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Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Kris Burmeister catches a wave during the first surfing contest of the year, the Pyramid Rock Surf Showdown, here Sept. 25.

Surfers storm Pyramid Rock

MCCS landed lots of competition for Surf Showdown, Saturday

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

More than a dozen surfers, both young and old, participated in this year's first surfing contest held at Pyramid Rock Beach here Saturday.

A panel of three judges evaluated the surfers throughout the competition. The competitors were judged in several different categories to determine their score for each wave they rode. Contestants were graded on the size of the wave they rode, whether or not they maxi-

mized the potential of the wave, the length of time they stayed on the wave and how much personal style they incorporated into their surfing.

"We had a small number of people turn out," said Jerard "Ziggy" Jardin, volunteer lifeguard, during the event. "But out of those who are here, a lot of them are very talented."

Surfers competed in four different categories; kid's short and long board, and men's short and long board.

The competitors were placed in heats and each group received a total of 15 minutes to try to catch as many quality waves as they could for score.

"The surf was good, small but consistent," said Matt C. Newman, volunteer lifeguard and contest judge. "Everyone caught a lot of waves and had a good time throughout the contest."

Once each round was over, the top competi-

tors moved on through semi-finals and eventually finals. Every participant received a shirt for participating in the contest and in each category the top three finishers were awarded an additional t-shirt and an engraved wooden bowl.

"The biggest thing is, you don't have to think you are a great surfer to come out and be a part of the contests," said Jardin, "It is just a good opportunity to get out, surf a little and maybe go home with a prize."

John Dela Cruz, who won both the short and long board categories, dominated the men's competition. John Kauffman came in second in both categories and Kris Burmeister received third place in the men's short board division.

The kid's competition was a mix up with Hans Wurlhzer winning first place in the short board category over second place winner Wyatt Butterbaugh and third place winner Taylor

Cook. The kids long board competition saw Wyatt Butterbaugh as the overall winner, followed closely by Wyatt Redongo in second and Taylor Cook rounding off the top three positions.

Competitor, and short board winner, Hans Wurlhzer, has been surfing for nearly a decade. The 15-year-old surfer hopes to one day be good enough to go professional, but said he knows how difficult that can be.

For now he just plans on competing in more small contests and building up his skills.

"I really like everything about surfing," he said. "It is good exercise and a good hobby. It just really gives you a good feeling being out there on the waves."

The next competition, open to all active duty military and family members, is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend at Pyramid Rock Beach.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Michael Reed, 10, a running back for the Falcons, sneaks the ball down the field through a hole in the Eagles defense, allowing the Falcons to take the lead during the first game of the fall flag football season.

Youth football season begins

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills
Sports Editor

The football season is officially here. The National Football League has fans glued to the tube every Sunday; Marines and Sailors are competing in Intramural Tackle Football all week; and now children have begun their own flag football league to compete for the championship.

More than a thousand parents, friends and fans came to the opening day ceremonies of the Hawaii Youth Sports League Flag Football Season Saturday aboard Hickam Air Force Base. The crowd was just as excited and involved in the game, as if it was NFL opening day.

The Hawaii Youth Sports League is made up of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps family members. The league supports a variety of different sports including football, soccer, and basketball. Each military base has their own set of teams, based on age, and they compete against

See YOUTH, C-5

MCB Hawaii Football Season

Raiders claim victory, 12-8

Cpl. Jared Plotts
Marine Forces Pacific

The Camp Smith Raiders won their first game of the season last night against the 3rd Radio Battalion Haters, 12-8, at Pop Warner field here.

"We finally came together as an offense," said Coach James Rogers. "The guys deserved that win. The best part is we know we haven't reached our full potential."

The Raiders offense and defense played as one unit, both coming up with big plays when they needed them. Despite the numerous penalties against the Raiders, the Haters could only put up one touchdown, which came on a prayer at the end of the half.

The Raiders spread offense, which typically lines up three or four receivers, looked sharp in its second game. Quarterback Scott Gibson threw two touchdown passes, an unofficial Camp Smith record.

The two scores would be enough as the battle tested defense forced five turnovers including an interception by outside linebacker Marcos Lopez with just over a minute left in the game.

The other pick came in the first quarter on a diving grab by the other outside linebacker Jason Dixon.

The offense used a variety of sweeps, draws, quick slants and, of course, their devastating bombs down the field to help earn the teams second win in three years.

