

MEMO

TO: NHS Softball Team

SUBJECT: What's new

Dear Fellow Star,

After what could most generously be termed a sputtering start, the NHS Softball Team finally appears ready to play some ball.

Our first game is next Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 pm against WNEW-Radio. Those of you paying attention will remember we were rained out May 13 with Columbia Pictures. That game has been rescheduled for Friday, June 4. Make a note on your social calendar.

I strongly recommend that sometime between now and next Thursday you acquaint yourselves with the rules or by-laws of the league we're in. You should have received a copy of these by-laws when you signed the roster. If not, see Rocky.

The uniforms have been ordered and should arrive in three weeks. In the meantime, the League requires us to play in white T-shirts. Don't forget to bring one Thursday. In three weeks you'll be nattily attired in handsome black shirts with red and white trim. A neat, subtle NHS adorning your left breast and the number of choice upon your back. (These shirts were purchased this year on condition they be returned at the end of the season or when the company's grim reaper gets to you - - whichever comes first.) Red hats to match. Those of you who didn't get spikes last year and need them, see Joe Pash. Fashion note: red laces with your black shoes would be a swell touch. You might also search out black dungarees to match shirts. Depending on how concerned you are with these things.

One final note: We need everyone. Once vacations start, it will be hell fielding a team. So if you want to get some exercise and have some fun this summer playing softball, remember that we got to play every game to play any game.

date _____

NHS Softball Team
Receipt for Jersey

I, the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of one (1) NHS softball uniform jersey #_____. I agree to return this jersey immediately after the final game this year. If I should leave Needham, Harper & Steers while the season is under way, I will return the jersey before my last day with the agency. I further agree that should this jersey be lost, stolen or destroyed while entrusted to me, I will reimburse Needham, Harper & Steers \$4.75, the full purchase price.

signed _____

MEMO

TO: NHS Softball Team

SUBJECT: Tomorrow night's game

Dear Fellow Undefeated Star,

First, in case no one paid any attention to the last memo and you have not been congratulated: Congratulations on our win over WNEW-Radio! If you haven't heard, Marty Glickman, Klaven and Julius LaRosa (WNEW's stellar third baseman) all made note of our victory on air.

Now, it may well be we're going from the easiest team in the league to the toughest. Tomorrow night at 5:30 we're scheduled to meet Highlander, Ltd. (I believe they make ladies' sportswear.) They've won both their games (over SSC&B and Dictaphone), giving up only two runs last week. I have no doubt we'll improve on that. All you have to do is get up for it.

At this moment, the plans call for an early 4:30 pm trip to Diamond #5. The purpose is to transport the gear and those who can leave early so that the second trip at 5:00 will be a little easier. You should be at the mailroom no later than 5:00. The game will start at 5:30 and you know what cross-town traffic is like. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MAILROOM BY 5:00 OR WILL TRAVEL ON YOUR OWN, PLEASE TELL JOE PASH (X 481), GARY GRAF (X 425) OR ROCKY BOYD (X 332) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Again bring a T-shirt (white) just in case the ump's a bastard.

MEMO

June 25, 1971

TO: NHS Softball Team

SUBJECT: Your batting average

For those of you with a penchant for statistics, here's your batting average through five games. The figures are based on Rocky's scorebook and are charitable to an extreme. But since they're no more or less charitable to anyone in particular, they probably serve as a general indication of how you're doing at the plate. Unfortunately, there's no accurate record of RBIs. If you have a bitch, see a priest or write Dear Abby. Anything, just don't bug me.

	AB	H	AVE
ADAMS, Ken	10	4	.400
CORNELIUS, Russ	6	3	.500
DEFILIPPO, Frank	16	11	.688
GRAF, Gary	23	13	.565
HENRY, Bill	8	4	.500
LUPOW, Marty	15	10	.667
MANSFIELD, Jerry	11	9	.818
PAPPAS, George	15	9	.600
PASH, Joe	19	11	.579
RANIERE, Jim	6	2	.333
SELLA, Rick	18	8	.444
STASSI, Pete	13	6	.462
THOMSON, Bill	20	16	.800
VERGARA, Norm	8	2	.250

Note: I went by Rocky's (exceptionally generous) scoring for everyone but me; if I reached on an error, I didn't take a hit. In other words, my average would have been a fair bit higher.

MEMO

TO: NHS Softball Team

SUBJECT: Trophy presentations

In case you didn't realize it, the Center Recreation Association does things in a big way. For instance, this year they're going to pass out their gaudy goodies while plowing through the pollution-packed waterways that surround this majestic isle.

The boat ride around Manhattan is Wednesday, Sept. 15 (or Thursday if rain) from 7:00-10:00pm and costs \$3 per stalwart lad. I figure we can get our marvelously bountiful establishment to foot this mere pittance. I imagine there's food but I wouldn't go turning down any free lunches that day. Also, you're free to bring as many guests as you want, but you do the footing for them.

We have to reply by Friday, so let Rocky know as soon as possible whether this floating fete appeals to you.

My decision: Yes _____ No: _____

Name _____

Remarks: _____

MEMO

TO: NHS Softball Team

SUBJECT: MVP

I've gone and looked into individual trophies and found some English pewter tankards that are quite striking. They would be engraved with the team's name and the fact that we were undefeated this year. One, in particular, would also have three letters: M.V.P.

