

Fitness & Sports

Sports line

CAFB lieutenant plays soccer, wins championship

Toys for Tots 10K: The Marine Corps League is sponsoring the 4th Annual 10K Road Race to benefit Toys for Tots. The race is Saturday, 8 a.m., at the Battery Park in downtown Charleston.

Registration is \$20. Race packets are available today at the vacant lot on the corner of Rivers Avenue and Remount Road. Applications are available by fax, by calling 743-4947. There will also be late registration and race packets available 6:30-7:45 a.m., race day. For more information call the Toys for Tots hotline at 743-4947.

HAWC News: Do you know your numbers? You can still sign up at the HAWC Monday-Thursday for a cholesterol screening on Friday. For more information on the cholesterol screening or any other programs offered, call 963-4007.

Hours of Operation: The fitness center hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 5 a.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; and holidays from 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

By 2nd Lt.
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437 CS

Most newlyweds would cringe at the prospect of a 30-day TDY. However, when Matt Anderson, a pilot assigned to the 15th Airlift Squadron, received an invitation to try out for the Air Force Men's Soccer team at Patrick AFB, Fla., along with the chance to play in the Armed Forces Championship, he knew that the opportunity was too good to forego.

The invitation was a pinnacle of his devotion to the sport, which began when he was first introduced to the soccer field at the early age of 5.

Growing up in a military family, Anderson played soccer throughout his childhood, including competition on his father's base intramural team throughout high school. His early preparation and talent paid off when Anderson was recruited to play in the NCAA Division I arena at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

While stationed here, Anderson has maintained his competitive edge by playing at the club level

through the Mount Pleasant Men's League, on his squadron intramural team (The Flyers), this year's base champions. He also coaches at Wando High School, Mount Pleasant.

"I've enjoyed the teamwork in playing soccer," said Anderson. "You have to work and train together towards the same goal."

Contending with the Air Force's top talent for the team's limited 18 slots brought Anderson's experience to a new level. Of the camp's 130 applicants Air Force-wide, only 40 were invited to try out. The three-week training camp, held Sept. 25 through Oct. 14, challenged the players daily with timed four-mile runs, double morning and afternoon practices, as well as exhibition games against several semi-pro teams in the Melbourne, Fla., area.

"The camp was extremely competitive," said Anderson. "The amount of talent on the Air Force team prepared us for the tournament."

Despite the camp's exhaustive pace and cuts, Anderson rose above the competition as the team's key center midfielder and led the team to the Armed



Courtesy photo

(Left to right) Doug Hill, Steve Anderson and Matt Anderson after winning the Armed Forces Soccer Championship.

Forces Championship held at Fort Eustis, Va., as one of the team's co-captains. Throughout the six-day tournament, which slated each of the four service teams against each other in intense double match-ups, the Air Force team soared with the best overall record of 5-1. Anderson's impressive contribution to the team's overall success included four assists and two goals, including one in the final 4-1 victory over the Army team.

"It's neat to represent the entire Air Force with just 18 guys," said Anderson. "It was definitely an honor to represent the Air Force and win the gold."

After more than a month of exhaustive training and preparation rewarded by the team's final victory,

Anderson returned to CAFB grateful to take part in such an extraordinary opportunity. In addition to sharing the field with a wide range of Air Force talent, perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of the Air Force team was that Anderson's younger brother, Steve, a 2000 Air Force Academy graduate awaiting pilot training at Vance AFB, Okla., also made the roster. As the two worked and played together, Anderson will remember the experience for lessons learned from different military services.

"I'll take away the pride that each service had in itself," said Anderson.

"When you're thrown into an environment like that, it really surfaces in competition."

Bethea takes last place

By The Swami
Pigskin Prognosticator

How do you like these headlines? The Swami hears enough whining from her and her football teams (Dallas & Jacksonville), so he thought he would give her some recognition for the outstanding seasons thus far. Her name is Alison Bethea and every week the Swami hears how good the Cowboys and Jaguars are. What a thriller last week as these two losers squared off. The Swami wonders who she was cheering for. The Swami heard she is a BIG Dallas fan and has even contributed to some bail bonds for the "Girls." The Swami thinks she tried hard, but her 6-8 record last week takes last place. Nice job!

Okay, enough said about that. The Swami has been taking some heat about the jeering he gives the Cowboys every week. The Swami is so sorry he has made all those Dallas fans angry—NOT!

There are plenty of other good

teams out there to jump on their bandwagon. How about the Titans, Vikings, Rams, Raiders or the Swami's beloved Jets? These are some real winners. The season is half way over and these are the people to watch.

Now, on to the winner of week nine. Drum roll please.... The winner is Eric Erbaugh. Erbaugh turned in an impressive 13-1 record beating out Dennis Ingold's 12-2 record. There is speculation that Erbaugh had inside information on how the Swami makes his picks. The Swami is looking into these allegations. The Swami isn't going to take this matter lightly. Erbaugh was given some great prizes from the 437th Services Squadron. If there are developments later to back up the allegations against Erbaugh, he will be forced to return the prize, plus any interest that may have accrued.

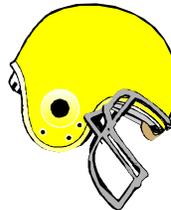
"The Swami will not tolerate any cheating," said The Swami.

Look for the top ten pickers in next week's paper.

Week Eleven

Name/Phone #: _____

Comments: _____



Sunday, Nov. 12
Arizona @ **Minnesota**
Atlanta @ **Detroit**
Baltimore @ **Tennessee**
Seattle @ **Jacksonville**
Chicago @ **Buffalo**
Cincinnati @ Dallas
New England @ Cleveland
New Orleans @ **Carolina**
Philadelphia @ **Pittsburgh**
Miami @ San Diego
Kansas City @ **San Francisco**
Green Bay @ **Tampa Bay**
St. Louis @ New York Giants
New York Jets @ Indianapolis



Monday, Nov. 13
Oakland @ Denver

Monday night total points: _____
Swami's Monday night points: 59

Swami's picks are in bold and underlined.

The Swami's e-mail address is Swami@charleston.af.mil
Picks can also be dropped at the Public Affairs office in Bldg. 1600.

Picks must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 10, 4 p.m.