

# DISH FROM THE PITCH



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## 40 HOURS FROM PITCH TO DISH:

What Goes into the Dish From the Pitch

by *The Dish Writers*



“Hot off the presses!” “Rise and shine to the latest Dish from the Pitch!” These are just a couple headlines seen on Facebook and email subject lines for our weekly installment of The Dish from the Pitch. We’ve talked to many people up and down tent row this season and most, if not all, of your feedback is very positive. We work hard trying to bring you more than just game recaps. New this year has been our addition of articles like this one. Feature stories that highlight not only our members, but our community as the MHC. Afterall, we are a family. Like-minded lunatics playing a little known sport we love. We had a blast writing this year, and we are aiming to extend the dish.

But this article isn’t about that. This article is an insight into the process of putting out The Dish from start to publish. How we as writers, editors and graphics creators take Jack Harrold’s quarter-by-quarter scores, Jason Kirkpatrick’s 3 pages of notes for one (yes, one) game and condense them into the weekly publication we can’t wait to see in our inbox.

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We start with the games. Each writer is assigned a game to write. We each have our method for taking notes on a game. As mentioned, Jason takes very detailed notes. Some people take notes on their phones while lounging around. We all agree that the addition of the team secretary this year has made a huge impact. "We would not be able to produce the best Dish possible without the secretary reports. They have been invaluable this year for helping us write games because we get the unique team perspectives and quotes. It helps us point out individuals and highlight achievements," said Rob Berrones.

Jack Harrold records the scores for each quarter of each game. When asked why he does this, he replied, "I use these as a virtual outline to my articles. They help me remember what happened each quarter. With hurling being so fast paced, we as writers need something to help us sort through everything. Scores do that."

Once the final game whistle sounds and the goals are put back in the can, the real work begins. It is true, we only have about 40 hours or so to enter in the secretary reports, enter our notes, gather images, write, edit and format The Dish before we send it out to you. All of this gets put into a Google doc by Monday morning, giving Andy McKee a loose script for the podcast. We have until Tuesday morning to craft our stories and proofread each other's articles for final submission.

From there, our fearless leader, Aislinn Leonard, formats the content and proofreads everything. She also writes for the U7 games and edits photos. She loves the experience she is getting putting this publication out. "I'm a little shy, but having a notebook and a camera gives me an excuse to talk to new people and pulls me out of my comfort zone," Aislinn remarked about her experience this year.

We also attend meetings to generate ideas for feature stories and how we can improve what we currently do. We plan on bringing you a monthly (at least) offseason Dish with new features, game strategy and theory, analysis like Joel Travis' goalie write ups, Meghan Neuenschwander's tips for rookies, Faces from the Pitch, and anything else we can find to keep you informed.

We write on our lunch breaks, at home after work, at work, or whenever we have free time. We do so because we believe The Dish is more than just scores. More than just something we hope you read with as much enthusiasm as we write it. It is our way of making the MHC the best it can be.

Why do you write for the Dish?

"I write for the Dish because it satisfies two of my passions in life, writing and hurling. I also feel that contributing to the club is an aspect of keeping the MHC alive and growing." - Ivan Baker

"As a second year hurler, writing for the Dish has given me an amazing opportunity to learn more about the sport and some of the amazing people we have in the MHC." - Jason Kirkpatrick

"As a captain, writing for the dish forces me to take an analytical look at the games. It's good for scouting out the other teams. Also, as a captain, I personally feel a responsibility to the club and especially the sponsors to make sure that as much as possible receives a positive spin. We're all playing to have fun." - Jack Harrold

"I like doing the Dish because I'm meeting new people and getting to know more about people I have played with and against for many years." - Aislinn Leonard

"Writing for the Dish this year has given me a chance to really learn our club. As a second year member, it can be tough getting to know names and faces. I don't say, 'Who is that again?' as much." - Rob Berrones

"As a rookie, the Dish has shown me many aspects of the club I wouldn't have otherwise been exposed to. Seeing how tight-knit the club is and seeing how much time and energy goes into making it what it is has really changed how I view both the club and the sport as a whole." - Chris Patrick

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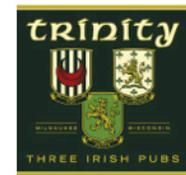
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# Legion Narrowly Escape Castlemen's Attack

by Christopher Patrick



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The 2013 playoffs started off with a bang as the Burke's Irish Castle Castlemen (4th seed, 5-3) faced off against the All Tool Legion (5th seed, 5-3) in the second overtime match of the season. The fact that there were 3 sticks broken in the first quarter alone shows how committed each team was to getting ahead (and that Connor Kilp was on the field)! Points were traded throughout the quarter, but it was All Tool's Connor Jorgensen who knocked in a goal as the whistle blew, ending the quarter with All Tool just three points ahead of the Castlemen, 1-4 (7) to 0-4 (4).

