

DISH FROM THE PITCH



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HIDDEN TALENTS

Every Sunday at beautiful Brown Deer Park, the MHC hurlers demonstrate their remarkable skills on the field with every point, ground hurl, double, and sideline cut.

As a club with over 300 hurlers there are bound to be hidden talents used off of the field in every tent on the sidelines.

One of our U15 hurlers, Evan Schissler, revealed his hidden talent for us, painting. His painting, titled "Me," is done in acrylic on thick paperboard and was done for his high school art class.

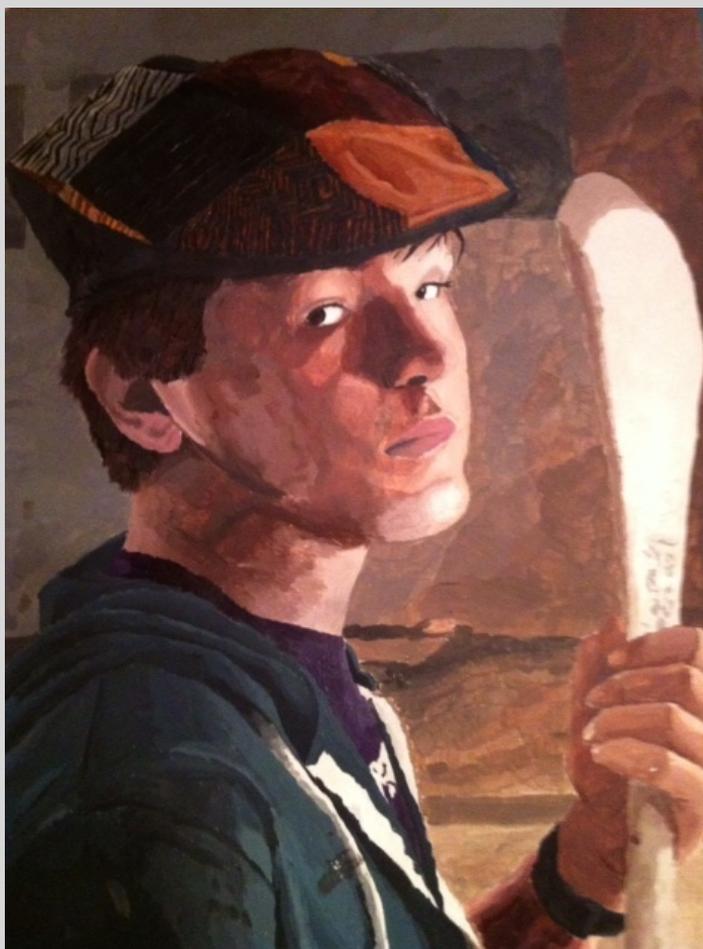
I asked Evan a few questions to get to know him a bit better.

How did you find out about the MHC?

My brother had signed up for a High Interest Day hurling activity at his school and he fell in love with the game. I just sort of followed a few years later, hoping it would be fun.

When did you start playing hurling?

It's my fourth year, so... the year I started has to be 2010.



self portrait: Evan Schissler

Why do you feel hurling helps identify you?

As far as I know, there are three people at my high school who play hurling: me, my cousin Danny Slawski, and John Klein. People see my painting and say, "what's that stick thing you're holding?" I'm then obliged to explain that I play a game that is the national sport and national obsession in only one country in the world. The game is a really unique part of who I am, because out of my dozens of friends, only two people play it alongside me.

What do you love most about the MHC?

I enjoy the gathering more than the game at times. Being able to walk around with friends and watch people run each other ragged by hitting a ball back and forth is very enjoyable. When it's my turn to play (which is always right at the start of the day, sadly), it becomes a whole new animal. Nothing says "you're a really good friend" more than smacking a ball across the field and letting your team score a goal on that friend.

What other hidden talents do you have?

I like drawing MUCH better than painting. Ever since I was little, shading in monotone colors just came to me. Sure, it's easier than painting because you don't have to worry about the colors, but it's what I grew up with.

