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Q: What brought you to Metroho?

A: During a slow period of time at my job, I was looking for some unproductive ways to kill time. I've never quite shaken some of my slacker status. I first came across Goallineblitz (yeah, i know) because I am a huge football fan. From there, I saw a post about other online games from a user named Eclipster, so I checked a few of them out and came across Metroho. Eclipster has seemed to have stopped playing metroho unfortunately. He probably got a shitload of referrals for that one GLB post. I don't have as much free time at work as I used to/would like to, but I always make time for Metroho.

When I was younger, way before the internet and games like this existed, my uncle got me into sports dice games. It worked the same way as Metroho, all based on probability. You would roll and your team would perform based on your number. So finding Metroho, which incorporates this idea with team management, I was totally hooked from the start.

Q: What's the story behind your team name?

A: I was born and raised near Evans City, PA which is about 30 minutes north of Pittsburgh. I'm a huge horror movie fan, and especially zombie films. If you like zombie movies than you have to pay your respects to George Romero, who has lived and worked in and around Pittsburgh in the past. Many of his films have taken place and/or been shot in the area. The opening scene of Night of the Living Dead takes place (and was shot) in a small cemetery in Evans City. I went there a few times when I was younger and still living at home...both sober and under the influence. I'm not sure why I picked it to be my team name but that's the story. "They are coming to get you, Barbara"

Q: How about your user name? Rumor has it Vicious Henry isn't your real name.

A: I can neither confirm or deny those rumors.

Q: When did you move to New York City?

A: I moved to Brooklyn in the summer of 2003 to escape the constraints of both my parents and suburban life, and for more job opportunities.

Q: What type of degree do you have?

A: I have a useless communication degree from the University of Pittsburgh, with an even more useless minor in film studies. Back then I thought I still had a chance to be the next George Romero. And my

advice - stay in school as long as you can kids!

Q: I've heard you have a pretty interesting job. What do you do?

A: I work as an assistant editor/technician at a post-production company. We do some cool stuff there, a lot of sports features and shows, including some work with CBS (NFL, NCAA), HBO (24/7), ESPN (NBA Finals), Spike (UFC Primetime) and a few others. My job itself isn't that exciting but hopefully that will be changing soon. But the work and atmosphere are certainly interesting.

Q: Any crazy jobs in your past you care to share?

A: Ahh Kwest, you know me so well. I forgot we had talked about this a while ago...anyway, yes I have had a few interesting jobs but one sticks out for sure. Before I moved to NYC, I got my start in my field at a small DVD distribution center. This company also sold a lot of adult material, and knowing that I had my eye on the TV/film industry, they put me in charge of shooting and editing adult web content. It was quite an eye opening experience to say the least...and an interesting way to get my hands dirty (no pun intended). When I wasn't doing that kind of stuff, I was in charge of picking screen shots from the new releases for our website as a way to show what kind of content the DVD contained. I would watch about 25-30 adult films a day, in fast forward (really the only way to watch them, right?), and select stills to display on our site of different positions, "stars," etc. My friends all thought I had the best job in the world, but I promise you that it's not a great way to spend your day and after a few months it really lost its luster. It's also a strange job to have when you are living with your parents.

Q: You're a Penguins fan. Does any particular memory stand out for you?

A: I still remember the early 90s era of the Penguins and their first two Cup runs. I was only about 10 or 11 years old but my dad and I would make the trip to my uncle's house to watch most of the games because my family didn't have cable at the time. When we didn't go there, I would have to listen to the games on the radio while I pretended to be trying to fall asleep.

Q: What was your feeling when Sidney Crosby scored the overtime gold medal winner in Vancouver?

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Modifying or adding VIP packages

Adam: I like the current VIP packages. As I've said before, I don't want METROHO to be a game where you can just buy your way to victory. I hate products that claim to be free, but that actually require more payments to feel like you're getting something valuable. That kind of a system is annoying and it's no coincidence, then, that the top sites are all free. To generate revenue, I prefer to have VIP packages that make the game more convenient for donators. I think it's ok to give donators a bit of an advantage, but nothing that crosses the line. For example, a few extra drills I think is barely ok, but better drill effectiveness would be crossing the line.

Making injuries occur when the user logs in, not at reset so he has time to reset his lines

Adam: Right now the people who login first have the advantage - they can change their lines if they have an injury and also play injured teams before that GM gets a chance to update his lines.

The proposal of having injuries occur during logins would reverse things. The GMs that logon later would now have the advantage because they have a chance at getting played before their player gets injured and can also update their lines for their home games. We are going to have to come up with a better solution.

Changing the standings to have a point system similar to the Olympics or NHL instead of having wins decide teams' rank

Adam: In the Olympics and the NHL, during playoff games they use continuous OT and a simple win or loss. The reason the NHL gives losers one point is because of the way they are forcing the game to quickly end: a shoot-out or 4-on-4. They do this because the game isn't important enough, in their opinion, to have everyone sit through a continuous OT. Of course, in METROHO, even long continuous OTs don't take up nearly as much time as a real game. And because every game in METROHO is so important 😊, it's playoff-style do-or-die all the time.

Giving week long VIP trials to teams once they reach a certain age or amount of seasons

Adam: Maybe. I'm interested in adding more to METROHO. More tournaments, more challenges, more prizes, more options, more everything. So will VIP prizes be a part of that in one capacity or another? Possibly.

Starting leagues based on Power Ranking

Adam: No. Leagues will remain based on levels. Instead, I might make some mini-tournaments based on power ranking. Right now everyone in METROHO can make it easy on themselves. They can join leagues whenever they want. They can join the Medallion whenever they want. They can choose easy leagues to play in. Something needs to be done to force these teams to play, even if it means doing it against their consent! So I'm thinking of having the game just randomly throw people of similar power rankings into mini tournaments once in awhile. Hopefully I can come up with something creative.

Making bigger leagues (i.e. 19, 30 teams)

Adam: Yes, I am interested in having those. I'm not sure they will ever fill, but Robin has already made new trophies for bigger leagues.

Having a draft lottery to decide the drafting order

Adam: No. Isn't there already enough in METROHO that's random? Let's make a list: how much UFAs ask for within a certain range, how frequently players naturally increase/decrease in rating, injuries, sandwich pick order, the bounces within games, the creation of divisions in 15-team leagues, the deepness of a draft, whether or not a drill works. And now you want the draft to be random? Absolutely not.

Teams with not enough players could have randomly generated 50R players inserted in the empty line-up slots

Adam: No. There is already enough clutter. Though, it could be cool if you could create a player and name them somehow within great restrictions. But, I haven't thought of a way to do it yet without ending up with more Wayne Gretzkys than Mariuszs.



