

TV SPORTS

1994-95 NHL season looks like Lindros' year

BY JEFF PLASS

In case you blinked and missed the off-season, the NHL is geared up and ready to roar into the 1994-95 regular season.

And ESPN, along with ESPN2, is ready to provide blanket coverage, airing more than 100 games, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 4, when ESPN presents the Philadelphia Flyers taking on the Florida Panthers.

ESPN lead hockey commentator Bill Clement really likes the Flyers' chances this year, due in particular to the promised emergence of the game's next great superstar, Eric Lindros.

"I think the team that may make the greatest strides could be the Philadelphia Flyers, just based on Eric Lindros," Clement claims. "He is Robo-cop on skates. He's got the looks, the charisma and the heart, especially with (Flyers vice president) Bobby Clarke coming back to Philadelphia."

"Bobby was Eric's childhood hero

and they have developed a real kinship. As far as Eric's concerned, Bobby's back home, and I think that will make Eric play to his potential more often than he did last year."

"I mean, last year," Clement adds, "he was typically erratic. I say typically for somebody that age in general, with tremendous ups and downs. But I think Bobby Clarke's influence will make Eric a force on a far more regular basis."



Mondays on ABC, Shelley Fabares stars as Christine Armstrong Fox in *Coach*.

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