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**csv_from_url**

Load `.csv` / `.csv.gz` file from a remote connection

**Description**

This is a thin wrapper on `data.table::fread`

**Usage**

```r
csv_from_url(...)```

**Arguments**

`...` passed to `data.table::fread`

**Value**

A dataframe as created by `data.table::fread()`

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**data**

Data in the package for reference

**Description**

A dataset containing the full team names, abbreviations, colors & logos for all 32 NHL teams.

A dataset containing the full team names, abbreviations, colors & logos for all PHF teams.

**Usage**

```r
nhl_team_logos
phf_team_logos```
Format

A data frame with 32 rows and 11 variables:

- **full_team_name**: full team name
- **team_abbr**: NHL.com team abbreviation
- **team_nick**: lowercase, no spaces team nickname
- **division**: current NHL division
- **conference**: current NHL conference
- **team_logo_espn**: primary team logo from ESPN.com
- **team_color1**: current primary team color
- **team_color2**: current secondary team color
- **team_logo_alternate**: alternate or throwback logo
- **team_color_alt1**: alternate logo primary color
- **team_color_alt2**: alternate logo secondary color

A data frame with 6 rows and 7 variables:

- **full_team_name**: Full team name
- **team_abbr**: PremierHockeyFederation.com team abbreviation
- **team_nick**: Team Nickname
- **team_location**: PHF team location
- **team_color1**: Current primary team color. Full disclosure, I just color picked from the logos
- **team_color2**: Current secondary team color. Full disclosure, I just color picked from the logos
- **team_logo**: Primary team logo from fastRhockey data repository

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**espn_nhl_teams**

*Get ESPN NHL team names and ids*

Description

Get ESPN NHL team names and ids

Usage

```r
espn_nhl_teams()
```

Value

A teams data frame

Author(s)

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Examples

```r
try(espn_nhl_teams())
```

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**load_nhl_pbp**  
*Load fastRhockey NHL play-by-play*

**Description**

helper that loads multiple seasons from the data repo either into memory or writes it into a db using some forwarded arguments in the dots

**Usage**

```r
load_nhl_pbp(
  seasons = most_recent_nhl_season(),
  ...,
  dbConnection = NULL,
  tablename = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- `seasons`  
  A vector of 4-digit years associated with given NHL seasons. (Min: 2011)

- `...`  
  Additional arguments passed to an underlying function that writes the season data into a database (used by update_nhl_db()).

- `dbConnection`  
  A DBIConnection object, as returned by `DBI::dbConnect()`

- `tablename`  
  The name of the play by play data table within the database

**Value**

A dataframe

**Examples**

```r
try(load_nhl_pbp(2021))
```
load_nhl_player_box  Load fastRhockey NHL player box scores

Description
helper that loads multiple seasons from the data repo either into memory or writes it into a db using some forwarded arguments in the dots

Usage
load_nhl_player_box(
  seasons = most_recent_nhl_season(),
  ..., 
  dbConnection = NULL, 
  tablename = NULL 
)

Arguments
seasons  A vector of 4-digit years associated with given NHL seasons. (Min: 2011)
...         Additional arguments passed to an underlying function that writes the season data into a database (used by update_nhl_db()).
dbConnection  A DBIConnection object, as returned by DBI::dbConnect()
tablename  The name of the player box data table within the database

Value
Returns a tibble

Examples

try(load_nhl_player_box(2021))

load_nhl_schedule  Load fastRhockey NHL schedules

Description
helper that loads multiple seasons from the data repo either into memory or writes it into a db using some forwarded arguments in the dots
Usage

```r
load_nhl_schedule(
  seasons = most_recent_nhl_season(),
  ...,
  dbConnection = NULL,
  tablename = NULL
)
```

Arguments

- `seasons` A vector of 4-digit years associated with given NHL seasons. (Min: 2011)
- `...` Additional arguments passed to an underlying function that writes the season data into a database (used by `update_nhl_db()`).
- `dbConnection` A `DBIConnection` object, as returned by `DBI::dbConnect()`.
- `tablename` The name of the schedule data table within the database.

Value

Returns a tibble

Examples