Questions by kwest	Answers from DB13
#1- Do you have more than two teams in Metroho?	Possibly
#2- Who is/was the biggest jerk in Metroho?	darkuser..
#3- Who do you like better, Alfie, or 16Nico?	Garbage
#4- Who is your best buddy in Metroho?	Unfortunately, kwest
#5- Do you think Adam likes you?	Hell no.
#6- Have you met any other Metroho player in real life?	Nopers.
#7- When are you going to quit Metroho and start your own game?	Yesterday
#8- Vanilla or chocolate?	Chocolate
#9- Indian food or Chinese food?	Chinese food...yummm
#10- Key lime or lemon meringue?	Lemons all the way
#11- Burger with bacon or burger with mushrooms?	Gotta go with bacon.
#12- Maple Leaf Gardens or Air Canada Centre?	The Gardens
#13- What is your favourite movie?	The four Indiana Jones movies
#14- Zed or zee?	Zed, eh
#15- What is the worst thing about your day?	It ending.
#16- Alex Ovechkin or Sidney Crosby?	Mats Sundin!!!
#17- Felix Potvin or Curtis Joseph?	Felix the Cat
#18- George Bush 1 or George Bush 2?	Neither..
#19- If you had VIP and Irwin Cheever was assigned a number, which would you choose?	#2
#20- And finally, If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?	Toronto!

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

BEST METROHO'ER EVER

Last month in the newsletter we asked you to vote for who you thought was the BEST metrho'er ever. The votes have been tallied and we're ready to really begin the contest. Here is how it will play out...

May: Final Qualifying Round
 June: Round of 16 (bragging section added)
 July: Quarterfinals
 August: Semifinals
 September: CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

So for this month we have the final qualifying round. There were 17 users that got just 1 vote, and 8 users that got multiple votes. The 8 with multiple votes will be seeded 1 through 8 in the brackets, and we'll vote again with the other 17 to determine who else will make it in. Starting in the Round of 16 there will be head to head matchups and each user will get a bragging section where he can talk about why he should be voted best ever. Here are the seeds we know...

- #1 - Kehmesis (The Shadows)
- #2 - trogdor1009 (The New Bedford Hax)
- #3 - R. Wirtz (The Ice Pirates)
- #4 - kwest (The Dragons 78)
- #5 - Footballmdm11 (The Longerwood Enzytes)
- #6 - M0i (The Crazy 88)
- #7 - Yabbadabba (The Yabba Dabbas)
- #8 - PillaKilla (The Badonkadonks)

The next 8 seeds will be decided by the May vote among the 17 other teams. They each only got 1 vote so far so they have either 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1 points. Their votes from this round will be combined with the last round and the top 8 will advance to the Round of 16. The users you can vote for are as follows...

- beefrog (The Tirelrons)
- bigboy (The Hairy Monkeys)
- DB13 (The Regina Riders)

Erik.T (The Richmond Hill)
 Gates (The Missing Lynk)
 gigi (The North Stars)
 Kanzi (The Kanzi's Habs4Cup)
 kyxoan (The Long Island Knights)
 Mariusz (The Mariusz)
 Nickote316 (The Kahunas)
 Nquiksilver (The Tailgunners)
 SCOOTER (The Outlaws)
 SJSharksfan (The SJ Sharkies)
 Steve3141 (The Bayside Brawlers)
 tfong (The Legion)
 The Pioneers (The Pioneers)
 vicioushenry (The Evans City Zombies)

I need a top FIVE list using just the teams in the previous list. You pick 5 of the 17 available and rank them 1st through 5th. Same scoring as last time, 5 points for a 1st place vote, 4 for a 2nd, etc.

Each list MUST be exactly 5 teams from the list or it will not count and I'll let you know that you need to do it again. Remember that this isn't just a who has the best team contest. You need to look at how much the user has contributed, how good of a team they have historically, and how much of an impact they have had on the game. How you choose to weigh each part of the criteria is up to you when making your list. Please send all ballots to me, trogdor1009 GM# 822.



gdq6280 (The S.I. Flying Elephants):

I would say the 3 people I always seem to enjoy in the forums are Kwest, Eric T. and Kehmesis. I find they always have something useful to add or they wouldn't be posting. Not to mention they usually write what I am thinking, so that makes me a little biased.

tMai (The tMai's):

Well definitely not Alfie, every time he answers questions on the forum he's wrong.

Kehmesis (The Shadows):

Adam. I don't really care much about what the others have to say.

Steve3141 (The Bayside Brawlers):

My Favorite Poster is DB. His rationalization of any issue that comes up is amazing. He can really make a good point no matter what is in question.

The Finnish Flash (The Ottawa 67's):

I tend to like Kwests posts the most.. Always have a comical aspect to them!

Cherysboys93 (The Rock Dogs):

Alfie, because he is so disillusioned with the Sens.

Fag-Muncher (The Compton Redemption):

Adam. He really knows what he is talking about, even though he is pretty damn awful at this game. He doesn't even know how to play, it's sad, really.

dadummy (The Praetorians):

My favourite poster is the Mariusz. His or (there, apparently he's a collective group of people all named Mariusz) posts are always interesting and usually a worth a small chuckle at least.

Dilly (The Bearcat Gulls):

Alfie, now that the unnamed player is not aloud to be made fun of anymore. He is usually very helpful and posts quite often. Before forum post began to magically disappear I enjoyed Kanzi's posts.

DynamiteDG (The Jackals):

Demonous_Xodus (The Quebec Demons) is my favorite forum poster. He writes out a fun storyline and game recap for his team and keeps things entertaining.

Zigzag (The Warthogs):

Kehm and Trog for sure. They are all ways have the answer for whatever someone is asking. And they are willing to offer advice and help anyone in need.



Users were asked to mail me, Alfie, with any questions they may have. I received metroho-related questions, deep philosophical questions, and completely inappropriate questions. Nothing was ignored; everything was answered by either me or the newsletter panel.

Nquiksilver: Alfie, did tears actually leave your eyes after Dupuis scored in the first overtime of game 6 between the Penguins and Senators, sealing the defeat of the Sens?

Alfie's Answer: Yes.

Darth Liam5: What came first: the egg or the chicken?

Alfie's Answer: Quoted from the bible (Genesis): "And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. 20 And God said, Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. 21 And God created the great sea-monsters, and every living creature that moveth, wherewith the waters swarmed, after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind: and God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." Therefore, it is the chickens who came first.

