

At 17:44 on 11/15/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Play a weekly format with no playoffs. Greg, you are not an elder statemen of this league.

At 11:12 on 11/14/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I have ditched the name PC Roto7. Also, I am ditching the name Old Roto. I don't like the name Roto Classic, so I have come up with a new one: Real Roto.

As in, bring back Real Roto! Can we end this little experiment now? Real men play Real Roto!

At 9:56 on 10/8/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

The Yankees are out of the playoffs!!! This is NOT right! They had the best record in the regular season! Down with playoffs!!!

At 17:14 on 10/7/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Loopholes?

At 11:33 on 10/6/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

KC, I am pretty sure you already know this but many of us (perhaps half) do not believe your team exposed any flaws in the current system.

At 10:48 on 10/6/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Never thought I'd ever be voting with Brad on anything regarding format, but I guess there is a first for everything! I favor the Classic Roto format with head-to-head playoffs, 4 teams, last 2 weeks of the year only. I don't agree with having 4 weeks of playoffs because then you are back to ending the season way too soon for too many teams which will lead, again, to more dumping. Once you limit the playoff teams to FOUR, I see no problem with one week playoffs for each head-to-head matchup. Yes, you get the vagaries of any given week, but, once narrowed to 4 teams, more than likely all of the 4 are likely to be deserving. I also suggest that, in that final week of the playoffs, the losers of the prior week be matched up head-to-head in a "consolation round" to determine 3rd & 4th (rather than determining that by a tiebreaker system).

If we are going to have 4 weeks of playoffs (which, btw, is more than we have had the past several years), then my vote would be for Classic Roto all season with no playoffs.

In any event, the Monsters are quite proud to be the poster team that revealed the flaws in the system. Exploiting loopholes is what we lawyers do!

At 8:37 on 10/4/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Play a weekly format. Doug May has driven a stake and divided this league, so let's just divide into 2 divisions.

At 20:38 on 10/3/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

There are good arguments on both sides of the fence here. I support the Solis Proposal because it is middle ground, a mix of Classic and Roto 7. And I think playoffs that last two weeks per round will help better determine the stronger team.

At 20:23 on 10/3/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Dan: Good points, except one. You are subject to the whims of Bobby Cox every day, not just during the last few weeks of the season. We all want to put more emphasis on what happens at the end of the season, but it is just one more week, or one more game, only it is at the end of the season instead of the beginning. No more, no less.

It was a close race. And it was a blast! I lost. Somebody has to lose, no matter what rules you go with. I'm over it already. Playoffs are the biggest rush in fantasy sports! Let's do it again!

At 19:40 on 10/3/2006, Dan's Fever wrote:

Congratulations to everyone on a very entertaining season and especially to the Quags for keeping alive the asterik. Thanks also to the committee who came up with a format to make this season better than last--sorry you had to put up with another year of griping. As for the current debate on next season--I hope that this does not become an annual ritual.

My vote would be to return to classic roto with no playoffs. I hate seeing a season being decided when certain major league teams are not using their best lineups. It is not truly indicative of the season as a whole.

If people want playoffs, then after the season the top teams should square off in a Strat-O-Matic tournament. You get to manage your own players and are not subject to Boobby Cox's whim. It represents much better what the season is all about.

As for some of the other ideas mentioned, I think it is a great idea for the last three weeks of the season to mean something for even the non-playoff teams. I would not like to see reserve rosters re-expanded, as it is, there is always a very weak free agent pool. And keeping only fifteen players is what makes rotisserie what it is.

My only other complaint is that I think we need a stronger anti-dumping rule. I know we tried to curtail it with the salary cap, but it doesn't work. Thanks, KC for changing your mind about dumping and playing out the season. You had one of the stronger finishes and helped prove that there are flaws in our current format.

Off my soapbox and ready to challenge somebody's team in a game of Strat-O-Matic.

At 15:44 on 10/3/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Congrats to the Peckers and Quags on a great series. Greg - so close again.

I think there are great things about both formats - it is a tough call.

On another note, one thing I would like to see is us reinstate the 12 man reserve roster.

Also, shouldn't we be able to keep more than 15 from our previous year's roster.

Just some thoughts. Again, congrats to Quags for a great win last week.

At 12:13 on 10/3/2006, SolTrain wrote:

I appoint Greg May, Brad Underwood and Tom Arnold to the 2007 committee to hash this out.

At 10:53 on 10/3/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

The whole point of ROTO7 is that you play on a weekly basis, not annual. That is what makes us care about baseball each week of the season & not an occasional glance to check on your stats. I would rather play ROTO7 format and have NO playoffs at all, then to go back to playing over the year, where the value of each RBI, SB, Win are weakened.

At 10:18 on 10/3/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I support what the Sol Train said.

At 10:09 on 10/3/2006, SolTrain wrote:

I vote for a return to Roto Classic for the regular season followed by Roto 7 play-offs for the top four teams with each round lasting two weeks.

During the final four weeks of the season the teams not qualifying for the play-offs will continue to amass stats as they fight for the first draft pick and the right to host the draft.

I have purchased the yoo-hoo for March 31st and it is already on ice.

At 9:54 on 10/3/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

ROTO7, only 4 teams get in playoffs, with 2 week playoffs.

At 8:00 on 10/3/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

On behalf of the entire QuagMyers organization: Thanks to everyone for the kind words.

I'm still in shock, to say the least ... I never expected this. Quite honestly, it's taken me the better part of a day to even be ready to attempt to post a message on this board. We knew we had a good team, but we never expected to win.

Greg, I don't know what to say: You had the better team all season. I had a good week and in the end you got some horrible breaks. I knew on Sunday morning, when Dontrelle didn't get out of the second, and Laroche wasn't in the lineup, that you were getting jobbed.

Maybe, just maybe, this could be an argument for returning to Roto Classic next season ... Greg's team was better, but he got screwed big-time in the last few days. Let's face it ... if the season comes down to the last day, it's really not fair if a bunch of your best hitters aren't even in the lineup.

And to respond to all of you Roto7 advocates, YES, I did enjoy the playoffs ... the same way a guy enjoys having a two-week long heart attack ... I followed every pitch, and lived and died through every at-bat ... thanks, DirecTV MLB Extra Innings! Thanks, XM radio ... thanks! in general to everyone who made it possible to follow every at-bat. It was wonderful and horrible ... all at the same time.

I liked this year's format better than last year's. So I want to thank the Committee ... who were vilified all year but in the end, I think, were validated by the exciting finish. But ... I am still convinced that over the course of the season, Greg had the better team.

In the end, I have to say I was truly stunned by the result. I honestly never thought I'd even get past the Monsters, who were clearly the hotter team going into our playoff. And Greg's team was clearly better than mine at the end of the season. I suppose what we have to decide is whether we reward a "hot" team during the season's last few weeks, or the "best" team over the entire course of the year.

If I were voting today, I'd vote for a return to Roto Classic. My second choice would be to keep what we have now. And I'd HOPE that there aren't too many other choices to choose from ... holy crap. So let me ask just this general question: Is our main point of contention Roto7 "as is" versus Roto Classic? Chime in when you have a minute, and I'll try to assemble a consensus ... as to what, essentially, we should be voting on. If we're voting again.

And finally, with respect to the 2007 Auction Draft, Scott, so far I've not heard a single objection to the 2007 Draft being held in Chicago. I, for one, am excited about it. Is there any reason we can't do this? I'm announcing right now that Auction Draft Day 2007 is Saturday, March 31, 2007. And I'm buying lunch.

At 15:25 on 10/2/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Was there ever really a doubt as to the eventual champion? Pre-season favorite v. the greatest asterisk team of all time?

Congratulations to Tom. Greg, the Cubs fired their team president and manager because they have not been able to get over that World Series hurdle. You might want to consider doing the same.

Can't say this was the most fun I've ever had in this league, but looking forward to seeing everyone in Chicago next spring for the first ever outside of Ohio draft extravaganza.

At 13:01 on 10/2/2006, Karnold Knowledge wrote:

I hereby accept KC's nomination to co-chair the new committee. My experience in the league has proven a keen insight into the nuances of roto 5 and the like. As no stranger to controversy, I might even suggest a playoff format of some sort (or how about adding a new category, maybe strike outs or runs scored). It might even be as much fun as the circus.

p.s. Congratulations to the Show Offs for their dramatic last day of the season butt kicking of the Knowledge, vaulting them to the head of the "century" club class

At 11:12 on 10/2/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Congrats to another team who had an "outstanding" year, the Soltrain. Outstanding in a different sense.

At 10:48 on 10/2/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Greg,

Keep your head or pecker up. This is probably your most talented Pecker team ever assembled. You are getting better, not good enough to win in this competitive league, but good enough to win in an estimated 65% of leagues around the country. You have nothing to be ashamed of. In another 5 or so years, I do believe you will again have a decent team and compete in this league. Congratulations to Tom on another Championship. It will be nice to get his ROTO7 vote, after that exciting playoff run.

At 10:13 on 10/2/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Congrats to the Quags and the Peckers for a very close World Series struggle and to the Quags for yet another championship for that storied franchise!

Now....if there is going to be a Committee to again look at the rules in which we plan under for next year, I hereby nominate Dan or Arnie or the Commish or ANYONE but me! :-)

Have a good winter folks and look forward to doing the rites of spring again next March/April

At 9:23 on 10/2/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Congrats to Tom on another LTBNL title, and congrats to the Peckers also on an outstanding season.

At 19:06 on 10/1/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

The fat lady is singing. There is no joy in Peckerville. Congrats to the Quags, the 2006 TLTBNL Champion. Maybe in a few days I will be able to bring myself to write some haiku about all this.

At 16:15 on 10/1/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tiebreakers suck.

At 13:14 on 10/1/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Members of the league, esteemed Elder Statesmen and fans: There is something I need to get off my chest. PC Roto7 really doesn't suck. It's great. I was only kidding. It seemed to give my team a rallying cry. But anyone following this great series can see the obvious. No matter how many times I say that it sucks, PC Roto7, like its predecessor Roto7, is good. Or at least the playoff part. I am sorry if I offended anyone in the league, and particularly the Elder Statesmen, with my commentary throughout the season. PC Roto7 really doesn't suck.

But, in the event there is really something to this whole PC Roto7 Sucks thing, and the way my team seems to respond every time I utter those words, let me utter once more time (with tongue firmly in cheek), that PC Roto7 sucks. Thank you.

At 12:16 on 10/1/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Thanks! Good luck to the Peckers as well. This should be an entertaining day.

At 0:37 on 10/1/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

You can't ask for much more than having a chance to win it all on the the last day of the season. Or maybe the next to last day of the season. Or, if there is a one game playoff, maybe the next to next to last day of the season. Anyway, time to take a little purple pill and go toss and turn for 7 or 8 hours. Long live TLTBNL! Thanks to Tom for riding herd on another memorable and extremely enjoyable season. We have a great Roto league because we have a great commissioner who donates some of his free time (and not so free time) to making this this thing work, this thing that we love so much. Thanks Tom, and good luck tomorrow.

At 21:36 on 9/30/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Homers in rapid succession from Wright and LaRoche, and the Peckers take the lead in BA, HR and RBI. Ouch. It was 8.5-1.5 an hour or so ago, and now it's 6-4 ... and things are looking grim for the Quags.

At 19:09 on 9/30/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

... And the Rockies have just blown an 8-run lead. No W for Francis either. Gosh, this is fun.

At 18:26 on 9/30/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

How is this for a Championship Week pitching line (so far): 53 innings, 1.11 ratio, 2.38 era, 46 k's, 2 wins and 4 saves. Soon to be 4 wins it would appear. That is strong. Perhaps too strong for me to overcome.

Let's see if this thing will work one more time. Class, could someone use the word "suck" in a sentence for me? Raise your hand. My, my. Look at all those hands out there. Yes, little Gregg Pecker, Jr. How would you use the word "suck" in a sentence? "Well, my dad says that Pc Roto7 sucks louder than anything that sucks in the whole universe! Times infinity!"

At 16:29 on 9/30/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Possible turning point in the series? With the Cardinals down 2-0 in the 8th, Scott Spezio triples with the bases loaded. The Brewers' bullpen costs Ben Sheets a W and puts Adam Wainwright in position to pick up a save

At 1:56 on 9/30/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Wow. Where's the Maalox?

At 23:51 on 9/29/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

The Peckers just pulled even in Ks ... 32 to 32, making up a 10 K deficit in one night.

At 23:37 on 9/29/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Noah Lowry: 0 ER and 2 baserunners thru 5 IP ... that's on top of Chuck James' win and Wickman's save ... the Peckers have closed the gap in four pitching categories and have taken over the lead in batting average ... This series is all but tied.

At 11:17 on 9/29/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Who could have guessed that Roto7 playoffs, PC or otherwise, would ever lead to the ritual sacrifice of children's toys?

The Quags are off to a good start for the week, but we're not counting any chickens. After nearly blowing big leads in ERA and Ratio last weekend, no one knows better than me how quickly things can change. Let's face it: every category is still up for grabs. And the Peckers still have to be the prohibitive favorite to win it all; their bats can't stay quiet forever.

My prediction for the weekend: A couple of sleepless nights, a lot of baseball on TV, a lot of hours in front of the computer, and a lot of Bud Light consumption. Divorce papers to be served on me by late Monday morning. Looking forward to it!

