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Editor's Note ---

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# If I could run Metroho for one day...

By: Footballmdm11

Since there were no major debates or topics of interest during the first few weeks of March, the Newsletter presents a questionnaire. After asking randomly selected GMs, these were their responses to the question above.

## Stoney17 (The Guns N' Hoses)

I'd create a BETA league where select managers could test some of Adam's new features before they hit the main game's engine. Things like player pros and cons, the all star game, and other items on Adam's to-do list could be tested by some of the game's more loyal and educated members, and then we could leave feedback for Adam to improve his work.

## **Canucks** (The Vancouver Canucks)

I would alter the game simulator so that teams with home ice advantage get more shots, and have players lose a rating point every two minutes they're on the ice(reset per period) to somewhat implement fatigue.

## Myersforcaptain (The Rocky Mtn Oysters)

I would sell the site to the Sports Mogul Franchise for an undisclosed amount of cash and move to Bora Bora and live out the rest of my days in those neat little huts.

## Dadummy (The Praetorians)

I know some people would dislike this, but I would change the standings win system for placement. I would replace it with the Olympic point system where a win is worth 3 points, OT win 2, and OT loss 1. Even the Denslow cup uses this system. I just hate to see all those hard fought games that a team plays and loses it in the 50th round of OT for zip.

## Fallen (The Fallen)

I would make a public list of all known cheaters in the game for people to see as well as any new teams they had made since then.

## blackMurder (The Pure Whales)

I would like to put how you could use 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> round draft picks to create a player with your own created name and position and it will randomly generate a rating of 70+.

Darkuser (The Canadian Team) I would run my own tournament.

## Alfie (The Silver Seven)

I would give a free 1-week VIP trial to teams once they reach certain milestones, for example: 100 days, 500 days. I would also reward all users who have contributed significantly to Metroho by awarding them a +5 rating increase on the player of their choice.

## Kwest (The Dragons 78)

I'd set up the ability to start leagues based on power ranking. Also, I'd cross reference IP addresses to find and list all multis. I'd make the list public so everyone knows exactly which player they're dealing with when discussing game, trades, etc. I'm not a fan of dealing with the same guy under different names and not knowing it.

## Blindprophet76 (The Vancouver Giants)

I'd remove the trophies you've won that appear on your team page, in favor of mini banners that would show Metro Cups etc. Also I would add a "retire a jersey" feature. After every 10 season you play you are allowed to retire a player's jersey, which would of course be displayed with your other banners.

## Mike14 (The MacGregor Flames)

I would add small team logo spots on the schedule and standings pages, or on the first page of "play game," beside the team rosters... I want to see more logos!

## Tfong (The Legion)

I would force everyone to quicksim that day's games and see what the difference is between people that manual play vs. quicksim

## Adam (The Slayers)

I'd pass it on quickly to a new owner so it could live to see another day. If, however, I "could run the site for one day," but could also choose to run it for longer, then I would!

## **Grayman** (The Tim Horton's)

I think a cool feature would be that you could "create your own player" like so u could actually create a player with your own name. It could be a VIP option that you can only have one "created" player at a time.

Mr Fanntastic (The Road Warriors) I would give myself VIP for life.

## Bignastee (The Waterloo Black Hawks)

I would give out 1 game or 3 game bonuses. Say to scoring or defense for individual players. They could be random or bought with credits. Would add to the fun of Metroho!

## DarkNinjaMole (The Lawn Gnomes)

I would create a 100 rated 18 year old playmaker called Sidney Crosby and place him on the UFA market asking for 65,000,001. Sure, he would eventually decrease below 65,000,000 and someone would create a multi to sign him for 1 year and try to trade him consumed to their main team (most likely with a ban-hammer pummeling them in their silly face) but it would be fun to see on the UFA

market and be `untouchable` 😡

# Would you rather...

This month, two users were asked questions based on the popular game of "Would You Rather..." Each user will have 5 unique questions and then they will have 5 of the same questions. The two users who took part in this month's game were, GM Yabbadabba and GM vicioushenry.