Wide receiver, and possibly the fastest player in the league, Jon Doir Ferrell leaped and paused above his defender to snag a 35 yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter from Gibson.

The other score came midway through the second quarter when Gibson rolled to



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

The Camp Smith Raider's wide receiver Aaron Bowman (left) blocks a tackle from the 3rd Radio Battalion Hater's Darren Stone as he sprints down the field gaining a few more yards. The Raiders beat the Hater's 12-8, giving them their second win in three years.

his left and got a block by running back Clifton Shackelford. He floated a 15 yard gem to wide receiver and defensive back Jason Gates who looked "Moss like" fighting off his defender and jumping straight up to make the grab for the games first score.

The offense took time off the clock by moving the ball consistently. The defense had time to rest, and "when that happens, fumbles happen," said defensive captain and middle linebacker Evan Williams.

The Raiders forced three fumbles all of them coming on critical drives by the Haters. After spending the first two games on the field far too long, fans finally got to see what the defense could do when rested.

"We couldn't have done it without the "O" [offense] and I'm sure they feel the same," nose tackle Jason Jones said after the game.

With both sides playing well, this team looks like it can match and surpass their win total from the past three years.

BASE SPORTS

October

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Adult Sailing Class — The base marina is hosting Adult Sailing instruction beginning Saturday. The class runs for four consecutive Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The cost is based on rank, \$69 - \$99. For more information, call 254-7666.

4 / Monday

Intramural Tackle Football at K-Bay — Head to Pop Warner Field after work at 6 p.m. and watch MCB Hawaii units take on each other in hard-hitting intramural football action.

Monday's game will feature Marine Aircraft Group 24 against 3rd Radio Battalion.

Check out the schedule and standings at www.mccshawaii.com or call 254-7591.

16 / Saturday

MCB Hawaii Cross Country Running Team Trial — Tryouts for the MCB Hawaii Cross Country

running team will be conducted in conjunction with the University of Hawaii's 5,000 meter cross-country run at the Klipper Golf Course, to be held at 6 a.m. on Oct. 16.

Marines and Sailors interested in trying out for the five-man/three-women team must register with the varsity sports coordinator no later than Oct. 14.

Another tryout is slated for Nov. 4 if you are unable to attend the October run.

Call the Marine Corps Community Services Athletics Office at 254-7590 for further information.

Ongoing

Youth Basketball Coaches Needed — Be a child's team mentor

through Youth Activities sports programs. Youth Activities is actively looking for interested coaches for their Youth Basketball season that runs from November 2004 to January 2005.

Gone Fishin' — Join Mahalo Kai Fishing Charters for a day beyond the bay. Located at the base marina, the charter contractor has two different boats to accommodate all of your fishing needs. Check out its newest boat, the Bill Collector, built for charter fishing at its finest. For more information, call 254-7667.

Commanders Cup Bowling League — The league just finished its first season, a successful one chockfull of bowling fun for everyone. To learn more, give your input or just sign up, call 254-7693.

Inexpensive, Fun Entertainment — Look no further for economical entertainment, as Mondays through Thursdays, all E-5 and below can receive free rental shoes and discounted games at only \$1.50 a game. This discount is good for open play, and does not qualify for tournaments, leagues or unit functions.

Call the K-Bay Lanes now to get the spin at 254-7693.

Color Pin Special — Every Wednesday, roll a strike when a colored pin is in the head-pin position, and win up to three free games of bowling.

All patrons are welcome to take advantage of this deal. If you make the play, you win!

Parents for Fitness — This cooperative baby-sitting effort is available at the Semper Fit Center, for children ages 6 weeks and older.

All active duty service members and their families may participate; however, PFFP participants are required to volunteer baby-sit three times per month.

Call 235-6585 for more information.

Paintball Hawaii — Near the Lemon Lot, by the intersection of Harris Road and Mokapu Road lays Paintball Hawaii.

Shoot over for the great deals and have a blast. Cost is only \$25 per person, and the fee includes one air refill, equipment and the field fee (paint is extra). Players can purchase paint at the field from \$45 - \$50 for a case of 2,000 balls. The field is open on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 265-4283 for Friday appointments.

Junior Lifeguards — The base pool is currently offering Junior Lifeguard instruction for the youth at MCB Hawaii. Let your kids enhance their skills and abilities in the water, plus gain confidence and experience that can lead to a job.