Favorite hurling memory?

Any various moments when I'd be playing goalie and I'd hold the position against half a dozen opponents. Then I'd lift the ball up and crash it down the field. Ahh, goalie.

Thank you Evan for sharing your talent!



Aer Lingus
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Hurling Festival



Sunday, Sunday, Sunday!

The Milwaukee Hurling Club has been selected to send its Men's Traveling Team to the Aer Lingus International Hurling Festival, slated to run September 18-21, 2013 in and around Galway, Ireland.

To officially kickoff the countdown to the festival, we're welcoming three representatives from Ireland to our June 9th game day: Joe McDonagh (former GAA president) and Anthony Cunningham and Mattie Kenny (Galway senior hurling team coaches).

HERE'S WHERE YOU COME IN: we want to give our guests a real MHC welcome, so we're asking all MHC members to join us at noon at the pitch in our team uniforms - adults and youth included! With a membership now hitting 300, we should be able to give them a really impressive showing of the strength of Irish sport in Milwaukee.

The schedule for the day will run as follows:

9:30: Game - Shamrock Club vs Silver Spring House
11:00: Game - Irish Pub vs Ale House
11:00: Youth picnic (depending on response)
12:00: Welcome of Aer Lingus Festival guests and introduction of team.
12:30- 2:00: Youth games; U15, U11, U7
1:30-2:00: Photo session with Aer Lingus team
2:00-2:30: Youth coaching session
2:00: Game - Slims vs Trinity
3:30: Game - Burke's vs County Clare

Round Robin at County Clare

NOTES

A large tent will be set up at mid-field. Please consider trying out the west-side of the field for camping this week. Anyone camped out on the west side of the field will be entered into a drawing for a gift card to the sponsor of their choice. It would be really impressive to have both sides of the field lined.

There will be no hitting around on the east side of the field near the volleyball court while the guests are here. Please use the south end-zone of the west side of the field.

County Clare Cats Nip the Irish Pub Ninjas

by Rob Berrones

It was a chilly morning as the County Clare Cats prepared to pounce upon the Irish Pub Ninjas. Muddy conditions made for a comparatively slow, yet very physical game. Each team traded a trio of points before Irish Pub slipped ahead with a brilliant goal.

The second quarter was just as physical as the first. The Ninja's accuracy was a bit off only making 2 points that quarter while having 8 shots go wide. County Clare managed to tighten the gap and pull within two points of the Ninjas thanks to a goal from a penalty shot by Cat Jeff Vanevenhoven.

Play amped up in the second half. Ninja Brian Lynch had several key stops right in front of the goal. County Clare managed to transition the ball quickly



photo credit: Kerry Leonard

back to their offense thanks to passionate play from "Iron" Mike Hoffman, Nolan Hoffman and John "J-Lo" Loewen.

Despite incredible defensive play, both teams managed to score a goal; Clare adding a point to bring

the game to a one point difference.

Both teams continued to duke it out until the very end, but, the Ninjas were unable to hold off County Clare, only scoring 1 point to the Cats goal. As the final whistle blew, County Clare earned their first victory with a score of 3-4 (13) to 2-6 (12).









WEEK 2- JUNE 2

COUNTY CLARE	3-04	DEF	IRISH PUB	2-06
ALL TOOL	1-10	DEF	TRINITY	3-01
SLIMS WEST	5-08	DEF	SILVER SPRING HOUSE	4-07
SHAMROCK CLUB	2-17	DEF	BROCACH	3-10
ALE HOUSE	1-07	DEF	McBOB'S	0-6

LEADERBOARD

ALL TOOL	2	0
SLIMS	2	0
ALE HOUSE	1	0
SHAMROCK CLUB	1	0
BROCACH	1	1
COUNTY CLARE	1	1
IRISH PUB	1	1
BURKE'S	0	1
SILVER SPRING HOUSE	0	1
McBOB'S	0	2
TRINITY	0	2

All Tool Legion Advances on Trinity Rebel Forces

by Joel Guinane



photo credit: Ellen Burmeister

On a day when neither team was willing to give an inch, it was that slim advantage that would separate the Trinity Rebels as they squared off against All Tool Legion.

