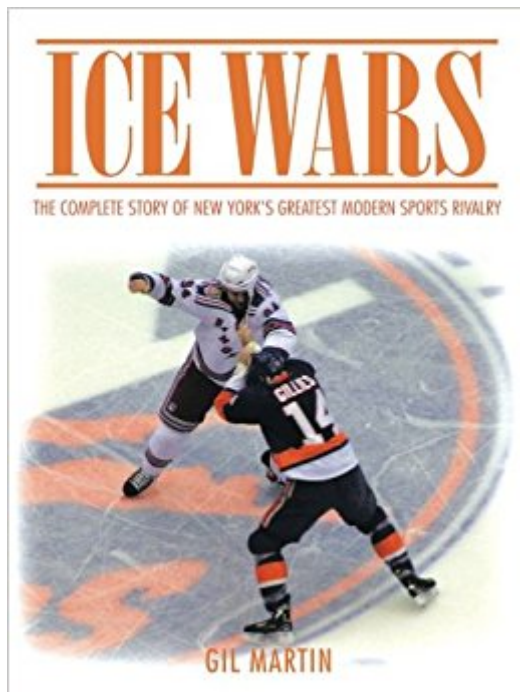


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# Ice Wars



## Synopsis

This book presents the complete history of New York's greatest modern sports rivalry: The battle between the New York Rangers and New York Islanders. More than fifty former players and broadcasters from both teams were interviewed for this book to provide the inside story of the battle between the Rangers and the Islanders. No modern rivalry in sports has quite the intensity and proximity of the Rangers-Islanders. Each game in the history of the rivalry is reviewed so fans can remember the great moments and stars that made this rivalry unique. Players like Rod Gilbert, JP Parise, Billy Smith, Phil Esposito, Denis Potvin, John Davidson, Bryan Trottier, Mike Bossy, Don Maloney, Barry Beck, Pat LaFontaine, Mark Messier, Brian Leetch, Glenn Healy, Wayne Gretzky, Jaromir Jagr, John Tavares, Kyle Okposo, and Henrik Lundqvist are profiled and featured throughout the book. This book is an invaluable reference for fans of both teams and hockey fans everywhere.

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The game-by-game account of each season's rivalry, beginning in 1972-73 and ranging to the 2015-16 season, has a humorous edge and is so dynamic that the reader feels like he's sitting in on a live game. I found the insider insight enthralling, and I especially liked that each game is titled, again with a humor that makes this book both fun and entertaining. The almanac-like detail of Ice Wars, makes it a must not just for Rangers and Islanders fans, but all fans of hockey.

Ice Wars, The Complete Story of New York's Greatest Modern Sports Rivalry is a

comprehensive review of the first 43 years of the intense rivalry between the Rangers and Islanders. The book features a chapter for every season from 1972 when the Islanders joined the NHL along with the Atlanta Flames up to the 2015-16 season. Each chapter begins with the league standings for that season, a review of each team's performance that year as well as head-to-head records and statistics. Then there are recaps, sometimes humorous, of each regular season and playoff game between the two rivals that season. Milestone games are highlighted and each chapter includes a profile of a Ranger and Islander player, some famous, some infamous. Included in the text are comments from the over 50 former players, coaches, broadcasters and front office personnel that Mr. Martin interviewed for the book. Also included are many little known facts about both clubs especially the Islanders. For example, when the Isles hosted the Blueshirts for their first ever home pre-season game in October of 1972, the brand new Nassau Coliseum was not fully completed. Seats were still being installed in a makeshift press box and they didn't have a scoreboard, so they had to borrow one from Skateland, the Rangers practice site in New Hyde Park. Little tidbits like that make the book an entertaining as well as informative read. At 495 pages, the book is a tome and not meant to be read cover-to-cover. It's more like an encyclopedia that I guarantee you will refer to many times during the season.

Gil nailed this.. Anyone who is a fan that has a love for numbers, stats, and just wanting every possible piece of this rivalry is going to want this book. You can get a feeling that the writer is taking you back to the era, and bringing you up to date on this great sports rivalry. Well done sir!

An absolute treasure to read especially if you are a fan of this rivalry. The book flows perfectly. The year in review, the game by game highlights and the player profiles really gives you the in depth look. As a hockey fan, I'm glad a book like this has come out. Bravo Gil Martin!

Got my hands on an early copy; What can I say? If you are a Ranger, Islander, hockey or just all-around sports fan, this is a must read. You can tell Martin's DNA is drenched in hockey and especially the Rangers and Islanders. It's like a history lesson for hockey/sports fans. Reading the words of the players and those who witnessed these games brings one back to where they were when watching on TV or in attendance one of those great games. Martin has got a new fan in this reader.

This is a book all hockey fans will really love.

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