

At 23:19 on 11/29/2001, SolTrain wrote:

Greg:

It has almost been two months. Please stop.

Of course, I can understand how you continue to beat yourself up over this as the Browns SUCK and there is nothing else in your life to take your fried rotisserie mind off of how absolutely close you came to winning a LTBNL title. I know you have to be heart-broken that some little banjo hitting Bucky Dent wanna-be ruined your title hopes in the last inning of the last game of the season. I'm just glad the commissioner was able to get the league trophy plaque and the celebratory bottles of YooHoo out of your locker room before your dejected team quit their crying and ran to seek the shelter of their lockers.

Do everyone a favor. Seek therapy. Hell, just start preparing for next year. I am sure that there is some undiscovered low "A" ball player out there you can fantasize over that should get you through the winter and maybe even to Spring Training.

Greg, in all seriousness, the sun will come up tomorrow.

SolTrain
(still seeking a title and with nothing in the cupboard)

At 11:46 on 11/28/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom:

How is the recount coming?

Sincerely,

Al Gore

At 22:25 on 10/31/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

My book is almost done. It is tentatively called Incest is Best: How I Got Jobbed by My Brother.

At 18:51 on 10/26/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I know what happened. I don't quite understand it, but I know what happened. Better than anybody. Believe me.

At 15:28 on 10/22/2001, Underdaws wrote:

Greg, Are you still trying to understand what happened on that weekend?

At 8:35 on 10/9/2001, SolTrain wrote:

Oh My God! Stop the presses! Not only does a May win the title but the Southpaws just wrote what I think is their first intelligible and free of grammatical error message!

I think everyone should give Southy a call and congratulate him.

At 13:32 on 10/8/2001, Underdaws wrote:

Great job, Brett. People really remember who comes in second or third or what ever place you finished in.

At 13:23 on 10/8/2001, Southpaws wrote:

The front office would like to reflect... We had a good year of Southpaw baseball. Unfortunately we were unable to get the timely pitching when we needed it the most.

I would like to honor a few Southpawers who had years for the ages:

First, Barry Bonds. You may be an Ass, but you are a fantastic baseball player. Your record will stand for several years. You heard right, this record will not be broken for a long time. We look forward to seeing you in Cooperstown in a Southpaw Uniform.

Second, we would like to pay tribute to Ricky for being Ricky, Another first ballot hall of famer. Ricky has redefined the leadoff position and turning a single into a triple.

Third, we want to say thanks to Jimmy Rollins, a surefire rookie of the year if not for Greg's inflamed Pujol. Congrats on the stolen base crown.

It is hard to imagine that with all these great performances we won't even be able to pay our expenses. Being a small market team, it will be difficult to keep our core together. We look forward to the challenge of rebuilding and making another run at the money.

Ps. Do I get anything for all the records my players set this year???????

At 13:21 on 10/8/2001, Underdawks wrote:

I just received a call from Al (greg) Gore asking for my support on league wide vote. He is asking for a league wide investigation. You lost Greg!

At 9:57 on 10/8/2001, Underdawks wrote:

Doug calling out big brother "who brought me into this league"

At 9:22 on 10/8/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Thanks for all the kind words. Yesterday was the most exciting, nerve racking, ulcer-inducing, constipating day in team history. As I sit here Monday morning, I still cannot believe the string of events that took place. Perhaps only the Peckers and I will ever really know how close it really was.

I'd like to congratulate all my opponents on a great season. I'd also like to thank the Peckers for bringing me into this great League 13 years ago.

I end this incredible season with two quotes....

"Don't give up, don't EVER give up."

-Jim Valvano

"Today...I am the greatest!"

-Rickey Henderson

At 8:47 on 10/8/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Doug- Well done. I am excited for you, Sarah, the boys and the entire Dougout organization. Heard Charlie got laid last night in the postgame festivities!!! Thank god Greg or Solis didn't win. I do not think I could have taken the draft. Greg

Greg, Maybe if you spent a little more time in the front office in June and July you could have pulled this thing off. Oh well, your handicap went down.

Scott, great effort. Now get back to your wife. The girl has been all alone for months and she needs you. You will have other chances go concentrate on what's important.

You all should pat Doug on the back, tell him congratulations and tell him not serve Blazinor burgers on weck or whatever the hell they serve!!!!

At 8:30 on 10/8/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

So Close but Yet so Far. Congratulations Doug, and welcome to a very elite club.

At 8:24 on 10/8/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Although the recount is underway, and could take many, many weeks to complete, I would like to congratulate the Doug Outs on their miraculous finish. I guess we can't have a tie, so if the votes, uhhh, I mean stats, hold up, Doug will be declared the winner by virtue of the second tiebreaker. I think it is safe to say that this has been the closest race ever -- two teams tie for the lead with another team only one point behind.

I had a dream a month or two ago that the season would come down to the last at bat. When I woke up, I could remember the dream vividly, except for who won. I said many times since then that the season might come down to the last inning or the last at bat of the last game. As it turned out, Juan Uribe hit a home run for Doug the top of the ninth inning of the last game of the season. It was Doug's last at bat of the season, giving him a half point in homers and the championship. Doug and I were both sitting in front of computers, watching a simulation of the game on CBS Sportsline, talking on the phone when Uribe went yard. Among the many unbelievable things that happened this week in Doug's favor, consider this: Doug needed two homers in the game to tie me. He got both of them from Juan Uribe, who only had six homers on the year going into the game. Looking back on that dream, it's kind of eerie.

