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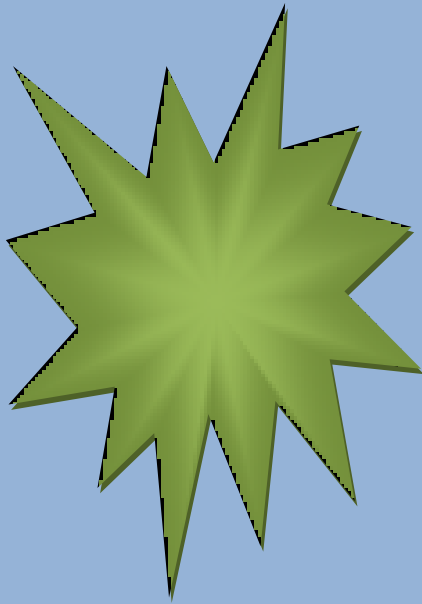


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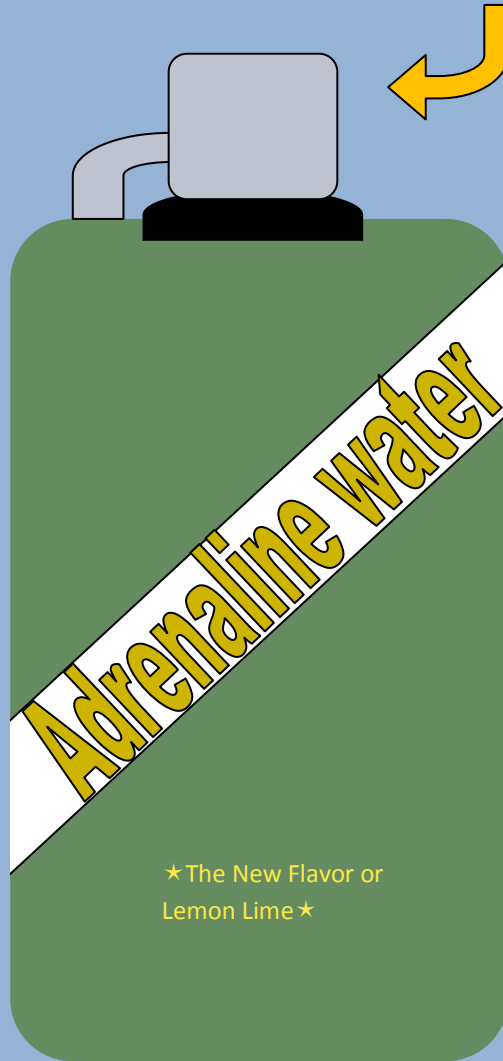
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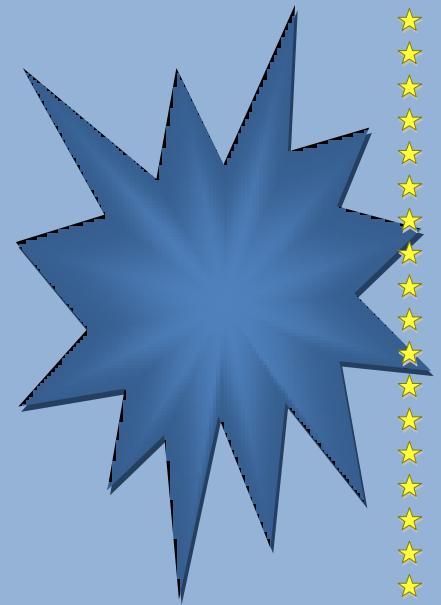
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LETTER FROM

Dear Readers,

Thank you for purchasing my magazine. It helps me want to become a better writer and to work harder in my work. I really appreciate when people write to my magazine! I enjoy seeing the positive writing and also seeing the criticism helps me. I can't wait to start on my next issue for the magazine and to make it that much better than the first. It will include many more stories and about different and new sports. It will add interesting content about new athletes and will include many of the works of new people.

This magazine is a magazine based on athletes who work really hard but just do not become their full or predicted potential. It also involves teams who cannot become what they should have been. I thought of this magazine because this magazine would entertain and would show people the punishments of not working hard. I think this will show people the difficulty of becoming a professional athlete or any other type of professional too. It shows once you become good there is always another challenge out there to make you even better and shouldn't ever stop becoming better than what you can become.

