

# Sorry fellas, Hazel's hitched

Stop the presses: **Hazel Mae**, the ex-NESN vixen who broke hearts all over **Red Sox** Nation when she skipped town for the **MLB Network**, is now a married woman. Haze tied the knot with her longtime Bf, free agent first baseman **Kevin Barker**, in her hometown of Toronto earlier this month.

Hazel Mae's retirement from the single life is particularly noteworthy because she was an All-Star on the dating circuit when she was here in Boston. The former NESN siren was one of the most popular gals on the local sports scene — and not just because she had no compunction about stepping out with the guys she covered. In fact, Mae once told an Internet blogger that NESN had no rules against hanging out with players — and if they did, she wouldn't work there!

She dated ex-Celtic **Ricky Davis** and ESPN "SportsCenter" anchor **Steve Levy** before embarking on a long engagement to Barker. On **WEEI** she joked with yakker

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**Mike Adams** about wearing a thong. On the air, she once called the **Gold Cup** soccer tournament the **Gold Clubs**, as in the chain of strip clubs.

"I like wearing my tight blazers and shirts," Hazel told a Boston blogger a few years back. "This bothers some women, but they need to chill out."

Hazel, who arrived in Boston as a dowdy-dressed outsider, found her groove as a TV temptress while at NESN. The fun-lovin' jock-talker was so popular

with male viewers, a cardboard cutout of Mae sold for \$400 on eBay. And co-median **Adam Wade** wrote an "Ode to Hazel Mae" and got a gazillion hits when he put it on his Web site.

We wanted to chat up Hazel about rounding the bases with Kevin and all, but her flack told us she wants to keep it all on the down-low. But really, Hazel, who would we tell???

What we can tell you is that the groom has been bouncing back and forth between the minors and the bigs for 13 years. He made his **Major League** debut with the **Milwaukee Brewers** in 1999 has since notched stints with San Diego, Toronto and Cincinnati. BTW, Kev recorded his first hit as a **Blue Jay** on Sept. 3, 2006 — a home run off Red Sox ace **Josh Beckett**.

File Under: Mae Day.

## Sounds yummy!

Boston chef **Laura Henry-Zoubir** is on her way to exotic Morocco after a down 'n' dirty dessert war on this week's edition of "Chopped."

Laura, the exec chef at **Church** in the Fenway area, bested three male chefs and won \$10,000 on the **Food Network** cooking contest after pleading her case vis-a-vis Neapolitan ice cream — as in the vanilla, chocolate and strawberry stuff from the '60s.

"Some were upset that I used the vanilla (layer) for the bourbon sauce that I used over the chocolate and strawberry ice cream," she said. "So I had to make a little speech and convince them I had used all of the ice cream for the dessert. They didn't tell you to use a little or a lot!"

After some convincing, **Henry-Zoubir** scored the prize money which she's banked for a trip to Morocco, the homeland of her hubby, **Abdelhadi**. "Yeah, a vacation would



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**Hazel Mae gets a grip on Boston Bruin Jeremy Reich at her 2008 Boston bon voyage bash at Game On! Inset, the new Mr. Hazel Mae, Kevin Barker.**

be really nice right now," laughed Laura.

## TRACKED DOWN:

"Two and a Half Men" hottie **Jenny McCarthy** and her Boston Bf, sports agent **Paul Krepelka**, pitching woo over lobster, sword-

fish, oysters and cupcakes at **Towne Stove and Spirits** . . . Vacationing **Patriots** receiver **Wes Welker** lunching at Towne . . . Cello cheese

**Yo-Yo Ma** also enjoying oysters and Rhode Island-style calamari at **LTK** at **Logan Airport** . . . "Dancing with the Stars" champ **Mark Ball-**

las busting out his moves with the kids at the **Blue Hill Boys and Girls Club** . . .

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**'Dancing with the Stars' champ Mark Ballas leads a dance class at the Boys and Girls Club in Dorchester.**