Boys and Girls Club to celebrate fifth anniversary

Nine-year-old V.J. Jackson concentrates on homework while fellow fourth graders LaRiah Clark and Nicholas Williams discuss their own assignments Wednesday at the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale.

For the last five years, the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale has been filled with children reading, studying, playing basketball and learning life lessons.

“We’re not a day care service,” said Executive Director Randy Osborn. “The kids are here to learn about responsibility and what it means to be a member of the club; what it means to participate and make a difference.”

The club has been making a difference in the lives of more than 500 members each year since it opened its doors in 2004 and tonight the club is hosting its fifth anniversary dinner and fundraiser at the civic center beginning at 6 p.m.

“We hope to raise $15,000, which is a lot of money, but we also want people to understand our methods and our mission,” Osborn said. “We want the public to invest more in our program as a way of investing in our future. Kids are our future.”

The event will feature local speakers and past students of the program. Chris Lowery, SIU men’s basketball coach and a member of the BGCC board, is scheduled to speak as well as BGCC’s Youth of the Year Julian Freeman.

Julian is very excited about speaking [tonight],” Osborn said. “She hopes to be an actress some day.”

Osborn said Freeman, who has attended the club since it opened, is one of the club’s many success stories. The club’s program is designed to help keep children motivated, occupied and safe while learning life skills.

“Our slogan is ‘a positive place for kids’ and I think that for most kids that’s what it has become,” said Program Director Jazzika Matthews. “We do have kids who deal with issues outside of here, but when they come in here they can shine like a star … we are that positive place for a lot of kids.

Arbor District, city officials at odds over crime

Residents in Carbondale’s Arbor District say they are seeing an increased amount of violent crimes and want more protection, but Mayor Brad Cole said some residents are not satisfied with the police department.

Arbor District resident D. Gorton sent a statistic to his neighbors reporting 48 percent of all Carbondale crimes were committed in their neighborhood prior to a Sept. 2 meeting with city officials and residents. At that meeting, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Gribbs presented data to Gorton and other residents that showed only 15 percent of all crimes occurred in the district.

The Arbor District is located just north of campus between Main and Mill Streets and University and Oakland Avenues.

Cole said nobody denies there is crime in the city, and the police department is working feverishly to solve and prevent crimes.

“It’s reporting that no matter what they do, it’s not good enough,” he said.

“We don’t live in a perfect world.”

The police department gave the residents a “quality of do not worry, everything is all right,” at the meeting, wrote Jane Adams, Arbor Dis- trict Neighborhood Association member, in an open letter to Chief of Police Judy O’Graff five days after the meeting.

“We feel that crime is out of control,” Adams wrote. “This sense of impotence and growing lack of confidence in the police is heightened when you deny that there is a problem.”

Gorton and Adams could not be reached for comment.

Sandy Livecy, president of the Arbor District Neighborhood As- sociation Board and seven-year resi- dent, said the citizens’ concerns are based on the accounts of victims and witnesses.

Cole said the city of Carbondale has enhanced its public safety staffing and is doing more to be proactive and try new techniques to stop criminal activity, but residents who witness crimes — like those Livecy mentioned — need to be aware of them.

Swine flu projected to hospitalize hundreds

The H1N1 virus, commonly known as the swine flu, is projected to hospitalize hundreds in the Jackson County area this flu season, said Martin Link-Mullison, direc- tor of the Jackson County Health Department.

Link-Mullison said if the projec- tions are true, seasonal flu vaccines are more important than ever to reduce stress on medical response.

“The more people we can get vaccinated now for seasonal flu, the less likely they are to get sea- sonal flu and tax the community’s resources,” she said. “That keeps resources available for our response to H1N1.”

A vaccine for the virus is slated to be available in late October or early November, and the Center for Disease Control and Preven- tion, which has been monitoring the virus since spring, has not seen any major mutations, said Link- Mullison.

Despite the projection, most people who become infected with the virus are going to have a fairly mild illness, she said.

City Manager Allen Gill said he is not overly concerned about a possible outbreak, but the city is still taking precautions such as dis- tributing hand sanitizer to various locations, encouraging employees to report symptoms and posting flis- tes detailing prevention measures.

City employers can get a free seasonal flu vaccination Sept. 28 at the Recreation Center, while their family members can pay $10 to re- ceive shots as well, Gill said.

