

SPORTS & FITNESS

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On Post

Summer Basketball

Entry deadline for the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Summer Basketball League is June 14. Entry fee is \$165. The league is 20 teams, 12 players per team including the coach. If 20 teams are entered the top eight teams will compete in the end of season tournament.

Active duty, National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers are eligible.

For more information call 767-8238 or 767-9795.

Gracie Ju-Jitsu

Ju-Jitsu is held Tuesday and Friday at Caro Fitness Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 per month. Sign up prior to 6 p.m. at Caro.

For more information contact Jake at 767-3033.

Golf Course

Taylor's Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off.

Consultations at Newman

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers free personal training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling.

Consultations will be given on an appointment basis only.

For more information, call 767-2771.

Marne tournaments

A nine-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

Cash prizes will be awarded. The tournament is sponsored by the Fort Stewart Women's Bowling Association.

For more information, call 767-4866.

Hunter Youth Sports

Sign-ups for Tee Ball, ages 5 and 6; coach pitch, ages 7 and 8; and baseball, ages 9 to 14 are going on now. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services to participate.

Sports fees are \$20 for the first child and \$18 for each additional child in the family. Uniforms are provided.

For additional information, call 352-5708 or 352-6075.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

Classes are held for beginners from 5 to 6 p.m., intermediate 6 to 7 p.m. and teen and adult 7 to 8 p.m., each Tuesday and Thursday at the Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Bldg. 7338, Austin Road, Bryan Village next to the shoppette. The cost is \$30 per month, \$30 for uniform and \$30 for testing fee; belts are included.

For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Pilates

Pilates classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Palmetto Room in Club Stewart, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$45 per month. Sign up prior to 6 p.m. For more information call Jake at 767-3033.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.



Pfc. Emily J. Danial

The Stewart rugby team practices a "scrum" Tuesday in preparation for the Military Nationals to be held at Fort Benning, Ga., Saturday and Sunday. The competition will include teams from every service and from around the world.

Stewart rugby team aims to win

Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Staff Writer

The Fort Stewart rugby team gathered Tuesday for one of its final practices before competing in the Military Nationals rugby championship Saturday and Sunday at Fort Benning, Ga.

The last time Stewart had a team in the Nationals was in 2001, according to team captain Kareem Montague, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment.

"We were going through so many deployments, we didn't have a chance to put a team together until now," Montague said. "I don't know how well we'll do; the big part is just introducing guys to rugby."

The basic game of rugby involves 15 players, forwards and backs.

Play begins with a "scrum," when the opposing forwards bind up into one unit and push against each other in an attempt to win possession of the ball with their feet.

The game's object is to earn points by carrying, kicking, passing and grounding the ball into the scoring zone.

Grounding the ball results in a try, worth five points.

Players can attempt conversions after a try (much like in football), which may be attempted by using either a place kick or a drop kick. A conversion is worth two points.

Using a drop kick in regular play or a penalty kick, players can also score three points.

The ball cannot be passed forward between players, only kicked forward. Play is not interrupted unless a try is scored, the ball goes out of play, or an infraction of the rules occurs.

Infractions generally do not have much to do with physical contact, as Larry Massey, C Battery, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment, made clear.

"My favorite part of the game is hitting people," he said. "You can't hit above the neck, and you have to wrap them up when you tackle them, but basically those are the only two rules."

Although many of the players on the Stewart team are by no means veterans of the game, Massey, who has been playing for five years, said he sees potential in the beginners.

"The new guys are definitely learning," he said. "I just hope we can go out there, have fun and play our best."

Another player, James Jones, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, said he was optimistic about the competition.

"I think we'll do really well," he said. "We've been working hard."

Anyone who is interested in joining the Stewart rugby team can call Montague at 767-1366.



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The Stewart rugby team, made up of players from various units on post, warms up in preparation for the Military Nationals.

Bull riders join Army team

Spc. Aimee Felix

Special to The Frontline

FORT CARSON, Colo. — A two-year partnership between the U.S. Army and Professional Bull Riders was announced April 17, allowing the Army to field a three-member team in PBR events.

The partnership with PBR will assist the Army in its recruiting and awareness building efforts, said Lt. Gen. Dennis D. Cavin, commander, Army Accessions Command, during a press conference at the Colorado Springs World Arena.

The parallels in character between bull riders and Soldiers make the Army and the PBR a natural fit, said Randy Bernard, chief executive officer of PBR. "Like Soldiers, bull riders possess that will to win, pride in their work and no-quit attitude that are signs of a true champion."

Bull riders embody the tenets of the Warrior Ethos through their commitment to their mission, by never accept-



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Jaron Nunnemaker, the last of the three Army bull riders to ride Saturday at the Army-sponsored PBR event in Colorado Springs, readies himself as a crowd of PBR staff and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker look on.