Last night, after getting up from the computer stunned and in shock, I went to the grocery store to buy some Lunchables for my kids' school lunches for today. As I numbly walked to the cash register, I passed a big display of beef jerky. Have you ever seen the commercial where the guy is sitting on the couch eating beef jerky? Meanwhile his wife is in the back room porking some stud. Then the stud walks out of the back room with the dude's wife in his arms and they walk out the front door. The dude on the couch just keeps staring straight ahead, chomping on his jerky. So as I stared at the beef jerky, I thought to myself, "I can relate to that dude right now." So I bought some. And as I drove home, chomping on beef jerky, it occurred to me that what happened last night wasn't really like sitting on the couch while some young stud walks off with your wife right out the front door. Actually, what happened last night is much worse. But the beef jerky did help a little.

To the Doug Outs: congratulations hardly seems sufficient. How about "Amen." To the Doug Outs, Train and Southpaws: thanks for ride. It was unforgettable.

At 22:54 on 10/7/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Remember Florida?

At 22:35 on 10/7/2001, SolTrain wrote:

As I sit here this evening adding up my expenditures for another SolTrain team that collapsed down the stretch, I hoist an Iron City in a toast to the Doug Outs on their first championship.

To think that a rotisserie title was decided due to the events in the last inning of the last game of the season leads one to believe that any of the top teams could have won this thing if only they hadn't, on a hunch, called up that loser for one game this year (read: Ankiel, or maybe Jimmy Anderson, or maybe Ritchie during that awful first half). They might be enjoying Yoo-Hoo showers in April instead of writing a huge check to the commish.

Unfortunately I now need to start scouting for next year as the SolTrain cupboards are bare and there are no young studs on the reserve squad anymore.

Until next year,
The Train

At 21:45 on 10/7/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

THE DOUG OUTS WIN THE PENNANT!

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At 21:17 on 10/7/2001, QuagMyers wrote:

Sunday, 9:13 p.m. Juan Uribe homers to left off Jeremy Fikac in an otherwise meaningless game.
There is no joy in Peckerville ...

At 12:39 on 10/7/2001, SolTrain wrote:

Peckers, DougOuts and Southpaws:

It's been a long road and SolTrain management congratulates everyone on there efforts this year blah blah blah. Enough with the crap. Let the chips fall where they may today. Wait. Strike that. Let the chips fall where they Solis today. The caboose is loaded with yoo-hoo and the plastic wrap is covering the furniture (just in case, although it does look like Greg has won this thing and I think everyone should take the time to congratulate him and his PooHole)

Go Steelers!

At 0:22 on 10/6/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Doug Outs on their stunning come from behind performance. It looks like they are going to win it. I think everybody should send Doug a note of congratulations. I just hope I can hang on for second. I will take some consolation in a 1-2 finish for the May boys. Could there be a changing of the guard as far as family domination goes in the league?

At 14:54 on 10/4/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

What?

At 13:20 on 10/4/2001, Karnold Nowledge wrote:

The "Gay Curious George" Rules!

At 11:25 on 10/4/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Knowledg- I wanted to thank you for Hampton. What a stiff. I do like that he threw at Randy. Someone needs to exterminate the "RAT".

By the way, I will trade you Eaton for Trammel back...

At 22:05 on 10/3/2001, Karnold Nowledge wrote:

Southies,

A tired arm and a need to hold the Dougouts? You don't need pitching help, you need some time with your woman!

(sorry, these are the only types of shots a 9th place team has to offer)

At 8:52 on 10/3/2001, Southpaws wrote:

I need a life. This last week is going to drive me insane. I have a lot of tired arms and I am hoping I can hold of the Dougouts.

Greg- I think you have done it my friend. I can't wait to ride down with you to Cincy next year. "Patton is the greatest. I downloaded this report blah,blah,blah... oh listen to this new cd I downloaded. There called the "one nut vagabond donkey jockeys". There new single is Blah,blah,blah,blah,blah." Undy pass the forty ounce!!!!

At 0:33 on 10/3/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom:

I agree with your interpretation, although I personally would prefer Southie's suggestion of a Texas cage-match better. Thank you for the clarification.

At 0:18 on 10/3/2001, Commissioner wrote:

To answer Brad's question: No, the totals on the spending summary page are not correct. For some reason, TQS's program wants to charge teams for FAAB money spent, whereas we all know that's just pretend money. So the dollar amounts in the "FAAB" column can be disregarded. However, we did change the FAAB purchase fee to \$5 this year, so teams will be charged \$5 for all entries in the "PUR" and "PRR" columns. By my calculation, that makes the U-dawgs' expenditures more like \$201, not \$304. Either way, the pot looks pretty tasty.

At 0:06 on 10/3/2001, Commissioner wrote:

Here is the verbatim text of the official rule regarding ties, from Article IX of the RLB Official Guide: "In cases of ties in total points, final places in the standings are determined by comparing placement of teams in individual categories. Respective performances are calculated and a point given to each team for bettering the other. Should one team total more points than the other, that team is declared the winner." The reason I said earlier that the Founding Fathers did not appear to have anticipated and provided for the possibility of a three-way tie is that in the rule as quoted above, the singular word "other" is used (twice), not "others." Still, I think the interpretation that most closely follows the spirit of the official rule would be to compare the performances of the three tied teams in the categories, and if one team bests BOTH of the others in more categories than any other team, that team should be declared the winner. How can anyone argue with that?