| Question                                                                                                                    | Yabbadabba                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | vicioushenry                                                                      |
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| <b>#1-</b> Would you rather be the best player on a losing team, or the worst player on a winning team?                     | Don't care, as long as I was happy<br>with my own performance, and<br>secondarily that of my teammates,<br>winning and losing aren't as<br>important.                                                                                                   | Worst player on a winning team -<br>it's all about championships.                 |
| <b>#2-</b> Would you rather go 72-0 in<br>an uncompetitive, inactive league<br>or 0-72 in a competitive, active<br>league?  | Going o'fer in a dogfight is alright<br>with me been there, done that -<br>great way to learn.                                                                                                                                                          | 72-0 - how could you not want to<br>go undefeated?                                |
| <b>#3-</b> Would you rather be able to fly, or be able to read people minds?                                                | Flying would be fantastic the freedom. Don't know that many people who's minds would be worth reading.                                                                                                                                                  | Fly - I can already read peoples<br>minds.                                        |
| <b>#4-</b> Would you rather be able to never lie, or never tell the truth?                                                  | Never lie                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Never tell the truth - I would enjoy<br>the chaos.                                |
| <b>#5-</b> Would you rather be unable<br>to log onto MetroHO for a month<br>or be unable to watch NHL hockey<br>for a year? | Great question, at this point I<br>would say MetroHO is more<br>important to me. I spent 3/4 of my<br>life in hockey, including a stint in<br>the minors, so I could do without<br>watching if I really had to I still<br>get to watch playoffs, right? | Sorry MetroHO, but I don't ever<br>want to go another year without<br>NHL hockey. |

| Question                                                                                                                                                                            | Yabbadabba                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>#1-</b> Would you rather lose your car for a month, or you license for a month?                                                                                                  | Car; living in the country, I rely heavily on being able to drive. I could always drive my tractor to the city.                |
| <b>#2-</b> Would you rather forget to bring a great player off of waivers and then lose him, or forget to send an extension to a great player and have to pay true value to resign? | The extension; both are good lessons to be learnt, but the latter is much more forgiving.                                      |
| <b>#3-</b> Would you rather win a MetroCup or win a Dominance Trophy?                                                                                                               | Dominance; much tougher to achieve than the metro<br>cup anyone can "fluke" a series win, hard to "fluke"<br>an entire season. |
| <b>#4-</b> Would you rather forget your password to MetroHO or forget your password to your email?                                                                                  | Screw the email can't live without my daily metro fix.                                                                         |
| <b>#5-</b> Would you rather ride the Zamboni at an NHL game, or go to lunch win an NHLer?                                                                                           | Lunch, as long as I get to pick the player. Being able<br>to get an insight on their daily hockey lives would be<br>fantastic. |

| Question                                                                                                                      | vicioushenry                                                                               |
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| <b>#1-</b> Would you rather survive an alien invasion or a zombie apocalypse?                                                 | Zombies - and I have an escape plan already mapped out for when the undead roam the earth. |
| <b>#2-</b> Would you rather have an 8 hour conversation with SJBoy or get your foot ran over by a car multiple times?         | SJBoy.                                                                                     |
| <b>#3-</b> Would you rather have your name spelled wrong on the Stanley Cup or your name left out if you won the Stanley Cup? | Name spelled wrong - being left off completely is just sad.                                |
| #4- Would you rather be deaf for your entire life or<br>be blind for your entire life?                                        | Deaf, you don't need hearing to play MetroHO.                                              |
| <b>#5-</b> Would you rather go back to the old draft system or go back to the old goalie ratings?                             | old goalie ratings - then I might have a chance to wir<br>a cup                            |

DISCLAIMER: Do not take these questions or answers seriously. This is just for fun and entertainment.

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Hello everyone. There were two Q & A sessions this month. The first was with PillaKilla (2884), general manager of The Badonkadonks (http://www.metroho.com/loggedin/viewteams.php?team=2635). An aggressive player in both tactics and forum posts, I wanted to see what made him tick. Enjoy!

**Q:** What area are you from and/or live currently?

A: I am from Niagara Falls, Ontario. I live now in Oshawa (The Dirty 'Shwa) Ontario for school...It sucks

**Q:** What are you taking in school? A: Currently I am taking Policing and transferring into university for Criminology

**Q:** Do you work part time, or in the summer?

A: hahah work, I don't work during the school year. In the summer I worked for Hyundai which means I do nothing because my mom is a boss there haha.

**Q:** How did you meet Nquiksilver, your dorm roommate?

A: Well I meet Matt in grade 9 science. I sat beside him for awhile but after his usual antics and my 100th detention I moved seats and sat beside an asian kid. I think I had a 90% after that move.

