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LETTERS: WOLMAN BEATS SNIDER BY A MILE

PHILLY SPORT received more than 60 letters and emails commenting on the articles on Jerry Wolman and Ed Snider in the January 2011 issue, the highest total of any articles in the magazine's five-year history. Here is a fair representation:

PHILLY SPORT's article about one-time Eagles owner Jerry Wolman, the man who deserves the rightful recognition of making Philadelphia a true "big league professional sports city," exemplified a sense of compassion, humility and the courage to rise from the ashes of despair.

The article, so well written, certainly brought out the true meaning of mankind and the spirit of man. Wolman, by all accounts, needs to be recognized as the "Godfather of South Philly Sports." Without him there would be no Flyers to cheer, no Spectrum to remember, no Dr. J to soar through the famed arena. And through his generosity he WAS the owner of the Flyers. Ed Snider by all accounts would never be in this position today if it weren't for Jerry Wolman!

A Greek Tragedy if ever there was one, as told by PHILLY SPORT. And his book, "Jerry Wolman, The World's Richest Man," is so heartwarming and a must read, and not just from a sports view, but life-long lessons that everyone can live by.

Wolman is the real Rocky Balboa! A Philadelphia sports hero!

Sam Matt
Times-Shamrock Publications
Hazleton, Pa.



Thanks to PHILLY SPORT for that great piece on Jerry Wolman, who obviously deserves the credit for many of the accomplishments Ed Snider has taken bows for since 1967.

I looked up my copy of "Full Spectrum," Snider's version of events which should be classified as fiction, and sure enough there is a picture of Mayor Tate breaking ground for the Spectrum, with Jerry Wolman cropped out!

Is there anything more pathetic than an insecure, small man taking credit for things he didn't do and then denigrating the man who gave him his first job as a favor to his dad?

Great magazine!

Peg Kirkpatrick
Bryn Mawr

Just read your great pieces on Wolman and Snider.

One question:

Why is it that the self-important Inquirer and Daily News journalists who flap their gums every day on "Daily News Live" have never questioned Snider on any of his ridiculous claims. It doesn't appear to have been too difficult to ascertain the objective truth.

Only Stan Hochman seems to have an

appropriate level of cynicism about Snider's one-man campaign of lies about Wolman.

My conclusion is that "DNL" is an adjunct of Comcast, and "Mr. Snider" - which is how most of them refer to him, as if he is a potentate - is a Comcast employee. A double standard, perhaps?

Alan McCarthy
Malvern

Last week, heading out of Philadelphia on a family vacation, I had an opportunity to pick up a copy of PHILLY SPORT. I read the story on Jerry Wolman three times within the course of a week.

I am a 51-year-old lifelong Philadelphian, who like many has lived and died with our sports teams. All I can say is thank you, Mr. Wolman, for all that you did to pave the way for millions of Philadelphia sports fans, most whom never knew that you were the driving force behind most of it (including myself). My three children read the article, and in short, cannot believe that your statue wasn't in front of the Spectrum for all that you did.

As for Ed Snider, nothing surprising there. My wife read the article after I did, and we both agree that the picture of Wolman and his granddaughter Robyn smiling at her wedding says it all - Snider couldn't buy that happiness for a billion dollars. Thank you again!

We can't wait to buy the book!

Jim Duffy
Warrington

So let me get this straight. Ed Snider says the Spectrum was "his baby" even though Jerry Wolman planned it, paid for it and had it built.

Then Snider shows up at the demolition of the Spectrum and has to leave before the wrecking ball connects because he can't bear to watch, and he can go all boo-hoo in his limo.

Quite a bad actor is Ed Snider. His continuing betrayal of the man who made him is stunning.

Henry Doyle
Philadelphia

It is no wonder that Ed Snider is a disciple of Ayn Rand, whose entire body of thought and writing can be summed up in one word:

Selfishness.

And it is also no wonder that Snider couldn't be bothered to rehash these events.

That is the typical response from someone who has just been busted.

Peggy Matthews
Haddonfield