Contact the base pool at 254-7655.

Take the Plunge — Wet your feet and beat the heat at any one of four MCCS pools that serve your swimming demands. Splash to the K-Bay main pool at building 981, the Hilltop Pool at building 502 (for O' Club members only), the Camp Smith pool at building 125, or the Manana Housing pool in building 840.

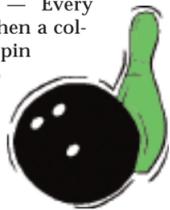
Massage Therapy — Massage therapy, by certified massage therapists, is available at both Kaneohe Bay and Camp Smith. The massage therapy program will help relieve your mental and physical fatigue and improve your overall circulation and body tone.

Appointments are available by calling the K-Bay Semper Fit Center at 254-7597, or Camp Smith at 477-5197.

Okinawa Kenpo Karate — Every Tuesday and Thursday, join MCCS Youth Activities' contractor for Kenpo Karate Kobudo classes, held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in building 1391, behind the 7-Day Store.

Adults and children are welcome, and costs are only \$35 for adults and \$25 for children.

Call the MCCS Youth Activities Office for more information at 254-7610.



Base All Star



Jason Dixon

Unit: Headquarters and Service Company
Camp H.M. Smith
Billet: Comptroller
Hometown: Miami, Fla.

- Dixon played varsity football throughout his four years in high school, and he also lettered in varsity baseball.
- He became interested in football from playing sandlot with the boys from his hometown.
- He played for the All-Marine Softball Team in 2002, and his team made it to the Marine Corps Regional Championships.
- He also played for the Headquarters Marine Corps Flag Football Team in Arlington, Va., and won the Intramural Football Championships.



Photo Courtesy of MCCS

The base marina sailing course consists of four classes which run on four consecutive Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The cost is based on rank and ranges from \$60 to \$99.

Marina runs sailing lessons

Edward Hanlon V
Marine Corps Community Services

If you have ever driven to the Windward side of Oahu on the H-3 Interstate highway, you have undoubtedly noticed the beauty of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, its surrounding waters, and the famous Kaneohe Bay sandbar.

If you have ever wanted a closer view, the base marina, located in building 1698, is offering adult sailing instruction that certify you to become a true skipper.

"Sailing can be a relaxing sport for those who would like to enjoy the beautiful scenery and the sandbar of Kaneohe Bay without the roar of an outboard

motor," said Neil Morgan, manager of the Marina. "Or, you can make it an exciting sport with the thrill of racing."

The course consists of four classes that run four consecutive Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Randy Grainger, an experienced sailor and instructor, teaches the course with an obvious love and passion for his work.

So why choose Kaneohe Bay to begin your sailing adventure?

"Kaneohe Bay is the largest and most protected bay in the Hawaiian Islands," explained Morgan. "And we only use U.S. Sailing certified instructors."

Another incentive to take lessons from the marina is the competitive price and

value for lessons and rental equipment. The cost depends upon rank, ranging from \$60 to \$99.

Once certified by the marina staff to skipper a sailboat, you can rent one from the various craft available, or bring out your own.

"In addition to our fleet of sailboats ranging from 12-foot one-person fun boats up to a 27-foot Catalina for the whole family, we also offer windsurfers, ski boats, pontoons, and smaller runabouts," said Morgan.

The next class begins on Saturday, call 254-7667 to register. Explore panoramic Kaneohe Bay from the helm of a sailboat, and let your adventures begin.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

"Buddy Walk" tomorrow

Best Buddy awards will be given for groups in corporate, civic and youth team categories for this walk, tomorrow to promote awareness and inclusion for people with Down Syndrome. The walk will start at 10 a.m. at Kapiolani Bandstand. The one-mile route will take participants through the park to Kalakaua Avenue and back. Volunteers are still needed to make this event a success.

Visit www.hawaiidownsyndrome.com or call 672-6444 for more information.

Niketown 5 runs Sunday

Hawaii's third largest race has just gotten bigger with 1,000 more entries than last year. The 5th annual Niketown 5 will take place Sunday, beginning at 7 a.m.

Through the event, Niketown renews its annual efforts to encourage physical activity among Hawaii's youth. As in past years, 100 percent of entry fees will be donated to Oahu schools (grades K-12) for athletic programs and play equipment. Over the past four years, Niketown has raised and distributed over \$200,000 to 242 participating schools through the event.

