

FROM THE BULLPEN

Official Newsletter of the

NEBRASKA HOT STOVE LEAGUE

2023: Our 39th Season

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OWNERS:

Ted Bridges
("PAwesome")
Wahoos
Returning Champion

Jeff Bechtolt
("Screech")
Monarchs

Jon Blongewicz
("Sunny")
Blues

Denny Bontrager
("SloPay")
Bears

Jim Buser
("Tirebiter")
Redbirds

Rick Drews
("Big Guy")
Tigers

Dave Ernst
("Skipper")
Senators

Bob Hurlbut
("Underbelly")
Tribe

Scott Krause
("BT")
Saints

Mike Morris
("Mouse")
Bombers

Mitch Pirnie
("Magpie/Tricko")
Bums

Chuck Sinclair
("Shamu")
Cubs

John Thielen
("Itchie")
Skipjacks

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The 2023 season is complete, the tallies are in, and PAwesome has once again bested the field after fending off challenges from B.T. and Tricko. Congratulations to Ted on his 8th Hot Stove League Championship, tops in the league.

Here are the final point standings and the totals for the final week of competition:

HSL STANDINGS THRU WEEK 27 ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2023

	Team	Points	Pts Back
1	Wahoos	12611.1	-
2	Saints	12462.2	148.9
3	Bums	12347.0	264.1
4	Monarchs	11847.7	763.4
5	Cubs	11836.7	774.4
6	Bears	11695.0	916.1
7	Skipjacks	11398.0	1213.1
8	Tribe	11369.9	1241.2
9	Blues	11229.6	1381.5
10	Senators	11229.1	1382.0
11	Bombers	11184.7	1426.4
12	Tigers	10604.8	2006.3
13	Redbirds	10258.7	2352.4



POINT TOTALS FOR WEEK 27

	Team	Pts
1	Bears	446.4
2	Wahoos	434.4
3	Monarchs	421.8
4	Tribe	413.5
5	Cubs	399.1
6	Redbirds	392.4
7	Senators	387.8
8	Saints	378.1
9	Tigers	374.1
10	Blues	369.6
11	Skipjacks	366.4
12	Bombers	352.7
13	Bums	341.4

WHAT'S NEXT?

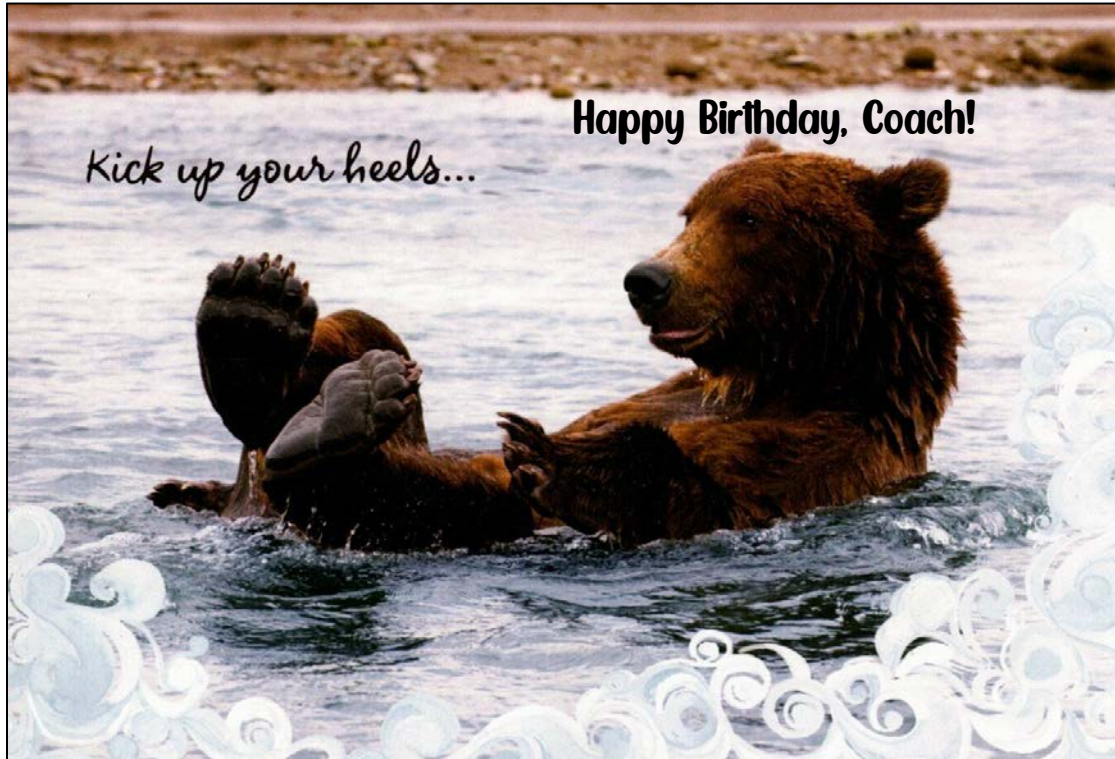
March 2024						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

But there's no telling whether there will be a Winter Meeting this year or next due to PAwesome's demanding schedule, so we will all just have to stay tuned for news about that. In the meantime, we can at least cement our plans for next year's Draft and next year's Trip, both of which will take place in the Phoenix area during the week of March 25, 2024. Plan on our 2024 Draft taking place on Wednesday, March 27, the day before the start of the season; and our Trip being the Arizona Diamondbacks Opening Day matchup against the Colorado Rockies on Thursday, March 28.

As we get closer, we will look at flight schedules, but it is suggested that everyone fly into Phoenix on Sunday or Monday, March 24 or 25, so that we can catch a Cactus League game or two prior to our Wednesday Draft day. We have already made arrangements for accommodations so you will not need to concern yourselves with finding a place to bunk down.

It should be a great way to celebrate our 40th year of the Hot Stove League.

And lastly, happy birthday to Brother SloPay who turned a sprightly 68 years old today.



Skipper

P.S. I almost forgot to mention that today I completed a bucket list item, visiting the Dundy County District Court in Benkelman, Nebraska,



93 and Me



One of the few Courthouses POTUS 45 hasn't been in. Yet.