At 8:26 on 9/29/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Looks like the Peckers will have to throw our good friend Lowry..... I will say what the rest of the league is afraid to say... "Way to go TOM!! If Tom can hold and win this, it will be another 7 years before Greg has another team that is good enough to have a shot at winning"

At 8:09 on 9/29/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

How does PC Roto7 suck? Let me count the ways. I come up with 9. Later today, I will be taking one of my daughter's Barbie dolls, made to resemble Juan Uribe as closely as possible, to the backyard where I will cover him in BBQ sauce and hand him over to my trusty Weimaraner Hogan, who will then dismember said Uribe doll in an attempt to remove "the curse". I hope you are all having fun with this. I am, even though I think I have developed an ulcer.

I would like to say that I still believe in my team. Win or lose, I love these guys. I am proud of the Peckers and what they have accomplished this year, especially the fact that they did better than Doug, Brad and Scott. (Well, I guess everybody did better than Scott). When the season started, everybody said Tom's team was unbeatable. Well, the Peckers beat them in the regular season. And I believe we will beat them for the Championship when it is all said and done.

At 8:56 on 9/28/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

The Quags have actually left two wins and a save on the bench, just to clarify.

Despite the questionable managerial moves, the Quags are still hanging in there with the heavily favored Peckers, and for that we're grateful.

We do want to say that the Brewers are a joke. Check out the starting lineup they ran out there last night as they play out the string. The Mets clinched a month and a half ago or something, and they still managed to field a major league team last night. [Yes, we're bitter that Fielder was not in the lineup].

Here's hoping for a good night from Oswalt and No-mah's quad.

At 8:53 on 9/28/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

With all pitching categories still up for grabs, including K's, era, and ratio... we have some interesting managerial decisions to be made. Lohse today and Lowry tomorrow. I sit Lohse today and then throw Lowry against HKuo.

At 7:46 on 9/28/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

A nice pithcing night for the Peckers that could have been better had I activated Sampson (like Doug suggested earlier in the day). I didn't figure he would pitch so soon after starting on Monday. I explained this to my 7 year old daughter this morning, to which she replied, "That's why PC Roto7 sucks Dad. Duh!"

Both teams have now left a win on the bench. The plot thickens.

At 23:19 on 9/27/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Saito gets it done, and the saves category is now tied. Great night for Pecker pitching: 10 IP, 2 ER, 10 runners, 11 Ks.

At 23:01 on 9/27/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

That's one save for the Peckers ... can Saito make it two?

At 22:54 on 9/27/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Wainwright on to close it out ...

At 22:49 on 9/27/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

... not to mention that two of those were my baserunners.

At 22:48 on 9/27/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Oh boy .. Albert!! I actually have mixed feelings as I was pulling for the Cards to totally collapse.

At 22:45 on 9/27/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

And Pujols up with two on in the bottom of the eighth and the Cards down a run ... and Young in line for the victory ...

At 22:44 on 9/27/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Nady up with the bases loaded against Wheeler ...

At 20:53 on 9/27/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Greg, Have you ever told your wife that you actually have never won anything in this league and your franchise is jinxed (Chi Cubs)

At 17:41 on 9/27/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Greg,

Did you tell your wife that you would also be losing under Traditional Roto 7 (I use the word traditional loosely, btw)? Try it and see if she says "Traditional Roto 7 sucks." Also, as a final experiment, try telling her that under CLASSIC Roto you would be bringing home all the bacon and then report back to us what she says about that. :-)

In any event, it is waaaaay too early in the week for the Peckers to throw in the towel....

At 8:45 on 9/27/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I was just explaining to my wife about how the playoffs work. When I was done she asked, "So are you winning?" I replied, "No." She looked at me with a straight face and said, "PC Roto7 sucks."

At 20:01 on 9/26/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Andy and Dontrelle getting rocked early!! Go Quags..PC ROTO7 sucks

At 19:26 on 9/26/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Wow. Big first night by Tom. I find myself in a little bit of a hole already. It's been a while, so what the hell. If you know the words, feel free to join in.

And a one, and a two and a one, two, three, four: PC Roto 7 sucks. PC Roto 7 sucks. You take one down and pass it around, PC Roto 7 sucks.

At 0:23 on 9/26/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Additional musings re possible restructuring for next year.... Should we cut back to 4 playoff teams instead of 6 for next year (which I would favor whether we keep Roto 7 or go back to Classic Roto), I, for one, would favor having 100% of the money going via the playoff results. All 4 of those teams would be in the money anyways based upon the regular season performance and the playoffs would just determine each team's specific cut. Also, to further add to the pot a little and add another layer of interest and teams to pick on in the final week of the season, how about a consolation round pitting the two teams that lost in the first week of the playoffs against each other to determine who finishes 3rd and who finishes 4th?

Regardless, congrats and good luck this week to both the Peckers and the Quags. They were clearly the two best teams in the league this year and it is fitting that they are matched up against each other in the Championship.

As far as the rest of us are concerned, wait till next year!

At 19:25 on 9/25/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

The first stange (but true) story of the 2006 World Series. I decided not to activate Matt Albers because I did not want the Astr4o rookie pitching on the road against the red-hot Phillies. The only problem is that I left Chris Sampson up, another Astros rookie pitcher, and for some as yet unknown reason, he got the start. Oh boy.

At 18:25 on 9/25/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

After one game played, the Peckers have the lead as Michael Wuertz throws 0 IP and allows one hit.

At 8:34 on 9/25/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I would like to congratulate the Fever on a very fine season and a spirited effort in the playoffs. I would also like to wish the Quags the best of luck this week. Finally, I would like to ask Brad if he could make a beer run for me and Tom.

At 22:05 on 9/24/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Congrats to the Quags in advancing to the League Championship. It was a heck of a tight battle and the Monsters accomplished the Rocky goal (to take things to the final day and still technically be in it), but the huge day by McCann and the grand slam by Nomar appears to be too much for us. Good luck to the Quags in the finals!

At 20:11 on 9/24/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Kuo was amazing ... 7 IP, no ER, 8Ks, only 6 runners ... and the Monsters took over the lead in Ks.

... And we head into the last game of the week with five categories in play, and the Monsters and Quags each with three starting hitters. Plus some relievers.

This playoff thing might just work out.

At 10:59 on 9/24/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

& on the 7th day, the ball was given to H.Kuo.

At 7:05 on 9/23/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Speaking for those of us in the playoffs, I would like to thank the fans, specifically Brad Underwood. He is so into these playoffs we might call him "Superfan". Without fans, this game would not be as much fun. So thanks Brad for being a fan. Those of us that actually play the game really appreciate (more or less) that you are a fan.

At 16:22 on 9/22/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Fever- Home runs and Stolen Bases. We are all rooting for you!!

At 11:01 on 9/22/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Wow, has the tenor of the debate over the Roto format ever changed radically!

I've liked the two division idea since the first time Brad raised it last year (even if he may have mentioned it tongue in cheek). And I also think there is merit to the end of the season head-to-head playoffs. My beefs were with the Roto 7 format for the regular season and with the number of teams making the playoffs. So, I would vote in favor of a proposal that the last two weeks of the season be set aside for playoffs between four teams. Further, if it is feasible to do so, I think it would be fine to have two divisions-- the Columbus or Eastern Division (tho Scott should be grandfathered in to that one despite his geographic location) and the Cincinnati or Western Division (with Dan being grandfathered into that one despite his geographic location), with the Cols Division being scored via Roto 7 and the Cinti Division being scored via Classic Roto. I'd see this as somewhat comparable to the AL utilizing the DH and the NL not doing so and sticking with the more traditional program. One problem with this format, tho, would be determining who the final two playoff teams would be. But, I'll leave that to future debate if we move towards a two division configuration. Given the current balance of the league---3 from each proposed division made the playoffs this year, 3 of the top 4 spots in the regular season went to Cols teams, and 3 of the 4 current playoff teams are Cinti teams--it would seem to be the perfect time to go to two divisions if we are going to ever do it.

At 22:49 on 9/21/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

If there is any room for middle ground, how about Roto Classic through the end of August. Top 4 teams have playoffs Roto7 style (with the exception that each playoff series goes two weeks) to determine who gets to put the wetsuit on at the subsequent auction. This is far less radical than my other idea: two divisions -- one Roto Classic, one Roto7, i.e., National League and American League, with the two division winners meeting for a two week World Series. Let's face it, if we want this to be like real baseball, then there really isn't any limit to the whackiness.

At 22:27 on 9/21/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

I say we don't call it "old roto" ... I say we call it "Roto Classic" !! Here's one vote for Roto Classic in '07 !!

At 22:10 on 9/21/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

In anticipation of another philosophical battle this offseason over Old Roto v. Roto7, Brad and I did have a discussion about some possible "middle ground" solutions. It was just two owners shootin' the shit and not actually formulating a proposal. Let me be real clear....I am retired from leading the charge on LTBNL reform. If the Old Roto crowd holds me in contempt for leading the charge on Roto7 two years ago, I am truly sorry. I feel bad that I have driven a wedge into this league, and for that reason alone, and despite my belief that Roto7 is the superior game, I am currently planning to vote for Old Roto in 2007.

At 20:58 on 9/21/2006, Dan`s Fever wrote:

How about some sort of preview of 2007 for a depressed owner whose team really sucks right now?

At 14:55 on 9/21/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Sweet. And I didn't even have to appoint a Committee.

At 13:43 on 9/21/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Doug May and I met today for lunch and have solved the entire ROTO7/PCROTO7 and old roto debate. We will wait til after the playoffs are over to announce these new plans. Guess, you can call Doug and I the "New and Improved Statesmen"

At 1:01 on 9/21/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

A 5-5 tie would do me no good, as I believe I lose the tiebreaker in that instance. So, even if I can hold on to my slim leads in several of the offensive categories, I need to win or tie in one of the pitching categories to prevail. And I am so hopelessly behind the Quags in every single pitching category, there is no catching them.

At 13:27 on 9/20/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Sadly, the Monsters' bats are ON FIRE and they're two steals away from forcing a 5-category to 5-category tie, with 5 days to go. It's anything but over! Nice try, though.

At 12:58 on 9/20/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

The Quags are unbeatable. Sadly, they already have this week in the bag vs. the Monsters.

At 8:35 on 9/20/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad: Not only is my team better than yours, I can type faster than you can too.

At 8:33 on 9/20/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

I just got off the phone with Greg May, some interesting comments:

"This week is pretty much a done deal, let's see what would happen if I was playing the Quags"

He then went on to calculate that he would be getting beat by the Quags this week. Sounds like he has written the FEVER off.

At 8:32 on 9/20/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

FALSE POST ALERT! FALSE POST ALERT! Please be advised that what Brad is about to post next is false.

At 19:43 on 9/18/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

I play in this league for 1 reason, Greg has never won this league. Dan, we are all rooting for you this week. Go FEVER!!

At 9:29 on 9/18/2006, Commissioner wrote:

Congratulations to the Green Monsters and Dan's Fever, who have advanced to the second round of the 2006 LTBNL Playoffs.

The Green Monsters defeated Stevie's Wonders, 8.5 to 1.5. The Monsters now take on the QuagMyers in one semi-final matchup. The Fever beat the Underdaws, 7-3. They will meet the Gregory Peckers in the other semi-final.

Good luck, everyone!

At 9:21 on 9/18/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Brad,

Just to be clear, I don't know that I have ever been opposed to the playoffs. My disagreements have been with how the regular season is played and who makes the playoffs. In any event, the system is what it is and we lawyers always try to take advantage of the system any way we can. :-)

Meanwhile, I want to congratulate you and the Wonders on fine seasons. It took a miraculous, best ever week for the Monsters to overcome the Wonders. Our reward for that accomplishment? No doubt to get chewed up in the Quags juggernaut. Just Ryan and Pujols alone will overrun my team in the category of HRs and RBIs. I'm definitely back to the Rocky mode, just hoping to give the Quags a good fight.

At 9:28 on 9/17/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Careful, KC.. it looks like you might be enjoying ROTO7

At 8:51 on 9/17/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

I have a knack for last minute plummets, so a Wonders last day comeback seems likely to me. No matter how well I do, they just keep coming. And if the Monsters should have a bad day today, which is undoubtedly due...

At 6:39 on 9/17/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

I ran into the buzzsaw that is the Green Monsters. A great pitching week and even better offensive week for KC's squad. A very impressive performance indeed and one that the Quags will have to contend with next week.

KC - congratulations in getting your team fine tuned for the playoffs and best of luck!

At 1:06 on 9/17/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

1:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING & IT IS OFFICIALLY OVER. CONGRATS TO DAN'S FEVER AND I WISH THEM ALL THE BEST VS. GREG. IT WOULD BE A SAD DAY IN THIS LEAGUE IF GREG WERE TO ACTUALLY WIN SOMETHING.

At 6:54 on 9/16/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Don't sell yourself short K.C., you had 6 HRs, not 5.

And don't let K.C. fool you either - his squad is playing very well and it will take one monstrous weekend from me to overtake him.

At 0:27 on 9/16/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Tho there is no way my boys can continue to hang with the pitching-rich defending champs, the Wonders, I want to thank my team for their amazing offensive effort Friday night. In one of the more impressive offensive outputs of the season, they amassed 5 HRs, 10 runs scored, and 17 RBIs. At least it looks like the Rocky-like goal of going the distance vs. the Wonders will come true.....

At 21:38 on 9/15/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Let me first qualify this by saying my team sucked ass this year...about as much as Pedro and Roger did tonight.

At 12:33 on 9/15/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

He's got huge balls right now.

