

FISH: MODANO TALKS RESTAURANT BIZ

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Following up on D Mag's item on Brett Hull and Mike Modano deciding to open up a restaurant together, I rolled over and engaged Mo in a little pillow talk.

"Yeah, we're going to try to have it ready in time for football season, for September," Modano tells DallasBasketball.com. "It'll be kind of an upscale sports-themed deal, a restaurant, and then a big room in back for the guys to hang out."

After making sure I would be allowed to "hang out" (and at brother-in-law prices, I would damn sure assume), I asked more about the motif. And yeah, it'll be pretty Dallas Stars/hockey intense. Plus, I'm sure, football and junk. Mo was quite the tall, skinny junior-high quarterback back in the Detroit suburbs, you know.

"Hully and his dad (the equally legendary Bobby Hull) are coming up with a lot of stuff, classy memorabilia, old hockey photos and keepsakes, plus other sports stuff," Mo said. "All classy, though."

The restaurant side of the establishment — which will reportedly be in the Quadrangle -- will be overseen by Eddie Cervantes, who just sold out of Primos (the legendary McKinney Ave. hangout of sportswriters and jocks and SMU trust-fund babies and other pretty people.) I reminded Modano that one drunken night a decade ago, the idea of a restaurant was supposed to result in a "Fish & Mo's." So since I actually owned some intellectual property on the Modano-hotspot thing before Brett Hull was even a twinkle in Dallas' eye. "OK, fine, you eat free," Modano told me. "But don't tell Brett and Eddie."

So, they took away my dream. They took away my spirit. But they can never take away my freedom ... to eat and drink at discounted prices.