

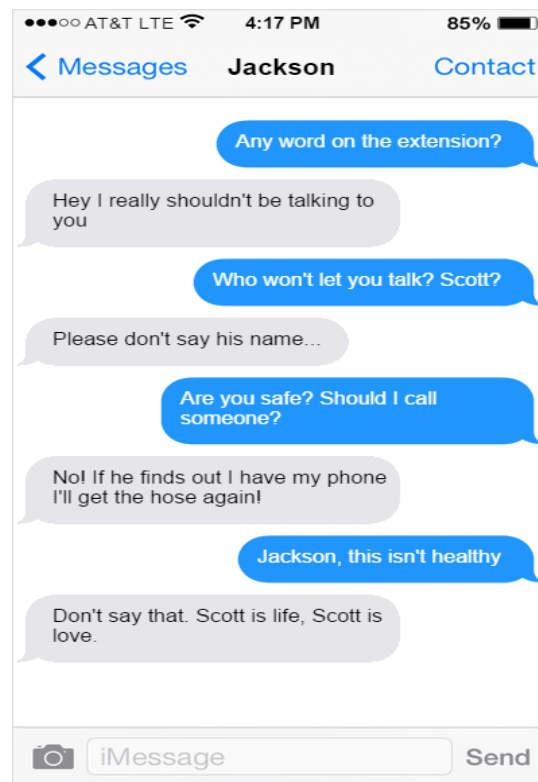
RUMOR MILL – SEPTEMBER 2015

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As the wind turns cold and fall sneaks up slowly from behind, we look for anything to keep our mind on Wiffleball and off our mundane lives. So I am here to provide you with that in the form of rumors and whisperings from the SWBL.

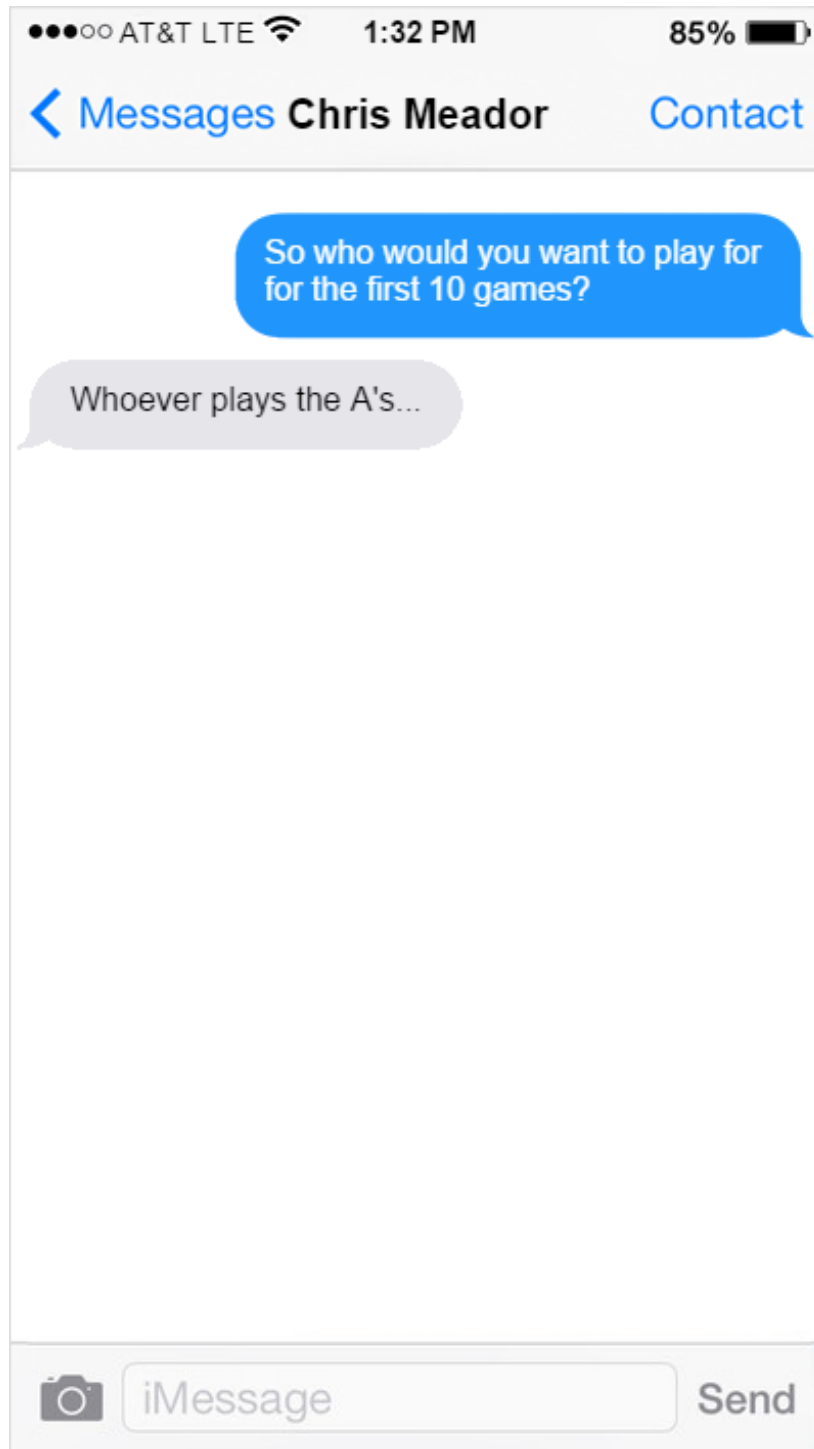
Picture this article as the literary embodiment of the stranger sitting across from you at the bar who tells you about a trade two weeks before it happens. You're not quite sure whether you should believe him or not, but you'll be damned if it doesn't make tons of sense. I have spent the last two months buddying up to various figures across the league, currying favor and picking up scraps of information whenever I could. I have kept my ear so close to the street that I can taste the asphalt. The following words are not intended to upset, but I would be doing an injustice to the journalistic community if I did not expose what was going on in the back alleyways of the SWBL. You have been warned.