At 12:02 on 9/15/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Let it not be said that Barrett does not have balls!

At 11:49 on 9/15/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Sacking up to help the Quags' playoff chances:

Michael Barrett is still holding out hope of playing again this year, the Cubs official site reports. He's dealing with an intrascrotal hematoma and saw a doctor Thursday. "I don't have a big window here, but I think I have a window of opportunity so if I time it, I can come back the last week," Barrett said.

At 11:14 on 9/15/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Greg, Pedro is channel 739 (possible local blackout, Roger is on 741, and Jason is on channel 742. Assuming BWWWW can get all of these on for me? Please advise.

At 11:10 on 9/15/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

If you don't like ROTO7 playoffs, call a doctor?

At 11:10 on 9/15/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Couldn't you have put that in Haiku?

At 11:08 on 9/15/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Ahhhhhh, the playoffs. I remember them well from last year. Checking box scores 23 times per day. Stressing out over which pitchers to throw. Beating Undy and Greg to get to the World Series (it doesn't get any better than that). It sure was fun.

Isn't it fun guys?

At 18:52 on 9/14/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Eyre gets the win and Howry gets the Save!!

At 11:24 on 9/14/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Dear Pedro, Jason, & Rocket,

We put together our playoff strategy 5 years ago. You were hand picked to assemble the greatest playoff pitching rotation in the history of PCROTO7. Our fans and our entire organization have all the faith in the three of you. Tomorrow, September 15th, all three of you will take the mound to complete this 5 year plan that will take the UDAWGS to the next round in the playoffs!! Here we GO U-DAWGS!!

At 2:03 on 9/14/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Hey Steve, I had the guts (stupidity?) to throw Oliver Perez out there yesterday, so activating the winningest pitcher in the NL was an easy call.

Meanwhile, I have come to a Rocky-like realization (probably because I am in Philadelphia): There is just no way the Monsters can beat the behemoth defending champs. Our goal is simply to make it all 16 rounds with them (i.e. make it close). And through 3 days so far at least we are doing that.

At 6:46 on 9/13/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

I am going against my original plan and have decided to start Brad Penny tonight. This fat ass has been an abomination for the past 10 weeks - if he gets hit hard tonight, mark it down that the Monsters will move on to play the Quags.

C'mon Penny, you fat slob, show some guts out there for once!!

At 21:16 on 9/12/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

My Roto team also sucks. It is over, congratulations Dan!

At 18:29 on 9/12/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad: your poetry sucks.

At 18:28 on 9/12/2006, Dan's Fever wrote:

Tom--what roto level of sophistication have we reached when the smack is in prose?

At 17:24 on 9/12/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

There once was a guy, not a real smart guy,
Who got all his little brothers friends in this roto league on the fly.
The funny thing was, they all won the league and he never could,
After you watched him draft, you would also think he never should.

Keep Roto7 or I am out
PC ROTO7 Sucks, no doubt

At 16:45 on 9/12/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Hey, can't any of you guys do REAL poetry? Ya know, the kind that rhymes. Like,

There once was a Roto league in the same country as Nantucket;
Who knew what to do with Roto 7---chuck it.
After two years of folly, they dumped it by golly
And that was the end of that!

P.S. to Wonders: You are absolutely right. No chance the reverse jinx will work. Not against a powerhouse team like yours. No way!

At 15:23 on 9/12/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

Playoffs have finally begun
Monsters sing praise of opponents
Reverse jinx will not work

At 15:13 on 9/12/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

A cry of sensibility from the wilderness! I second the motion to bring back real Roto.

Tho the Monsters played real good ball in the second half of the season, we have no business being on the same field as the powerhouse defending champs, the Wonders, who finished almost 20 games ahead of us. I can only thank the vagaries of Monday MLB which actually allows the Monsters to have one day in the lead before the Wonders unleash their full powers on us and crush us. Thankfully, at least, we did not trade away the entire future to get this far....

At 14:51 on 9/12/2006, Dan`s Fever wrote:

Where's Rocky Raccoon?
These poems have gotten much worse.
Bring back real Roto!

At 13:54 on 9/12/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

You know, maybe this Haiku thing isn't so bad after all.

19 wins is bad
Much worse than striped teams before
Now Scott wears a bra

At 12:25 on 9/12/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

We don't have a play-by-play announcer for this year's playoffs??!!

At 23:01 on 9/11/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

There's no Haiku in baseball. But if there was, Tom's was better.

At 22:41 on 9/11/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

In twenty-three weeks,
They managed but nineteen wins.
A SolTrain, derailed.

At 13:44 on 9/11/2006, SolTrain wrote:

A Haiku for Greg:

Gregory Peckers
Years and years of also rans
Asterisk again

Greg - congrats on the regular season title. As much as everyone would like to see you finally get a yoo-hoo shower, pretty certain that the Peckers will not even make it to the Championship round though. Something about the power of the asterisk...

At 12:19 on 9/11/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Congratulations to the Peckers! The Quags are proud to at least have given the Head Pecker a little scare over the last couple of days ... but in the end it was a hard-fought and well-earned victory for the Peckers. Congrats as well to all the other playoff teams, and best of luck to everyone.

I'll update the Annex with the final regular season standings and some playoff matchup previews tonight or tomorrow night.

At 10:20 on 9/11/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

KC: Thanks, and good luck to you in the playoffs. However, if you get by the Wonders, you will play the Quags in the next round, not me (according to Article 12.4 of the constitution). I know what you are expecting me to say about that, but I am going to give "the button" -- as we call it here in Peckerland -- a rest this week. Good luck to all the Playoff teams!

At 10:01 on 9/11/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

One owner's opinion: Fever over the U-dawgs, Wonders over the Monsters. Congrats to the Peckers on winning the regular season. Good luck to all remaining teams in their quest for the Yoo Hoo.

At 9:50 on 9/11/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Congrats to the Peckers for their first ever undisputed championship! They look pretty formidable in the playoffs too. Even if the Monsters can sneak past the Wonders in the first round of the playoffs (which is doubtful), what chance would we have against a powerhouse squad like that?!

At 8:13 on 9/11/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers win the *! The Peckers win the *!

At 11:27 on 9/9/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I just informed Danny that he has misinterpreted the End of Season tiebreaker. It is not category by category; it is week to week performance head to head. Apparently it was done that way to break a tie for 8th place last year (although the Rule is worded quite ambiguously). So Tom would win the first tiebreaker. But the Peckers still might lose because of the new second tiebreaker.

TQStats has the Peckers with 62 points and 4 wins. The Knowledge also has 62 points, but is showing 3 wins. Actually, they win the new second tiebreaker and should be showing 4 wins. Uh-oh. Can you say "audit"?

So in conclusion, let me say that TQStats sucks (we already knew that); PC Roto7 sucks (we already knew that); and tiebreakers suck (which I already knew anyway).

At 10:55 on 9/9/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I received this email from Danny and thought I would pass it along:

"Hey Greg, I just want to say what a swell pennant race this has turned out to be. The Peckers and the Quags are tied for 1st place and if the season ended today you would take in the privates! Again! But this time by a brand new second tie-breaker! Hard to believe your luck, Asterisk Man! Well, like you always say: PC Roto 7 sucks!"

That Danny has a way with words. I think I have to agree with him -- PC Roto 7 does indeed suck. Multiple times. With a battery powered backup system. Oh well. Good luck to the Quags!

At 12:23 on 9/7/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Strange but True II:

08.26 Doug Outs CFreeman Col Reserve
08.26 Doug Outs TClark Ari Activate
08.23 Doug Outs Clzturis ChC Reserve
08.23 Doug Outs RDoumit Pit Activate
08.20 Doug Outs DTurnbow Mil Reserve
08.20 Doug Outs RWolf Phi Activate

Believe the DougOuts had been eliminated from Play-Off contention by 8/20 and yet they needlessly contributed \$6 to the pot. Way to chase that draft pick Dougger!

Commenting on the verbal sparring between the clubs, SolTrain management said "As a club, we have faced adversity the entire season - it's all we can do to put our best guys out on the field and show our fans that we will not stop fighting until we have won 20 games. It was purely an oversight that we forgot to activate Kemp earlier in the week - damn fantasy football."

At 12:13 on 9/7/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Strange, but true.....in his drive for 20 wins, the Sol Train activated Matt Kemp today and thus needlessly contributed an extra \$2 to the pot.

At 8:28 on 9/4/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Wow, if this was next week- Fever and the U-Dawgs would have gone 4-3-3 in the 10 categories for a U-Dawg victory. PC ROTO7 REALLY SUCKS IN THE PLAYOFFS.

At 22:33 on 9/3/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

I have great confidence that Greg and the Peckers will find some way to make this season another exception. In the meantime, I think permanently affixing a giant ass-terisk to Greg's forehead would be symbolic and appropos. :-)

At 9:06 on 9/3/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

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At 15:00 on 9/2/2006, Dan`s Fever wrote:

KC--shouldn't there still be an asterik even if the Peckers win?

At 13:53 on 9/2/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

The only team that has a chance to beat the Peckers is the Quags. The rest of us don't have a chance.

At 13:43 on 9/2/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Highest weekly point total for 5x5 PC Roto7 was 105, by the Wonders in Week 10. The Peckers' current total of 114 is, quite simply, unprecedented. They are surging at just the right time, and probably cannot be stopped.

At 12:33 on 9/2/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Steve: Nice try. PC Roto7 sucks.

At 11:46 on 9/2/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

What is the highest point total in a week for Roto 7? Peckers are at 114.0 - I don't remember seeing anything higher. Man is his team good. The Peckers are on their way to their first unasterisked LTBNL championship.

At 11:36 on 9/1/2006, Commissioner wrote:

Quick and friendly reminder from the League Office: The free agent market is now closed for the season. Art. 17.1. Thanks.

At 11:34 on 9/1/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Arnie,

Phil Nevin went to the AL today. Sorry, I was looking forward to taking your wife to Bob Evans if he stayed in the NL. That was the deal, correct?

At 9:13 on 8/29/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

DEREK LEE IS AVAILABLE TODAY AS A FREE AGENT- PLEASE BID HIM UP

At 13:59 on 8/28/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Attn: Derek Lee was let go by the Dougouts. Please watch closely if he comes off of the DL and would be eligible to be picked up.

At 9:05 on 8/23/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Hey guys, this is Greg! I know a few people think that PC Roto7 sucks, but isn't this great? We have a very exciting pennant race on our hands. This is what it is all about, the reason we play this game (well, at least for the last two years anyway.) Speaking of pennants, I think it would be neat to have if the person who wins the regular season actually got a pennant. It could have an asterisk on it if you guys insist. What do you guys think? Anyway, I hope you guys are having just as swell of a time as I am.

At 11:36 on 8/21/2006, Southpaws wrote:

That woosh you heard wizzing by your head was the Southpaw front office officially throwing in the towel. Have fun the rest of the season boys!

Two weeks until OSU football!

See ya at the draft....

At 22:42 on 8/19/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

My teams pitching line the last two nights:

20.1 IP, 32 H, 29 ER, 15 BB.

The wheels have not fallen off yet but a couple of lug nuts have loosened on the Wonders' bus.

At 22:27 on 8/19/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

This is the funniest post ever on this site -

At 10:25 on 8/17/2003, Karnold Nowledge 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 20:35 on 8/19/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

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

Hey this is Greg 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 Greg

At 17:10 on 8/19/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Dude, you're starting to sound like Danny.

At 13:45 on 8/19/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Hey guys, I was just wondering: what do you think about PCRoto7?

At 15:18 on 8/16/2006, SolTrain wrote:

You guys think you got it bad...

At 13:51 on 8/16/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

The Lidge report is not exactly the most earth shattering news given that the Quags also have Houston's back up closer (as well as the top closer in the NL)! In fact, this is more than likely a BOOST to the Quags since Wheeler will likely blow less saves than Lidge.

As for the Monsters and that last playoff spot: 1) I don't really like our chance of holding on to it. We peaked too soon and thanks to El Duque last night have begun our downhill slide; 2) Even should we cling to that last playoff spot, we would surely get knocked out in the first round of the playoffs by one of those mighty teams currently vying for first place; and 3) Under REAL Roto 6th place really does not mean much. The possibility of securing that last playoff spot under the Roto 7 format has more than likely diverted the efforts of Monster management away from what it should be doing---rebuilding for the future.

At 12:32 on 8/16/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

Talk about being done - the Wonders are done. 74 (yes 74) ABs last night - 2 RBIs. This offense has been sputtering for a few weeks now and my staff is sucking ass too. Arroyo goes for win #10 for the 15th time tonight.

At 11:16 on 8/16/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

After giving up a game-tying home run to Chicago's Matt Murton in the ninth inning on Tuesday, Brad Lidge has lost his job as the Astros closer, according to the AP. "I'm going to take him out of the closer's role," Garner said. "It's going to be closer-by-committee." It was Lidge's fifth blown save of the season ...

Sorry, K.C., looks like the Quags are done. On the other hand, it looks to me like you've pretty much locked up the last playoff spot. Congrats!!

At 11:34 on 8/15/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

It looks to me now like the Quags are unbeatable and poised to take it all. :-)

At 22:38 on 8/14/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Nothing like giving the ball to Pedro and having an era of 54.0 and a ratio of 5.00. The U-Dawgs are done, thanks KC for jinxing us. See you guys next year.

At 10:35 on 8/12/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Good, because I am behind you in ERA and ratio for the week. Thanks, Train.

