

On 11-19-2009 at 01:16:37 AM Southpaws wrote:

I will throw my name in for hosting the draft as well. I live in Lebanon so it s somewhat convenient for the Columbus and Cincinnati groups. If approved, just tell the wife the rule is the new guy has to host.

On 10-05-2009 at 9:23:30 PM SolTrain wrote:

I am all for drafting at the Wonder's HQ again.

On 10-05-2009 at 7:45:51 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Another season, another asterisk.

On 10-05-2009 at 6:27:45 PM Green Monsters wrote:

Though I thought it was a good rule, didn't we repeal the "12th place finisher has to host rule?"

Particularly from a space and technology standpoint, Steve's office would be hard to beat (though I'd be happy to see the draft take place here in Cincy).

On 10-05-2009 at 1:46:20 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

I will offer up my office again if you all liked the setup.

On 10-05-2009 at 11:29:12 AM SolTrain wrote:

Forgot to mention the biggest story of the final week - the RickShaws slipped past the ShowHoffs into the cellar to send the draft back to Cincinnati in 2010.

On 10-05-2009 at 10:45:49 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Fun season again! Congrats to the Train for another title and to Knowledge for making it interesting - the finish was actually pretty exciting I thought. This may have been mentioned in year's past but there is a saying in the Crony Golf Association (founded by their Commissioner Emeritus Greg May) that is reserved for those that aren't happy with how a season unfolded. It is, "Just play better." If anyone one is unhappy with a runaway SolTrain this year, we could start one here that goes, "Just own better."

I will start collecting in the next week for this year and for stats and website for next year so we have a little bit in the bank to cover those costs. I'd like to have the winners paid out by the end of the World

Series. Thanks!

On 10-05-2009 at 10:00:20 AM The Commissioner wrote:

Greatness is indeed hard to quantify. I'd say a good place to start for a definition of "great" is the headline I read online this morning: "George Grande Will Not Return for 2010 Season."

Congrats to the SolTrain for a dominating finish and another title. Congrats to the Knowledge for a very impressive run (didn't you trade Janish to me and then get him back in another trade?) Congrats to the Fever for coming out of the large scrum of teams bunched up from third to sixth or so with third place. And yes, Udwargs win the tie-breaker over the Peckers by besting the Peckers in 6 out of the 10 Roto categories.

I finally paid the bill for our stats service this morning, in case anyone was getting worried. I thought on the whole it worked pretty well and was an improvement over CBS. Please let me know how you feel about that issue over the off-season. Thanks again to our new Treasurer for getting the League's financial affairs in order.

Enjoy the post-season !!

On 10-05-2009 at 08:58:34 AM Karnold Knowledge wrote:

Given the number of years its been since the Knowledge finished anywhere near the top (see the infamous "collapse of 93" when my club fell from 1st to 3rd on the final day of the year), I'd be hard pressed to say it wasn't a "great" season. To KC I submit that greatness is certainly overused in describing events of the day, but harder to appreciate from the depths of the lower division (this I know all to well from experience!). To the Train I say well done, complete with whatever deal was negotiated (perhaps including "future considerations") with the Roto Gods that led to the collapse of the surging Knowledge in the final weeks of the season.

To our illustrious commissioner I say thank you again for all of your efforts, particularly allowing me to sign Paul Janish (22 for 136) and Pete Orr (11 for 80), both of whom I was certain would vie for the batting title (offers will be accepted during the offseason for each of them).

In summary, congratulations to our ("hold on just a minute, I'll let you finish your speech, I just wanted to say that Beyonce had the best video of all time") '09 LTBNL champion, the Sol Train!

On 10-05-2009 at 08:46:14 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Let me guess. I lost the tie-breaker for 4th place. Oh well, I will have to settle for the first pick in the reserve draft I guess. Congrats to the Train for an impressive season. I will always remember the phone call I got in late May from Solis asking if my prospects were available. I said sure, but then he said he was going to wait a couple of weeks to see if his team made a move. Obviously they did. As Paul Harvey used

to say, "And that's the rest of the story."

On 10-05-2009 at 08:43:15 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Congrats to Sol Train. Impressive to win back to back titles. Knowledge, fine effort, good work. Fever, I know it is an insult to you if I congratulate a 3rd place finish. Think how we feel, tying the Peckers. Tying the Peckers..... Heads will roll this offseason for the U-Dawgs.

Tom, what is the tiebreaker for Greg and I. We both are very interested in the first ultra pick. I know in Roto7 wins was the tiebreaker but what was it in OLD Boring Roto? Split money and flip a coin for the Ultra Pick?

On 10-04-2009 at 10:45:28 PM Green Monsters wrote:

Unless I was the Sol Train, I'm not sure I would refer to this past season as a "great season." Truth be told, it was a disappointing yawner. There were really no significant battles the entire last month of the season---though at least Greg and Brad made it a little interesting here at the end for the final money spot. Nonetheless, it was fun doing another season with all of you folks. Have a great winter all! I look forward to seeing you all in the spring.

On 10-04-2009 at 9:42:13 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Congratulations Sol Train on back-to-back Championships.

On 10-04-2009 at 9:33:28 PM SolTrain wrote:

Another great season in the books. Interesting battle for 4th place that came down to the last day. A tip of the yoohoo to the Knowledge who came out of the draft with way too many closers and turned it into a pennant contender - and really did have me regretting calling out the RotoGods in early September.

On 09-21-2009 at 11:19:44 AM SolTrain wrote:

Combine the RotoGods incredible power and Arnie starting almost 40 guys on offense and all of sudden the Train front office is buying cases of Pepto Bismol. Per the Train's stats intern's calculations, there is a very strong possibility Arnie ties this thing up or wins it in the end. Damn Milton Bradley and "operation shutdown II - electric boogaloo."

Brad - I think you qualify for the playoffs based on your W total - but Greg earns another asterik for his trophy case.

On 09-21-2009 at 10:57:56 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Wow. What a finish. Greg and I tie for the playoffs. What is the tiebreaker? Unbelievable!!

That is why we love playoffs, the excitement they bring is fantastic.

On 09-17-2009 at 08:06:34 AM Doug Outs wrote:

Typo...should read "now fully paid"

On 09-17-2009 at 08:05:45 AM Doug Outs wrote:

Stevie, what are you talking about? Our battle for 6th place is EPIC!

On another note, I would like to announce that I received a check from Mr. Southworth and I am not fully paid for prior year's success. Carry on.

On 09-16-2009 at 10:13:47 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Knowledge and Fever making great runs. Won't be enough to catch Train but good surges nonetheless. The rest of us are fading . . .

On 09-13-2009 at 12:23:29 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Terrelle Pryor sucks.

On 09-12-2009 at 3:45:30 PM The All Knowing and Powerful Gods of Rotisserie League Baseball (The Roto Gods) wrote:

Dear Mr. Solis -

Your last comment was the final straw. It is apparent that you did not learn your lesson from 2007 so we have arranged for a 12th place finish for you next year. Don't fuck with us.

On 09-12-2009 at 12:08:39 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Cue the Roto Gods. (Sorry I've had a few too many ales tonight).

On 09-12-2009 at 12:07:51 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Cue the Rot Gods.

On 09-11-2009 at 9:38:28 PM SolTrain wrote:

Tom:

In LTBNL history, could you let me know what the largest margin of victory was in the modern era (12 teams - no playoffs)? Trying to keep my team motivated here over the last weeks of the season...

Train

On 09-10-2009 at 08:35:59 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Geez, Dude. Good Season.....

On 09-09-2009 at 9:38:13 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Geez, dude, enough with the playoff references. I do believe you're the only one left in favor of them.

On 09-09-2009 at 2:52:24 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Wow, what a playoff race. Who is going to make it & who will have to play Solis?

On 09-07-2009 at 9:36:59 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Ahhhh...to have a lead so big you can taunt the Roto Gods. Nice job Scott.

On 09-07-2009 at 09:39:44 AM SolTrain wrote:

Dear Roto Gods, wake me up when it is time for the YooHoo. In the meantime, I will be working on going 4-0 in my fantasy football league.

Sincerely,
SolTrain

On 09-02-2009 at 10:30:36 AM QuagMyers wrote:

This is worth checking out:

http://www.nj.com/mets/index.ssf/2009/09/david_wright_says_he_will_keep.html

I can't take credit for this, but one of the radio guys on XM this morning compared the new look David Wright to the Great Gazoo from the Flinstones.

On 09-02-2009 at 08:32:27 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Now I have to make two stickers for the draft. 1)Been Making My Own Decisions Since 1994 2)Leave Well-Enough Alone

On 09-01-2009 at 11:51:21 PM Green Monsters wrote:

As an aside, click on "Probably Pitchers: for a couple of kicks. First, it appears Boston has been moved to the NL. Perhaps most interestingly, check out the pitching matchup for the 9/3 matchup between the Dodgers and D-Backs. Apparently, Garland is going to pitch for BOTH teams!

On 09-01-2009 at 11:47:53 PM Green Monsters wrote:

Kudos to Steve for getting the finances in order!
Did Southy pay what was owed by the Southpaws from last year (and beyond?)?

On 09-01-2009 at 11:33:03 PM The Commissioner wrote:

Okay! I think we now have all the moves entered for 9/1, including the two last-second trades, and September Roster Expansion. (Yes, the Nowledge now have 23 active hitters ... that's an extra \$40 in the pot). To answer a question that's been asked once or twice ... Yes, I think teams can activate extra players (above the usual 25-man active limit) but please e-mail me if you do, so I can confirm all the moves after the daily deadline. Please add extra hitters as UT players.

Best of luck to the contenders down the stretch. Sorry about being cranky and bitchy after two a.m. earlier today.

On another note:

For those of you who don't know, Steve Geraghty has done an incredible job of getting the LTBNL finances back into shape, after roughly two years of benign neglect here at the League Office. The upshot of this is that the three or four teams that were still owed money are getting paid this week, and all fees that were owed have been paid (more or less) which means that the League can finally close out its books for the 2008 season and all the seasons that came before it. This was a massive undertaking and there was a lot to sort through to get it right. Steve will be contacting everyone after the season asking for their fees for '09, and I hope everyone will cooperate so we can pay this year's winners THIS fall.

Thanks, Steve! What you've done has benefited the League tremendously.

On 09-01-2009 at 10:56:12 PM The Commissioner wrote:

Here's the fallout from the Roster mess of last night: The Monsters e-mailed me today and said they had made moves earlier in the day on 8/31 to prepare for their free agent bidding. Those moves (Beltran to reserve, Abreu to MIF, Stewart to OF, and Clement activated to UT) were somehow lost either by OnRoto or by your somewhat sleep-deprived Commissioner in trying to get through all the moves well after midnight. Bottom line is that K.C. gets LeBlanc for \$1 effective 8/31 and Beltran is waived. The Knowledge had a similar problem, having intended to acquire Miller and Janish as reserves, waive Miller and Pinto, and then make an 8-player deal with the Doug Outs. The problem was that the trade occurred after the 8/31 transaction deadline. So while the free agent moves would/should have been effective 8/31, the trade, which was consummated before the midnight trade deadline, would not take effect until 9/1. I am putting Arnie's free-agent moves through, waiving the players he requested be waived, and arbitrarily activating two of his pitchers (the first two on his reserve list) to give him a balanced roster for 8/31. I also had to move Blake to COR and Willingham and Werth to UT to make this work. I want to stress that I do not feel it should be the Commissioner's job to do this ... every team is, or at least should be, responsible for making sure its roster its roster is balanced every day.

I think that finalizes all the moves that should have been effective for 8/31. I'm now going to tackle 9/1. Thanks to everyone for your patience.