The determination of a Most Valuable Player is up to you. This is not a competition among team members (so no taking out ads in THE SPORTING NEWS), but a recognition of the one player who you feel contributed the most to this season's success. The statistics on the following page may help you make a choice. You get three votes. Your first place choice is worth 5 points, second place 3 points and third 1 point. Yes, you may vote for yourself.

Send your selections to Gary Graf.

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

NHS SOFTBALL TEAM – 1971 STATISTICS

HITTING

Player	GP	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	R	AVE
MANSFIELD, Jerry	11	38	31	8	1	2	1	18	.816
LUPOW, Marty	10	31	23	3	0	0	2	17	.742
DEFILIPPO, Frank	9	38	27	2	2	3	3	20	.711
THOMSON, Bill	9	43	27	9	0	1	2	21	.628
PAPPAS, George	9	34	21	3	2	4	4	16	.618
ADAMS, Ken	7	17	10	0	0	1	0	4	.588
RANIERE, Jim	4	12	7	0	0	1	2	5	.583
CORNELIUS, Russ	6	13	7	1	0	0	1	6	.538
GRAF, Gary	10	40	21	6	0	1	5	18	.525
STASSI, Pete	10	32	16	3	2	2	4	17	.500
HENRY, Bill	7	21	10	0	1	1	0	8	.476
VEGARA, Norm	9	25	11	4	0	1	6	14	.440
SELLA, Rick	12	41	18	4	1	9	12	25	.439
PASH, Joe	10	33	12	0	0	0	1	8	.364
Totals	12	418	241	43	9	26	43	197	.577

PITCHING

Player	W	L	S
PASH, Joe	10	0	0
PAPPAS, George	1	0	1
STASSI, Pete	1	0	0
LUPOW, Marty	0	0	0

MEMO

TO: NHS Softball Team
FROM: Your beloved Field Manager
SUBJECT: Loose ends

Tell you what, you can keep your jersey one more week just in case your mother hasn't seen you in it yet.

But by Friday, September 10, I would like them all in my vise-like grip.

I think it would be a nice gesture on your part if you (or your mother) made some effort to rid this handsome garment of any feculence that could offend my olfactory senses.

And when you turn it in, be sure to get your receipt back.

Incidentally, a couple of M.V.P. ballots are still withstanding.

And oh, yeah, in the event I haven't personally conveyed to you my appreciation of your own superior brand of play this season: Thanks, guy, you did good.

Gary Graf

MEMO

TO: NHS Softball Team
FROM: Your Social Director
SUBJECT: Yet another opportunity to carouse

Dear Fellow Jock,

You will be both gratified and relieved to learn that Joe Pash and I have finally acquired your very own personal reminder of our glorious undefeated season. As you may have heard, these individual trophies are English pewter tankards. They're presently being engraved with an appropriate inscription and your name.

One will have three additional letters: M.V.P. And that, of course, goes to the player selected most valuable by his fellow teammates. But he won't find out who he is until he gets his tankard. Think of the emotion-charged drama of that moment. Wouldn't you like to be there to bask in his reflected glory and hear his choked-back sobs as he humbly accepts his glittering memento and expresses undying gratitude to his mom and pop and you guys, who chose him for one of the highest honors in sportsdom.

Whatever, it's occurred to me that excuses to get out of the house and go boozing are about as rare as a head-first slide by our unflappable mound ace. So maybe it would be a good idea if we all got together for an informal awards banquet at some convenient watering hole. (There is a possibility that NHS might subsidize this to a certain extent. But I'd count on paying some from my own pockets if I were you.) Now, I don't know what form this get-together should take or whether it should, indeed, take place. Please indicate your feelings below. Majority rules.

There should be a get-together _____ yes _____ no.

It should be _____ stag _____ drag.

If drag, _____ wives and/or lovers _____ other.

An ideal place might be _____.

An ideal day (Mon, Tues, what?) might be _____.

I should be able to get _____ as guest speaker(s).

Remarks: _____

Name: _____

Please return to me ASAP.

Gary Graf

MEMO

TO: Jerry Mansfield
Rick Sella
Bill Thomson
Norm Vegara

SUBJECT: Awards Banquet

Some have accused me of a certain reluctance to delegate responsibility.
No longer.

Each of you has just volunteered to assume a seat on the Awards Banquet Coordinating Committee. And one of you will further volunteer to chair said committee.

Please get together and get this thing over with. I have the trophies, all nicely engraved. The responses I've received thus far indicate just one thing: it should be a stag affair.

The rest is up to you. See Joe for budget information. And me for any help I can provide.

Gary Graf

MEMO

November 4, 1971

TO: NHS Softball Team
FROM: Your Social Director
SUBJECT: Awards Banquet

Your Social Director and sometimes Manager finally had the good sense to delegate some responsibility and appoint an Awards Banquet Coordinating Committee. Namely: Jerry Mansfield, Rick Sella, Bill Thomson and Norm Vegara.

Well, they did themselves proud. The banquet will be in the form of a stag luncheon held Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Dawson's English Pub, 159 East 53rd St. Dawson's is known far and wide for its delicious smorgasbord and stews.

The way it looks now, our budget will completely cover the buffet and probably two drinks each. The stews you handle yourselves.

Please fill in your name and check the appropriate answer below. Then return to Norm Vegara.

I, _____, will attend:

_____ yes

_____ no

_____ don't know for sure but will try like hell.