Footballm11's Answer: Who cares what came first... I just know they both taste good

hockeyKING: I want to make a trade with someone from my league. It's lopsided and in his favour, but I want to get rid of my over-paid goalie for his forward. Why won't the system let me offer the trade?

Kwest's Answer: The system is very basic in the aspects of looking at the players involved and doesn't take a lot of factors into consideration. If you really want a trade pushed though, you can always appeal to Adam to allow it.

DarkNinjaMole: Why is it every time i log onto metroho no matter what the time of day (or night), i see the last person to post on EVERY forum is Alfie?

Footballm11's Answer: Because Alfie has to be the last one to say something in any discussion. He likes to put his name out there; most likely because he needs attention. He also has an immature side of him that clearly shows in these stupid posts...thats probably due to the fact that hes pretty young (not that I'm old but I get whats up). Posting more does not equal being helpful. Quality not quantity.

Alfie's Answer: I have lots of posts; good posts and bad posts. It's human nature to remember the bad ones. So then when you see I have the last post in many categories you think back to the bad ones, and assume they are all bad and pointless.

petrosker: Can we get an example of some of the spreadsheets people use for drills/contracts/drafting/etc?

Kwest's Answer: Kehmesis has the ultimate spreadsheet and has been generous in sharing it in the past. You can refer to the first MetroMonthly if you want an idea on how it works.

Sama: What is the biggest change or new feature you are most excited about finishing up, Adam?

Adam's answer: Hiring players who played for you in the past as coaches.

Wildcat423: How many accs did Nico have =O?

Alfie's Answer: I first had my 1nico account. Then created a 2nd one to try things out. (I now forget what it is) And now my Alfie account.

snipeshotdead55: Where do babies come from?

Alfie's Answer: To make a baby you need a sperm cell and an egg cell. The sperm cell comes from the daddy and the egg cell comes from the mommy. When the sperm and egg meet, they make a tiny baby that is smaller than a grain of salt. The baby grows in the mommy's tummy for nine months. Then the baby is ready to come out.

Sama: When are you exams done, Adam?

Adam's Answer: Tuesday the 27th of April.

Wildcat423: Alfie, Are you Bi?

Alfie's Answer: No I am not. Your fantasies end here Wildcat.

Feel free to send in any questions in the month of May to me, Alfie (2828), and it will be answered in the June newsletter.



I had the chance to talk to Kwest, Kehmesis, and Trogdor1009 and ask them about forum moderating. And other stuff. 😊 Enjoy.

Q#1: Who is the most active in the forum moderator board?

Trog: Probably me, I'm always bringing stuff up.

Kehm: Trog, by far. Half the threads on the board room there are started by him. He keeps whining about everyone and everything. There are a lot of things bothering him. He's keeping it fun for everyone, but it's hard to take him seriously.

Kwest: It's probably a tie between Trog and myself.

Q#2: Who does the most work (deleting, moving threads, archiving)?

Trog: When i was first assigned a mod spot i took the time to rearrange the boards and really clean up some spots. Any real old tournaments that never got completed were wiped out, and threads that didn't belong on the tournaments or league ads got deleted. Now all I really do is clean up the league advertisement and off-season trading when threads get more than a month old. I've moved/deleted very few for other reasons.

Kehm: Trog, by far. Half the threads there are started by him. See what I did there? I'm so clever. I studied in computer programming and reusable codes have always been a priority. 🤖 Seriously, Trog is very active. He deletes tons of posts and bans people and makes most of the posts in the board room, as pointed out above. Both Trog and Kwest are doing a great job. I'm just there listening, mostly. I think I've deleted 2 posts so far, and sent a PM to the involved parties. Aside from that, I'm reading the boards and offering my opinion when I think it could be used, but I'm not very active otherwise. I am yet to start a thread in the board room. I'm pretty conservative. There's not a lot of things that bother me. As long as there are no serious personal attacks, I don't see the point in deleting posts and banning users.

Kwest: Again, I think it's a tie. I mostly delete Alfie's posts. He's the most irrelevant poster I know.

Q#3: If all of you had a big brawl, who would be the last man standing?

Trog: Hmmm that's a tough one. i do LOVE fighting but i don't actually fight. kwest might do kung fu or something. i think if the 3 of us actually got together there would be no fighting going on.

Kehm: Trog is a big mouth, so he's probably not packing much. I'm thinking 4 inch and a half with a full erection. Kwest is probably a skinny nerd. Since I'm a geek, and I think geeks can take on nerds, I would probably win by a small margin. I am pretty confident I have laid beside a lot more women than both of them together, too. This has nothing to do with the question, but it's worth mentioning nonetheless.

Kwest: In a big brawl, I think Trog would win. He's a giant badass and runs with bikers.

Q#4: Who do you think is the tallest in real life?

Trog: Not sure at all. Maybe we'll just all put our heights. I'm about 6 foot 1 and a half.

Kehm: I picture Kwest as a 6'3 155 pounder. 😊

Kwest: Again, Trog. Didn't I just say he was a giant? Dude lives at the top of the beanstalk.

Q#5: If you had to pick one of you to become the successor in administrating Metroho if Adam had to leave, who would you choose?

Trog: I'm not sure if any of us could actually do it. I know I couldn't and I know kehm seems to be a pretty busy guy. Maybe kwest would be the best option.

Kehm: If Adam wants to get rid of his site and sell it, I'll buy it. Unless he's way too greedy. So, I vote me. I started learning PHP and other web programming. Since it's my university background, I am learning quick. I would definitely like to keep Metroho running in case something goes wrong with Adam. I don't foresee it in the near future, though. Hopefully not, he's a great admin.

Kwest: I don't think anyone can replace Adam. If he quits, the game is over.

Q#6: Do you guys joke around and make fun of users in the board room?

Trog: hahah yes we do. Well mostly me....and mostly just a select few. Our topics are great.

Kehm: Yes. Especially Kyxoan and Moi, but mostly Kyxoan. Half the threads are about him. And I really do mean half of them. He's pretty much all we talk about, now that I think about it. I should probably not share that. Well, fuck me, I did.

Kwest: We keep the staff board professional. The occasional jab but nothing crazy.

Q#7: If you had to accept a 4th forum mod. Into the group, which user would you pick?

Trog: well i know we'd definitely have a pretty long discussion about who would get the spot, but off the top of my head without talking to the other guys I'll just go with Erik.T who manages the Richmond Hill. He's a great GM who often has opinions on lots of subjects. Also, most of the time we seem to have different opinions and we debate a little bit, that's the kind of guy that I like.

Kehm: Beefrog. He's a good guy, he's smart, he's active, he knows the game well. But more importantly, I think I would come out on top if we brawled. I wouldn't want to lose that last man standing battle.