**Q:** You've told me before that Bam Bam was a nickname you earned as a kid. Why?

A: Well as a kid I didn't know my own strength or the meaning of playing nice. I took joy in breaking mine and who's ever I could get my bear paws on.

Q: What NHL team do you cheer for? A: The only team. The Leafs! I <3 Nquik (Editor's note: wtf?)

**Q:** Have you seen any live NHL games? If so, what rinks?

A: Yeah I have seen quite a few. I saw one when I was around 10 when the Leafs still played at the Gardens. Seen a few at ACC and more then I can count at HSBC in Buffalo. I have a childhood friend that has season tickets.

**Q:** Have you seen any other live professional sports?

A: I have seen the Blue Jays play but I don't consider baseball a sport. I have seen a few Raptors and Bills games too. The craziest sporting even I have seen was soccer in Barcelona. 70,000 screaming fans and street riots were too much.

**Q:** Your team has really climbed up the power ranking lately. What's your key to success?

A: Well Kehm's guide is like the bible of this game. Bothered Trog and Football with millions of questions. A few good drilling seasons and not listening to Nquik were also great.. just look at that PR of his...

## Q: Do you run another team?

A: NO! I don't think there should be any multis unless you donate and even then I don't like it. Too many ways to cheat.

**Q:** Where did your username come from?

A: Well PillaKilla is a legacy in any game I play. It is a play on my last name which is Piller. I tried to make PillerKiller but someone had that so I went gangsta with it and made it PillaKilla many years back. Just rolled with it since then.

### **Q:** How about your team name?

A: Well the original team name was the Nignognians but that was deemed racist \*I had no intent of that\*. Then I got VIP and a name change to the Badonkadonks. Nquik always did an impression of a Spike TV commercial that I thought was funny.

**Q:** You were critical of the newsletter after the first edition and I'll agree that it was hyped a little too much. What do you think of it now?

A: I think it is better! I actually took the time to read the 2nd edition. Not going to lie, the comic is my favorite part.

Q: How did you learn about Metroho? A: Nquik got me hooked. At first I didn't think text hockey could be fun and Matt wanted a referral. So the deal was he bought be pizza and I played a season. Then soon after that I was hooked. I now stay up to reset which is 2am here.... I know it's sad.

**Q:** How long do you see yourself playing Metroho?

A: Forever as long as the game doesn't go for a shit. I think with the right marketing it will go huge one day. The fact that Adam listens to us bitch and moan helps. If the creator didn't care about the game, chances are none of us would as much. The constant updates are also great to keep us wanting more. \*cough\* HOF Coaches \*cough\*

**Q:** What do you like best about the game?

A: Well the community is a huge thing for me. I love it all even the flame wars. Its great that you can get so caught up in this that you can talk about some of your guys like they are real.

**Q:** How about the worst?

A: Well the playoffs seem to kick my ass even when I beat the team all season. I swear there is a glitch. Some of the people get on my nerves... Activity timeout as well... this would be draft #2

**Q:** What GM drives you absolutely bonkers?

A: Cementhead I could have put in a blender. Kyxoan and his noobish ways should be beaten with a stick.

**Q:** Do you play any other games, console or web based?

A: Well I camp out in Nquiks room and play PS3 with mattman sometimes. Sometimes I dust off the 360 and play some NHL too.

**Q:** What advice can you give to a new player of Metroho?

A: READ KEHM'S DAMN GUIDE! Then read it again. Then print a copy of it and sleep with it. Don't be afraid to ask anything on the forums. Even if you get ripped on it is usually out of fun.

Thanks to PillaKilla for the interview. Read further on in the newsletter for our second guest, Steve3141!

## If I could run Metroho for one day...

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### Kenchi (The Ohio Chill)

I would have the 'Brains Behind the Scenes', work to come up with a way to scout other teams or players. I'd also like to see another way in which to have a team bonus system when you play (and win) against higher ranked teams or rewards for hat tricks or multipoint games, maybe a stat for Hat Tricks also.

**CCCS** (The Worshipers) Smite the wicked.

## FightCommies (The Grand Wazoo)

I'd set up an all-star game that went between two leagues of the same level. The GMs would vote on the starting lineup, as well as a secondary vote for players they thought deserving to fill the rest of the lineup. Players picked to play would get a player award in their profile and stat tracking for all star games they've played in, as well as an MVP trophy if they play good enough. One GM from each league would be picked to coach a home game, and if a tiebreaker is necessary, the home team of the final game would be decided randomly.