In my life I am a three sport athlete with baseball, football and track and also have played basketball which I enjoy all of the sports. I made my magazine Avalanche of Athletes because there are many athletes who become very good athletes but then stop working hard and do not become the type of player they were expected to be. This magazine even thought is fiction it actually does happen to people and should show people that they have to keep working hard if they want to become good at something. This magazine includes sad and inspiring articles that show the some people

who do not make it to what they should or could have and it also show about how some humorous and funny things can happen in sports.

This magazine includes many great articles by many different people. Some examples are the ones made by Taylor Schroeder about an inspiring track star and military soldier, another great article was made by Cody Zegers about a baseball team that tried to do what no other team has ever tried. Adam Wege created a interesting story on the baseball star Monty Pierce who did not live up to what he should have and could have become. Brooke Moeller created a funny story about the Man cheerleader. Blake Kalwitz wrote about a crazy hockey fight. It is worth the read and should be checked out. All of these writers have a very different writing style which adds very interesting and fun to read variety to the magazine. It shows the diversity of the writers all gives a different type of entertainment. There are many funny and humorous stories but there are also sad and depressing stories that show you that you're not living a bad life.

I really enjoyed making my deadline magazine. It was a different type of language project that I have never experienced. It allowed you to read many people's articles and have them work for you and you had to work for other people. I enjoyed working for other people because I didn't have to write about one topic for too long. I got to vary what I had to write about and the style in which I had to write. I think This project taught me a lot about having to work towards a certain deadline and showing me that working at the last minute makes things stressful and isn't the greatest idea. This project was very difficult also in having to keep track of so many people and having to make sure they would finish your

THE EDITOR

articles in time for the deadline. Another thing that made it fun was the concept of making and spending money. It made things very entertaining and showed how money shouldn't be used to quickly or you will run out and not be able to buy any articles until you sell your next one.

Sincerely,

Braden VanCamp

Braden Van Camp
Editor in Chief, *Avalanche of Athletes*



Dear Editor,

I learned a lot of cool and fascinating things in this magazine but the most interesting article I read was about players who don't reach expectations and players who get paid lots of money and don't turn out to be anything. That is very disappointing for the coach. Most players that are stars in college turn out to be just average players in the big leagues. For all those guys who get paid lots of money they don't need to be pushed to do better because they already have a lot of money. There was this one player in the article that I can remember the best. His name was John Carter III. In his college days he was a starting running back for USB. He had over 3,000 yards rushing in the year of 2009. One game he had 305 yards. When he became a senior in college, he was going to be drafted. He was drafted number one by the Red Raiders. They thought he was going to change their team around after a 0-15 season. He was good in training and did well in preseason. When the 2011 football season came around he started for running back. The first game he had 13 yards rushing. The next game he had about 15 yards. The Red Raiders coach was very disappointed in him. In other words coaches had his expectation high for this kid. And he turned out to be a big letdown.

Sincerely,
Alec Schmidt



Dear Editor,

I have recently picked up one of your magazines while shopping at the grocery store. I found the price very negotiable for the quality of your product. I found the title of Avalanche of Athletes very fitting. Being able to read about the many famous athletes in our world and how they fail too was very interesting. It shows that even though you have a high skill level at something you are prone to failure. This is valuable lesson in life and should be taught to everyone. Your magazine does so in an entertaining matter.

Sincerely,
Nick Ramirez
Hanoi, WI

Dear Editor,

I bought the most recent edition of *Avalanche of Athletes* and I thought that it was really negative. You should try adding some more positive things in your magazine to make it a little better. I think you had some good ideas with your articles but they were to negative for me. I don't think I will be subscribing to your magazine unless you change some things up.

Sincerely,
Jacob Stein
Appleton, WI

The Rivalry Continues

By: Blake Kalwitz

Today is a sad day for the National Hockey Association (NHA). After last night's game that took the bad-blooded rivalry between the San Jacen Wasps and the Bootsen Rock Hounds to a whole new level, setting a new NHA record with twenty players suspended in one game!

The face-off was set for 7:10 p.m. but fans were there before 3 p.m. By the time the puck dropped on the ice tension was already high because these two cross-town rivals were fighting for the last playoff spot. You win you're in, you lose, you go home. Bootsen Center, Slugger McDermott won the face-off and then threw a cheap shot at his counterpart Junior Cicotter. Both men had a reputation for spending an absurd amount of minutes in the penalty box and both had served an eleven-game suspension earlier in the year for a similar incident. After five minutes of brawling, the benches cleared, every player was going at each other and the refs couldn't break it up so they let the players duke it out and after an hour sent fifteen players to the penalty box and even the coaches got kicked out!

