

At 17:52 on 10/2/2003, SolTrain wrote:

Not only where the draft is to be held, but what happens to the Stripers franchise???? I can't wait to spend a whole winter with my Pujols!

At 13:59 on 10/2/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

After seeing all the posts from the last few days, I think we all should focus on a more paramount concern, and that is: Where's the auction going to be next year? It's time to start working on my seating strategy.

P.S. There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that the Peckers and the Show Hoffs are working on a merger that would involve 50% of each team's players team, leaving two new teams, one of which would be called The Pecker Show and the other to be known as the Jack Hoffs(just sounds better than the Greg Hoffs).

At 9:13 on 10/2/2003, Southpaws wrote:

Brad- you are never allowed to complain about a trade again, after the way you backdoor'd the "kid". Poor Danny is still having nightmares about the way you bent him over!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

At 9:11 on 10/2/2003, Southpaws wrote:

Greg and Brad Suck!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

At 18:46 on 10/1/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom:

A little sensitive aren't we? I think you missed the point of my post. I am hardly complaining about the merger of the Fever and Quag teams. In fact, I'm elated about it because it kept the Udawgs out of 1st place.

As for the remaining barbs contained in your post, I think you are somewhat misguided. First, I am not in the least bit saddened by not getting Burrell and Lawrence back. Sure, I would have liked to have gotten them back for a buck or two, because that is all they are worth. I waived them because they suck. I honestly could not take seeing them on my roster any longer. I don't know why you picked them up, but if it was to spite me then congratulations. By the way, I note that neither player was included in the merger. I'm sure that is because they suck.

I don't care if I lost points to you after I cut them. My goal, unlike yours, was not to finish 7th or 8th instead of 10th, or even to finish ahead of you. My goal was to acquire as many cheap keepers as I could for next year. I think I accomplished my goal.

You were the one that told me that I could never catch you in batting average even if I dumped Burrell and you picked him up. In fact, you provided me with a detailed mathematical calculation to show me how it was virtually impossible. Excuse me for gloating that you were wrong.

As for my trades, time will tell. I like Encarnacion's 19 homers and 94 RBI for \$13. I also like Wagner. A lot. And yes, I did check on his days of service. In fact, I checked on it before I traded for him. Thanks for asking. He was called up on July 19th. That gives him 44 days "during the period of 25-player limit" and since 44 is less than 45, that makes him a rookie next year. But it really won't mean much, unless of course he's the Reds closer next year.

But enough of all this. The only reason I posted the congratulatory message to you and Dan was because Doug sent out an email daring me, Undy, Southie or Solis to do it. He thought it would be neat if one of us "stirred the pot", but apparently he didn't have the sack to do it himself. Ouch indeed my brother.

At 15:05 on 10/1/2003, Southpaws wrote:

Brad- Sorry, my average should be 6.55. I got a little ahead of myself there. Always check your work.

At 15:00 on 10/1/2003, Southpaws wrote:

Brad - to answer your question:

Slotrain = 0 titles avg. finish 7.27

Dougouts = 1 title avg. finish 6.67

Southpaws= 1 tilte avg. finish 6.33

At 12:20 on 10/1/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Very well put, Tom. Very interesting avg finish... if you have time, what is Southie, Solis and D. May??

At 0:37 on 10/1/2003, Doug Outs wrote:

Ouch.

At 20:28 on 9/30/2003, QuagMyers wrote:

Congratulations to the Fever and the U-dawgs on a great race and an exciting finish. You both did outstanding managerial jobs with your teams. And you both spent considerably less than the Peckers to do it! Congrats to the Knowledge and Doug Outs as well, and thanks to everyone for a great season.

Speaking of the Peckers: Greg, I am sensing that you still are harboring some bitterness about me claiming Pat Burrell and Brian Lawrence on waivers, thereby foiling your scheme to re-sign them as free agents at bargain prices. I can understand why you would be upset, since you were only one point behind me when you waived them, and you finished 5.5 points behind me. You might also be wondering whether you could have used the 7 HR and 23 RBI Burrell had for me, or the 4 wins, 3.10 ERA and 1.22 Ratio that Lawrence had as a Quag. Yes, I finished last in batting average, but the player you replaced Burrell with, Tony Clark, hit 10 points lower than Burrell over the rest of the season, with only 3 HR and 8 RBI.