At 10:25 on 8/12/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Sounds like a blast! Pardon the pun.

At 10:21 on 8/12/2006, SolTrain wrote:

When you are in the cellar, you can do fun things like start three Cubs rookie pitchers for a Friday-Sunday series in Colorado.

At 16:58 on 8/11/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Burrell still dealing with foot problem

Pat Burrell (OF, PHI)

Burrell admitted to the media on Tuesday that his troublesome right foot will bother him the rest of the season. It's already cut down on his mobility in the field, making him a risky player to have in the outfield in the late innings of a close game. Burrell had surgery on the foot in October 2005 to remove a bone spur. He's already starting to look into having another surgery to eliminate the pain. Does he have the surgery before the end of the season to allow more time to heal, or does he go the rehab route since last year's surgery didn't clear up the problem? If Burrell is on your roster, prepare to see him either miss a bunch of games in September or be shut down for the year to have surgery.

At 23:53 on 8/7/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

The Annex, unfortunately neglected over the last few weeks, has finally been updated with Commish News and Notes. Check it out at ltbni.org. And by all means, feel free to chime in with your own thoughts and observations ... only 5 weeks remain before the LTBNI Playoffs.

At 11:22 on 8/3/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Thanks for your sensitivity Brad. In appreciation, I am now predicting that the U-Dawgs will win it all this season!

At 21:21 on 8/2/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Greg, You are hurting people when you say PCROTO7 sucks.

At 21:06 on 8/2/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

KC:

Thank you for your kind comments about my team (I think). But as I may have stated previously, PCROTO7 really sucks so I am fully prepared to get very close to a championship and then have my guts ripped out by a somebody some scrubby shortstop who will hit two out in the ninth inning of the last game of the year. On the other hand, I hope to win my third (and possibly my fourth) Asterisk Championships by taking the Old Roto title for the second consecutive year and winning the first ever Old Roto 7 Championship. But let's be clear about one thing: PCROTO7 sucks out loud.

At 17:30 on 8/2/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Ah, the reverse jinx. I like to use that one as well.

At 14:10 on 8/2/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Steve, the more telling remark would have been to ask how successful my predictions history is. I'd say no more than 1-2% of my predictions have ever been right. In fact, most of my predictions have the effect of turning things completely around in the other direction. So, stay tuned for future predictions by me christening the Wonders, the U-Dawgs, etc. as this year's champions. :-). Just as Greg draws good luck by bashing PC Roto 7, I expect to draw good luck by picking everyone but the Monsters to win.....

At 13:12 on 8/2/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

We'll see about that.

At 12:49 on 8/2/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

In spite of the recent smack, I am predicting a first, non-asterick championship for the Peckers franchise this year. Utley, Wright, Delgado, H. Ramirez, LaRoche, Burrell, etc., etc.... There is no more formidable lineup in the league.

At 17:21 on 8/1/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

As one of my partners likes to say, "Even a blind squirrel finds a nut every so often." I'll be more apt to buy the Peckers do better scouting argument if and when they have a league championship or two under their belts. Till then, I'm thinkin' blind squirrel.....

At 17:20 on 8/1/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Greg, How many titles have the Monsters won? & How many have you won? No * please

At 17:10 on 8/1/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Only when I am on vacation. And then only on Tuesdays. By the way K.C., I'm pretty sure the reason I'm kicking your hind end this year (and last year for that matter) is because my scouting department has been doing a better job than yours and not because of Bob Wickman or how we keep score.

At 16:19 on 8/1/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Appreciate the apology, but since when does ANYONE ever speak for Greg? :-)

At 14:58 on 8/1/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Greg and I are deeply sorry that we purchased these free agents. There is absolutely no place for anyone to feel upset or unhappy in PCROTO7. All teams should be equal and everyone should have fun.

At 14:04 on 8/1/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Oh how I long for the good ole days when quality Roto teams were built by scouting and player development. Now, it is all about who is willing to BUY the best team (e.g. Guardado \$44, Wickman \$40). Hey, I guess this really is like real baseball!

At 12:13 on 8/1/2006, SolTrain wrote:

SolTrain requests \$12 in FAAB for Joel Guzman being traded to the AL.

At 11:47 on 8/1/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

I am with you Greg, I really know I am in a pennant race, when I expand my roster! In my opinion, the best part of PCROTO7 is expanding rosters.

At 10:39 on 8/1/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tanks for nuttin, Danny. PC Roto 7 sucks! Oh well, I can't wait for roster expansion.

At 8:36 on 8/1/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Tom, Marquis last outing was awful. I did not want him active for it, please check your inbox.

At 23:04 on 7/31/2006, Commissioner wrote:

Greg: Sorry I missed that; fixed now. K.C. and everyone else who's claimed FAAB money: Granted!

At 17:29 on 7/31/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Not sure how I could ever spend it all in the next month, but the Monsters did lose \$45 with Abreu going over to the AL. We do get to carry over our FAAB excess to the next season, right? :-) In any event, just for the sake of possibly ending the season with the largest remaining FAAB, I hereby stake my claim for the loss of Abreu.

At 17:18 on 7/31/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom: I wanted to activate Lowry for today's start, but he wasn't on my roster yet. Check your Inbox for a timely message regarding same that I sent. Thanks.

At 12:10 on 7/31/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

The trading ain't over folks! The Monsters send Maine, Patterson, and Baker (all J's) to the Show Hoffs for C. Tracy, M. Giles, and J. Vargas.

At 10:59 on 7/31/2006, TheRick Shaws wrote:

Shaws claim \$21 for trade of Casey to the AL

At 22:26 on 7/30/2006, Dan's Fever wrote:

Fever claim \$1 in FAAB money as compensation for trade of Hector Luna to AL.

At 21:03 on 7/30/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Yet another trade: U-dawgs send Victorino, Franco & Armas to the Doug Outs for Gonzalez, Matos & Bradford. U-dawgs reserve Finley, Matos & Bradford. Doug Outs activate Victorino (OF), Franco (UT), and Armas. Move Freeman to OF.

At 15:28 on 7/30/2006, SolTrain wrote:

The SolTrain concluded it's firesale today, acquiring Anthony Reyes and Angel Pagan from the Quags for NoMAH and Ramon Ortiz.

Pagan goes to UT, Borchard to corner for the Train. For the Quags, Luis Gonzalez goes to OF and NoMAH goes to MI.

See everyone at the draft next year. I will post directions to my house sometime during the Spring of '07.

At 12:15 on 7/30/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

The U-dawgs and Peckers (both on vacation) have asked me to report the following trade, which was agreed upon prior to noon today:

Lowry to the Peckers for Victorino. Peckers activate Marlon Anderson to replace Victorino. U-dawgs reserve Victorino.

At 21:00 on 7/28/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Um, no. See Art. 17.8.

At 20:32 on 7/28/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom: Don't you have to waive him first?

At 19:36 on 7/28/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Quags claim \$42 in FAAB compensation for trade of Carlos Lee to AL.

At 16:43 on 7/28/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

While you philosophers have been debating the finer points of PC Roto7, The Peckers and the Doug Outs were making a deal. The Peckers have acquired Adam LaRoche, Rafeal Furcal, Mike Thompson and Marlon Anderson for Jose Bautista, Taylor Tankersley, Cesar Carrillo and Taylor Buchholz.

At 15:29 on 7/28/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

KC- Guess we just do not see eye to eye. I would vote for playing ROTO7 during the season and having no playoffs before I would play old way with playoffs.

At 15:08 on 7/28/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Sounds like a plan Brad! It also makes my next point for me....

The argument that Roto 7 is better because of the playoffs at the end of the year does not hold. There is NOTHING I am aware of that precludes us from doing traditional Roto throughout the regular season and still reserving the last few weeks of the season for head-to-head playoffs between the top teams (tho the Commish, as the League's liaison with TQS, could disavow me of that notion).

At 14:45 on 7/28/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Columbus and Solis can play ROTO7 and the rest can play old style. Then we can meet in the World Series

At 14:31 on 7/28/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

We could solve all these problems by starting an AL Old Style league next year in addition to our current NL PC Roto 7 league. Then we can debate which league is superior - it will be our version of the DH vs pitchers should hit argument.

At 14:07 on 7/28/2006, SolTrain wrote:

There is another point not being mentioned in this tired discussion. That being the excitement of the actual Play-Offs associated with the head-to-head format (for those that participated last year).

In the LTBNL, no matter the format, the last place team and the couple temas above have always known about the end of May/mid June, that this ain't the season and it's time to prepare for next year. Generally, in old Roto, the next three teams (6 through 9) then are looking at their teams to decide whether or not they have a shot at 1st, but more likely runner-up money (yippee.) or the "coveted" first pick in the reserve draft. In PC Roto 7 those three teams are looking at a run to get in the play-offs and a shot at a Yoo-Hoo shower (previously unheard of in regular Roto) because anything can happen in the head-to-head format - which is just like real baseball for those to which that is important.

At 14:03 on 7/28/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

The best part of ROTO7 is it is played on a WEEKLY basis, not on a 6 month basis!!

At 13:32 on 7/28/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I am a "top 5" team who is "in the race at the top" and I think this is more exciting, or at least equally exciting, when compared Old Roto. Plus let's face it, if it weren't for Roto7 we probably wouldn't have so much activity and involvement from the Paws, Outs, Monsters and Shaws. Roto7 makes these teams potential buyers, which they most probably would not be in Old Roto, so how anyone can say that the "bottom 3 teams" are worse off in Roto 7 is beyond me. Add to that the enjoyment of watching the "3 teams vying for 6th place" soil themselves on a daily basis as they try to decide what to do, and I don't see how any reasonable person could say that Roto7 sucks. But as we all know it does (three times).

At 13:20 on 7/28/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Doug,

Point well taken, in part. No doubt our bottom three teams would still be way off the mark under the old rules. And whether they are worse off under Roto 7 because they had more buyers for their high-priced talent is speculation on my part. No way to prove that one way or another. But, of course, the excitement of a 5-team race at the top lost vs. 3 teams vying for 6th place race was a comparison between new and old Roto.

At 12:52 on 7/28/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

KC, why do you insist on comparing Roto 7 to real baseball instead of comparing it to Old Roto? In Old Roto the bottom 3 teams would still be way out of it (no offense to those 3 teams). THIS ISN'T REAL BASEBALL. THIS IS A GAME.

At 12:41 on 7/28/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

I like Roto 7, but I like the old, original version of the game much better.

As for the effect Roto 7 has had this season in keeping more teams in the hunt, let's take a look at that issue. First, tho I have not researched the issue, I am guessing that this is the worst season we have ever had for haves vs. have nots. We have three teams who are more than 40 games behind and who have winning percentages at or below .331. We even have one team with a winning percentage of .143 and 62 games out of first, undoubtedly the worst in league history (sorry Scott!) In real baseball, the worst team has a winning percentage of .347 and is 33 games out of first.

Let me suggest that the Roto 7 format is directly responsible for this disparity. Because the format gives false hope to mediocre teams like the Monsters, there have been more buyers in the market for high priced players than there would be under the old rules. As a consequence, the lowest teams have been completely picked clean. And the richest teams have gotten very rich.

Further, but for the scoring revisions this year, the disparities would likely be even greater!

Looking at our league, there are really 5 top quality clubs. Under the old rules those 5 teams would be waging an exciting battle vying for position and, of course, one would eventually end up in the cold by finishing fifth. Instead, we have a yawner as to all of those 5 clubs because it is close to a certainty that all 5 will make the playoffs.

So, we are left with the riveting battle (apparently between three of us because the Doug Outs have thrown in the towel) for the 6th playoff spot. Is it really worth losing the excitement of the 5 teams vying for position at the top to give a couple of mediocre teams an unlikely shot at the Yahoo?

At 11:23 on 7/28/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

How you do not like Roto7 is beyond me? How many teams are in the race right now? Also, do you think I would really care about the stats this weekend in the old format.

At 10:06 on 7/28/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

So long as trades are reported to the league office and/or posted on the board by the midnight deadline, I don't see a problem with the extra time to adjust/balance rosters. The main goal of preventing late trades will be achieved.

As an aside, I can't believe we have found something that Greg, Brad and I all appear to agree on. Could the end of the world be near?! :-)

Lastly, I will second the Quags motion to repeal Roto 7 for 2007. And my thanks to the Peckers and U-Dawgs for their relentless pounding of this year's version of Roto 7 which has apparently inspired the Quags to finally take a public position on this issue!

At 10:02 on 7/28/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Greg -

What happened to the weekly comparison sheet for Old Style, Roto 7 and PC Roto 7?

I have a feeling Tom's comment about repealing Roto 7 means that he is leading in Old Style :)

At 8:47 on 7/28/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Tom, That is fine, but at no TIME ever can a team go over the salary cap.

At 0:20 on 7/28/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

PC or not, Roto7 is stoopid. Here's one vote to repeal it for 2007 !!! [Sorry Doug]

At 0:10 on 7/28/2006, Commissioner wrote:

Let's leave the Trade Deadline at Midnight on July 31, as is set out by the Constitution and LTBNL tradition. If you make a trade, report it to the League Office by Midnight, on the message board, by telephone, or by e-mail. We will, however, give teams until Noon on Tuesday to balance their rosters and assure salary cap compliance. Is that agreeable to everyone?

At 20:53 on 7/27/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

C'mon U-Dawgs ... wake up. PCROTO7 really sucks.