Kwest: A fourth moderator hey? It'd have to be someone mature and helpful to others. I'd like to see Vicious Henry in there but he doesn't want the job. Maybe Reggie Dunlop, Antigoth or even Seahawk.



Q: Where are you from?

A: South Shore of Montreal

Q: Where do you go to school and what are you taking?

A: University of Montreal, Kinesiology

Q: How many years do you have left?

A: 1 year left ^^ for the Bachelor

Q: I remember you mentioning you worked at Ubisoft Montreal for a bit. What did you do there?

A: Tested the new games part-time.. nothing major but i did test the new Avatar game wayyyyyy b4 it was announced and ive already played the new Splinter Cell

Q: We all know The Habs are your favourite team, but who is your favourite NHL player today, and of all time?

A: I love Semin, his shot is wicked, his deke awsoneness and the fact that he is hiding behind a top star... no one would recognize his awsoneness until past years

Q: Have you seen any games live this season?

A: Yep... Montreal Vs Washington (Habs win 6-5 OT, best game ever) and Montreal vs Ottawa (Habs lost 0-2, worst game ever)

Q: Did you ever see the Expos before they moved?

A: --

Q: How far south have you ever travelled?

A: Florida by car, Mauritius by plane

Q: Opinion on poutine. Love it or hate it?

A: Love it, too much fat in it though

Q: If you had to be a fast food burger, which one would you be?

A: Mc Chicken

Q: You seem to be into Anime. What's your favourite?

A: One pieceeeeeee!!!!

Q: You made yourself very memorable with your Dora the Explorer avatar pics. Why Dora?

A: Because i found it funny when my little cousin was singing about it... so i thought you guys would laugh about it too seeing someone pull pictures of it

Q: How did you come across Metroho?

A: Referred by Tfung (the Quicksim Gm ...)

Q: What is your number one item for improvement?

A: Reform the league systems (including the cups)

Q: What is your favourite, and least favourite part of Metroho?

A: Fav part: the hours past reset (natural increases, drills, play my games). Worst part: the 23 hours before reset

Q: You're on chat a lot. Who do you talk to most in there?

A: Lady Tmai

Q: Any advice for new players?

A: Read Kehm's guide, drill well, ask questions, GET a plan and not roam around doing random moves.

Great, Thanks for the Q and A Kanzi!

Profile Peeks

By: Alfie

Team: The EvilRunts
GM: evilrunt (39)
Age of GM: 707 Days
Level: 5
Power Ranking: #111

1. Approximately how much time do you spend on metroho per day?
"5-10 minutes a day, Used to be more active and participate in tournies and forums, but its too convoluted now."

Team: The KillerBeez
GM: Cage (3069)
Age of GM: 238 Days
Level: 5
Power Ranking: #121

1. Approximately how much time do you spend on metroho per day?
"20-30 Minutes"
2. What do you think DB13 looks like?
<http://4.bp.blogspot.com/>

Team: The Hounds
GM: IronDogg (1003)
Age of GM: 637 Days
Level: 5
Power Ranking: #211

1. Why did you come up with a dog themed username and team name?
"It was originally "Ironman" in the 80's as I was a big Black Sabbath/ozzy fan when I was a kid. Then when I went to a site where the name

Team: The WartHogs
GM: zigzag (2035)
Age of GM: 422 Days
Level: 5
Power Ranking: #4

1. Approximately how much time do you spend on metroho per day?
"Varies but I'd say around an hour"
2. PC or Mac?
"PC"

2. Which upcoming feature are you most excited about?

"Another tournament/all-star game or legged medallion."

3. What was, in your opinion, the most dramatic (gossipy) moment in metroho history?

"GM666 getting banned."

4. If you got to name a player, what would you name him?

"Mitch Rapp"

5. Who will win the Stanley Cup?

"Phoenix" (Editor's Note: lol)

[RmRLSdNiYKw/SxAW808KIVl/AAAAAAAAAs8/dyQZCecYjHU/s400/carlton.jpg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmRLSdNiYKw/SxAW808KIVl/AAAAAAAAAs8/dyQZCecYjHU/s400/carlton.jpg)

3. On a scale of 1 to 10 how annoying is Alfie?

"I'll give Alfie a 5."

4. Liberal or conservative?

Liberal

5. If you could have a 100R 18y.o. signed at 400K for 8 seasons and you got to pick the position and style, which would you choose and what you name him? (Goalies don't count)

"Sniper. Hmm, I'll call that player, The MetroHo."

Ironman was already taken, I typed in IronDog only to find that it was taken too... Well I went "WTF!", typed in another g on the end, hit return, it worked, and been using IronDogg for everything online ever since..."

2. Kehm, Trog and Kwest in a cage fight. Who wins?

"Kwest clearly wins this with his kung foo aura..."

3. What is, in your opinion, the greatest moment in metroho history?

"When The Hounds were founded."

3. What's your favorite part of metroho?

"I would have to say all the great player run tourneys"

4. What is the most glorious moment of your team's history?

"Hasn't happened yet... I have yet to win the Medallion or Denslow Cup"

5. If you could have a 100R 18y.o. signed at 400K for 8 seasons and you got to pick the position and style, which would you choose and what you name him? (Goalies don't count)

"Sniper please. Boss Hog."

Q&A with ViciousHenry (Continued)

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A: Being a Penguins fan, I am used to seeing Crosby save the day. I was a little upset that the Americans lost but it was a lot bigger deal to Canada than it was to the USA. And who better to score the winner than the poster boy for the league? I think the US team overachieved a bit and was surprised they made it as far as they did. Good showing by them though, and hopefully they can repeat their performance in a four years.

Q: You're getting married this summer. Are you excited?

A: *Looks over shoulder to make sure future wife isn't around*

Excited isn't the word I would use. Don't get me wrong, I love my future wife and think she is fantastic, and I am happy to spend the rest of my life with her. I'm just not into the formality of marriage and the social customs that are a part of it. And you have to be crazy to not be weary of the finality of it all. It's also a terrible financial decision for the male partner in the marriage, especially in my case since my girlfriend is broke. I did manage to talk her out of the idea of a large expensive wedding, I'm excited about that. And I removed as many of the traditional and religious customs from the ceremony as I could. I have toned it down drastically and its now going to be just a few people and a nice dinner. I am also excited for it to all be over with. Kwest, maybe you should open up a marriage advice forum page on Metroho?

Q: Now that you know a lot more about Canada, any plans to go north of the border?

A: I would love to visit Canada and meet some real hockey fans. If I do cross the border someday, I will be inviting myself to your house Kwest and will be staying on your couch and eating all of your food.