#### ShandwichSark (The Shark City Sharks)

I'd ban any suspicious teams; there are many that are still out there today...I'd consider trying to make the game more realistic....in a day, haha.

## Stooooooo (The Baltimore Skipjacks)

Knowing myself, I would be idle all day.

## Pnr (The Groove City Warriors)

By the time I figured out what I was doing, my day would be over. But I'd try to get a better system in place for the forum.

#### The Demogoblins (The Bombing Demogoblins)

I believe that what I would do is present the Bombing Demogoblins with 10 Metro Trophies. If possible, I would also toss them a few Denslows (including the Winners Warm Douche Trophy) and then a free VIP for life pass. Naturally by then my job would be about done. Oh and I would make careful illustrations for all of my players and increase their ratings to 100.

### Fstone (The Shadow Falcons)

I would give everyone 5 random increase points to use on 5 players on their roster.

### [R]oBi[N] (The Titans)

I would be granting the metro monthly team a position in Metroho staff as "Journalist" so that their names stand out in the forums like admins and mods, I think they deserve it for their effort and hard work they put in this newspaper and pleasing the community.

### Lord Mike (The Doom)

I would have to give myself free lifetime VIP for starters, and then I would try and turn the medallion into a double elimination tournament. After that, I don't know... maybe free beer for all users that are old enough to drink.

| The Pioneers (The Pioneers)    |
|--------------------------------|
| I would make 30 team leagues!! |

# Trog's Live Tournament

By: Alfie

On March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 trogdor1009 introduced his new innovative idea: Trog's Live Tournament. Tourney host Trogdor1009 explained: "Well you guys know that I'm always looking for new ways to run tournaments. And it's a known fact that tournaments can be time consuming and can take a week or more to run. Some people choose not to play; others will play and then lose interest or forget about it halfway through. So the first idea was a 1 day tournament with everything happening within a 24 hour period, but then I thought why not just make it "live". With the "live" part meaning everyone is all in one place and one person organizes it all.

"So what started out being a note-jotting session became over an hour of me making an official rules list. The first tournament was a struggle and we had to extend signups just to get to the 4 team minimum. I'm now writing this 4 tournaments into my new endeavor and it has gone better than expected with an average turnout of 7.5 teams."

Sometimes referred to as TLT, it's a live tourney where all interested teams log into the chat room at a pre-set time to participate. Depending on the number of sign ups, pools are announced and each team has a schedule of games they must play in the allotted time period. Once the games are played, scores are posted in the chat room and soon after updated into the standings which are found in the tourney thread. Once pool play is finished, the top few teams qualify for the heated elimination home and home series. As the games go on, and the teams thin out; the intensity rises until only two teams stand. As they slowly and painstakingly select their lines, the users who have stayed to watch; choose sides, encourage, banter and trash talk with each other until the final round is played and the winner crowned. With such short series, upsets are regular occurrences and anything can happen.

So far there have been five live tourneys and each winner is encouraged to attend the live tournament invitational held every 2 months. A total of 41 teams have played in its two week existence, for an average of 8.20 teams per tourney. When asked how many teams are estimated to participate in the future, Trog said: "16 would be cool. The rules currently hold up to 25, but I honestly don't know what my maximum would be as far as being able to run it. The biggest so far (10 teams) gave me a completely non-stop half hour during pool play when I was trying to play out my games and get results in at the same time. But when I started The Denslow Cup I was thrilled the first time we hit 16 teams and also secretly was wondering if I could do everything. Now a year later I do a 42 team tourney every month with no trouble at all. I think I have the respect of everyone that plays and that really helps out because everyone knows to follow the procedure correctly so I can do what I need to do. Mostly, I just want to have it grow in number of overall participants so that we have a pretty regular thing. I'll get better with time and be able to handle more teams, but I know I'll hit the limit eventually."