On 09-01-2009 at 10:26:30 PM QuagMyers wrote:

After 20 years of playing this game, you'd think by now we'd have learned that the fact that we CAN change a rule does not necessarily mean that we SHOULD. The free agent deadline, just like 17.6, is not something this league created out of whole cloth. It was handed down by the Founding Fathers. Like 17.6, and almost all of the rest of our rules, there is probably some pretty well-thought out logic behind it. Why can we not seem to all agree to leave well-enough alone?

On 09-01-2009 at 10:12:02 PM Green Monsters wrote:

imho moving the free agent deadline to 9/1 would be a tough call. Rick and Steve are right that, in the new bad economic times, 8/31 is the essentially the new 7/31. Significant deals can now get done at the 8/31 deadline (e.g. Contreras and Penny). On the other hand, as Brad notes, this could open up new cans of worms, such as the one we suffered with in the past on CBS (where the Commish had to sort out who was really eligible to be acquired and who was not). I am not so confident about onroto's efficiency in correctly and timely listing guys as available free agents. For example, I noticed at least one time this year when a free agent acquisition was available and acquired on this site BEFORE that player was put on the active roster of his team. He wasn't a major acquisition, I wasn't really interested in him, and the timing was close enough that I did not feel compelled to jump in as a Roto policeman (plus, everyone had, in fact, been put on notice of his availability by the website). I can also see onroto being slow to make players available as free agents, creating a free-for-all on 9/1. Some guys would likely place direct bids with the Commish in that instance, but others might assume those players are not available and not place bids for them. Those folks would then be squawking about having bidding open till 9/2, etc., etc.

..... I think I just talked myself into voting to stay with the 8/31 deadline..... :-)

On 09-01-2009 at 8:52:26 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Playing in an NL only league, we all from time to time probably miss interesting AL headlines such is this one:

"Adrian Beltre has been sidelined since Aug. 13 with a severely contused right testicle suffered when hit by a grounder. He was not wearing a protective cup at the time, but he had one on during Tuesday night's game."

Tom, can you find a video of that play for us somewhere?

On 09-01-2009 at 8:41:04 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

I wasn't calling this last rule into question. Just defending Rick's point as a valid one in that MLB September callups will not show up on the OnRoto FA list until tomorrow morning, 9/2. So, you could allow bidding up until noon on 9/1 since the FA list today only has players that were traded for/called up prior to 9/1. As a point of reference, I think our FA bid deadline ended at 1:00AM on 9/1 with CBS whereas this year it was 8/31 at noon. Rick's point was, lots of activity between noon on 8/31 and end of the day 8/31 that is not September callup stuff, e.g. Thome trade, McCutchen callup, Maxwell callup, blah blah blah, you get the point.

On 09-01-2009 at 8:14:01 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Stevie has called more rules into question in the last week than Sue Ross did over 20 years.

On 09-01-2009 at 7:54:43 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Lots of people thumbing their noses at the rules, while the Peckers sail through the year without controversy. Roto Gods, are you taking notes?

On 09-01-2009 at 7:01:57 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Rick is right though. There were MLB callups (Daniel McCutchen) and trades (Jim Thome) on 8/31 that don't get into OnRoto's FA system until the morning of 9/1. It would make sense to have 9/1 at noon be the deadline going forward as there were no MLB September callups in the FA list today. I think OnRoto is good about maintaining the integrity of their FA lists unlike CBS. With that, could also make the trade deadline noon on 9/1 so trades like the Cliff Lee one could happen if a big name came over on 8/31 and two owners agree to a sign and trade.

On 09-01-2009 at 5:11:18 PM Underdawgs wrote:

That is why the deadline is what it is. I think we have learned our lesson. Minor changes to the original constitution leads to many many many more issues.

On 09-01-2009 at 4:01:54 PM Rick Shaws wrote:

However, I would like to go on record now & propose that next year we extend that deadline one day to allow for moves on 9/1. Lots of activity always on 8/31 that nobody can take advantage of.

On 09-01-2009 at 3:59:20 PM Rick Shaws wrote:

Yes, yesterday was the last day.

On 09-01-2009 at 1:34:15 PM Green Monsters wrote:

My understanding was that yesterday, Aug. 31, was the deadline to acquire free agents.

On 09-01-2009 at 11:32:07 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Oops - sorry about that. Just to clarify, are we or are we not able to pick up FAs today that were activated by their ML teams on 8/31 prior to September call ups?

On 09-01-2009 at 11:30:09 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

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On 09-01-2009 at 10:44:46 AM Green Monsters wrote:

Tom,

I think there was some sort of glitch with onroto that may have led to some of these problems....

On the morning of Aug. 31, before I placed my free agent bid, I made the following roster moves:

Beltran to reserves

Tony Abreu to MI

Ian Stewart to OF

Jeff Clement called up to UT

As you note, I was the winning bidder as to LeBlanc and he should have simply taken Beltran's place on my reserve roster.

Thanks!

K.C.

On 09-01-2009 at 02:13:47 AM QuagMyers wrote:

Wow. I hardly know where to start. As things stand now, the software will not let me put through moves for either 8/31 or 9/1, because we are nowhere close to having balanced rosters based on the free agent bids, trades, et cetera, that have either been submitted through Bid Meister or e-mailed to me, or sent to me through messages on the site.

I'm at a loss ... this is about the worst things have ever been ... at least since the early days, and we can't blame all of this on OnRoto. In case there's seriously anyone who needs to be reminded, I CANNOT put through ANY roster moves unless EVERY team has a valid roster, which basically means 15 active hitters and 10 active pitchers, at the end of all the day's moves. This doesn't mean that every team has to have exactly the right number of OFs, UTs, Cs, etc.... I count on the RotoPolice to check for that. The key for me is this: I don't hate you if you don't have the right number of active hitters and pitchers. I just cannot submit the rosters for the next day if everyone doesn't. And after the Wonders Fiasco of '09, I don't even care if you have 16 reserve players; I just can't put through any transactions unless every team has 10 active pitchers and 15 active hitters.

The way things turned out for 8/31, I feel that I have no choice but to start with the free agent stuff and work my way forward ... The DougOuts won Moss at \$2 and Gutierrez at \$4; they added both as reserve players and waived Murton and Bazarado. Fine so far. Monsters bid on three players as reserves. They were outbid on Moss and Gutierrez outright; would have won pitcher LeBlanc but they bid on him as a reserve, waiving an active hitter. I cannot find any instructions anywhere from them as to whom they wanted to activate as a hitter, so their otherwise winning bid on LeBlanc is invalid. The Knowledge would have won Janish at \$2 and Orr at \$2, but we have the same problem: They purported to waive two active pitchers, Miller and Pinto, for two active hitters, without any indication of any corresponding moves, which of course would have left them with 17 active hitters and 8 active pitchers at the 8/31 deadline. Those bids are therefore invalid. Sorry .. But I have no instructions at all as to what hitters should be reserved and what pitchers should be activated. We've only had these rules now for 20 years or so.

In any event, after putting through just the valid free agent moves, before the one trade intended to be effective 8/31, and before even attempting to put through the several trades intended to be effective 9/1 (but made prior to the deadline at midnight, 8/31), we still have the Wonders with an invalid roster. Steve, just to balance the rosters, I'm going to activate a random pitcher, and I have chosen Correia, since I know you activated him yesterday. If that's not okay, please let me know and I'll do my best to back things out and fix it. Next we have the trade of Oswalt and Ankiel for Lannan and Santana. That leaves Doug's roster okay, as Doug asked me to activate Moss (previously purchased as a reserved free agent); but Brad asked me to put Ankiel in Gerut's place, and Gerut is/was already on reserve, and Brad already has five active OFs. So I'm going to have to read Brad's mind and put Ankiel on reserve now too. Brad, let me know if that's not right; I'll do my best to accommodate you as well if you'd like me to fix this.

And because of all the confusion, I think I have to stop there for tonight. Will anyone whose moves I've misinterpreted or otherwise screwed up, through games of 8/31, please contact me ASAP? Let me just remind everyone again that the software that runs this site (or any site, for that matter, that we've ever

dealt with) will not permit me to submit any transactions, if, on that date, the end result includes ANY team with an invalid roster. So I've done the best I could, and submitted all the valid transactions I was able to. I feel confident that I have put through all the valid free agent transactions and trades I was able to, working within our rules and the limitations of our software.

To the extent we're ever going to enforce any of our rules from this point forward, please remember that you're required to have a valid roster by the time of the deadline every day ... if you make a free agent move that doesn't work thru Bid Meister or make a trade that leaves moves to be made with your roster, PLEASE inform the League Office/Iron Fist.

Thanks, everyone. I'll put through the pre-deadline, post 9/1 trades as soon as I hear from the teams involved. Remember that teams can expand their rosters starting 9/1 ... and good luck to the contending teams down the stretch.

On 08-31-2009 at 11:23:27 PM Karnold Knowledge wrote:

In other news, the Dougouts bolstered their chances in pursuit of the 2010 title today by acquiring Jonathan Broxton, Kenshin Kawakami, Ramon Hernandez and Nyler Morgan from the Knowledge in exchange for Troy Tulowitzki, Bengie Molina, John Smoltz and Cole Hammels.

"We've always taken pride in the charitable nature of our club", said the Knowledge GM when questioned about the one-sided appearance of the blockbuster deal, "and look forward to assisting other ballclubs in the future". Rumors of the illegal inclusion of circus tickets as part of the swap are presently being investigated by the league office.

On 08-31-2009 at 7:09:05 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

That UDawg organization is a class act. "Sorry, Johan and John, you will not be important in 2010. And Johan, good luck with that elbow thingy you have going on there."

On 08-31-2009 at 3:37:07 PM Underdawgs wrote:

The Udawgs have traded J. Santana & John Lannan for Roy Oswalt & Rick Ankiel. "With the Sol Train running away with the league, we are not and will not trade away any player that we feel would be of importance for 2010. This trade fits that mold. We would like to wish Mr. Santana all of the best as he comes back from his injury. At least he works hard and that is something that another one of our key starting pitchers (fat ass) has a difficult time doing.

On 08-31-2009 at 2:53:01 PM Underdawgs wrote:

The U-Dawgs have scheduled a 3:30 pm press conference. If you are unable to attend, but would like to

listen via the web please log on to <http://www.udawgbball/trade.com>

On 08-30-2009 at 6:26:23 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Doug, really tough trading market out there? Good Luck, send me a note, I will trade you whatever you want to try and get into the playoffs..... Seriously, I just had an owner ask about Soriano and Hudson?

On 08-30-2009 at 11:44:30 AM Doug Outs wrote:

LAST MINUTE FIRE SALE!!! OUR PRICES WILL NOT BE BEAT!!!

MOLINA = \$15

TULOWITZKI = \$13

OSWALT = \$30

HAMELS = \$17

ALL PLAYERS WILL GO!! MAKE ANY OFFER.

On 08-28-2009 at 11:21:08 PM Green Monsters wrote:

Yes, when Petit gets pummeled next time out you will be glad he is not on your roster. Meanwhile, not acquiring Rauch saved you \$5! Maybe Rick Shaws should appeal the ruling not awarding him to you in the first instance? :-)

On 08-28-2009 at 9:13:22 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

The Roto Gods know what they're doing though. It will all sort itself out in due time.

On 08-28-2009 at 9:11:02 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Petit's win last night would have been awfully nice to have though.

On 08-28-2009 at 5:01:47 PM Doug Outs wrote:

And that's the end of that chapter....

"Twins acquired RHP Jon Rauch from Diamondbacks for a player to be named later."

