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# Pizarro: San Jose Sports Hall of Fame inducts a quartet of stars

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The 20th annual class of the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame, inducted in a gala ceremony Monday night at SAP Center, was filled with stars: Soccer icon Julie Foudy, former A's owner Steve Schott, former NFL coach Dick Vermeil and former Sharks captain Owen Nolan. But the milestone show had to go on without its regular host, Sharks announcer Randy Hahn.

A daring plan was devised to fly the broadcaster to San Jose between Sunday's Sharks game in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Tuesday's game in Buffalo, but the terrible weather on the East Coast put that idea on ice -- or snow.

Robert Braunstein, the host of Cal-Hi Sports Bay Area, donned his tux and did a great job filling in as host, though the honorees themselves provided all the entertainment the packed audience of 800 people needed. Foudy, the Stanford soccer player who went on to a stellar career with the U.S. Women's National Team, may have had the line of the night when she said that people sometimes confuse her with teammate Brandi Chastain, famous for her "sports bra moment" as the U.S. won the 1999 World Cup.

"Now I'm the one with the big bust in the SAP Center," Foudy joked. Of course, Chastain's own bronze likeness isn't far away -- she was inducted in 2012.

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STAGE FRIGHT: Nathan Stark is having a ball singing the lead role of Mustafa in Opera San Jose's "The Italian Girl in Algiers," but on opening night Saturday at the California Theatre, he almost had too much fun.

At one point in the energetic action, he took a leap onto a giant circular pouf -- which unexpectedly slid across the stage like a skateboard before careening into some pillars. Tenor Michael Dailey and baritone Matthew Hanscom were unaware of the shenanigans





going on behind them and kept singing.

Fortunately, the show is already a comedy, so the near spill fit right in. Hilarity ensues at the show through Nov. 30, and you can get ticket information at [www.operasj.org](http://www.operasj.org).

LITERACY GOAL: In addition to the Gift of Reading book drive that I wrote about this week, the Sharks Foundation and Comerica Bank are having a collection drive Friday to support their "Reading is Cool" program. Goaltender Alex Stalock will be signing autographs at 3:30 p.m. at Comerica's banking center at 444 N. Santa Cruz Ave. in Los Gatos. Just bring a new or gently used kids book to donate.

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