

## Smack Board Archive for 2014

On 12-10-2014 at 11:15:25 AM **The Commissioner wrote:**

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and very happy holiday season. Just wanted to move this reminder to the top of the message board: The 2015 LTBNL Auction Draft is Saturday, April 4, 2015. Put it on your calendar now!

On 09-29-2014 at 4:50:43 PM **Green Monsters wrote:**

I assume congrats are due the Quags too, who I expect take the Commissioner's Trophy and the #1 spot in the 2015 reserve draft. And thanks, Tom, for all your efforts in running the league again this year. As Sol Train noted in a recent text, it was a pretty smooth year, low on smack and controversy.

Best wishes to all for a great winter and look forward to seeing you all in the spring, if not earlier! Meanwhile, the Monsters doors are open for trade discussions. We have LOTS of good, young, and cheap starters.... :-)

On 09-29-2014 at 1:32:49 PM **The Commissioner wrote:**

Heartiest congratulations to the Rick Shaws on an outstanding season and their first LTBNL title. The Shaws have been a proud member of the LTBNL since 2000, and have been in the hunt many times, missing out by the narrowest of margins in 2012. They're a great asset to our league, and this championship is well-earned and long overdue. I haven't gone all the way back through the archives yet, but their 17-point margin of victory may be the biggest ever.

Congrats also to the Green Monsters, who finished very strong and overtook the Doug Outs in the season's last weekend for second. The Doug Outs were of course glad to be able to hold the Peckers at bay, but disappointed about slipping into third at the end. Greg's team, last year's champion, finished fourth by a mere half a point over the Quagmyers. It was a last-second save by the Train's Carlos Martinez (his only save of the season, of course) that cost the Quags that half point, and the Quags would have prevailed over the Peckers on the second tie-breaker.

Then there were the Joshua Trees. The Trees averaged 1.8 points per category, and tallied exactly 8 more total points than they'd have received if they hadn't fielded a team at all. It's the lowest point total ever in the 10-category era.

On to Josh's basement for the 2015 Auction Draft! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 4, 2015. Thanks to everyone for a great season.

On 09-28-2014 at 09:12:27 AM **The Commissioner wrote:**

If the Pirates win today and the Cardinals lose, there will be a one-game playoff tomorrow in St. Louis. That game's stats WOULD count for LTBNL purposes. Thanks, and good luck everyone. Enjoy the last day (or two) of the season.

On 09-22-2014 at 5:03:57 PM **Karnold Knowledge wrote:**

Team officials from the Karonld Knowledge denied rumors today that the decision by the front office to bench its top four starting pitchers nearly a month ago were the result of an offer from an undisclosed team fighting for a share of the money for "future considerations". The moves (or lack thereof) were described by another team as "curious".

On 09-12-2014 at 08:53:53 AM **QuagMyers wrote:**

Get well Giancarlo!

On 09-10-2014 at 08:46:11 AM **Green Monsters wrote:**

Congrats to the Rick Shaws on their first title! And to the Doug Outs who, barring a complete collapse (unlikely), will take second. Meanwhile, what a dogfight for the last two money spots between the Quags, Monsters, and Peckers! The only thing I haven't figured out is whether it is better to capture one of those money spots or finish 5th, pocket the Commissioner's Trophy prize, and go first in next year's reserve draft? In any event, good luck to the Quags and the Peckers down the stretch. Hope we keep it this close to the end and have another one of those photo finishes!

On 09-01-2014 at 7:18:47 PM **The Commissioner wrote:**

There is a new Commissioner's Trophy update on the Annex. I'm trying to update it every Monday. Let me know if

you find any data-entry errors.

*On 08-30-2014 at 09:10:48 AM* **The Commissioner wrote:**

Reminders: The LTBNL trade deadline is tomorrow, 8/31. Tomorrow is also the last day to pick up a free agent. September Roster Expansion begins Monday, 9/1. Thanks, and good luck!

*On 08-14-2014 at 7:21:59 PM* **Candy Stripers wrote:**

If the Trees did not have so many home runs they could win the 10 point award. I think that would be worthy of a LTBNL award.

*On 08-13-2014 at 4:45:46 PM* **Joshua Trees wrote:**

Highest seasonal era for a team in the LTBNL? I need to try and accomplish something this year.

*On 08-12-2014 at 1:25:45 PM* **The Commissioner wrote:**

For those who are interested, there's a Commissioner's Trophy update (through 8/10) on the Annex at ltbnl.org.

*On 08-09-2014 at 12:02:53 PM* **Stevie's Wonders wrote:**

Claim \$7 for Moran.

*On 08-06-2014 at 3:11:19 PM* **Stevie's Wonders wrote:**

Doug and Rick - Homer Bailey is available.

*On 08-01-2014 at 7:39:23 PM* **QuagMyers wrote:**

Quags claim \$2 compensation for Joe Kelly.