Link-Mullison said the health department is also working with public and private schools and communities to set up public sea- sonal flu vaccination clinics.

The H1N1 virus can potentially hurt the travel business as well, said David Coracy, President of Carbon- dale’s B&A Travel Service. He said some concerns have faded, though, and later effects of the virus on his business are yet to be seen.
**BOT to discuss Fiscal Year 2011 Budget**

Madeline Leroux

**City Editor**

SIU spokesman Dave Gross said the board of trustees would discuss the budget for fiscal year 2011, which does not look good after cuts in state appropriations and the lack of federal stimulus money.

“The stimulus money will not be available next year to the state of Illinois, and that makes about 6 percent of our appropriation this year,” Gross said. “We’ve had almost a complete collapse in our revenues.”

Gross said the board, which meets today in Edwardsville, would likely have a heated discussion on solutions for the FY11 budget. He said Gov. Pat Quinn’s proposed tax increase seems to be the best course of action, but it had no support when it was brought up in the spring.

The board would also approve the budget for fiscal year 2010, he said, which the university has been operating on since July.

“The investigation into the two shooting incidents that occurred late Friday evening and early Saturday morning while both serious crimes, have been determined to have been a result of personal disputes between acquaintances, not random acts of violence,” Smith and Greer are incarcerated at the Jackson County Jail. The juvenile is being held in the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center.

**Calendars**

**3:30 p.m. Irwin 110: The Arts, Media, and Mass Communication**

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College of Engineering dean search canceled

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The search for a permanent dean for the College of Engineering has been canceled because of uncertainty in the university’s budget for fiscal year 2011.

Interim Provost Don Rice, in an e-mail sent to College of Engineering faculty, said the search has been canceled because there is “no vacant line or salary in the College for FY11 with which to hire a new dean.”

“The search had narrowed down to three candidates who were invited to interview on campus in late April. One candidate withdrew shortly after to take a position elsewhere, and the final interview for the third candidate was canceled after the May 8 storm hit Carbondale.”

According to the e-mail, the search was postponed after the end of spring semester because many faculty members were off-campus in summer, and administrative and faculty searches cannot be conducted when faculty are not on-contract.

Rice said in the e-mail the lack of federal stimulus money in FY11 combined with the declining amount of state appropriations and falling enrollments could result in a “stabilize budget situation for the University.”

“He said to afford hiring a new dean, money for the salary would have to come from major reallocations of resources in the College of Engineering.”

“Another position has been open since William Osbourne retired Jan. 4, 2008.”

Bamanyanam Vasantwaran said he has been interim dean of the college for 19 months and has been asked to continue until there is a renewed search.

“It is kind of new to me,” Vasantwaran said. “So I get all the help from our chairs and the associate dean and our deans’ staff.”

Chancellor Sam Goldman declined to comment on the search cancellation.

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"Earlier in the year... we had a lot of people change destinat- ions to avoid any possible issues," Corac said. "We did have some people who canceled their plans." Linde-Mulchow said pregnant women, children of all ages and people with underlying chronic diseases such as neurological disorders, heart disease, diabetes and respiratory illnesses are at highest risk for a serious H1N1 infection.

"It takes everybody to solve this problem, and I’m so excited to hear what he’s going to say," Albers said. "I’m still pinching myself, I’m not sure how I got here."

Albers said she has been involved with a program in Sangamon County, called Coordinated Access to Community Health, to improve access to health care for low-income, uninsured residents. Albers said the program is still in its early stages after about a year of planning and is based off DiPage Access, which has brought many different medical services together to establish a medical home for primary care in DiPage County.

Hopefully, she said, Coordinated Access to Community Health will expand to provide more than just medical service, but also include dental and mental health.

Albers said many people ask her why she started the program when Obama is pushing major health care reforms. She said the answer is simple.

"We can’t wait any longer," Albers said. "We can see people falling through the cracks every day and we try to do our best, but it’s Band-Aiding things instead of redrafting the entire system." Mulka said it was the work Albers did in Sangamon County that kept her in close contact with Dushin’s office. When he chose a guest to invite to visit with Washington, Mulka said, Albers name was already known in the office.

Albers said she was looking forward to hearing Obama’s speech, but was mainly looking forward to the changes on the way.

“Hopefully that will be just the first step of some major changes because we know we need ‘em,” Albers said.