Determined not to let the Castlemen get too close for comfort, All Tool opened the second quarter with quite a showing. A point by Paul "Tebow" Steinbrecher, followed by excellent midfield passing, and topped off with a goal put the pressure on the Castlemen. Not

ready to let the Legion get away with that, Burke's made an impressive offensive run, scoring a goal and two quick points to end the first half within 3 points, 2-6 (12) to 1-6 (9).

Going into the second half, both teams put an emphasis on their defense. With the Burke's goalie, Matt Larsen, blocking down points and denying Legion's attempts on goal, Burke's Irish Castle was starting to claw back their deficit. It was All Tool's goal and three points, with two of them from Steve "Schmidty" Schmid, that stopped the Castlemen's run, leaving them six points down at 3-9 (18) to 2-6 (12).

Without a doubt it was Steve Taylor shouting "Keep the pressure on!" that pumped up Burke's Irish Castle through the fourth quarter. With Matt Larsen coming out of goal and scoring two goals in a row against the Legion, Burke's was making their stand. As Legionnaire Nick "Tater" Ruetz fired off points it was clear this game was going to come down to the wire. With a final hurrah from Burke's Tony Johnson scoring a goal, the whistle blew with both teams tied, All Tool 3-12 (21) to Burkes 5-6 (21).

Emotions flared in the final 10 minutes of overtime play as both teams gave 110%. In the end, it was All Tool who pulled out the victory by just two points, upsetting the Castlemen's championship run 3-15 (24) to 5-7 (22).

# Shamrock Club Griffins Oust Bandits in Quarter-final Quarrel

*by Ivan Baker*

The second game of first round of playoffs was another showdown and superb display of hurling. We got what we expected during these epic-worthy August Sundays, stories of battles and blood and flaring tempers. The Shamrock Griffins left the pitch victorious over the Bandits after sixty minutes of eye-for-an-eye competition.

The Shamrock Club Griffins came off the whistle in a fury against the Brocach Bandits. Within the first minutes of the game, Griffin full forward Noah

Leydel knocked in two goals: one was smacked in during a nasty ten player scrum in the goalbox and the other, a wicked shot twelve meters out. This only enlivened Brocach to step up to full-on playoff intensity. Bandit half-forward/midfielder Ian Doherty seemed to be everywhere as he helped his team close the gap. The first quarter ended with the Bandits under Shamrock Club by two, 2-5 (11) to 2-3 (9).

The second quarter was a spectacle of defense. Both goalies, A.J. Varelas and Joel Travis, allowed nothing in this quarter. Both fullback lines had laconic replies for every charge. Between the embattled mid-field and half lines, each team only managed two points a piece.

Two rested teams entered the third quarter fray with the same nip and tuck display as the first half. Brocach pushed deep to gain a goal, but this was answered with points from Shamrock Club Captain-cum-midfielder Vinny Maloney along with rookies, halfback Ryan Koppa and half-forward/Dish writer Chris Patrick.

Griffin Kevin Griffin was bound and determined to play next week and got his wish (and not by being an injury sub). Shamrock Club kept ahead of the Bandits, point after point, and subdued all Brocach's rallies. The Shamrock defense stayed cool with each Bandit offensive push. As the clock wound down, Brocach Captain and MHC soothsayer Shawn "Boston" Connolly's prediction of keeping Vinny under seventeen points was a success, but unfortunately his other prediction was slightly amiss. The Shamrock Club Griffins bested the Brocach Bandits, 2-18 (24) to 4-9 (21).



*photo credit: Kerry Leonard*

# Faces from the Pitch

by Connor Kilp

## Michael Bathke



This weekend there was a lovely addition to the normal hurling games at Brown Deer Park, live music at the pitch! Anyone near the south end of the pitch heard it, and probably saw Michael Bathke as the source. Usually you'd see him holding a goalie stick defending McBob's goal, but since they were not in the playoffs, he had the time to relax and make music.