At 19:25 on 10/2/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Solis: Congratulations. I guess you were just playing dead there for awhile. Very clever. Nice job this year. I really thought this was my year, but I just don't have the horses down the stretch. I think everyone should send the Train a note of congratulations.

At 19:10 on 10/2/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Undy: \$304?! Nice work. I'm sure the Train, the Southpaws and the Doug Outs join me in extending our gratitude to you for your involuntary generosity. We know you can't help yourself and are even making transactions at this late stage for no apparent reason and we really do appreciate it. If it weren't for doormats like you, Rotisserie and Fantasy Football would be no fun and there wouldn't be much money in winning and beating you year in and year out.

At 19:04 on 10/2/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom: I'm not so sure a three-way is unlikely. Go to the Projector and add one win to my total. That is all that might need to happen. Anyway, what do the Founding Fathers have to say on this issue? Do they have a way to officially untangle a three-way cluster-youknowwhat? I don't like the way you proposed because Southie wins.

At 17:27 on 10/2/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Dear Brad,

And another thing, Did anyone explain that you can only keep three reserve players and have their salaries not count on auction day.

You have several prospects(i use the term losely) and all of them have a dollar figure of over 7 dollars. Out of the six or seven minor league prospects you received..." which ones do I keep, which ones do I keep but have to pay for...Hmmm, I'll just let my accountant/GM figure that out"

Nice going D-BAG!!!!

At 17:12 on 10/2/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Brad- Two things...

One, get a new partner/GM/accountant. You could have finished 10th or 11th for under \$100.

Two, I have a 1997 Jeep Cherokee w/ 60,000 miles, fair condition, that I will sell you for \$40,000. Hallie is only 15 years and 11 1/2 months from driving!!!!

Nice money management D-BAG!!!!!!!!

At 14:51 on 10/2/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

Tom-

My accountant was doing our year end statements & is the \$306 figure correct for my transactions? If it is I will probably have to relocate or sell the franchise. It has been a horrible year both at the box office and on the field. GO TRAIN!!

At 9:13 on 10/2/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Tom- I say Texas Cage Match. I like my chances!!!!

At 8:14 on 10/2/2001, Commissioner wrote:

You are correct in the assertion that the Official Rules don't exactly seem to anticipate and provide for the resolution of three-way ties ... In the unlikely event that a three-way tie should occur, the League Office would propose to apply Rule 11.7 in the most logical fashion it could imagine, which would be to compare the performances of the three tied teams in each category, awarding one "point" to a team for each instance in which it bettered BOTH of the other teams. Think of it as kind of a Rotisserie Skins game. The team that fared best by this measure would be declared the LTBNL champion. If there were still a tie between two teams, we would drop out the third team and apply Rule 11.7 again only between the two tied teams. If there were still a resulting tie, we would plan to move on to the application of Rule 11.8, which compares the tied teams' AB plus 3 times their IP. Anybody got a problem with that?

At 7:43 on 10/2/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Question to the League Office: How do we break a three-way tie for first place?

At 6:29 on 10/2/2001, Karnold Knowledge wrote:

We, the lowly teams of the second division (who stocked your lineups by punting in June), are in awe of your greatness, ye teams of power, but wonder what you were doing during last years "yawner" of a stretch run (see teams change spots one, two and three during the last day of the season).

p.s. "I love my Pujols!"

At 21:19 on 10/1/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

This has got to be the best pennant race TLBNL has ever seen. It's better than the NL playoff races.

At 9:37 on 9/29/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Way to go, Southie!

At 8:21 on 9/29/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Southie:

Congratulations. I guess you were just playing dead there for awhile. Very clever. Nice job this year. I really thought this was my year, but I just don't have the horses down the stretch. I think everyone should send Brett a note of congratulations.

At 10:51 on 9/28/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

Watch your ratio, Greg. I would hate to see the UDAWG staff cause you to blow it!

At 16:42 on 9/27/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Greg,
Congratulations! Can't wait to read the book. How'd you do it? Did you sit back at the draft and wait for the bargains? Oh really...you did....uh, huh....tell me more....great.

Undy,
Your team is a joke. You bring in a "partner" this year, essentially acknowledging the fact that you are inferior, and your team still sucks. Do us all a favor and sell your team to somebody competitive.

At 16:22 on 9/27/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Please stop with the attempts at reverse jinxing. There will be no premature eclapulation by the Peckers.

At 15:40 on 9/27/2001, Underdawks wrote:

Greg, It is very difficult for me to do but....

Congratulations on winning your first title ever. I always knew that you would win one before Doug. You really deserve it and will always remember the first. Be sure to take a moment and step back and enjoy it!!

At 15:26 on 9/27/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Greg- I have no sack!! It was belted around the yard last night in the ninth inning of the dodgers game. When your closer can't close games it hurts in two very important categories... ERA & Ratio, not to mention Saves. I am sure the all knowing projector has it right, You will win. Computers don't lie. In fact everyone in the league should send Greg a not of congrats!!!!

At 13:21 on 9/27/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Chen vs. Ohka tonight. This could be a pivotal matchup in the stretch run.

At 10:30 on 9/27/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brett: It's time to sack up, not puss out. Or were you trying the Reverse Jinx tactic? Show some sack. Like starting Brian Lawrence in Colorado last night with Solis on my butt in wins. That took some sack.

Tom: Thanks for questioning my sackhood.