At the end of the first period, the Wasps were ahead 1-0. The goal came on an open-net shot (which means the goalie has to go to the penalty box because of a violation), Rybe Ovenah scored it. After scoring the goal, Ovenah decided to celebrate by blowing kisses to the opposing fans; they didn't appreciate that very much and threw tomatoes and their beverages at him. During the second period four players were ejected after hitting one another with their hockey sticks. Among these four was Rocky "The Hammer" Jacobsen, Jacobsen was the MVP the previous season and he has had a target on his back ever since. "The Hammer" was picked first overall in the draft by the Rock Hounds and he had

become the face of the NHA. Both teams scored once more before half and they were all knotted up at 2-2. Unfortunately, five seconds before half, Duggie Erickson, the Left Wing for the Rock Hounds was checked into the wall by Wasps' Defensive Man, Chipper Boyle. Boyle then proceeded to taunt Erickson and all the men on the floor started beating on each other yet again! Twelve players were thrown out of the game during half-time. At that point, an NHA record had been set with sixteen players ejected, but the players had other intentions. During half time, the PA announcer handed the microphone over to a Rock Hound's player named Chick McCharm. McCharm called the Wasp players chickens and cowards and the players lost their temper, skated out onto the ice and gave the audience some real half-time entertainment. Two more players were tossed which upped the count; eighteen players ejected.

Then the final period started and the Rock Hounds scored three goals in two minutes and were pulling away. But The Wasps were a scrappy team that never quit or lost hope. They retaliated by pouring in two goals in eight minutes and cut the lead to one with fifty seconds to play. The Rock Hounds worked the puck around for a shot but couldn't get one and ended up turning it over! Out of frustration, the Rock Hound's best player Stevie Zanes punched a Wasps player and both were ejected. Twenty men ejected! These rivalries were intense but never were twenty players tossed out in one game! After everything cleared there was four seconds left and the Wasps drew up a crazy play and got the puck to the net. And as time expired, the prayer shot toward the goal but was denied by Tim Remington, the Rock Hound's all-pro Goalie! Game over, Rock Hounds go into hostile territory and pull out a barn-burning win and advanced to the playoffs!

Failure of Monty Pierce

By: Adam Wege

Monty Pierce was a senior at Algami High School. He weighed 202.2 pounds and was 5'9" tall. He had played baseball since he was a kid. He was the best player that Algami had ever seen. Over his high school baseball career, he had parked over 400 homeruns, stole over 6,000 bases, and had more than 800 successful bunts.

Three months before Pierce was about to graduate, he got a letter from the MLB asking him to play for the Blackhawks. He was so pumped up! He told all of his friends and family and they were amazed because he was only seventeen years old! He went to their first practice and he was amazing. The whole team knew that they would be keeping him for a while. They had practices and practices over and over so that they would be ready for the first game of the year.

It was day one of the season, every one was ready, trained, and excited to get back out on the diamond and play a real game. Pierce was playing shortstop, which he played at for Algami. Here it came, the first pitch. The pitcher threw the ball, the ball connected with the bat, right to Pierce. But Pierce missed it! How could this have happened? He never missed the ball. He shook it off and forgot about it. As the inning came to an end, he got one more grounder and missed again. He was really getting frustrated with his game, he wasn't playing like he used to. The pitcher struck out the next batter and they went back into the dugout. Pierce was up to bat, the first pitch came in. STRIKE! Second pitch, swing and miss, third pitch, right down the pipe, didn't even swing at it. "STRIKE! YOUR OUT!" screamed the umpire.

As Pierce slowly walked back to the dugout, he could hear his team saying, "Its alright, everyone has bad games, this is just one of them. This is your first game in the MLB, don't let this get you down!" He felt a bit better hearing this from players that had been on the team for 5 years already. The next inning was just the same for Pierce. Missed everything that came to him. The coach even tried putting him in a different position. Still he couldn't get the ball to stay in his glove. He wasn't happy with himself at the end of the game. But still his family and teammates encouraged him that he will do just fine the next game.

