

Bloom inducted into U.S. Ski Hall of Fame

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Two-time moguls World Champion Jeremy Bloom has been inducted into to U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, the organization announced Tuesday.

Bloom, a former University of Colorado football player, is part of a six-member class for the group, founded in Ishpeming, Mich., in 1954. Joining him are Wayne Wong, Kirsten Clark, Craig Kelly, Horst Abraham and Hans Geier.

Bloom was the 2003 and 2005 World Cup champion in moguls, winning the dual moguls titles at 2003 World Championships while taking silver in the individual event. A two-time Olympian for the United States, Bloom set a record during his run to the 2006 Games by winning six consecutive mogul events on the tour, a streak that stood for seven seasons.

Bloom, who also was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles, founded Wish Of A Lifetime in 2008, which grants wishes to senior citizens. He is also the co-founder of Integrate.com.

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Brady never doubted Solder, OL

By Field Yates

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. -- Entering 2012, there weren't a ton of questions facing the Patriots' offense, which finished last season at the top, or near the top, of many major statistical categories.

One of the few questions was whether second-year tackle Nate Solder could step up to replace the void left by the retired Matt Light.

So far, so good, as Solder and the offensive line have excelled through eight games.

"Nate played a lot last year too, and he's been very reliable and dependable really since the day he got here," quarterback Tom Brady said Wednesday. "He's very mature. I think he's really asserted himself as a very good player. That's a tough position to play. You get the best of your opponent every single week, and he's never really backed down to a challenge. There's a lot of comfort there."

Brady was steadfast in his confidence in the line prior to the regular season, despite some woes experienced during preseason play. That confidence remains.

"I've never thought much about -- concerned myself with their job and so forth," Brady said of the line. "They're very well coached. They work very hard. That entire group, that's kind of like their own little sub-culture within the team. They have the things they do to get ready, they're coached very hard. Dante Scarnecchia is one of the best coaches I've ever been around. It's just a matter of time, the more you play together the better you're going to do, and those guys have continued to work really hard and obviously it's showing out there on the field."



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against the Toronto Argonauts.

"I just needed time. Now it doesn't even feel like anything ever happened," he said after getting in regular work during Tuesday's offensive drills.

Charles deftly covered 887 yards on the ground — good enough for fifth overall in the CFL — and another 522 on 32 catches when he was forced to leave the lineup with a knee injury on Oct. 19. With two regular-season games left to play, he had come

EDMONTON — The regular season was cut short for Hugh Charles, painfully short, given the year the all-purpose back was having with the Edmonton Eskimos.

But Charles is not only back on the practice field, it looks like he'll back in the starting lineup for Sunday's East Division semifinal showdown.

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Throw in his eight touchdowns and it's not hard to understand why he was such a factor in the Eskimos offence before his knee was hyperextended when he was clipped by a [B.C. Lions](#) defender.

"What was on my mind was to make it back for the playoffs. Everything I had been dreaming and hoping has come to fruition," he said. "This injury just needed some time to heal. I'm not feeling any effects from it now.

"I had had a few goals," he said, "like hitting the 1,000-yard mark, and some more incentives on my contract. It was just unfortunate ... because the only way this injury would have happened was getting hit the way I did.

"Now we're in the playoffs and, with a win, we can keep going."

Eskimos head coach [Kavis Reed](#) wasn't prepared to officially hand off the starting job to Charles, but it would take a medical setback to keep him out of the lineup.

The residual factor is that running back [Cory Boyd](#), who was pinch-hitting in the absence of Charles, had such an impressive game against the [Calgary Stampeders](#) that Reed said he would merit consideration as the feature back.

There just won't be room for three backs, so the Eskimos will either have to find a way to add a non-import elsewhere on the roster if they opted to sit [Jerome Messam](#) and send out both Boyd and Charles, or, Messam will play with Charles, bumping Boyd to the sideline.

"(Charles) has done everything we've asked him to do," said Reed. "He's been an exceptional runner, very prolific out of the backfield, therefore I think he's put himself in that discussion as one of the elite players in this league."

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Chauncey Billups hopes to be back 'in a month'

By Arash Markazi

LOS ANGELES -- Los Angeles Clippers guard Chauncey Billups anticipates he will still be out a month and doesn't think he will be back on the court in November.

"Barring any setbacks, I'm hoping in a month I'll be back out there," Billups said while on ESPN's NBA Countdown on Wednesday. "I'm back practicing with the team so everything is looking good."

If everything goes according to plan, Billups will make his return to the starting lineup sometime in early December before the Clippers go on a four-game road trip on Dec. 11.

Billups, who had season-ending surgery to repair a torn left Achilles tendon in February, has been practicing with the team for the past month after being cleared for contact drills on Oct. 5.

"Once I went down, everyone was counting me out because of my age and the stage in my career but that fire doesn't just go away," Billups said. "I'm looking forward to getting back out there and helping my team out."
