



# FROM THE BULLPEN

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Fellow Owners/Managers:

Welcome to the second 1994 issue of *From the Bullpen*. There are two important matters to address in this issue, The Draft and The Trip.

## DRAFT DAY

Just when I thought that there was unanimity of agreement that Draft Day would be on Saturday, March 26, 1994, Brother Opossum jammed a stick in my spokes. Apparently March 26th is his boy Max's Bar Mitzvah celebration, or Gay Coming-Out party, or some damned thing. The upshot is that Possum is unavailable the entire day for our draft. This leaves us with the evening of Friday, March 25, or the afternoon of Sunday, March 27, as our alternatives. Please let me know immediately if either of these dates do not work for any of you. Final word will come out soon on this matter. For now, please keep the whole weekend available, just in case Possum has another surprise for us.

## THE TRIP

By now, you all know that Brother Rookie is putting together a whale of a summer Trip for July 8, 9 and 10. Firm verbal commitments for our "Toast to the East Coast" have already been received from Shamu, McBlunder, Mouse, B.T., Itchie, Rookie and Skipper. Unlikely as it may seem, we have not yet been able to pin down Possum for a commitment, although he is one of the planning chairs for this magnificent weekend.

For those of you who have not yet committed, hike up your skirts, tell (don't ask) the wife that you are going, and phone or fax your Trip commitment to Rookie.

More on Draft Day soon.

*Skipper*



## FROM THE PLAYPEN

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TO: Fellow HSL Children

I am organizing a Junior League composed of the eldest male (or female, if necessary) progeny of present members of the Eastern Nebraska Hot Stove League, to prepare us for the day when our fathers turn over their teams to us<sup>1</sup>. The League will be known as the *Warm Oven League*.

I am taking responsibility for the League newsletter, which shall be known as *From the Playpen*, and for providing suitable monikers for all League participants. Hence, from now on, each of you shall be known by the following nicknames:

| <u>HSL Member</u> | <u>HSL Nickname</u> | <u>Junior Member</u> | <u>WOL Nickname</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mitch Pirnie      | Curby               | Robert               | Tripper             |
| Scott Krause      | B.T.                | Jesse                | Slofa               |
| Dave Ernst        | Skipper             | Joseph               | Shoeless            |
| Ted Bridges       | Possum              | Max                  | Weasel              |
| Jim Buser         | Rookie              | Matthew              | Plebe               |
| John Thielen      | Itchie              | Zack                 | Scratchie           |
| Bob Hurlbut       | Underbelly          | NYC <sup>2</sup>     | Joonyurbelly        |
| Jon Blongewicz    | Stretch McBlunder   | Albert               | McGoofus            |
| Rick Drews        | Big Guy             | Abby                 | Little Gal          |
| Chuck Sinclair    | Shamu               | NYN <sup>3</sup>     | Namu <sup>4</sup>   |
| Mike Morris       | Mouse               | Wells                | Ratso               |
| Dennis Bontrager  | Slo-Pay             | Samuel               | Payless             |

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<sup>1</sup>Of course, apparently at least one HSL owner has already turned the reins over to his child. How else can you explain my Uncle B.T.'s second place finish last year?

<sup>2</sup>Not yet conceived, but reportedly working on it.

<sup>3</sup>Not yet named.

<sup>4</sup>Or, as suggested by another, Le Plump Orange.

Please send in your entry fee for this year's League, and get ready for fun!

Shoeless