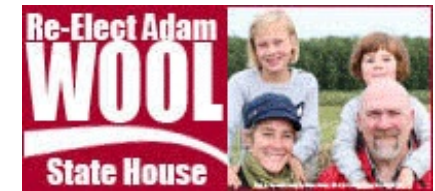




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Ex-Nanook goaltender Wylie Rogers invents revolutionary hockey device



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FAIRBANKS—Wylie Rogers is using his experience as a hockey goalie to change the game.



The Fairbanks native and former Alaska Nanooks goalie has

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invented a new peg for hockey nets that eliminates the need to drill into the ice and concrete and will be used by an NCAA Division I team this season.

The Wylie Post, as Rogers has named it, is a dual-spike peg with a short rubber post on top that won't come free when goalies push against the post but allows the net to come free when a skater runs into it.

"It's one of those ideas where people say 'Man, someone should have come up with that a long time ago,'" Rogers said on Wednesday at the Patty Center.

"This makes the game so much better for everyone," Rogers said "It's kind of like a way to give back to the game in a way."

Rogers started developing the peg when he served as a volunteer assistant coach with the Nanooks from 2012-14 while working on his master's of business administration and watched the nets come loose during practices.

"It bothered me as a player, but as a coach it bothered me even more, because I couldn't run drills with these guys because they're grown men repeatedly pushing off the net," Rogers said.

"As a coach it was more frustrating than as a player," he continued. "As a player, you learn to deal with it. When you're trying to get them to do things they would do in a game, it's

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impossible.”

The bottom of the pegs have a zinc spray on them that allowed the pegs to melt into the ice a little before refreezing, giving the pegs a better grip to the ice.

The first prototype of the peg was made entirely out of steel. However, after a Nanooks practice, Rogers quickly realized he needed to make some adjustments.

“We ran a beautiful goalie practice for an entire hour and there were no problems. Then the rest of the team came out,” Rogers recalled. “And, I think it was Alec Hajdukovich, went flying into the net and almost got hurt because the net didn’t budge at all.

“(Athletic trainer Mike Curtin) was like ‘You can use them in goalie practice but you can’t use them when the rest of the team is out there.’ I could have stopped there, and I kind of did until Ping (Lan) was like ‘Make it safe, make it safe for everyone,’” Rogers reflected. “You don’t have anything until everyone can use it, until there’s a demand.”

Lan is a business professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and was teaching a new ventures development class that Rogers was taking. Rogers worked with Lan to develop the peg and eventually entered it in a new business competition put on by the University of Alaska Anchorage in May 2014.

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“He’s like my Miyagi,” Rogers said, alluding to the fictional karate master portrayed by Pat Morita in the “Karate Kid” movies.

“He and I kind of talked a little bit about it. It wasn’t until that class where he really forced me to put things on paper,” Rogers said. “None of this would have been possible without Dr. Ping Lan. He’s driven this thing to where it is today. I had the idea; everyone’s had the idea, right. He was the motivating, driving factor.”

It was at the competition in Anchorage that Rogers realized the peg could become a real product.

“One of the investors afterwards came up to me and said ‘I have to be honest. We look at all these ahead of time and I didn’t really get it. But after you presented; I don’t want my kid on the ice if these aren’t being used,’” Rogers said. “It was kind of then I was like ‘Man, if I could explain this to someone because it makes so much sense in my head, it could be something real.’”

Rogers and the peg won the Alaska Student Kicker Award last October at the Arctic Innovation Competition, which was hosted by the UAF School of Management.

While Rogers had an idea what the metal part of the peg would look like, the rubber piece took some experimenting. One of his

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initial prototypes involved a tall piece of rubber.

“It wasn’t until I tested it here at the Patty (Center Ice Arena at UAF) that I discovered it can’t be long, it has to be short, it has to be fat,” Rogers said. “It has to be ribbed like backbone because the net needs to be able to go up it but not always break off. That’s when we really started coming up with ideas and testing the zinc spray.”

Rogers went 42-41-14 in four seasons with the Nanooks from 2004-08 and was named to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association All-Rookie Team in 2005. His seven career shutouts are tied for second in Nanooks history.

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Rogers recently agreed to deal to have Pinto Products in Kalamazoo, Michigan, manufacture the pegs. The University of Alabama-Huntsville, which plays in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association with the Nanooks, will be using the pegs in the 2015-16 season.

While the Chargers are the only collegiate team to use the peg this season, there are other teams and leagues that have expressed interest. Rogers said that Alaska Anchorage head coach Matt Thomas has said he wants the pegs, which Rogers

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debuted at the American Hockey Coaches Association Convention in Naples, Florida, in April.

Rogers also said he's been talking throughout the development of the peg with Big Ten Hockey official coordinator Steve Piotrowski, who Rogers said is excited to get the pegs.

"If you can get the officials to love it and the goalies to love it, then it's kind of like now we have something," Rogers said.

With the manufacturer lined up, Rogers will begin to take preorders for the pegs in October on his website (www.thewyliepost.com).

"Every rink in Alaska is going to get a free set of the Wylie Post," Rogers said. "It's not just arenas that this is marketing to. I want every goalie to have these in their bags so that they can go to a rink anywhere and take their pegs out and train and practice like you're going to play. That's the key.

"You don't have to wait for the rinks to buy them. Everyone's going to be able to have them," Rogers added.

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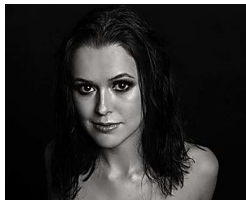
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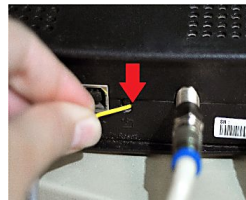
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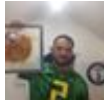
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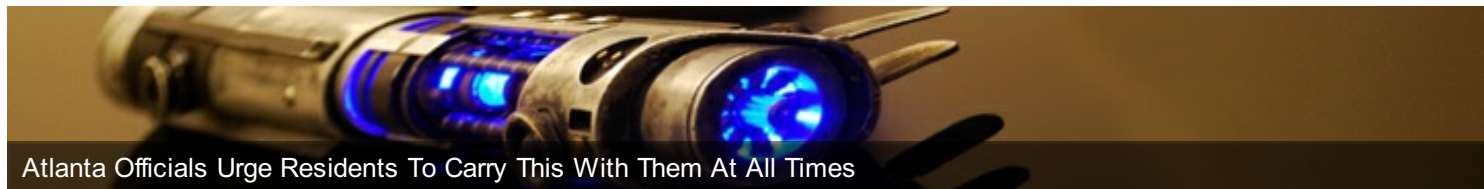


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