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"We need the neighbors to help us, not point fingers at us," Cole said.

Litleyce said the board discovered uninsured thefts while trying to organize their neighbors.

"We all of the sudden discovered this was going on," she said. "As we go out and talk to residents and students, you find out these things." O’Guinn said there were extra patrols dispatched to the Arbor District two weeks prior to the meeting on Sept. 22, and Litleyce praised the police department for its effort and responsiveness and said she noticed the patrols.

"But since the robbery and murder of 22-year-old Ryan Living- ison three years ago, there’s been an increase in gun and knife-relat- ed crimes and beatings, Litleyce cited a recent incident on Poplar and Cherry Street in which gunshots were heard.

Livingston, of Carterville, was stabbed in the 300 block of West Walnut Street after a July 13, 2006 Sunset Concert and told police before he died the next day that two males attempted to rob him.

Cole said he is committed to providing for a safe community, and while he sticks up for the Carbondale Police Department, he said no one more is critical of its productivity than him.

"Our job is to catch the offenders, which we do, and turn them over for prosecution, and in the meanwhile, do the best we can to help people to be safe in their homes and in their businesses," Cole said. "It is just very frustrat- ing that a few people seem to never
Obama to Congress: ‘Time for bickering is over’

President Obama shakes hands with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi as he enters the House of Representatives to address a joint session of Congress on health care reform Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON — Shaking off a summer of setbacks, President Barack Obama summoned Congress to enact sweeping health care legislation Wednesday night, declaring the “time for bickering is over” and the moment has arrived to protect millions who have unreliable insurance or no coverage at all.

Obama said the changes he has in mind would cost about $900 billion over 10 years, more than was spent on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and less than the tax cuts for the wealthiest few Americans passed during the Bush administration.

In a televised speech to a joint session of Congress, Obama spoke in favor of an option for the federal government to sell insurance in competition with private industry. But he said he was open to alternatives that create choices for consumers — a declaration sure to displease liberal supporters.

Obama said the changes he and his allies in Congress need for an autumn campaign to enact his top domestic priority. While Democrats command strong majorities in both the House and Senate, neither chamber has acted on Obama’s top domestic priority, missing numerous deadlines deadlines had set for themselves.

In a fresh sign of urgency, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., announced that his Senate Finance Committee would meet in two weeks to begin drafting legislation, whether or not a handful of Democrats and Republicans have come to an agreement. The panel is the last of five acting in Congress, and while the outcome is uncertain, it is the only one where bipartisanship has been given a chance to flourish.

Obama said there is widespread agreement on about 80 percent of what must be included in legislation. Any yet, initialState, Republican without saying so, he added: “Instead of honest debate, we have seen scare tactics and ideological warfare that offers no hope for compromise.”

“Well, the time for bickering is over,” he said. “The time for compromise passed. Now is the season for action.”

“I am not the first president to take up this cause, but I am determined to be the last,” he added. The president was an almost bipartisan and tough on his Republican critics. He singled out Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., for praise at one point. Yet, moments later he accused Republicans of spreading the “cynical and irresponsible” charge that the legislation would include “death panels” with the power to hasten the death of senior citizens.

In one gesture to Republicans, Obama said his administration would authorize a series of test programs in some states to check the impact of medical malpractice changes on health insurance costs.

In a reflection of the stakes, White House aides mustered all the traditional pomp they could for a presidential trip to the center of change Washington. The setting was a State of the Union-like joint session of Congress, attended by lawmakers, members of the Cabinet and diplomats.

The House was packed, and loud applause greeted the president when he walked down the center aisle of the House chamber.

Additionally, the White House invited as guests men and women who have suffered from high costs and insurance practices, seating them near first lady Michelle Obama. Vicki Kennedy, the widow of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., was also on the guest list. Kennedy, who died last month, had made health care a career-long cause.

Obama intends to follow up the speech with an appearance Saturday in Minneapolis, the White House announced.

Despite deep-seated differences among lawmakers, Obama drew a standing ovation when he recounted stories of Americans whose coverage was denied or delayed by their insurers with catastrophic results.

“That is heartbreaking, it is wrong, and no one should be treated that way in the United States of America,” Obama said.

The president sought to cast his own plan as being in the comfortable political middle, rejecting both the government-run systems that some liberals favor and the Republican-backed approach under which all consumers buy health insurance on their own.