The Silver Seven, The New Bedford Hax, The Blue + Gold, The Silver Seven and The Longerwood Enzytes were winners of TLT #1 through 5 respectively. elhard57, GM of the only winningless team in the tourney's history stated: "It's a rockin idea. Can't believe it hasn't been organized before! I believe it deserves more of a name than just "Live Tournament". Something like "The RTS: Real Time Slaughter". Course I'd call it a slaughter because that is what it looks like for me. The 0-8 record is a disgrace to the Timberwolve name. In the past, we've always prided ourselves in being a quality organization, but times have changed and a rebuild has been undertaken. A youthful dose of pugnacity, testosterone truculence and beligerence has been added but hasn't translated into wins. As our team improves, more wins will come."



Ladies and Gentlemen, here is your second Q & A this month. Some love him, some hate him. I think he's a heck of a funny guy. Here is my interview with Steve3141 (2783), GM of The Bayside Brawlers:

**Q:** I know you live in New Jersey, what area are you originally from?

A: I've been living in New Jersey my whole life. I never had a reason to move anywhere else. I have great friends and family around me. I'm also not too far from the finer things in life. I can be in New York City in an hour, I can be at a poker table in Atlantic City in an hour or I can walk 2 blocks to the beach.... It's All Good In Jersey!

**Q:** Is it tough being a Rangers fan?

A: It can be down right brutal to be a fan sometimes. There are just players on the current team that should not be wearing blue. Having both Rozsival and Redden still on this team makes me wanna puke. It's also tough to watch them play as soft as they do sometimes. I started becoming a fan in the days of Domi, Kocur, Beukeboom, etc....

**Q:** Have you been to many games at Madison Square Garden?

A: I've been going to a couple games a season for the past 10yrs. Going there is an absolutely awesome time and a great place (NYC) to let loose in after the game.

**Q:** I know you're an old school wrestling fan. Have you seen any old WWF events at MSG or elsewhere?

A: I used to go to them as much as I could. I may have gone to MSG a couple of times. I would also go to high schools to see any type of professional wrestling. I also worked an event with some of the guys.

**Q:** Who is your favorite NHL player and why?

A: I think one of my all time favs would have to be Adam Graves. I'm not quite sure why, I think just because of his achievements and what he has brought back to The Ranger organization. I love watching when he skated and how he always brought 110% to every game. Honorable mentions go to Sean Avery, Matthew Barnaby and PJ Stock!!

**Q:** You were an extra in "Blue Collar Boys" a movie directed by Metroho user Reggie Dunlop. What was your role?

A: I'm the DJ in the club/restaurant in

one of the scenes. Reggie is a good friend and needed some help with light and sound equipment. So I was happy to help out and I ended up on camera. I'm still pissed I didn't get to make out with the leading actress. The DJ always gets the girl, Come on Reggie!!

Q: Do you have any other real-life friends that play Metroho? A: Nope

Q: What kind of work do you do?

A: I've been a DJ for about 15 years now. I focus on private events and not so much the bar and nightclub scene anymore. I'm hoping to advance the company with adding photography, videography and event lighting.

**Q:** Opinion on life. Go hard or take it easy?

A: Take it Easy!! I use to go hard and it got me nowhere, now I'm in chill mode knowing that everything will work out in the end. Life is too short and if you go hard, you might miss out on something.

**Q:** Do you run another team in Metroho? **A:** Nope

**Q:** How did you find out about Metroho?

A: Reggie Dunlop from The Charlestown Chiefs. We battle sometime on the playstation and for weeks he kept showing me this site. I finally checked it out and the rest is history.

**Q:** Where does your team name and logo come from?

A: Where I live in NJ is called the Bayshore area. I actually wanted the team name to be The Bayshore Brawlers. There is a local football team with a cool logo. But I typed in Bayside instead and the rest is history. I had to research a new logo and found this one. Which comes from a football team in Philadelphia.

**Q:** You've absolutely dominated the game in a short period of time. What's the secret of your success?

A: Who knows, there is definitely some luck involved. I spent a lot of time

when I first started going through and learning all the strategies and techniques many others use. After my first Metro Cup, I had a better understanding of the game and somehow found a way to keep a strong team on the ice at all times my next couple of seasons. So as far as some kind of a secret goes, just put in the time.

**Q:** Based on your forum posts, some see you as a braggart. I think you're just trying to get some debate going. What's the reasoning behind it?