Bathke has been part of the MHC for 13 years, and has been a goalie for the last five. He learned about the club while working for Blue Cross Blue Shield from co-workers Jerry Miksch and John McCarville. Since then, he has been with the club, and for a while even helped coach the youth, which he described as the highlight of his career. When asked how he gets ready for games, he just laughed. "I used to stretch," he said with a smile, "but now I take some ibuprofen and put on some Tiger Balm."

Michael also was excited about having Silver Spring House as a sponsor. "They have great onion soup." His other favorite sponsor is County Clare.

Recently, Michael has started curling when club mate Jeremy "Fancy" McKenzie invited him to try it out.

Fun Fact: Michael loves watching cartoons. He likes to try to identify the actors doing the voices of characters.

## MHC Beer Tasting - RSVPs NEEDED

This Sunday is the 2nd Annual MHC Beer Competition and Tasting! If you are bringing beer to the tasting and haven't let Luke Papenfuss know either in person or via e-mail, PLEASE do so ASAP ([luke\\_fus@yahoo.com](mailto:luke_fus@yahoo.com)). Knowing the number of beers is necessary to plan the Beer Tasting event as well as the Party at the Pitch as a whole. For those of you who are bringing beer, either bottles or kegs are welcome; just make sure to bring whatever equipment you need to serve. If you're bringing a keg this includes all hoses, CO2, etc..., and if you're bringing bottles, please bring a cooler or something for holding your bottles as well as a bottle opener. Either way you're serving, please bring whatever ice you need as well. If you have any questions about anything, please contact Luke Papenfuss at the e-mail address above.

# Ninjas Assassinate Rebel's Playoff Run



*by Jack Harrold*

*photo credit: Ellen Burmeister*

Once the goals had been reset following the youth games, the top seeded Irish Pub Ninjas stepped on the field to show the eighth and final seed Trinity Rebels just why they are the top seed. Once the sliothar dropped, Irish Pub took control; passing and shooting as if each player was truly part of a whole - not a group of individuals. Scoring two goals and three points, Irish Pub finished out the second quarter without a Rebel score.

Trinity's defense tightened up against the Ninjas; slowing down their offensive juggernaut. Rebel halfback Pat Foley matched up against the lanky, yet agile, Ninja Captain Tony Gaar. Rebel rookie Shaun Leuhring stepped up on the fullback line, snagging the sliothar out of the air, clearing it and always, always keeping the ball and play in front of him. Mid-season add Katy Hambrook took to the air with an amazing block right on the sidelines; she was a true inspiration for Trinity. Meanwhile, Trinity forward Shannon Meller managed (as he does) to find the back of the net, but his sole score that half did little to change their fortunes as Irish Pub's halfback dominated the Rebels giving the Ninjas a halftime lead of 3-6 (15) to 1-0 (3).

The second half was a virtual mirror of the first. Irish Pub continued their onslaught that would have been much worse had it not been for the impressive defensive display of Trinity. Though the Rebels managed to find the uprights a pair of times in the third, it was clear that Irish Pub played playoff style hurling - not letting up for even a moment.

As the clock ticked down, the furious pace of the game seemed to slow subtly. Though both sides were still fighting, Irish Pub's lead seemed too insurmountable for the tired Rebels. That did not stop Trinity from giving their all. A late goal boosted their resolve for one final push. Rebels took shots at every opportunity, but the Irish Pub's defense was as they have been all season just too stout to overcome. The Irish Pub Ninjas solidified their place as the top seed with an impressive win of 4-12(24) to 2-2 (8).

# Four Legged Fans

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Jack



Ella



Patrick



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# Marauders Manage Playoff Upset Over Struggling Slaintes

by Jason Kirkpatrick

The playoff weekend had lived up to the hype, and as the Slim McGinn's Slaintes took to the pitch against the Ale House Marauders you could tell this match was to be no different. Sam "Bunny-Bun Buns" Hanrahan showed up to the pitch sporting a rabbit shirt, and his teammates vowed to make him continue to wear it



*photo credit: Sarah Eslyn*

out of pure superstition if they came away with the win. As the match began, Ale House came out of the gates hitting on all cylinders and Sam Hanrahan and Horst Burmeister put up three quick points for the Marauders. As the Slaintes' defense settled down Dan McAuliffe was able to get a point for Slim's, but good midfield movement by Ale House gave the Marauders more scoring opportunities and Pat MacLeod took advantage by smacking in a loose ball for three.

