



FROM THE BULLPEN

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Brethren:

As the winter winds its way towards spring, our collective minds turn towards -- BASEBALL! That's right, the commencement of spring training is just around the corner, and with it the promise of another glorious season of participation in the Hot Stove League.

DRAFT DAY

In the last issue of *From the Bullpen*, I indicated that our 1993 draft would tentatively be held on Saturday, March 27, 1993. To date, nobody has contacted me and indicated that they are unavailable for the draft on this date. Accordingly, plan on being at the Gaines Mullen War Room at 1:00 p.m. on March 27th for the funnest day of the year.

LEAGUE ROSTER

Enclosed is a roster of the League members for 1993, including mailing addresses, home and work telephone numbers, and fax numbers. To help acquaint our new members with the League, and the League with our two neophyte members, here is a list of the twelve owners of the Eastern Nebraska Hot Stove League, with their team names, nicknames and occupations:

Name	Nickname	Team Name	Occupation
Ted Bridges*	Possum	Red Sox	Stockbroker/Arbitrageur
Rick Drews*	WhiteSot	Tigers	Attorney
Dave Ernst*	Skipper	Senators	Attorney
Chuck Sinclair*	Shamu	Cubs	Claims Supervisor
Scott Krause	BabyTrumpetfish	Chiefs	Restaurateur/Entrepreneur

*Founding member of League.

Bob Hurlbut	Underbelly	Tribe	Professional featherbedder - Burlington Northern R.R.
Jon Blongewicz	McBlunder	Blues	Attorney
Dennis Bontrager	The Silent Assassin	Pirates	Secret Agent
Mitch Pirnie	Magpie	Reds	Attorney
John Thielen	Itchie Flukemeister	Skipjacks	First Data Resources-V.P. of Schmoozing Operations
Jim Buser	To be announced	Not Yet Named	Attorney
Mike Morris	To be announced	Bronx Bombers	Married well; Comptroller - Thermal King-Christensen

THE TRIP

I am tickled pink to announce that the West Coast Trip is a go for 1993. Once again, WOW! Here's the itinerary:

August 5, 1993 (Thursday)

Leave Omaha 7:19 a.m.

Arrive Los Angeles 10:13 a.m.

August 8, 1993 (Sunday)

Leave Los Angeles 12:10 p.m.

Arrive Omaha 6:31 p.m.

As you know, we will see not two, not three, but four ballgames, in not one, not two, but three different ballparks on this junket. We will see the Royals, the Angels, the Rockies, the Padres, the Reds and the Dodgers. A little bit of heaven on earth.

We have secured airline tickets for those who have indicated that they are planning on going on this year's trip. I have the tickets in hand for WhiteSot, BabyTrumpetfish, Magpie, Shamu, Itchie, Buser and Morris. Now all I need is your checks for \$252.00. I will appreciate *your prompt payment* of this amount. McBlunder has indicated that he will secure his own air fare from Kansas City, meaning that we will have nine out of twelve League members on the trip, an impressive showing. And don't rule out Underbelly and the Silent Assassin, although the feeling is they are iffy at best. And what about Possum, you ask? When pigs beam through space.

Itchie has asked me to point out that two League members have not yet remitted payment of last year's fee of \$100 to him, as his award for bringing home the Cup. Since the two of you ignored the polite request in my last *Bullpen* to make this payment, Itchie has asked me to institute legal process to secure payment of this amount. As such, I am duty-bound to inform Possum and the Silent Assassin that a Petition for collection will be filed in the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, if full payment is not received by Friday, February 12, 1993. Please help us avoid this embarrassment to the League by making your payments **NOW**.

OPENING DAY

B.T. and I are still a go for Opening Day in Denver on April 9, 1993. We have one additional ticket available, so if any of you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Keep the faith.

Skipper