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Colleagues:

Did I miss something? Was there a meeting of the League members that I wasn't invited to? After looking at last week's point totals, the only conclusion I can come to is that there was a convening of the rest of the League owners at which it was agreed that Possum can do whatever he pleases, whenever he wants, and that all League rules and regulations, policies and procedures, and moral and ethical standards will be suspended insofar as they pertain to him. As I see it, this is the only way that Possum can now have Greg Vaughn (532 points) on his roster. For those of you that aren't very observant, Greg is Possum's #2 outfielder, just a few points behind Winfield's point total of 618.

If I am incorrect and there has not been a nine-owner decision to suspend all rules for Possum and his Red Sox, what other basis is there for Vaughn's name appearing on the Red Sox roster (except for the obvious answer, outright bribery of Underbelly)?

Personally, I object, protest, challenge, resist, take exception, disagree, veto, and any and all other words which indicate my refusal to go along with yet another attempted bastardization of the League rules by the crown prince of skulduggery and dirty tricks, the unctuous Possum.

All I know is this: Though we expressly agreed that there would only be three players taken at the supplemental draft, and that any move from the injury pool to the regular roster would count as one of the three selections, somehow we let Possum get away with adding four new players to his active roster at the supplemental draft (Caminiti, Blauser, Downing and Deer). Now, only weeks later, without as much as uttering a peep to anyone, Possum has somehow convinced Underbelly to place Greg Vaughn on his Red Sox roster to replace the injured Von Hayes, despite the fact that Vaughn had 481 points and Von Hayes 401 points when Hayes went down on the D.L. What am I missing?

I have a question. Now that I have Dave (There Is No) Justice and Junior (Eggshell) Felix on the disabled list for who knows how long, is there a general consensus that I may replace them with Sony Nakamichi and Sahara Oh-oh from the Yakult Swallows of the Japanese League? Does it make any difference to any of you that Sahara and Sony have 970 and 893 points, respectively, under Japanese Hot Hibachi League rules? Because as far as I'm concerned, this transaction would be every bit as legitimate as Possum's current scheme to add Vaughn to his roster.

If anyone else has any thoughts about this latest stunt from the Earl of Ethics, the Bullpen would be pleased to print them in the next issue.

Now on to more pleasant topics. First of all, the League standings. My apologies for not getting out a From the Bullpen last week, but once in a while my partners think it's nice if I devote a little bit of time to my law practice. Sorry.

The League standings from the last two weeks look like this:

<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>2 Wks. Ago</u>		<u>Totals</u>			
				<u>Two Wks. Ago</u>	<u>Last Wk's Totals</u>	<u>This Wk's Points</u>	<u>This Wk's Totals</u>
1	1	2	Reds	5488	6056	663	6719
2	3	3	Tigers	5369	5888	556	6444
3	2	1	Cubs	5524	5983	407	6390
4	4	4	Senators	5147	5728	433	6161
5	5	5	Chiefs	5100	5608	508	6116
6	7	8	Blues	4993	5493	556	6049
7	8	9	Tribe	4959	5485	554	6039
8	9	7	Red Sox	5007	5485	507	5992
9	6	6	Mudhens	5028	5560	414	5974
10	10	10	Pirates	4889	5335	554	5889

And now the top ten hitters and pitchers for the past two weeks:

Hitters

<u>Last Week</u>				<u>This Week</u>			
1.	Ruben Sierra	675		1.	Ruben Sierra	744	
2.	Tony Gwynn	673		2.	Tony Gwynn	703	
3.	Dave Henderson	638		3.	Cal Ripken	701	
4.	Cecil Fielder	618		4.	Paul Molitar	686	
5.	Frank Thomas	616		5.	Frank Thomas	679	
6.	Cal Ripken	610		6.	Cecil Fielder	668	
7.	Joe Carter	599		7.	Dave Henderson	665	
8.	Dave Justice	585		8.	Joe Carter	651	
9.	Paul Molitar	580		9.	Wally Joyner	650	
10.	Ivan Calderon	577		10.	Devon White	628	
					(tie) Ivan Calderon	628	

You might say Paul Molitar (106) and Cal Ripken (91) had monster weeks. But Gwynn (30) and Hendy (27) have cooled.