*On 08-01-2014 at 12:13:48 PM* **Green Monsters wrote:**

Monsters claim \$33 for the trade of Shrek (aka Allen Craig) to the AL.

*On 08-01-2014 at 12:04:31 PM* **Doug Outs wrote:**

Doug Outs claim \$1 in FAAB for the loss of Zach Walters to the AL.

*On 07-31-2014 at 10:19:35 PM* **The Commissioner wrote:**

Feel free to submit "manual" bids tomorrow if you wish to make multiple or contingent bids and/or other moves to go along with them. Just e-mail me before noon and put "FAAB bid" or something similar in the subject line ... I won't open them until the deadline has passed. If Bid-Meister works for your purposes, just use that. Thanks and good luck.

*On 07-31-2014 at 5:41:38 PM* **Karnold Knowledge wrote:**

Knowledge claims \$25 for Prado and \$5 for Denorfia.

*On 07-31-2014 at 5:41:35 PM* **Karnold Knowledge wrote:**

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*On 07-23-2014 at 11:13:27 AM* **Stevie's Wonders wrote:**

Claim \$22 for Headley.

*On 07-22-2014 at 3:11:21 PM* **Doug Outs wrote:**

Doug Outs claim \$18 FAAB compensation for the trade of Huston Street to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

*On 07-18-2014 at 6:08:25 PM* **The Commissioner wrote:**

Reminder: The quest for the Commissioner's Trophy starts tonight! Even if you're out of it, you're not out of it. Good luck to everyone in the second half.

*On 07-07-2014 at 08:35:15 AM* **QuagMyers wrote:**

Quags claim \$6 FAAB compensation for trade of Brandon McCarthy to AL.

*On 07-05-2014 at 11:01:09 AM* **Green Monsters wrote:**

This is getting old, but Monsters claim \$19 for the trade of Samardzija to the AL.

*On 06-28-2014 at 3:22:11 PM* **Green Monsters wrote:**

Monsters claim \$7 for Grilli being traded to AL.

*On 06-26-2014 at 11:04:30 PM* **Rick Shaws wrote:**

Shaws need a SP. Anyone dealing?

*On 06-04-2014 at 3:49:36 PM* **The Commissioner wrote:**

A quick note on FAAB bidding: I've missed a couple of free agent acquisitions in the few days. I usually check the commissioner's Bid-Meister Log each day just after noon to see if there were any successful FAAB bids. Bid-Meister sorts them and usually all I have to do is review them and click "submit." (The exception would be if there is "manual bidding" that day – someone calling in or e-mailing a bid). Twice in the last few days, I either forgot to check, or the software hadn't updated by the time I checked. In any event, if you're the winning bidder on a player and you don't see the player on your roster by, say, game time, feel free to let me know. You can e-mail or call or text or use GroupMe or whatever; I'd appreciate the assistance. Thanks!

*On 05-28-2014 at 11:37:49 AM* **QuagMyers wrote:**

Quags claim \$2 FAAB compensation for Nick Hundley.

*On 05-22-2014 at 6:13:37 PM* **Green Monsters wrote:**

Don't look now, but Baseball HQ is currently predicting a 3-way tie at the top of the LTBNL... the Wonders, Doug Outs, and Shaws... with the Doug Outs taking the title on the basis of having the most Wins.

*On 05-16-2014 at 2:34:55 PM* **Rick Shaws wrote:**

Votto staying behind for an MRI on the knee he had surgery on 2 years ago. Heading to the DL. The Reds, like the Rick Shaws, looking forward to 2015.

*On 05-10-2014 at 11:27:57 AM* **QuagMyers wrote:**

Active for last night's games in MLB (per @joe\_sheehan): 364 pitchers (48.5%); 386 position players (51.5%). Six teams were carrying 13 pitchers, 22 had 12, and two had 11. And my team is down a first baseman. #belted

*On 05-10-2014 at 11:20:16 AM* **The Commissioner wrote:**

The trade was re-worked prior to the deadline to resolve the cap issues.

*On 05-10-2014 at 09:53:18 AM* **Rick Shaws wrote:**

In addition to the \$50 fine, does the trade get reversed?

*On 05-10-2014 at 09:17:10 AM* **Doug Outs wrote:**

Green Monsters cap violation.

*On 04-22-2014 at 1:16:44 PM* **Green Monsters wrote:**

The Quags, Stripers, and Monsters are meeting at Great American Ballpark this Monday night, 7 p.m., to scout the Reds and Cubs. I still have one ticket left. Any takers? (no charge) First come, first served! K.C.

*On 04-13-2014 at 4:37:05 PM* **The Commissioner wrote:**

Good job, RotoPolice. SolTrain is not permitted to waive Brett Jackson. Scott's transactions have been reversed, and Dan's Fever has been awarded Steven Sousa for \$2 by virtue of being below Show Hoffs, who also bid \$2, in today's standings. Thank you.

