

This ain't no disco.

And I'll tell you another thing: This ain't no AFL.

Seems we've got a real wing-dinger in our ranks. A man who's ascended the family tree all the way to the position of General Manager of an Arena Football League team. Well, let this serve as notice, Likens: That kind of lofty status may wield some clout on the K-Tin corridor, but it'll curry you exactly zero favor with this here Family. We've got no time for a team boasting a name most often assigned to baton twirlers.

<http://www.kcbrigade.com/staff/blikens.htm>

League members Dardis, Hitpas and Sheforgen visited Kansas City to get to the bottom of said situation. Seems Likens was too busy getting the Brigade roster under salary cap to be bothered with his old friends. Likens also forfeited a ticket to the KU/Iowa State game. And a look at the Brigade schedule shows a match up this Friday with the Dallas Desperados at precisely the same time as the 'Hawks take on the winner of the Florida A&M/Niagara game. Likens: How you choose to spend this Friday evening will tell us everything we need to know about you. Make the wrong decision and you can keep you goldbricking, minor-league ass out of our beach community. We will not abide another toe.

Alas, may this note serve as the invitation to yet another Keep It In The Family prognostication showdown - our fifth. Welcome to the big leagues, gentlemen.

The rules will remain the same - that being a \$20 ante (pre-pay policy strictly enforced) with a winner-take-all \$200 payout and the same unconventional scoring system of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 points per win for each successive round. You can review all rules and bylaws at the league website.

Before we begin, let us extend an invitation to this year's expansion franchise, one Russell Gundrum. A man clearly integral to the Lawrence scene of the mid-to-late '90s, Rusty's a renaissance sort who's no stranger to scenic byways and transcontinental causeways. Word is, cat knows some out-the-way, back-alley class joints - the kind this league likes to frequent. A hearty KIITF welcome is due Rusty, our tenth family member.

And because nepotism applies to KIITF just as it apparently does to the AFL, welcome also to Likens. The AFL talking heads have all predicted the Brigade (1-1 as of this writing) to finish dead last in the '07 campaign. Turns out our league and theirs have something in common after all.

And now, let's pause to recognize our past champions:

2003 Jon Heinz

2004 Matthew Cullen

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2006 Daniel McClure

2007 ?