

DISH FROM THE PITCH



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“CAN WE DO IT?” YES WE CAN

by Aislinn Leonard



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Sitting alone on the far west side of the pitch is one of the MHC's major fixtures. No, it's not the Marsolek's Wisconsin Badger tent; it's the equipment storage unit! It might not be as fancy as some, but it's ours to call home. For two and a half seasons now, we've been able to house equipment, sliothar racks, goals, extra helmets, important paperwork, and our scoreboard in the container. We're no longer using Dave Olson's truck as the sole equipment holder.

This may not seem like a big deal, but this is a stepping-stone for the MHC. As we move ahead to the 20th anniversary of the club we are able to put our small mark on Brown Deer Park. It gives us the opportunity to organize equipment and keep it at the pitch for club wide use. We move things around like a game of Tetris every week and we add new equipment - it's always changing because just as the club is growing, so is the amount of equipment. Having the can at the pitch is so much easier than trying to drag the goals out of a truck each week. It's pretty amazing considering that despite the fact we don't have the amazing amenities other clubs have, we still make it work with our “can-do” attitude.



Our eight-foot by thirty-foot container holds up our 300-member club week in and week out.

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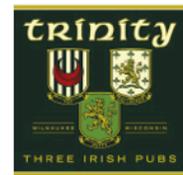
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Cats Fail to Land on All Four Feet Against Trinity Rebels

by Connor Kilp

Sunday's games opened with Trinity versus County Clare. With both teams fighting to stay in playoff contention, both teams came to win. After Clare's last-minute scramble to put a lineup together, everyone was ready to start. Trinity started the game with a quick goal to put them up three points, and Clare responded with a long and hard offensive surge. Unfortunately for Clare, they were unable to score before Trinity won the ball back and scored another goal. Throughout the rest of the quarter, anytime the ball made it toward Trinity's goal, captain Ivan Baker was there to snag and clear it, leaving Clare scoreless after the first.

Not to be held any longer, Sean Minster, the mid season veteran added to Clare, scored a quick point after the start of the second. Katy Hambrook, Trinity's mid season addition, really made a difference. Her tenacious defense prevented any easy plays for Clare, leaving them the opportunity to score only one more point before the half. Clare's defense led by John "J-Lo" Loewen kept up the fight, but gave away too many frees inside the 65, leaving the halftime score Trinity up 4-7 (19) to 0-2 (2).



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The second half looked as though Clare might have a second wind, coming out strong and bringing the ball toward the Trinity goal. A scrum in front of the net gave Clare a scoring opportunity, and the shot was blocked by Rebel Joe Wilcox, and the rebound went wide of the net. Trinity countered with two goals in quick succession, and when it looked as though they would get a third, Clare defensewoman Renee Anzivino blocked the shot.

The final quarter brought more of the same for both teams. Trinity's defense proved to be too strong for Clare, with continued strong defense from captain Joel Guinane and Aislinn Leonard. The final score was Trinity 7-12 to Clare 0-7, bringing Trinity one-step closer to a playoff berth.

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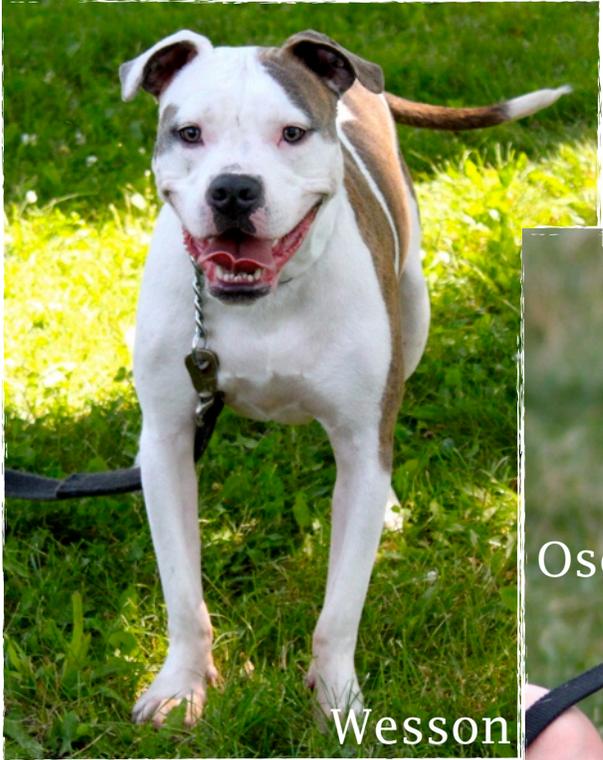
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Silver Spring House Heavyweights Knockout Milwaukee Ale House Marauders