Pitchers

<u>Last Week</u>		<u>This Week</u>		
1.	Scott Erickson	352.6	1. Scott Erickson	389.7
2.	Tom Glavine	335.0	2. Tom Glavine	358.5
3.	Dennis Martinez	324.7	3. Dennis Martinez	327.0
4.	Roger Clemens	314.7	4. Ramone Martinez	324.5
5.	Ramone Martinez	310.5	5. Roger Clemens	319.7
6.	Jimmy Key	295.7	6. Jimmy Key	310.7
7.	Lee Smith	264.0	7. Rob Dibble	303.1
8.	Rob Dibble	262.2	8. Jack McDowell	296.2
9.	Mark Langston	257.7	9. Chuck Finley	285.6
10.	Chuck Finley	253.6	10. Lee Smith	285.0

And now for a look at the current bottom ten:

Hitters

1.	Sandy Alomar, Jr.	118.0
2.	Vance Law	152.0
(tie)	Pat Borders	152.0
3.	Damon Barryhill	154.0
4.	Darren Daulton	156.0
5.	Dave Valle	188.0
6.	Kelly Gruber	205.0
7.	Steve Decker	210.0
8.	Billy Ripken	224.0
9.	Hensley Muelens	229.0
(tie)	Felix Fermin	229.0
10.	Scott Fletcher	234.0

Pitchers

1.	Mike Harkey	-2.8
2.	Scott Garrelts	12.2
3.	John Smoltz	32.2
4.	Danny Darwin	43.0
5.	Mark Gardner	56.5
6.	Alex Fernandez	61.6
7.	Mark Guthrie	69.2
8.	Bill Wegman	70.6
9.	Dave Stewart	71.7 (ouch)
10.	Jack Armstrong	80.6

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Four Mudhens on the two bottom ten lists! Look for the Mudslide to continue.

By the way, WhiteSot, John Kruk now has 817 points, which would make him the highest rated player in our League. Why not trade him to Possum? He can do anything. And enough of your whine and please party, already.

Senator Sadness

My wife won't listen to the Senators' woes, so please lend me your ears, my amigos. After picking clearly the best team in the League this year, the Senators have been cruelly decimated by injuries and bad fortune: Jeff King (possibly out for the year); Wally Joyner (injured calf while hottest bat in the game); Junior Felix (presently on DL, return date unknown); Lance Parrish (finally back after extended stay on DL). To deepen my depression, last week the Senators had six pitchers pitch seven or more innings giving up 1 earned run or less. Total wins: 0. Tell me again about Ed Whitson's lack of run support, Possum. And did I mention this: Ellis Burks sucks.

Okay. I feel better with all that off my chest.

League Trip

H.S.L. resident playboy Sandjigger has announced that plans are shaping up for this year's League trip scheduled for Labor Day weekend, August 31-September 1. On that weekend, those of us who are stouthearted and unwilling to take "no" for an answer from our spouses will venture to Chicago to see the new Comiskey Park. I doubt that we'll have much fun or drink much beer. Sounds like we will have a good crowd. Even the Pipster is going. Rumor is that WhiteSot was a shoe-in for the trip until the muffler went out on Molly's car. Sounds like an inside job to me.

Hope that each of you have an enjoyable July 4th holiday. I will be in the Rockies with Shamu, listening to his boasting and bragadacio about the can't-miss-Cubs (now in third place and rapidly descending). I will be happy to report back to you with his comments.

Shalom.

Skipper

**SKIPPER'S TOP TEN LIST
OF OCCASIONS WHEN BIG GUY
LIKES TO GET A SNOOTFUL**

10. When he's out with the boys.
9. When he's out with his girls.
8. When he's outside.
7. When he's inside.
6. When he's at the ballpark.
5. When his Tigers win the Hot Stove League.
4. When his Tigers finish in the Top 10 of the Hot Stove League.
3. When he sees how much mediocre male Major League catchers are making.
2. When Molly's muffler goes out.
1. When he can.