Q: We had a nice discussion on the merits of poutine in the past. NYC has a few spots now, have you tried it?

A: I still have not had the pleasure.

Q: What kind of music do you listen to?

A: I have listened to a lot of different kinds of music throughout different periods of my life but my all-time favorite is Bob Dylan and really, nobody else can compare. Some of my favorite current bands are The Walkmen and The National.

Q: What's the best concert you've been to?

A: Tough question. I've been to a shitload of concerts, especially since I've been living in NYC. Some of the best shows I don't remember much of. I'll have to think about this for a while...it probably won't be narrowed down in time for this issue.

Q: Back to Metroho, how long do you see yourself playing this game?

A: That's a good question. I don't see a point in my near future where I wouldn't log on and play my games. If my career advances to a point where I just don't have time, I can always quicksim. My future wife already knows about it and thinks I'm a geek for playing, so it's not like she will be stopping me.

Q: What's the secret to running a fun league?

A: The secret to a good league is really in the teams that make up the league. I try to spark up some conversation and keep everyone involved and active, but it all comes down to the other users and teams. That and I let other people win the Cups in my leagues!

Q: Do you have any advice for new players, or long time players in a rut?

A: My advice is to not listen to me and instead ask someone who has won a few Metro Cups. But if you are bored, try joining a good, active league and find some willing trade partners to change things up a bit.

Rate the following movies on a scale of 1 to 10:

Return of the Living Dead – 5.5 (much better tournament than movie)

Zombieland – 7.5

I Am Legend – 4

28 Days Later – 8

Evil Dead – 8

Shaun of the Dead – 8

Attack of the Flesh Devouring Space Worms from Outer Space – never saw it but it sounds terrible in a great way.

Editor's Note: This movie got a 2/10 rating from imdb.com and was described as "low budget" and "worst then shit".

Kwest: Thanks for the interview Vicious Henry!

ViciousHenry: Thank you buddy. Have a good one.

Tourney Tracking

with Trogdor



MetroNHL2 was the 2nd tournament run by elhard57, GM of The Timberwolves. This time around featured Western Conference teams from the NHL rather than the Eastern Conference teams from the first one. This tournament was originally proposed to me for my Trogdor Tournament Series. I rejected the idea because I didn't really understand the concept and it just seemed like something that wouldn't run smoothly at all. I'll admit that I was very wrong on that one, elhard has done a great job with this tournament. It has the unique aspect of the bonuses that you can add a few times during the tournament.

I asked elhard what inspired him to start this tournament and he had this to say. "When I first decided to start my own tournament, I wanted to relate it to the NHL since I follow it so closely. As I got thinking, I brought in the bonus element that (to some degree) I got from the many strategy board games I play. This was a combination that I hadn't seen on Metroho yet, so I thought I could give it a try."

On a possible MetroNHL3: "Nothing firm. I let my family life dictate my Metroho and not the other way around, so I'm not about to write things in stone." On a possible 30 team tournament he stated: "The plan from the beginning was to do each conference once and see what the response is after that. Now that both have been successful, I'd like to think that will be the next step."

We'll all be looking forward to elhard's next tournament, whenever it is and however big it may be. Now let's get back to the MetroNHL2 review.

15 teams signed up to represent the 15 teams from the NHL Western Conference. Each team is given a bonus criteria and if that criteria is met in a given game (or games in some cases), then the bonus may be applied. A bonus very much decides who wins and loses each game, but each team is given only a few for the whole tournament so they must be used wisely. Of the 15 teams that played in 3 divisions, 6 qualified for the playoffs (top 2 in each division). Those 6 played head to head to make it 3 and then a round robin decided the final 2. A best of 7 head to head series decided the MetroNHL2 Champion.

League play was 24 games with each team playing 4 times against division opponents and then 8 total games against other teams. 2 points for a win and 1 point for an OT loss.

The Northwest was highly contested with the top 3 finishing just 3 points apart. The Lawn Gnomes and New Bedford Hax prevailed, with The Monterrey Jackfish just missing out. The #1 seed went to The Blue + Gold with a record of 21-1-2 good for 44 points. Also qualifying from the Central was The Kanzis Habs4Cup. The Silver Seven and The Razor Hawks easily advanced from the Pacific Division. Surprisingly, playoff qualifiers used only 20% of their possible bonuses in league play while teams that missed the playoffs used 38%. I guess the better teams just won so much that bonuses weren't really needed.

Playoff action saw The Razor Hawks upset the dominant Blue + Gold and The New Bedford Hax took out The Lawn Gnomes after a bit of controversy. The Lawn Gnomes were announced by elhard as advancing to the next round, but upon further investigation of a used bonus, The Hax ended up advancing instead. The Kanzis Habs4Cup also advanced over The Silver Seven. Semifinals were very very close with The Hax just missing out after losing Game 8 out of 8 at home. A win would have sent them to the finals instead of The Kanzis.

The Championship Round was played as a best of 7 even though the rules clearly stated that it was to be played as a best of 5. When asked about why the finals were best of 7 instead of 5, elhard said this: "haha. Not sure. I believe it was an accident on my part. It was supposed to be 5. Luckily the result would not have been different...and beside Game 7 was, as Kanzi said: 'Epic'. Overtime, Game 7---that just screams NHL playoffs!" The Razor Hawks were home for games 1 through 3 and only managed 1 victory. It was all set up for The Kanzis to take care of business on their home ice and end it easy....but they couldn't do it! They also lost 2 home games making it dead even at 3 wins each. An epic game 7 featured 3 lead changes and 3 ties. The Kanzis went up 1-0, The Hawks went up 2-1, Kanzis answered back 3-2, Hawks tied it up late in the 3rd to send it to overtime where Martin Wyse put in the game, series, and tournament winner.

I caught up with Kanzi, the GM of The Kanzis Habs4Cup and asked if he was surprised at his success. "Terribly surprised considering the many good teams in there ... but always believed in my chances". He also had this to say about the prospects of a future MetronHL..."HELL YES!! but I hope the Eastern Conference is up and possibly the whole league too." He wanted to add in his props to elhard in his ideas and imagination and considers MetronHL to be a top tier tournament.



The April 2010 installment was the 21st monthly Denslow Cup Tournament. Pool Play was once again 6 pools of 7 teams playing a 12 game round robin. The shock of the opening round was #1 seeded The Yabba Dabbas going only 3-3-4-2 and failing to advance with just 19 points. Pool D came down to the very last day with The New Bedford Hax needing 2 regulation wins against the 8-0-0-2 Shadows. Somehow they pulled it off and advanced on goal differential. The Badonkadonks, Silver Seven, and Canines dominated their pools all putting up a solid 30 points or more.