A: I think those who get ticked about my forum posts are the same people who think fighting should be taken out of hockey. I like to start some rivalries with other teams. I might even start some new ones with this interview. wish some people here had thicker skin. I've never verbally attacked anyone here. All my posts have been meant to cause debate and I aet a thrill out of people's reactions and how seriously they take some of my words. As far as bragging, this is a sports related game. Even better than that, this is Hockey!! If I'm proud of how my team does and the accomplishments they make. Then damn right I'm going to brag!

**Q:** You're old. How is it dealing with a different age group on the forums?

A: Its fun... I don't act my age. It would be fun to guess some of the ages of GM's I talk with though.

**Q:** What's been your favourite win so far in your time on Metroho?

A: Even though I recently just won my 4th Metro Cup in a row, It's definitely game 7 from my 6th season. It was an away game vs. The Evans City Zombies. Me and Vicious Henry had a great series with me winning game 7 and receiving my 3rd Metro Cup in a row. League of The Living Dead was a great league and we had some great teams involved. It was important because The Zombies had a strong team and a lot of weapons.

**Q:** The Mariusz. Joke team or legitimate contender?

A: They are a joke! It was a really cute idea though.

**Q:** In your mind, what does Administrator Adam look like?

A: This is an easy one. I just saw the movie called "The Gamer". If you never saw it, you won't understand. But for those of you who did. Yep, the heavy set guy on the chair eating the piece of chicken I think it was. (Disclaimer: This is an attempt to start a rivalry with Adam and The Slayers, since my team will be level 5 next season and The Brawlers are hitting the big leagues. I do not discriminate and everyone am open to attack)

**Q:** Based on Adam's game direction article in the March edition of the newsletter, which feature are you most looking forward to?

A: Goalie fatigue for sure. I think it's going to be a great way to balance the game and stop mediocre teams from just getting a high rated goalie for the season. I think teams should take their back up goalie situation a little more seriously. Many teams a 96/97 starter and their back up is like high 80's/low 90's. An injury to your starter could kill your season, so this change will protect teams in the long run I believe.

**Q:** What advice can you give to a new player of Metroho?

A: First off, Read Kehm's Guide!! I wish I did before I did my contract signings the first time. It is full of nothing but useful information. I also suggest reading the forums and asking questions. I always see a lot of good advice being given here. Many of the regular posters on the board will help you out as long as you don't sound like a tard!

Thank you for that great interview Steve. Stay tuned for more exciting Q&A sessions with kwest! Editor's Note: The following is an actual picture of Adam sourced from the internet:



**Spoiler**: One of the two Q&A's next month will feature an epic eye opening interview with Back-From-The-Dead Administrator [R]oBi[N].

# Tourney Tracking with Trogdor



The March 2010 Denslow Cup was #20 in the monthly series. Unfortunately all records of the tournament have been lost. All we know is that The New Bedford Hax led the way in pool play with a 10-0-1-1 record and 31 overall points. The Longerwood Enzytes were admittedly in big trouble heading into the semifinals, but were rescued by the server crash and reset. They got their entire team back and returned to having the #1 Power Ranking. In the end it came down to the revamped Longerwood Enzytes defeating the cinderella Blue + Gold in the Denslow Cup Finals. Sadly for The Blue + Gold, their ONLY knockout round appearance in 10 tries will be void and not count in their all time stats.

No stats or records will be counted for the month. No change in the current rankings will be made. The win for The Enzytes will not count as a tournament win on their all time record. They will, however, still get the spot in the Tournament of Champions, as well as the free month of VIP and another tally on their team profile. I assure that nothing like this will ever happen again, and I'm sorry to all the teams that played. April's qualified teams will consist of the same 40 that were qualified for March plus the 2 that were sent to the March Qualifying Tournament.



In the spirit of the NCAA March Madness Basketball and Hockey Championship Tournaments, Footballmdm11 (GM of The Longerwood Enzytes) decided to make his tournament running debut with "The Big Dance". He devised a 32 team tournament featuring 4 regions of 8 teams each. The Big Dance stayed true to bracket form, with no reseedings at all. Each region had a #1 seed, coveted by all for the advantage it gives. Not only do the #1 seeds get to face off with the weaker

teams, but they also have home ice advantage in any deciding games. The #1 seeds went to The Bayside Brawlers, The Richmond Hill, The New Bedford Hax, and The Yabba Dabbas. Regional games were all best of 3 with each region champion advancing to the best of 5 Final Four. Final 4 winners advanced to the best of 7 Big Dance Championship Round.

