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## Baseball Brethren:

At long last we have achieved a consensus on Draft Day. Thanks largely to Possum's dogged persistence in contacting League members, and contacting them again and again, if necessary, we now know that all managers are available for a Friday, March 26, evening draft. So, let there be no mistake about it. The 10th Annual Hot Stove League player draft will be held:

## HSL DRAFT FRIDAY, MARCH 25 7:00 p.m. GAINES, MULLEN WAR ROOM

To put this year's draft in historical perspective, and to give everyone an early glimpse of the team to be drafted by Shamu this year, I submit for your consideration the initial team rosters from the seminal draft in 1984:

### ROYALS

Cal Ripken  
Dave Winfield  
Tony Pena  
Keith Hernandez  
George Brett  
Dan Quisenberry  
Bud Black  
Kirk Gibson  
Dave Stieb  
Willie Wilson  
Roger Clemons  
Frank White  
Bob Horner  
Mark Gubicza  
Bert Blyleven  
Bob Brunansky  
Terry Kennedy  
Steve Sax  
Alfredo Griffin  
Kent Hrbek  
Lee Smith  
Nolan Ryan  
Kevin McReynolds  
Mark Langston  
Pete Rose

### RED SOX

Dale Murphy  
Rick Sutcliffe  
Dwight Evans  
Don Mattingly  
Mike Schmidt  
Dickie Thon  
Jesse Orosco  
Gary Carter  
LaMarr Hoyt  
Juan Samuel  
Steve Carlton  
Bob Stanley  
Mike Easler  
Mike Witt  
Mike Gedman  
Ron Kittle  
Gary Gaetti  
Robin Yount  
Johnny Ray  
Dennis Boyd  
Floyd Bannister  
Bob Dernier  
Chili Davis  
Bill Buckner  
Chet Lemon

### CUBS

Eddie Murray  
Rickey Henderson  
Ryne Sandberg  
Jim Rice  
Wade Boggs  
Bruce Sutter  
Jack Morris  
Tim Lincecum  
Fernando Valenzuela  
J. Andujar  
Gary Templeton  
Goose Goslin  
Jody Davis  
Steve Rogers  
Carlton Fisk  
Keith Moreland  
Andre Dawson  
Julio Franco  
Jack Clark  
Bobby Grich  
Ron Guidry  
Harold Baines  
Pascual Perez  
George Darling  
Carney Lansford

### TIGERS

Lance Parrish  
Alan Trammell  
Lou Whitaker  
Dwight Gooden  
Willie Hernandez  
Tony Gwynn  
Mike Boddicker  
Mario Soto  
Dan Petry  
Frank Viola  
Leon Durham  
Jose Cruz  
Paul Molitor  
Bill Caudill  
Tony Armas  
George Bell  
Buddy Bell  
D. Strawberry  
Willie Randolph  
A. Davis  
A. Pena  
Hubie Brooks  
Jack Brenly  
A. Lopez  
Dan Gladden

As you all know, Possum's Red Sox captured the League jewel in our virgin HSL contest, the first of two consecutive titles. Some might say that Possum's first title was a speck on the tainted side, however, since his first team was actually drafted by this humble scribe.

## **TRIP UPDATE**

No, not Curby's most recent stumble after catching his foot on the carpet outside Kermit's office, but an updated headcount on our July 8-10, 1994, *Toast to the East Coast*. As of press time for this issue, rock solid commitments have been received from B.T., Skipper, Shamu, McBlunder, Rookie, Mouse, Thunderbelly, and Itchie. Of the four remaining League members: (1) Big Guy has tearfully announced that his presence on the Trip is extremely unlikely, unless he is willing to risk Bobbitt-like injuries. He is not; (2) Slo-Pay, true to form, has been silent on the issue; (3) Curby has made his attendance contingent upon changing the trip to a city that has neither curbs nor traffic islands; (4) last, and possibly least, Possum has remained noncommittal about whether he will be in attendance on the Trip. Surprising, isn't it? When it comes to participation in HSL functions (or anything else, for that matter) it is harder than Chinese arithmetic to pin down the Eely One to a firm commitment. Possum signs his contracts with invisible ink, and then runs them through his portable briefcase shredder. But hey, his loss is -- his loss.

## **UPDATED DIRECTORY**

For your easy reference, I am also enclosing a new directory of HSL owners and managers. You will notice that this year's directory also contains some information about spouses, significant others and offspring. Because of the expanded family format, I have no doubt that there will be speculation that Skipper has gone soft since getting married and having a child. I have not. And mark my words: There will never, ever, ever be a time when women and children accompany all of us on the Trip. Oh, there might be an occasion in the future, possibly, when we gather with our families for an Omaha Royals baseball game. We might even decide to head down to Kansas City to see a Royals game with our families. But this will not, cannot, must not be confused with The Trip. Is that clear enough?

## **DR. STRANGEGLOVE**

To revisit our History Department, most of you have heard about former major leaguer Dick Stuart, whose erratic fielding play for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston Red Sox in the early 1960's earned him the revered nickname of "Dr. Strangeglove." As Possum could surely tell you, the Doctor's best year in the majors was his 1963 campaign with the Red Sox, during which he cracked out 42 home runs, and led the American

League in total bases (319) and RBIs (118). But how many of you know that Stuart played for the 1956 Lincoln Chiefs of the Western Division, where he hung up some amazing numbers. In 141 games for the Lincoln Chiefs, Stuart scored 131 times, tallied 156 hits, registered 385 total bases, knocked in 158 RBIs, and cracked out *66 home runs!* Quite a season. In fact, only three professionals have hit more home runs in one season than Stuart's 66 in '56. (Joe Bauman hit 72 home runs, and Joe Hauser and Bob Crues each had 69 home runs.)

Next time you are in Lincoln and are near Sherman Field, stop by and take a look at the place where Dr. Strangeglove made a name for himself as a big stick.

That's all for this issue. See you at the Draft on March 25, and BE READY!

Skipper