Physical from the start, the game combined speed and violence in way that showcased the best from tough defense and determined offense.

Trinity quickly jumped ahead with two goals in the first quarter. All Tool, however, remained in striking distance through some well placed points and

strong defensive play by Ryan Brown.

Trinity was encouraged by the play of rookies Shaun Luehring, Joe Wilcox, and Brendan Mauer, among others and witnessed the growing legend of veteran Aislinn "The Beast" Leonard.

Though seemingly physically overmatched by the size and passionate play of the Legion captains, Steve Schmid and Paul "Tebow" Steinbrecher, Aislinn refused to back down.

The Legion surged ahead of the Rebels who had

not scored a single point since the first quarter.

Trinity answered back in the final quarter of play quickly tying the game with a third goal and a point; threatening to send both teams into overtime.

But, after 59 minutes of muddy grinding, All Tool managed to gain that extra inch and score their first goal of the game to pull out a well earned victory at 1-10 (13) to 3-1 (10).



Meghan's Murrmurings

*by Meghan Neuenschwander
Veteran Social Pro*

photo credit: Kerry Leonard

Tips for Rookies- Part 1

Rookie Pro Tip #1- GET INVOLVED!!

You joined a sport, but by now you probably know that the Milwaukee Hurling Club is a family, which means we help each other out. A great way to better learn the game and to get to know people is by volunteering! We always need goal judges, sideline judges, people to do scoreboard, the list is endless! Tell someone you want to help out and we will put you to work.

Rookie Pro Tip #2- Stay and Watch All the Games!

You've been to practices and had some games now, so we know you've got the skills, but the best way to learn what to do in a game situation is to watch the other games. We've got some really amazing talent in our club, plus it's always good to cheer!

Rookie Pro Tip #3- Learn the Terms!

Do you know all the parts of the hurley? Or what the different kinds of fouls are? How many yellow cards equal a red card and what happens if you get one? Now that you play hurling, you're going to want to talk to EVERYONE you know about it (don't worry, that never stops) so you might as well be able to say it all correctly!

Rookie Pro Tip #4- Ask Lots of Questions!

You're new, and we totally know that! We want you to have fun, learn a lot and come back next year, so ask questions about everything! If you're confused, speak up. There will be someone who knows the answer, or at least knows in which direction to point you and you'll probably have more fun if you're not confused all the time.

Rookie Pro Tip #5- Don't Be So Hard On Yourself!

Hurling's a difficult sport, and no one is expecting you to be perfect, so don't be too hard on yourself after the game. We've all been there and we all understand that sometimes nothing goes right. But our top priority in the MHC is having a good time, so try to remember that and keep your energy and your chin up!

Rookie Pro Tip #6- Don't Be Afraid to Make Mistakes!

Seriously, I know the very idea of making a mistake on the field is terrifying. I mean, there are people out there with giant chunks of wood! But it's your rookie year, and this is the time to learn what you can and can't do, so try everything and figure it all out, maybe you'll find something that you didn't even know you were good at! Just make sure that you learn something from the mistakes you make.

Faces From the Pitch by Connor Kilp

Shawn "Boston" Connolly



Shawn Connolly, known better throughout the club as "Boston," has been part of the Milwaukee Hurling Club for nine years, and for the past handful of years has been captain of Brocach.

Boston joined the club while he was bartending with members that convinced him to come out and try playing. You can usually see him playing halfback.

He says his crowning achievements are "Being a co-founder of the Circle of Trust... Oh, and winning the championship."

Away from the pitch, Boston stays in shape by running marathon and working as a school psychologist.

Unfortunately, seeing Boston around Milwaukee is unlikely because he has lived in Chicago for the last eight years and commutes every Sunday to play with us.