The regional quarterfinals (or round of 32) saw just one upset when The Soviet Red Army knocked out The Vancouver Canucks in a 7 over 2 upset sweep due to forfeit. The regional semifinals (or "Sweet 16") had a few more upsets. The New Bedford Hax, stuck in the offseason, were the only #1 seed not to advance to their regional final. The Lawn Gnomes and The Canines fell as #2 seeds, leaving The Blue + Gold as the only #2 seed remaining. Just one more upset in the regional finals (or "Elite 8") when the Kanzis Habs4Cup knocked off the power house Yabbadabbas in 3 games.

That left us with an unbalanced Final 4, but that happens sometimes when using a structured tournament format. One semifinal had #1 vs. #1, while the other had #2 vs. #3. In the first matchup, The Richmond Hill took out The Bayside Brawlers to lock up their spot in the Championship Round. In the 2nd matchup, The Blue + Gold Eliminated The Kanzis Habs4Cup in a thrilling 5 game series to advance. That set up a best of 7 final between The Richmond Hill and The Blue + Gold. Each team played 3 home games, although not all of them were needed. The Richmond Hill won 5 of the 6 games to take the first ever Big Dance Championship.

I think everyone was pleased with how the tournament went. A lot of first timers don't do very well, but Footballmdm held his own and ran a very nice tournament. The idea was great, simple yet appealing. A good idea to get himself started in the world of tournament management. Legend (GM of The Vancouver Legends) provided the banners while Administrator Robin made a nice little trophy for the winner. I'll speak for everyone when I say that I'm looking forward to another event hosted by Football.



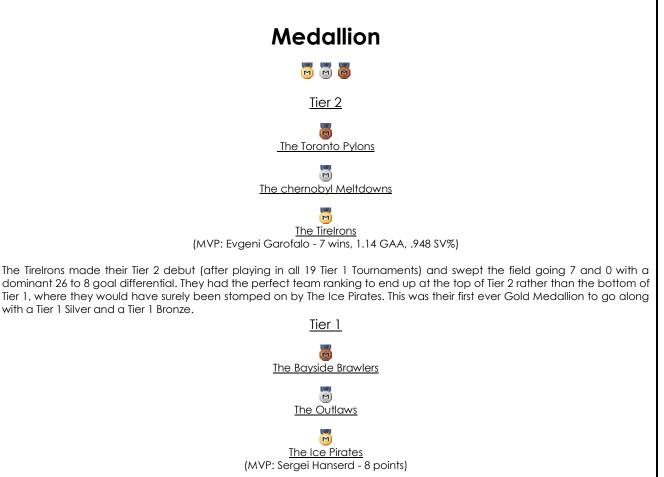
The 9th Event in The Trogdor Tournament Series was "Enter the Dragon" hosted by kwest, GM of The Dragons 78. It seemed simple, sign up and get seeded by Power Ranking, but it came with a twist. While teams DID get seeded by Power Ranking, the best seeds happened to go to the teams with the worst rankings. A bit of a flip-flop from standard procedure. 16 teams signed up to take part in the single elimination tournament. I know kwest was hoping for more so he could utilize his enter the dragon qualifying scheme, but he was happy with 16.

The format was single elimination with each series getting longer as the rounds progressed. Round 1 was best of 3, Quarterfinals best of 5, Semifinals best of 7, and a best of 9 Championship Series. Home Ice each series went to the higher seeded team, but remember that was also the team with the lower Power Ranking. A slick move by Kanzi ended up biting him in the ass when he realized that he would have been the #1 overall seed.

Opening Round play went pretty much as expected despite the twist. Most of the top teams found their way to the 2nd round. 7 of the top 8 seeds were knocked out making the home ice advantage basically useless to them. Semifinal matchups ended up being The #1 Power Ranked and bottom seeded Longerwood Enzytes against the Kanzis Habs4Cup and The Yabba Dabbas against The Richmond Hill. In the end it was Kanzis and Yabbas playing it out for the title in a best of 9 super series.

Kanzis Habs4Cup had the first 3 home games and did well, winning 2 of them. So we head back to the Land of Yabba for games 4 through 6 where the Yabbas also took 2 games out of 3. Knotted up at 3 and back home for Kanzi in game 7. The Yabbadabbas managed to grab a road win at Kanzi and then finished them off on home ice for a 5 to 3 series victory.