- (Yankees) – Scott Pohle
 - o Rumor has it that Scott Pohle is currently drafting a contract extension for pitching stud Jackson Crosley. If you can recall, two years ago Scott signed Jackson to a contract that resembled indentured servitude: 5 years, pitching up to the maximum of allowed innings and every postseason game, no hitting allowed. A source close to Scott tells me that he intends to restrict Jackson further with the extension, keeping Jackson in a cage at the Pohle residence during the tournament and feeding him only the heels of Jimmy John's sandwich bread. I asked Jackson for comment:

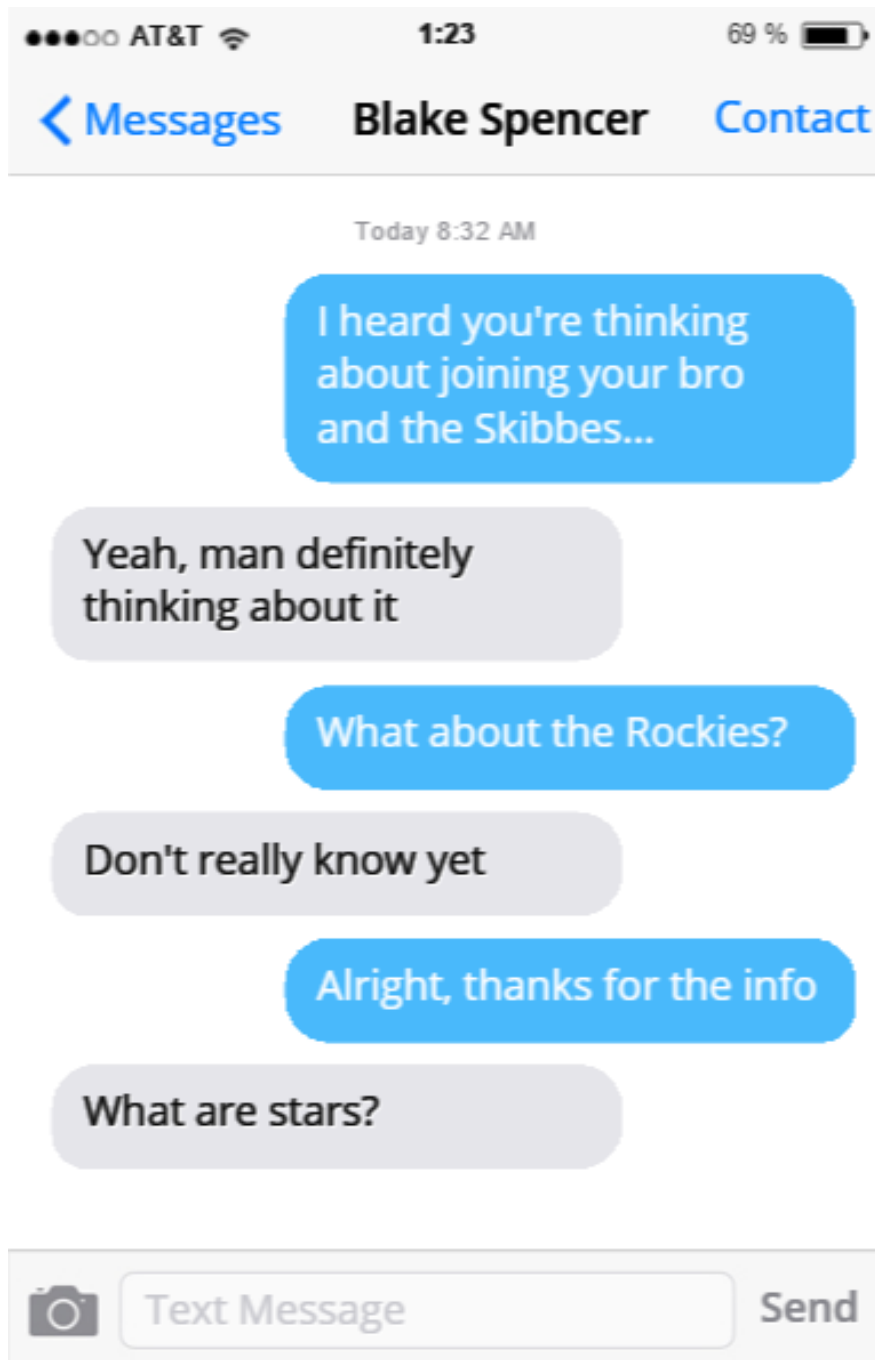


(Rays) – Chris Meador

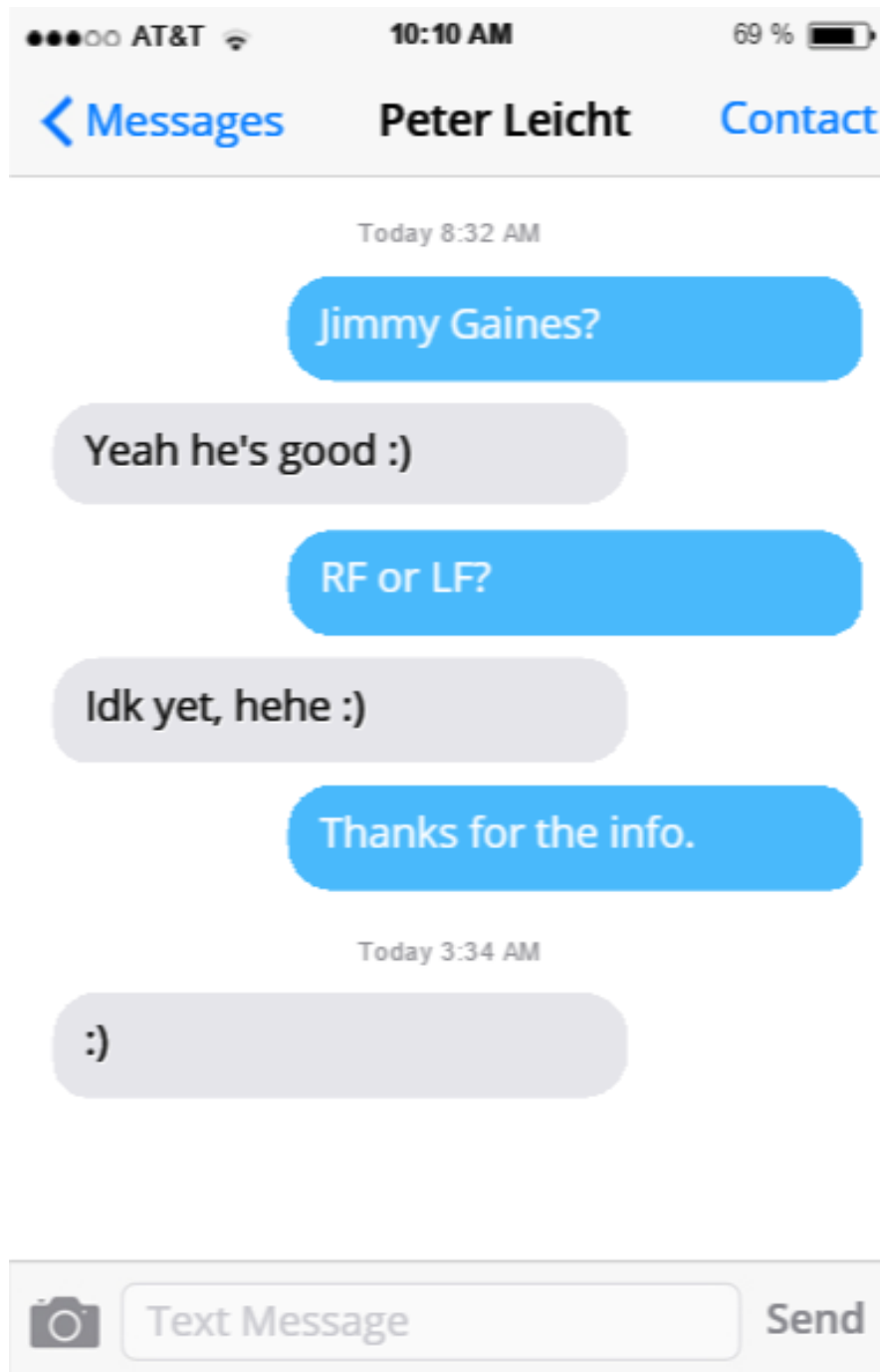
- Chris is rumored to be poring over the SWBL rulebook looking for ways to game the system and his latest scheme is to limit his contract length to one game each. This way he can pick and choose who he plays for all the way up to the championship. Word on the street is that he has already chosen who he wants to sign with for the first 10 games of the season:



