

Gladiator muskie wins this round

I could swear that you were listening in the whole time, gladiator muskie... listening and waiting...

"Go baby, go!" my younger brother Michael exclaimed as he watched the line peel off his bait-casting reel.

I swear that you were watching too, gladiator... watching and waiting...

"Hey, this sure is a fun way to fish, Len! Talk about constant action! Look at that sucker bait swim! It's bound to attract something, right? Something big... I mean, it's a big minnow, right? Big bait, big fish!"

Go ahead, smile, gladiator muskie. I imagine that you were smiling right about then...

"Wait," I said softly, cautiously, as Mike's line continued to run out, his sucker bait heading somewhere for cover in a distant part of this Head Lake bay.

"Wait... okay, okay... Now, put some pressure on it, Mike... Now, set it! Set that hook! Hard! Okay, okay... nothin'... That's all right, Mike. It's running scared. I thought that it might be a muskie pick up. Your sucker's running scared... There's a big fish down there..."

Yes, I could swear that you heard me, gladiator, and your evil grin widened, exposing a few more of those fang-like, razor sharp teeth.

You were getting ready, biding your time; your long, thick golden body hidden in the background of submerged logs and stumps. I knew you were there. Give me credit for that much.

"My sucker's not doin' very well Mike. It just keeps getting stuck in those stumps and logs... like that...; there, it's free again."

My sucker bait was scared too, gladiator. I realize that now. It was trying to hide. It saw you.

"I wish we had a few more big minnows, Mike. Ten to 14 inches is about right for muskies. Our bait-fish might be gettin' tired. They've been swimmin' around down there for three hours now... Hey, there goes your guy again..."

You were ready now, gladiator. A muskie's appetite had to be satisfied.

"You know, Mike, we really do deserve a fish today. We've worked hard, scouted the locations; we're using the right bait... We really do deserve a..."

Thud!
Right on cue, gladiator...
Thud! Thud!

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I would have loved to see your eyes shimmer and roll as you clenched down on the helpless sucker bait, as you tasted its sweet mid-section. Like all muskies, you grabbed my minnow from the side, holding it in your jaws like a dog would a bone. You circled our boat... slowly... in the frigid water, probably now sensing the treble hook in your upper jaw.

I buried it there with a hard thrust, and I smiled... You began your run...

"You're done, champ! You're doomed now, baby! It's all over except for the fight and photos," I thought to myself. "Get ready, Mike! Got a big one here... I'll need your help..." but I had forgotten something. You monsters continue to eat even after you're hooked! That huge mouth easily engulfed the sucker minnow, advanced past the lead hook and onto my line.

Now, you smiled, gladiator, as you realized my most grievous error. I had neglected to use a wire leader... I've been getting away with this for years while using lures. It doesn't work like that with live bait. Three feet of wire is a necessity, right Emil Kachmar?

Well, gladiator, your sharp teeth simply sliced through my Prime line and you were off... free again... a true warrior.

As I sat down, I quietly vowed to Mike that I'd be back. You see, gladiator, you're my project for 1990... There'll be no mistake next time. I'll catch you, remove those annoying hooks from your jaw, and then I'll really surprise you: I'll let you go.

You're too noble a fish to keep... Besides, I just want those hooks back, old friend...

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Tyke House League Normore explodes for six

Justin Normore went on a scoring spree last Saturday in a Tyke House League game as he scored six times to lead Armstrong to a 7-0 win over Terra Cotta.

Kevin Morris scored the other goal for the winners.

Jason Hunt, Greg Brown, Douglas Martin, Brandon Pearce, Ryan Field and Thomas Temple each had two assists for Armstrong, with Brett Velten counting a single helper.

Michael Alton manned the nets for Armstrong, while Andrew McGourty was the Terra Cotta goaltender.

Chad Mitchell scored three times and added an assist as Trio Mart defeated J.V. Clothing 4-1.

Mark Fantegrossi also scored for Trio Mart.

Other Trio Mart assists went to Jeff Boyce, Ryan Norton, Bill Cmapbell, Mathew Fielding, Billy McDonald, Sean McNally and Brian Arnold.

Trio Mart's new coach Dennis Norton was pleased with the play of goaltender Simon Deeley.

Kyle McIlvenna scored the lone J.V. Clothing marker off passes from Sean Ashbee and Ryan Busby. Busby played between the pipes for J.V. Clothing.

In another Tyke House League game, Andre Lefebvre notched a hat trick and added an assist to lead Montego Construction to a 4-0

win over McNally Construction. Travis Brooke-Bisschop scored the other Montego Construction goal. The netminder's name was not made available.

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Sunny Acres to host Erin

Sunny Acres Farms major midget hockey team puts its sparkling 12-1-1 won-lost record on the line Sunday afternoon with a 4 p.m. scheduled game against Erin at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Sunny Acres lone loss of the 1989-90 season came at the hands of Flamboro, 6-5 on a disputed goal.

Last Sunday at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, the Sunny Acres crew gained a measure of revenge by defeating Flamboro 6-4.

Sunny Acres next road game is scheduled for Thursday as the team travels to Milton for an 8:30 p.m. game.

Y.B.C.

Morris tops Juniors

GEORGETOWN Y.B.C.

JUNIORS: Tonya Morris 585 (216), Ryan Martin 574 (249), Robin Zander 560 (203), Sharon Shapcott 542 (207), Geoffrey Beauparlant 503 (201).

BANTAMS: Monica Beauparlant 492 (176), Nancy Larocque 448 (168), Matthew Walker 446 (174), Janice Somers 422 (179), Stuart Scottford 397 (134), David Pegg 395 (133).

PEEWEEES: Cory Latimer 273 (103), Michael Cluney 269 (95), Joshua Sweeting 268 (113), Sara Pegg 254 (98), Brendan Louth 217 (93).

SMURFS: Gordon Clarke 299 (103), Natalie Larocque 253 (97), Lisa Clarke 234 (85), William Walker 211 (91), Jason Pshyk 208 (73).

SENIORS: Barry McLean 683 (256), Chris Somers 679 (245), Tracy Weeks 635 (221), Mark Prevost 625 (244), Tracy Ball 602 (235).

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