

# FROM THE BULLPEN



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Dear Husker Fans (you, too, Jim Ed):

How 'bout that sound thrashing of the Buffs? It almost made me forget that we are *sans* World Series this year. Almost.

Congrats to Jim Ed and his hearty Hawkeyes, who mustered up a tie with the always-tough Boilermakers. No more Hawkeye-bashing for this season, Jim Ed. Humble Husker fans are above that.

As promised, I am enclosing herewith an updated summary of Hot Stove League placements for the ten years of the League's existence. Regrettably, Magpie-Curby stakes claim to the Manager of the Decade Award, with two first-place finishes, three third-place finishes, and one fifth-place finish in only seven years of competition. Possum was the early leader for the distinction with championships during the first two years of the Hot Stove League, but his futility over the past several years plainly takes him out of the running. Ditto with Big Guy, who after capturing the Cup for three consecutive years (1986-88), has fallen upon hard times, and appears satisfied these days with just staying out of the basement.

Speaking of bottom-dwellers, with two consecutive last-place finishes and only

one placement "in the money," Slo-Pay has the definite inside track on having the distinction of being the Mismanager of the Decade, although McBlunder might take issue with this opinion. With his 1994 title, and his upper division finishes the past few years, Shamu\* has clearly reversed an early trend which threatened to distinguish him as the Baron of the Bowels of the HSL.

With Shamu's\* title this year, we now have a total of six different winners of The Cup during our decade of play (Possum, Big Guy, Skipper, Magpie-Curby, Itchie and Shamu\*). B.T. has the distinction of having been in the League the longest without securing a top finish (10 years, count 'em, 10 years). Next on the list are Underbelly (9 years), then Slo-Pay and McBlunder (8 years), followed by Jim Ed and Mouse (2 years). The fast learners are Magpie-Curby, with two crowns in only seven years of participation, and Itchie, with one crown in his seven years in the League.

Also enclosed for your use is an updated roster of HSL owners and managers, with current addresses and family information on all.

Shamu\* reports that the \$100 checks are flowing in by the bushel basket. It

looks like little Hannah might have her first Christmas indoors after all.

And finally, I am enclosing for your reading pleasure a copy of an amusing little ditty put together by Itchie several years ago, back when he was the captain of his own ship. You will note that Itchie ended his cute little bulletin with the famous last words, "You'll hear from me again, Skippy." Wrong. Instead, Itchie got married, and effectively sealed himself off from the outside world.

Just wanted you to remember that there were days, oh so long ago, when League members actually tried to go toe-to-toe with the author of *From the Bullpen*. But as Edgar Allen Poe put it so well, "Nevermore, nevermore."

See you next issue.

Skipper