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Jarheads



DRAGONS

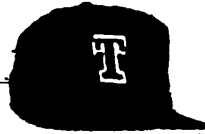


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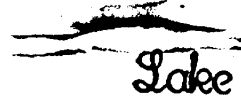
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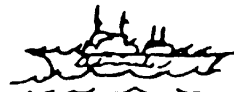
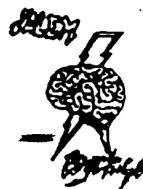
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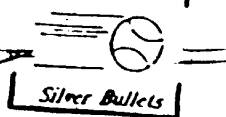
YORKTOWN



89ers



BATON ROUGE



Warriors



CHIEFS



TOPEKA

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Roster CORRECTION: Florida active roster: Jody Reed. Minors Rick Reed.

Constitution update: A non-pitcher CAN come into a game to pitch but only after all available pitchers have already been in the game.

* TRANSACTIONS: *** effective the 1st game of series #5. *****

1. Hazardville rec'ed Mulliniks & Salem's #3DP. Salem rec'ed R. Ready.
2. Windsor rec'ed Mike Lavaille, Lee Gutterman & Dragons #1DP. Dragon's rec'ed Bob Welch & Winders #1 & #3 DP's.

* If you made a trade and it is not listed remember to list it on your RI's.*

Note: Second Seasonal Trading Period from 4/09 to 5/03.

***** 1991 DRAFT PICKS THAT HAVE BEEN TRADED. *****

- d. Dragons traded #1DP to Windsor.
- g. Galactic traded #5DP to New England.
- j. Jarheads traded #1DP to Lake Wobegon.
- n. NE traded #2DP(NE 0 -BP's) & #5DP to Galactic.
- p. PC traded #6DP to Allyn Street(PC 0 -BP's), & #5DP to Connecticut.
- s. Salem traded #1DP to Lake Wobegon & #3DP to Hazardville.
- t. Topeka traded #4DP to Poquonock. (TL 0 -BP's)
- w. Windsor traded #1 & #3DP's to Dragons.

TEAMS ON THE MOVE: TEEM; Bruce Kutler is working at 221 Boston Post Rd. Suite 490 Marlboro, MA. 01752. Mail everything to this address.

Hazardville; Bob Figella has moved to 2900 Dover Court Windsor, CT. 06095. His new phone number is 203-688-6862.

MINUS BONUS POINTS: TEEM & Lake Wobegon -3BP no AB/IP roster to Am.Lg. Pres. No Won/Lost report -3BP: Lake Wobegon & Galactic. Late: USJarheads postmark 3 days, -1 1/2BP, Yorktown -1BP mailed report to the wrong office. *** Correction: Mystic's report to National League President was postmarked on time. -BP's corrected from -1BP to -1/2BP.

TOTAL -BP'S: Lake Wobegon -6, TEEM -3, Galactic -3, USJarheads -1 1/2, Poquonock -1, Yorktown -1, Mystic -1/2.

**** Remember, this year if you keep your Minus Bonus Points to 3 or under they will all be removed under the -BP forgiveness rule. ****

Won/Lost Report due to Presidents] 1-7(4/19), 1-10(5/08), 1-16(6/19), 1-19(7/10), 1-22(7/17), 1-28(8/14) & 1-32(9/11).

TEAM STATS due to Commissioner: 1-11(56 games) 5/29. 1-22(114 games) 7/31. Final report 1-32(162 games) 9/18.

Roster updates: See page 4-item X. ROSTERS: of your Constitution for dates.

The 1990, season is underway. The league looks balanced for the first time in many years. Lets have a good time and best of luck to everyone.

Sincerely,



FROM the
earlier
vote
request.

Reply:
MGR.
KLEE

I've marginally seen some
- some comments but first I think we should disabuse
ourselves of a couple of notions.

First, Harold Richman runs a terrific company
and deserves the credit for making it the market
leader. - BUT HE IS NOT GOD. Most of the
improvements that have come about in the last twenty
years are the direct result of suggestions from
his customers. That's us, folks; we're not that dumb,
after all.