```r
try(load_nhl_schedule(2021))
```

---

**load_nhl_team_box**

**Load fastRhockey NHL team box scores**

Description

helper that loads multiple seasons from the data repo either into memory or writes it into a db using some forwarded arguments in the dots

Usage

```r
load_nhl_team_box(
  seasons = most_recent_nhl_season(),
  ...,
  dbConnection = NULL,
  tablename = NULL
)
```
Arguments

seasons  A vector of 4-digit years associated with given NHL seasons. (Min: 2011)

...  Additional arguments passed to an underlying function that writes the season
data into a database (used by update_nhl_db()).

dbConnection  A DBIConnection object, as returned by DBI::dbConnect()

tablename  The name of the team box data table within the database

Value

Returns a tibble

Examples

try(load_nhl_team_box(2021))

load_phf_pbp  Load fastRhockey PHF play-by-play

Description

helper that loads multiple seasons from the data repo either into memory or writes it into a db using
some forwarded arguments in the dots

Usage

load_phf_pbp(
  seasons = most_recent_phf_season(),
  ...,
  dbConnection = NULL,
  tablename = NULL
)

Arguments

seasons  A vector of 4-digit years associated with given PHF seasons. (Min: 2011)

...  Additional arguments passed to an underlying function that writes the season
data into a database (used by update_phf_db()).

dbConnection  A DBIConnection object, as returned by DBI::dbConnect()

tablename  The name of the play by play data table within the database

Value

A dataframe
load_phf_player_box

**Examples**

```r
try(load_phf_pbp(2021))
```

---

**Description**

Helper that loads multiple seasons from the data repo either into memory or writes it into a db using some forwarded arguments in the dots

**Usage**

```r
load_phf_player_box(
  seasons = most_recent_phf_season(),
  ..., 
  dbConnection = NULL,
  tablename = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- `seasons`: A vector of 4-digit years associated with given PHF seasons. (Min: 2011)
- `...`: Additional arguments passed to an underlying function that writes the season data into a database (used by `update_phf_db()`)
- `dbConnection`: A DBI::dbConnect object, as returned by `DBI::dbConnect()`
- `tablename`: The name of the player box data table within the database

**Value**

Returns a tibble

**Examples**

```r
try(load_phf_player_box(2021))
```
load_phf_schedule  Load fastRhockey PHF schedules

Description
helper that loads multiple seasons from the data repo either into memory or writes it into a db using some forwarded arguments in the dots

Usage
load_phf_schedule(
  seasons = most_recent_phf_season(),
  ..., 
  dbConnection = NULL,
  tablename = NULL
)

Arguments
seasons  A vector of 4-digit years associated with given PHF seasons. (Min: 2011)
...  Additional arguments passed to an underlying function that writes the season data into a database (used by update_phf_db()).
dbConnection  A DBIConnection object, as returned by DBI::dbConnect()
tablename  The name of the schedule data table within the database

Value
Returns a tibble

Examples
try(load_phf_schedule(2021))

load_phf_team_box  Load fastRhockey PHF team box scores

Description
helper that loads multiple seasons from the data repo either into memory or writes it into a db using some forwarded arguments in the dots
Usage

```r
load_phf_team_box(
  seasons = most_recent_phf_season(),
  ..., 
  dbConnection = NULL,
  tablename = NULL
)
```

Arguments

- **seasons**: A vector of 4-digit years associated with given PHF seasons. (Min: 2011)
- **...**: Additional arguments passed to an underlying function that writes the season data into a database (used by `update_phf_db()`).
- **dbConnection**: A `DBIConnection` object, as returned by `DBI::dbConnect()`.
- **tablename**: The name of the team box data table within the database

Value

Returns a tibble

Examples

```r
try(load_phf_team_box(2021))
```

---

**most_recent_nhl_season**

**Most Recent NHL Season**

Description

**Most Recent NHL Season**

Usage

```r
most_recent_nhl_season()
```

Value

Value for most recent NHL season
**most_recent_nhl_season_api_param**

**Most Recent NHL Season for NHL API**

**Description**

Most Recent NHL Season for NHL API

**Usage**

most_recent_nhl_season_api_param()

**Value**

Value for most recent NHL season in the format of the NHL API

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**most_recent_phf_season**

**Most Recent PHF Season**

**Description**

Most Recent PHF Season

**Usage**

most_recent_phf_season()