Still, I thought you were among the first to say "amen" when The League Office suggested in an earlier post that all of the moaning and whining about "unbalanced" or "dump" trades really should stop, given that the LTBNL has adopted the In-Season Salary Cap as its chosen means to attempt to curtail the most egregious dumping. The League Office has always said that if the Cap is not working, then perhaps \$440 is too high and the Cap should be tweaked ... But with the Cap in place, how can any of us object to an otherwise legal trade?

If we are going to closely examine all the trades anyway, I would challenge everyone to compare the Quag-Fever trade of 8/31 to the Pecker-U-dawg trade of 8/1. The U-dawgs got two months of Derrek Lee, Todd Helton, Josh Beckett and Brett Myers, essentially for Juan Encarnacion [whose stats for the Peckers were pretty comparable to Burrell's for the Quags]. The Fever got a month of Aramis Ramirez and Jason Istringhausen for three pitchers who

could help the Quags next year, plus a \$1 shortstop who hit 18 homers. And if we're keeping track, the Peckers-Southie trade of 6/26 was probably a worse dump than mine also. And Greg, did you check to see how many days Ryan Wagner spent on the major league roster?

My advice is this: If the Peckers waive someone, steer clear. Otherwise, you'll hear about it for the rest of your life.

Quags: 5 titles. Average finish in 15 seasons: 3.80.

Fever: 4 titles. Average finish in 15 seasons: 4.07.

U-dawgs: 1 title. Average finish in 10 seasons: 6.40.

Peckers: Still hoping for an asterisk for 2001. Average finish in 15 seasons: 6.87.

Enjoy the post-season, everyone!

At 15:18 on 9/29/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Congrats to TDan on a Great Season!! I enjoyed the race, and will not talk about a 2nd place finish for 4 years like Greg.

At 12:51 on 9/29/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Congratulations to the Fever and the Quagmyers on their title. If not for your last minute deal in which Dan acquired 25% of Tom's team for some brotherly love and the proverbial "piece of crap," Underwood would have won. Even after the merger, it was very close and caused all of us here in Columbus to suffer acute bouts of gastric distress. We can all now enjoy a peaceful and quiet off-season. Nice work fellas.

At 10:57 on 9/29/2003, Doug Outs wrote:

Congratulations to the Fever and to the U-Dawgs on great seasons and another entertaining race.

At 7:59 on 9/28/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Uh-oh! Houston, we have a problem.

At 9:36 on 9/26/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad:

I would also like to congratulate you on a job well done. I don't think you'll hear very many people say that you lucked into this one like you did the last time. As much as I hate to see you win it, at least the title stays in Columbus. Also, it is good to see some former Peckers playing a pivotal role in your championship stretch drive. Go ahead and light the Red Auerbach "Victory Cigar" and savor the aroma.

Greg

At 9:01 on 9/26/2003, Southpaws wrote:

I would like to be the first one to say... way to go Brad! Congrats on your second title.

Brett

At 9:56 on 9/25/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Congratulations Tom!! Wes Helms is the only current U-Dawg that was also part of the 1997 Championship team. If I am lucky enough to win this year, a long shot against Fever, I will buy all of your beer at draft. Good job knowing your U-Dawg Trivia!!

At 8:50 on 9/25/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom:

Yes, batting average is a category and you are now last in it. All I remember is you explaining to me that it was nearly impossible for me to pass you in batting average after I cut that stiff. He might be batting 50 points higher for you, but what does that get you? A .235 hitter, that's what. And last place in batting average. I'm glad you have enjoyed having him.

Greg

P.S. If I ever find myself taking a leak next to that guy, I will piss on him.

At 22:41 on 9/24/2003, QuagMyers wrote:

U-dawgs:

Wes Helms?

What do I win?

At 22:41 on 9/24/2003, QuagMyers wrote:

He's hitting 50 points higher for me, with more than half as many homers and steaks in 230 fewer ABs. So I'd say it worked out OK. Is batting average even a category?