GMs. There is only one left before the Grand Finale Triple Elimination Event, which will conclude the year long series of unique tournaments. Each and every event in the TTS has been a never before seen tournament for the Metroho community to take part in. I've also given my advice to help out first time tournament managers as they put their own ideas to life. It's almost done, but it's been real fun.



This was an astounding 3rd Tier 1 Gold Medallion for The Ice Pirates and their 6 time in the Tier 1 Championship Game. They're especially hot in the last 4 months, going 23-3. While sheer dominance like this is wonderful to see, it adds to the argument that The Medallion should be a home and home series per round instead of just the one home game for the higher seed. The Ice Pirates have only played 10 road games in The Medallion against 74 home games.

Fun Fact

Both Medallion Tournament MVPs have been traded by their teams in the current season.

## ALL TIME GREATEST METROHO'ER TOURNAMENT

## By: Trogdor1009

We're looking to crown the greatest Metroho'er of all time. To do this we'll use this newsletter and input from everyone who reads it. The nomination process will work by everyone sending what they think to trogdor1009 (PM to 822). What you want to take into account is anything and everything Metroho related. That means: team success and team management; helpfulness, ideas, and innovation on the forums; and anything else you can think of that goes into someone's overall reputation.

Nominations will be open for 2 weeks and the deadline is 4/14/10 @ 23:59. You'll choose your top 5 Metroho'ers. From #1 (who you think is the best) down to #5. I'll tally up all the entries with 5 points going for a 1st place vote, 4 for a 2nd, 3 for a 3rd, 2 for a 4th, and 1 for a 5th. Please only choose FIVE

teams and label them 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Having teams tied for a spot isn't allowed and the whole entry will be void. Do not vote for yourself. Do not try and stack votes using multis, anyone caught doing that will have all their known votes removed and any nominations they get will be cancelled. Adam and Robin are off-limits because what fun would that be?

The actual contest will begin in the May Newsletter where all the top nominated teams will be seeded based on votes and placed into a bracket. From there everyone will vote for each head to head matchup. There will be 1 round per Newsletter. Each team that's in the bracket will have a space for their resume. They'll get to brag and give reasons why they think they should be the #1 All Time Metroho'er. GM OF

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The Longerwood Enzytes

Honorable mentions

The Lemieux

The Bayside Brawlers

The Ice Pirates

The Moncton Wildcats Suck

The Long Island Knights

## The Wall of Shame March banned teams

The Kazanites

The 2010canucks <u>The RI Sma</u>shers

## Hockey Trivia

By IronDogg

**1.** This NHL Coach played 16 years of professional hockey, however not a single regular-season NHL game. He did appear for one playoff game though in 1956-57. His brother actually played for two seasons in the NHL for Boston and Philadelphia.

2. Who is the first NHL player to win the regular season scoring race with more assists than goals?

3. Who was the first ever Russian trained player to receive a Stanley Cup ring?

**4.** The father of a since deceased tough-guy drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs, drove to CBC studios and held the station up at gunpoint so they would broadcast his son's Maple Leafs game instead of a Vancouver Canucks game. What was the player's name?

5. True or False. MetroHO players can only get injured while playing in league playoffs and the Medallion, and not shinny games.

6. This MetroHO player award is given to the league's scoring leader (most points).

## <u>Rules</u>

- -Send your responses to IronDogg via PM on MetroHO.com before the end of April 17, 2010. -Only one (1) submission per user, if multiple the first one will be the ONLY one used. -One (1) point per correct answer.
- -If there are multiple winning submissions, then a random winner will be selected from the winning submissions as the month's winner.
- -Winner's prize is one (1) month's worth of "Bragging Rights" and **WB**.
- -Newsletter Crew members are not eligible to win but can still submit answers.

## Kehm's Comic



You may be wondering where the team analysis is. It's not an April Fool's joke. Unfortunately Kehm had to stop making them for personal reasons. Thankfully, he will still make the hilarious MetroHO comics. If you like his work, check out his website: <a href="http://jayngee.com/">http://jayngee.com/</a>. Kudos to Renegades for making the Pillakilla title banner and Legend for making the Steve title banner. There was going to be lots more but both did not have enough time. So if you are a designer, please mail me; we need you!!! <a href="http://www.eneedyou!!">© MetroMonthly Newsletter Team</a>