The next day, the Blackhawks knew that this game things would change, Pierce would be better. The Blackhawks were up to bat first. Pierce was batting third. The first two players both got on base. When Pierce got up to bat, he was so nervous that even his bat was shaking. As the first pitch came, Pierce closed his eyes, thought speed over power. He opened his eyes and swung the bat as fast as he could. "STRIKE!" yelled the umpire. He was disappointed but now he knew that he really had to step it up. The coach knew that he was a very successful with bunting so he told him to bunt. The ball came flying in so fast that Pierce couldn't even see it. "STRIKE TWO!" screamed the umpire again. The last pitch was another perfect pitch, Pierce swung, "STRIKE THREE! YOUR OUT!" Pierce was furious. When he got into the dugout, he broke his bat right in half and stomped on his water bottle.

Game after game Pierce was always playing the same. After about thirty games, the manager of the team called him and told him some bad news. Pierce had been kicked off the team. Over those thirty games Pierce didn't have any hits, bunts, and he didn't even get on base. Pierce was crushed. He

couldn't believe it. This was a once in a lifetime chance and he had ruined it. What would he do now? Time passed and still Pierce sat around doing absolutely nothing all day. His friends would text him and ask him if he wanted to hang out and every time he said no. To Pierce, his life was ruined. Baseball was his life, and with his records no one would ever want him on their team. He decided to give up on baseball completely and went to college to get a degree in something completely different, but he didn't even know what yet.



Hot

Gerald Georges 5 home run game



Jim Johnson hits six three pointers in a row.



Not

Jacob Polaski falls on a bicycle kick



Yovani Harlem misses a dunk



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Live Like You Were Dying

By: Taylor Schroeder

Seven months ago, an awe inspiring young man died of a heart attack. He was 28 years old, and an Olympic gold medalist. Four months previous, I was lucky enough to interview him.

As a young infant, Connor Frost was diagnosed with heart problems after he was born. Shortly after, they found a small hole in his heart next to his pulmonary artery. They fixed the hole immediately, but said he would need an emergency heart transplant when he was older.

In the meantime, Connor was enjoying his first years of life a healthy American boy. "School was easy," says Connor. Connor never did have a bad grade in his life, and he was an exceptional athlete, considering the condition of his heart. Soon he started with band, even playing drums on the days during a big high school football game in the pep band. His younger brother, Feren, followed in his footsteps.

"He always insisted on playing sports," his mother, Elaine, explains. "Whenever I had any doubts about his abilities, he told me 'Mom, look at the rest of my life. Have I ever had any other problems with my heart?'. I kept a doctor on the sidelines, just in case."

Connor's first heart problem came in January of 1997, when he was 14. During a school baseball game, Connor's actions became sluggish, and soon after, he collapsed. Elaine had thought that death, had finally found her son. The doctor on the

sidelines rushed him to the doctor immediately.

To everyone's relief, Connor came out of the hospital alive. But the doctor had given him a short period of time. Connor's birth doctors had been right.

Five days later, the doctors finally found a matching heart; Connor had been lucky. Soon after the surgery, Connor's mother was able to see him.

"The first thing I told him was how scared I was for him," Elaine said. "Connor just smiled at me and said, 'Six hours on the table, and I'll make it home tonight.'"

Four years later, Frost was again living his dreams out. He started running track on the high school team, which scared his mother half to death once because he said his chest hurt after his first run. The almost emergency was also reported by some of Connor's teammates, so Connor convinced his mother it was nothing. "Connor had finally convinced me that this new heart was not his own, but a better stronger heart, someone who had probably run all their life. However long that was." Elaine recounts.