The certified 5K (3.1 mile) run starts and finishes at Niketown (King Kalakaua Plaza, 2080 Kalakaua Ave.). Runners will proceed on Kalakaua Avenue to Monsarrat Avenue to Paki Avenue and down Ala Wai Boulevard. The finish line will be at the intersection of Kalaimoku Street and Kuhio Avenue.

The event also features the NikeGO Kids Run, a one-mile course around Fort DeRussy Park encouraged for children 12 and under. Parents are welcome to participate with their children if they wish. Goodie bags will be provided to the NikeGO Kids Run participants at the finish line.

Immediately following both events, participants can enjoy a post-race celebration at the Finish Line Party, including prizes, food, beverages and entertainment provided by Niketown Honolulu.

The cost to participate is \$25 for adults 19 years and older, and \$15 for kids 18 years and under. Runners can designate which school

they would like their entry fees to benefit, and each participant will receive a Niketown 5 T-shirt. Race forms are available for pick up at Niketown, or by calling (808) 943-6453.

Sunday Polo at Waimanalo

Gates open at 1 p.m. with games kicking off at 2:30 p.m. for the Social Members Cup match at the polo fields across from Bellows Air Force Station. Cost is \$3, keiki 12 and under are free. The ponies will be available for children to visit after the matches. For more information about the Honolulu Polo Club, visit www.honolulu.polo.com.

State Offers Outdoor Education

The Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources is offering education classes for the public. Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation, regulations, game care and outdoor responsibility.

Attendance at two sessions is required for certification, and classes are open to anyone 10 years or older who enjoys the outdoors — not just hunters.

The next two-day session is Oct. 8 from 5:45 to 10 p.m. and Oct. 9 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in classroom #A-212 at the Nimitz Business Center, 1130 N. Nimitz Hwy. (Drive up the ramp to the classroom, which is the first room on the right.)

A picture ID is required for entry to the sessions. For more information about outdoor education, or to sign up for this course, call 587-0200 or visit www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/welcome.html.

Ko Olina to host Triathlon

This Oct. 10 triathlon features a unique swim, run, swim (in and between the four pristine lagoons at Ko Olina), bike on the Ko Olina property and around Campbell Industrial Park, finishing with a run along the lagoons.

There are elite and age group entry categories along with two keiki divisions for kids 7 - 10 and 11 - 14 years old. A masters division will be held for those 50 and older.

Detailed information about registration and

the course is available at www.koolina.triathlon.com or by calling 782-2161.

Honolulu Symphony to Host Run

The 23rd Annual Fun Run hosted by the Honolulu Symphony will start from Fort Ruger (Triangle) Park, Oct. 10 beginning at 8 a.m. Runners or walkers can choose a 1.5- or 4-mile course winding through Kahala. More than 25 instrumental and vocal groups will perform along the course and in the park following the run/walk. Pets are welcome at this event. Registration begins at 7 a.m. on run day and fees include a T-shirt designed by Norm Foster, symphony clarinetist. Entry fees are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children. The event will provide funding for Honolulu Symphony programs such as the Hawaii Youth Concerto Competition, the Youth Music Education Program, the East Meets West concert series and Concert Conversations.

Friends of Kailua High School to Host 5K

The Friends of Kailua High School, composed of students, faculty, parents, alumni and other supporters, is sponsoring a 5K fun-walk/run on Nov. 14. The event kicks off at 7 a.m. at the Kailua High School gym located at 451 Ulumanu Drive in Kailua. Proceeds from the event will go to the high school's Computer Academy.

Entry fees for the race are \$19 with a T-shirt, \$10 without a T-shirt. Entry forms can be found in the Athletes Hawaii magazine, available at sporting goods stores or at Kailua High School. Online registration can be done at www.active.com. Registration will also be accepted starting at 6 a.m. on race day.

Call Ann Higashi at 266-7900 or Ed Kemper at 524-0330 for more information.

Bellows Offers Adventure Programs

Whether you are spending a few weeks or just visiting for the day, check out any of the following weekly Bellows Outdoor Adventures programs.

For more information, call Turtle Cove at 259-4121 anytime from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Bring

bottled water and sunscreen for outdoor activities.)

• **Saturdays at 8 a.m., Morning Paddle:** Take the guided kayak tour to the Mokolua Islands, which offers the opportunity to see birds up close in their natural habitat. Advanced skill level is required.

