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Freddy's Revenge

Everyone likes a happy ending, it's gives us reason to believe, the prevobial "there is always hope"or keep hope alive. Wether you believe in Geek mythology and believe there really was a pandora's box or you are a realist who thinks you have to work hard for everything you earn, you have to have felt good

about Seattle 's 3 to 1 win over the Boston Red Sox last Sunday. Why? Because there was Mariner Pitcher Freddy Garcia looking like Lazarus , Freddy Krueger or any other being that just won't die or go away.

Freddy pitched 7and 2/3 innings, allowed one run on four hits , struck out eight batters and walked just two. " That was real impressive it, was a big performance that breeds confidence." Mariner Pitching Coach Bryan Price said of Freddy's Performance. YO coach, shorty gave up a lead off home run in the third inning and retired the next 17 batters, before giving way to Rafeal Soriano and Shigetoshi Hasegawa. Soriano came in and threw three fast ball pitches that struck out Norma Garciaapara , arguable one of the games best fast ball hitters."We knew he would be hacking, Catcher Ben Davis said, "Nomar is a guy who doesn't take many pitches. Soriano went out there and threw three heaters by him. That's not something a lot of people can do because he's as good a fastball hitter there is. He went right after him."

After Soriano struck out Nomar to end the eight inning, Shigetoshi Hasegawa continued his perfect record in the closer role with a scoreless ninth inning. The brother is 13-for-13 in save opportunities. So now that the dust has settled the story line reads, Seattle Mariners (75-49) 6-4 of their last ten games, winners of two out of three against the Boston Red Sox and four games up on the Oakland A's. What about Freddy you say , well he has won his last two games and brought down his ERA(earned run average) to a respectable 5.08.Up next for the Mariners is a three game series in Toronto's Sky Dome and a four game series in ...You guessed it FENWAY PARK home of the Boston Red Sox. Hey I did not say that things were going to be easy for the Mariners. The M's are in a dog fight for the American league West Division title and the wild card spot in the playoffs. Beside cheering on the M's what else can you do you ask , well that's easy , Keep Hope Alive. Keep Hope Alive.

Seahawks: One step backwards, two steps forwards.

The Seattle Seahawks lost a perplexing 21 to 7 Exhibition game against the Indianapolis Colts. Why perplexing? Because you never know what to really believe in exhibiton games unless you have the privilege of watching games films. Watching game films gives one the opportunity to evaluate every play from several perspective.

The way the Seahawks offense played last Friday night, you really didn't need or want to have another look at the game film.

The Seahawks offense looked awful against the Colts blitzing linebackers, Matt Hasselbeck, Shaun Alexander and company never really figured out the Colts defensive schemes. The Colts took a 7-0 lead after Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck fumbled the ball on the second series of the game and Colts quarterback Peyton Manning hit Marcus Pollard with a three yard pass. In the end the Seahawks committed three first half turnovers and the game was long decided when Kerry Porter scored on three yard run to save face for the Seahawks. "They've got a good defense and we didn't do a very good job of picking up their game," said Head Coach Mike Holmgren.

Seattle's bright spot was the play of it's defense. The Hawks defense showed that when healthy it can play against the best of them. Rookies Ken Hamlin and Marcus Trufant continue to show that they are for real, Anthony Simmons continue to show the Seahawks that they did the right think by signing him. But as I said before, this was just an exhibition game and don't really know what to make of it.

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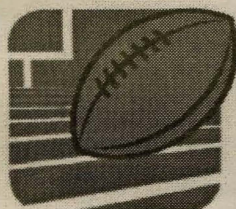
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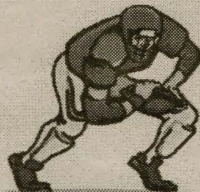
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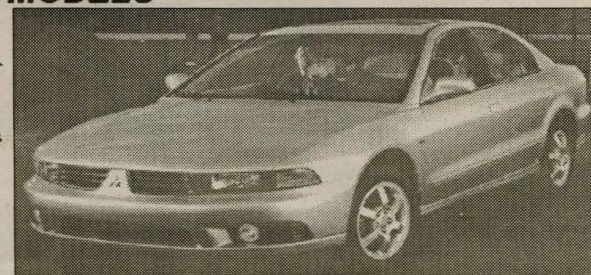
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