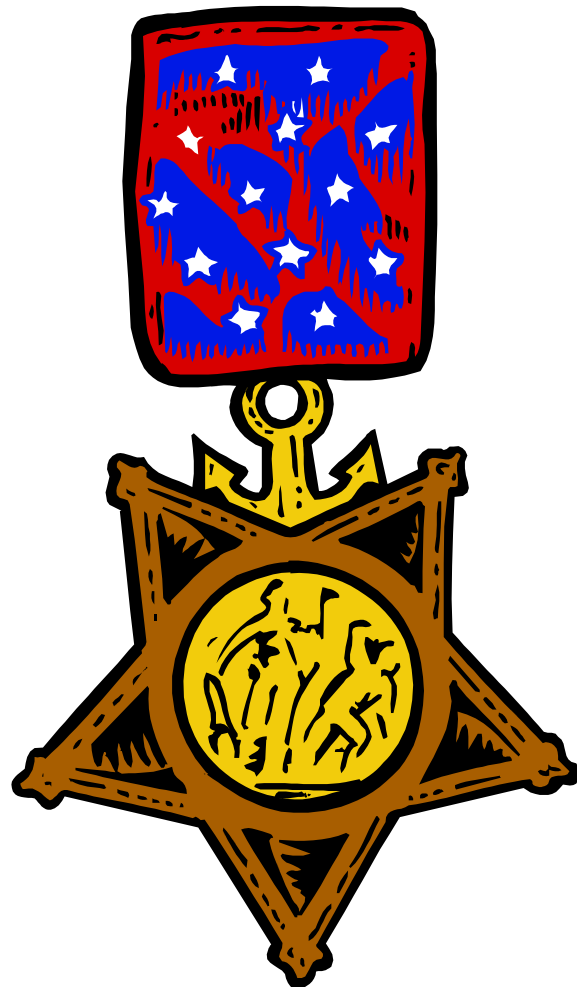
After high school, Connor got a scholarship through band, and went on to graduate four years later. When he was 21, he enlisted in the army, and had a successful career. Until his last deployment.

"We were sending some supplies to and outer encampment near the outskirts of a large city in Afghanistan. Everything was running smoothly until we hit that IED," explained Connor. "I lost half my face, and

my right ear due to flying debris, and my leg was blown off since I was closest to the explosion. I thought I would never run again,” he says. “When your ear gets blown off it’s not like saying ‘Hey! Where’s my ear?’. You don’t look around for it on the ground, so you can put it in a jar of pickles and bring it to the vet and see if he can save it. Why would you put it in a jar of pickles anyway? My leg was a bloody mess of raw meat, burnt to the bone. I was surprised I didn’t have a heart attack looking at it.” He points to the ceiling and says, “Someone must be watching me.”

A few years later, at age 27, Connor was running in the Olympics with a prosthetic leg, winning gold. A few weeks later, Connor was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor from the military.

He wore the medal to his next, and final race. He won a second gold medal, but soon after, collapsed. Connor Frost, age 28, died of a heart attack.



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Sports Word Search

By: Jade Polus-Criscione

- 1) Football
- 2) Soccer
- 3) Golf
- 4) Basketball
- 5) Baseball
- 6) Minor League
- 7) Major League
- 8) Foul ball
- 9) Strike
- 10) Personal foul
- 11) Hockey
- 12) Tennis
- 13) Touchdown
- 14) Quarterback

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Sports Word Search

By: Jade Polus-Criscione

- 1) Football
- 2) Soccer
- 3) Golf
- 4) Basketball
- 5) Baseball
- 6) Minor League
- 7) Major League
- 8) Foul ball
- 9) Strike
- 10) Personal foul
- 11) Hockey
- 12) Tennis
- 13) Touchdown
- 14) Quarterback

New Football Helmet

By: Deven Young

Are you sick of having to leave your football games because of a head injury? Then you need the new Shock absorbing helmet made by Dr. Shock called the Shock Block.

Dr. Shock has been creating special gear for all sports for years and has created a one of a kind helmet that will protect your head from 99.99% of all head injuries! Dr. Shock is selling their fantastic design for only \$102.99!

The new helmet made by Dr. Shock is specially made so that the helmet absorbs 99.99% of all the shock. The helmet is made with a new plastic and rubber alloy that distributes the blow to your head for maximum efficiency so you can still play football without having to worry about getting a concussion! The helmet can withstand a direct hit from a cannonball at point blank range, so you know that you're getting your money's worth. Scientists made the helmet so it can withstand an extreme amount of pressure. The helmet can hold 800+lbs! The helmets special plastic and rubber alloy is extremely lightweight and aerodynamic, for maximum efficiency. The helmet is twice as aerodynamic as other helmets, so you'll be an even faster runner!

The helmet has a special goo-inline that specializes in comfort so you don't get matted hair or feel discomfort while wearing the helmet. The helmets are specially designed for good airflow to keep your head nice and cool while playing a game, unlike other helmets. The helmets are special fit to your head for ultimate protection against concussions, other head injuries, and maximum comfort.

The Shock Block are at an affordable price at only \$102.99. The helmets are being sold at almost all sports stores including Peter's Sports Goods, Barney's Sports emporium, Mack's Football equipment store, and at Sports-aholic. The Shock Block can also be bought online at www.ShockBlock.com, or at www.Dr.Shock.com.

