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## CUBS WIN! CUBS WIN! CUBS WIN!

It's official! The final standings have come out from Bill James, including the pro-rated performance caps, and they look like this:

1. Cubs	6306
2. Reds	6075
3. Chiefs	6003
4. Red Sox	6000
5. Redbirds	5968
6. Skipjacks	5946
7. Blues	5566
8. Tribe	5430
9. Bronx Bombers	5412
10. Tigers	5382
11. Senators	5335
12. Pirates	5219

The Lincoln Asterisks (formerly known as the Lincoln Cubs) finished the strike-shortened season as the leaders of the Eastern Nebraska Hot Stove League, easily besting the second-place Reds. Congratulations to the long-suffering manager of the Asterisks, Charles Dwight "Shamu" Sinclair, proud owner and now father. And champion.\*

The pro-ration of the points has caused the Redbirds to drop from 3rd to 5th place in the standings. The Chiefs moved up a slot from 4th to 3rd, the Red Sox from 6th to 4th, the Skipjacks dropped from 5th to 6th, and the 7th through 12th place teams maintained their prior standings. Thus, because of the pro-ration, the Chiefs benefited to the extent of picking up 3rd place money, and the luckless Redbirds lost out in trying to finish in the money. This will no doubt prompt a good deal of whining and crying by Hawkeye Jim, not unlike his Iowa hero, Hayden "Cry" Fry.

## WINTER MEETING

It is now time to schedule our winter meeting, at which time the official passing of The Cup\* from Curby to Shamu\* will take place, as well as the passing of the winnings from all Hot Stove League owners to Shamu\* and the pilot of the second-place Reds. Please let me know whether you would like to schedule the winter meeting for November or December of this year, or at some point in early 1995. Shamu\* has requested the earliest possible date, as he has already pledged his winnings to the mortgage company.

Other owners have requested that the winter meeting be put off until the strike is settled.

## UNDERBELLY TAKES BRIDE

As you all know, Underbelly finally met his match and was wedded to the lovely Jody Vasina in an evening ceremony at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln on Saturday, October 8, 1994. The Hot Stove League was well-represented at the wedding and reception, and Shamu's performance at the reception food line was unprecedented. I am still amazed that he was able to carry the entire crock pot of miniature wieners back to his table on top of his paper plate (or more accurately, on top of the mound of food that was already on top of his paper plate).

Rather than recount the entire evening's festivities, I am simply enclosing for your review a copy of the article which appeared in the Omaha World Herald on the Monday following the ceremony. As indicated in the article, it was a night to remember. And no, Possum and Wife of Possum were not able to make it to the

wedding or reception. Another conflicting fondue party with their old money friends in Omaha.

For those of you who were unable to make it to Underbelly's stag party the week before the wedding, there was a spirited discussion of the possible use of minor leaguers as replacement players for the striking major leaguers next year. Underbelly, good union man that he is, lines up against it, it is fair to say. Slo-Pay, likewise, is against the use of replacement players, if I correctly interpreted his silent gestures. Baby Trumpetfish and the Skipper, on the other hand, are all in favor of it. Just for kicks, since there is little else to do this October without the World Series, let me know how each of you vote on this issue.

That's all for this edition. Keep those cards and letters coming.

Skipper