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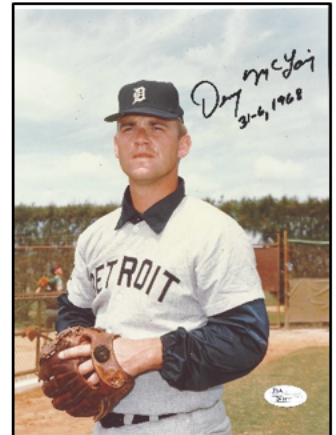
The Nebraska Hot Stove League



of the Summer of '68, "The Year of the Pitcher"



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Gentlemen:

This season's pennant race is simply too rich and too remarkable to not comment upon it again as we approach the final weekend of the season. Through games of Wednesday evening, September 26, the standings are as follows:

1	Chiefs	12132.3	-
2	Redbirds	12130.8	1.5
3	Monarchs	12126.0	6.3
4	Wahoos	11945.2	187.1
5	Bears	11870.4	261.9
6	Bums	11794.0	338.3
7	Blues	11615.8	516.5
8	Skipjacks	11574.8	557.5
9	Cubs	11316.5	815.8
10	Senators	11276.0	856.3
11	Tribe	10775.2	1357.1
12	Tigers	10772.0	1360.3
13	Bombers	10549.6	1582.7

Just wow. Good luck to the three of you in contention during the waning days of our campaign.

Skipper

P.S. The answer to last week's quiz is Sunday, May 5, 1991. On that day, with Shamu, Stretch and Skipper in attendance, Dave Stieb of the Blue Jays tossed 5-1/3 innings of no-hit ball against the Kansas City Royals on his way to a victory, as we waited for our compatriots to arrive in the Mobile Sewage Treatment vehicle from Omaha. A day that will live in Hot Stove League infamy. **FN 1**

FN 1 From the Hot Stove League archives, Edition No. 7, dated May 7, 1991:

**SKIPPER'S TOP TEN LIST OF REASONS
FOR THE REPORTED BREAKDOWN OF
B.T.'S MOBILE WASTE PROCESSOR**

10. The boys couldn't pass up ranch-hand breakfast at the Hen House.
9. Convenient excuse for Pipsqueak (Denny) to visit cousins Luke and Duke in Rulo.
8. WhiteSot's punishment for failing to heed Molly's plea that he not start on second six-pack until outside Omaha city limits.
7. Clever part of PLO agent Sandjigger's plan to take hostage the motorists who offered ride to nearest town.
6. Magpie family emergency.
5. Lugnuts loosened by absent League owner in desperate attempt to avoid certain tenth-place finish.
4. Vehicle unable to handle excessive weight of aging League members.
3. Attempted sabotage by unknown beneficiary of trip participant with two million-dollar life insurance policies.

2. Waste treatment processor overtaxed by Sandjigger's Omaha-to-Rockford (*Sic.* Should be Rock Port.) growl.
1. B.T. swerved to avoid head-on collision with erratic mobile home bearing Philadelphia license plates and filled with drunken hillbillies.