On 08-28-2009 at 10:18:58 AM SolTrain wrote:

Thanks Tom. Brad - Happy 40th!

On 08-28-2009 at 08:32:21 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Thank you. The big "40" Sol Train is getting the real present this year....

On 08-28-2009 at 07:08:40 AM The Commissioner wrote:

The League Office would like to wish the UDawgs and Train a very Happy Birthday !!

On 08-27-2009 at 5:45:21 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Rule of Reason on "Slot 1" qualifying at First Base?

On 08-26-2009 at 11:13:34 AM The Commissioner wrote:

Heads up -- There has been manual FAAB bidding today.

On 08-25-2009 at 08:23:52 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

The projected standings still show the Udawgs winning by 7.5 points! Another classic case of mismanagement by the Udawgs front office.

On 08-21-2009 at 11:02:28 PM SolTrain wrote:

Looking at the standings, anything can happen in 6 weeks. No fat ladies to be seen anywhere near the LTBNL.

On 08-21-2009 at 10:37:30 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Doug, Do not take out your frustration on me. It is not my fault your team fell out of the money.

For the record, if Solis would blow this lead, (there is no way) it would go down as the largest collapse ever..... Roto Gods, some help please?

On 08-21-2009 at 7:48:46 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Good question, Steve. I totally pulled an Underwood. I meant Reed Johnson.

On 08-21-2009 at 6:58:16 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Who's Russ Johnson?

On 08-21-2009 at 12:07:11 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Before anyone gets their panties in a bunch, IF I won Smoltz it was my intention to activate Russ Johnson to replace Francisco (as you can see on the Bid Meister results).

On 08-21-2009 at 11:24:53 AM The Commissioner wrote:

sorry ... that should say "at least one" manual bid.

On 08-21-2009 at 10:38:19 AM The Commissioner wrote:

I have at one "manual" FAAB bid today. Just wanted to give everyone a heads up.

On 08-19-2009 at 11:32:55 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Beating a Very Dead Horse Department: I'm not telling anyone anything they don't know already, but it is absolutely painful to watch the Reds these days. First, the broadcast situation: Nothing is worse than watching the Reds roll over and play dead against Giants and Cardinals in standard definition, and then switching over to ESPN to watch highlights of the same exact game in HD. Please, Fox Sports Ohio, either broadcast the games in HD or don't bother. Unreal. Next: George Grande. Without a doubt the worst play-by-play man I have ever heard in 40 years of watching baseball on TV. The Louisville guy filling in for him this week? Wow, what an upgrade. Last night he told us that Eugenio Velez is really hot: "He's got 18 hits in his last 16 at bats." And tonight, he lifted Barry Zito from the game two innings after the Giants did ... thanks anyway, Sergio Romo fans; those last 6 outs were apparently recorded by Zito from the shower. And, Jeff Brantley: Good god. Please make it stop. Please. He makes Andy Griffith sound like William F. Buckley Jr.

May I continue my rant by talking about the team itself? Pirates fans have to be upset by setting the record for most consecutive losing seasons ... but I'd have to say that the Reds are actually in worse shape. This is a team without a plan. With an awful manager who does not understand baseball but cannot be dismissed due to a multi-year contract. With a GM who must ... has to ... mean well, but, um, WTF. Willy Taveras? Has anyone watched the route he takes on fly balls? How close are you to the 100 SB you promised, Willy? There is no vision, there is no hope, and I'll be damned if there were 1,000 people in the seats tonight .. for good reason. It's brutal, and it's killing me.

Thank you. I'm done.

On 08-19-2009 at 11:21:49 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Officially accepting offers for anybody on my team.

On 08-19-2009 at 11:12:01 PM The Commissioner wrote:

The Southpaws have requested \$9 FAAB compensation for the loss of Pudge Rodriguez.

On 08-19-2009 at 10:12:46 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Can't wait for Bazardo to face Gallardo.

On 08-19-2009 at 7:11:06 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

That is totally Bazardo. By the way, important games for the Wonders tonight. Our three best go to the hill in Gallardo, Kershaw and Latos. Blanton goes tomorrow. It's getting close to do or die time for us . . .

On 08-19-2009 at 3:18:37 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Does anyone else find it Bazardo that I am staring a pitcher named Bazardo tonight?

On 08-17-2009 at 3:21:43 PM The Commissioner wrote:

August 31 is the last day to make a trade, and the last day to pick up a free agent. We WILL allow September Roster Expansion starting on 9/1.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3-eavMSBnk>

Good luck, everyone.

On 08-17-2009 at 2:56:57 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Over. All she wrote. Congratulations, Scott on back to back. Sure would be fun if we had playoffs.....
Zambrano is a fat lazy piece of shit. "I think it might of been my poor workouts between starts"

On 08-17-2009 at 1:16:45 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Dear Roto Gods, please note that the Sol Train compared his team to Tiger Woods.

Respectfully,

The Doug Outs

On 08-17-2009 at 1:12:30 PM SolTrain wrote:

Wonders - appreciate the sentiment, but something tells me there is a Y.E. Yang lurking out there with 6 weeks to go...

Tom - refresher on last day to make a trade and pick-up a free agent?

On 08-17-2009 at 1:10:21 PM Doug Outs wrote:

I agree with Stevie. It's been a great season...very entertaining...but as Marty Brennaman might say "this one belongs to the Train."

On 08-17-2009 at 12:58:42 PM Southpaws wrote:

Available on my team: O. Perez, Kouzmanoff, Pierre, Sanchez, Pudge, and Kendall...Email josh.seuberling@gmail.com if any interest.

On 08-17-2009 at 12:33:34 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Gentlemen -

We are playing for second place this year as SolTrain will be defending his title. There is simply no way around it. Congrats Train on back to back championships.

On 08-16-2009 at 4:29:32 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

George Grande sucks balls.

On 08-16-2009 at 11:41:34 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Tom, Do our playoffs start on the 2nd to last week of the season or the 3rd?

On 08-16-2009 at 10:36:52 AM QuagMyers wrote:

The Quags would like to join Reds' TV voice George Grande in wishing the Nationals luck in signing their first round draft pick, "Michael Strassburger."

On 08-16-2009 at 06:12:06 AM Doug Outs wrote:

Brad Lidge sucks balls.

On 08-15-2009 at 10:05:33 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Did you knock over the water jug after Latos's start?

On 08-14-2009 at 2:29:58 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

From Steve Geraghty's Twitter page: Important games for the Wonders tonight. Our four best go to the hill in Gallardo, Kershaw, Blanton and Latos. It's getting close to do or die time for us. I broke a chair over Jeremy Hermida's head in our closed door meeting and took a bat to Manny Parra's old framed picture from his days with the team. Hoping this rallies the troops a bit. Hermida still in the lineup by the way. Stay tuned . . .

On 08-13-2009 at 4:49:28 PM Underdawgs wrote:

The U-Dawgs send Doumit and McDonald for Hoffman and Towles

On 08-13-2009 at 01:04:48 AM Green Monsters wrote:

If any of you folks vying for a money spot are looking for saves, improved ERA, and WHIP, the Monsters would be willing to part with Trevor Hoffman. He has put up excellent numbers this year. Also, I gotta believe the Brewers will bring him back after the year he has had for them---and if so he would be a keeper for next year at \$18.

If interested, drop me line. If not, no big deal. In that case, Hoffman can be the veteran presence on the otherwise young and hungry 2010 Monsters.

On 08-11-2009 at 10:29:43 AM Green Monsters wrote:

Scott, I'll send you my bill! :-)

On 08-10-2009 at 3:41:08 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

I was just asking for clarification. No need for any of you ladies to get your panties all in a bunch.

On 08-10-2009 at 10:30:14 AM SolTrain wrote:

Easy Greg. Believe the Monsters already presented my argument.

On 08-10-2009 at 12:11:56 AM Green Monsters wrote:

According to the transaction logs, dropping Blanco (at \$1) for Abreu (at \$2) was the Train's SECOND free agent bid. The acquisition of Romero was his 1st. So, it appears to me that, when Train's first move went through, the team was still under the salary cap. Only the second move put them over the top. I really don't have a dog in this fight and it makes no difference to me whether one or both moves are reversed, but it sure looks to me like only the second one violated league rules.

On 08-09-2009 at 11:52:18 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

How do we know it was the Abreu transaction that put him over? Shouldn't both transactions he made be reversed? I'm just askin'

On 08-09-2009 at 9:53:50 PM Green Monsters wrote:

On another note, Abreu was already optioned back to AAA!

On 08-09-2009 at 9:51:57 PM Green Monsters wrote:

How bad does that suck?! To get fined \$50---- going over the limit by a mere dollar AND, worse yet, just to pick up someone the likes of Abreu. It wouldn't hurt so bad if you went over the limit picking up a Ryan Howard, a Chase Utley, or some of the other big names that have changed teams lately. On the other hand, I reckon having the transaction reversed would hurt a whole lot more with those other guys!

On 08-09-2009 at 9:41:17 PM The Commissioner wrote:

The Abreu purchase by the Sol Train has been reversed. Good work, officers. Will the treasurer please assess the appropriate fine? Thank you.

On 08-09-2009 at 9:29:44 PM SolTrain wrote:

So.....

Get back from the pool with the family this afternoon and find out my \$1 bid on Tony Abreu (that was the plan anyways) was a \$2 bid. Needless to say, SolTrain ownership is looking for another GM. Even better, the Dodgers sent Abreu back to the minors today.

Hopefully, the Train will continue to be in the race this year and have a shot at earning up to half of that

\$50 back. Thanks to all who brought it to the attention of the league. Good luck the remainder of the season to all still competing - shaping up to be one of the best pennant races ever.

On 08-09-2009 at 6:54:21 PM Underdawgs wrote:

\$50 to the pot.....

On 08-09-2009 at 3:43:15 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

I mean, a 7 minute response time is pretty damn impressive.

On 08-09-2009 at 3:42:05 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Thank you Roto Police. I don't know what I would have done if you hadn't shown up so soon.

On 08-09-2009 at 3:39:51 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Article 22.2 states "In the event that a team is found to be in violation of the In-Season Salary Cap, the League Office shall reverse any and all transactions that caused the team to exceed the Cap, retroactive to the day the violation first occurred.

Article 22.3 states "A team found to be in violation of the In-Season Salary Cap shall be fined \$50, and the fine shall be payable to the prize pool."

On 08-09-2009 at 3:32:18 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Solis Team roster is showing a total salary of \$391. Cue the Roto Police siren please

On 08-08-2009 at 3:22:34 PM QuagMyers wrote:

The Quags have also traded Kosuke Fukodome and Chase Utley to the Monsters for Buster Posey and Jose Reyes. Three trades, 11 new players in less than 24 hours! A few spare parts remain; check in if you're interested.

On 08-08-2009 at 01:12:12 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers have acquired Ryan Howard, Mike Cameron, Matt Lindstrom and "Good talk, Ross" Ohlendorf from the Quagmyers for Garrett Jones, Logan Morrison, Josh Lindblom and Justin Upton.

On 08-07-2009 at 12:54:27 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Twenty points out of the money on August 7 -- I reluctantly have come to the conclusion that my team is not good enough to contend this year. I held out as long as I could, and we gave it a good run. I'd like to give a special tip o' the Quags' hat to Mister Bronson Arroyo: If you're in the mood for a good chuckle, check out his active stats for me versus his reserve stats.

I wish all the contenders the best, and it's certainly shaping up to be a good race among the top seven teams. Looking forward to following the pennant chase.

There are still a few movable Quag pieces, for those with interest and cap room. Howard, Wright, Cameron, Fukodome, Garko, Utley, Lindstrom. Looking for cheap keepers and prospects, of course.