At 20:42 on 7/27/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

If it weren't for the fact that PC Roto 7 sucks, I might be convinced that what KC is saying here makes a lot of sense. But PC Roto 7 sucks.

At 19:09 on 7/27/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

I agree with KC, midnight is midnight. If you do a deal and report it by midnight, you must be able to keep your team balanced and under the cap.

At 17:35 on 7/27/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

If we are going to vote on extending the trade deadline, please count me as a no vote. I think the July 31 midnight deadline for reporting your deal to the league office is a pretty bright line rule to follow and keeping that deadline adds to the drama of our game. The fact that someone tried to get around the rule last year shouldn't be an impetus to change it! If the deadline is extended 12 additional hours many folks won't deal until after the major league deadline is over. Sellers won't deal because they won't want to get cheap guys who then get traded. Buyers won't deal until they see what happens to their team, if anything, with the late major league deals. Btw, I am one of the folks that would likely benefit from the deadline extension. For example, I am currently discussing several potential deals hedging my bets should Abreu get traded to the AL. If I can wait until after the major league deadline passes, I'm a lot less interested in making a deal now. If the deadline passes and Abreu is not traded, then I really don't need to make a deal. He is better than the folks being offered to me in trade. If he is traded, then I go ahead and make one of the deals being discussed. Of course, the number of rumored trades is far more than the actual ones, so keeping this element of drama, I think, adds to the excitement of the game. My two cents as an "old schooler."

In any event, I wholeheartedly agree with Brad that we need to know soon what rule we are playing by here since it will greatly impact trade strategies.

At 10:03 on 7/27/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Doug,

I do not know how to be much clearer, if you mention Freddy Sanchez - I hang up the phone.

At 9:15 on 7/27/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Adam LaRoche (\$15): Last 21 days he is batting .364 with 7 dingers and 17 rbi.

At 17:00 on 7/26/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Tom,

Can you please clarify the trade deadline. Is it now, Tuesday, August 1st at 12:00 (noon)? Or is it midnight?

At 12:06 on 7/25/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Now all we need is for Doug to say it and we can have ourselves a recall vote.

At 10:11 on 7/25/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

roto 7 sucks---5 times!

At 10:03 on 7/25/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I think that would look a bit funny to have an "elder statesman" on the bandwagon.

At 9:02 on 7/25/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Too late for me to join the PC Roto sucks bandwagon?

At 3:10 on 7/25/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

See what I mean. Now just shut the hell up and don't piss me off. Next time I'll hit the "PC Roto 7 Sucks" button five times instead of three.

At 23:16 on 7/24/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Attention Shoppers! Adam LaRoche (\$15) went 2-4 with 2 hr and 4 rbi Monday night. This could have helped YOUR team. Also, don't forget about our special pricing on Jeff Kent (\$27) this month. He'd make a nice addition to any line-up down the stretch.

At 16:42 on 7/24/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Sheez, do folks here ever have a short string! The term "elder statesmen" has previously been affixed by the Peckers to folks who favor the old school, original version of Roto. It was in that sense Doug that I think you in no way qualify as an "elder statesmen." If elder statesman refers to length of time in the league, then just about everybody qualifies as such. After the wonders, the newest guy in this league has been with us 6 years. And beyond those two folks, everyone has been in the league 11 years or more.

At 15:53 on 7/24/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

The Outs have a higher avg. finish than the U-dawgs since you were invited into this league, Brad.

At 15:43 on 7/24/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Doug,
Maybe it has something to do with your performance?

At 15:27 on 7/24/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

KC,

Not that I really give a sh*t, but why exactly wouldn't I qualify as an elder statesman? I've been in this league every year except the second season.

At 14:04 on 7/24/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Greg,

I understand the tongue and cheek and am just giving it back to you.

Thanks for identifying the so-called "elder statesman." I think it makes my point re playing with stats to say whatever you want. Inasmuch as Doug is the "father of Roto 7," which led to the most radical revision of the game in league history, I think it is a HUGE misnomer to put him in the category of "elder statesmen." It would also seem to me to be a major mischaracterization of Scott to put him in the category of elder statesman. He was/is a big proponent of Roto 7 as well. And, of course, given the unfortunate year Sol Train is having, using its numbers will badly skew any stats!

For what it is worth, I think the vote on the revisions to Roto 7 was 9-3. So, there was one other genius besides you and Brad!

Finally, for a proper breakdown of stats between "elder statesmen" and gamewreckers :-), let's look at the winning percentage of the teams that voted in favor of retaining Roto 7. That winning percentage is a pedestrian .489 (383-401). Fortunately, btw, with Roto 7 (which is far more tilted to PC than the rules revisions to Roto 7), a winning percentage like that can keep one in hot pursuit of that 6th playoff spot with the potential to win it all! And on that, I speak with experience....

At 12:34 on 7/24/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

KC:

Uhhh, I was talking about the "elder statesman" who were on the committee that came up with PC Roto 7 (have I mentioned lately that it sucks?). That would be Doug, Solis and you. As I recall, Brad and I were the only ones to vote "no" on The Package. And of course, this is all tongue in cheek. It's just that when I say "PC Roto 7 sucks" my team usually starts kicking hind end. No offense.

At 12:21 on 7/24/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

LaRoche's stats over last 21 days: .358 avg, 4 hr, 12 rbi

Furcal's last 21 days: .308 avg, 8 sb's

At 11:42 on 7/24/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

One can really support just about any proposition they want by narrowly choosing statistics. How about this one:

Teams disfavoring Roto 7: 12 league championships
Teams favoring Roto 7: 4 league championships

Or this one:

Committee that developed the so-called "PC Roto 7": 4 championships

Outspoken opponents of same: 1 championship

I'm also perplexed at how "elder statesman" was defined in arriving at the statistic below. Arnie and are the only ones below .500 who I think would qualify under that category. And the 44 games under .500 of our two teams (mostly Arnie :-)) is MORE than made up for by the Quags and the Fever (who are a combined 54 games over .500). So GOK how a winning percentage of .366 was derived!

At 11:19 on 7/24/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Combined winning percentage of Elder Statesman: .366

Combined winning percentage of Greg and Brad (Outspoken critics of PC Roto 7 and apparently not elder or statesmanlike enough): .651

Conclusion: PC Roto 7 sucks.

At 10:55 on 7/24/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

PC Roto7 Sucks. PC Roto7 sucks. PC Roto7 sucks.

At 10:53 on 7/24/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Hold on there little brother! I'm not sure you are the right guy to be ragging on anybody for not making good deadline deals. Plus, earlier in the season, when I was doing the Roto 3 Different Ways Spreadsheet, you and the other "elder statesman" were crying that a few weeks was not enough of a statistically significant sample. Now all the sudden one week is enough to say that my team has been passed up? Let me show you how easy that is to fix:

PC Roto 7 sucks! Pc Roto 7 sucks! Pc Roto 7 sucks!

At 9:05 on 7/24/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Brad & Greg,

We all know you two hate the new PC Roto 7. Apparently you also hate making good deadline deals. Your 3-4 records this week indicate that you've been passed up by some teams below you in the standings.

At 8:55 on 7/24/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad:

The stats are correct. If you ned to know how to calculate ERA, there is a good book out right now called Baseball Stats for Morons. Did your "awesome" pitching staff really come in last in ERA? Wow. By the way, Chipper is hurt and Little Unit gets two starts this week for the Peckers. That didn't take long. Look out below! Here come the Udawgs.

At 8:25 on 7/24/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Tom,

I would like an audit on this week. Southie and I tied in the e.r.a. category and TQ gave him 2 points and only 1 to the U-Dawgs. This would make a difference in the standings. Please advise. Thanks,

At 9:41 on 7/22/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Sounds like negotiations have reached an impasse between the Doug Outs and the Udawgs. Doug, give me a call. I'm sure we can work something out.

At 8:36 on 7/22/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Doug, Maybe your team sucks so bad because you like to stereotype guys, such as David Bell. Why don't you take a moment and look at his stats on the year and the last month. It is called scouting.

At 8:30 on 7/22/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Greg,

Why is Doug selling anyway? He is 5 games out of the playoffs. That would be tough to explain to the shareholders and loyal fan base. One good week away from making the playoffs and then anything goes in PCROT0 7 Playoffs.

At 21:19 on 7/21/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

FOR SALE:

Lee \$36

Vidro \$15

Furcal \$34

LaRoche \$15

Gonzalez \$22

Kent \$27

Ensberg \$30

Weaver \$24

Morris \$13

Turnbow \$7

At 20:44 on 7/21/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad:

I don't get it. Turnbow's name was not on the list of players Doug is shopping. Maybe the point is you are a nimrod. If so, I think we all get that already. Please spare us the 400 word posts.

At 18:19 on 7/21/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Derrick Turnbow (RHP, MIL)

It's beginning to really look like the magical run of Derrick Turnbow is coming to an end. We can make excuses that his early struggles were due to minor mechanical problems. With more than half the games in the books, Turnbow is getting worse, not better. He now has seven blown saves after recording just four last season. His Ratio last season was a surprising 1.09. Surprising because he's never shown that kind of control and command before. So you could expect some slippage this year, but not to the tune of 1.51 so far. That's far too many baserunners for a closer. One area he hasn't struggled is holding inherited runners on base. He's allowed just one in thirteen to score. So are his woes in 2006 related to command and control issues like the Brewers say, or is he hiding an injury? If we look to his K/9 rate, we get a positive sign -- 11.31. Last year it was 8.55. The high strikeout rate is supported by scouting reports that indicate his velocity is still there. We can eliminate arm strength issues at this point.

The fact that he's walked 23 (after 24 last season) signals that control is a problem. Turnbow has duplicated his home runs allowed for last season, and he has a little more than two months left in the 2006 season. Opposing batters are hitting .254 after mustering just a .199 clip last season.

It's hard to link Turnbow's problems to his health. While there could be a shoulder or elbow problem, it's unlikely. However, if you look at his career in its entirety, he was always considered a hard throwing right-hander without enough pitches to be a starter. Plus, he always seemed to struggle with command and control issues. Sound familiar? His 2005 season is looking more like an aberration and 2006 moving back to his career normal. This isn't to say he can't regain some of his 2005 form. However, we shouldn't be surprised by his struggles this season.

At 12:24 on 7/21/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

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At 9:47 on 7/21/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Gregory Peckers have acquired Dontrelle Willis from the Show Hoffs in exchange for Jose Castillo.

At 15:41 on 7/19/2006, Commissioner wrote:

Whew! All transactions for today have now been entered; if you made a trade [or 2 or 3], please check your roster to make sure I got everything right. And thanks to everyone for making sure they had a complete, balanced post-trade roster! Your League Office appreciates it!!

At 12:21 on 7/19/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Steve:

You might want to have those guys checked out first to make sure that it isn't contagious. By the way, what was it like dealing with Megan? Did you have to include a sack or did you just have to give her the steaming pile of dung?

At 12:13 on 7/19/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

The Wonders send Scott Mathieson and Chris Resop to SolTrain for Randy Winn and JD Drew.

At 20:47 on 7/18/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

There are also AP reports out of Wonderland that the Wonders have made another deal. A press conference has been scheduled for 12:01pm Wednesday.

At 20:39 on 7/18/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

The Wonders have traded rookie 2B Josh Barfield to the Nowledge for veteran OF Cliff Floyd.

At 11:55 on 7/18/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

The Sol Train activates Jason Smith to complete the deal.....prior to noon on Tuesday, July 18th. Thank you.

At 10:51 on 7/18/2006, Commissioner wrote:

Sorry ... I did get Doug's move this morning. Just need Scott's now to put everything through. Thanks.

At 10:28 on 7/18/2006, Commissioner wrote:

Brad makes an excellent point. Please see Art. 5.6: "No trade shall take effect until all involved teams have active rosters that are in compliance with the player position eligibility requirements."

And it's not that I'm trying to be a jerk about it; the Auto-Commish won't function properly if all rosters are not balanced. I can't submit unbalanced rosters manually either. So the bottom line is that no transactions go through on a day when rosters aren't balanced by the noon deadline. Thanks for your understanding.

At 10:17 on 7/18/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Assuming the deal is not complete than. Scott, would you be more interested in Freddy Sanchez than Matt Kemp?

At 10:13 on 7/18/2006, Commissioner wrote:

I need roster moves from DougOuts [too many active hitters] and SolTrain [too few active hitters] to be able to put through the trades announced on the message board ... Thanks.

At 2:00 on 7/18/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

And it can be assumed that there is no place more lonely than when you play for Bush and come in last.

At 1:41 on 7/18/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers would like to congratulate the Doug Outs on turning Lieber into Lee, even if it meant giving up Bush. At some point a guy has to decide: am I am playing to win? Or am I playing for Bush?. We now know where the Doug Outs stand on that issue.

At 23:33 on 7/17/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Fresh off the deal with the Wonders, the Outs traded Matt Kemp and David Bush to the Sol Train tonight for Derek Lee and Matt Morris. "Anytime you can turn a Jon Lieber into a Derek Lee in one day, you've got to jump at the chance," Doug Outs GM Doug May said tonight. The Sol Train's only comment on the trade was "I love Bush."

At 15:44 on 7/17/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

The Doug Outs have traded Jon Lieber and Toby Hall to Stevie's Wonders for Matt Kemp and Damian Easley.

At 15:30 on 7/17/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

For the record I would like to say that I still think PC Roto 7 sucks.

