

PHHH #968.9

Date: December 28, 2003

Place: Sears, Rt 1, New Brunswick

Hare: Jimmy Ruckfutgers

Hounds: Safe Sweats, Hey YO! Pully, Discomfort, Hand Solo, Polish Twin A, Dancin' Fool

Virgin: Steve the Nurse

See at On-in: Polish Twin C

Time: 90 minutes

Jimmy Ruckfutgers' Hat Trick

His first brought us red dresses, weddings in  
the gardens, long distances and horse bound,  
police-like lasses.

The second brought Halloween merriment, irate golfers  
and downtown bars.

What to expect from the third?

JR chose an auspicious day in history to go for his hat trick:

December 28 in History	
1836	Spain recognises the independence of Mexico.
1856	Thomas Woodrow Wilson was born in <a href="#">Staunton, Virginia</a> . The twenty-eighth president of the United States, Wilson served two consecutive terms in the <a href="#">White House</a> , from

1913 to 1921.

Before entering politics, Wilson taught at Bryn Mawr College and Wesleyan University, and later served as [president of Princeton University](#). At Princeton, he earned a national reputation for his political addresses and articles, which contributed to his election as governor of [New Jersey](#) in 1910. Two years later, the Democratic National Convention nominated Wilson to run for president.

On the day before Wilson's inauguration in March 1913, members of the Congressional Union, later known as the National Women's Party, organized a [suffrage parade](#) in Washington, D.C. to siphon attention away from inaugural events. It is said that when Wilson arrived in town, he found the streets empty of welcoming crowds and was told that everyone was on Pennsylvania Avenue watching the parade.

**1869** William F. Semple of Mount Vernon, Ohio, becomes the first person to receive a patent for chewing gum.

**1882** Birth of Arthur Eddington, British astronomer, mathematician and pioneer in the field of cosmology.

**1895** The Lumiere brothers, Antoine and Louis, unveil their Cinematograph in the basement of the Grand Cafe in Paris.

**1895** Death of Phan Dinh Phung (born 1844), leader of a royalist movement against the French in Huong Son and Huong Khe in the province of Ha Tinh, central Viet Nam (1885 – 1896).

**1908** Over 82,000 people are killed in an earthquake which reduced Messina, Sicily's second town, to rubble. A tidal wave that followed caused more devastation.

**1923** Death of Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel, renowned for the tower in Paris that bears his name.

**1925** Death of Nguyen Thuong Hien (born 1868), leader of various patriotic movements against the French in Viet Nam.

**1942** Japanese planes bomb Calcutta, India, in World War II.

**1966** China detonates its fifth atomic bomb.

**1974** An earthquake, measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale, destroys villages in the Karakom Mountains in Pakistan, leaving 5,200 dead and over 16,000 injured.

**1975** Death of Luong Dinh Cua (born 1921), Vietnamese agronomist, inventor of many high-yielding rice varieties.

**1985** After four months of negotiations, a Syrian-brokered cease-fire is agreed between Lebanon's Moslem and Christian militias.

<b>1989</b>	The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam adopts a press law.
<b>1995</b>	China names the committee responsible for steering Hong Kong through its transition from British colony to Chinese Special Administration Region in 1997.
<b>1999</b>	Taking last-minute Y2K precautions, the US Defence Department shuts down its Internet site to keep it safe from hackers. Russia's Strategic Missile Forces declare the nuclear arsenal and defence satellites prepared for a transition into the year 2000.
<b>2003</b>	Jimmy RuckFutgers caps off hat-trick of hopeless new Brunswick hashes, bring the year to a close (just in the nick of time).

Astonishingly enough, all the hounds made it to the on-in and were regaled with cold beer (as promised) and home-made Mexican food. The festive spirit abounded as we went through our entire repertoire of songs (2), repeling innocent bystanders and making the people living under the bridges wonder why the neighborhood was going downhill. The Polish Twins suffered an identity crisis, am I A or are you C? Being unable to untangle the mystery, they decided to merge their identities and become Polish Twin B. As Weatherman might aver,  $A+C=B$ .

Next Hashes:

#969.9 Sun Jan 4 2pm Safe Sweats kicks off 2004

#970.9 Sun Jan 11 2pm Geezer sets

#971.9 Sun Jan 18 2pm ??? sets

#972.9 Sun Jan 25 2pm ??? sets