At 21:35 on 9/24/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom:

Have you checked your batting average lately?

G. Peckers (FORMER owner of Pat The Bat)

At 8:53 on 9/24/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

B.Myers vs J.Beckett(U-Dawg vs U-Dawg) -This evening on ESPN....

At 15:15 on 9/23/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

TRIVIA ..... TRIVIA .....

WHAT CURRENT U-DAWG WAS ALSO ON THE 1997 U-DAWG CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM?? FIRST ONE TO ANSWER CORRECTLY

At 8:07 on 9/9/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Tom,

Wes Helms hit his 20th HR of the season. Helms for Ramirez??

At 13:48 on 9/3/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

(AP) Columbus, OH Sept. 3, 2003- Mike Matheny, Jason LaRue, and Brett Myers have been suspended from the U-Dawgs for violating team rules. "We do not like to suspend players at such a critical time in the pennant race, however the actions of these individuals can not and will not be tolerated" We will continue to evaluate the situation and if these players ever learn to hit over .200 or keep an era below 6.00 we may reinstate them.

At 0:17 on 8/31/2003, Doug Outs wrote:

On the eve of my fantasy football draft, I lose Mike Lowell for the season. One season ends and another begins seamlessly. See you all in March.

At 7:30 on 8/28/2003, Commissioner wrote:

Reminder: Sunday, August 31 is the LTBNL trade deadline. Sunday is also the last day to purchase a free agent. September roster expansion is available starting on Monday. Thank you.

At 7:41 on 8/27/2003, Karnold Knowledge wrote:

Miles,

Please credit my account for Rondell White (fricking Padres)

At 8:43 on 8/26/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Tom,

Would like my FAAB money for F. Heredia. Thank you

At 7:37 on 8/22/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I guess that would be better than Chuck E. Cheese.

At 15:42 on 8/21/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Sol Train Pushing to Host the Draft!! Wrigley Field?

At 10:25 on 8/17/2003, Karnold Knowledge wrote:

A preview of the LTBNL 2004 message board!:

hey this is tom and i want to give u my best players away for chicken feed so leave me a message and i hope you don't get mad and i would also like some tickets to the circus so let me know and also i am looking for a yoo-hoo stained couch to buy and golly gee whiz this baseball thing is fun and.....

At 0:18 on 8/16/2003, Candy Stripers wrote:

Hey this is Danny i just wanted to know if anyone has Ohio state football tickets if so would they sell them to me and how much they want for the u can message me on here or email me at mrdanny84@aol.com let me know thanks Danny

At 17:53 on 8/11/2003, QuagMyers wrote:

B Lawrence (W, 6-14) 6 6 0 0 2 4

At 21:56 on 8/10/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Pat "The Bat" Update: Sunday -- 4/0/1/0. It's a 2 game hit streak for crying out loud! Tom: I am throwing you another bone (I wiped it off first) -- Brian Lawrence. He's hot right now. Oh boy! Go for it. I am giving Harang his spot in the rotation. Glavine could be next. We are going to see what the young guys can do for the rest of the year.

At 14:20 on 8/10/2003, QuagMyers wrote:

P Burrell LF 4 2 3 3 2 HR (16)

At 18:11 on 8/6/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Make that three owners. The Quags picked up Pat "The Bat" on waivers this week. I think that qualifies.

At 9:14 on 8/6/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Commish,

I really think we just have two owners who are trying to hang on to their baseball season anyway they can. Scott and Greg, Go Browns and Steelers!

At 23:36 on 8/5/2003, Commissioner wrote:

I agree that the rule needs to be clarified. For what it's worth, the League Office has never required a team to waive the player for whom it is claiming compensation at the same time it is doing the claiming or before being awarded the compensation. It has always been kind of an "honor system" thing and as far as I know, every team that has claimed FAAB compensation has always eventually waived the traded player. I think the rule is the way it is to prevent a team from having its compensatory cake and eating it too, in the event the team doesn't waive the traded player and he winds up back in the NL the next spring.

Obviously the rule is not very artfully drafted as it is now, but it doesn't really say \*when\* the claiming team has to waive the traded player, only that it has to.

