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Regehr's goal to finally score

Flames defenceman can't find net

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ST. PAUL -- Steve Montador snapped a 51-game goal scoring drought last game.

Shean Donovan ended a 33-game famine the game before.

Stephane Yelle scissored his swoon at 30 games in the outing just before that.

Pardon Robyn Regehr for sticking up his hand and asking for it to be his turn.

Of the Flames regulars, Regehr has gone the most games without lighting a lamp.

The last time the hulking defenceman scored was April 4, 2002, a 4-3 Flames win over Minnesota Wild, who the Flames will face tonight.

Having gone 76 games without getting another has him a little antsy.

"It's been like that for a few months. It's been a long, long while," said Regehr, who's at least able to laugh about his lack of scoring prowess.

Regehr isn't going to be confused with Jarome Iginla. In 277 career NHL games, the 6-ft., 3-in., 235-lb. defenceman has a grand total of eight goals and 27 helpers.

However, he did lead all Flames defenceman in offensive production in the pre-season.

Then again, so did Tommy Albelin a few years back.

The drought even has Regehr, the only Flames player to use an all-wooden stick as opposed to the graphite models on the market, to consider changing his weapon.

"I thought I'd take more heat for that," he said. "I'm the only guy who uses a wooden stick ... there could be a link there some way."

It didn't help matters Regehr suffered a debilitating wrist injury in November. Even though he didn't miss a game, it affected his odds of scoring.

"It did really bother me quite a bit, and through December and January it was really hard to shoot the puck. It was painful whenever I did," he said.

"It makes for a tough time to score on NHL goalies.

"Lately, I've been getting lots of shots in games, so one is bound to go in.

"I'm going to bounce one in off an opposition player."

Goaltenders have been forced to block Regehr offerings. He had five shots on goal against Dallas on Thursday and sent six pucks on the Phoenix net last Monday.

"I feel good recently and am getting chances and getting pucks to the net," he maintained.

"I've tried to start shooting more for rebounds and been making sure I'm getting pucks through, not even shooting that hard sometimes, just making sure it can get through the legs and past the sticks.

"Slapshots take more time to get off. I find it easier to thread a shot through a shot blocker with a wrist shot than by winding up and trying a heavy slapshot.

"Also, they're a little easier to deflect.

"But maybe I should start taking slappers because what I'm doing now isn't really working."

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