games in Edinburgh, Scotland to begin their preseason. Toronto dropped their opening match to the Hamilton Bulldogs 1-0. The Marlies bounced back with a 6-1 victory over the hometown Edinburgh Capitals in their second game. In the Gardiner Cup final matchup against the Bulldogs, the Marlies lost 3-1. Andre Deveaux and Ryan Hamilton led all scorers with three points each.

MARLIES QUICK HITS:

- The Marlies have allowed 117 shots over their past three games, an average of 39 per contest.

- Toronto's power play has scored at least a goal in three of their past four games. Over that span the club has gone 5-for-20 (25.0%).

- Brennan Evans currently ranks first on the Marlies and fourth in the AHL with 53 penalty minutes.

- Mike Zigomanis, Brennan Evans and Dale Mitchell are tied for the club lead with a plus-two rating.

- Alex Foster and Brennan Evans were named assistant captains prior to their season opening game; while Ben Ondrus began his third season as captain of the Marlies. Ondrus scored the game tying goal mid-way through the third period on October 4 versus Hamilton.

Reebok/AHL PLAYER OF THE WEEK NOMINEE

For the week ending October 25, 2009, the Toronto Marlies nominated forward Jiri for consideration as the Reebok/AHL Player of the Week. Tlusty notched five points (three goals, two assists) and a plus-two rating for the Marlies in three games. On Tuesday night in Abbotsford he tallied a goal and an assist in the Marlies lone win last week. The next night against the Heat, Tlusty scored his first shorthanded goal of the year and also chipped in with an assist. The Slany, CZE native leads the Marlies with 10 points (six goals, four assists) in eight games and is also currently on a four-game point streak.

MARLIES ON THE WEB

Follow the Marlies all season long for the latest, most up-to-date information on their official web site, **torontomarlies.com**

MARLIES UPCOMING PROMOTIONS:

Friday, October 30 vs. Adirondack Phantoms – Live Band / Halloween Night
Sunday, November 1 vs. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins – Veterans Night
Saturday, November 21 vs. Grand Rapids Griffins – Movember/Boy Scouts Night

MARLIES RECAP:

Tuesday, October 20 at Abbotsford

Marlies Snap Losing Streak with First Road Win of the Season

Marlies Goals:	Hanson (2), Mitchell (1), Tlusty (4)
Heat Goal:	Backlund (2)
Three Stars:	1. Hanson (TOR), 2. Backlund (ABB), 3. Munro (TOR)

Recap: The Marlies snapped their three-game losing streak on Tuesday night with their 3-1 victory over the Abbotsford Heat. **Christian Hanson** and **Dale Mitchell** both potted first period goals to put Toronto ahead 2-0 after one period. **Mitchell's** goal was his first career AHL marker. Abbotsford added a second period power play goal, but **Jiri Tlusty** responded six minutes later with his fourth of the season to make it 3-1. **Tlusty** finished the game with two points and **Hanson** contributed on each Marlies goal (one goal, two assists) and was named the game's first star. **Mike Zigomanis** made his Marlies debut and collected two assists. **Adam Munro** picked up his first win of the season, making 36 saves on 37 shots.

Wednesday, October 21 at Abbotsford

Marlies Lose 5-3 to Heat in Penalty Filled Game

Marlies Goals:	Tlusty (5), Bozak (1), Mitchell (2)
Heat Goals:	Germyn (1), Watt (1), Lundmark (4), Seabrook (3), Jaffray (4)
Three Stars:	1. Watt (ABB), 2. Pelech (ABB), 3. Tlusty (TOR)

Recap: The Marlies and Heat combined for 134 penalty minutes in the game, as Abbotsford dropped the Marlies 5-3 on Wednesday night. **Jiri Tlusty** put Toronto on the board 1-0 with a shorthanded tally four minutes into the game. Abbotsford responded with three straight goals before **Tyler Bozak** netted his first career AHL goal while on the power play early in the third period. On **Bozak's** goal, **Mike Zigomanis** collected his second assist of the game. **Dale Mitchell** scored in his second straight game to close out Abbotsford's 5-3 win late in the third period. Toronto's power play went 2-for-6 in the game. **Adam Munro** made 35 saves in the loss.