I am open to suggestions as to how it should be revised for next season ... What does everyone think?

At 16:49 on 8/5/2003, SolTrain wrote:

Greg:

Just because you can now bid on free agents daily does not mean it is a requirement.

Sincerely trying to save you \$5 a day,

Train

At 16:43 on 8/5/2003, Doug Outs wrote:

Thank you Mr. Commission....oops! I mean thanks, Greg.

At 16:38 on 8/5/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Doug:

Take your pick: Alex Cora, Edwards Guzman or Dan Wheeler.

At 16:35 on 8/5/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

It appears that the only teams to run afoul of the "7 day release" part of the rule mentioned below are the Udawgs (big surprise!) when they claimed \$1 on Ben Petrick, and the Southpaws when they claimed \$12 on Adrian Gonzalez. An independent review of all interleague FAAB compensation requests made within the last month shows that all other requests complied with the rule. The Doug Outs still have 2 days to waive Moss, but should not get the \$6 until the day his waiver takes effect.

At 15:50 on 8/5/2003, Doug Outs wrote:

Are you guys trying to tell me I have to claim a player on waivers, waive Moss, and then get my \$6 in FAAB? OK, I guess. What's the big deal?

At 15:46 on 8/5/2003, Doug Outs wrote:

And the point of all this is what?

At 15:22 on 8/5/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Solis is correct. Here is the relevant part of the rule: "In order to make an effective claim for compensation, the claiming team must notify all other owners of the claim by posting its request upon the LTBNL's main message board within 7 days of the interleague trade in which the LTBNL team lost the player. Further, the LTBNL team claiming compensation must release the lost player."

Pretty straight-forward. No releasie, no money.

At 15:10 on 8/5/2003, Doug Outs wrote:

What if I told you the Southpaws also gave me \$1 in FAAB money?

At 11:39 on 8/5/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Solis,

You are correct!! Reverse all transactions of those who cheat!!

At 11:26 on 8/5/2003, SolTrain wrote:

Mr. Commish:

As I have nothing better to do now with my team than harp on others, it has come to my attention that several team owners are requesting FAAB refunds for players that have gone to the other league and which have not released. It was my understanding that the LTBNL Constitution specifically says that FAAB money will not be refunded until such player is released. Thank you for looking into this matter.

Train

At 21:28 on 8/4/2003, Doug Outs wrote:

The Doug Outs claim \$6 in FAAB money for Damian Moss, whom they acquired from the Southpaws via trade.

At 0:20 on 8/2/2003, Commissioner wrote:

Daily free agent moves are now available. The "auto commish" has been implemented and the two-week trial run is now underway.

Click on "free agent bidding" on your home page to get started.

I think it might be a little confusing at first, but there are instructions and examples to help you along. It should be quite simple if you are simply replacing one player with another from the free agent pool. You can also easily set up contingent bids.

Bear in mind that the deadline is 12 Noon; if you bid after the Noon deadline, your move, if successful, won't take effect until the following day's games.

This is a trial run ... Let me know what you think.

At 17:17 on 8/1/2003, Commissioner wrote:

FAAB bidding is closed [first pitch was 3:20]. Ponson went to the Knowledge for \$76, Mondesi to the Doug Outs for \$58, Ventura to the Udawgs for \$36, Glanville to the Fever for \$11.

The test run on the daily automatic free agent bidding starts tomorrow, assuming I can get it set up tonight.

Thanks.

At 9:02 on 8/1/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers hereby request the recoupment of their \$2 investment in Kurt Ainsworth.

At 22:13 on 7/31/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Baseball may be all about money, but U-Dawg Jason LaRue is all about Heart. Exactly what we ask from all U-Dawgs, each and every season. Thank you Jason!

At 17:13 on 7/31/2003, Dan's Fever wrote:

Who is worse, Bud or Carl? I can't believe that these two statements would ever be written. 1.) I miss Marge. 2.) I don't like the Reds anymore!

At 17:06 on 7/31/2003, Doug Outs wrote:

It is with hat in hand that I respectfully ask the league for my \$6 back on Brandon Lyon, or whatever his name was.