Obama said the legislation he seeks would guarantee insurance to consumers, regardless of pre-existing medical conditions, as well as other protections. “As soon as I sign this bill, it will be against the law for insurance companies to drop your coverage when you get sick or water it down when you need it most,” he added.

The president assured us that insurance that “nothing in this plan will require you or your employer to change the coverage or the price you pay.”

Obama also said the legislation he seeks would help those who lack insurance to afford it. “These are not primarily people on welfare,” he said in a line that appeared aimed at easing concerns about working-class voters. “These are middle-class Americans.”

The president also said he wants legislation that “will slow the growth of health care costs for our families.”

Obama said a collective failure to meet the challenge of overhauling health care for decades has “led us to a breaking point.”

Responding on behalf of Republicans, Rep. Charles Boustany, R-La., said in exasperated released in advance that the country wants Obama to instruct Democratic congressional leaders that “we’re going to start over on a common-sense, bipartisan plan focused on lowering the cost of health care while improving quality.”

“Replacing your family’s current health care with government-run health care is not the answer,” said Boustany, a former cardiac surgeon.
President Barack Obama’s health care reforms have been labeled by his critics as “socialized medicine.”

He wants to address school children in order to promote his “socialist agenda.” Etc. etc.

So what is Socialism, and is our president a Socialist? Adam Turl, a longtime member of the International Socialist Organization, is seeking to organize a chapter at SIU. He weighed in on the topic.

“One of the biggest shares peddled by the right wing about Socialism is the idea that Socialism is merely about state control or intervention in the economy,” Turl said.

“That is far from the truth. The idea of a genuine socialist system is that there are no privileges in our society. There are no classes,” said Turl.

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Racing down a dream
James Durbin Daily Egyptian

Parker Kligerman is living his childhood dream.
Kligerman of Westport, Ct., is a development driver for Penske Motorsports and one of the top drivers in the ARCA RE/MAX Series at only 19 years old. The motorsports series races cars similar in appearance to those seen in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Many of the current ARCA RE/MAX Series cars were used in past NASCAR competitions. Kligerman hopes to make it to NASCAR competition one day, just as fellow Penske Motorsport drivers Kurt Busch and Sam Hornish Jr. have done. Kligerman had a chance to show his NASCAR potential in the Southern Illinois 100 at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds Monday.

After scrapping the wall in the qualifying round at the one-mile dirt track, Kligerman was forced to start the race in last place. Despite the setback, he made his way to the front of the pack by lap 35 and went on to win the event.

“This is only my second time on a dirt track, and it wasn’t as grievous as all,” said Kligerman, regarding his qualifying accident. Kligerman dedicated his win to the team who hastily repaired the car.

“These guys are awesome,” he said. “They did a great job fixing the car in record time.”

The rookie talent in the ARCA RE/MAX series is not limited to Kligerman. Another fan favorite at the event was Justin Lofton, 23, of Westmorland, Calif. Lofton, also inexperienced when it comes to dirt tracks, made heavy contact with the outside retaining wall during qualifying, wrecking the care. Lofton’s crew was forced to make last-minute preparations to his backup road-course car.

“I’ve never raced it this year,” Lofton said. “We changed the swaybars, springs, front ‘A-arm and rear gear.”

Lofton started at the back of the pack with Kligerman, but stayed on track throughout the race, salvaging a sixth-place finish and keeping his season points lead locked down. Kligerman’s win closed the gap between him and Lofton to only 35 points.

Mike Johnson, a 43-year-old California native, poses for a photo.
Johnson has been employed by a sub contractor for the Miller family.

Funny business
Edyta Blaszczuk Evan Davis Daily Egyptian

The Miller family has five generations and more than 100 years of experience in the carnival business.

It all started in 1906 when the great-grandfather, Gene Miller, of current owner Fred Miller, formed Miller Concession based out of Little Rock, Arkansas. The business started off by providing food for fairs across the country. That little business eventually grew when Gene’s son, Burt Miller began managing carnival buying equipment.

The success evolved into creating Miller’s own Carnival: Miller’s Gala Expo Show, which started in 1958. From the naming changed to Miller Bros Spectacular in the 1970’s to Miller Spectacular Shows in 1983.