Second, Real Baseball Managers should never
be confused with geniuses. If that were the case then
why does Felix Fernandez have a regular job in the
majors, or even roster space? Why does Gary Redus
ride the pine wherever he plays? I think most
of us would be better managers but what front
office would give us a shot? That's why I play
Strat and belong to this league.

Now to the issues. Limiting liability on even
round draft picks is a good idea. Penalizing a
manager for events that occur after obtaining the
pick would be unfair and I support the constitutional
change.

I do have some problems with the other issues
Steve raised. I don't like the balk system because
it's much ~~too cumbersome~~ and lengthens games
unnecessarily. But I do understand the reason for
the white die rule if ^{the} system is not used. Yes,
it does reduce the number of steal attempts
but that is necessary in order to compensate for
the reduction in steal attempts that would

accompany the balk system - a balk, wild pitch or passed ball is as good as a steal and would come about while trying to establish a lead. Sure, it's an untested system. But we're testing it this year and if things don't work out then we can change it later on.

I agree with Steve that the #5 fielder would largely regulate itself - Eddie Murray as an everyday shortstop would be a sight to behold. But let's be realistic, no Real Baseball Manager would risk injury to Murray by planting him at a position such as shortstop which requires more agility than that possessed by most ~~base~~ basemen. In Strat, only batters can get injured, so the manager takes no risk by playing someone out of position, consequently the need for the prohibition.

The outfield issue is somewhat different. As I understand it, this was allowed some years ago in the FBN but a few managers began stockpiling "natural" centerfielders, thereby artificially inflating their value, and forcing other managers either to acquire such players at exorbitant prices or to play others in centerfield who are not suited for that position and unfairly weakening their defense. In my career as a regulator, I've found that individuals will act in their own self-interest ahead of the legitimate concerns of the community. That is why civilized societies are governed by laws rather than by Adam Smith's mythical Invisible Hand and why we need this rule.

Finally, I don't think it's appropriate to call for a change in the rules after they've been duly

adopted by the membership. There are two periods during the year when we can vote on rule changes: in October after the season ends and on Draft Day after the game company has introduced changes. There was plenty of time to lobby one's stance on the issues, consequently I don't think we should risk a precedent by voting on issues at other times. Chaos would result if anyone could call for a vote at any time. We have to accept the fact that rules don't always reflect our wishes. As long as they were adopted fairly and democratically we should accept them. A couple of my propositions were soundly trashed. But hey, that's life in the Big City.

Stratly,
Roland.

P.S. I know this is a bit long but I think it's important enough to print.

OLD NEWS:

#2.

PAWCATUCK - The Pequots are looking for a first baseman that can hit LHP's. Most of my first line players are not for trade, but if anyone is interested in a draft pick and/or some backup players, give me a call.

Looks like the new rules are stirring things up a bit already! I agree and disagree with some of the things Steve pointed out in his letter. First of all Pawcatuck voted to use the new balk, WP, PB rule. I used it in last year's Boston TBA tourney and it was no big deal. Within 2 or 3 games it was no problem at all. However, we all voted on it and it didn't pass. I don't think we should overturn the ballots. Afterall, we're not in Panama. We can vote again next year.

With regards to a "1" roll cancelling a steal, the 1989 FBN average was 181 SB's per team. The actual major league averages the last two years were 127 SB/team in 1988 and 120 SB/team in 1989. Our FBN average is 42% and 51% greater than actual major averages. Losing 16% is not enough in my opinion. But I'm a Red Sox fan, so what do I know about SB's?

On using players out of position, I think you can make case either way depending on your opinion. Personally I don't like the idea. I think it makes it a little bit more interesting trying to manuver players based on thier card limitatons. Steve makes several good points. But again, we can always vote again next year.

Good luck to everybody on the new season!

Jim J.