by Christopher Patrick

photo credit: Kerry Leonard

Entering week 9 both the Milwaukee Ale House Marauders (3-3) and the Silver Spring House Heavyweights (0-6) had a lot to play for. With Ale House determined to solidify their place in the playoffs and the Heavyweights hungry for their first win, the stage was set for an excellent match. Ale House, despite being down a third of their players, made their presence felt quickly and scored a few points, ending the quarter with Ale House at 2-3 (9) to Silver Spring House's 2-2 (8).

While the first quarter saw a lot of offensive activity, the second quarter was dominated by both teams' defense. Ale House opened the quarter with a point scored by Horst Burmeister - a point that was quickly returned by Silver Spring House's Caleb Hunnicutt, with the sliothar landing right on top of the net. However, after those initial goals, both teams hunkered down defensively, with Ale House rookie Bill Courtright making some impressive - and painful - saves. After a final shot over the bar, Silver Spring House tied the match 3-4 (13) all.

Going into the second half tied, Silver Spring House knew this was their opportunity to take control of the match. With Caleb scoring points and his first goal of the season, Silver Spring House built up an energizing momentum. While the Marauders made a number of valiant runs down the field, they were ultimately only able to score two points against the Heavyweight's defense, ending the quarter 3-7 (16) to Silver Spring House's 6-7 (25).

Despite their lead, Silver Spring House knew they would need to fight to hold off the Milwaukee Ale House. Sam Hanrahan of Ale House consistently put the pressure on the Heavyweight's defense, scoring points to bring them within striking distance. However, the Marauders weren't able to knock down Silver Spring House's defense, ending the game 4-9 (21) to 6-10 (28). With Silver Spring House finally clinching their first victory, Captain Dave Olsen commended the team saying "everybody should be happy right now."

Faces from the Pitch

by Connor Kilp

Cecilia Nieves

There are certain people in the club that once you meet them, you can't help but like them. One of those people is Cecilia Nieves. Anyone who has been on her team or even just spends any time around her knows that she brings a great positive attitude to the pitch every week. This is her third year, and plays full forward on County Clare.

Cecilia was recruited to play hurling while at Irish Fest. "I studied Celtic Studies at Madison, so I knew about the sport already," she commented, "so I came out to watch a game." She has been part of the club ever since. In her three years, she has

one highlight, the same many have: her undefeated rookie year. Since she started playing, her preparation for the game has stayed pretty much the same: she puts on her gear, and thinks about the team they will be playing against, and who their key players are.

Away from the world of hurling, Cecilia is a teacher and in her free time she likes to go to the gym. Like many, reading is also a preferred pastime. She also likes spending time around the city; "I like how Milwaukee is a big city, but doesn't feel so chaotic."

Finally, when you stop and talk to Cecilia, I would suggest you try and get her recipe for Arrachera steak (anyone who had some last Sunday knows how good it is).

Fun Fact: Cecilia loves knitting.



Irish Pub And All Tool Legion Skirmish, Ninjas Prevail

by Ivan Baker

The intensity of this late season game was anticipated by many to be a tooth and nail scrap, so there was no surprise that it was the grittiest match of the day. Despite the relentless effort of hard fought All Tools, Irish Pub defeated the Legion.

The first quarter exploded with fast action from the Ninjas, executing a hat trick of goals in the opening minutes. All Tools regained their defensive footing led by halfback and long-time veteran Ryan Brown.

