

The time is again upon us.

Before we get to the business at hand, I'd like to take this opportunity to address something very serious. Reports have made their way to the commissioner's office concerning the possibility of treason by one of our league members. The infraction being investigated involves critical comments by an unnamed KIITF member about the coaching ability of one Bill Self. Our mole recorded the following after the Kansas State loss of January 14: "I hate to say it, but it's the coaching." If this allegation is true, of course it violates a number of our league's bylaws, that according to Fred Dynarski of the Southern Cal Bowling League.

Turning to another Fred, this one last named White, he had this to say regarding the matter in his broadcast of the Kansas/Oklahoma State Big 12 Conference Tournament quarterfinals:

"The people who questioned Bill Self's coaching ability probably got stuffed in a locker during high school."

Truer words were never spoken. May you wear your shame like a hair shirt.

Alas, as this is in fact a league of sinners and castaways, and as all sins are ultimately absolved, we move on.

Which of course brings us to the fourth annual Keep It In The Family prognostication showdown. The challenge is hereby cast. We must unseat two-time defending champion Matt Cullen. Somebody needs to step-up, lest this league become a one-trick pony. It won't be easy. Young MC has been studying up, perhaps more than ever. At last report, his gambling losses this season are at a record low and actually approaching the break-even point.

Also, I am accepting nominations for expansion. Please write me at marc@acousticsounds.com with any suggestions for new, qualified league members. All nominations will be reviewed extensively and could very well be rejected. No hard feelings.

The scoring format will remain the same and is reviewable at the league web page. The entry fee remains \$20 and is due before the tournament's start. Treasurer Jon Heinz will

furnish payment instructions shortly. Let's everyone try to get their money and picks in well ahead of time. Don't delay. As always, it's winner-take-all.

And now, we recognize our past champions:

2003 Jon Heinz

2004 Matthew Cullen

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2006 ?

Good luck to all, and thanks for playing.

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