These helmets are being used for all football leagues including NFL, Semi-Pro leagues, and even toddler leagues. Because of the Shock Block's amazing stricture and low price, it will eventually become required to play football.

The helmet is a regular white color, (can be bought in other colors) with a reinforced faceguard. The special goo inline is wrapped around the inside of the helmet to absorb some of the impact from hitting your opponent and to help with comfort. The helmets light weight alloy structure allows you to move your head with ease so you can see oncoming opponents.

"The helmet is super comfortable and light!"-Aaron Matthers.

"I'd say I was saved from over ten concussions because of this helmet!"-Bary Gordon.



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Over Stepping the Limits By Cody Zegers

There once was a minor league baseball team called Michigan May Jacks. Their record that year was 30-5. The May Jacks thought they were good enough to go professional and join the major league. The team talked to their coach and he also said they were good enough. The coach told them he would help them become even better by having practice 6 days a week for 3 hours every day.

The coach told the outfielders: Matt Gores, Ryan Nablers, Leo Kettle, and Davey Thomson they need to catch 100 baseballs a day to make them better. He told the basemen: Tommy Hanes, George Peterston, Hank Williams, and Sam Berks to work on making double and triple plays when bases are loaded. He told the pitcher, Andy West he needs to strikeout everyone that goes to hit. The coach told the top hitters on the team, Johnny Andles, Freddie Sands, and Trevor Tomas to hit 500 baseballs everyday into the outfield and beyond.

Every day for 2 months the May Jacks worked hard and became better, and helps encourage other players when they need it. The coach made 3 players leaders of the May Jacks, which he thought would make them stronger. He chose Andy West, he makes everyone better and always encourages his teammates, Ryan Nablers, he has the most outs caught and he also has the highest record in the outfield, and Johnny Andles, he has the highest batting average and the fastest player on the team. The three of them help the coach make choices and they are the coaches out on the field.

On February 15th the May Jacks went to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The May Jacks went to have a meeting with James Matherson, to talk to him about making a major league team for the next season. James Matherson said that to become a

major league team he needs paper work and he also needs to see them play and win a game. The May Jacks then decided to wait a year and they filled out the paperwork that took over a week to complete.

The May Jacks played and won their first game 5-3. The May Jacks went to Louisiana to meet with James Matherson; he told them they need to win half of their games to get a chance to play in the major league. The May Jacks agreed and won half their games, their record was 30-5. They went to talk to James Matherson, he said they could become a major league team if they play and win against a major league team.

On May 8th the May Jacks played their biggest game of their lives. The May Jacks didn't play very good in the first five innings, but worked through it to tie in the bottom of the 8th inning. Johnny Andles, best hitter on the team hit a triple to the player in left-field, with a guy on first and on third, and they are put ahead by 1 runs. In the bottom of the 9th inning it was 8-7 the May Jacks were losing, Freddie Sands goes up to bat with bases load. Freddie hits a single. Johnny Andles strikes-out, making it 2 outs. The team's last hope is Trevor Tomas. Trevor hasn't had a good year and its all on his shoulders. Trevor swung too late for strike one. Trevor was getting nervous so he also missed the second ball. Trevor stops what he's doing and feels less nervous, he swings the bat and drives it to shortstop on the other team; they throw it to home out then to third for a double play. They go into extra innings.

The May Jacks took a break before the 2 extra innings. The May Jacks played a great first inning letting the other team score one run, 9-8. The May Jacks then make one runs at the bottom of the inning. The May Jacks didn't play the last inning well and gave 2 runs to the other team. The May Jacks were losing 11-9. The May Jacks

thought they could win this. Johnny hit a triple and Freddie hit a double sending Johnny home for one run, 11-10 May Jack were losing. Trevor went up to bat he swung and missed for one strike. Trevor then hit the ball to the shortstop on the other team and he threw to home for the out, and then threw to first for a double play. The May Jacks lost the game and didn't become a major league team. The May Jacks still play baseball and hope to become a major league team in the future.



What Kind Of A Baseball Player Are You

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If you got a 0 you are an orphan.

If you got 1 to 5 you are a bust.

If you got 6 to 10 you are **Average**.

If you got 11 to 15 you are a **Stud**.