At 9:40 on 9/26/2001, Southpaws wrote:

I would like to congradulate Greg or Scott, whomever wins, on a great year. My team just doesn't have the horses on the pitching staff to compete with such well crafted ballclubs. I wish you both luck in the last two weeks and I hope I can hold off the Dougouts.

At 8:28 on 9/18/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Hmmmmmmmmmm. I didn't know trains could back up.

At 10:01 on 9/12/2001, SolTrain wrote:

SolTrain management refuses to be instigated into a message board smack down.

God Bless America!

At 8:11 on 9/11/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom:

What has gotten into your pitching staff? Did you have a party for them recently with stippers or something? I don't remember you starting the year out with Morris, Vasquez and Farnsworth. You must have picked them up in a trade. Whoever traded them to you has to be kicking himself. Especially if you pass him in Ratio and that costs him the championship. Keep up the good work! The Peckers are

behind you (so to speak).

At 6:37 on 9/11/2001, Karnold Nowledge wrote:

Late season smackboard doldrums:

"Look at those Peckers rise!"

"How about that hotly contended race for 10th!"

"Three teams punt at all-star break and still best Mighty Stripers by 16!"

"Tom Myers, Commissioner of the Year, forgives Knowledge of all current debt!"

"Hey Southpaws, you suck!"

At Mon Sep 10 7:20:29 EDT 2001 TQStats wrote:

Our stats supplier, STATS Inc, initially sent data files this morning which did not include stats from last night's games. Corrected versions of these data files did not arrive until 7:00 AM EDT. Our daily update takes about 2 hours to complete, so we expect to have all the stats loaded by 9:00 AM EDT. If your league is not updated when you first check this morning, you can see the current stats by going to the Toys page and using the 'Generate Stats for a Different Day' feature, using 09.09 as the current date.

- TQ

At 8:27 on 9/7/2001, Commissioner wrote:

The League Office will be vacant this weekend as the Commish takes in the Reds-Pirates series at PNC Park. Please continue to post your non-self-help transactions on the Commish board, and I'll catch up on them when I return on Sunday evening.

At 15:12 on 9/5/2001, Commissioner wrote:

Today the League Office paid LTBNL prize money for 2000 to last year's champion, the Show Hoffs, and last year's runner-up, TheRick Shaws (nee TBA's). The third and fourth place teams (Karnold Nowledge and Gregory Peckers) used their winnings to pay 2000 fees and a \$50 deposit toward 2001 fees. Congratulations all around, and thanks for your patience!! (Show Hoffs: Your check is in the mail. Nowledge: You still owe \$54.83 -- pay up).

At 9:32 on 8/30/2001, Commissioner wrote:

Friendly Reminders from the League Office:

- 1) The last day to claim a free agent is tomorrow, August 31.
- 2) The LTBNL Trade Deadline is Saturday, September 1.
- 3) Teams may expand their rosters for the stretch drive under the September Roster Rule, beginning September 1. Teams may activate from their Reserve list an unlimited number of extra players at a transaction cost of \$5.00 per player activated. However, please note that you will not be able to expand your roster in this fashion through the "self-help" method. Post your transactions instead on the Commish message board or call or e-mail the League Office. Thank you and good luck!

At 7:56 on 8/24/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Please note that Brian Lawrence was reserved, not released, today. He is not a free agent although he appears in the free agent list for some reason. I have alerted Tom to this error. Thank you.

At 23:47 on 8/17/2001, Commissioner wrote:

The League Office is on vacation through August 26 ... Please submit any free agent bids or other transactions via the Commissioner message board. Thanks!

At 8:42 on 8/10/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

Choo...Choo... There goes the train off into the distance....

At 16:33 on 8/7/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

No, Greg a lot of it will be about Kennie's hammie.....when will he shut it down for the year

At 12:45 on 8/7/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

It's all about the cap now. Luck is no longer king. The Cap is king. Last year's cap was weak. This year's cap is the real deal. Some of us have had to learn that the hard way, isn't that right Brad? Just remember: The cap is your friend. Don't be afraid of the cap. Embrace the cap (so to speak). Learn it, love it, live it. Too bad we can't come up with a cap for Brad's Submit Message button.

At 23:25 on 8/6/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

COLUMBUS, OH The Gregory Peckers announced tonight the acquisition of Ken Griffey, Jr. from the Candy Stripers for Eric Gagne and Austin Kearns. The Peckers also received Mark Gardner, Garrett Stephenson and Lyle Mouton, and the Stripers get Jose Ortiz and A.J. Burnett to complete the deal under the league's new cap rule.

At 16:37 on 8/6/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

Solis, contact me about what we discussed sitting in Wrigley last weekend. I did the calculations and if you give me Christiansen then it will work under your cap.

At 12:46 on 8/6/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Gregory Peckers have scheduled a press conference for tonight at 10 p.m.

At 10:29 on 8/5/2001, Commissioner wrote:

Reminders from the League Office:

1. The last day to sign a free agent is 8/31.
2. The last day to make a trade is 9/1 (I mistakenly said 9/4 before ... sorry).
3. September Roster Expansion begins, appropriately enough, on 9/1.

Thank you.

At 21:43 on 8/1/2001, TheRick Shaws wrote:

Could anyone out there use Sammy Sosa down the home stretch??

At 14:26 on 8/1/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Greg, Garbage in...Garbage out. Don't believe everything you read on web. I read on the web that a three toed alien came down in a 1972 hot pink Chevy nova with Elvis in the passenger seat, and abducted a four hundred and sixty pound Texas women, to take back to their planet as a sex goddess. Don't believe everything you read!!!!

