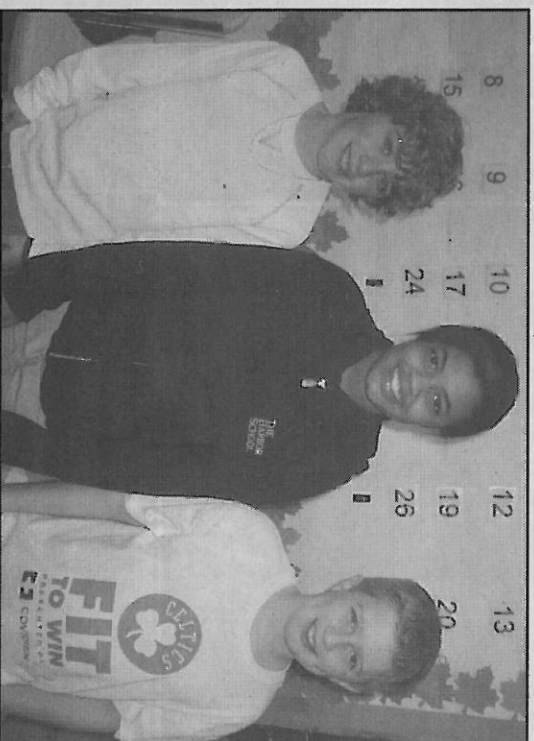


## KORNER

### KEVIN'S

These three youngsters enjoy going to the Club after school to have some fun and see their Club friends

by Kevin Devlin



Ryan, Brianna, and Jake always have fun at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club.

When the school dismissal bell rings every day, these youngsters eagerly journey over to the Club, to enjoy their afternoons engaged in various Club activities. The three "Club Kids" in the Korner are Ryan Bothwell, Brianna Freire-Barbosa, and Jake McDonald.

**Ryan "Ry-Dog" Bothwell**, 11, is a fifth-grader at the Murphy Elementary School in Dorchester. He loves social studies, is doing well in class, and someday hopes to be a professional hockey player, preferably for the Boston

Bruins. He loves eating cheese pizza while watching his favorite television show, *Phines and Fern*, which is featured on the Disney Channel. His favorite actor is Jaden Smith and his favorite professional athlete is

Sydney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

While at home, Ryan loves watching television and hanging out with his friends. At the Club, he plays dodge-ball, touch football, and hoop in the gym. He also hangs out in the Club's Games Room and in the Pre-Teen Lounge.

Outside of the Club, Ryan is on the South Boston Youth Hockey League, Pee Wee "B" team, coached by Steve Sullivan. He said he'll always remember his first hit on the ice which occurred in a game in October. Ryan participates in the South Boston Youth Soccer League and has done so for the last six seasons. He recently scored three goals in a game and hopes to continue his offensive onslaught when the soccer playoffs begin.

Additionally, Ryan is involved in the South Boston Little League. His minor league team, the Dodgers, managed by Bobby McGarrell, won the championship this past summer. If he was the President of the United States, he said that he would lower income taxes and gas prices to help people out.

**Brianna "MaNa" Freire-Barbosa**, 11, is a sixth-grader at the Harbor School in Dorchester. She's loves science and art and is an Honor Roll student. Someday, she either hopes to be an artist, a veterinarian, or a children's doctor. Brianna's enjoys eating a variety of cheses while watching her favorite television shows, which are, *Suite Life on Deck*, *Good Luck Charlie*, and *Big Time Rush*. Her favorite actors are Will Smith and Victoria Justice, and her favorite hoop stars are Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnet.

At the Club, Brianna talks to her friends in the Pre-Teen Lounge, the Games Room, the Night Club, as well as in the Discovery Room. She also participates in gym activities. Brianna's favorite sports moment

is when she received a trophy last season for her accomplishments on the Club's swim team.

Outside of the Club, Brianna plays hoop in her neighbor's back yard and plays soccer at UMass/Boston, where her dad works. She enjoys reading mystery and horror stories, watching television, playing computer games, and drawing. If she was our chief executive officer, she would provide more housing for the homeless and find ways to increase salaries.

**Jake "The Snake" McDonald**, 11, is a fourth-grader at the Condon Elementary School. He loves his math studies, is doing well in the classroom and recently received a student award for successfully completing all of his school assignments. Someday, he hopes to be a pro hockey player. If that doesn't happen, he may join the Army or become a SWAT team police officer.

Jake also loves eating pizza while watching *Deadliest Warrior*. His favorite sports star is Bruins goalie Tim Thomas, and on television, he just can't get enough of Jackie Chan.

At the Club, he plays dodge-ball and hoop in the gym and hangs around the Pre-Teen Lounge and Games Room. At home, he hangs out with his friends, and plays "Man Hunt" which is a slight variation of the old-fashioned game of hide-and-seek.

Jake began playing hockey when he was only two-years old, and is on the Walpole Youth Hockey League Pee Wee team. His favorite sports moment is when he scored a hat trick two years ago. He also plays hoop at the West Third Street outdoor courts and touch football in a lot adjacent to his house.

If Jake lived on Pennsylvania Avenue, he would lower car and video game prices, and then lower taxes.



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