At 1:01 on 7/30/2003, Dan's Fever wrote:

I will be happy to have \$2 in faab money, and am not sorry to see Rey Sanchez go.

At 17:04 on 7/23/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

I am going to bust Wagner's cherry and take him up if I do not receive any offers. You could keep him down below and have a starting pitcher not count against you next year. Guy went from draft to bigs in a rather quick period....

At 11:19 on 7/22/2003, Commissioner wrote:

It's business as usual on Free Agents today [first pitch is 1:05]. The Daily FAAB "Auto Commish" initiative passed, 7 to 2, but the League Office has decided to implement the two-week trial after the MLB trade deadline passes, to avoid any potential snafus if many new players should become available around 7/31. So, through August 1, bids will be accepted on Tuesdays and Fridays as usual; beginning 8/2, we'll try the Auto Commish with daily free agent bidding.

Thanks!

At 9:04 on 7/18/2003, Southpaws wrote:

Do you want \$43 for the gimp as well. Oh, that's right, you only get money if he gets traded. You get nothing if he goes down for the year.

Thanks for Gagne and good luck.

Ps. At least you still have Beck.

At 12:35 on 7/17/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

I am requesting \$40 FAAB money for a fat ass set-up man that went from the Mets to the Yankees.

At 12:19 on 7/16/2003, Commissioner wrote:

All Star Break Greetings from the League Office.

We neglected to make an announcement earlier about FAAB bidding during the break. As is customary, we are extending the deadline to the first pitch on Thursday, which is 5:05 EDT. If you have already bid and wish to revise your bid, please just contact the League Office.

We will make an announcement regarding the "Auto Commish" daily free agent bidding proposal shortly. If you haven't voted and want to, do so before the first pitch tomorrow. Thanks!

At 14:55 on 7/15/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Tom,

Requesting my \$ free agent money for Ben Petrick.

Thank you

At 10:14 on 7/15/2003, Southpaws wrote:

Tom- I would like to request my \$12 for Adrian Gonzalez who was traded to the Rangers.

At 15:34 on 7/3/2003, Candy Stripers wrote:

Second. Sue

At 15:27 on 7/3/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Or Give Danny Greg's spot in the league!

At 8:19 on 7/3/2003, Candy Stripers wrote:

Second. Sue

At 0:32 on 7/3/2003, Dan's Fever wrote:

I laughed, I cried, I vomitted. I would like to make a motion that Greg's password be suspended for 10 days. Any seconds?

At 13:32 on 7/2/2003, Doug Outs wrote:

Second.

At 13:12 on 7/2/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I would like to make a motion that Sue's team be put into receivership for the remainder of the season. I believe that the precedent that exists is that if an owner leaves, the league finds a replacement, as opposed to the owner hand-picking a replacement. We have never, to my knowledge, allowed an owner to hand over a team to someone. That being said, I think Danny should run it for the rest of the year. After that, we should accept applications from interested parties including Danny. The application should have one essay question on it: Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to join this league and why your involvement would make this a better league. I know of at least one person who has been begging me to get him into this league for two years. Shouldn't we consider all worthy candidates for the betterment of the league? Just my \$.02. The motion needs a second.

Also, I have voted yes for the Auto-Commish 2 week trial run. If we would have had that feature two years ago, I would have won going away. You guys will all be my beyatches on FAAB stuff from this point on. A wise man once said, "Just sit back, relax and try to enjoy it."

Finally, it is of course obligatory for persons in this league to jump up and down and scream "Foul!" every time I make a trade. I am truly flattered by it. Thank you. Actually, I thought that trade was one of the most fair trades I have ever made in this league. When I told it to Doug, he first thing out of his mouth was "Who is dumping to who?" I don't think the same can be said about some of the more recent trades that have gone down. All you owners who took part in the raping and pillaging of Sue's team should be reported to the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal. It reminds me of the the seagulls in "Finding Nemo" that gather around and yel "Mine" anytime anything half-edible falls into their immediate vicinity. Except what you guys did isn't all that funny.

At 21:25 on 7/1/2003, Candy Stripers wrote:

Oh yeah--can we have my retirement dinner and gift presentation at the draft next year?