**Value**

Value for most recent NHL season

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**nhl_conferences**

**NHL Conferences**

**Description**

Returns a table of current NHL conferences

**Usage**

nhl_conferences()
Value

Returns a data frame

- conference_id - conference ID
- name - conference name
- link - link to conference information
- abbreviation - conference abbreviation
- short_name - conference short name
- active - active conference flag

Examples

```
try(nhl_conferences())
```

---

## NHL Conference Info

**Description**

Returns information on a conference by conference ID

**Usage**

```
nhl_conferences_info(conference_id)
```

**Arguments**

- `conference_id` - Conference ID

**Value**

Returns a data frame

- conference_id - conference ID
- name - conference name
- link - link to conference information
- abbreviation - conference abbreviation
- short_name - conference short name
- active - active conference flag

**Examples**

```
try(nhl_conferences_info(conference_id = 7))
```
### nhl_divisions

**Description**

Returns information on divisions

**Usage**

```r
nhl_divisions()
```

**Value**

Returns a data frame

- division_id -
- name -
- name_short -
- link -
- abbreviation -
- active -
- conference_id -
- conference_name -
- conference_link -

**Examples**

```r
try(nhl_divisions())
```

### nhl_divisions_info

**Description**

Returns information on a division by division ID

**Usage**

```r
nhl_divisions_info(division_id)
```

**Arguments**

- division_id  Division ID
**Value**

Returns a data frame

- division_id -
- name -
- name_short -
- link -
- abbreviation -
- active -
- conference_id -
- conference_name -
- conference_link -

**Examples**

```
try(nhl_divisions_info(division_id=17))
```
## nhl_draft_prospects

### NHL Draft Prospects

**Description**

Returns information on draft prospects

**Usage**

```
nhl_draft_prospects()
```

**Value**

Returns a data frame:

- prospect_id
- full_name
- link
- first_name
- last_name
- birth_date
- birth_city
- birth_state_province
- birth_country
- height
- weight
- shoots_catches
- nhl_player_id
- draft_status
- nationality
- primary_position_code
- primary_position_name
- primary_position_type
- primary_position_abbreviation
- prospect_category_id
- prospect_category_short_name
- prospect_category_name
- amateur_team_name
- amateur_team_link
- amateur_league_name
- amateur_league_link
- ranks_final_rank
- ranks_draft_year

**Examples**

```
try(nhl_draft_prospects())
```

## nhl_draft_prospects_info

### NHL Draft Prospects Info

**Description**

Returns information on draft prospect for a given prospect id

**Usage**

```
nhl_draft_prospects_info(prospect_id)
```

**Arguments**

- prospect_id
  
  Prospect unique ID
**Value**

Returns a data frame:
- prospect_id
- full_name
- link
- first_name
- last_name
- birth_date
- birth_city
- birth_country
- nationality
- height
- weight
- shoots_catches
- nhl_player_id
- primary_position_code
- primary_position_name
- primary_position_type
- primary_position_abbreviation
- prospect_category_id
- prospect_category_short_name
- prospect_category_name
- amateur_team_link
- amateur_league_link

**Examples**

```
try(nhl_draft_prospects_info(prospect_id=65242))
```
**nhl_game_boxscore**  
**NHL Game Boxscore**

**Description**
Returns information on game boxscore for a given game id

**Usage**

```r
nhl_game_boxscore(game_id)
```

**Arguments**

- `game_id`  
  Game unique ID

**Value**
Returns a named list of data frames: team_box, player_box, skaters, goalies, on_ice, on_ice_plus, penalty_box, scratches, team_coaches

**Examples**

```r
try(nhl_game_boxscore(game_id=2021020182))
```

---

**nhl_game_content**  
**NHL Game Content**

**Description**
Returns game content for a given game ID

**Usage**

```r
nhl_game_content(game_id)
```

**Arguments**

- `game_id`  
  Game unique ID

**Value**
Returns a tibble
Examples

try(nhl_game_feed(game_id=2021020182))