At 12:16 on 8/1/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Southie:

Quit gloating. Locking up your fourth place finish is nothing to gloat about.

At 9:21 on 8/1/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Wow! that was kinda fun. Good luck to all down the stretch. Brad must be out of town. We haven't heard any stupid comments from him lately!!!

At 23:11 on 7/31/2001, Commissioner wrote:

Transactions for 7/31 have been entered!

At 11:42 on 7/31/2001, Commissioner wrote:

First pitch today is at 8:05 p.m., more than 4 hours after the MLB trade deadline ...

Please submit your free agent bids via the Commish message board or my home e-mail (tommyers@fuse.net). Or call 513-793-8882 (home) or 513-258-4087 (mobile).

Fever's request for compensation for loss of ex-scab Rick Reed has been granted. For updated FAAB balances, click "League Office" then "League FAAB Summary."

At 0:42 on 7/31/2001, Dan's Fever wrote:

I want my friggin' \$16 and Steve Phillips head please.

At 11:04 on 7/27/2001, Underdaws wrote:

Go Train & Fever!!!

At 10:08 on 7/27/2001, Southpaws wrote:

All in favor of eliminating Brad's access to the message board, Say I.

Brad- don't you have a child on the way? You might want to spend some time selling Volleyball equipment instead of sending e-mails to the message board and Freiburger!!!

At 9:47 on 7/27/2001, Underdaws wrote:

Show Offs: Get the "BIG CAT" and then do not trade him to the May Brothers or Southworth. Sounds like fun doesn't it???

At 17:47 on 7/26/2001, Commissioner wrote:

Friday's first pitch is 3:20 p.m.

At 17:47 on 7/26/2001, Commissioner wrote:

I am very sorry! I apparently failed to click "submit" after entering the transactions on Tuesday. It's fixed now. Thanks for bringing it to my attention.

At 17:27 on 7/26/2001, Southpaws wrote:

What happened to free agent bids from Tuesday???? I understand if the commish has been busy. In fact, that is the only acceptable excuse!!!!

At 19:27 on 7/25/2001, Dan's Fever wrote:

The Fever hereby request a \$17 faab refund as compensation for Neifi Perez' National League departure. When the Royals see the error of their ways--do they know he's a shortstop?--and trade him elsewhere I will relinquish said \$17. Thanks.

At 23:40 on 7/24/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Are you trying to say he's available?

At 17:48 on 7/24/2001, QuagMyers wrote:

Did You Know? Aaron Boone (16A) is hitting .375 (72 ABs) with 5 HR, 12 RBI & 2 SB in the month of July.

At 13:48 on 7/20/2001, QuagMyers wrote:

CINCINNATI -- The worst season in the QuagMyers' proud history brightened a bit on Friday, as the team announced that it has promoted stud outfield prospect Adam Dunn. Dunn, 21, this season has combined to hit .334 with 32 homers and 84 RBIs in 94 games at Class AA Chattanooga and Class AAA Louisville. In the recent Triple-A All-Star Game at Indianapolis, he homered twice to earn MVP honors. "Our future begins today," said beleaguered GM Tom Myers, explaining that it is expected that Dunn will accumulate more than 130 ABs, thus compromising his rookie status for next year. "Our nuke-u-lous is young and inexpensive, and we expect our club to be competitive and exciting in the years to come."

At 13:16 on 7/20/2001, Commissioner wrote:

Rules refresher FAQ:

Ultra XII: In addition to the 15 players that a team may protect from its winter roster of active and reserve players, a team may also protect an additional 3 players on its reserve roster, provided such players have rookie status and have never been active on a Rotisserie team.

A player shall be considered a rookie unless, during a previous season or seasons, he has (a) exceeded 130 at-bats or 50 innings pitched in the major leagues; or (b) accumulated more than 45 days on the active roster of a major league club or clubs during the period of 25-player limit.

The trade deadline this year is Tuesday, September 4.

The last day to sign a free agent this year is Friday, August 31.

All FAAB balances have been updated per owner requests/claims and should be correct on the web site.

Thank you!

At 9:23 on 7/20/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Look out... Run away train!!!!!! Let's hope Casey Jones isn't driving!!!!!!

At 15:25 on 7/17/2001, Southpaws wrote:

New management has really seemed to improve the Rudawgs chances!!!!!!

At 14:17 on 7/17/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

When was the last time the Underdawgs had a contender?

At 14:01 on 7/17/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

When was the last time Tom was in last place in July!

For that matter, when was the last time Southworth was in second in July!

At 14:03 on 7/16/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

The Doug Outs and Show Hoffs announce the following trade: Outs acquire T. Glavine, G. Lloyd and L. Lopez in exchange for D. Jiminez, C. Truby and S. Reed. Outs are now at \$438 in total salary. Thank you.

At 17:24 on 7/12/2001, Green Monsters wrote:

Although the Rickshaws have already foreshadowed it, let me finish it off. I opted for Bobby J. Jones and threw in Bottenfield from the Monsters to complete the deal previously described.

(Unfortunately, I have a stubborn streak and have deceived myself that I still have an outside shot at this thing.....)

At 16:46 on 7/12/2001, The Rick Shaws wrote:

KC: HOW'S THIS: HELTON, BROWN, DARR, REITSMA & YOUR CHOICE OF JONES/HITCHCOCK/SWIDELL FOR RAMIREZ, OSWALT, HELMS, HERNANDEZ & PLAYER OF YOUR CHOICE.