On 08-07-2009 at 11:42:28 AM QuagMyers wrote:

Quags claim \$3 FAAB compensation for loss of Chad Gaudin to the AL.

On 08-07-2009 at 11:22:10 AM SolTrain wrote:

Train sends Sandoval, Ohlendorf, Dickerson and Mock to the Quags. In return, the Train receives McCann, Escobar, Bourn and Wilson.

On 08-05-2009 at 5:09:32 PM Green Monsters wrote:

And, for what it is worth, it is actually a \$104 combination....(Brad is a big picture GM---doesn't worry about names or numbers... :-))

On 08-05-2009 at 5:01:48 PM Underdawgs wrote:

0 for 8 today

On 08-05-2009 at 4:12:01 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Pretty cool stat from Buster Olney's column today on Albert Pujols: He's taken 20 swings with the bases loaded this year and hit five home runs with only two swing-and-misses. He's 2.5 times more likely to hit a HR than to swing and miss.

On 08-05-2009 at 2:18:37 PM Underdawgs wrote:

My \$103 combination of DeRosa and Holliday are 0-6 today. Yea!!

On 08-04-2009 at 10:16:09 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Tough pitching night.

On 08-04-2009 at 9:28:28 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Isn't knowing your player's names (and pronunciations) one of the 10 Commandments of Roto? Cue the Roto Gods please.

On 08-04-2009 at 5:31:50 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

To acknowledge your slight, Cory purposely referred to you as "Blair" Underwood in his press conference. Your relationship seems to have gotten off on the wrong foot. I hope this doesn't cause any issues in the clubhouse - don't need any of that down the stretch.

On 08-04-2009 at 2:56:44 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Damm, he was the whole key to the deal. I am screwed.....

On 08-04-2009 at 11:34:29 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Hey Undy, you should probably get a little more familiar with the players you are trading for. You received Cory Wade in the deal, not Ed Wade.

On 08-03-2009 at 12:11:05 PM Underdawgs wrote:

U-Dawgs send Delgado and Hunter Pence to ShowOffs for Matt Holliday & Ed Wade.

On 08-03-2009 at 11:52:22 AM SolTrain wrote:

Train sends Kuroda and Ceda as well as 1st and 4th round draft picks for 2010 to ShowHoffs for ARam, Owings and ShowHoffs 9th and 10th round picks in 2010.

On 08-01-2009 at 10:35:28 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

UPDATE: Undy just told me the Southie hole-in-one story. Great story. At the end, I ask him: "So did you initiate a wage garnishment against Southie's earnings for the day on behalf of TLBNL?" To which he replied, "No, I settled with Webbie." I laughed, and then said, " You're kidding, right?" There was then an awkward silence of about 4 seconds, and then Brad said, "Oh shit. I didn't even think of that." Nice work Brad. Way to think it through.

On 08-01-2009 at 3:59:48 PM Karnold Knowledge wrote:

Props to "new guy" with the ace. Speaking of golf, The Knowledge is requesting a mulligan on today's bidmeister. I inadvertently pushed a "4" and meant to push a "2" on the Rolan bid. Please credit the \$20 accordingly (with "future considerations" to be provided to the commish, wink, wink)

On 08-01-2009 at 3:25:38 PM Underdawgs wrote:

We did get him for drinks after. He went to the Jack and Cokes in celebration mode.

On 08-01-2009 at 3:24:51 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Tartan East, now called East golf Club. 17th hole, playing Vegas, which is pressed to \$2.00 per point. He hit first, 5 iron, draw, turning right toward the hole, 2 hops and a roll right into the cup. He did the Mickelson dance, jumped straight up with both hands above his head. His partner made a 4 for a "14" in Vegas. I made a 5, but my partner made a long putt to save a 3, which turned out to be huge. $14 \text{ to } 35 = 21 \times 4 = 82$ tripled for the eagle = 246 points at .50 cents a point. We were all happy for him, then reality of the Vegas game set in. Going to Clippers game to scout tonight, hoping wife just wants a dog and no nachos!!

On 08-01-2009 at 3:17:12 PM QuagMyers wrote:

More information, please! Course? Hole? Reaction? Damage at the 19th hole??

Congrats, Southy !!!

On 08-01-2009 at 3:12:04 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Doug, FYI- Southy hit a 5 iron 189 yards today for his first hole in one ever. For the round he will be collecting/or collected estimated \$225 in cash. Give him a few days and you might want to contact him regarding his LBNL debt. Who says I never look out for the league. Check the Dispatch on Sunday, it will be in there.

On 08-01-2009 at 12:53:53 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Wow ... correction to the correction: LaRoche actually goes to the Fever, who bid \$32, a conditional bid that was sent to the Commish in-box, which I missed originally. My apologies to the Train and the Wonders for the oversight. The Train's \$32 bid on LaRoche was nullified, as it was second in priority to their \$24 bid on Richard, which, when successful, left them with only \$28.

Sorry, everyone, for all the confusion. I'll have all the rosters updated within the next few minutes. Feel free to e-mail additional moves to me up until first pitch, which is 4:05 EDT.

On 08-01-2009 at 12:23:03 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Correction: LaRoche goes to the Train, not the Wonders. Not sure why, but BidMeister sorted this incorrectly. Sorry for the confusion.

On 08-01-2009 at 12:15:03 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Wonders/Monsters "trade" as set forth below was intended to be a joke.

We had three teams bid manually today, so I'm putting the transactions through now. Nowledge got Rolan, Peckers got Sherrill, Wonders got LaRoche and Milledge, Train got Richard.

Thanks for your patience ... if anyone needs to make any roster changes, call or e-mail me.

On 08-01-2009 at 10:26:07 AM SolTrain wrote:

Is the Wonders/Monsters trade for real?

On 08-01-2009 at 10:07:36 AM QuagMyers wrote:

All FAAB adjustments requested below have been entered. FAAB balances under "Front Office/FAAB Summary" should all be correct. Thanks.

On 08-01-2009 at 10:04:20 AM QuagMyers wrote:

That is correct, Brad!

And fair warning ... I have received bids by e-mail again today. BidMeister results at 12:01 may not be completely accurate.

Good luck, everyone.

On 08-01-2009 at 07:08:33 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Assuming we are not bidding on any players that are not on "available player" list?

On 07-31-2009 at 10:41:11 PM Karnold Knowledge wrote:

Knowledge claims \$2 for Roenicke and \$21 for EE, even though these players have yet to be released (sorry Peckers)

On 07-31-2009 at 7:24:26 PM Dan's Fever wrote:

This is getting old...Fever claim \$5 for the loss of Jack Wilson to the AL.

On 07-31-2009 at 4:06:22 PM SolTrain wrote:

Train claim FAAB compensation of \$26 for Casey Kotchman.

On 07-31-2009 at 12:58:23 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Tough to argue contract law with a bunch of attorneys.....

On 07-31-2009 at 12:44:32 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Wonders trade Ben Sheets and Felipe Lopez to Monsters for Ryan Zimmerman and Josh Johnson. If Ryan Zimmerman hits 10 HRs and/or has 35 RBIs for the Wonders through the end of the 2009 season or if Felipe Lopez signs with an AL team prior to freeze day next year, Lopez will be replaced by Mat Gamel in the deal. If Ben Sheets status is determined to not be healthy and/or active on an NL roster by freeze day 2010, Sheets will be replaced with Clayton Kershaw in the deal. Since these are all "contingent" on something happening and not of the "nod-nod, wink-wink" variety, I have assumed that they will pass the LTBNL rule regarding trades. Monsters to confirm.

On 07-31-2009 at 12:29:07 PM Green Monsters wrote:

Monsters claim \$1 for loss of Snell to AL.

On 07-31-2009 at 09:54:48 AM Doug Outs wrote:

The Doug Outs claim \$6 in FAAB for the loss of Jason Donald.

On 07-31-2009 at 09:03:54 AM QuagMyers wrote:

The Southpaws have claimed \$8 in FAAB compensation for the trade of Lou Marson to the AL.

On 07-31-2009 at 08:30:57 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Bye Bye Adrian Gonzalez

On 07-31-2009 at 04:32:26 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

While I think it is great that MLB has the Rule 5 Draft and can have pre-negotiated deals and things of such sorts, we do not have that in the LTBNL. Two weeks ago, I traded Fernando Nieve and Matt Maloney to the Show Hoffs for Matt Capps and Sergio Romo. In our negotiations, Dan said to me, "If Capps gets traded to the AL, I will offer a "gentleman's agreement" and give you one of the two back (my choice) for any player on your roster (your choice)." Sounded tempting but we agreed that it was probably against the spirit of the trade rules. I told him I would just have to accept the risk that Capps gets traded to the AL and take my chances. But now that I look at these other deals, I could just as easily classify the Capps offer from Dan as "contingent" on Capps staying in the NL. Explain to me the difference here.

Tom, the Holliday bid was done the right way and is completely different than the Lee deal. Dan bid on Holliday and has assumed the risk that he will have to eat the \$51 with no pre-negotiated deal. If Josh wants to bid \$54 on Cliff Lee because he wants to have THE CHANCE to trade him and get back some value – awesome. I think that is great. But here, Josh didn't have any risk. There was no backing out going to happen by Greg – the deal was in place ahead of time. In fact, Josh's bid was exactly my max available so there very well could have been a conversation between Greg and Josh in which Greg said, "bid \$54 on Lee as that is the Wonder's maximum and I will trade you for him." I am not saying that is what happened but it certainly has the appearance of this.

Our league rule reads as follows: "Trades involving cash, players to be named later, side agreements or "future considerations" are strictly and expressly prohibited and shall be struck down by the PICFL." Are we saying that this wasn't a "side agreement" but it was a "contingent" deal so it is OK? Could I have said that Dan's offer to me regarding Capps was a "gentleman's agreement" and is legal as there is nothing in the rules that prohibits "gentlemen's agreements?" My answer to both of those questions is "no."

The rules were written in a way so that each owner is to work in a vacuum and tries to beat the other 11. We voted to go back to Classic Roto with no changes save the trading of FAAB money which has now created another loophole that is getting exploited. Again, I understand how MLB works and how they can construct deals with future considerations, players to be named later, Rule 5 picks and that is all well and good. But this isn't MLB and our rules are written to avoid such transactions.

On 07-31-2009 at 01:57:36 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad: If you are going to quote me, at least get it right. What I said was, "If a fourth outfielder goes for \$24, then I guess \$53 for DeRosa isn't such a bad deal." Also, you are an asshole for quoting me on that. While you are quoting me, here is another quote: "If we let Underwood win the league, then we are a sorry bunch of sonsabithces."

On 07-30-2009 at 11:03:34 PM Green Monsters wrote:

I'd forgotten we voted to allow the trading of FAAB \$\$\$ (we did, really?). In light of that revelation, I take back what I said about the Peckers/Southpaws transaction. Sorry guys!

So, who wants to trade for some of my remaining FAAB? :-)

On 07-30-2009 at 7:46:37 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Very well put. I think the fact that it was Greg who was involved was more the issue that we had. He is just so desperate to try and win that we all assume his dealings are shady.

On 07-30-2009 at 7:24:11 PM QuagMyers wrote:

I have no problem with the Peckers/Southpaws deal. The way I see it, the trade agreed to last night was along the lines of, "If you can get X with your FAAB budget, I'll trade Y to you for him." I agree with Greg: It was a contingent deal, not a deal involving "future considerations." Greg could have backed out of the deal tomorrow with no repercussions and the Southpaws would have to negotiate another trade or be looking down the barrel of a buyout. Maybe Josh wouldn't have bid as high as he did if he didn't have a deal in place, but Steve, why wouldn't you take into account that a team that's already cashed it in would bid high, like the Show Hoffs did to get Matt Holliday?

