Will The Puck Be Dropped Again?

NHL lockout

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Carlynton Jr. Sr. High School, November 14th 2012- This is not the first lockout but this time will it be forever? Many things have been canceled in the NHL season including the 2013 Winter Classic between the Detroit Red Wings and the Toronto Maple Leafs. What caused this lockout you may ask? Well, the NHLPA could not reach a collective bargaining agreement about how much the managers and the Players Association would get paid.

The bargaining started the 15th of September at 11:59 pm and is still presently going on. It has been taking place in the state of New York. The NHL is being locked out because of financial disagreements between the managers and the Players association of the NHL. Until the NHLPA and managers reach an agreement players are not allowed on their home rink. Unfortunately, this is event is causing sadness for hockey fans across America.

The NHLPA will be meeting for the first time since November 11 when talks broke off after the fifth formal session. Last week, Commissioner Gary Bettman floated possibilities of suspending negotiations to Donald Fehr, but he did not appeal to it. Many players including Evegeni Malkin, Alex Ovechkin, and many other players have gone to play in other leagues such as the, QMJHL(Quebec Major Junior Hockey League),OHL(Ontario Hockey League) and CHL(Canadian Hockey League). These are just some of the leagues players went to play in.

The lockout started the 15th of September but bargaining negotiations started June 29. So, as you can tell this disagreement has been going on for quite some time. This disagreement has been going for almost half a year now.