At 11:24 on 7/12/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers have traded prospects Eric Valent and Tim Redding to the QuagMyers for Alex Ochoa and Mike Remlinger.

At 11:01 on 7/12/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Congrats! scott. I tried to contact Dan for weeks and he refused to return any of e-mails. I guess you just don't like me!!! Everyone please remember to check e-mails now and then.

At 15:30 on 7/10/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

As the all-star game is played, I would like to suggest something we add for next year. Small payouts for performance in the all star game. Something like:

Win = \$10
Save = \$10
Stolen Base = \$5
Home Run = \$5
RBI etc.

This could be paid out of the regular pot and I think would make the all star game exciting again. Or at least make me watch it!

At 14:08 on 7/9/2001, Southpaws wrote:

With the all star break here,I thought it would be good time to make some observations....

Sol train is not @\$%*! around. He has made himself a contender overnight. I am sure Megan misses her husband... he has probably been in the basement touching himself all weekend. Sorry about Furcal!! Hell, your team is so good you do not need him to win it all.

The Dougouts have been very busy as well. I enjoy seeing us tied at the top through the half -way mark. Best of luck for the rest of the year. Are you going to sign Karsay????

The Peckers started the trading flurry but then disappeared to Walden pond. You would think Dot.Com would have had some sort of technology in the woods. I am sure he did not need any of the players who we swapped liked eighth grade girls in a wicked game of 5 minutes in the closet.

If money is all the concerns you, I am sure you will finish in the money! Some of us have loftier goals.

As far as my trades go, the front office is pretty happy. We missed out on some things, but Oh well! It pains me to see Southpaw favorite John Vander Wal on someone else's roster, but you gotta do what you gotta do! I sure hope this trading madness is done... I have two kids, a wife, a job and my calculator blow up from figuring the frickin salary cap every five minutes.

Good luck to everyone in the second half!!!!

Ps. call me if you want to trade...

Ps.2 Thank god Undy is done for the year!!!!!! He won't have a leg to stand on when it comes to his stupid comments. Shut Up!!!! We'll see you next year Brad!!!

At 12:15 on 7/9/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Wow. I see there has been a lot of activity while I was vacationing. As for the timing of my vacation, I think it was perfect. Kind of like a pyro lighting a building on fire and then running into the woods to watch it burn and laugh at the firemen scrambling around to try and put it out.

However, life without a Pujols is taking some adjustment.

Scott: I'll skip the philosophy. I still think I can win it.

At 8:31 on 7/9/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

Greg,

Where were you on Friday? I tried to reach you all day.

At 15:50 on 7/7/2001, Green Monsters wrote:

Dear Commish:

Bless you for not trading Furcal to me!

Warmly, K.C.

At 11:30 on 7/7/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Solis,

You trading for Furcal on the day he gets injured reminds me a lot of that time you drafted Justice and....well you know the rest of the story.

At 23:07 on 7/6/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

The busiest day in LTBNL history, and Greg is on vacation.

At 21:46 on 7/6/2001, SolTrain wrote:

The only problem with the amount of dealing today is that Megan only says "that's nice honey" and it would be great to sling back a few brewskies with the Columbus crowd and listen to Greg wax philosophical about how he is still going to win this thing.

Here's to the second half!

At 21:31 on 7/6/2001, Dan's Fever wrote:

wow!

At 21:08 on 7/6/2001, Commissioner wrote:

All transactions for 7/6, one of the busiest days in LTBNL history, have now been entered. As always, please check your rosters to make certain that transactions have been implemented in accordance with your wishes, and report any errors to the League Office. Best of luck to the contenders! Let the games begin.

At 15:31 on 7/6/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

wow! what a night to watch fantasy baseball tonight on ESPN. Gammons saying that he believes SOL TRAIN did enough to win their first title....

At 15:14 on 7/6/2001, Southpaws wrote:

The front office is completely worn out. We will be getting a big fat massage, coldy and cigar going very soon.

congrats to the sol train... you have been very busy my friend.

the May brothers might want to re-think their vacation schedules next year!!!

At 19:13 on 7/5/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Greg,

Your info is bad. The deal also included Chad Hermanson for Rey Ordonez. Check the source.

Doug

At 15:48 on 7/5/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers have been advised via Nextel e-message, at 3:21 p.m. this afternoon, that the Underdawgs have traded Steve Karsay and Sean Casey to the Doug Outs for Juan Pierre and Damian Moss. Congratulations to both teams on this fine deal!

At 10:04 on 7/5/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

Where did that come from?

At 9:42 on 7/5/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Look at the standings....Southpaws, Doug Outs, Sol Train, Peckers. Where are the U-Dawgs???

At 16:28 on 7/3/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Please issue me an FAAB credit of \$14 from the Innocent Victims of Interleague Trades in Non-Interleague Roto Leagues Compensation Fund for the recently departed Ron Gant.

At 12:45 on 7/3/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

Tom,

After further discussions, the Southpaws and U-Dawgs came to the conclusion that Brett's team would have violated the \$440 rule and therefore cancel the deal.

Thank you.

At 11:49 on 7/3/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

The Underdawgs and the Southpaws complete the following trade:

Randy Johnson, Mark McGwire, Steve Karsay, Jose Mesa, and Sean Casey for Sean Burroughs and Kevin Jarvis.