In my mind, closer to the edge is the Monsters/Fever deal, where a 2010 draft pick to be traded depends on whether a team finishes in or out of the money ... but still, I don't have a problem with it and don't detect any odor. The Fever have every incentive to finish in the money and I'm sure they intend to do so. The fact that a Reserve pick depends on where they finish is in my mind quite creative, not collusive. Don't forget, we even voted this year, for the first time, to allow FAAB dollars to be traded, for the first time. (Any WHY hasn't anyone done this yet??) The "future considerations" rule is, and always have been, designed to prevent the sort of wink-wink-nudge-nudge trade that all of us would find repulsive. "Trade me Pujols for the pennant run and I'll trade him back to you for Buddy Biancalana when the season's over." None of that happened in either of these trades, and the League Office looks favorably upon both. I don't find either deal to be shady in the least.

On 07-30-2009 at 6:51:03 PM SolTrain wrote:

Personally, I don't see any difference between what Greg and the Paws did and what MLB clubs do in

the Rule 5 draft, etc., where team A asks team B who is in better position, to get player X for them in a pre-negotiated deal. OK by me.

On 07-30-2009 at 6:30:30 PM Green Monsters wrote:

Leave it to Greg to "step in it" by posting on the Board the fact that the deal had been struck before the Southpaws had even acquired Lee! Technically, I don't think it constitutes a deal for "future considerations" in violation of the rules, but it does have an odor about it. I don't see how we can realistically block end runs like this in the future. But, I bet we won't see anyone brag about doing it again!

On 07-30-2009 at 5:19:36 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

It wasn't a deal for future consideration. It was a contingent deal. Big difference.

On 07-30-2009 at 4:19:49 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Wow, first Solis bending the rules last year and now this. Really defeats the purpose of the \$100 FAAB cap. Those of us that saved money for FAAB acquisitions at this time of year in the true spirit of how the rule is written get stiffed. I bid \$35 knowing that Greg was one spot behind me in the standings and had a max of \$34 and Quags a max of \$32 to spend.

Hats off to Show Hoffs who did it the right way. Make a large bid to get Holliday and look to trade him but run the risk that no one bites and he owes the \$51. Paws don't have any risk because of the pre-worked out "future considerations" deal. I will yield to the Commissioner but this is shady, no?

On 07-30-2009 at 3:17:51 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Tom, Does the league still frown upon "future consideration"? If so, you might want to investigate the Pecker/SouthPaw deal. If you dig, dig deep, there is much more to the story.

On 07-30-2009 at 3:00:13 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers have acquired 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner Cliff Lee and Jeff Bennett for Paul Maholm and Jared Parker in a deal that was struck late last night.

On 07-30-2009 at 2:45:32 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers have acquired 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner Cliff Lee and Jeff Bennett for Paul Maholm

and Jared Parker in a deal that was struck late last night.

On 07-30-2009 at 2:43:04 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Espn reporting a deal has been agreed upon between SouthPaws and Peckers to send Lee to the Peckers. Not too late to get involved, contact SouthPaws immediately.

"If a 4th outfielder with a poor average goes for \$24, than the U-Dawgs got a steal with DeRosa" Greg May - Chapter 17 - Determining Value in the Free Agent Market

On 07-30-2009 at 2:35:25 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers will be conducting a press conference in 5 minutes.

On 07-30-2009 at 2:03:55 PM Dan's Fever wrote:

Tom-

I have a correction to make--I won Cedeno for \$5 not \$2.

On 07-30-2009 at 1:58:49 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

This is a real blow. I was planning welcoming party thinking I had Cliff Lee for the past 2 hours. Shit.

On 07-30-2009 at 1:52:54 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Several teams had to make manual, non-BidMeister bids today, as they had unusually complicated or contingent bids that BidMeister couldn't accommodate. Perhaps unfortunately, two of the winning bids on today's free agents were e-mailed, rather than BidMeister bids. The Southpaws won Cliff Lee for \$54, and the Fever won Ronny Cedeno for \$2. (If anyone is skeptical, I can assure you these bids were completely legitimate and received well before the deadline; I can post or send you the e-mails if you'd like). Accordingly, I can't use the "Insert BidMeister Results" option today; I'm going to have to enter all the free agent moves manually. Should be done by 2:15 or so. Thanks for your patience.

On 07-30-2009 at 1:43:26 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Steve: If you're using Firefox (and you should be!), install the Adblock Plus plug-in ... <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/1865> ... poof, no more annoying ads on this site.

On 07-30-2009 at 12:07:30 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Is anybody else tired of seeing ads on this site for Obama wanting Moms to go back to school or of the women dancing because her insurance rates went down? Just wondering. The worst is the ad for the teeth whitening. Those are some of the grossest teeth and mouths ever - both before and after.

On 07-29-2009 at 11:37:40 PM Green Monsters wrote:

AP-New York

After many days (months, years?) of negotiating, the Monsters and the Fever consummated a 10-player trade Wednesday night. The Monsters sent Todd Helton, Kelly Johnson, Cody Ross, Jeff Francoeur, Ryan Sadowski, and their 2nd/3rd round pick in the 2010 reserve draft to the Fever in exchange for Joey Votto, Blake DeWitt, Fernando Martinez, Matt Murton, Max Scherzer, and the Fevers' 1st round draft pick in 2010. The trade reflects the resolve of the Fever to take the crown in 2009 and the Monsters commitment to rebuild for 2010.

On 07-29-2009 at 7:48:21 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Good news on the finances front. I have either emailed with or received checks from everyone. Received UDawgs and Hoffs checks in the last two days. Josh, Arnie and Dan M. are sending theirs. Monsters and Wonders have paid. The remaining five teams are either owed money or have been paid their share.

The only outstanding amount is from Southy who owes from 2007. Doug is working on this for us. Thanks Doug!

On 07-28-2009 at 11:39:24 PM QuagMyers wrote:

This site is awesome: mlbtraderumors.com

On 07-28-2009 at 7:00:15 PM SolTrain wrote:

Hey Wonders - How about an update as to the league finances and delinquent owners?

On 07-28-2009 at 6:55:56 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

My bad.

On 07-28-2009 at 4:14:26 PM Commissioner wrote:

That is not correct ... see Rule 17.8.

On 07-27-2009 at 12:42:06 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Knowledge: You can't claim compensation until after you waive him.

On 07-27-2009 at 09:11:00 AM Karnold Knowledge wrote:

Knowledge claims \$8 for the loss of Jess Todd

On 07-25-2009 at 12:08:37 PM Dan's Fever wrote:

Fever request \$11 FAAB for the loss of Brett Wallace to the AL.

On 07-25-2009 at 12:07:01 PM SolTrain wrote:

Shrewd move by the ShowHoffs today...

On 07-25-2009 at 10:56:47 AM Commissioner wrote:

FAAB balances on this site are now correct. Go to Front Office/FAAB Summary. Thanks for your patience.

On 07-24-2009 at 9:11:54 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Tom - I don't think I ever got my \$7 I requested for Scott Hairston and I would like to claim my \$20 for Adam LaRoche. Thanks.

On 07-24-2009 at 2:13:57 PM Commissioner wrote:

With the Holliday Sweepstakes set to begin, and the Halladay Sweepstakes perhaps soon to follow, I'm sure a lot of our teams would like to know precisely how much remains in their free agent budgets. We had some problems earlier (before BidMeister was operational) that may have caused FAAB numbers to be reported incorrectly on this site. I plan to look into the issue further this evening and will try to have updated FAAB numbers available in the morning. Thanks everyone.

On 07-23-2009 at 11:58:49 AM SolTrain wrote:

Train and the New Guy make a deal...

Train sends Braun, Soto and Olsen to Southpaws for Gonzalez, Fielder and Franklin.

On 07-23-2009 at 10:56:43 AM QuagMyers wrote:

Quags claim \$6 FAAB compensation for "loss" of Chris Duncan to the AL.

On 07-22-2009 at 11:11:59 AM Commissioner wrote:

Trade deadline is 8/31. Yes, September Roster Expansion will be allowed (starting 9/1). No, there's nothing wrong with the stats.

On 07-22-2009 at 11:08:20 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

peck . . . peck . . . peck . . . peck . . . peck . . .

On 07-22-2009 at 09:28:30 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Tom, Are the stats screwed up again, Knowledge in third?

On 07-21-2009 at 7:21:24 PM Southpaws wrote:

I am officially selling...throwing it in...giving up...players for sale...players for sale...any takers???? i may not dump as badly as the Shaws...but i am willing to part with a few of my first basemen, a third baseman or two, and one heck of a closer for a team in the playoff hunt.

On 07-21-2009 at 3:35:56 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Sorry, I did not take notes at the draft. Trade Deadline was voted on as? Expanding rosters, since there are no playoffs?

On 07-21-2009 at 10:46:12 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Our Weekly Dawg Biscuit award goes out to Jason Schmidt. Jason was off for 29 months and worked his way back to get the win last night. Woof Woof Jason, keep up the good work!

On 07-20-2009 at 1:50:27 PM Underdawgs wrote:

I thought I had him protected on my roster.....

On 07-20-2009 at 1:03:48 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers officially request FAAB compensation of \$3 for Cla Meredith.

On 07-15-2009 at 6:50:30 PM Underdawgs wrote:

The U-Dawgs would like to wish all teams a safe and healthy 2nd half of the season. We hope to see multiple teams experience the excitement of a pennant race. Good Luck to all. Thank you in advance, Roto Gods.

On 07-13-2009 at 11:40:07 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Tom -

Looks like Fever's (Catalanatto) and my (Elbert) FAAB purchases from 7/12 didn't go through. Thanks.

On 07-11-2009 at 10:26:08 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

I apologize to Greg and the Roto Gods for my Juan Uribe comment. The apology comes a bit too late as Matt Capps pitches batting practice to the Phillies in the ninth inning. A four run lead, non-save situation and gets tagged with the loss. A fine acquisition indeed.

On 07-11-2009 at 07:32:52 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

In other Pecker team news, Juan Uribe's 8th inning fielding error blew Shaws' pitcher Jonathan Sanchez's bid at a perfect game Friday night.

On 07-10-2009 at 11:18:33 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

From boxscore of Dodgers game: "DODGERS LEFTFIELDER MANNY RAMIREZ HIT HIS 536TH CAREER HOME RUN IN THE SIXTH INNING TO TIE MICKEY MANTLE FOR 15TH ON THE ALL-TIME HOME RUN LIST."

On 07-10-2009 at 2:50:40 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Looks to be fixed now. If anyone sees any errors with their stats or place in the standings, please let me know.

BTW: Good luck to the Rick Shaws, who are playing Camargo Club today (ranked 55th best course in America by Golf Digest in 2007) ... their lack of attention to balancing their roster may be excused.

On 07-10-2009 at 2:23:39 PM QuagMyers wrote:

The Knowledge had a nice night last night, but it looks like the problem is that at the moment they're getting credit for Nyger Morgan's entire season, despite only trading for him a few days ago. We'll get it sorted out .. no need to panic.

On 07-10-2009 at 2:10:28 PM Green Monsters wrote:

Final note on this topic. The standings indicate that the Knowledge went up 15 points in one day, confirming my recollection that they were not in the top four prior to today. Is it really possible to pick up 15 points in one day this late in the season?

More evidence that something has gone array on this website...