Sue Striper

At 21:23 on 7/1/2003, Candy Stripers wrote:

Just a note to say how much I am enjoying my retirement from the league--no more rules, no more whining and I can just love the game again!!! La la life is so great some times!!

Best Wishes from Sue Striper!

P.S. I think a deal can be worked out for the shoes.

At 20:22 on 7/1/2003, QuagMyers wrote:

Quags claim \$29 FAAB compensation for tragic loss of Roberto "1-for-4" Alomar.

At 20:17 on 7/1/2003, Commissioner wrote:

Would everyone who is even considering making a trade please bear in mind Art. 14.6 ... You need to let the League Office know what additional roster moves are needed to give each team involved a balanced and legal active roster at the conclusion of the trade. This is not because I am a bitter and vengeful person [well, not entirely]. It is because the little program that runs on the TQS web site will not allow me to submit any transactions for the day unless all 12 teams have legal rosters. The League Office can read your mind, but chooses not to. We are not going to juggle your roster for you as we see fit to accomodate your trade. Also: Transaction fees associated with trades are no longer subject to negotiation as part of the trade. Each team is charged \$1 for every player it trades away. Art 8.4. This has been the case for at least 3 years or so. Remember: If you don't what the rules are, you can look on the Web:

<http://home.fuse.net/ltnl/constitution.htm>

By the way, I have several votes already on the Auto-Commish Trial issue ... if you haven't voted and wish to, please check in.

Thank you. And sorry to sound like such a wet blanket.

At 18:28 on 7/1/2003, Candy Stripers wrote:

Sorry but Sosa and Abearu are gone i didnt play any sides i just went with the frist person that messaged me and worked something out with him if there is anyone else you want tell me by tomorrow im leaving at 8 tomorrow for North Carolina for 9 days so i hope no one is mad

Thanks,

Danny

At 13:40 on 7/1/2003, Southpaws wrote:

I would first like to say that by no means do I feel that I am out of the running to place in the money. Second, I would point to the standings. When I made my trades Undy was in first, now third, and Greg was 3 points better than me (I am now three+ points ahead of him). Just because a player has a big name and high salary does not mean he is good (ie. Griffey Jr.). I beleive that I made prudent and valuable trades for my organization. I can not help it if Greg and Undy are Dumbasses.

Third, Stop crying.

Fourth, Arnie call me. I am interested in your Pujol.

Fifth, Sue can I have your shoes?

Six, when is Solis retiring?

Seventh, Awe hell, I can't think of seven.

U-dagws suck, Peckers blow and long live the Can-of-corn-cobbs.

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At 23:05 on 6/30/2003, Commissioner wrote:

The League Office wishes to address a few matters:

1. At this point, I think all carping, moaning and whining about "unbalanced" or "dump" trades should cease. The In-Season Salary Cap [Art. 21 of the LTBNL Constitution, <http://home.fuse.net/ltnl/Constitution.htm>] was introduced several years ago by near-unanimous vote as a means to combat and outlaw the most egregious dump trades. The previous anti-dumping rules had been repealed several years earlier, as nearly all of us thought that they unduly restrained trade and violated free-market principles we hold dear. Here at the League Office, we have said several times, and continue to say: If the cap is not working, perhaps \$440 is too high. That would have to be

addressed at next year's Auction Draft. But having put the cap in place, how can any of us object to an otherwise legal trade?

2. Having said that, it seems kind of early to dump.

3. If a trade really does involve cash, players to be named later, or "future considerations," then it is illegal under Art. 14 and is subject to being stricken.

4. The FAAB compensation rule is set forth at Art. 16.11 ... Compensation must be requested within 7 days a player is traded to the American League, or it is forfeited. No compensation is available if your player moved to the AL via some mechanism other than an interleague trade.