The two owners might change up the trade or even eliminate it all together. Remember, they have until the first pitch to do so.....

At 10:13 on 7/3/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Charge him \$50!!!! Am I the only one who remembers Napoleon standing up at the draft, already loaded on guinness, and proclaiming "charge um \$50 dollars for every minute that they are over 440. I will personally be watching everyone's transactions."

Well Greg, we all knew that you would be the first to go over the \$440 rule. I know i am playing in a league full of "slimy" lawyers, but I submit that you broke the intent of the rule and therefore you should pay!!
Damn the letter of the law. Long live Justice!!!!

Ps. is the average age of your team over forty yet???

At 22:02 on 7/2/2001, Commissioner wrote:

The following is a direct quote from the head Pecker on July 1, 2001: "How did we ever pick \$440? That's way too low; no one will ever reach it. Underwood just bought a \$61 pitcher and he's not even at \$400! We need to lower it for next year."

For the record, the League Office can't enter the big trade until the Knowledge are heard from as to how to configure their post-trade roster.

At 14:03 on 7/2/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brett:

Are you there? Are you pulling the old head down on the desk for a power nap after a big lunch maneuver? Today I woke up with your smiling face on my mind and I declared, "Honey, today is Kick Southie's Butt Day." First the trade, and then golf league. By the way, in no way do I intend to influence the outcome of tonight's big match with the announcement of this trade. I hope you will be able to concentrate on golf and not think about Rotisserie and my trade.

At 13:29 on 7/2/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Doug:

I say you have more important things to worry about than whether I went over the cap.

At 13:05 on 7/2/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

I say Greg owes \$50.

At 12:29 on 7/2/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I have spoken to the Commissioner and I came clean, so to speak, which is easier to do now that I am without my Pujols. He stated that the trade is not official until the first pitch on the day the trade is to become effective, so we are free to revise the trade until then. As the trade has been revised, I am now at \$440. Thank you for helping me to see that the trade as initially reported put me over. Your incredible ability to blurt out things before thinking saved me. Just think if you would have waited a few more hours I would have lost \$50. I will always be appreciative of that. You are a true friend.

At 12:09 on 7/2/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

ACTUALLY, THE WOHLERS \$11 DOES NOT MATTER. WITHOUT THAT, AS THE TRADED WAS REPORTED ON THE MESSAGE BOARD GREG'S TOTAL SALARY IS \$446 WHICH IS \$6 OVER. GREG, PLEASE PAY THE POT \$50. I KNEW GREG WOULD BE THE FIRST TO VIOLATE THAT RULE.....

At 12:09 on 7/2/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

There has been a revision to the trade between the Peckers and the Knowledge. In order to comply with salary cap restrictions, the trade is revised as follows: Pujols, Miller, Donnie Bridges and Vladimir Nunez for Nenn, Burnett, Kent and Sheffield. In response to Brad, since the trade does not become effective until the first pitch of today's games, no violation of the salary cap can be deemed to have occurred until then. Thank you.

At 11:55 on 7/2/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

TOM,

DO NOT LET HIM WEASLE OUT OF THIS!! HE IS OVER THE 440 BY \$6 -

At 11:54 on 7/2/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

GREG MAY IS OVER THE \$440 RULE - THE DEAL INCLUDING WOHLERS AND HIS \$11 PUTS HIM \$6 OVER THE 440

At 11:28 on 7/2/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Gregory Peckers and the Karnold Knowledge have completed the following trade: The Peckers trade Albert Pujols, Wade Miller, Ray King, Vladimir Nunez and Darwin Cubillan to the Knowledge for Robb Nen, A.J. Burnett, Jeff Kent, Gary Sheffield and the FAAB compensation rights to Mark Wohlers (\$11).

Let's get it on.

At 20:58 on 6/29/2001, Dan's Fever wrote:

Is it wrong to hope certain players get traded to the other league so I can have extra FAAB money?

At 11:36 on 6/27/2001, The Rick Shaws wrote:

TheRick Shaws claim \$24 faab money for John Rocker

At 9:15 on 6/27/2001, Commissioner wrote:

All transactions have now been entered, and everyone's rosters should be up to date. If I missed anything, please let me know. Thanks for your patience.

At 16:05 on 6/26/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Greg, get off your knees. You will get blisters, or even worse Lock- Jaw!!!!

At 14:12 on 6/26/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom:

Why does that suck? Would you be happier if you got nothing? I'll take the \$18 if you don't want it, you ingrate. I am sorry for your loss though, because you are the best commish we have ever had.

At 9:50 on 6/26/2001, Commissioner wrote:

Greetings from sunny Hilton Head! Please bid at will, but remember that if and when you bid, you must indicate whom you will waive if you are the high bidder! I cannot submit transactions without this obviously important information! First pitch today is 2:20 pm EDT. (Brad: Be sure to check ESPN.com at 2:15). Thank you. Oh yeah, the FAAB compensation rule still sucks. If you want to know how bad it sucks, consider this: The Quags have been compensated \$18 for Rob Bell and Donnie Sadler.

At 8:58 on 6/26/2001, Southpaws wrote:

To all that are concerned about my transactions (K.C.), the #@\$@%\$^% thing said that my transaction did not go thru the first time I sent the message, so I did it again.

K.C. maybe you should be a little more worried about your transactions and a little less about mine.

What ever hapened to the good ol days when you got to talk to Tom???

At 8:08 on 6/26/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad:

Are you saying he is the Best Commissioner ever?