• **Saturdays at 1 p.m., History Tours by van:** Learn about and see significant historical landmarks on Bellows Air Force Station.

• **Sundays at 8:30 a.m., History Tours by bike:** Ride into off-limits areas on mountain bikes for an extensive seven-mile, three-hour, guided tour of Bellows AFS. Day rental of bikes and helmets is included. Wear closed-toe shoes.

• **Mondays at 8:30 a.m., Hike to Makapuu:** Take a moderate 2.5-mile roundtrip hike to the Makapuu Lighthouse. Wear closed-toe shoes.

• **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., Lei Making:** Pick your own flowers to use in making beautiful lei and enjoy ancient Hawaiian folk tales and stories.

• **Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m., Bikram's Yoga:** Gain a sense of well-being and good health in this Indian-style form of yoga, which features 26 postures and two breathing exercises.

• **Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m., Snorkeling Tour:** Discover the magnificent underwater world of the ocean at a nearby, undisturbed reef. Transportation, instruction and snorkeling equipment are included.

• **Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m., Kayaking Lessons:** Master ocean-kayaking skills including water safety and efficient paddling techniques in this two-hour class.

• **Thursdays at 9 a.m., Beach 101:** The whole family can attend this fun class.

• **Fridays at 1 p.m., Bodyboarding Lessons:** Learn how to catch and ride the waves. Free day rental of boogie board is included.

Hawaii Marine Accepts Sports and Recreation Briefs

Advertise sports and recreational activities of general interest to the DoD community in the *Hawaii Marine*.

E-mail items to editor@hawaiimarine.com, or call the *Hawaii Marine* at 257-8836 or 257-8837.



THE BOTTOM LINE

(Editor's Note: "The Bottom Line" is the **Hawaii Marine's** weekly sports commentary from two sports aficionados who rarely see eye-to-eye when it comes to America's one true obsession — sports. Chances are you'll either agree with one of their takes or disagree with both. The **Hawaii Marine** welcome your e-mails of no more than 250 words. We will print the top comment of the week from our readers. Send "Readers Strike Back" comments to editor@hawaiimarine.com. Remember, "If you don't speak up, you won't be heard.")

Did ESPN hit gold with 'Hu\$tle'?

Sgt. Joe Lindsay
The Goat

"Hu\$tle."

The title was perfect, even if the wig they made actor Tom Sizemore wear during ESPN's made-for-cable movie about Pete Rose's life in the years following his breaking of Ty Cobb's hits record was not.

The movie, which chronicles Rose's life from 1986-89 at the height of his known gambling degeneracy, wasn't as bad as the wig, but it also wasn't as good as it could have been.

Sizemore, who plays the role of a complete degenerate in real life too (see Heidi Fleiss, drugs, rehab, more drugs, jail, etc.), was a perfect fit for the role. However, his considerable acting skills ("Saving Private Ryan," "Black Hawk Down," "True Romance," "Natural Born Killers") were shackled by a script that never really let us know who Rose was below the surface. That, however, was not even director Peter Bogdanovich's ("The Last Picture Show," "Paper Moon") fault.

The problem lies in the fact that there really is nothing below the surface of Pete Rose. What you see appears to be what you get.

What we got on the baseball diamond

was a man who played the game at full tilt with a demonic vengeance. What we got off the baseball diamond was a man who gave into his vices at full tilt with a demonic vengeance. Pete Rose is, quite simply, Pete Rose.

For all its failures, however, "Hu\$tle" was a movie that needed to be made. It just needed to be made a little better. That doesn't mean there weren't some great moments, as well as some pretty good acting.

Dash Mihok ("The Thin Red Line," "The Day After Tomorrow") was artful in the role of Rose's virtual "Mini-Me," Paul Janszen. In fact, Mihok was so good playing the role of the man who eventually brought Rose down that the movie seemed really more about Janszen than about Rose.

Bottom Line: "Hu\$tle" was ESPN's third stab at film making ("A Season on the Brink," "The Junction Boys"), and though it is probably their weakest effort to date, "Hu\$tle" is still worth watching. And if history is any indication, viewers will have plenty of opportunities to catch the flick during the countless re-runs that will most likely be aired on ESPN in the months to follow. Just don't bet on "Hu\$tle" winning an Academy Award — even if Rose would.