President, G.M., Field Manager, Firstbase/Thirdbase
Coach, Pitching Coach, and Manager Hot Dog Sales
Pawcatuck Pequots

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

* EAST *	WON	LOST	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD	LAST 10	STREAK
PAWCATUCK	4	2	.667	-	3-1	1-1	4-2	WON 2
WILLIMANTIC	7	5	.583	-	5-2	2-3	6-4	WON 1
US JARHEADS	7	5	.583	-	6-2	1-3	6-4	WON 1
MYSTIC	4	3	.571	.5	4-3	0-0	4-3	WON 2
ALLYN STREET	3	5	.375	2.0	3-5	0-0	3-5	LOST 3

* WEST *	WON	LOST	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD	LAST 10	STREAK
WINDSOR	7	3	.700	-	4-2	3-1	7-3	WON 4
NEW ENGLAND	7	3	.700	-	5-3	2-0	7-3	LOST 1
POQUONOCK	7	5	.583	1	3-3	4-2	5-5	WON 2
KLUBBERS	5	7	.417	3	3-5	2-2	4-6	LOST 1
CONNECTICUT	4	6	.400	3	2-2	2-4	4-6	LOST 4

STATISTICS CORNER

AVERAGE (Min. 3.1 AB/G)

1. Brett (WW) .529
2. Boggs (PP) .526
3. J. Clark (MH) .471
4. Ray (MH) .455
5. Gibson (NE) .421
6. 2 tied at .400

RUNS BATTED IN

1. Deer (PC) 16
2. H. Johnson (WH) 15
3. W. Clark (CT) 14
3. L. Smith (US) 14
4. G. Davis (PC) 13
4. Guerrero (US) 13

HOMERUNS

1. Deer (PC) 8
2. H. Johnson (WH) 5
2. W. Clark (CT) 5
4. G. Davis (PC) 4
5. 7 tied at 3

RUNS SCORED

1. Deer (PC) 11
2. H. Johnson (WH) 10
2. Pettis (WH) 10
4. 7 tied at 9

STOLEN BASES

1. Lansford (US) 7
2. Sandberg (KK) 6
2. Sax (US) 6
4. Butler (NE) 5
5. 4 tied at 4

UNUSUAL STATS:

89er "Oh Shit" Award to Steve Farr!!
E.R.A. 23.59 !!
Poquonock Chief's Team E.R.A. is 6.73!!
Slugging % .520 w/25 HR's

PITCHING RECORD WON/LOST

1. Stewart (WW) 4 - 0
2. Hurst (WH) 3 - 0
2. Ojeda (US) 3 - 0
3. Scott (MH) 2 - 0
3. Reuschel (NE) 2 - 0
3. R. Smith (PP) 2 - 0

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

1. Reuschel (NE) 0.57
2. Scott (MH) 1.21
3. Ballard (NE) 1.23
4. Langston (WH) 1.58
5. Stewart (WW) 2.01
6. Magrane (KK) 2.22

STRIKEOUTS

1. Fernandez (US) 38
2. Wetteland (WW) 21
3. Deshaies (AS) 19
4. Langston (WH) 18
4. Hurst (WH) 18
6. Scott (MH) 14

RELIEF APPEARANCES

1. Wills (PC) 8
1. Henke (US) 8
2. Quisenberry (PC) 7
2. Williamson (US) 7
3. 6 tied with 6

FIREMAN RELIEF AWARD

1. Pena (NE) 0
1. Henneman (PC) 0
2. Henke (US) 1
3. Nelson (AS) 0
5. 3 tied at 3 points

WON LOST SAVES POINTS

0	0	5	10
0	0	5	10
1	0	3	7
0	0	2	4

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER NOTES:

COW CHEWS - Despite having no less than 6 regular's batting .300+, Mystic is just barely managing to play .500 baseball!! Jack Clark's 5 for 5 outing vs. Topeka raised his team leading average to .471. Mike Scott leads the club with a 2-0 record and a sparkling 1.21 E.R.A. after 3 starts !!! Franklin Stubbs pinch hit a three run homer which gave the Holsteins an opening day victory with a comeback in the bottom of the 9th !!!!

NINER NOTES - After a 4-11-1 spring training, the Niners knew Opening Day was going to be rough! Jim Deshaies walked the 1st batter he faced in 1990 and that runner scored on a deep flyout by Rueben Sierra. But, the Niners kept fighting back down 3-0, 3-2, 6-2 to make it 6-4 going into the 7th. Mike Fitzgerald iced the Niners with a 3 run dinger off Duane Ward !!

