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LEGENDARY NY RANGER RON DUGUAY TO PLAY THIS SUNDAY
IN BATTLES ON ICE FOR 9/11 CHARITY

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Former New York Rangers great Ron Duguay is one of three ex-Blueshirts who will join the FDNY in challenging the Legends of the USSR on Sunday at 2 p.m. in Brooklyn.

The hockey match 31 years ago between Russia and the United States in Lake Placid was played amid great international tension. This weekend the rivalry will be renewed with much different national and personal implications. These Battles on Ice are all about friendship, charity and coming together to remember those lost 10 years ago on 9/11.

Alexander Medvedev, president of the Kontinental Hockey League and a sponsor of the series, said the games have been in the works for years and carry a unique and symbolic message.

"Our hope is that the exhibition games will extend the spirit of friendship between our two societies, while also supporting the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice 10 years ago," Medvedev said Monday.

The series, to be held at the Aviator Sports and Event Center at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, starts with the FDNY against EMERCOM (Russian firefighters) on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The following day at 2 p.m., the FDNY along with NHL alumni - including Ranger greats Steve Vickers, Ron Duguay and Ron Greschner - will challenge the Legends of the USSR.

The Russians feature ex-Devil Alexei Kasatonov (a defenseman on the Soviet team in 1980 that lost, 4-3, to the U.S. in the "Miracle on Ice"), former Ranger Varleri Kamensky and ex-Flame and Shark Sergei Makarov.

"We'll have two good teams battling it out, playing good, clean hockey," said Lt. Thomas Reno, captain of the FDNY squad. "It'll be tough, hard-played, but it's all for fun."

His team has been playing together all year long and competes in the Police and Firemen's Games.

Kamensky said he's excited to play against former teammates. "We know each other, we've played together, it'll be fun for fans to watch," Kamensky said. "It'll be a great charity game."

Tickets to the Saturday game are \$40 and are \$50 for Sunday's.

FREE TICKETS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12.

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