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The JetHawks Journal

The Official Newsletter of the Flight Crew Booster Club

Words From the Chair

First a reminder for everyone, the booster club is in the process of planning a trip to Spring Training for next year. We are looking at the week of March 17-25. If you are interested in joining us for the trip, please send a message to Robin Andersen, jethawkfan@gmail.com, and let Robin know how many days you would like to spend, and which days would work best for you.

This past season we received many bats with a custom wrap on the bat that is very different from the bats we receive with tape wrapped around the handle and knob. With this custom wrap and taped bats it is necessary to remove the wrap when the break was in the area of the wrap and it is very hard to remove the custom grip and have the wood look clean. I went on line and found out that most of the custom wraps were manufactured by a company called Lizard Skins. Lizard Skins has been in business since 1993 manufacturing and distributing bicycle accessories around the world. In January of 2012, Lizard Skins officially launched a new product into the baseball industry. The following is from the Lizard Skin web site:

DSP (DuraSoft Polymer) bat grip was created based off the highly successful DSP handlebar tape for road bikes. Utilizing our knowledge and experience in developing grips, Lizard Skins designed and created this new innovative bat grip.

Lizard Skins DSP is unique to the touch with the right combination of softness and tackiness. Our bat grip is engineered with a strategic pattern to ensure non-slip performance and a consistent swing in all weather conditions. Our bat grip reduces vibration and produces a comfortable, cushioned feel. Great comfort, however, doesn't mean sacrificing control. Our slip-resistant bat grip reduces stress on the hands and body enabling players to lighten their grip pressure. Tension-free swings produce better results at the plate.

Our expertise in grips helped us foresee that players wanted different options to customize the feel and thickness of their bat handle. Unfortunately, bat manufacturers and aftermarket grips sold at retail had never specified the grip size. As a result, Lizard Skins created the thickness category. DSP bat grip was originally released in two different thicknesses . 1.8 mm to match average industry sizes and 1.1 mm to provide a new thinner option. After further testing, a key group of MLB players requested an even thinner grip that would provide all the same gripping properties but not increase the handle thickness. Thus, the 0.5 mm thickness was created to meet the high-performance demands of the world's most competitive athletes.

1.8 mm - Industry standard thickness of stock bats, highest vibration dampening effect, confidence builder for youth, comfort for experienced players

1.1 mm - Great all-around grip, balances cushion with thickness, highest versatility, great for transitioning to wood

0.5 mm - Top grip chosen by pros, ideal on wood bats, no added thickness to the handle, more direct feedback from the bat

Lizard Skins wraps are the official grip tape of MLB, and is used by more than 200 players. Three grip designs have been created for Anthony Rizzo, Mookie Betts, and Eric Hosmer. The web site describes how to apply the wraps for right and left handed batters. These wraps come in a very large selection of colors and designs. The Lizard Skins wraps are available at many different local stores or can be purchased online. The prices range from \$10 to \$15. They also have a clear grip boost solution that is used instead of pine tar and they make batting gloves.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meeting - Texas Cattle Co.

10/19, 7pm Vote on By-Law change

12/14, 7pm, bring your toys for

Jethawks toy drive

Shakey's Fund Raiser 11/2, 5 - 8pm

Board meetings- at Primo Cafe

11/4

No November general meeting

Have you visited the Booster Club website or the FaceBook page lately?

www.jethawksboosterclub.com

PLAYER SUPPORT

It took 11 people almost 7 hours but...check...all the household goods are safely and scientifically replaced into storage. We emptied out 3 apartments and 3 houses.

A BIG thank you to: Rich, Curt, Steve, Zachary, Andrew, Jonathan, Jan, Donna, Judy H, and Ted. It never ceases to amaze me how such a huge amount of 'stuff' fits back into the space that seems like it just can't possibly be big enough to hold. But Curt and Rich somehow use every square foot to make it work.

A few more hours for laundering all the linens and we'll be ready for April, 2018.

It has been such fun for me to be the Player Support person for the last 8 years. Thank you for that honor. I must admit that I reluctantly pass the duties back to Wendy Ball, who allowed me to try to fill her shoes back in 2010. I completely loved every minute of helping the players get situated in the places they lived. It was very rewarding.

Go JetHawks! Judy Lester

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Thanks to our dedicated recycle team we had our

most successful year since we started recycling 10 years ago. Team members are Steve Juhasz, Rich Adam, Steve Rice, Wendy and Allan Tarleton, Laura Lawton, Lester and Wendy Ball, Shirley Harbeson, Joe O'Neill, Dave and Zach Hopps, Eric Sjothun, Scott and Laurie Kellerman, and Carlynn Moore. Thanks also to Dallas and Kim Russell, Jim Griffin, Arlene Belderok, and Marylin Hamada for donating their home recycling.

Player of the Month Committee

Thanks to our Player of the Month selection committee for taking the time to mark and return their ballots. Committee members are: Rich Adam, Terry Lawton, Laura Lawton, Steve Juhasz, Jan Kirkman, Arlene Belderok, Kathy Leon, Robin Anderson, Lester Ball, Dave Hopps, and Suzi Eslick. A special thanks to Terry Lawton for providing photo coverage of each monthly presentation. Thanks to Jason Schwartz for providing the monthly stats. Thanks to our gift sponsors Dallas and Kim Russell ó Weinerschnitzle , Schooners, Fresco II, Oliveø Café, Double øDø cupcakes. Thanks to Anna Zarley and Wendy Richmond for their gift card assistance.

The booster club is in the process of planning a trip to Spring Training for next year. We are looking at days in the week of March 17-25. I am trying to gauge interest in this trip to see how many rooms we would need, and which days would work for the majority of travelers. The week chosen is Spring Break for most of the schools here in the AV, which is why it was picked. It will also give us the best opportunity to see who might be coming to Lancaster to play, as this is when the teams start to form up for the season. If you are interested in joining us for the trip, please send your reply to Robin Andersen, jethawkfan@gmail.com. Let me know how many days you would like to spend, and which days would work best for you.

In years past, when we went to Tucson for the D-Backs, we stayed 3 or 4 nights, and took players out for a steak dinner. It was always a lot of fun.



Where do they go from here???