Capt. K.D. Robbins
The Professor

It's Saturday night. The choices are as follows: Go out for dinner, go clubbing, stay in and read, prepare a romantic dinner for two. No. The Bottom Line will forego all meaningless activities to watch ESPN's latest made-for-TV epic — "Hu\$tle."

Do the Professor and the Goat have no life? On the contrary, as United States Marines, we are committed to the service of our country and in this case, our readership.

So, while our readership enjoyed any of the aforementioned weekend leisure activities, the Bottom Line was hard at work, dissecting tape and writing our first attempt to thwart the efforts of Ebert and Roper.

To put it simply, Tom Sizemore has game. Aside from critically acclaimed military roles in "Black Hawk Down," "Saving Private Ryan" and "Born on the Fourth of July," who could ever forget his rough-edged role in "Heat" opposite the legendary Robert De Niro? The only problem with Sizemore's game is that he rarely, if ever has a leading role. That was evident in "Hu\$tle." Stick to supporting actor roles, Tom.

Hats off to Dash Mihok, who played an inspired military role in "The Thin Red Line." His performance as Rose's sidekick and ulti-

mately his most damning witness keeps the viewer interested. Look for Mihok to follow in Sizemore's footsteps and earn a great living as a supporting actor in the near future.

Peter Bogdanovich was chosen to direct the film. Most notable of his credits include "Mask," starring Cher and Eric Stoltz. After watching "Hu\$tle," there is little doubt in his talent.

However, after watching ESPN's follow-on interview with Bogdanovich, one must ask if this guy had any knowledge of baseball or Pete Rose prior to directing this film? This guy is just another artsy fruitcake who was cut from the football, wrestling, basketball and baseball teams in high school, only to end up a volleyball star.

Bottom Line: Although Sizemore's wig acts as a distraction, "Hu\$tle" is not a complete waste of time. ESPN's Disney-backed efforts at filmmaking represent a welcome step in the right direction, as Hollywood continues to stall on sports movies. At the end of the evening, "Hu\$tle" left me neither here nor there on the Rose issue. It's no documentary.

Yet, it represents a novel attempt to tell a truly disappointing story. The Professor says: Thumbs sideways. Stay tuned — Friday Night Lights debuts Oct. 8.

READERS STRIKE BACK

Dear Bottom Line,

I'd just like to take a minute and question the judgment of the *Hawaii Marine* editor for wasting half of a very valuable newspaper page with an article about golf.

First and foremost, we lost the Ryder Cup. By "we" I mean the USA, and "we" don't need to be reminded that "we" lost at anything to the Euros. Granted this is a borderline sport with no contact, no blood and no smack talking, but "we" still lost.

Secondly, there is so much else going on in

the sports world. Barry "I'm juicin'" — what are you gonna do?" Bonds reached 700 home runs.

Ichiro Suzuki is about to break the single season hits record despite playing for the worst team in baseball.

Maybe you haven't noticed, but there's a helluva wild card race in the National League, and the Yankees — Red Sox could have an AL Championship grudge match.

And HELLO, the NFL season is underway. Let's get some run on Deion Sanders returning to the NFL despite his geriatric state. How

'bout Miami starting the season 0-3, and the Jags are 3-0. Did anyone catch the Peyton Manning/Brett Farve quarterback clinic?

Great job (insert sarcasm) covering a borderline sport in which "we" came out looking like "we" are better off on a putt-putt course. Next time, instead of running a golf spread, just go with "this space intentionally left blank." It makes for a better read. Thanks for the hard work — no sarcasm here.

Mike Wiener
Sioux City, IA

"Granted this is a borderline sport with no contact, no blood and no smack talking, but 'we' still lost."

Warriors rock Bandits, 13-12

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

The Headquarters Battalion Warriors surprised the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandits with fierce competition Wednesday at Pop Warner Field here, bringing the Bandits winning streak to a halt with a 13-12 Warrior victory.

"We felt like we had something to prove," said Warrior's Head Coach, Avis Tolliver. "We want everyone to know that we can play against these guys. There are four good teams this season, not just one. MAG-24 has some competition this year."

Cornerback David Borrego aided the Warrior's win with one stellar interception for each half of the game allowing them to gain and remain in control of the ball throughout the night.

From the get-go, the Bandits were unprepared for the intensity the Warrior's team demonstrated the moment they entered the field.