On 07-10-2009 at 2:04:12 PM Green Monsters wrote:

P.S. It cannot be that Onroto was late in updating the standings because the Monsters were at 52.0 thru 7/8. So, I wondering about an Onroto malfunction or something having gone wrong with the latest transactions.

On 07-10-2009 at 1:58:35 PM Green Monsters wrote:

Did something funky happen with our website/standings? This morning, thru 7/9/09, the Monsters were 48.5 out. This afternoon, we have dropped another 2 games. Further, though I have not been following the top of the standings that closely, it looks to me like the Knowledge came out of nowhere to go strongly to the top. Last I checked, I don't think they were even in the top 4....

On 07-10-2009 at 12:51:41 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Friendly reminder: The League Office cannot put a trade through until it is advised of the additional moves the involved teams need to make to balance their rosters. Shaws/Fever, if you can get your moves to me before first pitch (2:20 pm) I can put your trade through effective today. The other trades were submitted, but teams should check whether they're fulfilling the position requirements (one SS, one MIF, two UT, etc.)

Thanks everyone.

On 07-10-2009 at 11:09:16 AM Green Monsters wrote:

Monsters ship Chris Duncan and his troubled teammate, Khalil Greene, to the Quags for Todd Frazier and Jesus Guzman. Hopefully, the change of scenery will help pull Brother Greene out of his funk....

On 07-10-2009 at 08:13:12 AM Doug Outs wrote:

The Doug Outs claim \$3 in FAAB compensation for the loss of Tony Pena.

On 07-10-2009 at 01:03:44 AM Dan's Fever wrote:

New York--The Fever and RickShaws completed a deal this evening exchanging super-phenom Steven Strasburg, super-enigma Elijah Dukes and super-Quag for life Cliff Floyd for the under-achieving trio of JJ Hardy, Willy Taveras and Jack Wilson. Reached at home afterwards, Fever GM Dan Myers wished Strasburg and the RickShaws many years of success and announced "Jon Garland, Todd Wellemeier and Livan Hernandez, despite 'really sucking,' remain with the ballclub....for now."

On 07-09-2009 at 10:51:24 PM Green Monsters wrote:

The Monsters send Tulowitzki and Harang to DougOuts for Stewart and Loper. Here's hoping Harang gets the DougOuts LOTS of wins! Cody Ross, Chris Duncan (and potential others) are still available!

On 07-09-2009 at 10:01:40 PM Doug Outs wrote:

By the way, the "old stats" from that game are already being counted. For instance, Oswalt's stats are already in the mix for my team. I hope OnRoto doesn't count them again because he stunk that night.

On 07-09-2009 at 9:49:22 PM Dan's Fever wrote:

Hey Doug--how about E. Dukes steal and homer from the minor leagues?

Any chance tonight's Mets game can be suspended until I can release Livan Hernandez?

On 07-09-2009 at 9:21:54 PM SolTrain wrote:

Wonders - appreciate your efforts in a thankless job. Maybe I'll trade you Braun back if you get some success in collecting past due fees. The breakdown: 4 are owed cash with I think Tom being owed over a grand. Monsters, Wonders and Peckers have paid their debts. We'll give the new guy some slack and Southy is another issue. For the rest, I copied the RotoGods on this message so he is aware of the situation...

On 07-09-2009 at 7:55:25 PM Doug Outs wrote:

I find today's continuation and completion of the Nats-Astros game from May 5th very interesting from a Roto standpoint. Joel Hanrahan, a Doug Out on May 5th, pitched on that day and was awarded a Win today, while on the Wonders reserve roster. What's even more strange is the fact that Hanrahan was awarded a Win for the Nationals today even though he is on the Pirates roster in real life.

On 07-09-2009 at 6:35:33 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Regarding Southpaws fees, I think the Commish agreed that I am to go after Southy to get the fees due for 2007 (which was \$243) and then Josh would pay the 2008 fees - his cost for "buying" the franchise. If you agree to this Josh, you would owe \$165 in addition to your fees going forward for this season and beyond. Sound fair?

On 07-09-2009 at 6:30:59 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

I still haven't received any checks for league fees. Solis, I'd like to pay you asap. Maybe a threatening post here from you would get things in motion.

Those that owe - Fever \$337, Southpaws \$408 (see next post regarding this), Nowledge \$406, Show Hoffs \$285, UDawgs \$28.

The following owners will be paid: Train \$840, Doug Outs \$286, Shaws \$102. The balance goes to the Quags - he is actually getting shorted what is owed to him for his past earnings and reimbursements for previous years. The books will be zeroed out and will be square going forward.

Please mail checks to me at 2061 Ellington Road, Columbus, OH 43221.

On 07-09-2009 at 5:38:51 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

DeRosa dropped pretty fast . . .

On 07-09-2009 at 5:33:57 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Wow, prices are dropping fast....

On 07-09-2009 at 4:19:38 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Stevie's Wonders send Fernando Nieve and Matt Maloney to the Show Hoffs for Matt Capps and Sergio Romo.

On 07-09-2009 at 10:50:02 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Just a reminder (from the LTBNL Constitution):

8. The Inter-League Trade Compensation Rule: In the event that a player on an LTBNL team's active or reserve roster is traded to the American League, the LTBNL team may claim, as compensation, an addition to its FAAB equal to the salary of the player traded to the American League. In order to make an effective claim for compensation, the claiming team must notify all other owners of the claim by posting its request upon the LTBNL's main message board within 7 days of the interleague trade in which the LTBNL team lost the player. Further, the LTBNL team claiming compensation must waive or release the lost player within 7 days of claiming its compensation, or it shall forfeit the compensation.

On 07-09-2009 at 09:03:41 AM Doug Outs wrote:

Doug Outs request \$6 in FAAB compensation for the loss of Ryan Freel.

On 07-08-2009 at 12:29:11 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Dropping like flies.....

On 07-07-2009 at 6:28:35 PM Green Monsters wrote:

With the latest news indicating that neither Beltran or Reyes are coming back any time soon, the Monsters hereby reluctantly put any and all members of their roster---but especially those whose contracts are expiring (e.g. Tulowitzki--13HRs, 11 SBs so far, Ross-14 HRs so far, etc.) up for sale. Nobody is untouchable (but, obviously, some, e.g. Josh Johnson, would command a pretty substantial price).

On 07-06-2009 at 3:20:04 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Worry about your own team and less about everyone else.....

Doug Outs are the 8th grade NARC of the league. Let it go.

On 07-06-2009 at 10:11:38 AM Doug Outs wrote:

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On 07-06-2009 at 09:25:10 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Wonders claim \$7 of FAAB for Scott Hairston.

On 07-03-2009 at 11:34:05 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

PECKERS WILL TRY TO RAM THEIR WAY INTO CONTENTION

The Gregory Peckers acquired Manny Ramirez, Chipper Jones, Russell Martin and Jeremy Affeldt from the Show Hoffs in exchange for Raul Ibanez, Jason Heyward, Conor Jackson and Carlos Marmol in a trade announced late this evening. "We're going to try to Ram it up the league's you-know-what," owner Greg May said, referring to an offense that now features HanRam and ManRam.

On 07-02-2009 at 4:35:17 PM Doug Outs wrote:

The Doug Outs request \$5 FAAB adjustment for the loss of Eric Hinske.

On 07-01-2009 at 11:00:32 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

\$50 player that only earns \$20 = -\$30. Good luck winning with that strategy.

On 07-01-2009 at 10:53:18 AM Doug Outs wrote:

Greg's Poll: 1

Rick's Poll: 10

On 07-01-2009 at 10:15:38 AM Rick Shaws wrote:

I've got another one.....on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being not really, and 10 needs badly, how bad to the Peckers need that \$50 player right now??

On 07-01-2009 at 10:14:14 AM Rick Shaws wrote:

uhhhhh.....10

On 07-01-2009 at 10:09:36 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

One thing I miss about CBS Sportsline is the polls. Nothing energized a cloudy Wednesday more than a good ol' fashioned multiple-choice poll. Actually, we can still have polls, but there just won't be the fancy bar graphs and instant results. Let's try one to see if it works.

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the least likely, and 10 being the most likely, please state the likelihood that you will be a seller this year.

On 06-30-2009 at 9:28:36 PM Doug Outs wrote:

CORRECTION: The team that shall remain nameless was four point BEHIND the Knowledge.

On 06-30-2009 at 9:01:54 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Classic. I heard some owner, who will remain nameless, also called the Knowledge and asked them if they were selling. Rumor has it the team that should remain nameless was only 4 points ahead of the Knowledge. Really Classic.

On 06-30-2009 at 7:06:12 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

I was asked earlier today by another owner, who shall remain nameless, if i was "selling?" RotoGods, do your thing.

On 06-28-2009 at 2:36:42 PM Underdawgs wrote:

DeRosa on deck, hitting in the cleanup spot.....

On 06-28-2009 at 12:47:59 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

We don't broadcast in a million-eighty-p. (Do we)?

On 06-28-2009 at 12:35:03 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

The pot just went up \$53 for next year.

On 06-28-2009 at 12:10:58 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Maybe I missed an email about this, but when did Doug McLean take over the Udawgs franchise? Anyway, welcome to the league Mr. McLean! By the way, salary cap is a category. The Peckers congratulate you on paying a \$20 outfielder \$53 for the rest of the season.

Hopefully you will get a chance to watch him in "a million-eighty-p" on your cable TV. Did somebody just level the playing field?

On 06-28-2009 at 10:18:24 AM Dan's Fever wrote:

Fever request \$10 in FAAB money for the loss of Chris Perez to the Indians.

Thank You

On 06-28-2009 at 09:38:10 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Shaws, I will pass, I second the train's comments... have a great summer. June 27th, NFL teams have not even started to think about packing for training camp. As for the trade, roto gods, you know what to do.

On 06-27-2009 at 12:21:04 PM Rick Shaws wrote:

Thanks Train....Shaws still have some work to do. The following still need to go before we call it a summer:

Hardy
Blanton
Schnieder
Tracy
Taveras
Maine

On 06-27-2009 at 09:18:33 AM SolTrain wrote:

Rick, Thanks for playing. Enjoy your summer and we'll see you at the draft next year.

On 06-26-2009 at 7:35:10 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/minorleagues/prospects/y2009/profile.jsp?t=p_top&pid=518792

On 06-26-2009 at 4:20:14 PM Underdawgs wrote:

WHOEVER WENT GOLFING TODAY. PLEASE CALL ME BEFORE YOU DO ANY TRADES WITH THE DOUGOUTS. I WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AN OFFER

On 06-26-2009 at 12:11:32 AM QuagMyers wrote:

The Commish has been advised by certain nosy Roto Police that ths Southpaws were indeed in lower position in the standings when both noble squads bid \$1 on the immortal Mitch Stetter on June 22. Not sure how this happened, but having spoken to the offending parties, Stetter will be resotred to the Peckers' Roster, retroactive to 6.24. I think it's been accomplished at this point ... be sure to let me know if not.

On 06-25-2009 at 11:50:18 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Roto Gods: please note the show of good faith by the Doug Outs and absolve them of all their sins. Amen.

On 06-25-2009 at 10:58:35 AM Doug Outs wrote:

Roto Police: Two \$1 bids on Mitch Stetter yesterday. Bid Meister awarded him to Southpaws who were ahead of the Peckers in the Standings.

On 06-24-2009 at 9:20:23 PM SolTrain wrote:

Sorry, meant 3rd through 9th slots - heaven forbid we piss off the roto gods by accident.

On 06-24-2009 at 9:12:51 PM SolTrain wrote:

Undy, if you're really that bored, come back to the 3rd to 7th slots and play roulette with us every day to see who gets to be in the money and who gets squat.