Michael Blake: First Male Cheerleader!
By: Brooke Moeller

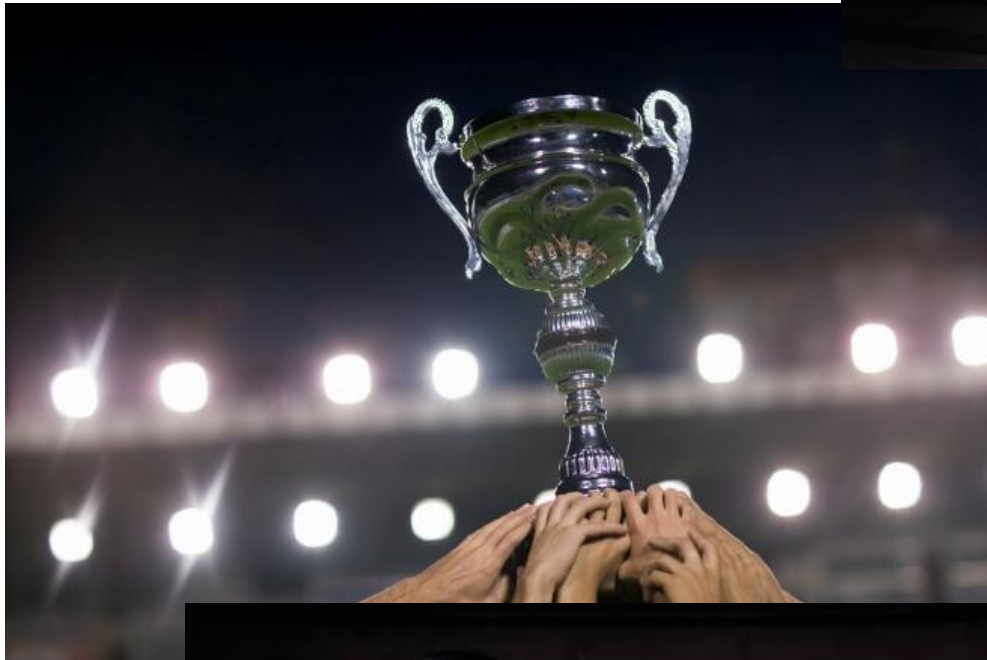
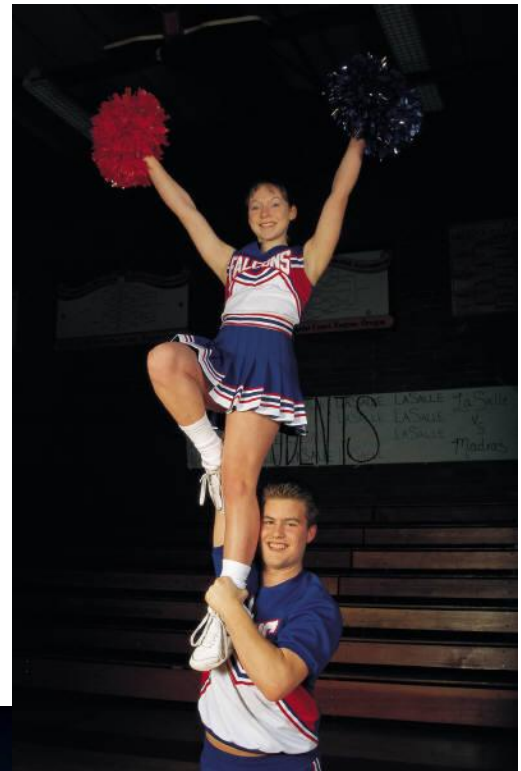
The world of cheerleading has been around since 1926 and has become a more popular sport throughout the years. Cheerleading started out as an only women sport but around 1935 the first male cheerleader stepped onto the mat at the National Cheerleading Championships(NCC) in Orlando, Florida. This man's name was Michael Blake from New York, New York; he was 19 years of age and was a heck of a tumbler! Before he was a cheerleader Blake was a five time defending champion in gymnastics, he was the best of the best. When he decided to be a cheerleader Blake traveled to Green Bay, Wisconsin and walked into the greatest cheerleading squad to ever live, that team was Green Bay Elite (GBE). When he dropped his bag in the lobby he stepped to the glass where you could see GBE practicing and watched their every move, especially their tumbling passes, which were extremely tough and very advanced. The coach of GBE was Ms. Addy Vaulga, she came all the way from Germany and was a gymnast, dancer, and of course a cheerleader. At the age of 35 Ms. Addy was a very fit woman with fantastic ability and courage, she expected nothing less than her team's best while practicing and performing.

