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#blessed

As we enter the holiday season, we at the BSJ want to take a moment to say thank you for being loyal readers. We are #blessed.

But seriously... The Strikers have so much to be thankful for this year, and that not only includes finding a family in Boston but also having sisters across the country. The community we are a part of allows us to be ourselves while enjoying the sport we all love, and for that we are grateful, thankful, and truly #blessed.

Okay, enough with the E*MO*TION and lets get to the good stuff.



Boston Strikers finish second in the BSSC 11 v 11 league

The Strikers finished second place in the Boston Ski and Sports Clubs 11 v 11 mens league this fall. It was a frigid night that had plenty of fire moments in a game that ended 0-0 in regulation.

The boys may have come up short in PKs but they will always be #1 in our hearts. They showed us how to keep your pony tails tight, heads up high, and prove on the pitch that we're some fierce queens.



!! Community Service Opportunity !!

When: Thursday, December 5th at 6pm
Where: Community Servings in Jamaica Plain, MA
What: Prepare made-from-scratch meals for home bound and critically ill individuals and families throughout MA

E-mail thebostonstrikers@gmail.com to sign up

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Dust off your turf shoes... it's time for indoor!

We're back at Teamworks Revere in Revere, MA this winter for **20 weeks** of fast-paced, against the boards, indoor soccer. There is limited space, so register ASAP.

THE DEETS

- Saturdays, 3-5pm at Teamworks Revere in Revere, MA
- 1 game per week, each consisting of two 25-minute halves
- 2 seasons, each consisting of 1 week of Open Play, 8 weeks of games, 1 week of playoffs
- Captains will draft teams each season
- **First week of Open Play is November 16th at 3pm**

Our indoor league is proudly sponsored by Cathedral Station

LIMITED SPACE so register ASAP on our website here: <http://bostonstrikers.com>

And don't forget: Winter Soccer Season Kick-off Party at BLEND on 11/22 where you will find out which cuties are on your team!



What happens in Vegas....



Registration will close December 7th, at which point we will finalize teams and reach out to all interested players with further details.

More information on the Sin City Classic can be found on their website here: www.sincityclassic.org

...better come back with us
in the form of some hardware!

We're headed back to Sin City for a second year to join over 8,000 LGBTQIA athletes in over 24 different sports for the 13th annual Sin City Classic!

If you're interested in playing with the Strikers, fill out the registration interest form on our website here: bostonstrikers.com/play/.



Strikers Spotlight

Each newsletter we're shining the spotlight on two of our players for you to get to know. No shin guards to protect them here! Oh and we're letting them pick the next two stars too!

Tyler

1. How long have you been playing with the Strikers?

I just hit one year! I started in the winter 2018 with indoor soccer.

2. What is your favorite Strikers memory?

Wigs & Heels PTown Classic 2019; it was my first time doing drag and I had a blast! I dressed as Taylor Swift and sang Lover walking down Commercial St in 4.5 inch heels, and I'll never forget it.

3. What is your favorite season with the Strikers?

BSSC Leagues - the games ended up being more competitive than I expected, which I enjoyed because we are always one of the best teams. It was great to be part of the team that won the Monday league last Spring.

4. What do you do for work:

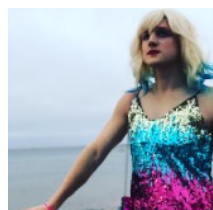
I am a CPA in the Forensic & Integrity Services practice at EY.

5. How long have you been living in the Boston area?

My whole life; born and raised in Saugus, MA.

6. Do you have any fun and/or traditional holiday plans this year?

This year I am actually going to Japan for fun with my sisters over Thanksgiving!



What are you currently obsessed with?

- **Song:** Maniac by Conan Gray
- **Movie:** Call Me By Your Name (obsessed again, about to read the sequel)
- **TV Show:** Schitt's Creek
- **Book:** Over The Top by JVN
- **Food:** Stir Fry from Honeygrow



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Erik

1. How long have you been playing with the Strikers?

It's been 3 years!

2. What is your favorite Strikers memory?

Winning Wigs & Heels for the PTown Classic in 2018!

3. What is your favorite season with the Strikers?

Wednesday Night 7v7s. It's fun to play under the lights all summer long.

4. What do you do for work:

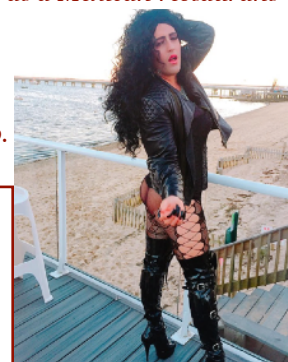
I am a full time student (Fashion Design) and outside of school, I work as a host and waiter at a Mexican restaurant

5. How long have you been living in the Boston area?

4 years.

6. Do you have any fun and/or traditional holiday plans this year?

I'm traveling with my boyfriend for the holidays. We are headed to Orlando and Puerto Rico.



What are you currently obsessed with?

- **Song:** Always Remember Us This Way by Lady Gaga
- **Movie:** A Star is Born
- **TV Show:** POSE
- **Food:** All the food my boyfriend makes!



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Get ready Jason Woodward and Andy Fanara... you're in the spotlight next!

Dear Daddy...

So I started seeing someone recently... it's only been a few weeks and we've only been on a few dates, but it feels serious. We actually talked back in May but then kind of drifted apart during the summer. Anyways, he invited me to his family's for Thanksgiving. He knows I don't have family here and said it's low-key, but I'm still not sure if I should go.

Sincerely,

A Young Male Turkey

Dear Jake,

Back in 2011, there was a seismic shift to the Earth's crust that caused abnormal tidal swells that ultimately impacted the tilt of our planet on its axis, introducing us to a fifth season: cuffing season. I would be remiss in giving you advice if I did not first suggest a bit of research on this season, maybe on Urban Dictionary.

But if it's loving that you want, then your predicament is one all too familiar with breeders and queers alike. It's tough this time of year because we often can't tell if that's butterflies in our stomachs or we are just hungry for the holidays (it's like hangry, but .. you get it). So here's what I want you do to... Answer these questions, add up your scores, and that will decide for you...

1. Will there be a turkey? Yes (5 point) or no (-100 points)
2. Will the stuffing be bread-based, even if its from a box (+5) or meat stuffing (-5)
3. Will dessert be pumpkin pie (+5) or apple pie (-5)
4. Will the cranberry sauce be fresh (+5), canned (+10) or just whole cranberries (-5)
5. Do they eat thanksgiving "dinner" at 1pm (-5), 4pm (+5) or 8pm (-10!)
6. Do you plan on bottoming after dinner? Yes (-10) or no (+5)
7. Will there be a drunk uncle? Yes (+5), No (-5), Yes but he wears a MAGA hat (-100)

If you end up in the negative, then I think you should sit this one out; grab some turkey deli meat, potato chips and a bottle of cheap red wine to enjoy while binge watching Queer Eye.

If you came out of those questions in the positive, then go ahead.... This suggests the quality of the meal (company included) will be worth the awkwardness of being introduced as his "new friend."

Either way, enjoy the holidays and make sure the turkey isn't the only thing getting stuffed. Don't fall victim to No Nut November.

Love, Daddy Tom, a Male Turkey