Slim's *Slaintes* Slide by Silver Spring Heavyweights

by Jack Harrold



photo credit: Connor Kilp

Though the late spring Wisconsin weather left the field chilly and muddied, Slim McGinn's Slaintes prepared to build upon their Opening Day victory against the new Silver Spring House Heavyweights. Defense on both teams was tough as nails and only points were scored in the first quarter. Slim McGinn's seemed to have a slight edge by the end of the quarter.

Indeed, once they had found their groove, Slim McGinn's managed pad their lead thanks to a pair of goals by Dave "Chico" Monfre and Erin Clapper. Heavyweights Caleb Hunnicut and Matt Kunz tore across the field desperate to keep things close, scoring a few points and harassing any Slaintes that dared to come close.

After the halftime break, Slim McGinn's surged ahead adding three more goals. Slainte Erin Clapper had a beautiful one-touch goal right in front of the net. On the defensive side, Slim's held strong, only allowing three points during the quarter.

Having had enough, Silver Spring House Co-Captain Joel "Joel" Ingebrigtsen rallied his team. Driving down hard into the goal, Silver Spring House added on three more goals. Though a valiant effort, it proved costly as Steve Pruzina went down due to a shattered stick stabbing through his helmet. The MHC Medical Staff quickly ran to his assistance and called for an ambulance. Once assured that Steve would be alright, play resumed. Although Heavyweights managed to deny the Slaintes a single point in the fourth quarter, it was not enough to hold off Slim McGinn's who won 5-8 (23) to 4-7 (19).

We've had word that Steve Pruzina is feeling better and when his captain called to check on him he said in true MHC spirit, "I'm sorry I didn't make it to the Brocach Round Robin."

Faces From the Pitch

by Connor Kilp

Chris Kadrich

Chris Kadrich has been playing with the MHC since 2001. Chris plays defense, and this year, you can see him playing for All Tool. Before a game, he listens to a few Rush songs. When asked about the highlight of his hurling career, it was not about a game or a moment, but a reflection of finding lifelong friends here.

While not playing or grilling at the pitch, Chris can be found eating at Mc Bob's; "I can't get enough of those Reubens!" explained Chris. He is also the General Manager at Troop Café; find and like them at Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TroopCafeMKE?fref=ts>). When asked what he would do with one million dollars, he said he would pay Vinny Maloney for private hurling lessons.

Fun Facts: Chris is the youngest in a family of eleven and loves Star Wars.



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Shamrock Club Griffins Soar Above the Brocach Bandits

by Jack Harrold



photo credit: Erik Sandburg

The sun began peeking through the clouds as the Shamrock Club Griffins took the field against the Brocach Bandits.

Brocach took control early with a quick point, but Shamrock answered back right away with one of their own. A goal in the first quarter by Bandit Pat Burke gave them a slight lead going into the second.

Like the first quarter, the second witnessed both fullback lines giving their all. An aerial battle ensued with points being scored by Ian Doherty, Tony Gilbert and

Andy "Butters" Goelz for Brocach and Vinny Moloney, Joe Gaar and Brian Marsolek for Shamrock. Just when it looked like the Bandits would run away with the game, Griffin Brian Marsolek shot a laser beam into the back of the net.

In the second half, Shamrock got their legs under themselves. They seemed to be just a fraction of a step faster to the ball than the Bandits - enough to dictate the flow of play.

Griffin rookie Ryan Koppa had an extraordinary game, playing tough, physical

and smart. A second griffin goal helped solidify the lead for Shamrock by the end of the quarter.

Brocach surged back in the fourth quarter with a pair of goals. Clearly, they would not go down without a fight.

Shamrock Captain and Goalie A.J Veralas later declared, "...I was getting peppered all day!" Shamrock Club never let off the pressure though scoring enough points to maintain a lead and securing their victory 2-17 (23) to 2-10 (19).