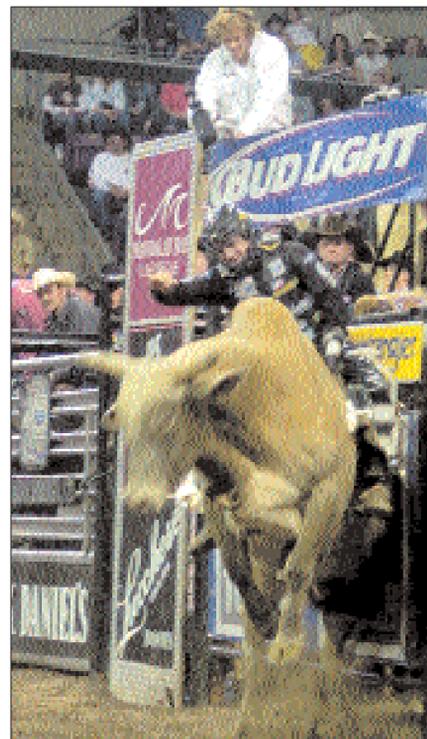
ing defeat, never quitting and through the camaraderie among them, said Cavin when explaining why the partnership was ideal for the Army.

The demographic that most often joins the Army, 17 to 24-year-olds, is best reached "through sports and world-class organizations that know

how to start a mission and follow through," he said.

At the press conference, the three Army bull riders were briefly introduced to the media and given an opportunity to say how they felt about being a part of the Army team.

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Spc. Curt Cashour

Army bull rider Mike Lee tries his best to stay on top of PBR bull Big Show during the U.S. Army Invitational bull-riding event April 17. Lee hung on to Big Show for a full eight seconds, scoring 84.5 out of 100 points.

Wombats:

The ping-pong balls of the future

Pfc. Emily J. Danial
Staff Writer

Commentary



When I think of American sports, and what they are lacking, the first word that comes to my mind is: wombats.

As I was randomly Googling, I recently came across what could potentially be our next major national sports craze — wombat table tennis.

The Web site on which I discovered this amazing activity, www.comedyzine.com/facts39.html, described it as "very similar to traditional table tennis, with one major exception: a small wombat is used instead of a ball."

A wombat is a marsupial found in Australia, but unlike the boomerang, which was also found in Australia, it does not come back to you when launched, unless someone hits it back to you, using a racket "of any size, shape or weight."

I'm not quite sure who came up with the concept — and rules — of smacking small, furry animals around a table, or what kind of drugs he was obviously using, but from where I sit, this idea has tremendous potential.

I can see it now: It's the national wombat table tennis championship. A hush falls over the crowd as Waldo "The Wombinator" prepares to serve against "Marsupial Mangler" Moe. As he slides his hand into the wombat's little pouch, he grips his eight-pound, 10-inch-diameter racket and takes aim.

Waldo brings his arm back, and the spectators tense up. Back ... back ... back ... POW!

He is tackled by several large, irate animal-rights activists, thereby forfeiting the game to Moe, who celebrates his victory by triumphantly setting off at a high speed for the nearest exit.

As you can see, this sport, if promoted in the United States, could possibly soon overtake hockey in the "Most Living Beings Damaged Per Game" category, which would, undoubtedly, increase its popularity at least to the point where des-

perate vendors would be successfully pushing wombat-oriented merchandise on trend-crazed fans.

Just think about it — the world today is so full of disturbing and depressing news that this sport may be just what our country needs to lighten the national mood ring.

Reports would come in across all 50 states of horrible disasters that were averted by the newfound diversion of wombat table tennis.

"John Smith was out back getting ready to see what would happen if he lit the local bar on fire, when he heard these squeaking noises coming from Bubba's garage next door," the reports would say. "When Smith went around to see what all the ruckus was, his eyes were opened to the much more legal pain and suffering he could be causing (as long as he was only using young, common wombats, rather than the endangered Northern hairy-nosed wombat of Queensland), all while earning valuable points. Thank you, Mr. Wombat-Table-Tennis-Inventor, for keeping our town safe!"

Of course, people would probably get bored with marsupials eventually, which is why I have come up with a possible alternative: hamster Skee-ball.

This sport would combine the fuzzy animal factor with the unnecessary violence factor, ensuring an immediate following, especially among frustrated, cooped-up housewives (or whatever we're calling them these days), who, I'm told, are always looking for something to throw.

Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this commentary are strictly for humor value. The Frontline in no way endorses cruelty to animals of any kind.

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"The Army picked three solid guys," said Mike Lee, a 20-year-old Texan who joined the PBR at age 18. "I want a sponsor that will be loyal to me, and I know that's what the Army's all about," said Lee, who ranks third in the world in points.

Another Texan and Army team member, James White, who is a favorite for the 2004 Rookie of the Year title, said, "I'm honored to be here, and I can promise I won't disappoint the Army."

The Army's third bull rider, Jaron Nunnemaker, a 30-year-old from Willits, Calif., said bull riders are a lot like Soldiers because "for us, it's a year-round thing too, and we also put our lives on the line; we do it for our families and so do (Soldiers); in fact they do it for my family too."