At 15:06 on 7/17/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

For all of you PCROTO7 fans that are wondering who is winning the 2nd tiebreaker between the Peckers and U-Dawgs. It is wins, and that would be the U-Dawgs. I love the new PCROTO7. Are all of you getting your money's worth with the PCROTO7? I know I sure am.

At 15:02 on 7/17/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

The Monsters would like to claim \$2 for the loss of Ponson to the Yankees.

At 15:34 on 7/16/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

The U-Dawgs have traded Phil Nevin, David Ross, Anibal Sanchez, and Scott Thorman for Jason Schmidt, Mark Sweeney, Todd Greene, and Julio Franco. "Anytime you can get a guy with the arm of Jason, we are delighted. With the likes of Pedro, Rocket, and Jason.. we like our chances in a short series. Baseball is a funny game, but we all know pitching helps the cream rise to the top." This trade was completed at 11:57 am and is effective today, July 16th.

At 8:14 on 7/15/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

First game after the Young for Chipper Trade. Young, 3 ip and 7 earned runs, Chipper 3-6 with 2 home runs. Actually, took Young deep in 1st ab with the U-Dawgs. Sorry Greg, that bad elbow must be acting up again.

At 20:31 on 7/13/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Did you see this? What the f---?

The AP reports that the Nationals traded for Felipe Lopez, Austin Kearns, and Ryan Wagner on Thursday. In exchange they sent Royce Clayton, Bill Bray, Gary Majewski, Daryl Thompson, and Brendan Harris to the Reds. As the everyday shortstop for Cincinnati, Lopez was hitting .268 with nine HR, 30 RBI, and 23 SB. He will be Washington's starting shortstop ...

At 17:51 on 7/13/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

CINCINNATI -- The QuagMyers, who have dropped from first place to fourth in the LTBNL standings in the last several weeks, today announced a major roster reshuffling aimed at keeping their listing ship afloat in the playoff race.

Sent to the SolTrain in a six-player deal were uber-prospects Jeremy Hermida and Felix Pie, as well as oft-injured righthander Kerry Wood. The Quags received reliever Brad Lidge, oft-injured righthander Ben Sheets, and pugilistic catcher Michael Barrett. Both Sheets and Barrett are free agents at season's end. The Quags also today signed free agent 3B/OF Aubrey Huff and waived Eric Gagne.

"After losing Gagne and Reitsma for the year, we needed to do something to restore some semblance of order to our bullpen," said Quags' GM Tom Myers. "While it was tough to deal Hermida, we're hoping Lidge [5.79 ERA and 1.476 Ratio] can lend some stability and help keep us in the race. We're also excited to have a player named Aubrey on our team for the first time ever."

Reaction in the clubhouse was subdued, as more moves are expected if the team's slide continues.

At 16:45 on 7/13/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Tom,

As long as the Peckers, U-Dawgs, or Dugouts do not win this year, you can have whatever you want. Take Lidge or whatever you want.

Sincerely, Scott Solis

At 15:30 on 7/13/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Scott, who's your crack dealer in Chi-town? He must have some good stuff.

At 12:51 on 7/13/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Chicago (AP): The Train made their first trade of July today, sending Sheets, Lidge and Barrett to the Quags for Jeremy Hermida, Felix Pie and Kerry Wood. The Train also picked up Mike Rivera for a \$1 in the Free Agent market.

At 20:17 on 7/12/2006, SolTrain wrote:

And the Monsters fans revolt. A mere eight games out of play-off contention and ready to cash it in.

At 16:25 on 7/12/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

The info re Ben Sheets is interesting, but if I was in the hunt and looking for a primo starter, I'd make a run at the NL Cy Young leading candidate to date, Brandon Webb, first (second and third too!). Also potentially available from the Monsters roster are a primo closer (Cordero), a primo basestealer (Pierre), and other big time hitters (e.g. Preston Wilson, Rolen). The Monsters are thinking hard about building for the future, so make us an offer!

At 19:36 on 7/11/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

TRADE ALERT: The Gregory Peckers have acquired Chris Young and Shane Victorino for Chipper Jones and Noah Lowry. More on Baseball Tonight live from Pittsburgh after the All-Star Game.

At 12:29 on 7/10/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Ben Sheets made his first rehabilitation start Sunday night for the Class AAA Nashville Sounds in a game at Round Rock, Texas. Frank Kremblas, manager of the Nashville Sounds, said Sheets was averaging between 92 to 94 mph on his fastball.

At 21:29 on 7/7/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Phil Nevin will be traded to the A.L. as a DH. That should reduce that number by \$26

www.constitution/roto7/pcroto7sucks.com

At 20:22 on 7/7/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

U-dawgs' potential buyout penalty, with three weeks left 'til the trade deadline ...

$26 + 44 = 70$ [real] dollars.

<http://ltbnl.org/constitution.html#Article17>

Ouch?

At 10:25 on 7/7/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Eddie's current stats..

1-3 with 5 saves, 5.48 era & 1.74 ratio

At 9:01 on 7/7/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Eddie, Eddie, Eddie....

At 13:57 on 7/6/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Looks like the Dougouts could have saved \$12- when it rains it pours. At least we are playing PC ROTO 7, the game he invented.

At 21:20 on 7/3/2006, Dan`s Fever wrote:

Fever claim \$1 in FAAB money as compensation for trade of Jae Seo to AL.

At 11:11 on 6/29/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Quags claim \$1 in FAAB money as compensation for trade of Dioner Navarro to AL.

At 22:03 on 6/28/2006, TheRick Shaws wrote:

Brad: It might have been impressive had you benched him against the Pirates, Royals or some crap team like that for God's sake. Sitting him against the hottest team in baseball, in their park, not so much.....

At 20:39 on 6/28/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Talk about knowing your pitching staff. Please see Pedro Martinez and his outing that was for the U-Dawg RESERVE squad. Just might be the most amazing Roto7 managerial move in the history of the game. We really should have an award for GM of the Year.

At 17:12 on 6/28/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Rejoice and be glad. The standings are correct!

At 12:26 on 6/28/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Well, at least they got the Fever's record right. I think that merits a raise in ranking to half-ass.

At 1:54 on 6/27/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

It is spelled asterisk.

At 18:44 on 6/26/2006, Dan`s Fever wrote:

Scott--you might want to check the small print on that rule about the last place team hosting the draft.

At 16:16 on 6/26/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Couple of thoughts as I install a new sump pump and a dropdown ceiling in the cellar...

- 1) If Greg wins the regular season, but loses the World Series (i.e. no Yoohoo shower) will he get to claim yet another asterik???
- 2) I would recommend that all teams start contacting their travel agents now as it looks like the 2007 draft will be in the Windy City.

At 17:00 on 6/23/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

That was supposed to be "Give a rat's ass..."

At 16:59 on 6/23/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

I am going to the Diamondbacks game tomorrow night, do you think I could a rat's ass if Orlando Hudson steals a base in old roto. Now if he steals one in Roto7(even PC Roto7) I will be jumping up and down. Enough said.

At 14:07 on 6/23/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

You had to do all that math to figure out Undy is a big loser?

At 13:52 on 6/23/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Slow day at the office....

Since the new scoring for Roto 7 continues to be unfairly criticized, I thought I'd take a look at how things would be in the good ole days under traditional Roto play. Tho I don't guarantee the accuracy of these numbers, it appears that the UDawgs are the biggest loser under Roto 7 and Dans Fever the biggest winner under Roto 7. Tis ironic, I think, given the positions those two teams have taken in the past on Roto 7! Anyways, here are the standings by my rough calculations under traditional Roto:

UDawgs	92.0
Peckers	83.5
Quags	80.5
Wonders	80.0
Monsters	71.5
Dougouts	70.0
Dans Fever	69.5
Southpaws	65.0
RickShaws	56.5
ShowHoffs	42.0
Knowledge	41.0
SolTrain	21.5

At 9:56 on 6/23/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Hold all tickets on the Over/Under wager. Most likely all wagers will be cancelled.

At 9:50 on 6/23/2006, Commissioner wrote:

There seems to be a problem with the stats this morning. The transactions made 6/22 don't seem to be reflected in this morning's standings [Clemens, Reyes, and Jackson]. I'm e-mailing TQS .. wish me luck ... hopefully it'll be fixed later today.

At 20:34 on 6/22/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

2 through 2

At 20:31 on 6/22/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

I had one taker.. Greg May for \$25. Pedro had 8 strikeouts, Roger needs 7 to tie and 8 for me to win. He has 1 through 1 inning. Got to pull out the wild card Greg, PC ROTO7 sucks, regular Roto7 is the best.

At 8:35 on 6/22/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Guys, It is the middle of Roto season and maybe time for some fun. I will set the over/under for strikeouts for Pedro and Roger combined today. I will take any wagers on this.. max bet \$25. Over/Under on Pedro/Roger Strikeouts on Thursday, June 22nd = 15

At 18:41 on 6/19/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Brad,

Could you repeat that website? I typed in the address you posted and it took me to a site depicting one dog on the back of another. And, if that was not bad enough, I think both dogs were males....

Was that the wrong site or is that what goes on in the U-Dawg clubhouse? :-)

At 13:53 on 6/19/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Scott,

I came to that conclusion when I offered you Freddy Sanchez (3rd in NL batting avg) for Nomar and you laughed and said "I would need more than that" Here is the link to get U-Dawg playoff tickets.. or call me I will reserve a couple for you and your wife.

www.udawgbaseball.com/playofftickets/2006

Brad Underwood
U-Dawg Baseball

At 10:41 on 6/19/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Thank you Brad. That and \$0.50 will put you first in line once D.Lee and B. Sheets return from the disabled list.

At 8:50 on 6/19/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

The U-Dawgs would like to congratulate the SoL Train on hitting the double digit mark in wins for the season. Good job, Scott!

At 8:46 on 6/14/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

KC: As I think you know, my tongue couldn't be more firmly planted in my cheek on all of this. However, you know that baseball and superstition are somewhat joined at the hip and ever since I started complaining about the new rules changes, the performance of my team has exceeded my expectations. Therefore, expect more of the same.

At 2:38 on 6/14/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Look for my next essay coming soon children: "Why Roto 7 is a bigger douchebag than Undy" :-)

Pretty kool being referred to as a "statesman," the attached adjective of elder notwithstanding. Thanks Greg!

At 9:23 on 6/13/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I reserve the right to keep bitching about the new rule changes as long as it continues to motivate my team to play better and/or as long as it causes KC to write 200 word essays on what it means to be an Elder Statesman.

At 0:58 on 6/13/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

The Annex (ltbnl.org) has been updated with the REAL standings and Commish Notes for Week 10. Please enjoy. TQS sucks.

At 14:38 on 6/12/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

I reserve the right to call Undy a douche bag whenever it is appropriate. Thank you.

At 14:35 on 6/12/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

I heartily agree with the suggestion that the bitching about the scoring cease and desist or, at least that it stop being a main or constant focus of this Board. For the record, I was NOT bitching about the scoring anomalies created by our current rules or even last year's rules. Most of the bitching about the new scoring has been by several folks who were staunch proponents of Roto 7. My main point was simply to note that these scoring inequities are far more due to the inherent nature of Roto 7 than the revised scoring rules for 2006. I was also not advocating a return to traditional Roto 7 because it is fairly clear to me that that ship has sailed. But, I have tired of seeing the repeated attacks on the changes Scott, Doug and I developed and proposed (and were adopted by vote of the league) without any consideration of or comparison to similar inequities created by the old way of scoring Roto 7.

As for taking offense, by implication, to my previous note (which was intended to praise Brett rather than insult anybody else), I say quit being so sensitive! While I feel Sol Train's pain over a lost season (been there, done that, may still do that this year myself), you are not under attack!

Finally, I also heartily agree with Scott that name calling on our board is not a credit to us and should be avoided. I have always hoped that such "attacks" were "tongue and cheek," but I have not always been sure about that. Bottom line, it ain't pretty.

At 13:33 on 6/12/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Bitch bitch bitch.

Waaaaaaa. Waaaaaaa. Waaaaaaa.

Let's argue some more. I think your typical MLB team will say that the season is a compilation of three and four game series where the object is to win the particular series at hand. Sometimes a team will lose the series 1-2 eventhough they outscored their opponent 20 to 10. Just so happens that they scored all their runs in one game and couldn't win the close ones. Same thing applies in the setting of a cut-off for won-loss records. If you did a 12-0 to 0-12 scheme we would be back to old roto (and everyone knows that ain't PC).

For the Monsters to imply in his previous post that other folks in the league are not thinking critically is an affront to those who put a lot of thought into trying this out and establishing some parameters by which to play.

Wishing good tidings to those actually competing for the play-offs this year and waiting for Lee, Sheets and others to get healthy so they can be traded.

Let's try and come up with some other material for the Board. Whining about the rules and calling Undy a douchebag is getting old. I need some entertainment down here in the cellar.

At 12:34 on 6/12/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

I don't think most (if any) of the attacks on the so-called "PC Roto 7" are fair or balanced. Much of the griping on this board in this regard is a problem with Roto 7 PERIOD, NOT the revised win-loss scoring. This past week is a prime example. The Monsters

finished 13 1/2 points ahead of the next team behind it and yet, UNDER LAST YEAR's ROTO 7 RULES, it received the SAME win-loss record as that team. Where you have a system where there is an arbitrary cut off of statistics EVERY WEEK, you are bound to have goofy, hard to justify results--NO MATTER WHERE YOU DRAW THE BOUNDARY LINES. That is exactly why, in real baseball, they play a 162 game season. It is how a team does over the entire course of the season, not every 7 days in isolation, that determines how that team fares. So, to all of you who gripe about the revised scoring, I suggest you look at the anomalies also created by the old way of scoring/the inherent problems of Roto 7, before you hasten to blame the improved scoring system for any particular mistreatment you think you have received.