Qualifying round action had only one close series with The Razor Hawks knocking off The Warthogs by a goal total of 7-6 when they tied 6-6 in points. The other 7 series combined had the winners putting up 69 points and losers with just 6, amazing. The biggest upset was the #2 seed Tirelrons losing to the #41 seed Knightz.

Quarterfinals sent The Knightz, Richmond Hill, Ice Pirates, and Razor Hawks home. That set up the semifinal matchups between The Longerwood Enzytes and The Canines, as well as The Shadows taking on The Badonkadonks. It looked like an absolute lock for The Badonkadonks who were power ranked #1 and had picked up 62 out of a possible 66 points in 22 overall games. But somehow The Shadows kept it close forcing a 9-9 tie in 6 games and advanced on goals 8 to 6. The Enzytes stormed through The Canines winning 4 in a row and taking the series 12-0.

The Denslow Cup Finals were very close, but The Enzytes were just too strong finishing it in 7 out of a possible 8 games by a score of 13 to 8. The Enzytes are now the first ever team with THREE Denslow Cups. I asked Footballmdm11 a few questions on his big win.

Did you expect to win again?

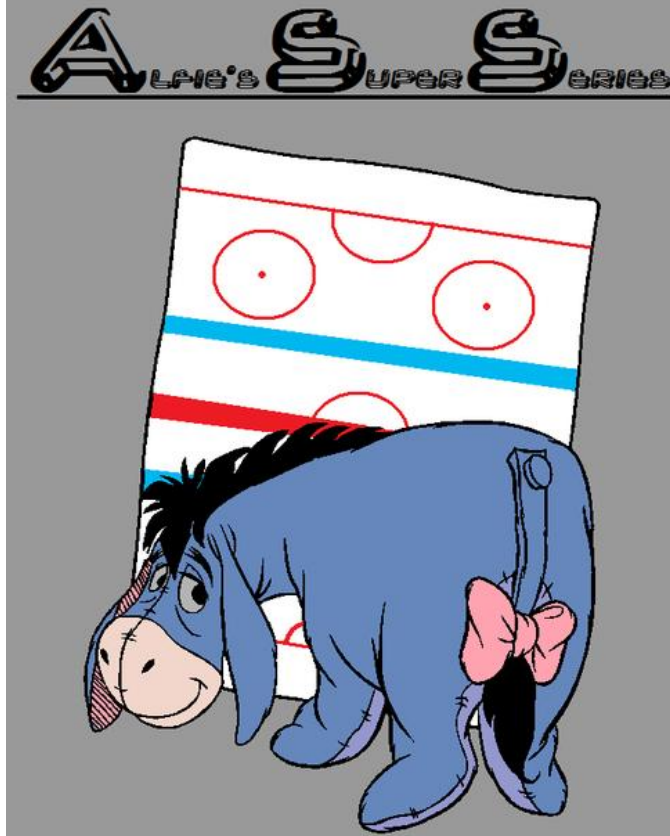
"I don't really go into anything in this game with an expectation of winning it all. I expected to qualify for the "playoffs" and win a series or two, but anything beyond that I try not to think about it."

How does it feel to be the only 3 time cup winner?

"That's the best part about me winning it this month. Pilla had PMed me earlier in the month asking me if I would throw the finals had it come down to me and him. My response to him was that I wanted to be the only one with three Denslow wins. So I'm greatly honored to have the most wins in the best player-ran tournament ever."

Are you looking forward to holding the #1 ranking spot for the first time?

"Not really. I mean, it's something that I always wanted to get. And I would have had it this month had it not been for the reset. But by the time the next tournament gets going, my team will be nowhere near as good as a #1 team should be. I have a feeling it will be short lived."



Alfie's Super Series was the sixth tournament held by Alfie (under Alfie and 16nico), and the very first in what he plans to be a new long running series. It's the first type of user tournament specifically designed to give the weaker teams their own chance to crown a champion by breaking into tiers the same way we do in The Medallion. Teams are split into tiers based on power ranking, but no set number of teams needs to be in each tier. This is to prevent a team from being too dominant or too outclassed in a given tier.

I asked Alfie what gave him the motivation to run his own tournament and if it was easier or tougher than he expected. He had this to say: "I've run tournaments in the past and have enjoyed doing so. I was a bit jealous of the elaborate records/stats/everything kept for the denslow and CC so I decided to try to do a regular tourney myself and eventually hold all that. I had also just finished some intense work for that month's newsletter and decided to do it right afterwards. it was sort of a spur of the moment thing. It took longer then I expected updating the standings. i switched to google docs then back to word. I get easily distracted so I would make mistakes in the GF/GA column and it wouldn't add up so I had to go and track back my mistake. that part was sometimes boring, tedious and frustrating. but overall it was an enjoyable experience."

The tournament started with pool play with the top 3 teams in each tier advancing to their respective semifinals. Then the 4th semifinal teams were decided by a qualifying system where the next 2 or 3 teams (based on the number of total teams) played it out to see who also advanced. Pool play was a round robin home and home series which meant 24 games in the 13 team tier 1 and 16 games in the 9 team tier 2. Teams were ranked by points with 3 for a win, 2 and 1 for an overtime game, and 0 for a loss.

Tier 2 semifinalists were The Praetorians (who led the way with 40 pool play points), The Strikers, and The New World Order. The BlackPhoenix took the 4th spot by beating The Husky in the qualifier. The Praetorians stormed through The BlackPhoenix in a 4 game sweep, while The Strikers did the same thing taking out The New World Order in just 5 games.

The finals weren't that close with The Praetorians cruising once again and taking out The Strikers 4 games to 1. They finished first in pool play and went untouched in the playoffs finishing with an overall tournament record of 21-4. I got to ask dadummy (GM of The Praetorians) a few questions. How did it feel to win? Do you like the 2 tier split? Would you rather be in Tier 1 next time? He had this to say about it all: "Winning the first ever Tier 2 A.S.S. was really satisfying. I've joined some other tourneys in the past, Denslow, Big Dance, etc. but never made it anywhere due to the big gap between good teams and so-so teams. The A.S.S splitting into tiers gave any team, that's not stacked a chance to actually win something. And for next time, I'd like a chance to defend my title but if I'm good enough to play with the big boys I won't complain."

Tier 1 semifinalists were The Longerwood Enzytes (who led the way with 54 pool play points), The WartHogs, and The Blue + Gold. The New Bedford Hax, Silver Seven, and Yabba Dabbas played the qualifying rounds where The Yabba Dabbas claimed the final spot. The Enzytes advanced over The Yabba Dabbas (but not after some debate over who won), and The

WartHogs took out The Blue + Gold in a great 7 game series.

