

# Watching basketball's Nasajpour is a gift



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*Extra Innings*

Now that Barry Bonds is a free agent and is likely looking toward becoming a DH in the American League, I thought I'd let you know that whatever team he signs with (Oakland appears to be the front-runner) will immediately become my least favourite team in the majors.

•For all of the Don Cherry haters out there, especially those in the Toronto media, you had to at least commend the high-collared one for his great Remembrance Day tribute to our fallen soldiers during CBC's Coach's Corner segment.

It was heartfelt, touching and troubling all at the same time.

•Best quote this week belongs to Jim Leyland after winning the American League's Manager of the Year award in

guiding the Detroit Tigers to a World Series berth in his first season.

When asked how he directed his club he said: "We didn't do things my way, we did them the right way."

•It was a thrill to listen to former Winnipeg Jets' captain Dale Hawerchuk speak at the Selkirk Steelers fundraising dinner last week.

He followed Dave "Tiger" Williams and Darryl Sittler as the previous guest speakers.

•On a non-sports related note, there's a new television show I've flipped by occasionally called Canada's Worst Drivers. Just a thought, but is the show based here?

•Even if you're not a big basketball fan, watching Erfan Nasajpour play guard for the Winnipeg Wesmen is a must-see.

The fact he leads the men's squad in several offensive categories, including steals, is appropriate since the meagre \$8 admission to watch him play is like stealing money.

•Speaking of basketball, I see Kobe Bryant had a federal lawsuit slapped on him by a fan in Memphis alleging the L.A. Lakers' star

elbowed him while chasing a loose ball in the stands during the 2005-06 season.

One question, why did it take a year for the suit to be filed?

•Although they're off to a tough start record-wise, I wouldn't worry too much about the Manitoba Moose.

With three different coaches in three years and the parent Vancouver Canucks in a transition state of their own, it's just going to take some time for the local ungulates to find a consistent groove.

•Still with hockey, can someone explain to me why Winnipeg is the home to Vancouver's top minor league affiliate, yet Sportsnet continues to blackout Canucks' games on Sportsnet Pacific even though I pay Shaw Cable for the channel?

•After attending the Grey Cup game last

Sunday, I quickly realized my pool tickets dictated my allegiance for the game. Otherwise, it would have been difficult to pull for Dave Ritchie over Dave Mudge.

And I can't say I'm a big fan of the Lions' new orange helmets. In fact, did the club buy those 40-plus pumpkins on North Henderson last month? Moreover, where does the candle go?

Last week's question about a new Bomber facility prompted some decent response. We'll give it two more weeks before we post the results here.

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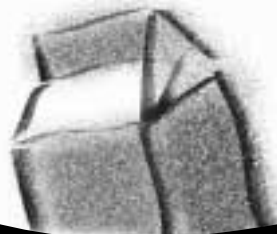
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