WARRIOR WAVES - Dave Stewart has taken over as the ace of the pitching staff with a 4-0 record and 2.05 E.R.A. Pitching coach Sam "Mayday" Malone observed "Dave is pitching well and he has been getting good bat support. I have to work on David Cone's (0-2) control. If everyone clicks, we can go a long way !!" George Brett, the old veteran, has been on an early season tear hitting .529 with 4 doubles and 2 triples !! Brad "which team will pick me up" Komminsk leads the team in HR's and RBI's.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Nieman for a great dinner! Roberto Clemente left home without his American Express, so the U.S. Jarheads were gracious to offer the Warriors a meal. By the way, the series was split 3-3.

CHIEFS CHAT - WELCOME TO THE HOME OF THE BLUE DWARF! Construction was recently finished on the new ChiefDome, which features the Blue Dwarf, a three-foot high fence in left field, 290' down the line, 345' in the power alley. Just beyond the Blue Dwarf is the visiting bullpen. Hard hats will be provided to visiting relievers as a courtesy, especially when newly acquired Charlie Hough takes the mound.

ULITMATE TRIVIA TIME - After 17 trades! only three players remain from last season's Vermont team that lost 118 games. (Can you name the 3 original Chiefs who remain? Answer below)

NO LOCKOUT IN CHIEFLAND - With 32 new faces, management decided to play an extended face-to-face preseason schedule. The Chiefs finished 20-30 with a team E.R.A. of 4.66. Some preseason stats - Joe Carter (.289 19, 48) Glenn Davis (.256 13, 36) Incaviglia (.182, 8, 15) Quisenberry (2-5 6.34)

HOUK HAS A VISION!! - Manager Ralph Houk released his preseason list of the Seven Miracles for a winning season:

Miracle #1 - Mahler - 20 wins

Miracle #2 - Henneman - 50 saves

Miracle #3 - G. Davis - .280 50, 130

Miracle #4 - J. Carter - .270 45, 140

Miracle #5 - Deer - 42, 115, 102 runs (last season's FBN stats)

Miracle #6 - Incaviglia - .291 39, 113 (last season's FBN stats)

Miracle #7 - Gaetti - .270 30, 100

Mrs. Houk has been distressed over her husband's incessant mutterings in his sleep --"Sandy, Sandy, Sandy" Ralph wake up!!!

(Trivia Answer: Dan "the Detonator" Quisenberry, Steve "Man-Made" Lake, and Paul " Oh, why can't I be Bob" Gibson)

DEVIL DOODLES - The Connecticut Blue Devils open the 1990 season with a "new look" team. After reaching the N.L. Championship game for 2 straight seasons only to lose to FBN Champ Pawcatuck, GM Gineo and Manager Lou Piniella felt some changes were needed. Gone is original Devil Tim Wallach, Gold Glover Harold Reynolds, Mel Hall, RJ Reynolds, Mike Henneman, Mike Jackson, Mitch Webster and Jeff Ballard among others.

To begin retooling- Piniella wanted to end the outfield platoons in LF and CF. So GM Gineo acquired a long time favorite - Barry Bonds for LF. Devon White was then received from Galactic to man CF. Connecticut now sports an everyday outfield of Barry Bonds, Devon White and Tony Gwynn which should play together for many years and is, arguably, the best or potentially the best OF in the FBN (O.K. maybe I'm going too far but I'm the one typing this so)

To bolster the pitching staff, youngster Greg Maddux was acquired from New England and he will fit perfectly as the #3 starter behind Hershiser & Gubicza. Rookie Jaime Navarro, Bobby Witt and Jose Rijo round out the rotation. Rijo, also obtained from Galactic, is recovering from an injury and is expected back at mid season to join the rotation. The bullpen is anchored by flame thrower Rob Dibble and tough lefty Norm Charlton.

With many new faces, the team is getting to know each other and Piniella has to be patient as the Devils have stumbled to their worst start ever at 4-6 losing four straight games on the road to TEEM and the Dragons! It is hard to believe that the team E.R.A. would remain at 5.22 with all the talent available. Offensively, Will Clark has been great batting .400 with a .875 slugging% ! which includes 4 doubles and 5 HR's along with 14 RBI's!

**** PLAYER PROFILE ****

D E E R D E S T R U C T I O N ! ! ! !



