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It's the same at any job; if you put in your dues, you will be rewarded. That's the mentality in the St. Louis Blues locker room as well.

But instead of receiving a bonus or even a pat on the back, you may be forced to wear a weenie on your head.

Many NHL teams have ways of displaying a "job well done" to their hardest-working player in any given night. The Capitals made their hard hat famous in last year's installment of "24/7," while the Boston Bruins gave a starter jacket to the player most worthy during their 2011 Stanley Cup run. The Pittsburgh Penguins even give a shovel to their best player, which is decided by the winner from the previous game. The Blues have added their own tradition this season, bestowing a "weenie hat" to the player that best exemplifies a hard night's work.

Saturday, after the Blues beat the Buffalo Sabres at Scottrade Center, the hat was revealed to the media. David Backes had two goals and two assists for the evening and was the obvious choice for the weenie hat winner. Backes decided to keep the hat on for his post-game interviews.

"A little bit of an inside job for our locker room," Backes said, wearing the hat while cameras flashed in the background. "Some of the heart and soul guys came up with it. Instead of the hard hat we get the weenie on the head."

Jaroslav Halak, who saw a 164 minute, 38 second shutout streak snapped in the first period, revealed that he had won the weenie-of-the-game award two games before when he shutout the Dallas Stars, 1-0. He explained that he was a little shyer than Backes to wear the hat in front of the television cameras.

"[The hat is] beautiful bu

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