

GUTS, GLORY, AND *GLORIA*

In June, the St. Louis Blues defeated the Boston Bruins and claimed the Stanley Cup—the first time in the team's 52-year history. As a St. Louis resident and Blues fan, I have for years experienced the collective longing for a Stanley Cup win. But, although highly coveted, such a victory often seemed out of reach, given our track record.

Prior to this year, the Blues were regularly one of the best regular-season teams in the NHL. They made it to the playoffs 25 consecutive times. They consistently maintained a strong lineup of players, and their fans maintained an endlessly renewing hope that *this year* would be *the year*.

This year, however, the Blues started out their season as one of the worst teams in the NHL. By early January, they actually *were* the worst team in the league. So, what happened? Internal changes certainly contributed. But external events also had a hand in ending the Blues' decades-long drought. The most unusual is that a catchy '80s song—*Gloria*—was turned into the team's anthem by a dive bar in Philadelphia.

In truth, it can be hard to isolate the components of any win. Success is the sum of many parts. In this issue of *GT*, contributors share pointers for tackling a range of complications and complex scenarios in glaucoma care. Not every game plan will play out as expected, but it's valuable to consider any and all elements that could contribute to success. And, of course, it might be time to reconsider which song plays in the OR—*Gloria* may just fit the bill. ■



John Lind, MD; Georges Durr, MD, FRCSC; Iqbal Ike K. Ahmed, MD, FRCSC; and Arsham Sheybani, MD, at a Blues playoff game.

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Arsham Sheybani'.

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