The Irish Pub defense took the challenges of the Legion's reactionary offensives and created a phalanx against the ever-rallying All Tools. The third quarter was the Legion's chance to surpass the constant-passing Ninja squad, but such plays, like the flying save from Ninja goalie Ryan McCauley, stifled the Legion's catch-up game. The dug-in Ninja backline didn't stop great plays such as Nick "Tater" Ruetz bashing in a brilliant goal from a sideline cut out on the twenty meter line.

The mid-field aggression in the fourth demonstrated that neither team would give up until the last whistle. But Ninja Captain Tony Gaar led his team to continue their already great passing game into a count down to victory. The amazing effort for both teams provided spectators with a scrappy end-of-season showdown. Both teams came to play, both came to fight for the top of the leaderboard, and the Irish Pub Ninjas triumphed over the Legion, 7-11 (32) to 6-5 (23).



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It's All in the Family



photo credit: Calvin McKee

The Baker/Fortier Clan

Seven of the eleven Baker/Fortier family members pictured here play for the MHC. Coach Ivan Wayne Baker III plays on Trinity, and his daughter Antoinette and son Ivan IV both play for the U7s. Alec Fortier plays for Silver Spring House and helps officiate youth league games. His younger brother Caleb plays U11, and sisters Hannah and Bethany line out for the U7s. Little Chloe will be next in a jersey, and Mom, Dad, and Grandma will be there cheering as they are every week, rain or shine. Don't let their smiles fool you, this is one tough bunch!









WEEK 9 - JULY 21

LEADERBOARD

TRINITY	7-12	DEF	COUNTY CLARE	0-07	1	IRISH PUB	6	1	0
SILVER SPRING HOUSE	6-10	DEF	ALE HOUSE	4-09	2	BROCACH	5	2	0
IRISH PUB	7-11	DEF	ALL TOOL	6-05	3	ALL TOOL	5	2	0
McBOB's	5-09	TIES	SHAMROCK CLUB	6-06	4	BURKE'S	5	2	0
					5	SLIMS	5	2	0
					6	SHAMROCK CLUB	4	2	1
					7	ALE HOUSE	3	4	0
					8	TRINITY	2	5	0
						COUNTY CLARE	2	6	0
						SILVER SPRING HOUSE	1	6	0
						McBOB's	0	6	1

(TOP 8 TEAMS MAKE THE PLAY-OFFS)
PRELIMINARY PLAYOFF SEEDS IN YELLOW
 TOILET BOWL WILL BE A STICK TOSS SCRIMMAGE OF THE REMAINING THREE TEAMS

Stormy Skies Win Out for McBob's and Shamrock Club

by Jack Harrold

The final match of the day was threatening to be a cancellation due to the menacing clouds rolling in from the west. Not to be deterred, the McBob's Gael Winds embraced this tempestuous omen as a sign of the end of their streak of poor luck; only the Shamrock Club Griffins stood in their way. Both teams rushed the field in an effort to get in the minimum three quarters of play required to log the game as official.

McBob's seemed to be channeling some of Thor's might as they quickly took control of the game. Stout play by Gael Wind Tom Herely throughout the game checked the Griffin's ability to capitalize on their opportunities. Meanwhile, Dan Christenson and Pat Murphy at full forward for McBob's took advantage of their teammates ability to get the ball in front of the net.

On the Shamrock Club side, things got "interesting" as Captain A.J. Veralas noted. Having all 20 players in attendance required them to shift their lineout around nearly each quarter. Trent Kielley, Noah Leydel and AJ all took turns in net. Meanwhile, Shamrock Club welcomed back rookie Nick Anderson who fresh off of a sprained ankle ran a full three quarters at mid. Despite what could have been further distractions (Captain Vinny Moloney and wife/teammate Kathleen running a 5k and Johnny "Mac" McCarville recovering from an awesome Van Halen concert the night before) Shamrock seemed in their groove - if evenly matched.

During the third quarter, the Hurling Gods began to weep at the display of incredible play by both sides. At no point



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did McBob's or Shamrock lose focus - both determined to tally a win. McBob's Captain Kyle Christenson covered incredible ground as he dashed all over the field opening up opportunities for their half forward line. Shamrock Club matched McBob's pace working towards opening up the defense at a moment's notice.