Notes from the Net

by Joel Travis



photo credit: Kerry Leonard

We all know it takes a different breed of hurler to play keeper. You have to have a different mindset to stand alone in front of a massive goal with shots rocketing in at you from every angle. This week we are privileged to get a look inside the mind of one of the MHC's best keepers, Joel Travis of Brocach. Joel does a post-game analysis of his own performance every Sunday and here is the rundown from Week 2.

Postgame analysis

We lost, but it was a close game and a fun one (albeit a trifle muddy). Allowed two goals; the first one was a perfect shot into the far corner of the goal that I had no chance at. I did make a mistake on the second goal. The play was a loose ball in front of the goal, with several players from each team converging into a scrum; the sort of play where there are so many legs and sticks kicking and hitting at the ball you spend most of the time not even sure where the ball is exactly. We weren't able to get the ball cleared away, and one of the opposing players was eventually able to get the ball to trickle over the goal line.

What I'll usually do, on plays like that, is drop to the ground and lie down full-length between the ball and the goal; let my body be a barrier, and trust in my fullbacks to get the ball cleared away. I didn't do that on this play, and I can't really explain why; in the heat of the moment, I simply didn't think of it. If I'd done that, though, the second goal wouldn't have scored... or, more accurately, they wouldn't have been able to score it the same way. Later in the game, on a very similar play, I did drop to the ground, and we did keep the ball out of the goal.

I did have a good game at making adjustments. Early in the game, I made a mistake not calling off my fullback and coming forward to catch a ball in the air; instead I hung back, the ball went over my fullback's head and hit the ground right in the goal box, and I had to scramble to get the ball out of there. Later on in the game, with one of my fullbacks drifting over to field a ball that I had a bead on, I remembered to call him off. In the third quarter I blocked down a ball that was over my head, but neglected to block it toward the side of the field; it went right to the top of the box, where an opposing player was waiting for it. (Fortunately, he blew this golden scoring opportunity.) Later, while blocking down another ball over my head, I remembered to send it toward the side of the field.

I made one weird play early in the game: I fielded a ball, soloed it out to the side of the field (on my weak side), and looked for someone to pass to. Looking downfield, though, I saw nothing but opposing players. So I wheeled around and hit the ball to the opposite sideline from where I was headed, across the face of the goal. This is usually a very bad idea, and it's something I've only done a couple times ever in 18 years of hurling; but it seemed to be my best option on this play. May that never happen again.

Puckouts mostly went where I wanted them to, but too many of them fell a bit short of where I was aiming. We had a strategy of me deliberately hitting short puckouts, so my teammates could do a series of controlled passes to keep the ball away from Vinny; but I was having some trouble getting the distances right, and a number of the ones I hit too short gave opposing players an opportunity to cut in front of my target and get the ball.

The Marauders Endure Fierce Gael Winds on their Journey to Victory

by Jason Kirkpatrick



photo credit: Kerry Leonard

The Ale House Marauders were itching to get on the pitch, but the McBob's Gael Winds came to the field confident that their defense could handle anything.

Ale House got on the board first with a pair of points, but the Gael Winds began to blow and the McBob's squad picked up two points of their own. The Ale House midfielders responded to the defensive burst well though, and after some tough battles Kyle Manderscheid was able to come up with a huge goal for the Marauders.

The McBob's squad could feel the pressure mounting, and Tom Herely led the Gael Wind charge to move back down the pitch. With an unrelenting volley of shots, McBob's was able to close the gap and the teams broke for half with Ale House clinging to the lead 1-4 (7) to McBob's 0-5 (5).

Neither team was giving up in the second half, but stop-and-go play in the third seemed to neutralize both the Ale House midfield and the McBob's defense. However, after a lengthy push, McBob's Captain Mike "Jazzhands" Stuht was able to put it through the uprights to make it a one point game.

Both sides refused to relent knowing that one point could make or break the game, but the Ale House onslaught was too much at the end. After three quick points by the Marauders, McBob's took some good shots to try and close the gap, but time expired and the Marauders started their season off with a win with a final score of Ale House 1-7 (10) to McBob's 0-6 (6).

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