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Colleagues:

Who lit the fire under the Tigers? Just in time for the supplemental draft, the Bengals have clawed their way into second place with a gigantic weekly point total of 711 points. As Underbelly articulated it so well, "WOW!"

How are the Tigers doing it? With two of the real Tigers, Mickey Tettleton (332) and Cecil Fielder (424), and two hot-hitting members of the Brew crew, Paul Molitor (439) and Robin Yount (407). Oh yes, having Roger Clemens, Zane Smith and Bret Saberhagen off to enviable starts hasn't hurt, either.

Unfortunately for WhiteSot, the Tigers' burst of energy came a week early, with the Tigers having rocketed past the Reds into second place by a mere 10 points, thus rewarding WhiteSot with the ninth selection in the supplemental draft this Saturday.

Fret not, WhiteSot (hey, that rhymes), I'm sure there will be a crackerjack second or third baseman available by that time, to plug one of your gaping holes in the infield.

Let's turn things around this week and take a look at how the supplemental draft will be ordered this Saturday:

1.	Blues	3641
2.	Tribe	3730
3.	Pirates	3808
4.	Mudhens	3832
5.	Red Sox	3839
6.	Chiefs	3870
7.	Senators	3969
8.	Reds	4189
9.	Tigers	4199
10.	Cubs	4314

Feels good to be up at the top, doesn't it, McBlunder and Underbelly?

Supplemental Draft

It looks like the supplemental draft will take place at my house on Saturday morning, June 8, 1991, beginning at approximately 11:00 a.m. I have two tee times

scheduled at Eagle Run, the executive course, for 8:15 and 8:20, so there are eight golf slots available. If you can't make it down for the golfing, please let me know by Friday morning so I can make any necessary arrangements. Cheryl has promised a brunch for the draft, so come with your appetites.

There has been a good deal of discussion about the rules which will govern the supplemental draft, in terms of utilization of our injury pool players and the like, and there does not appear to be any definite consensus on what to do. My suggestion is that we discuss any recommended changes in the rules during our golf outing preceding the draft, and if there is a consensus, that the new rules be implemented for purposes of the supplemental draft. At present, as I see it, the standing rule is that you may not trade for someone else's injury pool player, until after the supplemental draft. If an injury pool player is called up by a manager as part of the supplemental draft, he is then open game for trades. However, an injured player may not be traded prior to the supplemental draft, for the purpose of allowing a manager to call up an injury pool player from his injury pool roster. Additionally, the standing rule seems to be that once an injury pool player has been called up to replace an injured player, the injured player who is replaced is discarded and unavailable for use by anyone for the rest of the year. Magpie has discussed the possibility of changing this rule to allow him to call up Gonzales to his regular roster (since Gonzales was earlier replaced with Devon White). This proposed rule change may make a lot of sense, but I think that it needs to be voted upon by the managers since we have been operating under the other rule since this year's opening day draft.

This Week in the Hot Stove League

Let's catch a look at the top ten point getters after eight weeks:

Hitters

1.	Tony Gwynn	497	(Kudos to the new leader)
2.	Ruben Sierra	481	
3.	Dave Henderson	472	(your reign is over, Hindu)
4.	Paul Molitor	439	
5.	Dave Justice	438	
6.	Wally Joyner	436	
7.	Frank Thomas	435	
8.	Felix Jose	431	
9.	Cal Ripken	430	
10.	Cecil Fielder	424	

Pitchers

1.	Tom Glavine	256.6
2.	Roger Clemens	252.5

3.	Ramone Martinez	235.5
4.	Zane Smith	224.5
5.	Tom Candiotti	222.5
6.	Dennis Martinez	203.0
7.	Jimmy Key	202.7
8.	John Smiley	202.2
9.	Chuck Finley	196.5
10.	Bret Saberhagen	186.1

On a personal note, I'm pleased to report that I have added two new stadiums to my list of attended games, Yankee Stadium in New York and Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia. Last Saturday, I watched the Milwaukee Brewers, led by two of WhiteSot's stars, Yount and Molitor, best the Yankees, 6-3. On Sunday, I watched the Pirates, led by hot Tiger Barry Bonds, whup up on the Phillies. I personally observed as Doug Drabek was hosed out of another win (just so you don't think you're the only manager to get the shaft, Possum) on Sunday, thanks to a feeble fielder's choice RBI by Dale Murphy. Ugh!

Et Cetera

Although his Chiefs annually lack the stuff of champions, B.T. reports that his rotisserie team in another league is poised to win its second consecutive crown.

In fact, B.T. spends a lot of time spouting off about how well he is doing in his other league. What is left unspoken is how B.T. shrewdly assembled the ownership of the other teams in that league to assure his team of an annual crown. Reportedly, the league is composed of B.T.; Hodji Akbar, a foreign exchange student at UNL from Algeria; Hans Dieseldorf, a German bootjack living in Lincoln for the summer; Sam and Eli, B.T.'s three- and two-year-olds, respectively; Father Calamari, a priest-in-training at Cathedral; Harold Fishbine, an ichthyologist with the Henry Doorly Zoo; vice president Quail; Shamu and Underbelly. Best of luck in your "B" league, B.T.

Congratulations to Possum and his wife on the birth of their new baby daughter, Taj-Mahalia Bridges. With little Taj around to keep Max and mommy company, Possum pledges even more free time to attend League functions, parties, outings, etc. See you Saturday, Possum?

This Week's Top Ten List

Speaking of Mr. Oily (and that's not referring to a new do-it-yourself car lubrication kit), as the season pushes on past the supplemental draft and the Red Sox continue to flounder, each of you might expect a call from our affable co-owner, the Possum. No doubt he will call primarily to exchange greetings and pleasantries

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and to inquire about you or one of your loved ones, but the topic of a trade with the Possum just might come up, incidentally. With that in mind, this week's list is Skipper's Top Ten List of Trade Lines From Possum. Remember to check your wallet and count your fingers and toes. Beware the Possum!

That's all for this week. See you on Saturday.

Skipper

**SKIPPER'S TOP TEN LIST
OF TRADE LINES FROM POSSUM**

10. Don't let it get around, but just for you, Ed Whitson might be available.
9. I just want to help.
8. I am making next to nothing on this trade, but I make up for it on volume.
7. I told you I would give you Will Clark, Mark Langston and Bobby Thigpen for your three best players? I meant to say I'd give you Jerry Brown, Vance Law and Jerome Walton. Will that work?
6. I've had a lot of interest in Bryn Smith from other managers; if we don't close the deal today, I can't promise you he'll be available tomorrow.
5. I just called to chat, Jon. Say, how's Joe Carter doing?
4. I know why you won't trade me Glavine and Justice for Tom Candiotti and Jack Clark, it's a conspiracy!
3. I can see it now, Shamu. "Cy Young Winner Tom Candiotti Leads Cubs to Hot Stove League Title."
2. This trade will really help your team, U-belly. I can already feel the momentum.
1. Trust me, I'm a father of two.

WEEK 8: TIGERS TROUNCE OPPOSITION