5. The League Office is interested in possibly availing of the "Auto Commish" free agent feature offered by TQS, at least on a trial basis. How does everyone feel about the possibility of moving from twice-weekly to daily free agent bids? The only reason we haven't used the Auto Commish up until this time is that we have two weekly free agent deadlines, instead of either a weekly deadline or a daily one. There are several reasons I like this idea ... But maybe most important is that it would implicitly resolve any conflict about the time at which a free agent is first available to be bid upon [as when a rookie is called up on a Tuesday or Friday, or a team announces that he is going to be called up, or a trade is made]. He would be available as soon as his name pops up on the "free agent" list on the official TQS site. I would propose a two-week trial run on daily free agent bidding, immediately following the All Star Break. If you are in favor, send me a message. If seven teams vote in favor of trying it out, I will set up the trial run, and of course notify everyone ahead of time that it is going to take place. Then we can re-evaluate and perhaps vote again on whether to make it permanent.

5. Sue ... Say it ain't so!

6. The League Office has done a very bad job so far this year of collecting delinquent fees and paying last year's winners. Southy and Sue, I am very sorry. I promise I will get to it soon. If anyone still owes for last year, please pay up now before the amnesty period expires.

6. Thanks for listening. Please resume your roto-season at this time.

At 19:58 on 6/30/2003, Green Monsters wrote:

I just want to say that I accept Arnie's offer first proposed right here on the big board! Tom please make the changes effective tomorrow (I will need to reacquire David Cone first in order to make this deal). Pleasure doing business with ya Arnie!! :-)

K.C.

At 14:40 on 6/30/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Arnie,

Anytime Greg May is involved, a red flag should immediately go up!! Red Flag... Red Flag.... I would hope the commish would investigate this trade in great detail??

At 13:50 on 6/30/2003, Karnold Knowledge wrote:

Southie,

Dissapointing to see you take part in Greg's latest scheme. The rest of the leauge would like to know how much cash changed hands in order for you to trade Babe Ruth for a piece of crap.

The Knowledge would like an apology from all those who have questioned deals completed in the past.

To the Green Monsters I say that I've reconsidered and will trade you Pujols, Edmonds, Wood and Nomo for Jesus Medrano, David Cone and the previously discussed future "considerations".

At 21:43 on 6/29/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Sue,

Thanks for all the memories, you will always be part of the Stripers!!! I still believe the Stripers will win one before the Peckers or the Train.

At 8:46 on 6/28/2003, Candy Stripers wrote:

I apologize to all who have contacted me regarding a potential trade. We were on vacation and enjoying the summer and I am about to start a new job and so I have little time to give appropriate attention to rotis at present. Given that and what I see as the negative impact of rotis on my love for the game itself I will be stepping down as Stripers' manager and turning the team over to my nephew Danny. So, any trade talks should be addressed to him through the LTBNL message board to the Stripers. It has been a wonderful many years--but my time to move on has come---and remember "Today I consider myself the luckiest girl on the face of the earth". Good luck to everyone and keep in touch even though I no longer have any players to trade.

Sue Striper

At 1:12 on 6/28/2003, Candy Stripers wrote:

Who ever has Eric Gagne if u want to trade him we are trying to trade are top players and hope for a better start next year just message me with what you want for him or if anyone wants anyone message with a offer

Thanks Danny

At 14:37 on 6/13/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

It is indeed a sad time for all of us in the Pecker family. We will get through this mournful period and we will surge on, and try to win one for the Pecker.

At 21:11 on 6/12/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Anyone want to make a trade... Anyone wanting Saves? Need Power...believe me the game is more fun when you make trades!!! Submit serious offers only to my box

At 8:36 on 6/4/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I think it is safe to say that Blunderwood just blundered away any chance he might have had to win. You might have to read this twice before it sinks in: He just bid \$24 on Rod Beck and, unfortunately for Blundy, he got him. Absolute and unmitigated stupidity. Blundy is in first in saves by 9 saves. He has Gagne and Benitez already. But more importantly, the Padres don't get save chances. Trust me. So he will have no trade value. Ever. And Herges

has converted his last two saves opps. So, when the big trades happen in July or August, blundy will not be able to add that final piece, or block someone else from doing it. Congratulations Blundy. You just cost your team the title.

At 9:21 on 5/28/2003, Southpaws wrote:

Does anyone care what Blunderwood has to say anymore?

Can we all just agree that no matter what... Undy will not win the league.