P.S. to Brett: Sorry if this commentary follows right after your criticism of the new scoring rules. I give ya a lot of credit for breaking from the pack and thinking critically re the traditional vs. Roto 7 issue this past off season. I think all the griping re the new scoring really justifies your vote (and mine) on that issue.

At 12:24 on 6/12/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brett: According to the PC Roto7 Manifesto, this is supposed to be more fun. I know I'm having more fun. And Brad is having more fun too. Keep complaining about the new rules changes and your team will also prosper (in fact, I think that has already started to happen). Be patient. And keep bitching.

At 11:29 on 6/12/2006, Southpaws wrote:

THIS SCORING SYSTEM SUCKS!!!! Look at least weeks results. I don't get how you finish a half a point behind one guy and get one less win, yet you beat the next closest team by 5.5 and you get the same wins?????? The wins should be divided from 12-0 to 0-12, This would be fair.

ROTO 7 5x5 socialism SUCKS!!!!!!!!!!!!

At 10:27 on 6/6/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Tom,

Am I correct that Underwood is a douche bag?

At 10:22 on 6/6/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Tom, I am correct, the Doug Outs would miss the playoffs?

At 16:47 on 6/5/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Actually, as I calculate it, if the season ended today, the Quags and Udagws would get byes, and the first round matchups would be Peckers-Southies and Fever-Wonders.

At 15:26 on 6/5/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

Brad: Don't forget that the standings on this page are incorrect. The Real and Official Standings are on the Annex home page (ltbnl.org), recently updated with standings through Week 9.

TQS sucks.

At 13:58 on 6/5/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

The U-Dawgs will periodically, post the "If the Play-offs Started Today" matchups. Using the Wrong Standings of PC Roto7:

The U-Dawgs and the Peckers would get Byes.

The Fever would play the Southpaws.

The Wonders would play the QuagMyers.

The DougOuts would just miss the playoffs.

I don't know about you Greg, but I love the new PC Roto7.

At 17:02 on 5/31/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

I will take my chances.

At 15:47 on 5/31/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Roger Clemens – How can a guy who hasn't even played be a sell-high candidate? Simple: His perceived value is greater than his actual value. Owners will be expecting the Rocket of 2005 who posted an insane 1.87 ERA and 1.01 WHIP. Not gonna happen. Those were the best numbers of his 16-year Hall of Fame career. Best case scenario: Roger pitches like he did in 2004 when he

posted a 2.98 ERA. Worst-case: His age—he turns 44 in August—and the time off are too much to overcome, and he's finally reached the other side of the hill. Think Michael Jordan with the Washington Wizards.

At 13:05 on 5/31/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Roger... Roger...Roger... Welcome, Home!!!

At 11:30 on 5/31/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

The Houston Chronicle reports that the agent for Roger Clemens and Astros owner Drayton McLane negotiated deep into Tuesday night, and it appears a contract could be finalized early this morning. A press conference to announce the deal could come as soon as today ...

At 23:17 on 5/30/2006, Southpaws wrote:

Can someone explain how this scoring is fair? Just as an example...the current standings have the U-Dingos in second place for the week with 83.5 points and a 6-1 record, I am in third with 82 points and a 5-2 record, The peckers are in fourth with 76 points and then get a 5-2 record as well????? Is this socialist baseball??? what the hell???? how can you be one point out of one position and 6 points up on another guy and get the same score? One fellow owner said it had something to do with playing 162 game season. Attention Douchebags, This is not real baseball. This is legalized gambling for fat,lazy, alcoholic,has been wanna be's and we can't even do this right. I feel like I am on my son's t-ball team and I am pissed because I haven't gotten to play my inning in the infield. Isn't every player supposed to get to play equal innings at every position????PC ROTO sucks! how is it fair that one guy kicks the other guys ass by multiple points and they end up with the same score for the week. Screw little johnny if he sucks and has to play right field one inning a game. Let's quit breeding a country of wussy cry babies and let's start by awarding wins based on actually points earned in a week. There's no tying in baseball!!!!!!! 12 to 0 based on how you produced during the week. Why do a couple of teams get rewarded for just not sucking quite as bad as the team below them. I smell a government program! Next thing you know we will be letting women and teenagers in our league.

It's good to back! Play ball!

At 18:06 on 5/30/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Astros GM Tim Purpura denied the Newsday report that his club and Roger Clemens have agreed to terms, saying that he hadn't spoken with Clemens' agents since Tuesday.

At 17:34 on 5/30/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Newsday is reporting that Roger Clemens and the Astros have agreed to a one-year deal. Newsday says Clemens will get about \$3.5 million per month under the terms of the deal. He could have received more from the Yankees, Red Sox and probably the Rangers, but it comes as no surprise that he wanted to stay home. May. 30 - 5:01 pm et

At 23:55 on 5/29/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Tom:

Are you sure the Annex standings are correct? I have a hard time seeing how the Train, after 9 weeks of play, has only 8 wins. PC Roto was supposed to prevent just such an occurrence.

Thanks for checking into this matter.

At 13:00 on 5/29/2006, Commissioner wrote:

The Annex has been updated with the "real" standings through Week 8.

At 8:49 on 5/26/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Man... I am last in ERA and last in Ratio. Maybe, Pedro can help out?

At 10:53 on 5/25/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Thanks for the update on MY player, Brad.

At 10:26 on 5/25/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Carpenter misses start
Chris Carpenter (RHP, STL)

The Cardinals will be without their ace for at least one start while his sore shoulder is being checked out. Brian Walton of The Birdhouse on the Scout.com network did some excellent research on the injury.

"Carpenter will miss the start due to "scapulothoracic bursitis". While the depth of Carpenter's condition has not been fully shared at this time, here is some general information about the malady. Pain is caused by changes in bone or soft tissue between the scapula (shoulder blade) and the chest wall. Physicians recommend early, aggressive, conservative therapy for scapulothoracic bursitis in the throwing athlete, including rest, shoulder exercises, anti-inflammatory medications, and cortisone injections. However, arthroscopic surgery has proven to be required in some cases. This is not generally considered to be career-threatening."

The Cardinals can ill afford to lose Carpenter, who has certainly had his fair share of injuries in his career (labrum surgery in 2002, scar tissue surgery in 2003 and a nerve problem in 2004) for a long stretch. If the medical staff caught the ailment in time, the combination of medication and treatment should be enough to clear up the bursitis in the short term.

At 8:51 on 5/24/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

The Annex page rocks! Thank you Tom.

At 0:22 on 5/24/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Here, here! Or is it: hear, hear!

At 22:44 on 5/23/2006, Commissioner wrote:

The OFFICIAL LTBNL Standings are now posted on the Annex, at ltbnl.org. TQS has been completely unresponsive to my repeated requests that they correct our scoring. We are now more than 7 weeks into the season, and I don't think it's too early to say this: TQS really really sucks.

It's time to begin exploring moving to another service for next season.

At 16:02 on 5/22/2006, Commissioner wrote:

I've e-mailed TQS three times now with respect to the tiebreaker issue, and haven't gotten a response. I'm still hopeful they'll fix it eventually. Just in case they don't, I'm going to start posting the "Official" standings on the Annex front page. [Give me a day or two.] I don't think there were any errors with Week 7's standings [and I'm sure someone will correct me if I'm wrong] ... so, as far as I know, the only teams with incorrect W-L records at present are the Quags and Fever.

On behalf of "elder statesmen" everywhere, I apologize for the inconvenience and confusion, but it's kind of out of my control.

At 14:32 on 5/22/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Ahh, but it's great that Greg is 36-13 instead of 39-10. Another asterisk this year maybe?

The new format is doing exactly what it should which is trying to get more realistic winning percentages at the top and bottom of the standings. A fine job by our elder statesmen in correcting the problem from last year. I love Realistic Roto 7.

At 12:46 on 5/22/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

But then Solis would be 6-43 instead of 8-41 and we wouldn't be having as much fun.

At 12:19 on 5/22/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Maybe we should have just played Roto7 and not tried to make it PC Roto7?

At 11:23 on 5/22/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Could one of the "Elder Statesmen" please post the real standings for all of us less statesmanlike owners? And maybe one of you can try to be even more statesmanlike than you already are and explain to TQStats how to calculate points for our league once and for all? That would be great.

At 10:36 on 5/15/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Audit please.

At 8:02 on 5/15/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Under the new second tie-breaker, I believe Tom should have a 5-2 record and Dan a 4-3 record last week.

At 15:24 on 5/10/2006, TheRick Shaws wrote:

The day's not over yet.....

At 14:49 on 5/10/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

What??? No trades today? C'mon people! We can do better!!!

At 15:10 on 5/9/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

The QuagMyers have traded Todd Helton to TheRick Shaws for Roy Oswalt.

At 14:29 on 5/9/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Making their second trade in two days, the Doug Outs have shipped Jim Edmonds to the Rick Shaws for Rafael Furcal.

At 10:13 on 5/8/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Andy Green to the U-Dawgs for Solomon Torres.

At 9:41 on 5/8/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Bruce Hooley of 1460 The Fan radio in Columbus, OH is reporting that the "deal reached in principle" between the Outs and the Udawgs is really not that much of a deal at all. In fact, Hooley is reporting that the only thing holding up the announcement of this trade is that league officials are checking to see if the player the Udawgs traded for in the deal is in fact on a major league roster.

Boy, this must be a blockbuster. Brad couldn't get Burrell, so who did he get?

At 9:10 on 5/8/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Peter Gammons, ESPN Baseball, is reporting that Doug May and Brad Underwood were seen out to dinner last evening and the rumor has it that a deal has been reached in principle. "These are two of the more respected individuals in the game, and it is neat to see them out and about together"

At 12:24 on 5/3/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Knowledge, the Train respectfully submits that our staff compiled 26 AND 1/3 innings last night which keeps the ERA under 9 for the evening.

At 7:23 on 5/3/2006, Karnold Knowledge wrote:

With a commanding one win lead over the basement dwelling Train, the front office of the Knowledge debuts on the board today with this observation from last night's box scores:

"26 runs in 26 innings pitched, nice!"

At 23:41 on 5/2/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Garage Sale!

This Saturday - 10am to 3pm.

Place: SolTrain Headquarters

Please, only young cheap talent will be accepted as payment for quality pennant chasing talent (of which there appears to be very little).

At 17:47 on 5/2/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Let the record reflect that Brad and I got along famously for the first month of the season. That's a record. I guess this means the anti-PC Roto7 coalition is now officially splintered.

At 19:58 on 5/1/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Wow Greg, that will really shore up the pitching staff & Jason LaRue, geez you reall screwed the show-offs. You are such a good negotiator... guess you learned it in law school.

At 16:18 on 5/1/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

COLUMBUS, OH -- The Gregory Peckers have traded Khalil Greene and Elizardo Ramirez to the Show Hoffs for Jason LaRue and Adam Wainwright. Word of the trade leaked to members of the media late this afternoon. Accordingly, the press conference scheduled for 7 PM this evening has been canceled.

At 15:52 on 5/1/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

COLUMBUS, OH: The Gregory Peckers have announced a press conference for 7 PM this evening. Unconfirmed reports indicate that a trade will be announced at that time.

At 8:02 on 5/1/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

59 points and 2-5, should make it easier to talk with Doug.

At 19:07 on 4/29/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

P.S. - I am in the need of a decent hitter

At 19:04 on 4/29/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

That is funny. Greg, please check your messages. Rest of the league, if in the need of a starting pitcher, please send offers my way.

At 11:22 on 4/29/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

Operator: Umm...let me see...I don't have one listed under the spelling C-L-E-M-O-N-S. I do have one here spelled C-L-E-M-E-N-S but there is a forwarding number to New York City. Would you like that number?

At 5:51 on 4/29/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Operator: "City Please?" "Houston, TX ... can I get the number for a Clemons... first name Roger?"

Monday is May 1st fellas.

At 19:30 on 4/25/2006, TheRick Shaws wrote:

Is Derek Bell Available? The Shaws could use him. At least he's hitting something.....

At 20:48 on 4/21/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Operation Crackpipe? Looks like Derek Bell has fallen on some tough times. Found with a warm crackpipe in his car.

<http://www.sportsline.com/mlb/story/9387265>

At 10:36 on 4/21/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Scott Eyre and the entire U-Dawg organization would like to apologize for the unfortunate Derek Lee incident. We wish him all the best and a speedy recovery.

At 8:30 on 4/19/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Not really.

At 13:03 on 4/18/2006, Commissioner wrote:

It's fixed !!

At 14:14 on 4/17/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

I personally liked the quote to Senator Blutarski (before he became a Senator, of course) the best. And I resisted the urge to post my favorite quote: "Opinions are like assholes. Everybody has one." Dirty Harry.

I do wholeheartedly support Greg's and Brad's right to be wrong.... er, I mean, to voice their opinions and gripe about the rules changes proposed by the Committee (and adopted by the league). The Committee did discuss possible rule changes to shut Greg up, but after the frontal lobotomy did not work we figured there were some things the Committee simply could not fix! :-)

K.C.

