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Battle of the Bark

In Boston sports radio, the recent launch of *The Sports Hub* (WBZ-FM, 98.5) has given reigning heavyweight champ WEEI (850 AM) its first legitimate challenger. After nearly two months of listening in, here's how they stack up. **BY CHAD FINN**



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WEEI

THE SPORTS HUB

1991	ALL-SPORTS FORMAT SINCE	August 13
Broadcasts Red Sox and Celtics games.	PLAY-BY-PLAY POWER	Broadcasts Patriots and Bruins games.
<p>Glenn Ordway, the disingenuous but undeniably talented ringleader of the drive-time shout-fest <i>The Big Show</i> (2-6 p.m.).</p> 	GO-TO GUY	<p>Michael Felger, afternoon co-host (2-6 p.m.) and ubiquitous former <i>Herald</i> sportswriter, who got his break in radio on now-rival Ordway's show.</p> 
<p>No one. The daily lineup has been the same since December 2005.</p> 	ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	<p>Damon Amendolara (6-11 p.m.). He's prepared, easygoing, engaging - never mind that he's from New York.</p> 
<p>The relentlessly hammy Mike Adams (6-11 p.m.), for his repetitive, scatological punch lines.</p>	SHIP HIM TO THE MINORS	<p>Afternoon co-host Gary Tanguay (10 a.m.-2 p.m.), when he goes into Chicken Little mode after the Sox lose two in a row.</p> 
<p><i>Dale and Holley</i> (10 a.m.-2 p.m.), hosted by resident voices of reason Michael Holley and Dale Arnold.</p>	MOST ENJOYABLE SHOW	<p>WBCN refugee <i>Toucher and Rich</i> (6-10 a.m.). It helps if your humor leans toward the ribald.</p> 
<p>Morning co-host Gerry Callahan (6-10 a.m.) begins one of his Howie Carr-wannabe rants on politics.</p>	LUNGE FOR THE DIAL WHEN . . .	<p>The "Ask a Pink Hat" segment on <i>Toucher and Rich</i>, mocking faux fans, runs beyond a few minutes.</p>
<p>Bill Belichick's weekly in-season Monday spot on <i>The Big Show</i>. His comfort with the ex-jock co-hosts leads to occasional and surprising candor.</p>	WORTH STAYING TUNED FOR	<p>Midday co-host Scott Zolak (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) sometimes sounds like a frat boy, but the ex-QB is insightful on the Pats.</p>
<p>Lenny Clarke, who's built a lengthy comedy career around the shaky premise that shrill equals funny.</p> 	CELEBRITY CALLER/ CONTRIBUTOR	<p>None, which might be the most promising indication yet that it knows what listeners want.</p>
<p>Curt Schilling. Oversize, opinionated, overbearing, occasionally informed, and tremendously successful. He's now an EEI contributor. Naturally.</p>	IF THE STATION WERE AN ATHLETE, IT WOULD BE . . .	<p>Jacoby Ellsbury. Burst on the scene in impressive fashion, but still has some small but correctable flaws in its game.</p>

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