Stick to Volleyball cheesedick!!!

At 20:31 on 5/22/2003, Underdawks wrote:

Southy is on the clock.... see how long it takes for him to check the board? What a difference a year can make....

At 9:11 on 4/25/2003, Underdawks wrote:

Woody gave up his first run of the season!! What a run it was... Greg, Chapter 31 - Finding Quality Sleeper Starters -- by Brad J Underwood

At 18:40 on 4/17/2003, Candy Stripers wrote:

Just my luck--I get nine RBI's from the Cubs--but they were courtesy of my own least favorite new pitcher Jimmy. Is this a record of some sort Mr. Commissioner Person??

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At 9:09 on 4/17/2003, Southpaws wrote:

ATTENTION FIRESALE! all Cincinatti pitchers must go. Our inventory is overstocked with worthless tired arms that are begging to come out of games. We also have one stubborn, old, cocky manager who likes to leave said pitchers in to "teach them a lesson". This is the BIG EXTRAVAGANZA.... everyone must go, no reasonable offers will be denied. Our stock also includes the following.... several injured, old, washed up pitchers if you like this better than the ones previously mentioned. We even have one who is experiencing bleeding in his surgically repaired elbow. WE GOT ALL KINDS OF STIFFS! WE GUARANTEE TO INFLATE YOUR ERA AND RATIO WITHIN A WEEK!!!!

At 9:24 on 4/16/2003, Underdawks wrote:

Brad Penny vs Myers tonight ... I would give up a title this year to win this game. See you at BWWW Greg!! Also, who will give up an earned run first Borowski (CH Closer) or Woody Williams??

At 8:47 on 4/7/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Is Tom the defendant? Where is Tom?

At 14:12 on 4/6/2003, Green Monsters wrote:

I'm still in trial and am starting to feel like this will never end. But I wanted to take a moment to thank Tom Myers for sponsoring a superb draft day. Thanks Tom!!!!

At 8:10 on 4/5/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I mean, you obviously haven't read the book, because Chapter 27 is called Worry About Your Own Team. I am working on Chapter 28 right now. It is tentatively called: "The Worrell Rule: Make sure to Freeze Any Potential Save Guys That You Have for \$1."

At 16:50 on 4/4/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad:

You must have skipped over Chapter 27: Worry About Your Own Team.

At 10:52 on 4/2/2003, Underdawgs wrote:

Greg, Please provide the league with Juan Bong's stats:

Chapter 27 - If you love a guy's name you should play him!

At 8:05 on 3/31/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Play ball!

At 12:58 on 3/26/2003, Gregory Peckers wrote:

All in favor of letting the league pick one player off of the Knowledge's roster that must be thrown back for each day he is late on his Freeze List please indicate here by posting your vote: yes or no. I cast my vote for: yes. Any ideas who we should pick first if this passes?

At 0:23 on 3/25/2003, Commissioner wrote:

Reminder: Freeze lists are due by Midnight on Tuesday, March 25. See the Annex for more details.  
<http://home.fuse.net/lbtl>

At 0:55 on 2/26/2003, Commissioner wrote:

The Annex has been updated, a little anyway.

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At 13:48 on 2/11/2003, Commissioner wrote:

Pitchers and catchers are on their way to the Cactus and Grapefruit Leagues, and that means a new Roto-season can't be far behind.

The League Office is anxious to schedule this year's Auction Draft Extravaganza. It will be held the weekend of March 29-30, in Cincinnati. Probably at my house, unless someone else volunteers. If you have a preference for either Saturday the 29th or Sunday the 30th, please let me know by the end of next week. Majority rules. I have one vote for each so far and will announce the winning date on or about February 21.

Freeze lists will be due on March 25.

I have started working on updating the long-neglected Annex:

<http://home.fuse.net/ltbni>

It is new and improved since last season. Right now there are just some photos from last year's draft and a new and improved Constitution. But eventually all the draft materials you have come to rely on will be there. I am also working on the 2002 Financial Report and will post that when it's ready. And I am going to move last year's smack board to the Annex too. If you have any other ideas, or maybe some suggested captions for the photos, let me know.