AGE - 29
6' 3" 230 lbs.
Bats -R Throws -R
Born - Orange, California

Acquired - via trade with New England 3/90

In only 35 at bats so far this season,
Rob Deer has 8 Home Runs!!
16 RBI's !!
11 Runs Scored!!

He is the LEAGUE LEADER in ALL 3 Categories !!!

OF - POQUONOCK CHIEFS

AL Standings

AL East

AL West

	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Teem	4	0	1.000	0	Topeka	5	3	.625	0
Salem	3	1	.750	1	Florida	4	4	.500	1
Baton Rouge	4	2	.667	1	Yorktown	0	0	0.000	1
Hazardville	6	10	.375	4	Galactic	0	0	0.000	1
Dragons	2	6	.250	4	Lake Wobegon	0	0	0.000	1

Games

Batting Average

Yount	TE	.471
Mattingly	TE	.467
Eisenreich	BR	.450
Valle	BR	.450
Biggio	FS	.414
Coleman	TL	.406

Wells	FS	7
Aquino	FS	6
Berenguer	HP	6
F. Williams	HP	6
Lamp	TL	6
Cook	HP	5

Strike Outs

Runs

Wynne	HP	9
Coleman	TL	8
Elster	HP	8
Treadway	HP	8
Milligan	FS	7
Benzinger	DR	7
Barfield		7

Ryan	TE	25
DeLeon	BR	18
Martinez	FS	16
Sutcliffe	DR	12
M. Witt	HP	10

Relief Pitching

	Pts	W	L	SV	
Russell	FS	8	0	0	4
Hickey	HP	7	1	0	3
McClure	TL	4	0	0	2
Aquino	FS	2	2	0	0
F. Williams	HP	2	0	0	1
Plesac	SP	2	0	0	1
Acker	SP	2	0	0	1

RBI's

Tettleton	HP	17
Biggio	FS	12
Howell	BR	11
Treadway	HP	11
O'Neill	TL	10
Harper	TL	10

W/L Record

Bosio	SP	2	0
Ryan	TE	2	0
DeLeon	BR	2	0
Kilgus	HP	2	0

Stolen Bases

Coleman	TL	5
Dykstra	TL	4
Samuel	FS	4

Home Runs

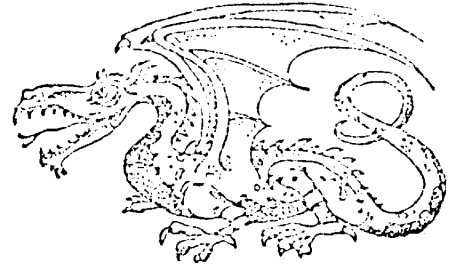
Tettleton	HP	4
O'Neill	TL	4
Hrbek	BR	4
Howell	BR	4
Armas	TL	3

ERA

Martinez	FS	2.79
Ryan	TE	2.08
Lamp	TL	1.92
Kilgus	HP	1.66
Bosio	SP	1.29
DeLeon	BR	.50

Dragonfire : Management wishes to take this opportunity to announce the field staff for '1990. (Note: due to the extreme old age of some of our personnel, their memories have dimmed. Therefore, they cannot remember if they have signed contracts with other teams. We apologize if any of these guys is already under contract with someone else.)

Manager- John McGraw
Batting Coach- Willie Keeler
Pitching Coach- Christy Mathewson
1st Base Coach- Frank Baker
3rd Base Coach- Al Simmons
Bullpen Coach- Bill Dickey



Workmen finished refurbishing Dragons Stadium on Draft Day. Construction crews were treated to the stirring music of park organist J.S. Bach, who has been practicing diligently to prepare for the new season. The head groundskeeper promises that the new sod will be in perfect playing condition by Opening Day. Besides the new playing surface, improvements include the movement of the fences. Now that we have a pitching staff that may occasionally be able to keep opposing hitters in the park, management has decided to try to help our hitters by bringing the fences in. New batting coach Wee Willie (Hit 'Em Where They Ain't) Keeler says that he won't tolerate any sub-.300 hitters on this team. "They better hit like Hall of Famers, 'cause if they don't we got a powerhouse AAA squad that's hungry for a taste of big league life. If the threat of losing your job to Mike Pagliarulo ain't enough to mo-tee-vate you, you ain't mo-tee-vate-able. 'Course, with modern-day players, it ain't easy to mo-tee-vate 'em. Now, back in my day, we played for the fun of it. Today's players..." The rest of Keeler's remarks are not printable.