The cowboys were officially introduced to the public later that evening at the opening ceremony of the Army Invitational at the World Arena. Joining in the ceremony were 17 Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans, all of whom had received a Silver Star, Bronze Star or Purple Heart, and Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, chief of staff of the Army.

The cowboys will be visiting several high schools as part of the recruiting effort, Cavin said. The Army's Recruiting Command has reduced the money spent on television and print advertising and has focused its investments on the Internet, cable network exposure and sports. This has brought a 16-percent increase in recruitment, Cavin said.

What the Army will get in exposure from PBR is worth the investment of more than \$1 million, he said.

In 1995, three years after the creation of the PBR, the organization had just two



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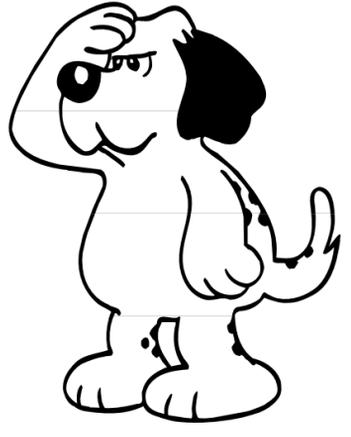
Mike Lee, Army bull rider, readies himself to ride a bull named Big Show at the Army-sponsored PBR event in Colorado Springs, Colo. Saturday. Sponsors shelling out a total of \$365,000 in sponsorships. Since then, sponsorship dollars have increased to \$17 million with 18 sponsors pitching in.

"These people wouldn't be signing on if they weren't getting their money's worth in exposure," Bernard said.

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10 Things You Can Do to Help the Environment



1. Use water-based paints
2. Recycle your household trash
3. Compost yardwaste
4. Plant trees
5. Conserve energy
6. Buy non-aerosol products
7. Carpool
8. Keep your car engine tuned
9. Recycle used motor oil
10. Choose less packaging.

Newman Physical Fitness Center Aerobic Schedule

Mondays

Latino Rhythm with Carmen (weights and tubing) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Busy Feet Workout with Irma (cross training) 9 to 10 a.m.
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Butts and Gutts with Carmen (weights and bars) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Basic Training Workout with Irma (steps, body bars, weights, abdominal work, etc.) 9 to 10 a.m.

Cardio-Stepping 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Caliente with Carmen (kick-boxing) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Cardio kick-boxing with Irma 9 to 10 a.m.

Step-Kicking with Irma (cardio kick-boxing/steps) 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Basic Training Workout with Irma (Tubes, body bars, hoola-hoops, exercise balls) 9 to 10 a.m.
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Fridays

"Master C" Workout with Carmen (Buns & thighs workout/cardio kicking) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Killer Friday with Irma (kicking, stepping, hooping and weights, etc.) 9 to 10 a.m.
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays

Pick Your Poison with Asha 9 to 10 a.m.

Marne Scoreboard

Volleyball

Softball

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April 21

1/39 FA 21-0, 21-0, 21-0 HHC, 2/7 Inf. (Forfeit)
SJA 21-7, 21-14, 23-21, 92nd Eng. Bn. 14-21, 21-23, 7-21

Pre-season intramural tournament

April 20

A Co., 2/7 Inf. 14, E Co., 703rd MSB 9
92nd Eng. Bn. 15, 103rd MI 4
1/39 FA 12, A Co., 603rd ASB 11
A Co., 2/7 Inf. 17, 4/64 Armor 10
92nd Eng. Bn. 25, 1/39 FA 29

April 26

C Co., 703rd MSB 21-0, 21-0, 21-0, A Co., 3/15 Inf. (Forfeit)
SJA 21-0, 21-0, 21-0, HHC, 2/7 Inf. (Forfeit)
1/39 FA 21-9, 21-7, 21-9 MEDDAC 9-21, 7-21, 9-21

Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
SJA	8	1	.889
1/39 FA	8	1	.889
C Co., 703rd MSB	10	4	.714
MEDDAC	7	5	.583
103rd MI	6	8	.428
92nd Eng. Bn.	3	6	.333
HHB, DIVARTY	2	7	.222
A Co., 3/15 Inf.	0	3	.000
HHC, 2/7 Inf.	0	9	.000

April 21

A Co., 603rd ASB 15, 103rd MI 0
A Co., 603rd ASB 15, 4/64 Armor 9
E Co., 703rd MSB 23, 92nd Eng. Bn. 11
A Co., 2/7 Inf. 16, 1/39 FA 6

April 22

A Co., 603rd ASB 15, E Co., 703rd MSB 8
A Co., 603rd ASB 26, 1/39 FA 14

April 23

A Co., 603rd ASB 17, A Co., 2/7 Inf. 4
A Co., 603rd ASB 20, A Co., 2/7 Inf. 17

**Got scores?
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at 767-3440.**



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Helmet!**