The Bandit's usually quick and vicious offense had a hard time moving the ball up the field during their first possession. The result: a punt kick to the Warriors and an upsetting start to a long game for MAG-24.

Receiver John Washington caught a long pass and ran it to the 45-yard line, boosting the Warriors confidence, but angering the Bandits defense.

The Bandits defensive powerhouses Tyrone Payne and Michael Scott retaliated by stopping the Warriors from gaining any yards for the next few plays. But the Bandits luck ran out as the Warriors yet again began to move the ball up the field. It didn't take long before the announcement of the first big play rang out from the press box "Touchdown Warriors!"

The Bandits did manage to block the extra point keeping the Warriors to a slight 6-0 lead in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Borrego made his first big play of the game with an interception from Bandit quarterback Jeremy Brown. And proceeded to run the ball down the field to the 1-yard line, putting the Warriors in position for another touchdown.

Fullback Mitchell Jones didn't let the sus-



Photos by Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Above — Members of the Headquarters Battalion Warriors defensive line attempt to take down Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandit's quarterback Jeremy Brown as he slides up the field. The Warriors took control of the game early in the first quarter and managed to hold on to win with a score of 13-12.

Below — Warrior's quarterback Kevin Martin points out to middle linebacker Shawn Jones the Bandit's defensive team headed his way. The Warriors duo helped clamp the win for the Warriors.

pense last very long before adding another six points to the board. This time the Bandit defense had no luck blocking the extra point. The Warriors now lead with a 13-point gap over the Bandits.

The Bandits came on strong once they received the ball, moving slowly, but surely up the field, trying to get in position to score. As their luck of the night would have it, they did manage to bring the ball into the end zone, but with a penalty on the play, the points were no good.

As they tried to find the open man to put some points on the board, time ran out and young cheerleaders took the field for the half-time show.



The second half proved to be less successful for the Warriors. The Bandits came together during the 15-minutes of half time and

returned to the field as a confident force.

Unfortunately for them, it had been awhile since Warrior's all-star Borrego had his hands on the ball and he wanted a piece of the action. His second interception of the game gave the Warriors possession early in the third quarter.

Their glory didn't last long, just as they were getting in position to try for yet another touchdown, the Bandits gained control of a fumble, and the game went back to MAG-24.

With eight minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Bandits threw a long pass for their first touchdown of the night. Eager to close the gap, the offense was shaky while going for the extra point, giving Warriors Kent Croft enough room to block the ball. Making the score 13-6.

The Warriors offense apparently used up all their power in the first half of the game, because by the fourth quarter, their luck had run out, and they couldn't gain any yards against the defense, which wasn't ready to give up.

The final two minutes of the game proved to be the most exciting.

Bandit's wide receiver Christian Gonzales brought the score to a one-point difference with a brilliant touch down catch. The Warriors successfully blocked the extra point, but with a penalty on the play, it gave the Bandits a chance to try for the two-point conversion.

The Bandits crowd got in on the action by pounding on the bleachers in support of their team, but even with the added encouragement, the Bandits could not seem to find the end zone. The Warriors gained the final possession of the night and with 27 seconds left on the clock, it did not take them long to start celebrating.

"We went in with a game plan, but we didn't execute it," said MAG-24 head coach Richard Hargrave. "The game went to the best team that night. We made numerous mistakes that would have prevented any team from making a comeback. They just played better."

Both coaches look forward to the next time their teams meet up on Oct. 14. They agree it will be one of the most exciting and intense games of this season.

The only question at this point is; who wants it more?

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Marines and Sailors love their base links

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"Golf," says commentator Paul Harvey, "is a game where you yell 'Fore!', shoot six, and wind down five."

Whatever the method of scorekeeping, Sailors and Marines love their links. In a recent study conducted by the Navy's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Department, golf courses were cited as one of the top 10 most appealing quality-of-life perks for military members.

Consequently, MWR and Marine Corps Community Services operate about 200 courses for the Department of Defense in every state and at a variety of military bases around the world. For the most part, the courses are financially self-sustaining and often make enough money to subsidize other recreational programs.

Concentrated in the South, California, and the Pacific, military golf courses offer all the amenities of public courses, without the high costs.

Greens fees are determined by military rank. Fees generally run less than \$20 and can be downright cheap, depending on the players' pay grade.

