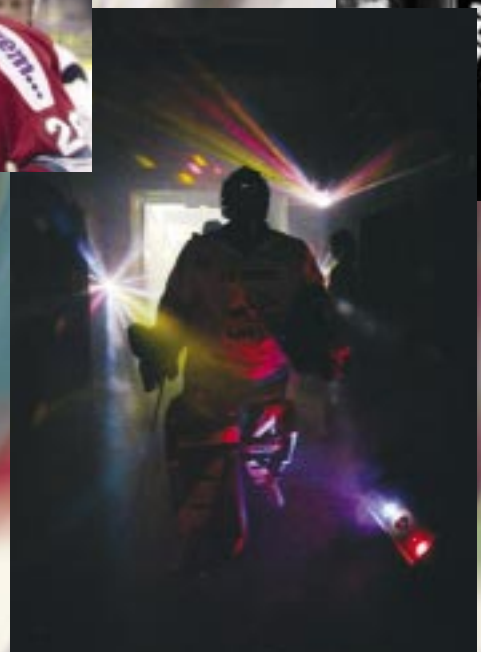


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As well as covering the Giants he also reports on Ulster and Ireland rugby and golf's European Tour.

Nigel wrote and narrated the video "And Then There Were Giants" – the story of the 2001-2002 Superleague triumph of the Belfast Giants.

Peter Collins, is 43 and comes from Manchester, England. After a career as a sports reporter and editor, specialising in ice hockey, as well as football, rugby league, rugby union, cricket and boxing. In 2000 he decided he needed a change and took up the offer of joining the fledgling Giants as their communications director. During the past two years he has been responsible for making the Belfast Giants' name known throughout the hockey world. He is married with two children.