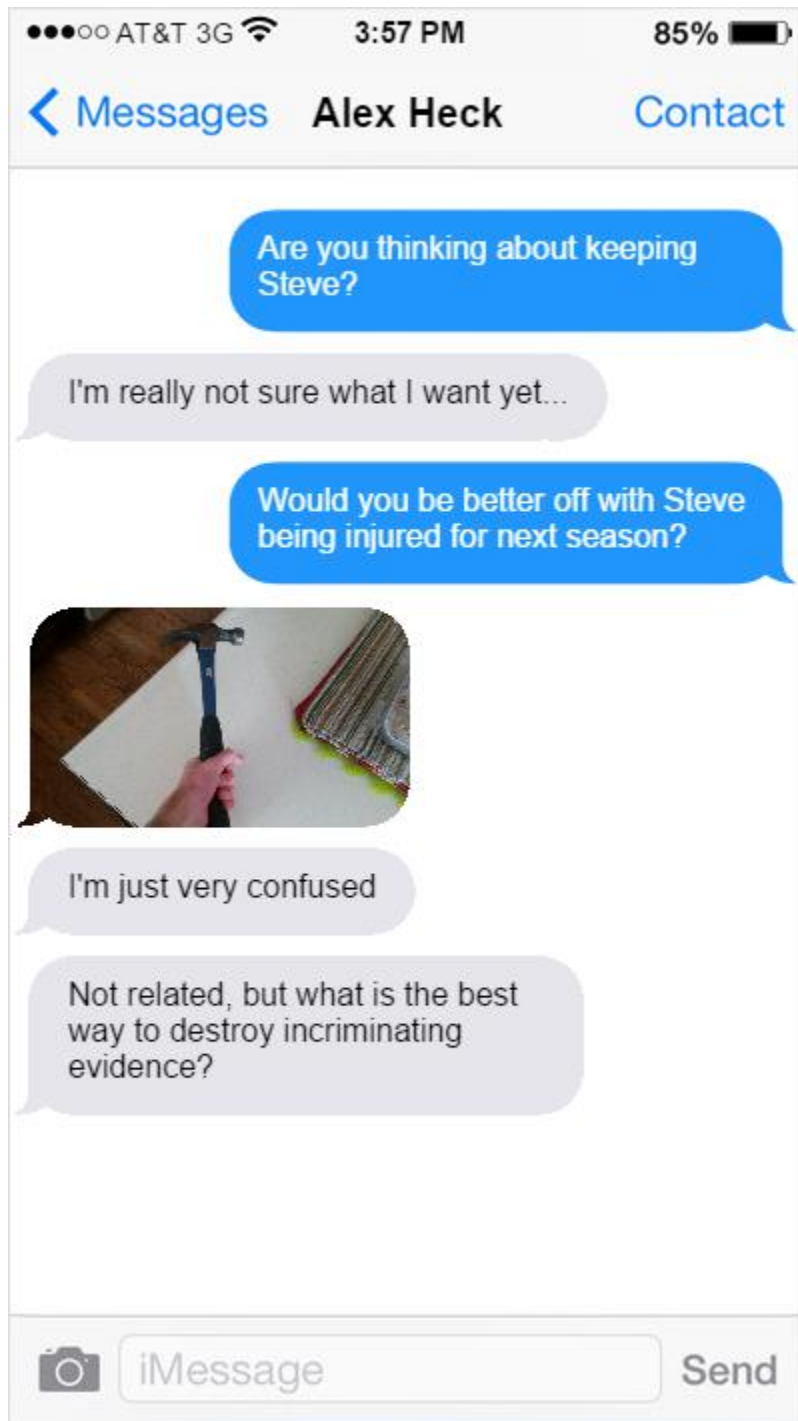
- (Royals)(Cardinals) – Gus Skibbe, Sam Skibbe, Brett Spencer, Blake Spencer
 - o A little birdie told me that the brothers Skibbe and Spencer are attempting to create a team held together by the glue of their brotherly bonds. Sam Skibbe also told one of my anonymous sources that he was thinking about changing the SWBL bylaws to force all siblings in the league to remain under Sam Skibbe’s control for the next 10 years. This could be bad news for all 10 or so Leicht brothers as well. Blake had this to say about the situation:



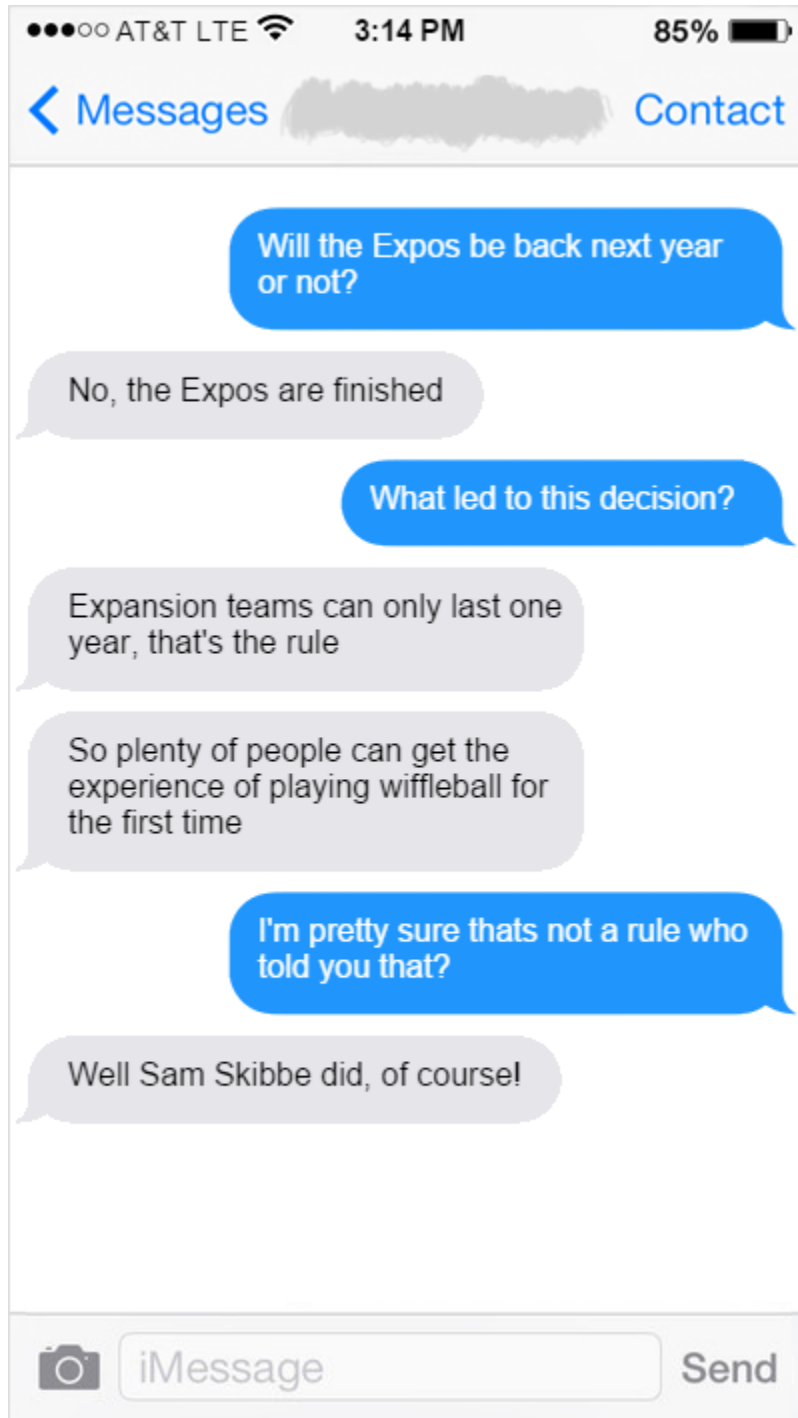
- (Brewers) – PG, Peter
 - o I listened to the grapevine, and boy is she singing! Inside sources tell me that Peter and PG, frustrated with their performances in previous seasons are looking to upgrade their roster with yet another of PG's family members. They are looking to sign Jimmy Gaines, PG's third cousin-twice removed by marriage on his mom's side:



- (Athletics) – Steve Hays, Alex Heck
 - o After increasing their runs scored by 50 from the previous season, captain Alex Heck has spent the offseason trying to find reasons for this offensive surge. Most believe that it stems from the absence of Steve Hays from the roster with a torn ACL, and that certainly leaves Alex with a tough decision ahead. Should he test the free market and upgrade from a team that scored more runs than the Yankees and Rays, or return to a team with Steve Hays that scored only 22 runs more than the pirates:



- (Expos) – Matt Egerstrom, Kevin Weithuchter
 - o No one is quite sure if the Expos will be back next season or not. Seeing as we have had 4 expansion teams in four years, all with the record of 0-10, the odds are that we will see another expansion team again this year. I reached out to an anonymous member of the team for comment on whether they will be back next year or not:



So there you have it, there are all the current rumors for this offseason of the SWBL. Keep your ears to the street and let me know if you hear any whisperings, and as always, good luck next season!