On 04-13-2014 at 12:23:10 PM **SolTrain wrote:**

They do. My bad. Jackson back on the Train.

On 04-13-2014 at 12:15:32 PM **Rick Shaws wrote:**

Don't our rules prohibit waiving a player during the season signed to a long term contract?? 19.9?

On 04-10-2014 at 4:09:43 PM **Green Monsters wrote:**

Anyone up for lunch at Great American on Wednesday afternoon (April 16)? There is a Businessperson's Special, Reds v. Pirates, at 12:35 p.m. There are two of us so far, but I have two more tickets left. The tickets are my treat, but you will have to buy your own lunch! :-). The first two responders are in! Let me know.

K.C.

On 04-04-2014 at 11:36:21 AM **The Commissioner wrote:**

Hello everyone -- OnRoto has added a new option that should allow teams to make roster moves on their own right up until the first pitch of the day. Our rules already permit this, but in the past, you'd have to e-mail the PICFL if it was past 12:00 noon, and then I'd have to enter the moves for you. I've implemented the option in the software, so we can see how well it works. Let me know if you find any issues or problems. PLEASE NOTE: This won't apply to free agent bidding! You'll still have get your FAAB bids in by noon. So mainly we're talking about activating and reserving players. Thanks.

On 04-03-2014 at 06:55:11 AM **The Commissioner wrote:**

Everything seemed to go well with self transacting yesterday, so we'll open the free agent floodgates today. Remember to enter your bids by noon, and contact me if you have any problems with the BidMeister software. Thanks, and good luck!

On 04-02-2014 at 09:44:22 AM **The Commissioner wrote:**

Good morning, everyone. You're now free to self-transact. Let me know if you have any issues. We'll start FAAB tomorrow.

On 04-01-2014 at 5:04:54 PM **The Commissioner wrote:**

I think Rick's right. 6/19 trade ... I missed that one. You guys swapped 2nd for 3rd. I'll update the grid now. Keep refreshing!

On 04-01-2014 at 4:57:15 PM **Rick Shaws wrote:**

Tom,

I have the Peckers pick in round 2

On 04-01-2014 at 4:51:26 PM **The Commissioner wrote:**

The link to the grid for the Reserve Draft is now up on the Annex. If you can't get to it, or you find any errors, let me know ASAP. You could also copy and paste this into your browser:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/cc?key=0AoMXgGuYKZQWdGdhVDdBMmhPV21LTGtXOW1ET083YIE&usp=sharing>

See you in the chat room at 10 pm EDT. (It's under Team Pages/Messages). I calculate that we have 87 picks to make, so at 30 seconds per pick or so, we should be done in less than an hour. Thanks.

On 04-01-2014 at 2:42:57 PM **Joshua Trees wrote:**

I will trade you saves now for the first pick later. Can we do that? Trade before th supplemental draft? I have a solid closer Doug that i would package for a hitter and the first pick...just sayin'

On 04-01-2014 at 2:37:06 PM **Rick Shaws wrote:**

Papa I mean.....

On 04-01-2014 at 2:36:38 PM **Rick Shaws wrote:**

He will be the 3rd pick if you pass on him,.

On 04-01-2014 at 2:18:32 PM **Doug Outs wrote:**

This is not an April Fools joke. I could really use more saves, and given today's news I am seriously considering Papa Grande.

On 04-01-2014 at 12:59:24 PM **Rick Shaws wrote:**

Happy April Fools to you too Doug :)

On 04-01-2014 at 12:33:39 PM **Doug Outs wrote:**

For the record, the Doug Outs have not made a decision on whom they will select with the first pick in tonight's Reserve Draft. All previous indications of Gregory Polanco being the pick were premature and perhaps intended to throw others off. See you tonight....Doug.

On 03-31-2014 at 10:36:44 PM **The Commissioner wrote:**

I think I have all the rosters into the OnRoto site now. Please let me know if you see any errors. I can't finalize the rosters until after the reserve draft on Tuesday night, so please continue to e-mail me your transactions. Once I enter the reserves and finalize the rosters, I'll put all the transactions through retroactively and then give you the go-ahead to self-transact. We should be able to start daily free agent bidding on Wednesday or Thursday.

The reserve draft is Tuesday night at 10 pm EDT. Please use the chat room (under Team Pages/Messages/Email/Chat. I'll have a grid ready to download sometime tomorrow afternoon so you can follow the picks.

Thanks.

On 03-30-2014 at 3:55:14 PM **The Commissioner wrote:**

Thanks to everyone for a great draft ... and especially to Steve for letting us use his office. I know it lasted a long time, but it was definitely fun. Great to have Sue back. Josh and Dan, unbelievable efforts on your parts to ensure that the technology worked well. Greg, that pizza was awesome. The weather kinda sucked, though.