Management is still toying with the idea of adding a "Hall of Fame" to the Stadium. Past heroes such as Cal Ripken, Chili Davis, and Joe Carter would be honored. Current team members have complained that their pictures should also be included. We contend that a Hall of fame that contains Felix Fermin belongs in an outhouse. Fermin's rebuttal is not printable.

Re the recent draft: The Dragons are very pleased with the results, especially with the first four picks. Dwight Smith will be a welcome addition to the middle of the lineup. Alvaro Espinoza plays an acrobatic shortstop and will hit enough to ease the loss of Cal Ripken. Besides, anything is better than playing Felix Fermin as a regular. Ken Hill and Derek Lilliquist should be an improvement over Walt Terrell, but then who wouldn't be? Hopefully, these four players and the other youngsters drafted will have fine careers with the Dragons.

Prospects for the coming season: Obviously, we are still a little short in starting pitching. If our young pitchers develop as anticipated, then we will be better off in the future. The bullpen is in good hands (arms?) with Davis and Howell as the closers. As far as the hitting goes, the draft provided us with some useful bats. Unfortunately, bats don't play defense. The pitching staff will breathe a collective sigh of relief in the later innings, when the defensive specialists will come into the game.

Predictions? Well, management has been sorely disappointed in the past when results didn't match predictions. Besides, predicting a good season puts unnecessary pressure on the young players anyway. Therefore, we will not try to guess where the Dragons will finish. However, we do expect to be far more competitive this year than last, and given enough lucky dice rolls (which were non-existent last year) could make a run at not finishing last. (How's that for not sticking your neck out?) So, the other teams are forewarned to expect a fierce battle when they play the Dragons.

One more note: Management has announced that Plexiglass barriers will be installed around the field in order to prevent the disturbing of the flight of the ball by the wind created by the flapping of the fans' wings. (OK, so you try to word that better!) Last year, chaos resulted on the field every time the fans did the "Wave". Various fan groups have spoken out against this infringement of their right to express their enjoyment of the game, but

management will stand firm on this issue (at least on the left side of the diamond, while Charlie Hayes is playing third. He can't catch the ball on a perfectly calm day, let alone in a whirlwind.)

3/11/90

Baton Rouge

What a difference a year makes. Last year the Silver Bullets started the year by losing 7 straight and 19 out of 20. For the season we were 6-34 against the tough National League. This season started with a DeLeon shutout and taking 4 of 6 from that same tough National League. There was no big change in personell, just a couple of comeback players (Thon and Eisenreich) and some rookies who had good half years (Johnson, Devereaux and Buhner - my outfield of the future). The draft again yielded a couple good picks in Gordon and Rogers. This year will tell if Geren can really hit big league pitching. Todd Frohwirth may have been a steal in the 6th round - death to righties. He will be a real key role player for this team. After last year I am having a hard time to know what to expect from any team. I thought last year that I would at least match my 78 win season of 1988 but ended up with only 53 wins. I didn't think we were that bad. I again hope that the Bullets can get above .500 for the first time. Hopefully it won't take as long as it has taken Seattle.

Baton Rouge has a couple ball players that are available - Cotto, Aldrete (too deep in the outfield), Parent and Slaughter (too deep at catcher as well). I would also consider offers for either Herr or Fletcher. I am looking for draft picks or young infielders - shortstop or second base. I haven't done much trading so far because I'm a lousy judge of baseball players and I've been trying to build by the draft - where I can do some reading on who is good and who isn't. I've got some depth in a few positions now and can make some attempts at trading.

Good luck to everyone. I think it will be another interesting season. PS I agree with Steve about the out of position rule even though I voted against it. I would like to see another vote next fall - after this season.

From the President--

As the new AL president I am looking forward to a great season. My association with the FBN league has been fun, enjoyable, and many times in the 9th inning heartbreaking.

I am the only member in the league who has never been seen by any other member. Being anonymous has its advantages, though plans are now underway to change that and participate in next year's draft in person.

Best of luck for the season.

Sincerely



Mike Gerack