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Frank J. Zamboni To Be Inducted Into U.S. Hockey Hall Of Fame

USA Hockey recently announced that Frank Zamboni will be inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. In 1940, Frank Zamboni, his brother and a cousin opened the Iceland skating rink in Paramount, California. While managing the business, Frank soon learned that maintaining the ice was a labor-intensive task and set out to develop a machine that could create a good sheet of ice in a fraction of the time previously required. He had a natural talent which would eventually lead to the invention of his eponymous machine — the Zamboni ice resurfacer. As his son, Richard Zamboni, said: “He never saw mechanical challenges as a place to stop; they were a beginning point. He always seemed to be thinking about the machines and never really sat back and felt that the product was the best it could be. He knew that there had to be a way to continually improve and worked on it day in and day out.”

After numerous attempts, by 1949 Frank had a working prototype, the “Model A” for which he applied and was granted a patent. Frank J. Zamboni & Co. was established, and soon rink owners throughout North America were hearing

stories of a machine that could resurface their ice, saving them valuable time and resources. Frank used feedback from the arena managers and owners of his new machines to continually improve upon his previous models. For more information, log on to Zamboni.com.

Everything Ice Chosen To Build for the Louisiana Icegators

Everything Ice was recently chosen to be the manufacturer and installer of a standard NHL-size rink for the Louisiana IceGators. This fall, the IceGators will partic-

The logo for Everything Ice, featuring the words “Everything Ice” in a stylized font with a trademark symbol.

ipate in their inaugural season in the Southern Professional Hockey League. The IceGators are the 7th team to join the league, which is in its 6th season. The IceGators will play at the Blackham Coliseum, which is located in Lafayette.

Everything Ice will showcase its newest product, the Instant Ice Mat System, in the rink. “We needed a system that allowed easy portability, as well as superior performance,” said Brent Sapergia, President and General Manager of the IceGators. “We knew we didn’t want to deal with sand and the mess that it can create. Aside from the rink being fully functional, we needed a design team that could lead us through some tough decisions to make the rink a reality. John Burley and his design team proved why they are the best in the business, as they provided expertise and consultation beyond our expectations.”

“The IceGators rink is one of nearly 20 Instant Ice systems that Everything Ice will install this fall season,” said John Burley, President of Everything Ice. “The response has been amazing. We antici-

pated installing 10 systems, and we have easily doubled it.”

The rink construction will commence in September, as the IceGators are slated to open their season October 22 vs. the Mississippi Surge.

Ice Rink Events Continues Expansion

The company known best for its high-volume seasonal rink operations and high-profile portable rink installations announces a major expansion of its world-wide presence. New installations are either open or under develop-



ment in Turkey, Switzerland, Kuwait, Brazil, Australia and India. Classical Tents of Lenoxdale, Mass., becomes Ice Rink Events’ exclusive distributor in the New England region, and the La Pista organization of Mexico has joined forces with IRE as the exclusive distributor in Mexico of its mat-type rink systems and recreational dasher railings. Additionally, Ice Rink Events continues its expansion in the New York City region, with the opening of the World Ice Arena at Flushing Meadows Corona Park, which is open year-round. City Ice Pavilion, the seasonally-operated hockey facility in Queens, is also set for re-opening in September. IRE’s flagship rink, The Pond at Bryant Park, begins its fifth year of operation in October. Two other locations in the city are also in the design phase or under development. With offices in New York, Florida, Texas, Washington, California, Virginia, Syracuse and Calgary, Ice Rink Events remains committed to the growth of public skating participation and temporary special-event rinks that will showcase ice sports to the public. For more information, visit IceRinkEvents.com.