

Shooter

- People close to Tim Bruns say his ankle is healing nicely after he tweaked it in yesterday's game. After a brief adjustment period in which Bruns slowly realized that even though the bats were new, they didn't swing themselves, Bruns took advantage by smoking a few solid liners to right.
- A little birdie says Jeff "Trash" Rosner has abandoned his all-salad diet, which had been a failed attempt to see the ball better in the outfield. "That crap about carrots being good for your eyes...it's garbage. I couldn't have seen a 747 flying at me out there tonight. I could sure as hell see those chicken fingers and fries at the bar though. That's good eatin'."
- Dan "Hocking" Hinrichs is attempting to make the 2006 U.S. World Cup soccer team. Sporting a pair of soccer shorts and some high soccer socks at shortstop, Hocking noted "I've got the uniform down, now I just need to work on my footwork and try to keep my hands off the ball." People who know say the footwork will come with time for a natural athlete like Hocking, however keeping his hands off the balls may prove to be impossible.
- That piano you saw on player-coach Pete Fanucci's back while running the bases yesterday was a vintage 1954 Steinway & Sons 5-foot 2-inch Baby Grand.
- Don't be surprised if Mark "Eastiro" Enslin drops from the leadoff spot to the bottom of the order soon. "We don't need our leadoff guy trying to hit grand slams," said Fanucci when Eastiro popped out to the pitcher with the sacks juiced. Eastiro is faring nicely in his new spot in the outfield, however he may need to take some lessons from left fielder Christian "Wall Street" Peterson on the various different throwing techniques, such as the "out-of-bounds sky hook" and the "running jump throw" to effectively thwart opposing baserunners.
- Rumor has it left fielder Peterson is on the trading block, however with manager Fanucci asking for such high-caliber players as "the Rick" and "the cigarette-smoking left center fielder we played last night" in return for the erstwhile slugger, don't expect a deal to get done, especially with Peterson's recent slump at the plate. "I could go up there with a old rolled up copy of Biebl's skimpy resume and make better contact than I did tonight," said Peterson as he drained a postgame beer.
- Team dork-turned weatherman Mike Biebl on last night's extreme heat; "the thing is that people misunderstand what humidity and dewpoint are. You see, temperature and humidity combine to cause the dewpoint. Believe me, I work with this stuff every day." Peterson and Tim Bruns, dumbfounded by the conversation, summed up the weather in layman's terms, saying "What Biebl is trying to say is it's f#!^*ing hot out here."
- Don't think that Mike Dirksen's strength and conditioning coach, Greg Hartley, didn't notice Dirksen's failed attempt to snare a high throw from first baseman Thomas. "I have been teaching him to use the bag almost like a trampoline in those situations. He obviously is not listening." Dirksen is said to be disgruntled with Hartley after he finished Grandma's marathon in a grandma-like 4 hours and 30 minutes. "Do you think it's good enough that he finished the race? Because I don't. And he wants me to go the extra mile for that high throw? Fat chance, pal."
- Don't believe the rumors that only blond girls will be allowed to cheer on the team for the remainder of the year. In the stands, a strong showing of young, predominantly blond ladies again appeared to be asleep throughout the game. "Can we get an 'atta boy' or a 'take your shirt off Pete' out of you guys?" bemoaned coach Fanucci after the game. At one point in about the 3rd inning, an eery quiet fell over the game on a lazy fly-ball to Peterson. Dirk broke the vow of silence with a meager, "nice grab CP," but nobody else seemed to notice.
- People who know say fan Lindsay "Three Tickets" Vedder, no relation to popular Pearl Jam frontman Eddie Vedder, is at the forefront of a duplicitous, mafia-connected wheel-spin ticket laundering scheme. Her plan to monopolize all of Team Senser's tickets proved ineffective when she didn't have time to check all her numbers as they were called. Rumors of mob ties were not helped by the realization that coach Fanucci is a distant relative of Don Fanucci of Godfather fame.

Don't Print That

- Biebl recently traded in his pimped-out Denali with 10,000 miles and hydraulics for an '84 Toyota with 300,000 miles and a topper. "They don't call me 'the Layman' for nothing," winked Biebl as he revealed the air mattress, sleeping bag and pillow in the back of his new ride.
- People who know say Ryan Thomas will soon sign a multi-million dollar contract with Grecian Formula Plus. The "wash that gray away" Company's new ad campaign is rumored to be targeted at the untapped market of under-30 salt-and-pepper haired men. Thomas declined comment, but was overheard muttering "at least I'm not Rafael Palmeiro" in an attempt to shift some of the ridicule to the Viagra spokesman.
- A potential contributor to the 7th inning meltdown by pitcher Brette Hjelle in game two may have been Hjelle's persistent whining about the batters trying to hit at the pitchers. "They were in his dome, man," said third baseman Khabibulin. Hjelle went so far as to try a new tactic by wearing blaze-orange on the mound in the hopes that the opposing team would avoid hitting at him, similar to the practice advised for nature-lovers who wish to avoid being shot by deer hunters. "It worked for awhile, but then it kind of backfired when

Thomas was blinded by my shirt on that play at first base in the 7th inning.” said Hjelle. There is no indication that Hjelle’s shirt was also responsible for Rosner’s vision problems in center field.

- In a continuing battle, indications are Senser’s Bar plans to file a lawsuit with the Roseville Sports Commission to require the team to honor its commitment at least through the 2004 season. GM Mike Dirksen was fuming when Senser’s refused the team’s request for retractable roof – ready beer pitchers, stating that “we come in here with dirt and sweat on our hands, and they expect the beer to stay clean? This is ridiculous. With the weather in Minnesota, you’d be foolish to think that an open air beer pitcher is going to get the job done.”
- Don’t be surprised if the long-awaited and much anticipated union of Fanucci with Jayme Forstrom happens sooner than you’d expect. In a touching display of chivalry at the bar, Fanucci immediately gave up his Senser’s hat won at the wheel to an anxious Forstrom and was believed to have been spotted at the Shane Co. on 494 and Radio Drive earlier in the day.