



# TROPICAL DEPRESSION

## TROPICAL DEPRESSION WINS BACK TO BACK TITLES

### Team Goes Back to BLACK

**December 22, 2008. RELEASE:** The Rec League team of the Carolina Hurricanes have captured another title. After, earning a title in the summer session the Tropical Depression have defended their title in a convincing 5 - 1 drubbing of the team they played in the championship game last year, The Green Machine. The Depression scored within the first 2 minutes of the game and never looked back. George Brown got the team on the board first followed by consecutive goals by Richie Valentino who ended the playoffs as the Kon Smith Award for MVP of the playoffs tallying 5 points (3g 2a) included both playoff game winners. Dan McGowan and Paul Branecky added insult to injury and the Tropical Depression improved their record to 11-2 on the season.

"We're just very happy to represent the Hurricanes Franchise in a positive manner," team Captain Paul Strand said. Team GM Brian Slais was not on hand but said from the Tea Cups in Disney World that he was beyond happy.

The Depression ended the regular season as the League's President Trophy winners and will look to Three- Peat in the Spring Session.

### DEPRESSION NOTES

- Depression netminder **Pete Soto** has started all but 1 of the Depressions game in franchise history.
- Depression GM Brian Slais has missed both Championship games
- Eric Bridenstine was the first TD player ejected from a game in franchise history
- Team played most of the season without defensemen Ryan O'Quinn (lower body injury) and Mike King (Traded)
- The Depression have led the league in attendance for the second consecutive year - Led by Depression Junkie Brooke Baragona who was not on hand at the Championship on Sunday
- The Depression had 5 players in the top 5 in scoring
- Brian Slais led league with 11 goals
- Paul Strand led league in points with 18 and assists with 9

### TROPICAL DEPRESSION RECORD 11-2 SCORING LEADERS AND GOALTENDERS

CAROLINA	G	A	PTS
Strand	9	9	18
Slais	11	5	16
Valentino	6	4	10
Branecky	6	4	10

Goal Tenders	GP	GAA	W-L-OT
Soto	11	2.17	9-2-0