

First, a moment of silence for a fallen comrade, Jim "Jimbo" Molzen.

(silence)

He's not dead. Quite the contrary. We've lost Jimbo to a higher calling. The League will continue to recognize him as a good man, one of the all-time best. Let's take a look at some of his KIITF highlights:

(Cullen, cue the music; something soft but not schmaltzy; sparse rather than orchestral; a simple melody for a gentle soul)

- Joined Keep It In The Family in March 2005, becoming the league's third expansion franchise.
- Finished runner-up with his inaugural bracket submission, announcing his promise as a formidable contestant for years to come.
- Finished third in 2006.
- Again finished third in 2007.
- Tied owners Dan-O McClure and K.C. Dubbs with three top three finishes in the years 2005 through 2009.
- Carried himself with a modest dignity that won him the respect of all those with whom he competed.
- Submitted resignation March 11, 2010, becoming the first KIITF franchise to renounce its rights of ownership.

(cut the music)

Fly on, Little Wing.

In Jimbo's place, I give you C-Note, Clark Wildenrad. Cut in his bid to walk-on to Butler University's hoops squad by then-assistant coach Thad Matta, C-Note transferred to the University of Kansas circa 2001. His career accomplishments stop there, save for his marrying my sister in July of last year. Shortcomings are numerous and include an unyielding defiance towards some Silver Backs, namely Jon Heinz whom he's openly disrespected in more than one face-to-face encounter. Redeeming qualities include out-and-out disrespect for Jon Heinz. He's a worthy basketball mind and qualifies for league admittance under all bylaw interpretations. He also looks a lot like Matt Kleinman, who was not cut. If there are no objections, let's take his

money.

League dues will remain \$26 per, with \$25 going towards the winner-take-all pot and \$1 going towards a Paypal fee. Treasurer Jon Heinz will send out Paypal instruction soon. All picks and money are due before the first game tips off on Thursday, March 18. Assuming no more resignations, we'll be vying for a \$275 prize.

And now, if you'll turn your attention to the rafters, we'll recognize our past champions:

2003 Jon Heinz
2004 Matthew Cullen
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2006 Daniel McClure
2007 Daniel McClure
2008 Kevin C. Wilson
2009 Trevor Schmidt
2010 ?