Now Fred Miller, his son, and Fred’s son, Johnny Miller run the business. Fred is most of the actual planning. His business travels as far northeast as St. Joseph, Missouri and as far southwest as Albuquerque, Mexico and he does all of the planning on the road.

“It all started years ago with seven
Muscle Hill delivers victory despite delay

**Julia Rendleman**

*Daily Egyptian*

Harness racing fans at this year’s Du Quoin State Fair were treated to an appearance by the world’s fastest 3-year-old trotting horse, Muscle Hill.

Prior to Saturday’s race, Muscle Hill had a 14-race winning streak, with the only loss of his career coming in his first ever start, said Sylvia Hovde, Muscle Hill’s groom. He also won the Hambletonian, another prestigious harness race, on Aug. 8, and is estimated to be worth nearly $6 million.

After several rain delays, the post time for the first of 13 races was moved from noon to 6 p.m. The delay did not stop many racing fans from returning to the Grandstand for the much anticipated final race. Muscle Hill won the race with a time of 1 minute, 52.3 seconds.

Greg Peck, the horse’s trainer, compared Muscle Hill to a championship quarterback who is able to keep his poise under pressure.

“He was gifted with speed and talent. And again, the reason I have him to a quarterback is because he has the intelligence and he’s very aware,” Peck said.

Ellen Harvey, a representative for the United States Trotting Association, said Muscle Hill would race for one more year before beginning his stud service. Harvey estimates that Muscle Hill’s stud fee will be around $20,000 and he will sire 110-120 foals a year.

Endearing Elvis fan entertains fair-goers

**Isaac Smith**

*Daily Egyptian*

One white suit, some glitter, gold rings and sideburns—that’s all Scott Wattles needs to get on stage.

Wattles is an Elvis impersonator, perfecting the classic voice and signature hip thrust after more than five years of practice.

The Blue Suede Crew, Wattles’ band, played eight nights in the Free Entertainment Tent at the Du Quoin State Fair. Wattles sang each night wearing his white Las Vegas Elvis jumpsuit fitted with beaded leather fringe as Elvis’ classic intro theme played over the speakers.

After working through an hour’s worth of material, Wattles left the stage to take a breather and change costumes. He left band member Keith Furry to do three songs as Johnny Cash.

When he shed the jewelry and costumes, Wattles said he is just another guy. He is a student-discipline worker at Matson Illinois Middle School where his wife teaches physical education.

“I work with a lot of at-risk kids who are at risk for either substance abuse or academic failure,” Wattles said.

Even though he mostly plays for fun, Wattles said he does take Elvis seriously and his role as an entertainer to heart.

“When I perform, I guess it is a tribute. I don’t try to over-personalize . . . I don’t let it go to my head,” Wattles said about his act. “Elvis was America. There is no other better way to describe it.”
Salukis ready to build off record year

Former No. 1 Fadzai Mawisire returns as student assistant coach

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The best finish since 1991 wasn’t good enough for the SIU women’s tennis team.

The Salukis posted their best record since 1991’s last season and the SIU players said they could accomplish even more this year.

“The team is looking a lot stronger, and I don’t see why we shouldn’t win the MVC tournament,” student assistant coach Padrea Mawisire said. “They should be able to do it if they work hard and do their best.”

Mawisire was the No. 1 seed on the team last year and the No. 3 seed overall in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. She returns this year to help the tennis team as their student assistant coach.

With the conference tournament a semester away, the Salukis’ goal is to prepare for the individual tournament season.

Head coach Audra Nothwehr, entering her third season with SIU, views the first two tournaments of the year as a means to get her players ready for trials ahead.

“We want to go out there and play and get in some good competition before our two main ones, the MVC Individuals and the ITA Regionals,” Nothwehr said. “Those are the ones that really mean something and we want to build up and get ready for those.”

Nothwehr said she was surprised by some of the developments leading up to this season.

Last season, a freshman, Emily Whitney was slotted as No. 7 on the team and did not get a regular chance to play.

She enters her sophomore season as the No. 2 player on the team after improvements throughout the summer. She will make her debut at No. 2 in Friday’s Blue-Gray Fall Invitational in Montgomery, Ala.

“Emily came back and now she is just beating everybody,” Nothwehr said.

Nothwehr said she is also trying to get the new players acquainted to the team. Freshman Jennifer Dien is playing in the tournament this weekend and freshman Melanie Delhart has already drawn comparisons to Mawisire from Nothwehr.

