

## Sports Opinions And Ideas

What would you like to see covered in the *Chronicle* sports section, and with a rating of 0-10, how would you rate our sports coverage at a community level?



Lisa Downey

"I would like to see little league football games, and I would rate the coverage we are now receiving an eight."



Stephon Hicks

"I want to see Pop Warner Football covered, and I give the sports section an eight."



Henry Thomas Griffin:

"I like it just like it is. Me and my boys read it, and it's very good community coverage."



Janice Moore

"I'd like to see more youth football, the little league. I rate the sports coverage a nine. I don't believe anyone could be a 10."



Don Amos

"Karate programs. I'd like to see some of the local karate students covered and also wrestling. I believe the sports section would rate an eight."



Brett Myers (right)

"Kendll Gill of the Charlotte Hornets. He's going through a lot about a better contract, and I believe he deserves it. For sports coverage, I rate it an 8 1/2."

## The Road to Your Heart's Desire

In the motivated world of today, success is something that is drilled into our minds from the time we are a toddler throughout the rest of our lives.

It is said: If you want to make it in today's world, you have to succeed, you have to have a title, you have to be in control, you have to be at the top.

We, as parents, sit on the bleachers at our child's first sports game, anxiously awaiting that grand-slam home run, or the 40-yard touchdown pass that will win the game by one point, or the final stretch of the one-mile run when our child runs through the ribbon to get his or her first-place trophy.

Each of us hopes that our son or daughter will become the family lawyer or doctor. Maybe our daughter will be the first woman president or another could be the first African-American to take the oath of the President of the United States.

Success — seven little letters that we pound into the youths of today. We tell them you have to succeed in life. It has no racial barriers; parents of every race desire only the best for their children.

But what is success? To many of us it is our own dreams being lived by our children — the ones we were unable to accomplish for many different reasons. Many didn't have the money to go to college. Then there were those of us who didn't care at that time and now realize the error of our ways. If we

were able to re-live our youth, things would be a lot different.

Success, as quoted by Ralph Waldo Emerson, is "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of

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children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

Words of wisdom were spoken from this man, and it all sounds so simple. But there are a few things we should add to this list — for example, living each day as if it were your last, being happy at whatever profession you decide to go into; never giving only 90 percent, always 100 percent — then you know you haven't failed.

Children should never try to accomplish something because it would make mom and dad proud. If that is the reason, then your heart's not in it. Success has to come from

within.

As a parent, we are proud of the fact that you were a bench warmer at all the games you attended and never lost your team spirit, because you succeeded. As a par-

ent, if we never have to look into your face laying in a hospital bed from the results of alcohol or drugs, in our hearts you have succeeded. As a parent, if we see you working toward your dreams giving 100 percent, then to us you have succeeded.

If you finish high school and go to college to become your heart's desire, you have succeeded. If you finish high school and choose to raise a family with the person you love and are happy, then you have succeeded. If you say "no" to peer-pressure and the evils available to you within arms reach, then you have succeeded. If you can walk away from an unhappy childhood and direct your life in a positive direction, you have succeeded.

Success is working toward the final result of a dream or direction. If you are happy with your direction and always work toward it, then you have succeeded.

## Tiny Vikings Defeat Tiny Falcons

The first half of the game on Sept. 4 between the Tiny Vikings and Tiny Falcons of the Junior Panthers of the Pop Warner Football League ended without either team passing under the goal-post. According to Coach Willie Ashford Jr., the defense was a complete team effort with leadership from Jimmy Farley, Khontia Butterfield, Chris Hendrix and Jermaine Biddle.

The first score for either team came in the third quarter, when Jermaine Biddle pounced a touchdown for 45 yards, and Phillip Burgess scored the extra point.

According to Ashford, "I was pleased with the overall team effort for the first game."

The Falcon squad scored on a busted play which was left deep in Viking territory.

The Tiny Vikings now hold a 2-2 record after defeating the Tiny Greyhounds on Sept. 11, with a score of 14-0.

The Vikings scored on their second play from scrimmage on a 65-yard run by Marvin Bonner, with a PAT by Tony Ingram.

Anry Gregg scored in the second quarter on a 35 yard run set by the running of Jermaine Biddle and Ricardo Thomas.

Again, the defense did a great job, with stand-outs being Jimmy Farley, Chris Hendrix and Travis

Scott. Carl Potter and Michael Jowers played a dual role as back up on offense and defense.

Tiny Vikings Flag Team Takes Victory

The Tiny Vikings Flag Team defeated the Grayhounds 19-13 last Saturday.

Outstanding running was demonstrated by Sean Scales and Travis Smith. Ronald Rogers played outstanding defensive. The entire defensive team played excellent during the game.

Scoring touchdowns for the Vikings were Sean Scales with two and Travis Smith with one. An extra point was added by Ronald Rogers.

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