**Sports**

**Jaguars baseball team tries its best**

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**Jail ball? Are these guys for real?**

By Michael Vaivao
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Basketball, a sport originally played with rules. But now there is a new form of basketball, with no limits. From people getting pushed into the walls or down on the concrete to players jumping with no limits. From people getting pushed into the rules. But now there is a new form of basketball, Jailball. It's violent, hectic, and crazy, according to Edgar Rivera, Jaguars baseball player, said.

The idea for jailball came from the original streetball game known as "King of the Court" and was played in jail. "It's made just for the sake of acting crazy," Rekif said.

"People are just all over the court fighting for their life and the basketball," Rekif Robinson, another sophomore jail ball player, said.

The lack of rules creates excitement and danger. "It was pretty hectic when I was playing. I didn't know if I would get jumped, etc. Getting the ball is like a matter of life and death," Edgar Rivera, a sophomore, said.

"Our weaknesses are pitching and defense," John Templeton, coach of baseball team, said.

"The sport has very aggressive players," Victor Cabral, another baseball team player, said. "Jailball is just basketball without rules. Anything can happen," Nicholas Reid, sophomore, said.

"You try to get the ball in the hoop. It's every man for himself," John David Morris, sophomore, said.

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"We keep together and never bring each other down," Felix Felix, Jaguars baseball team player, said.

"Our weaknesses in that we aren't a family. We don't have unity," Shacory Andujar, Jaguars baseball team player, said.

"Everyone takes the team as a joke and the school doesn't support us enough," Jesus Cabral, Jaguars baseball team player, said.

"We make too many errors while playing out in the field," Aleem Watson, Jaguars baseball team player, said.

However, the baseball team does have its strengths which allowed them to obtain victory in almost half of their games. Strangely, many of the players contradicted themselves by naming unity as one of their strengths and lack of unity as one of their weaknesses.

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**Middle school students join fencing club**

By Joseph Delgado
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Middle school students now have the opportunity to participate in a fencing club organized by Mr. Buxton.

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The fencing club was organized for the middle school students by their English teacher.

"I organized the club. I started fencing about two years ago. I was training for the Philadelphia Fencing Academy during the winter months, and training indoors on the treadmill, spin bike, and in the pool became monotonous. I happened to walk by the Sheridan Fencing Academy on the Upper East Side and thought, 'Why not?'" Mr. Buxton said.

"I thought it would be a great extra-curricular activity for our scholars for a number of reasons. I'm a very active person, and I'm always pushing our scholars to be active and make healthier eating choices. Fencing is a very demanding athletic pursuit. You're in constant motion. You get your heart rate up, and you sweat!" He thinks there may be academic benefits as well.

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