On 06-24-2009 at 7:16:57 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Playoffs? Did Rick Shaws say Playoffs? Let's vote or take a poll? I am bored!!

On 06-23-2009 at 10:24:03 PM Rick Shaws wrote:

The Rick Shaws had updated their on the block page!

Currently available for your second half playoff run:

David Wright
JJ Hardy
Rick Ankiel
Chris Young
Cole Hamels
Joe Blanton
Matt Lindstrom
Joe Blanton

On 06-23-2009 at 8:59:11 PM Doug Outs wrote:

They don't call him "Baker" for nothing.

On 06-23-2009 at 8:03:49 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Wow, that's powerful. Might have to frame that quote and hang it on my wall.

On 06-23-2009 at 7:13:41 PM QuagMyers wrote:

And now ... The Dusty Baker Quote Of The Day:

"Sometimes I don't know how it's going on at this point," Baker said. "The thing about going on is, you don't think about not going on."

On 06-23-2009 at 5:20:26 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Anybody interested in Gerardo Parra, Jeremy Hermida, Ryan Church, Kazuo Matsui, Felipe Lopez or Nick Johnson?

On 06-22-2009 at 11:20:37 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Illegal roster by the WONDERS???

On 06-22-2009 at 10:46:40 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Roto Gods, please note the premature transactional e-cop-ulation of a certain owner, not to mention the zeal with which he likes to tell other owners when their players have gone on the DL (within one hour of it happening).

On 06-22-2009 at 7:24:51 PM QuagMyers wrote:

My apologies to the teams whose transactions got entered a day late. I checked shortly after the deadline on Saturday and didn't see any bids, so I didn't check again until yesterday. Did not realize that the moves I posted yesterday should have been made on Saturday. I'm inclined not to back them out and re-enter them since there was no harm done. Thanks, and sorry.

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On 06-22-2009 at 3:37:30 PM Doug Outs wrote:

It doesn't happen very often, but sometimes the Roto Police are wrong (sort of). Although the Evans-LeBlanc-Cabrera bids were indeed placed on Saturday the 20th but were entered (after the Commish had to correct the Wonders illegal roster) until Sunday the 21st, there was no effect on the stats of the teams involved. Nick Evans did not play on Saturday for the Mets, and both LeBlanc and Cabrera are reserved by their owners. Carry on with whatever you were doing before reading this....

On 06-22-2009 at 08:40:26 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Roto Gods, Would it be possible to unleash holy hell on the Doug Outs roster? I know for, example, that Doug is truly asking for it and this is a big deal since he is being a dickhead and I am locked in a AVG battle with the Doug Outs.

On 06-22-2009 at 08:35:31 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Tom, I second Doug's request. Thank you,

On 06-22-2009 at 07:50:00 AM Doug Outs wrote:

Tom, Would it be possible to back-date the Evans-LeBlanc-Cabrera transactions to Saturday when they were placed? I know, for example, that Nick Evans went 0 for 3 that day and this is a big deal to me since I am locked in a AVG battle with the Peckers.

On 06-22-2009 at 07:34:55 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Brad:

Could you help me out and identify your "prospects" for me? I looked but I couldn't find them. Thanks.

On 06-21-2009 at 8:30:17 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Greg, I really do not know how to use this new OnRoto email system, so I hope this message is private and not on the message board.

If you are close to throwing in the towel on the season, let me know what prospects you are looking for off of my roster.... Thanks,

On 06-16-2009 at 07:42:37 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Please send your checks to me. I have only received one (from Monsters two days after I sent the first email in early May - thanks KC). You all should have an email from me with the amounts owed and this will clear the books through 2008. Email me with questions. Otherwise, can I expect to see your checks by this weekend?

Steve

On 06-15-2009 at 11:26:17 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Please go to ltbnl.org and make your US Open pick ... unless your left groin is too tender to vote. Thank you.

On 06-15-2009 at 09:53:15 AM Doug Outs wrote:

"Mike Hampton told reporters Sunday that his left groin is tender."

League Poll: Have you ever told a reporter that your groin is tener?

On 06-12-2009 at 2:07:25 PM Underdawgs wrote:

06.12: According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pirates' starter Charlie Morton is not expected to need a trip to the disabled list after leaving his first start of the season after one inning with a strained left hamstring. He is expected to be re-evaluated in the next couple days, but he could be available to make his next start....

On 06-10-2009 at 10:16:48 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

The Roto Gods are the best, aren't they? Undy - the U-Dawg fans are proud of that championship but you've been showing them that grainy VHS video for 13 years now.

On 06-10-2009 at 9:53:06 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Ahhhh....those pesky Roto Gods are at it again. "Charlie Morton lasted just one inning in his season debut Wednesday before leaving with hamstring tightness."

On 06-10-2009 at 4:16:49 PM Underdawgs wrote:

PS- Thanks, DougOuts for your post. I would not have realized Charlie was called up.

On 06-10-2009 at 4:15:25 PM Underdawgs wrote:

I guess I saved \$24 - we went ahead and gave him the ball tonight. Great time to be a U-Dawg fan!! By the way, U-Dawg fans, we will be having "Pedro Martinez Night" on Friday, June 12th, complete with video from the 1996 U-Dawg Championship Season.

On 06-10-2009 at 3:24:10 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

\$37

On 06-10-2009 at 09:05:45 AM Doug Outs wrote:

What did Charlie Morton go for last year? Was it \$34 or \$36?

On 06-05-2009 at 08:31:04 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Feel's good to be back home again, with the

On 06-05-2009 at 12:41:03 AM Green Monsters wrote:

Bad move by Pirates imho. I believe they had McLouth under contract through 2011 or 2012 at a fairly decent salary (by MLB standards anyways). So, it is not the case that they are giving up someone they were going to lose in a year or two to free agency. Their pitching has shown some promise this year and is clearly improved. They aren't that far behind the first place Brewers and are only 3 games below .500.

They have more good prospects below (from selling out major league players for prospects for so many years now) and, at least theoretically, could have been buyers at the trade deadline (as hard as that is to believe).

So, the Pirates start back at square one with unproven prospects and without the most dependable and multi-talented guy (power and speed) they had in their lineup. Further, as best I can tell, they only got one really solid prospect from the Braves in the deal, an outfielder (Hernandez). And having McLouth over him seems to me to be a no-brainer. Morton is a marginal prospect, at best, and the Pirates already have pitchers in the minors who project a lot higher than Morton.

Even if the Reds slump (which is certainly conceivable if they don't get Votto back eventually), I think this pretty much guarantees them at least a 4th place finish in the division.

On 06-04-2009 at 10:25:21 PM SoTrain wrote:

As a former Pirate fan...this is why I stopped. Continuing to trade top of the line players for prospects (and prospects that I guarantee will be traded once they are worth anything of value for someone that is much cheaper) and continuing to lose and lose and lose. The Pittsburgh franchise is nowhere near being a Cleveland or Minnesota and won't be until current ownership gives up the ship.

Greg - nice job busting McCutcheon's cherry. You might actually get some production from him before he is traded for more prospects.

On 06-04-2009 at 8:48:50 PM Doug Outs wrote:

I was shocked to read about the trade last night, but the more I thought about it the more I realized this is what the Pirates must do if they are ever going to REALLY turn the corner. McLouth was traded at the height of his value for three pretty good prospects. Going back to last season, they have now acquired a total of 11 prospects for Nady, Bay and McLouth. And they weren't winning with Nady, Bay and McLouth.

While I hate to see McLouth go, I am happy that the Pirates are finally committed to building a good and deep farm system that will eventually help them be more competitive (i.e. Minnesota, Cleveland, Milwaukee).

On 06-04-2009 at 3:40:41 PM QuagMyers wrote:

My Putz is killing me. Two more earned runs today .. that's 7 ER and 14 runners over 1.1 IP in his last 3 outings. Nice debut by McCutcheon, though! Do any Pirates' fans care to comment on the McLouth trade? Gold Glove CF, leading the team in most offensive categories, signed long-term earlier this season, and traded for prospects while only a few games under .500? And with the team getting good pitching and playing pretty well even with Doumit out??

On 06-04-2009 at 1:09:47 PM Karnold Knowledge wrote:

As a gesture of good faith, the Knowledge today agreed to ship Tom Glavine to the Quags for Tommy Hanson.

On 06-04-2009 at 10:38:42 AM QuagMyers wrote:

It has long been team policy to stick up for former Quags, especially those who have contributed to championship seasons, when they are treated shabbily by management. (Buster Olney has a good post on the Glavine mess today on espn.com, by the way).

Having said that, let the Hanson Era begin.

On 06-04-2009 at 09:39:59 AM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Tom: Are you sure you don't want the Braves to win another game all season? Tommy Hanson is being called up on Saturday. I would like to trade for him if you are serious.

On 06-04-2009 at 08:42:35 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Damm, those roto gods are good....

D06.04: Shane Victorino left Wednesday's game with a strained left hip, according to the AP. He will be reevaluated on Friday....

On 06-04-2009 at 12:23:46 AM QuagMyers wrote:

"General manager Frank Wren said the decision had nothing to do with a \$1 million bonus that Glavine would have received for being placed on the major league roster."

Sure. Here's hoping the Braves don't win another game all season.

On 06-03-2009 at 10:23:17 PM QuagMyers wrote:

It's true! I got in my car at 9:40 p.m., cranked the ignition, and heard Marty say Southie's name ... and I have no idea why, but the context was something about Muirfield and the Memorial. We need an explanation !!

On 06-03-2009 at 9:47:30 PM Karnold Knowledge wrote:

.....for being mentioned during the broadcast by Marty during the 4th inning of the Cardinals game tonight, Southie should hereby be relieved of any monies owed to the LTBNL (and forgiven for being a

buddy of Mercker, who as a temporary color guy, sucks)

On 06-03-2009 at 9:28:49 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

That's gross.

On 06-03-2009 at 9:22:36 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

The sound you just heard was McCutcheon's cherry being popped.

On 06-03-2009 at 7:56:28 PM QuagMyers wrote:

... answering my own question: Maddux won 19, while going 2.95/1.28 for the Knowledge as a \$1 player in 1989.

And, to editorialize further, what the Braves did to Glavine today just sucks. From espn.com:

The winner of 305 career games had thrown 11 scoreless innings in his last two rehabilitation starts. Glavine was due a \$1 million bonus if the Braves added him to the active roster, another \$1.25 after 30 days of being with the Braves and then \$1.25 million more after 90 days.

Boo.

On 06-03-2009 at 7:32:25 PM QuagMyers wrote:

A quick review of the 1989 archives shows that Glavine was called up by the Doug Outs mid-season, and was assigned a salary of \$10. Here are some pitcher salaries from Season One: Hershiser \$35, Gooden \$29, Franco \$54, Todd Worrell \$50, Danny Jackson \$30, Randy Myers \$42, Rijo \$25, Mark Davis \$41, Cone \$30, Jim Gott \$39, Bedrosian \$31, Hurst \$29 ... and Greg Maddux \$1. I'm wondering if there was a better pitching bargain that year than fat boy Rick Reuschel, who was \$1 and won 17 games with a 2.94/1.20.

On 06-03-2009 at 7:01:08 PM Green Monsters wrote:

I am most impressed with the League archives. Wow! I suppose Jamie Moyer was in the AL back then and, so, there probably is not first season info on him. How 'bout Trevor Hoffman? Tom Glavine?

As for \$13 on Bastardo, salary cap is a category, you know! (since when??) (I am just upset because I did not get a personalized message from Greg in my inbox...) :-)

On 06-03-2009 at 6:54:49 PM QuagMyers wrote:

Dear Roto Gods:

Please review the post below from the First Place U-dawgs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

LTBNL

On 06-03-2009 at 5:28:38 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Much prefer \$2 on Anibal Sanchez. Called sneaking one by the league....