I'll be putting the rosters into OnRoto later today. Please don't self-transact until I give you the green light. Just e-mail me your transactions before the first pitch tonight and/or tomorrow and I'll make sure they get put in once the post-draft rosters are finalized.

Plan on Tuesday night at 10 pm EDT for the Reserve Draft. Let's try the OnRoto chat room again and try to get it done within an hour. If anyone can't be at their computer then, let me know ASAP.

The post-auction Merv Sheet and video from the YooHoo ceremony are now up on the Annex. Enjoy!!

On 03-29-2014 at 08:24:49 AM **Gregory Peckers wrote:**

Speaking of "Draft Day" I will be bringing lots of draft beer (in growlers) to share at the "draft". I have a growler of "Enjoy by 4-20" by Stone(d), a growler of Bodhi by Columbus Brewing, and a baby growler of Sidepippin' by Hoof Hearted.

On 03-29-2014 at 08:06:48 AM **Rick Shaws wrote:**

Happy Draft Day everyone!

On 03-28-2014 at 3:22:18 PM **Green Monsters wrote:**

The history section is very cool. Thanks for your efforts on it Commish. However, it is a bit frightening to review. I looked back to my inaugural season and I frankly cannot recall owning most of those guys!

On 03-28-2014 at 01:30:13 AM **The Commissioner wrote:**

Rosters should now be up to date on the OnRoto site. Let me know if you find any errors. Remember to check the Annex for last-minute changes to the Big Sheet.

On 03-27-2014 at 11:20:45 PM **The Commissioner wrote:**

We're going to get started at 10:30. Lots of new details on the Annex at ltbni.org. (Let me know if you find any broken links, errors, typos, plagiarism, or straight-up libel.)

On 03-27-2014 at 5:37:31 PM **Green Monsters wrote:**

What time do the festivities get under way on Saturday? 10:30 a.m.? Other? Looking forward to seeing you all!

On 03-27-2014 at 01:19:30 AM **The Commissioner wrote:**

Here's a link to the Big Sheet. This should work better than the Merv Sheet I sent yesterday, because I've (hopefully) set it up so that anyone with the link can access it.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AoMXgGuYKZQWdGFvZDNUNVpUYjQ1RzFENmNTaWZKbHc&usp=sharing>

I'll add it to the Annex shortly, along with the usual freeze list summary.

Please check your list carefully for any errors I might have made in typing it all in. If you want to move any players around, let me know as soon as you can. Rick is going to print giant sheets just before he leaves work on Friday, so it would be good to have the final edition ready to go by then.

Many thanks to Steve for getting the financial report together. Bring your checkbooks, everyone.

On 03-26-2014 at 08:37:25 AM **The Commissioner wrote:**

Good morning everyone. I'm only about a third of the way through getting the Big Sheet put together. I'll have it up tonight at the latest, and I'll also update rosters on the OnRoto site tonight too. In the meantime, here's a link to all the keepers as I entered them into Merv. Please check your team and let me know if you see any errors.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4MXgGuYKZQWY0N0WFdBaUwwX0E/edit?usp=sharing>

On 03-24-2014 at 12:10:55 PM **The Commissioner wrote:**

Just a quick reminder that freeze lists are due by midnight, tomorrow night the 25th. Feel free to submit your lists earlier than that if you'd like; you can still make changes up until midnight. If you have any rules questions, please just call me or e-mail me. When submitting your list, please notify me of any contract extensions or buyouts, what position you'd like each player to be placed on the Big Sheet, and whether you have any rookies to be placed on your reserve roster (and what reserve spot you'd like them placed in). Simple enough? Also, if any of your contact info has changed, let me know that too.

Good luck everyone!

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On 03-19-2014 at 7:10:26 PM **SolTrain wrote:**

Flight lands at 10:20 on Friday the 28th. Noon tee time?

On 03-13-2014 at 1:11:47 PM **The Commissioner wrote:**

For those who are wondering: YES, the two games in between the Dodgers and D-Backs in Australia on 3/22-3/23 will count in our stats and standings, so yes, we will be drafting stats that have already occurred. Freeze Lists are due by midnight on 3/25, and the Auction is Saturday, 3/29, at Steve's office in Columbus. Trades are permitted up until the Freeze deadline. Someone needs to organize golf for Friday afternoon! More to come on the Annex in a few days. Enjoy the rest of Spring Training, everyone.

On 02-26-2014 at 10:28:45 AM **Rick Shaws wrote:**

Opening day tickets have been secured. This will be 30 straight for the Shaws. Play Ball!!

On 02-25-2014 at 10:28:03 AM **Rick Shaws wrote:**

Shaws have a glut of Middle Infielders if anyone would like to make a deal. Cozart, Rendon, Mercer, LeMahieu, Dee Gordon all available.