At the end of regulation time, thunder and lightning echoed across the land - applauding truly spectacular play ending in a tied score. For both teams though, it was a bittersweet sentiment. Both McBob's and Shamrock Club had played their hearts out and both teams truly deserved a win. However, due to the lightning, the game would end with a tie score of Shamrock Club 6-6 (24) to McBob's 5-9 (24) and no chance of an overtime victory.



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Electrifying U11s

The skill, level of play, and the creativity the U11s are showing is impressive. Especially considering some of the recent U7 graduates and rookies only just started hitting in the air this year!



The U11s are constantly improving and are able to pick up on skills so quickly. They turn on a dime, hit on the fly, jump high in the air, and get in on all of the skirmishes. Watch out U15s! These guys and girls are on your tails!

photo credit: Kerry Leonard

U7s Take Defensive Strides in the Right Direction

by Aislinn Leonard



Defense has always been the last thing on the younger U7 brains, but this week the focus from the little ones shifted from scoring goals to stopping them. Playing a two-on-two battle, the Shoreview Pediatric pink team came out with focus and aggression. Bethany Fortier covered an entire half of the field trying hard to make sure her mark never got a stick on the ball and Natalie Meller spread her wings like a butterfly to cover up the

net. The Ritter Law Office green team responded with defensive moves of their own. Laurel Zei used her body to box out her opponents and hit the ball the entire length of the small field covering both ends of the mini-pitch. She ran offense and defense in the same play! Ivan Baker got in on the scrums without fear and continues to strengthen his swing from week to week. At such a young age, the U7s are demonstrating remarkable awareness and confidence in using their bodies to get in front of the ball.

On the bigger field, Hannah Fortier and Christian Griffin of the Shoreview Pediatric pink team worked together during the second half as Christian sacrificed his body for defensive plays jumping out and diving to stop the ball. He was also able to successfully take a sweet pass from Hannah Fortier and turn it into a spectacular goal! Clara McKee of the Ritter Law Office green team was a key player in keeping the Shorewood players in the midfield as she held the D-line on her end of the pitch, a feat that was made difficult by the tenacious and skilled play of Cooper Larsen and Abrianna Chojnacki.

The shift to defensive-minded plays lasted the entire game on both fields, and we hope it stays for the rest of the season!



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The Milwaukee Hurling Club is hosting a team for the 2013 run/walk to Milwaukee Irish Fest. This is a run/walk with prizes for top runners in each gender/age group. Run will be held on Saturday, August 17th starting at the North gate of Meier Festival Park. Here is the schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration & Kid Zone Open
- 9:30 a.m. – Pre-race Warm Up & Stretching
- 10:00 a.m. – Run Begins * 10:05 a.m. – Walk Begins
- 10:45 a.m. – Post-event Celebration & Award Ceremony

Post-event includes a free beer for participants whose race packets are picked up ahead of time (the Irish equivalent of dangling a carrot in front of a horse). Cost is \$30 for adults, \$15 for kids 12 and under. Add \$5 if registering after August 7th. Proceeds benefit the Arthritis Foundation. For your money, you get:

- Beer! (value \$5)
- Free admission to Irishfest the day of the race (value \$ 17)
- An event T-shirt (value \$10)
- Satisfaction of knowing that you have helped a great cause in the fight against arthritis (value: priceless)
- Warmed up for the Saturday scrimmages (value: your pride)

Your \$30 entry fee brings you \$32 + infinity payback!! That's like getting paid to run! This is also a great way to show our appreciation to one of our new sponsors.

To sign up – go to [Run To Irish Fest 2013](#)

- Click on “Register”
- Choose “Join a Team”
- Search for *Milwaukee Hurling Club*
- Follow the instructions to complete registration and pay entry fees

Note: *If we get 12 people to sign up for this event, Irish Fest will add our logo to the shirt!*

Hope to see you there!

Tattoo - Guess Who!



photo credit: Aislinn Leonard

Guess who belongs to this tattoo! We have a lot of ink in the club and this game will be a fun way to put it on display and get to know a few of your fellow club teammates. Check back next week to find out who this is!

*Last week's tattoo belongs to **Silver Spring House's Matt Kunz!***

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