At 17:29 on 6/25/2001, Green Monsters wrote:

Just curious, but how many times is Southy permitted to activate Mackowiak and reserve Perez on a given day? And what is the maximum fee he will be charged for making that move multiple times on the same day? I sincerely appreciate Southy churning the fees here and only wish I was in line to collect some of that pot... :-)

Also Tom (the Commish): If the free agent bid I made on Friday doesn't go through (which would have released Lima), I hereby claim my 2 wasted bucks on him. Good riddance!!!!

K.C.

At 16:28 on 6/25/2001, Underdawks wrote:

It is a hassle for our commish! He already does way too much for the league and we should always make his job easier when possible.

At 12:56 on 6/25/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

What is wrong with getting compensation for a traded player's salary in the form of FAAB dollars? I think it is a good rule, and in light of all the other alternatives, it is the most fair and it smells the least. Why all the whining?

At 10:20 on 6/25/2001, Underdawks wrote:

This is ridiculous! Let's re-vote to do away with the awarding of free-agent dollars lost. You should get nothing and like it!

At 7:39 on 6/25/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Mr. Commissioner,

I would like my \$6 for Brett Mayne please.

At 13:58 on 6/24/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Tom,

I want my \$1 for Jay Witasick. Thank you.

At 13:06 on 6/22/2001, Underdawks wrote:

Roto-Orgasm - In Chicago and get a call from a buddy who has tickets in the bleachers. "Sure", I answer with enthusiasm. By the way what is the pitching match-up today. My freind replies "some guy named Haynes for Milwaukee against KID K.

Have a great weekend fellow league owners!!

At 23:52 on 6/21/2001, Commissioner wrote:

Please post all transactions on the Commish board for the next week or so as the League Office will be vacationing and may not have access to e-mail. Thanks!

At 19:10 on 6/21/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Yada, yada, yada...blah, blah, blah...Juan Pierre.

At 17:44 on 6/21/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I am back from vacation, and JD is on the shelf. As expected, the calls are starting to trickle in regarding my Pujols. Although there has

been a Hands Off My Pujols Policy in place throughout this year, I cannot possibly let go of my Pujols without first seeing what he is worth. Therefore, if you have any interest, please submit your proposals to me soon. I am not saying that there will be movement involving my Pujols, but if something looks tasty you never know.

At 15:07 on 6/21/2001, QuagMyers wrote:

I will again campaign tirelessly at next year's draft for the abolition of the stooooopid FAAB compensation rule. But in the meantime, I'm going to claim \$8 in FAAB compensation for the trade of utilityman Donnie Sadler to Kansas City. I also think we should reinstate the \$5 minimum FAAB bid (as in the official rules) but I'll save that rant for another day.

Anybody need any of the following: Andruw Jones, Rafael Furcal, Jon Lieber, Aaron Boone, Danny Graves? Yard sale in progress. Everything must go.

At 11:30 on 6/17/2001, QuagMyers wrote:

The Quags hereby claim \$10 FAAB money as feeble and wholly inadequate compensation for stoopid interleague trade of future all-star Rob Bell.

At Sat Jun 16 20:15:23 EDT 2001 TQStats wrote:

Please see the "New at TQS" button at left for updates on Live Scoring and The Baseball Hot Sheet.

-TQS

At 16:54 on 6/15/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Yeah, as long as your last name isn't May, Undy will be happy to discuss the Unit. F-you Undy.

At 8:45 on 6/15/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

Coming off his 11K performance, Randy Johnson has been mentioned in trade rumors...

At 22:53 on 6/14/2001, Commissioner wrote:

One dollar returned to SolTrain FAAB account for tragic loss of Enrique Wilson, pursuant to owner request and new LTBNL rule. SolTrain now have \$74 in FAAB account.

At 21:29 on 6/14/2001, SolTrain wrote:

As per the new rules I am submitting a claim to have \$1 added back to my FAAB budget as Enrique Wilson has been traded to the AL. Thankfully. Many heartfelt thanks to the DougOuts for that ballplayer.

Train

At 14:59 on 6/11/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

Mark,

You did a great job while I was on vacation. In fact, we moved up in the rankings. Great job... but don't hold your breath for that all star break bonus I mentioned at draft. It has been a terrible year at the box office and the fans just do not understand about all of the injuries. Keep up the good work though!! PS Was there a problem activating McGwire that I should know about?

At 23:11 on 6/5/2001, Commissioner wrote:

Spirited bidding this week on free agent Jacob Cruz. TheRick Shaws get their backup, Terry Jones, for \$3 by virtue of their lower standing than the Peckers.

At 21:36 on 6/4/2001, The Rick Shaws wrote:

Anyone interested in trading offense for a closer??
The time has come to remove Juan Castro from my lineup.

At 22:04 on 5/29/2001, Doug Outs wrote:

Brad,

The "Automatic Manager" software has not been activated yet. You will need to call McGwire up yourself.

Your Friend,
Doug

At 12:41 on 5/21/2001, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad:

One would think that the Yoo-hoo is still not dry on your head. Quit living in the past.

At 12:08 on 5/21/2001, Underdawgs wrote:

Brett,

1997 Champions

At 8:54 on 5/21/2001, Southpaws wrote:

Greg, It was a poor attempt at humor. See, Brad is clueless and I was making reference to him bidding on say... J.D. Drew. Basically, I was saying that Brad is a dumbass, Kind of like Cobb was!!!!