Players, with very few exceptions, must have a valid military identification card or be accompanied by an eligible member to play. Most big courses offer their own pro shops and lessons. Bases without full courses feature driving ranges, practice greens, and miniature golf.

Reservations are generally required, due to the extreme popularity of the courses. Some favor active-duty members over retirees, so be sure to check the course policy ahead of time. Getting a tee time can be a bit hit-or-miss at

some courses.

"You can get a tee time if you want to play, but it's harder to get a tee time you want. The good times go fast," said Lt. Patrick Myers, stationed at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center.

Myers often shows up at the course and simply waits for a group that needs another player to come through. He says he meets a lot of people that way and gets to play when he wants.

Voted the "Most Beautiful" course by the Hawaii Navy News, the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is called "the poor man's Pebble Beach." The course includes the largest sand trap known to man — a public beach. The course's biggest drawback is the distracting scenery: sweeping views of the ocean, beaches, and sunbathers.

As far as courses go, reputation is everything, and the California courses enjoy top honors. Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Memorial Golf Course, San Diego, Calif., is considered among the best for its fabulous greens. Players describe the course as "consistently green, well receptive to shanks and slices, and slightly breezy." The course has a good reputation for being kind to less-than-expert players. Other courses in the area include the Navy Golf Courses at Mission Gorge, Pendleton Marine Memorial Golf Course, and the Sea 'N Air Golf Course.

An avid golfer, Petty Officer 3rd Class Richard Quinn, of Ft. Myers, Fla., says the Windy Harbor Golf Club at Naval Station Mayport is his favorite. Quinn is a man who likes a worthy opponent. Between the gators and the water traps, Windy Harbor's 18 hole par 72 presents that challenge.

Retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Martin Principe



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Nathan Peterson, a former crew chief with Aircraft, Rescue and Firefighting here, attempts to drive the ball on Hole 13 at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course during the Single Marine & Sailor Program's Shank & Slice golf tournament Dec. 6, 2002.

enjoys the courses at Aeropines Golf Club at the Oceana Naval Air Station, Virginia Beach, Va. Principe lives in the area, but has played at probably 50 courses in the last 20 years, according to his best guess.

The Hampton Roads area courses are consistently above average, compared to public courses, he said, and offer much better prices. Most of the players are retirees and the jet noise

(which doesn't bother Principe in the least) is at a bare minimum, he says.

Thanks to MWR and MCCS's hard work and high standards, military golf courses offer superior courses at inferior prices. So in the best tradition of Navy blessings, may you have fair winds, following seas, expanded fairways, and putts that roll true, no matter how you choose to keep score.

Falcons player Christopher Clarke, 8, holds off the Eagles defense during the first game of the flag football season at the C Street Fields aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The falcons are part of the Mighty Might Division, ages 7 to 10, which has formed its own K-Bay Flag Football League here on base.



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one another. This year every age group aboard MCB Hawaii will be competing in the Hawaii Youth Sports League, except for one. The Mighty Mights, made up of ages 7 - 9, had enough teams this year to create their own league. The Youth Sports Program created the MCB Hawaii Flag Football League, so the four Mighty Might teams could play against one another at the C Street Fields. According to Ron Johnson, the coach of the K-Bay Raiders, both leagues are competitive and use college rules to define the plays. The games are eight-on-eight and no fumbles are allowed. If the players drop the

ball, it is considered a dead ball, and the defensive line has to be a yard off the line. To protect the children from any excess injuries, there is no tackling and blocking is done with hands only. "At this young age we try to teach them sportsmanship, discipline and teamwork. These lessons will teach them how to be good athletes," said Johnson. "I also want them to learn to be competitive and to really learn the game of football, because it is a hard game to learn." The Mighty Might Division practices three times a week for more than two hours each day, and their games are every Saturday morning at the C Street Fields. The league ends

Nov. 13, with a league championship for the base. Parents and fans are welcome to attend, but are reminded it is youth sports. "It is a kid's sport, so parents need to calm down as fans. Remember, you need to respect the coaches, because they are the ones teaching your children," said Johnson. "These are just kids, and sometimes people forget that." The Hawaii Youth Sports League has games on many military bases, including Tripler Army Medical Center, Pearl Harbor Naval Station, Ahuimano Military Reserve, Fort Shafter, and Hickam Air Force Base. For schedules, contact the MCB Hawaii Youth Sports director at 254-7611.

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