When Ms. Addy saw Michael in HER lobby she almost fainted. After she realized what was going on she stopped practice, ran out of the gym into the lobby and asked him what he was there for. When he said to cheer for your squad she was so excited she actually started to cry. The first day of practice went swell and Blake came to figure that he could learn the routines fairly quick. Everyone was extremely happy to have Blake on the team and with his

ability to tumble they knew their routine this year would be a hit. As the days got closer and closer to Nationals Blake was feeling nervous about performing. Ms. Addy and the rest of the team knew it because he wasn't throwing his double round off back tuck double full lay out properly and he would also forget the routines. Ms. Addy wasn't sure what to do because Nationals was about five days away! When it got down to two days away the team had to bring up the issue with Blake because they really had no choice. When Blake heard what everyone was thinking he was shocked because it was true! Blake told everyone he would shake off his nervousness and throw every tumble pass to his best. On the way down to Orlando, Florida for Nationals at Disney Land everyone was laughing, sleeping, singing, and just having fun on the coach bus. When they arrived, everyone was pumped! They stepped off the bus and headed to the hotel. Blake was still kind of nervous but he realized that if you are nervous then you really have no chance at success. Blake stepped up and told everyone that he was excited and that he believed they would take first place.

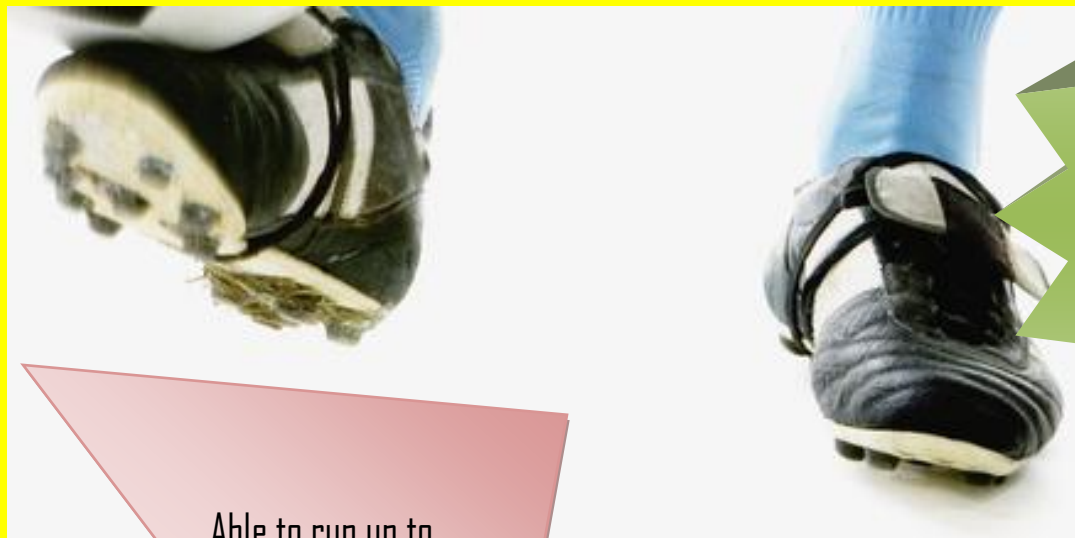
There are four days of Nationals; day one is prep clinic where you see what Nationals is all about and what goes down. Day two is round one, each team performs their routine and the judges give them scores out of one hundred. Day three is exactly the same as day two but you are criticized more on your movements and accuracy. Day four is the final day to show your best qualities and not mess up. On this day around 8:00 p.m the judges rattle up the scores from all the days you performed and then decide which team gets first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth. When GBE stepped on to the mat the crowd went wild! And when they realized Blake was on the team everyone was on their feet

cheering and supporting. After all the days went by and the fourth day came it was time for awards. GBE stood there holding hands and hugging each other waiting for the results. Tenth: Mad Town Twisters, Ninth: Wolf River Stars, Eighth: Spirit, Seventh: Star Ships, Sixth: Maryland, Fifth: FVL All-Stars, Fourth: Ultimate Fusion Athletics, Third: Cali All-Stars, Second: Georgia G6, First: GREEN BAY ELITE! When GBE heard they got first place they fell to the floor hugging and screaming and crying in happiness! Everyone was so proud of them because they really earned their spot!



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