P.S. to Greg. Just kidding!Mostly. :-)

At 13:32 on 4/17/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Come on, Doug. Don't make me post the Old Roto standings and the Old Roto7 standings. That really would make things confusing. Brad and I are simply exercising our inherent Roto right to talk smack. Does PC Roto7 have a No Tolerance rule on Smack? Maybe that was in the package and I missed it. Anyway, I thought the part where we were trading quotes was taking our smack to a much higher level than it had ever been. It was fun AND educational. Had you even heard of Quintillian? I know I hadn't.

What are you uptight about anyway? In Old Roto you would be in 4th, and in both forms of RotoDoug you are in 1st. Relax. Nobody is on to you (yet).

At 13:24 on 4/17/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Thanks Doug for posting the league standings that really makes it easy for everyone to see what place their team is in or how it is doing.

thanks again,

At 13:03 on 4/17/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Greg,

Thanks for reminding us how fickle things can be over a week or two. That is exactly why we made the payout changes to give due credit to teams that perform well over the course of the entire season rather than to just pay the teams who happen to have their best weeks in the final weeks of the season.

K.C.

At 12:59 on 4/17/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Unofficial standings:

1. Doug Outs 11-3
1. Green Monsters 11-3
1. Quagmyers 11-3
1. Stevie's Wonders 11-3
5. Gregory Peckers 10-4
6. Rick Shaws 6-8
6. U-Dawgs 6-8
8. Dan's Fever 5-9
9. Show Hoffs 4-10
9. Sol Train 4-10
11. Southpaws 3-11
12. Karnold Knowledge 2-12

At 12:55 on 4/17/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Damm, 5-9 ... not the start I wanted for the U-Dawgs. Hmmmm, I wonder if there is a way my record could become 6-8. I would feel a lot better about myself if I was 6-8.

At 12:28 on 4/17/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Wow. We have five teams in the league with a winning percentage of .714 or better. In real baseball, there is only one team with a winning percentage better than .667. I think my Sillyometer just blew up.

At 10:00 on 4/17/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

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- 9. Sol Train 4-10
- 11. Southpaws 3-11
- 12. Karnold Knowledge 2-12

At 9:55 on 4/17/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

"I love the smell of Microsoft Excel in the morning."
-- Greg May, Roto activist

At 9:45 on 4/17/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

At 9:34 on 4/17/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Unofficial standings:

- 1. Doug Outs 11-3
- 1. Green Monsters 11-3
- 1. Quagmyers 11-3
- 1. Stevie's Wonders 11-3
- 5. Gregory Peckers 10-4
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- 8. Dan's Fever 5-9
- 9. Show Hoffs 4-10
- 9. Sol Train 4-10
- 11. Southpaws 3-11
- 12. Karnold Knowledge 2-12

At 7:49 on 4/17/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

At 23:21 on 4/16/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

"Here's a handy little spreadsheet to help you follow along."
-- Scott Solis, Roto elder statesman

At 23:20 on 4/16/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Fear not those who argue but those who dodge.
--Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach, Austrian novelist

At 17:53 on 4/15/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? Hell no!

- Bluto Blutarski

At 15:02 on 4/15/2006, QuagMyers wrote:

"When defeat is inevitable, it is wisest to yield."

--Quintilian, Roman rhetorician

At 16:13 on 4/14/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Doug,

With respect to your attempt at censorship by adding extra space in your post, please consider the words of a very wise man:

"The press is easier to strangle than to look in the eyes."
--Sir Winston Churchill

At 15:38 on 4/14/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Uh-oh. Looks like one of the elder statesman is getting a little cranky. That will happen when your era is 6.87, even in PC Roto7. You ought to see somebody about that. Maybe you need a dewonectomy.

At 12:40 on 4/14/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

This argument is tired. The rules for 2006 were set weeks ago. Let's move on. If Greg and Brad want to bitch about it, let them.

At 11:57 on 4/14/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

Traditional Roto was not broken, but we more than tweaked it for the 2005 season!

To understand the reasoning for adjusting the weekly win-loss records, see last year's final standings: 3 teams with 100 plus wins, including a team with 117 wins (more wins than in major league baseball history EVER) and 112 (just one less than the all time record) AND 3 teams with substantially more than 100 losses, the bottom two of which, at 118 and 116 losses, just missed the all time record for losses.

At 7:22 on 4/14/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I am not saying that Roto7 sucks. I am not saying that we should change the game again and start over.

I am saying that Roto7 as we played it last year was not broken. It did not need "tweaked." It produced standings that were very close to standings that we would have had in Old Roto. And nobody bitched about those standings ever looking "silly" in 16 years.

At 7:15 on 4/14/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

KC:

All I am going to say is you don't understand my argument against the new changes. Either that, or you just aren't very good at paraphrasing. See your inbox for a private message.

At 22:32 on 4/13/2006, Dan's Fever wrote:

It is amusing in an annoying way. Is it too late for a re-vote? Maybe we can wipe the slate clean and start over in a better format. The majority like the win/loss deal and I think everybody enjoyed the head to head aspect--why not play a 165 game season where each team plays every other team 15 times (5 three game series--spread out through the season--sort of once a month) then start playoffs. Three rounds, first and second place in the regular season get byes in round 1. Third place plays sixth, fourth plays fifth. Winners advance. Losers playoff, if necessary for playoff bonus money. Divide the money either the old way or new way, I don't care--it's not about the money.

TQstats should be able to handle it, they already seem to be doing something similar in their standings page. The only headache is coming up with the schedule and getting them to implement it or doing it ourselves with the info they can provide. If TQstats asks what idiot came up with this idea...

While my team may still suck and only win 26 games all year, I know there won't be 26 weeks where some team goes 7-0!

At 21:46 on 4/13/2006, Green Monsters wrote:

All I'm going to say is I find it quite humorous that the argument that was used to sell Roto 7 (more teams in the race later into the season and even into the post-season) is now being used against revised Roto 7!

At 15:14 on 4/13/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Thanks, Scott. Here's hoping all 12 teams are in the playoff race.

At 12:52 on 4/13/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Brad and Greg:

If you are having trouble understanding the new rules of ROTO 7, please call the LTBNL Helpline at 888-NEW-ROTO. Press option 1 for help with 5x5, option 2 for help with the new standings distribution and option 3 if you just want to complain for no reason. Note that operators are busy with their own teams and may never answer your call.

Hope this helps and see you in the play-offs.

LTBNL Roto 7 Committee

At 9:49 on 4/13/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad: I'm not sure, but I think you only get 80% of those numbers -- unless you are in first place. Not real sure. I'm confused too. You would think that one of the "elder statesman" from the committee would provide us with a correct standings report on a daily basis until they are able to explain to TQStats how in the name of Rube Goldberg to compute our standings.

At 9:28 on 4/13/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

I don't know how to figure out our standings, but I do think I had a good pitching night:

24 1/3 IP
4 wins
1 save
1.48 era
0.82 ratio

Greg, is this a good night in PC Roto?

At 19:16 on 4/10/2006, Southpaws wrote:

How many days until Buckeye Football?

At 11:35 on 4/10/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Doug, Do not worry, Greg is working on a spreadsheet that will summarize old roto, good roto 7 and PC Roto 7. We all know it is not about the money, but about having fun, no matter what format we play.

At 10:48 on 4/10/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

The sky is falling! The sky is falling! Its been one week and this new system has failed!! The sky is falling!!!! Ahhhhhhh!!!!

At 9:19 on 4/10/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

We could do it like little league baseball now, where we do not keep score at all. Everyone will win and no one will lose. Should we make everyone 7-0 each week or should we not show a record at all.

At 8:57 on 4/10/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Isn't there something we can do to give Southie more of a chance? He is 0-7 and I'll bet his feelings are hurt. Maybe we should just eliminate the 0-7 slot. It should be just like at my daughter's kindergarten class where they are not allowed to use the word "loser". Plus, this will give him more of a chance for 6th place. I know that doesn't pay anything, but it will be a lot of fun for the rest of us to watch him bust his butt only to learn he didn't win anything (except a remote chance at 35% of the pot).

At 8:52 on 4/10/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Wow. Look at Tom go! He is running away with it!!! Nobody will catch him!!!

At 8:30 on 4/10/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Sure is bunched up. Boy this is going to be an exciting wildcard race!

At 8:16 on 4/10/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Wow. You guys were right. This is so much better. I was so excited when I saw the standings (well, actually I had to kind of pretend that the old standing were the new standings), that I barely made it to the bathroom in time for my morning piss. I thought this scoring system sucked before, but now that Tom got screwed everything is good.

At 7:51 on 4/10/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Hmmmm.....Tom slides to a 5-2 record. Greg/Undy, what say you?

At 13:26 on 4/9/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

TQ Stats has informed us that it will be 3 weeks until they can revise our format. Actually, the questioned why and who came up with this scoring format, and went on to say "Gee you guys want all teams to be in the race, huh". Anyway, I propose we leave it the way it is and just play baseball. Do I have a second?

At 10:46 on 4/9/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

Ask Doug if his sixth place finish was uneventful last year.

Last year you thought Roto 7 was great. Now you think it sucks because we voted 8-2 to make a few tweaks?

At 10:22 on 4/9/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

No, I really don't get it. More teams in the mix for what? 6th place? Sure, you make the playoffs if you come in 6th. But you don't win any money for it. And even if that team wins the playoffs, the money is slanted 65% to 35% for the regular season. So I have a problem with making it easier for the "Yankees to run away with the regular season." This format SUCKS. It's like the politically correct way to play Roto. "Oh, let's not bum anyone out. If they suck, we will just prop them up and make them feel better. Let's give everyone a chance. Yay!" Give me a freakin' break.

At 9:41 on 4/9/2006, Stevie`s Wonders wrote:

Wouldn't the win-loss record also affect Tom if he finishes 3rd or 5th during the week? Anyway, this format keeps more teams in the mix. The Yankees can run away with the regular season but Greg, as you know, it all comes down to the playoffs. Get it?

At 9:17 on 4/9/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Welcome to a new feature here on the board called The Bubble. Let's take a look at which teams are "on the Bubble" and project to be the first winners and losers from the new scoring rules going into the pivotal Sunday games. Going into Sunday, Undy and KC look like they will get the haircuts this week and earn one less win than they would have last year, while the Show Hoffs and the Train get a nice little dose of The Clear on their won-loss records. KC and Undy: you guys were some of the better teams this week, so you get less of a chance to catch Tom. Congratulations. Dan and Scott: great job. You sucked this week so you get an extra win. Everybody get it now?

At 21:54 on 4/4/2006, Commissioner wrote:

All Reserve picks have now been entered. You should now be able to "self-transact," beginning with games of 4/5/06. If you have any problems, contact the League Office. Thanks!

At 13:20 on 4/4/2006, SolTrain wrote:

He's just resting his body for the LTBNLL playoffs...

At 12:54 on 4/4/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

Nomar hurt again

If you had "zero" in the "how many games will it take Nomar Garciaparra to get injured" pool then you win the jackpot. Nomar was not in the lineup for the Dodgers' season opener after injuring a muscle in his right side in the final exhibition game on Sunday. Manager Grady Little said that Nomar will be re-evaluated today and could be placed on the disabled list. Nomar owners should have expected ...

At 22:47 on 4/3/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

I love the smell of andro in the morning.

At 13:26 on 3/30/2006, SolTrain wrote:

Didn't make it past the secret service background check?

At 12:06 on 3/30/2006, TheRick Shaws wrote:

Anyone have an interest in 2 opening day tickets?

At 11:43 on 3/30/2006, Commissioner wrote:

The 2006 LTBNL Auction Draft Extravaganza is now less than 48 hours away! Thanks to everyone for submitting your freeze lists. I have 11 of them, and I'm working on extracting the Knowledge freeze list now. All that I have are updated on this site. The Annex will be updated this evening. In the interests of fairness, I'm allowing everyone to modify their lists up until the moment the last freezes roll in, so check the Annex frequently for updates to the Big Sheet and the Summary. [You can also click on "today's rosters" above.]

The "Package" of Roto 7 tweaks recommended by the Committee has carried. The current vote stands at 7-2 in favor of the changes that were recommended by the panel. We can vote on any other proposed rules changes prior to the Draft. I've also heard from a majority of owners in favor of again postponing the Reserve Draft to a later day, so plan on that as well. At this point I think I am going to propose a conference call [like last year] on Tuesday night 4/4, around 7:00 Eastern. We should be able to do it in under an hour. Check your calendar and let me know if that doesn't work for you.

We'll try to start the festivities at around 10:30 on Saturday. Hopefully we can wrap up by around 5:00. Our defending champ, Stevie's Wonders, will be buying us lunch.

See you Saturday!

At 11:10 on 3/30/2006, Show Hoffs wrote:

Tom,

If it is not too late, please make the following change from my freeze list.

Remove:

At 8:23 on 1/26/2006, Gregory Peckers wrote:

Undy is a douchebag.

At 13:11 on 1/19/2006, Doug Outs wrote:

Agree: Roto 7 and 5x5

At 17:00 on 1/17/2006, U-Dawgs wrote:

New Way and 5 x5. Really simple, now watch Greg May will get involved and we will not settle this until draft day.

At 22:23 on 1/9/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

SolTrain, you still look at this website every day don't you?

At 22:36 on 1/8/2006, SolTrain wrote:

I think the real question is do we play old way or new way and is it 4x4 or 5x5.

Think this decision should be made by end of February.

I hereby call for spirited discussion and a vote.

At 18:01 on 1/7/2006, Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Should we try our third different format in three years? See below:

<http://www.scoresheet.com/baseball/index.html>