Slim's started to stay with their marks better in the second quarter and did a great job of clearing the ball on the move. As the offense swung into Slim's favor Ale House keeper Jerry Miksch had some amazing swats to keep the Slaintes at bay, but a ground hurl off one rebound resulted in a goal for Jonathan Egan in what would turn out to be the only points of the quarter for Slim's. The Marauder defense, led by Tim Sulik and Nick Neuman, once again began to pick apart the Slaintes' offense. Their efforts freed up Pat MacLeod to net a goal followed by Carl Whitney who put one in while crossing the box. The Slaintes' defense showed signs of fatigue too as they chased Marauder threats across the pitch, and halftime saw the Marauders with a lead that felt safe at 4-5 (17) over Slim's 1-2 (5).

Ale House's midfield and halfback corps had successfully shut down the Slaintes' offense in the first half, and Jack Tuescher wasted no time marching downfield in the second half for a goal. McAuliffe put up a retaliatory point for Slim's, but Ale House responded with yet another goal. Desperate to keep it close, the Slim's squad began to show the skills that had helped keep them in the top half of the standings all year. A clean pass sailed from Karl Sorvick to Jeremy "Fancy" McKenzie who sent the sliothar streaking into the net, and the Slim's defense began repelling the stifling offensive brought on by the Marauders. A big scrum deep in the goalie's box saw the sliothar eventually trickle across the line for a second unanswered goal by Slim's, but Hanrahan reminded the Marauders that they still had the lead with a solo down the pitch for a point.

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Slim's was still on the hunt, but if they were to complete the comeback they would need to put a stop to the Marauder scoring from here on out. Better ball movement at midfield allowed Slim's to stay on the offensive and led to another point from McAuliffe. The Marauders' shots were coming from farther and farther away as their midfielders dropped back to help the embattled defense, and numerous attempts to breach the Slim's defense were swiftly cleared away by the Slaintes' captain Matt Ebert. However, Ale House once again found their stride as Matt Danahey pointed followed by another Marauder point as they penetrated deeper into Slim's territory. It soon became clear that Ale House would not relent. The Slims squad showed the tenacity that they were known for throughout the year, but the lead that Ale House had built in the first half was ultimately too much to overcome. "Great game for everyone across the board," shouted Ale House captain Tim Sulik as he acknowledged the full field effort from start to finish by his Marauder squad. Much respect was given afterwards for Slaintes' spirited rally in the third and fourth quarters, but the Ale House Marauders had come away with 6-11 (29) and the biggest upset of the playoff weekend defeating the Slim McGinn's Slaintes with 3-7 (16).

## The Legend of McBob's



This August marks McBob's 27th year serving up the city-wide famous award winning corned beef sandwiches for Milwaukee. They've been a loyal Milwaukee Hurling Club sponsor "for as long as I can remember," says manager Brian Hunter. Along with their Wednesday and Friday night fish fry, they've added Sunday night dinner specials (great for those Sundays after a long day at the pitch)! So hit them up for a McBob's classic, the Bloody Mary made with whiskey instead of vodka and thank them for their long time support.



## Special Guests to U7s Steal the Spotlight

*by Aislinn Leonard*



*photo credit: Kerry Leonard*

After a hectic shift to the youth pitch set up, the second annual spotlight youth games started off. This is a great time for the kids to showcase their talents to club members who may not be dragging themselves to the pitch early on a Sunday morning to see the kids play.

Our newest, youngest, and most enthusiastic player Anthony Witt (only two years old!) finally got to join the U7s on the field this weekend after months of participating in the post-game MHC chant. He patiently waited at the ready on the sidelines each week and got in on the game with spectacular play all-around. As anyone who witnessed the game would know, Anthony was all smiles and giggles even while getting body-checked to the ground by the feisty Bethany Fortier! Everyone who plays hurling should have as much fun as Anthony does every single time he has a hurley in his hands.

MHC favorite fist-bumper, hugger, and medic assistant Evan Sulik also made his appearance at half-time for his first shots on goal this season. He's got a wicked swing and scored on Coach Aislinn on the very first try.

As the season wears on we're seeing kids become more confident playing physical hurling which leads to very entertaining plays such as Nolan Wozniak's diving defensive shot blocks and creative offensive playmaking. Be sure to check them out next week for another riveting spotlight match!



*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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 **Burke's Irish Castle's Josh O'Malley!**\*



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