

Feng shui master tells fans how they can fire up Canucks

Good luck pointers include wearing red and driving south

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Put the dog and the kids on the television, don your best red threads and place the TV in the southwest corner of the room.

And if you see Todd Bertuzzi wearing a red crystal/scarf combination and headed south today, everything is OK — it's all part of the master's plan.

While the Canucks have been generating their own on-ice luck in the first two games, feng shui master Sherman Tai offered Vancouver fans a few good luck pointers to help the locals' happiness, harmony and success.

With today's pivotal Game 5 at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena (4 p.m., CBC) being played on a Thursday in The Year of the Horse, 2002, you can strengthen the Canucks' "ch'i" by placing ceramic statues of a girl, boy and a dog figure on the TV and put the whole doggone thing in the most southwest location to help the Canucks take a 3-2 series lead.

"The girl and boy represent male and female and also ying and yang, positive and negative and that can help them win," Tai said from his Richmond office filled with items relating to feng shui, the Chinese thought system of good and evil influences in nature named for feng, "wind," and shui, "water."

"The TV should be in the southwest corner — this corner in the year 2002 represents power and reputation."

And even though it's the dominant colour of the rival Detroit Red Wings, Tai said wear red.

"Red is hot, fire and we need them to have more energy and good luck to win."

Players should try a dash of red, too.

And even if it's the wrong direction, they should head south while driving to tonight's game.

"If they can wear a crystal or a red scarf or hat, it can give them luck," said Tai. "When they leave their house in their car,



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Richmond feng shui master and fortune teller Sherman Tai talks about how Vancouver fans can help bring the Canucks luck.

they should go south for the first five minutes before heading for the arena.

"South is fire."

Tai added that, according to feng shui principles, the Canucks' lucky numbers are 2 and 3 or any combination of the two — good news for No. 2 Mattias Ohlund, No. 3 Brent Sopel, No. 23 Murray Baron and the Sedins, No. 22 Daniel and No. 33 Henrik.

And somebody better tell gritty centre Artem Chubarov that the team's unlucky number is 13. Maybe Chubey, being Russian, isn't a huge feng shui fan.

"If they can do what I mention,

they can win," Tai said. "The Canucks can win if they have more confidence and support from their fans."

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