

FROM THE BULLPEN

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Greetings:

Welcome to the 1988 Season, Hot Stove Leaguers, and the First Edition of this year's From the Bullpen.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome two new owners/managers to the League, in the final phase of our carefully-orchestrated expansion program. Mitch "Magpie" Pirnie will be piloting the neophyte Omaha Reds, while Johnny "Jigger" Thielen (Skipper's new next-door neighbor) will govern the fledgling West Omaha Mudhens. Good luck and godspeed to the both of you. As evidenced by Brother's inaugural Blues campaign, you will need much of it.

The winter meeting held at the Skipper's crib was a festive prelude to the 1988 season, although Fox, Scooter and Brother were unable to get kitchen passes from their wives so as to attend. By majority rule at the meeting, with a clear quorum present, it was determined that the three absentee managers will draft 8th, 9th and 10th in this year's draft as their penance for missing this league-sanctioned meeting.

Draft day, the single most important day of the year for a Hot Stove Leaguer, is indelibly slated to occur on Saturday, March 26, 1988, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Presently, the draft is scheduled to take place at one of the plush conference rooms of Gaines, Mullen & Ernst, in the Regency One Building, Suite 200, 10050 Regency Circle. In the event that our planned office remodeling quells this plan, an alternate site will be determined and communicated.

Snickler has suggested that draft day begin with a friendly nine holes of golf at Miracle Hills, or some other local golfing venue. Please let Snickler or the Skipper know if you are interested in golfing on draft day. I suspect that many of you will be scrambling to come up with 25 players to select that day, and so may not have time to participate on the links.

For the first time, the Hot Stove League will send a delegation to the sunny climes of Arizona for a spring training jamboree. Underbelly, Jigger and Skipper will venture to baseball heaven March 18-20 to scout things out for all you league owners. While we are lounging in the bleachers quaffing

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ice cold beer, basking in the warm sun, and schmoozing with the ballplayers, if we should happen to pick up on any hot tips which might benefit other league owners, you can rest assured that we will pass them on in a timely and straightforward manner.

Enclosed for your use is an updated roster of league owners/managers. It is my understanding that Snickler's address may be changing shortly, as he has reportedly scraped together enough cash to put down on a used mobile home at Heaven's Gate Trailer Estates, just north of 30th and Cornhusker.

Speaking of big changes in Snickler's life, for all of you non-Lincolmites, I am enclosing a copy of the wedding announcement picture of our own little Snickler, which appeared in last week's Journal-Star newspaper. Many congrats to the Snickler, who has evidently decided to give up his playboy lifestyle to settle down and try to grind out a Hot Stove League title this this year. Rumor has it that the wedding day will coincide with Snickler's anticipated crowning with the league jewel, The Cup. Invitations to be forthcoming. (This should teach you to jap out on our spring fling, Snickler.)

Lamentations on the departure of Craig "Yolk" Dietz (1985-1987) from the ranks of the Hot Stove League. Scooter's former co-owner has apparently decided that the addition of twin daughters and the subtraction of one of his digital appendages equals too little time to keep his thumb on the pulse of the league this year. We will miss you, Yolk.

Enough for now. See you all on Super Saturday.

Skipper