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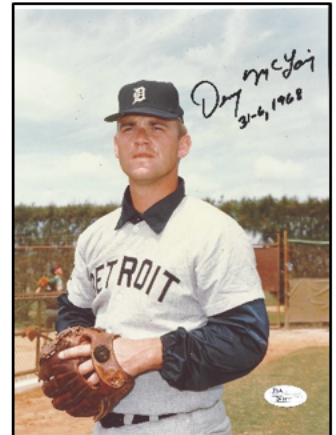
The Nebraska Hot Stove League



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HOW THE BLESSED BUTTERFLIES WON

Brethren:

This issue of *From the Bullpen* is to celebrate Screech's magnificent 2018 season, and his **Blessed Butterflies'** second Hot Stove League title. For starters, let's take a look at the team that Screech selected on Draft Day, way back in March (crossed-through names were not on the final roster):

MONARCHS			
1.	Betts, M.	RF	BOS
2.	Bellinger, C.	LF	LAD
3.	Syndergaard, N.	SP	NYM
4.	Martinez, G.	SP	STL
5.	Ray, R.	SP	ARZ
6.	Nola, A.	SP	PHI
7.	Quintana, J.	SP	CHC
8.	Shaw, T.	3B	MIL
9.	Desmond, I.	1B	COL
10.	Baez, J.	2B	CHC
11.	Inciarte, E.	CF	ATL
12.	Russell, A.	SS	CHC

13.	Margot, M.	CF	SD
14.	Franco, M.	3B	PHI
15.	Thames, E.	LF	MIL
16.	Grichuk, R.	RF	TOR
17.	Giles, K.	RP	HOU
18.	Colomé, A.	RP	TB
19.	Vizcaino, A.	RP	ATL
20.	Montgomery, J.	SP	NYY
21.	Gurriel, Y.	1B	ARZ
22.	Musgrove, J.	RP	PIT
23.	Grandal, Y.	C	LAD
24.	Hernandez, C.	2B	PHI
25.	Tatis, Jr., F.	SS	SD
26.	Flowers, T.	C	ATL
27.	Odorizzi, J.	SP	MIN
28.	Gomez, C.	RF	TB
29.	Robles, V.	CF	WSH
30.	Torres, G.	SS	NYY

Now, let's take a look at the players who were on Screech's roster at the end of the season, and compare that against his initial roster (highlighted names were not on the initial roster):

Yasmani Grandal	LAD	C
Ian Desmond	COL	1B
César Hernández	PHI	2B
Travis Shaw	MIL	3B
Javier Báez	ChC	2B
Starling Marte	PIT	LF
Chris Taylor	LAD	CF
Mookie Betts	BOS	RF
Yuli Gurriel	HOU	Util
Gleyber Torres	NYY	Util
Ramón Laureano	OAK	CF
Hunter Pence	SF	Util
Ender Inciarte	ATL	CF
Cody Bellinger	LAD	BN
Max Muncy	LAD	BN
Jake Bauers	TB	BN
Scott Kingery	PHI	BN
Evan Longoria	SF	3B

Matt Wieters	WAS	C
Austin Dean	MIA	LF
Robinson Chirinos	TEX	C
Noah Syndergaard	NYM	SP
Spencer Turnbull	DET	SP
Robbie Ray	ARI	SP
Zack Littell	MIN	SP
Chad Bettis	COL	SP
Sergio Romo	TB	RP
Roberto Osuna	HOU	RP
Steven Brault	PIT	SP
Alex Colomé	SEA	RP

To summarize, the **Blessed Butterflies** had 13 players who both started and ended the season on Screech's roster.

Now let's look at which of these players were instrumental in leading the **Monarchs** to the title. Here are Screech's top 10 point-scorers as of the end of the season, and if they were selected in the original draft, the round that they were selected in:

1.	Mookie Betts	745.20	Rd 1
2.	Javier Báez	638.00	Rd 10
3.	César Hernández	503.30	Rd 24
4.	Cody Bellinger	508.00	Rd 2
5.	Travis Shaw	497.90	Rd 8
6.	Max Muncy	503.30	
7.	Starling Marte	475.60	
8.	Ian Desmond	461.10	Rd 9
9.	Chris Taylor	457.90	
10.	Ender Inciarte	424.10	Rd 11

It is noteworthy that only 13 of Screech's initially-drafted players were able to last on the "Iron Colonel's" team for the entire season, and that 3 of Screech's top 10 scorers on his final roster (Max Muncy, Starling Marte and Chris Taylor) were selected in the supplemental draft. But really, Screech won the championship this year by his sagacious selection of top overall scorer Mookie Betts in the 1st round, by snapping up Javier Báez in the 10th round, and César Hernández in round 24; and then managing the heck out of his team.

Hats off to you, Brother Screech, for a magnificent year of managing the **Blessed Butterflies**.

Now that Screech's second 1st-place finish is in the jar, so to speak, let's take a look at a "Top Ten Bucket List" that was reportedly authored by Screech at some point earlier this season, as provided to *From the Bullpen* by an anonymous, but friendly, source:

SCREECH'S TOP TEN BUCKET LIST

10. Slipping Mouse a mickey and having a gigantic *Trump Sucks Egg Foo Young* tattoo placed on his torso.
9. Heading down to St. Louis for rapprochement with Skeezix.
8. Seeing another Tricky David Palmeresque trip in real time.
7. Joining Itchie's exclusive Meerschaum pipe-smoking club.
6. Winning 2nd HSL Title.
5. Telling off McJester with a "You don't know me well enough to say that" retort the next time Stretch snarks on one of his draft picks.
4. Brut factory tour with Shamu.
3. Double-Kzorching B.T. at the next effing Krause gathering [FN 1] to pay him back for 15 years of Hot Stove League scorn and ridicule stemming from being dubbed with his Delta Chi nickname: SCREECH.
2. Having his bust erected in Yankees Monument Park.

And the No. 1 dream/hope/wish on Screech's Bucket List:

1. OCCUPYING THE MIDDLE SQUARE ON A HOLLYWOOD SQUARES REUNION SHOW. [FN 2]

See you next issue, lads.

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FN 1 Eli's wedding?

FN 2