Saturday, October 24 at Grand Rapids

Griffins Comeback to Beat Marlies in Shootout, 4-3

Marlies Goals:	Tlusty (6), Hamilton (2), Deveaux (2)
Griffins Goals:	Williams (3), Rissmiller (1), Vigilante (1)
Three Stars:	1. Williams (GRA), 2. Tlusty (TOR), 3. Rismiller (GRA)

Recap: After jumping out to an early 2-0 lead, the Marlies couldn't hold on, falling 4-3 in a shootout to their division rivals. **Jiri Tlusty** and **Ryan Hamilton** both scored in the second period to put Toronto in front 2-0. **Tlusty** extended his point streak to four games; while **Mike Zigomanis** extended his point streak to three games with his assist on **Tlusty's** goal. The Griffins then responded with three goals over a 22 minute span. **Andre Deveaux** tied the game at 3-3 with six minutes remaining in regulation with his third of the season. Francis Pare netted the shootout winner for the Griffins. **Adam Munro** turned aside 36 saves in the loss. **Christian Hanson** recorded two assists and **Dale Mitchell** recorded a point in his third straight game.

TORONTO MARLIES 2009-10 REGULAR SEASON STATS

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	PPA	SHG	SHA	GW	FG	IG	OT	UA	EN	SOG	SOA	SGW	SO%	SH	SH%
11	Jiri Tlusty	LW	8	6	4	10	-2	4	2	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0.500	33	0.182
20	* Christian Hanson	RW	8	2	6	8	-1	9	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	22	0.091
13	Andre Deveaux	RW	8	3	2	5	1	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0.500	21	0.143
12	Ryan Hamilton	LW	8	2	3	5	-1	24	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	19	0.105
17	Mike Zigomanis	C	3	0	5	5	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1.000	6	0.000
21	* Tyler Bozak	C	8	1	3	4	-4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0.500	24	0.042
14	* Robert Slaney	LW	5	0	4	4	-5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	3	0.000
28	* Dale Mitchell	RW	7	2	1	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.000	12	0.167
26	* Juraj Mikus	D	6	1	2	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.000	11	0.091
29	Kyle Rogers	RW	4	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	3	0.333
23	Alex Foster	C	5	1	1	2	-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1.000	18	0.056
22	Brennan Evans	D	8	1	1	2	2	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	6	0.167
27	* Alex Berry	RW	8	0	2	2	-4	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	11	0.000
24	Jonas Frogren	D	7	1	0	1	-1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	2	0.500
25	Ben Ondrus	RW	8	1	0	1	-5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	11	0.091
9	Darryl Boyce	C	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	1	0.000
3	x Brendan Mikkelson	D	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	2	0.000
30	Adam Munro	G	5	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000
4	Phil Oreskovic	D	5	0	1	1	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	11	0.000
18	* Richard Greenop	RW	7	0	1	1	-1	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	2	0.000
10	Carl Gunnarsson	D	8	0	1	1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.000	11	0.000
32	* Andrew Engelage	G	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000
31	x Joey MacDonald	G	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000
34	*x James Reimer	G	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000
7	Todd Perry	D	4	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	1	0.000
2	Andy Rogers	D	4	0	0	0	-4	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	2	0.000
6	Josh Engel	D	5	0	0	0	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	7	0.000
19	* Greg Scott	RW	7	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	6	0.000
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	TOTALS		8	23	41	63	-25	227	7	13	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	5	11	1	0.455	246	0.090

No.	GOALIE	GP	MINS	W	L	SOL	SO	EN	GA	GAA	SOGP	SOW	SOL	SOGA	SOA	SO%	SA	SVS	SV%
31	x Joey MacDonald	1	65	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.85	1	1	0	2	4	0.500	34	32	0.941
30	Adam Munro	5	265	1	2	1	0	1	12	2.71	1	0	1	2	6	0.667	149	137	0.919
34	*x James Reimer	2	119	1	1	0	0	0	7	3.53	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	55	48	0.873
32	* Andrew Engelage	1	40	0	1	0	0	0	5	7.50	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	14	9	0.643
	TOTALS	8	489	3	4	1	0	1	26	3.19	2	1	1	4	10	0.600	252	226	0.897

x - inactive, * - rookie