---

**nhl_game_feed**  
**NHL Game Feed**

**Description**
Returns information on game feed for a given game id

**Usage**

```
nhl_game_feed(game_id)  
```

**Arguments**

- `game_id`  
  Game unique ID

**Value**
Returns a named list of data frames: all_plays, scoring_plays, penalty_plays, plays_by_period, current_play, linescore, decisions, team_box, player_box, skaters, goalies, on_ice, on_ice_plus, penalty_box, scratches, team_coaches

**Examples**

```
try(nhl_game_feed(game_id=2018020561))
```

---

**nhl_game_shifts**  
**NHL Game Shifts**

**Description**
Returns information on game shifts for a given game id

**Usage**

```
nhl_game_shifts(game_id)  
```

**Arguments**

- `game_id`  
  Game unique ID
Value

Returns a tibble

Examples

try(nhl_game_shifts(game_id=2021020182))

---

**nhl_player_info**  
NHL Player Info

Description

Returns player information for a given player ID

Usage

nhl_player_info(player_id)

Arguments

player_id  
Player unique ID

Value

Returns a tibble

Examples

try(nhl_player_info(player_id=8476899))

---

**nhl_player_stats**  
NHL Player Stats

Description

Returns player stats for a given player ID

Usage

nhl_player_stats(player_id)
**nhl_schedule**

**Arguments**

player_id Player unique ID

**Value**

Returns a tibble

**Examples**

```r
try(nhl_player_stats(player_id = 8476899))
```

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**Description**

Returns NHL Schedule data

**Usage**

```r
nhl_schedule(season = NULL, day = as.Date(Sys.Date(), "%Y-%m-%d"))
```

**Arguments**

- season NHL Season
- day Date

**Value**

Returns a tibble

**Examples**

```r
try(nhl_schedule(season = 2021))
```
### nhl_teams

**NHL Teams**

**Description**

Returns NHL Teams information

**Usage**

```r
nhl_teams()
```

**Value**

Returns a tibble

**Examples**

```r
try(nhl_teams())
```

---

### nhl_teams_info

**NHL Teams Info**

**Description**

Returns NHL Teams information for a given team ID

**Usage**

```r
nhl_teams_info(team_id)
```

**Arguments**

- `team_id` A unique team ID

**Value**

Returns a tibble

**Examples**

```r
try(nhl_teams_info(team_id = 14))
```
**nhl_teams_roster**

**NHL Teams Roster**

**Description**

Returns NHL Teams roster information for a given team ID

**Usage**

```r
nhl_teams_roster(team_id, season = most_recent_nhl_season_api_param())
```

**Arguments**

- `team_id` A unique team ID
- `season` season in format XXXYYYYY

**Value**

Returns a tibble

**Examples**

```r
try(nhl_teams_roster(team_id = 14, season = 20202021))
```

---

**nhl_teams_stats**

**NHL Teams Stats**

**Description**

Returns NHL Teams stats information for a given team ID

**Usage**

```r
nenh_teams_stats(team_id, season = most_recent_nhl_season_api_param())
```

**Arguments**

- `team_id` A unique team ID
- `season` season in format XXXYYYYY

**Value**

Returns a tibble
### Description

**phf_game_all**: pull in the raw data for a game_id from the PHF/NWHL API

**phf_game_details**: pull in the raw data for a game_id from the PHF/NWHL API

### Usage

**phf_game_all**(game_id)

**phf_game_details**(game_id)

### Arguments

- **game_id**: The unique ID code for the game that you are interested in viewing the data for

### Value

A named list of data frames: plays, team_box, skaters, goalies, game_details, scoring_summary, shootout_summary, penalty_summary, officials, team_staff, timeouts

### Examples

```
try(nhl_teams_stats(team_id = 14))
```

```
try(phf_game_all(game_id = 268127))
```

```
try(phf_game_details(game_id = 268127))
```
**phf_game_raw**

**Value**

A data frame with game team details

**Examples**

```r
try(phf_game_details(game_id = 268078))
```

---

**Description**

phf_game_raw: pull in the raw data for a game_id from the PHF/NWHL API

**Usage**

```r
phf_game_raw(game_id)
```

**Arguments**

- `game_id` The unique ID code for the game that you are interested in viewing the data for