“I am both nervous and excited at the same time,” Dien said. “It is my first college tournament and I want to do well.”

While Delhart is getting impressive comparisons from her college coach, Dien is getting lofty expectations from her former coach.

“My coach back home wants me to become an All-American freshman,” Dien said. “I don’t know if I can accomplish that, but I do want to play as much as I can this year.”

The Blue-Gray Fall Institutional begins Friday and lasts until Monday.

Vishakha Sheoran attempts her slice at tennis practice Wednesday. Sheoran was the No. 2 seed on the tennis team last year. Head coach Audra Nothwehr said she hopes Sheoran can replicate her success and possibly even play at No. 1 this season.

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The SIU men’s golf team is ready to make history one swing at a time behind the care of returned leaders. Seniors Jordan Cox, Blake Driskell and Patrick Schell are three of the 11 returning players that will be the 17th SIU team looking to win its first Missouri Valley Conference championship.

“This is one of the championships that the three of us are working as hard as we can and if the freshmen players are that then it will rub off on them,” Schell said. “I feel like we are already working together more this season.”

The men’s golf team is heading south to compete in the Wabash Valley Fall Kickoff Monday at the Pine Mountain Resort in Pinnacle, Ky.

Freshmen Jeff Miller and Jake Erickson qualified for the tournament along with the three seniors to fill the roster for SIU’s first trip.

Miller said he is excited to get on the course for the first time as a member of the Salukis.

“I can be a role player and I can shoot at the very least a decent score to add to the seniors scores, we’ll have a pretty good shot at winning conference this year,” Miller said.

Erickson said collegiate golf is different than what he was accustomed to in high school.

“We had a qualifying match this past weekend at Cape Girardeau at Dillardus Country Club and I shot a 77,” Erickson said. “That will be one of the toughest courses we will play on. It is good to see where I am at.”

Men’s golf coach Lenyo Newton said he is expecting a great year and said the freshmen players will be vital to the success of the team.

“The freshmen are going to have to put up good scores because we are going to have to count on them,” Newton said. “I do feel they are very capable of putting up low scores.”

Newton said while the teams to beat in the MVC are Wisconsin State and Illinois State, the Salukis are ready to shock the conference.

“The seniors are real positive and they can’t wait to get out and play,” Newton said. “If the freshmen can come along over the course of the season I think we can beat anybody anywhere.”

Saluki bank on experience

Bears Cutler prep for regular season debut
Andrew Seligman
TIM ASSOCIATED PRESS
LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Now all Jay Cutler has to do is deliver.

After all the hype and hoopla surrounding his arrival in Chicago, the Pro Bowl quarterback was the Bears’ opener following an obsession that seemed like a blue.

And has this thing for a starter?

Rival Green Bay in prime time at Lambeau Field on Sunday, as if that spotlight on him wasn’t bright enough already.

Of course, Cutler’s been center stage the entire offseason.

There was the falling out in Denver over new coach Josh McDaniels’ pursuit of Matt Cassel and, ultimately, the big trade. Now, he’s the focus of the optimism in Chicago, where the Bears are coming off back-to-back playoff misses since their run to the Super Bowl.

“It’s gone by pretty fast,” Cutler said Wednesday. “The whole thing was a done deal, we’ve been in kind of fast-forward mode with running the offense, trying to get through OTA’s and preseason.

First game on us, I think everyone in this community is excited.”

No one needed to remind Cutler about the history between these teams.

The game will be the 178th between them, including a playoff encounter, but this one has a twist. Both team boast top young quarterbacks and have high expectations this season, with Sports Illustrated even picking the Bears to go to the Super Bowl.

“It’s great for the rivalry,” Packers coach Mike McCarthy said.

In Denver, Cutler played in some charged games against San Diego and faced with quarterback Philip Rivers. That probably won’t happen with the Packers’ Aaron Rodgers.

Cutler said they became friends at some functions and he even tested his Packers pal after the big trade. What was the message?

“I said, ‘Guess we get to see you twice a year now,” he said.

Rodgers said he didn’t remember that message but that Cutler did wish him good luck in a text on Tuesday. As for the Cutler-Rivers feud, well, “I’m not even going to touch that one,” he said.

While the quarterback portion of this rivalry appears to be a friendly one, Cutler knows what to expect in his first trip to Lambeau Field.

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