Tier 1 finals was another amazing series. Each team started with 2 home games and both won just one. That meant it was 2-2 with 3 to play and The Enzytes in control with home ice advantage. But The Enzytes blew it in Game 5!!! A 3-0 home loss meant that The WartHogs could end it on home ice in Game 6. But The WartHogs blew it in Game 6!!! They went to overtime but The Enzytes scored the golden goal. So it went to Game 7 at Enzytes Arena. Nobody expected a 4-0 blowout from The WartHogs, but that's just what it was. The WartHogs took the game, the series, and the tournament. Home teams in the finals managed to go just 2-5 overall.

I did a quick interview with zigzag (GM of The WartHogs) following the tournament.

How does it feel to take down the first ever Tier 1 in Alfie's Super Series?

"It feels great to win it."

Did you think you had a shot when the tournament started?

"No not at all. You look and some of the top teams like Enzytes Yabbas Hax ect all were in tier1. Pretty much the who's who of Metro. I was quite happy to make the playoffs." (Editors Note: It really was a stacked tier, I would not have picked The WartHogs to come out on top if I had done a pre-tourney prediction)

How tough is it to beat the Enzytes in a 7 game series?

"Very tough, any time you can beat a quality team like Footballs is a great thing.He always has a top 5 team so it's always going to be a very tough series. Funny thing is we are having another 7 game series in the Canada Cup playoffs. "

Alfie has told me that signups for Alfie's Super Series #2 will open up sometime in early May. We hope to see everyone there.

Medallion



Tier 2



The Husky



The Rams of Philau



The Eastside Knights

MVP: Paul Cummingham (Stay at Home Defenseman - 5 Points, +2 Rating, 46 Hits/Blocks)

This was only the 2nd appearance in the Medallion by The Eastside Knights (managed by Jip4Good), they have a record of 8-1 overall. He had this to say about winning the Tier 2 Gold: "Winning gold in the Medallion is amazing!! It was the hardest 7 game stretch I ever played, but placing 1st out of 128 teams is unreal." With a team that's getting stronger, we should be seeing The Eastside Knights in Tier 1 shortly. "Winning tier 2 was fun, but winning tier 1 would be even better. I am hopeful to play in tier 1 next Medallion and competing with the best of Metroho."

Tier 1



The Ice Pirates



The Legion



The Yabba Dabbas

MVP: Matt Rippelmeyer (Stay at Home Defenseman - 3 Assists, +5 Rating, 47 Hits/Blocks)

This was the first ever Gold Medallion for the Yabba Dabbas in 15 tries. All their appearances have been in Tier 1 with a respectable 37-14 record overall. The Yabba Dabbas have become one of the best teams in the game and it was inevitable that they'd pick up a gold eventually. Yabbadabba had this to say when asked how it feels to get his first gold: "Awesome! Such a tough tournament, just getting to the final few rounds is very difficult. I won the silver last month and to finally get the gold feels great."

Fun Fact

The Tournament MVP in both tiers was a stay at home defenseman with a 4 letter first name and a 10+ letter last name.

GM OF THE MONTH

The Longerwood Enzytes

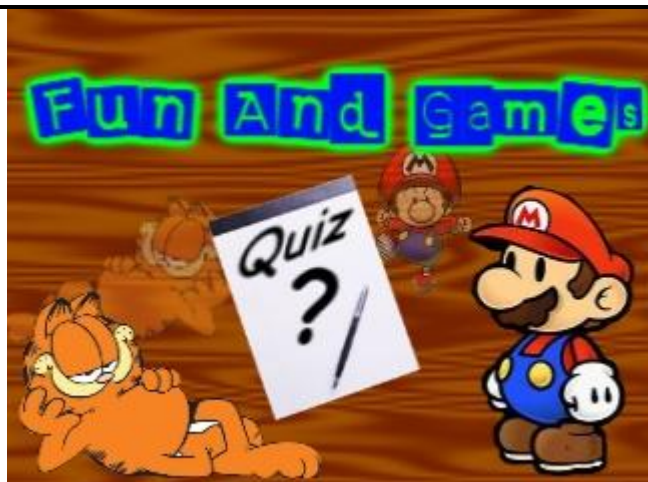
Honorable mentions

The Yabba Dabbas

The Knightz

The Badonkadonks

The Puck Ewes



Wall of Shame

April Banned Teams

The SwaggaJackas

The HollyHood Hustlas

Hockey Trivia

By IronDogg

1. Bobby Hull scored 50 or more goals in a season in both the WHA and the NHL; who is the only other player to accomplish this?
2. What was the capacity of the Montreal Forum for a typical ice hockey game?
3. Who is 2nd on the NHL's all time regular season point leaders list with 1887 points?
4. Who was the only player in NHL history to score a goal in all five possible game situations in the same game: even-strength, power-play, shorthanded, penalty shot, and empty-net?
5. In its relation to Metroho, what is a "sandwich pick"?
6. Name 3 ways to play Metroho hockey games as the home team.

Rules

-Send your responses to IronDogg via PM on MetroHO.com before the end of May 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 .

-Newsletter Crew members are not eligible to win but can still submit answers.

Answers from last month's Trivia

1. Don Cherry
2. David "Sweeney" Schirer for the New York Americans in 1935-36 with 19 goals and 26 assists.
3. Sergei Pryakhin
4. Brian "Spinner" Spencer (1969-1979): Toronto Maple Leafs
5. FALSE - There are no injuries or illnesses during playoffs. Players can only get injured while playing in leagues, not the Medallion or shiny games.
6. Fire Ring

[Congratulations, to pnr \(2224\), who is the MetroMonthly April 2010 Edition Trivia Winner.](#)