**Value**

A list of data frames

**Examples**

```r
try(phf_game_raw(game_id = 268078))
```

---

**Description**

phf_game_summary: pull in the raw data for a game_id from the PHF/NWHL API

**Usage**

```r
phf_game_summary(game_id)
```
Arguments

`game_id` The unique ID code for the game that you are interested in viewing the data for

Value

A named list of data frames: `scoring_summary`, `shootout_summary`, `penalty_summary`, `officials`, `team_staff`, `timeouts`

Examples

```r
try(phf_game_summary(game_id = 268078))
```

Description

PHF Player Leaderboards

Usage

`phf_leaders(player_type, season = 2021, season_type = "Regular Season")`

Arguments

`player_type` Player type: skaters, goalies
`season` Season (YYYY) to pull the team stats from, the concluding year in XXXX-YY format
`season_type` Season type: Regular Season or Playoffs

Value

A data frame of stat leaders

Examples

```r
try(phf_leaders(player_type = "skaters", season = 2022, season_type="Regular Season"))
try(phf_leaders(player_type = "goalies", season = 2022, season_type="Regular Season"))
```
**phf_league_info**

PHF League Information per year

**Usage**

`phf_league_info(season = 2022)`

**Arguments**

- `season` Season (YYYY) to pull the league info and IDs for. Season is the concluding year in XXXX-YY format

**Value**

A named list of data frames: seasons, divisions, teams, league, officials, brackets

**Examples**

`try(phf_league_info(season = 2021))`

---

**phf_pbp**

**phf_pbp**

**Description**

phf_pbp: pull in the raw data for a game_id from the PHF/NWHL API

**Usage**

`phf_pbp(game_id)`

**Arguments**

- `game_id` The unique ID code for the game that you are interested in viewing the data for

**Value**

A data frame of play by play information
### phf_player_box

**Description**

phf_player_box: loads the player boxscore

**Usage**

\[
\text{phf_player_box}(\text{game_id})
\]

**Arguments**

- `game_id`: The unique ID code for the game that you are interested in viewing the data for

**Value**

A named list of data frames: skaters, goalies

**Examples**

\[
\text{try(phf_player_box(\text{game_id} = 420339))}
\]

### phf_player_stats

**Description**

phf_player_stats: loads the player stats

**Usage**

\[
\text{phf_player_stats}(\text{player_id})
\]

**Arguments**

- `player_id`: The unique ID code for the player that you are interested in viewing the data for
**phf_schedule**

**Value**
A named list of data frames: career, game_log

**Examples**
```
try(phf_player_stats(player_id = 431611))
```

---

**Description**
PHF Schedule lookup

**Usage**
```
phf_schedule(season)
```

**Arguments**
- `season` Season (YYYY) to pull the schedule from, the concluding year in XXXX-YY format

**Value**
A data frame with schedule data

**Examples**
```
try(phf_schedule(season=2022))
```

---

**phf_standings**

**Description**
phf_standings: pull in the standings data for a game_id from the PHF/NWHL API

**Usage**
```
phf_standings(season = most_recent_phf_season())
```
Arguments

season  Season (YYYY) to pull the standings from, the concluding year in XXXX-YY format

Value

A data frame of standings data

Examples

try(phf_standings(season = most_recent_phf_season()))

Description

phf_team_box: loads the team boxscore and shot/score data for a game into one data frame through just one function

Usage

phf_team_box(game_id)

Arguments

game_id  The unique ID code for the game that you are interested in viewing the data for

Value

A dataframe of team-level box score information

Examples

try(phf_team_box(game_id = 420339))
**phf_team_roster**

Description

PHF Team Roster lookup

Usage

`phf_team_roster(team, season = most_recent_phf_season())`

Arguments

- `team`: Team name with nickname (e.g. Boston Pride, Buffalo Beauts)
- `season`: Season (YYYY) to pull the team stats from, the concluding year in XXXX-YY format

Value

A named list of data frames: roster, team_staff

Examples

```r
try(phf_team_roster(team = "Boston Pride", season = 2022))
```

**phf_team_stats**

Description

PHF Team Stats lookup

Usage

`phf_team_stats(team, season = most_recent_phf_season())`

Arguments

- `team`: Team name with nickname (e.g. Boston Pride, Buffalo Beauts)
- `season`: Season (YYYY) to pull the team stats from, the concluding year in XXXX-YY format
Value

A named list of data frames: skaters, goalies

Examples

```r
try(phf_team_stats(team = "Boston Pride", season = 2022))
```

Description

This function helps add progress-reporting to any function - given function f() and progressor p(), it will return a new function that calls f() and then (on-exiting) will call p() after every iteration.