On 06-03-2009 at 5:27:58 PM Underdawgs wrote:

Hilarious ...\$13 on Bastardo..... stretch....

On 06-03-2009 at 2:30:43 PM QuagMyers wrote:

The Quags would also like to congratulate Randy Johnson on presumably beating the Hapless Nationals tonight for his 300th career victory. A quick search of the Archives confirmed that The Big Unit was a \$1 Quag during the LTBNL's first season ... well, until May 15, 1989 anyway. He had no wins for the Quags over 29 2/3 IP with a 6.67 ERA and 1.85 Ratio. His trade to the Mariners freed up a roster spot for the Quags to acquire Mark Langston, who won 11 games over the rest of season, going 2.45/1.33.

Good luck, Unit! (Per the Nationals' web site, lots of very good seats are still available!)

On 06-03-2009 at 12:44:52 PM SolTrain wrote:

The SolTrain would like to congratulate its team again for the 2008 LTBNL regular season and playoffs championship. Because there is absolutely nothing to appreciate on this year's club.

On 06-03-2009 at 12:10:09 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Peckers would like to welcome Antonio "Old Dirty" Bastardo to their team. Also, some of you will want to check your emails for a message from the Pecker front office concerning potential trade negotiations. If you did not receive such an email, please do not feel slighted. Emails are being sent pursuant to interest in specific players. If you did not receive such an email and would like to initiate

trade talks, please feel free to contact us. Thanks.

On 06-03-2009 at 08:28:56 AM Doug Outs wrote:

The Doug Outs would like to extend best wishes to Randy Johnson tonight as he goes for win number 300 against the Washington Nationals. His next triumph will make him only the 24th Major Leaguer to reach 300 victories, and quite possibly the last. "It's going to be exciting," owner Doug May said of Johnson's start tonight. "We'll all be waiting with anticipation."

On 06-03-2009 at 08:02:35 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Randy Wells pitches the U-Dawgs into First Place. I would like to take a moment and say "thank you" to the U-Dawg scouting department. These individuals work countless hours for little reward. Guys such as Brandon Phillips, Ryan Theriot, and now Randy Wells are fine examples of thier outstanding work. Keep up the Good Work Guys!!!

On 06-01-2009 at 11:27:20 AM The Commissioner wrote:

U-dawgs' request for compensation is granted. Everyone should note that FAAB balances that are showing up at the moment are probably not correct. I think the program failed to deduct from teams' budgets during the time I was entering free-agent moves manually. I'll make the appropriate adjustments shortly. Thanks.

On 05-31-2009 at 10:06:39 AM Underdawgs wrote:

The U-Dawgs request \$1 FAAB money for the trade of Castro to the White Sox.

On 05-28-2009 at 6:08:55 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

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On 05-28-2009 at 06:25:05 AM soltrain wrote:

Heading to Wrigley on Friday to watch the Cubs and Dodgers. Maybe the last time SolTrain management will see Lilly, Kemp and Loney take the field as members of the Train...

On 05-26-2009 at 9:47:54 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

The Roto Gods don't like it when you rejoice at another team's misfortune. You both will get yours.

On 05-26-2009 at 8:56:36 PM Doug Outs wrote:

Well, that didn't take long....."Hanley Ramirez was forced from Tuesday's game in the third inning with a tight right groin."

On 05-26-2009 at 7:56:19 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Apparently Undy isn't the only math challenged owner in the league. While the Fever indeed has a very nice staff (pardon the pun), it does not pack as much bang (pardon the pun again) for the buck.

Fever: \$1.69 per pitching point

Peckers: \$1.52 per pitching point

And for the record, I in no way meant to offend, taunt or tempt the Roto Gods. But just in case
(where's that buttonummmm . . . oh, there it is: Roto7 sucks.

On 05-26-2009 at 6:27:23 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Sweet - I love it when someone goes on the message board and touts how good a certain part of their own team is such as Greg's claim of having the "biggest bang-for-the-buck staffs in league history." That many times means that a shellacking is coming in short order.

Wasn't it two years ago when Greg was up by 30 points or so about halfway through the season and claimed on the message board that he was getting bored. I think later that night was right about the time that the first lug nut on the first wheel started to loosen. For those keeping track, Greg stands at 75 points right now.

And by the way, Fever's staff is right at about the same cost, is deeper and has more points.

On 05-26-2009 at 5:29:13 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

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I'm really glad you guys get such a kick out of the fact that I have not yet won a "legitimate" title, as Scott so eloquently put it. Nonetheless, you should all know that I still take great pride in the fact that I kicked all of your asses for (everything but) the better part of three years in such a way that it was almost boring. I had a "rebuilding" year last year. That was the first step in my comeback. The second part -- getting rid of Roto Doug -- was actually much, much easier than I anticipated. When I suggested getting rid of the playoffs altogether at this year's auction, I was expecting 1) to get laughed out of the room; 2) for Underwood to (once again) threaten to quit the league and 3) for Tom to get a boner. I was absolutely shocked to see that 1 and 2 did not happen, and although I did not do any fact-checking on #3, I did watch Tom nervously scoot his chair closer to the table after my proposal. (That was enough for me). The third part was building one of the biggest bang-for-the-buck pitching staffs in league history.

I'm back, and I'm pleased to be your second worst nightmare. We all know that having Undy luck out into a second title would be much harder to take than me winning one.

On 05-26-2009 at 3:04:28 PM Green Monsters wrote:

So, we now know Brad is not a mathematician. 11 out of 12 would be 91.67% :-)

On 05-26-2009 at 01:20:52 AM Underdawgs wrote:

Come on Scott, you and I both know 90% of the league would do everything in their power to avoid the first ever Pecker title. I know you are clearly in the 90% category.

On 05-25-2009 at 9:48:33 PM soltrain wrote:

Undy - still way back there and ready to make a deal to give the Peckers their first legitimate title...

On 05-25-2009 at 5:45:11 PM Underdawgs wrote:

In an effort to find a closer, Udawgs attended the Giants vs Buffaloes game in the Tokyo Dome last night. Defintely found two potential U-Dawgs. Solis, you still back there?

On 05-19-2009 at 11:01:05 AM The Commissioner wrote:

It looks like BidMeister is now fully back up and running. Please try to use it for free agent bidding and waiver claims starting today (the free agent deadline is Noon EDT). Remember when bidding to specify if your free agent should be added as an active or reserve player. The deadline for activate/reserve moves

will remain at 1:00 p.m. EDT ... But if you miss the 1:00 p.m. deadline and want to call someone up prior to the night's first pitch, just e-mail me and I'll put your moves through. Thanks to everyone for their patience.

On 05-19-2009 at 10:51:49 AM Green Monsters wrote:

Greg,
If I need to start "dumping," you will be the first guy I contact! :-)

On 05-18-2009 at 10:24:41 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

All you have to do is take a quick look at the available active free agents and it should be obvious why minor league prospects are coveted in this league to those that are trying to build their rosters for next year (or beyond).

I don't get your point about McCutcheon. He has much more upside than Carrasco ever has, or ever will, and anyone in this league would have, or should have, signed him to a contract considering it didn't impact the auction salary cap one bit. Further, the fact that he was selected in the reserve draft 2 years ago is really not that significant. Rostered draft picks have been signed to contracts before becoming active major leaguers many times prior in the TLB/NL.

I don't know why you are being so defensive. I simply posted an email saying that if any team wants to trade for prospects, check out my prospects. Shop a little. If you are thinking of trading a guy like Jose Reyes (and according to some lists there aren't more than 1 or 2 guys like him), I urge you to call The Peckers and see if there is something that might interest you. That's all I was trying to say. And maybe that I don't like Carrasco anymore.

On 05-18-2009 at 5:24:15 PM The Commissioner wrote:

I sent everyone an e-mail through the site a few minutes ago, but if you didn't get it, I'll summarize more concisely here ... BidMeister should be back up and running for tomorrow, 5/19. The transaction deadline for our league will still be 1:00 pm EDT for activate/reserve moves, but NOON EDT for free agent bids and waiver claims. No need to e-mail your bids, starting tomorrow, unless you run into difficulty with the BidMeister software. Thanks to everyone for their patience.

On 05-18-2009 at 11:09:58 AM Green Monsters wrote:

It is amazing how generous the offers can be from this group. ESPECIALLY when no real offer is being made. Despite all the names being bandied about, I have yet to see one established major leaguer mentioned, let alone anybody who is arguably the best in the NL at his position (i.e. Russell Martin). It will be interesting to see if this plethora of POTENTIAL talent will ACTUALLY be offered later this summer

if the Monsters ultimately find themselves as sellers in July (tho I'd be happy not to have to find out!)

As for the comment about Carrasco being an outdated prospect, let's talk about McCutcheon! He has been an up and coming prospect for so long, the Peckers had to long term him to have ANY hope of getting anything out of him.

On 05-17-2009 at 10:17:46 PM Sol FRIGGIN Train wrote:

Wonders - It is always fun thinking back to the days of obtaining Braun,Hart,Kemp et. al.

DougOuts - that Train you see in your rear view mirror is larger than it appears.

All - It is way too early to start dumping. Last time I checked , wasn't even June yet.

On 05-17-2009 at 7:47:26 PM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

Memo to those same Dumpsters: after you call Greg, please call me. I have Gamel, Coghlan, G. Parra and Justin Maxwell that are excellent prospects and have actually been called up to the majors this year, i.e. they are not 3 years away from having an impact. I also have Mat Latos in the San Diego farm system who has a 0.48 ERA in the minors with a sub 1.000 ratio and K/9 > 9.0. Nate Schierholtz and Colby Rasmus, yep, have them too, and have them signed to long term contracts. And as for lose (me)- win (the other guy), just ask Solis. He basically rode a former Wonders' quartet of Braun, Hart, Loney and Kemp to last year's title and will be giving it a run again this year. And he got those guys from me for scrubs such as Michael Barrett, Edgar Renteria, Roberto Hernandez (no, I'm not kidding) and Nomar Garciaparra. As I keep typing here, I am getting more depressed. All the more reason for you to call the Wonders' trade hotline.

On 05-17-2009 at 5:07:12 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

OK, before one of you smart-asses points it out, let me. My deals are actually lose-win. Tom won multiple titles with Pujols and I didn't win any with David Wright. So that is even more reason for you Dumpsters to call me.

On 05-17-2009 at 4:53:32 PM Gregory Peckers wrote:

Memo to Any Team Contemplating a Dump Trade Who is Looking for Prospects: please call me before making a deal. I gave up on Carlos Carrasco when he was on my reserve list back in 2005. If you want prospects, please consider: Andrew McCutcheon, Jarrod Parker, Jason Heyward -- all in the top 20. Unless you have a man-crush on some guy like Russell Martin and just have to have him, do yourself a favor and give me a call. My deals truly are win-win. Ask Tom how much he liked having Pujols at \$1.

Sincerely,

The Guy Who Got Pujols, Utley, etc. for \$1 Contracts

On 05-17-2009 at 4:17:35 PM Green Monsters wrote:

So far I believe the show hoffs have gotten more sbs out of Martin than I have from Reyes. Hoffman has turned out to be the best part of this deal for the monsters

On 05-17-2009 at 10:55:08 AM Stevie's Wonders wrote:

"Due to unfortunate drug and injury issues, I believe the Show Hoffs were not optimistic about the 2009 season."

If Dan has a drug problem, counseling is the answer, not trading Reyes. :)