Kehm's Comic

Metroho Comic #3: Private Leagues

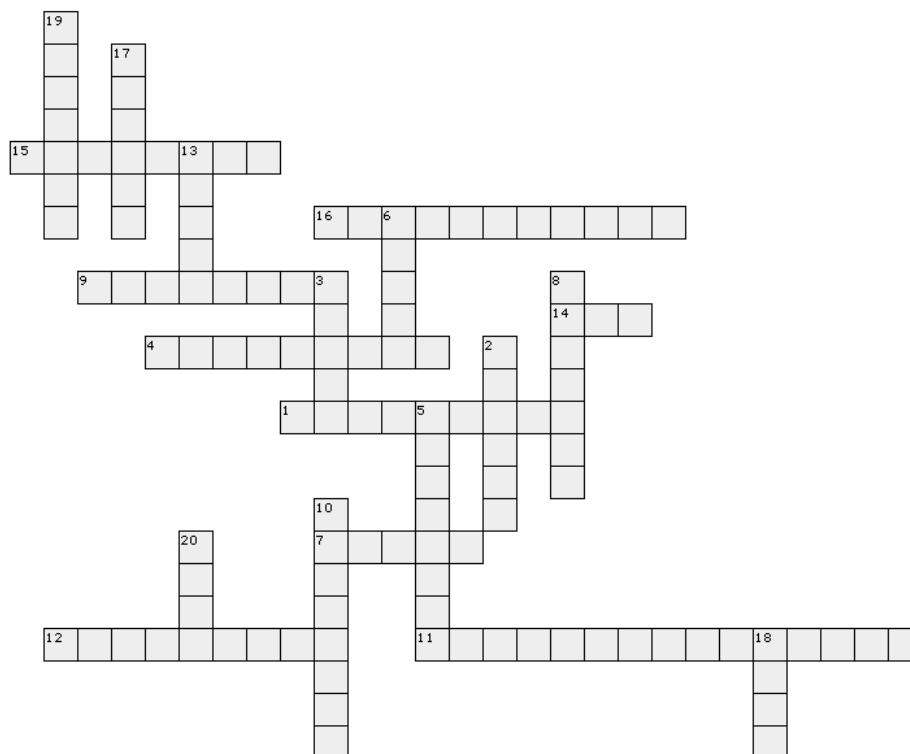


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METROHO CROSSWORD



Across:

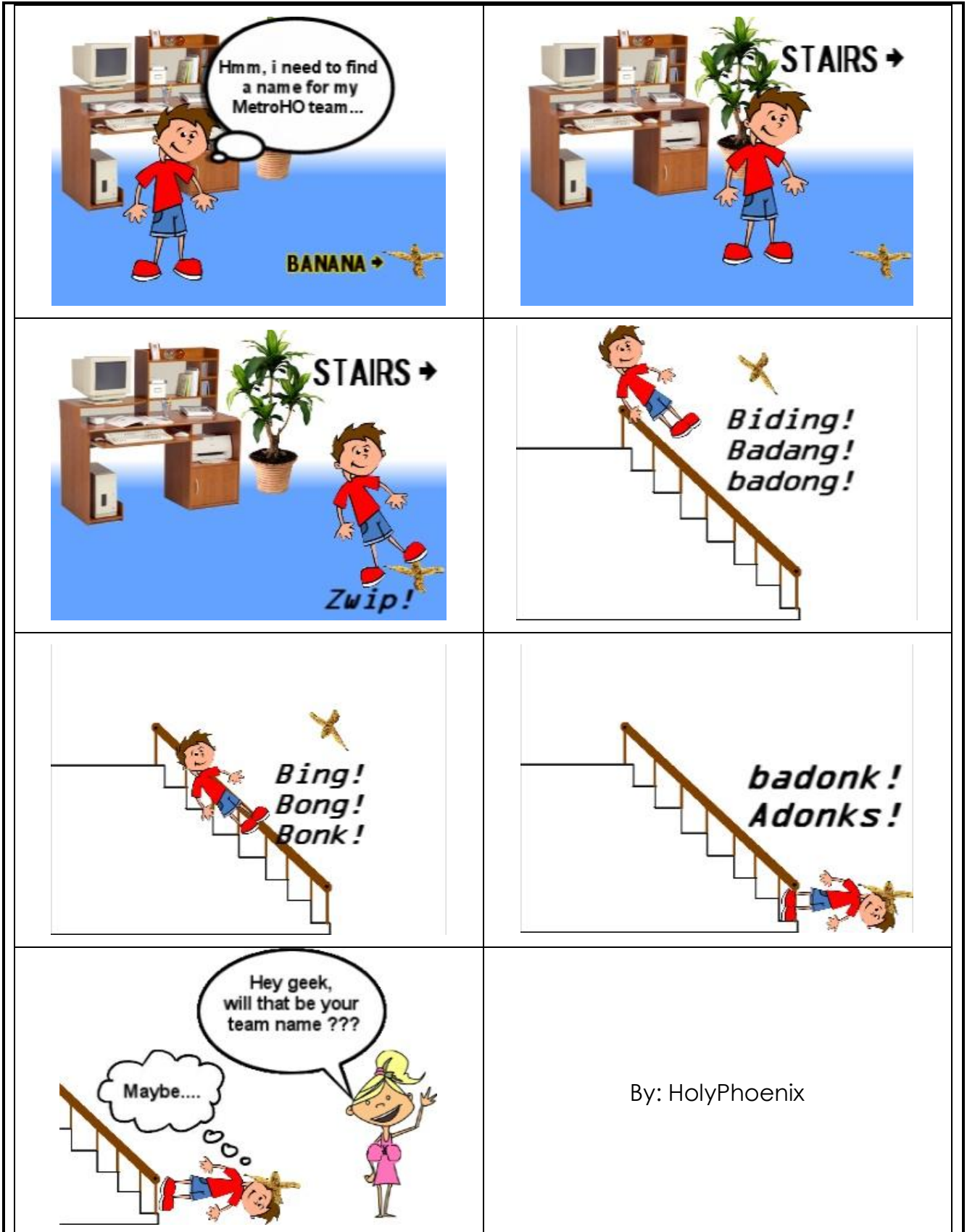
1. Awarded to the goalie with the top save percentage who has played at least 50 games.
4. When killing a penalty, this player always sits off.
7. When injuries occur.
9. The most prestigious trophy in MetroHO.
11. A place where you can post anything fishy that is going on.
12. The amount of shinnies you can play in a day.
14. Free agents that are 28 years of age or older are considered this.
15. At the age of 32, player's ratings start to _____.
16. An offensive/defensive ratio that works with a player's type to further refine them.

Down:

2. Rating decreases from these types of players are rare.
3. This type of forward likes to forecheck and jam pucks into the net.
5. Writer of the strategy guide.
6. The amount of rounds in a medallion.
8. This plays your games for you, however you do not gain any credits or fan base.
10. The tech support guy of MetroMonthly.
13. One of the players advertised in one of the MetroHO ads.
17. The May edition of the newsletter is the _____ issue.
18. Highest level of arena.
19. Players can be claimed by other teams during league play while on this.
20. Creator of MetroHO.

Pic of the month!





Editor's Notebook

Special thanks to HolyPhoenix (3586) who did an awesome job on the designing and a pretty good guest spot with the neat comic. Please tell us what you think of his work and of course the newsletter in the thread "MAY NEWSLETTER". Thanks!
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