Usage

`progressively(f, p = NULL)`

Arguments

- **f**: a function to add progressr functionality to.
- **p**: a progressor function as created by `progressr::progressor()`

Details

This is inspired by purrr’s safely, quietly, and possibly function decorators.

Value

A function that does the same as f but it calls p() after iteration.
**rds_from_url**

Load .rds file from a remote connection

**Description**

Load .rds file from a remote connection

**Usage**

rds_from_url(url)

**Arguments**

- **url**  a character url

**Value**

a dataframe as created by `readRDS()`

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**update_nhl_db**

Update or create a fastRockey NHL play-by-play database

**Description**

update_nhl_db() updates or creates a database with fastRockey play by play data of all completed and available games since 2011.

**Usage**

update_nhl_db(
  dbdir = ".",  
  dbname = "fastRockey_db",  
  tblname = "fastRockey_nhl_pbp",  
  force_rebuild = FALSE,  
  db_connection = NULL  
)

**Arguments**

- **dbdir** Directory in which the database is or shall be located
- **dbname** File name of an existing or desired SQLite database within dbdir
- **tblname** The name of the play by play data table within the database
- **force_rebuild** Hybrid parameter (logical or numeric) to rebuild parts of or the complete play by play data table within the database (please see details for further information)
- **db_connection** A DBIConnection object, as returned by `DBI::dbConnect()` (please see details for further information)
**Details**

This function creates and updates a data table with the name tblname within a SQLite database (other drivers via db_connection) located in dbdir and named dbname. The data table combines all play by play data for every available game back to the 2010 season and adds the most recent completed games as soon as they are available for fastRockey.

The argument force_rebuild is of hybrid type. It can rebuild the play by play data table either for the whole fastRockey era (with force_rebuild = TRUE) or just for specified seasons (e.g. force_rebuild = c(2019, 2020)). Please note the following behavior:

- **force_rebuild = TRUE**: The data table with the name tblname will be removed completely and rebuilt from scratch. This is helpful when new columns are added during the Off-Season.
- **force_rebuild = c(2019, 2020)**: The data table with the name tblname will be preserved and only rows from the 2019 and 2020 seasons will be deleted and re-added. This is intended to be used for ongoing seasons because ESPN’s data provider can make changes to the underlying data during the week.

The parameter db_connection is intended for advanced users who want to use other DBI drivers, such as MariaDB, Postgres or odbc. Please note that the arguments dbdir and dbname are dropped in case a db_connection is provided but the argument tblname will still be used to write the data table into the database.

**Value**

Logical TRUE/FALSE

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Update or create a fastRockey PHF play-by-play database

**Description**

update_phf_db() updates or creates a database with fastRockey play by play data of all completed and available games since 2011.

**Usage**

```r
update_phf_db(
  dbdir = ".",
  dbname = "fastRockey_db",
  tblname = "fastRockey_phf_pbp",
  force_rebuild = FALSE,
  db_connection = NULL
)
```
arguments

**dbdir** Directory in which the database is or shall be located

**dbname** File name of an existing or desired SQLite database within dbdir

**tblname** The name of the play by play data table within the database

**force_rebuild** Hybrid parameter (logical or numeric) to rebuild parts of or the complete play by play data table within the database (please see details for further information)

**db_connection** A DBIConnection object, as returned by DBI::dbConnect() (please see details for further information)

Details

This function creates and updates a data table with the name tblname within a SQLite database (other drivers via db_connection) located in dbdir and named dbname. The data table combines all play by play data for every available game back to the 2016 season and adds the most recent completed games as soon as they are available for fastRhockey.

The argument force_rebuild is of hybrid type. It can rebuild the play by play data table either for the whole fastRhockey era (with force_rebuild = TRUE) or just for specified seasons (e.g. force_rebuild = c(2019,2020)). Please note the following behavior:

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Value

Logical TRUE/FALSE
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