

NFL EXTRA

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CHEW ON THIS

BACK IN THE DAY, THIS WAS THE WAY COACHES RELIEVED STRESS ON THE SIDELINES, AND IN THE BOOTH. // WELL, TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

... ON THAT.

THROUGH THE YEARS, COACHES HAVE FOUND A CLEANER, FRESHER WAY TO SATISFY THEIR ORAL FIXATION.

ANYBODY GOT ANY GUM? GUM. YEA? JUICE FRUIT? OH, JUICY FRUIT.

YEA MAN, GUMMY.

OH JUICY FRUIT.

THAT'S RIGHT, NOTHING BEATS A NICE PIECE OF GUM ON GAME DAY. AND IT'S NOT JUST COACHES WHO KNOW IT.

YOU WANT SOME GUM?

WITH SO MANY ENJOYING THE CHEWY GOODNESS, IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO LOOK BACK THROUGH THE YEARS FOR A FEW LESSONS IN GUM ETIQUETTE.

DO YOU HAVE SOME GUM?

GOT ANYMORE GUM?

START OFF BY FINDING YOUR FAVORITE FLAVOR.

ANY OF YOU GUYS BRING ANY GUM OUT? NO. NOBODY WANTS FRESH BREATH ON THIS... GOT SOME GUM? DO YOU HAVE SOME GUM?

WHAT KIND OF ASSORTMENT ARE WE LOOKING AT? WRIGLEY'S? DOUBLEMINT?

BUBBLE YUM, OH.

YOU GOT DOUBLE BUBBLE, RIGHT?

OK, NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT YOUR GUM, PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH THIS STUFF. IT CAN BE A HAZARD.

I WAS GETTING READY TO TAKE OFF, AND I BREATHED. THAT GUM WENT RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF MY THROAT. I ALMOST CHOKED ON MY DAMN GUM!

TRY TO KEEP IT PROPERLY SECURED AT ALL TIMES.

..21, LET'S GO! 21, LET'S GO. WAKE UP! MADE ME LOSE MY GUM.

AND BY ALL MEANS, ALWAYS REMEMBER PROPER DISPOSAL.

ALRIGHT, WE HAVE SOME THINGS TO WORK ON.

MAYBE TO AVOID ANY FUTURE PROBLEMS, WE'LL TAKE A LESSON FROM THE MASTER – THE COACH WHO IS MOST PARTICULAR ABOUT HIS GAME DAY GUM ROUTINE.

TYPICALLY, A PACK IS FOR THE 1ST HALF. A PACK IS FOR THE 2ND HALF. 5 PIECES A HALF. I JUST GET MY GUM. I WANT A PIECE OF JUICYFRUIT.

MY NAME IS JOHN BUMGARDNER. AKA. BUM, AND I'M THE GUY WITH THE GUM.

A PIECE OF JUICYFRUIT.

HE USUALLY SENDS SOMEBODY TO COME LOOK FOR ME FOR THE GUM, AND I DO MY BEST TO GIVE HIM THE RIGHT PIECE.

EVER TRY TO SNEAK HIM A DIFFERENT FLAVOR?

NO. NO.

THAT WOULD BE DANGEROUS?

YES.

YEAH...AND THAT BRINGS US TO.....THE INCIDENT.

I NEED A PIECE OF JUICYFRUIT. CALL BUM.

WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, IS WE'VE GOT THIS GIANT GUM CONTAINER WITH COMPARTMENTS. SO YOU GOT YOUR SPEARMINT, YOUR BIG RED, YOUR WINTERGREEN, YOUR EXTRA, YOUR JUICYFRUIT ALL THE WAY TO THE RIGHT.

THERE WAS ALIKE A LITTLE ROUGHHOUSING OR SOMETHING BETWEEN ONE OF THE INACTIVE PLAYERS OR SOMETHING; AND THEY TIPPED THE GUM BOX OVER.

AND ALL THE PIECES ARE ALL IN SILVER WRAPPING. AND SO, AS THEY WERE PUTTING ALL THESE PIECES BACK INTO THE CONTAINERS, IT WA IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THEM IN THE RIGHT CONTAINERS.

AND COACH NEEDS JUICE FRUIT. I GRABBED 3 PIECES OUT OF THE JUICY FRUIT CONTAINER. HAD NO IDEA THIS PIECE OF SPEARMINT WAS IN THERE.

CAN YOU GET ME SOME --- JUICYFRUIT! NOT ---- SPEARMINT! AND I KEPT THINKING, "HOW HARD IS IT TO GET A PIECE OF JUICYFRUIT GUM HERE IN OVERTIME?" TELL BUM I WANT ---- JUICYFRUIT.

SO THE GUY COMES BACK AND I'M LIKE, "MAN, I'M SO SORRY. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS IN THERE." AND THIS TIME I CHECKED INSIDE THE WRAPPER TO MAKE SURE IT WAS JUICYFRUIT, AND WE GOT COACH TAKEN CARE OF.

THERE YA GO. (WHAT'S THE CALL?) YEP, JUST THE RIGHT FLAVOR, AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME, CAN HELP MAKE ANY SITUATION TURN OUT JUST FINE.

GIVE ME A SECOND HERE. CAN I GET A --- PIECE OF JUICYFRUIT? THANK YOU. IS THIS JUICYFRUIT? JUICYFRUIT. AH, JUICYFRUIT. WHAT WAS THAT QUESTION AGAIN?

JOE MAUER

WE GOTTA GET A SCORE!

FOR NFL FANS, EVERY GENERATION HAS HAD THEIR JOE

RADIO – MONTANA ROLLING OUT THE RIGHT, LOOKING TOWARD THE END ZONE, THROWING UNDER PRESSURE. THROWS HIS PASS! CAUGHT BY CLARK!

EXCEPT THIS GENERATION'S JOE PICKED A DIFFERENT SPORT.

TO THINK OF WHAT HE'S DONE IN BASEBALL JUST BY APPLYING HIMSELF. HE'S SO STEADY AND HE'S NEVER GONNA GET HIMSELF IN TROUBLE, AND HE'S GOT SUCH GREAT DISCIPLINE. I'M SURE THAT HAD HE PLAYED FOOTBALL, HE WOULD'VE BEEN A GREAT QB.

HE'S A WINNER. JOE'S A WINNER IN EVERY SPORT. HE'D BE OUT PLAYING ON SUNDAY AND HE'D BE PLAYING WITH THE BEST OF THEM.

I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN HIM THROW. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S JUST LETTING THE LEGEND SPEAK FOR ITSELF.

THE LEGEND SPEAKS LOUD. JOE MAUER LED ST. PAUL'S CRETIN-DERHAM HALL TO A STATE TITLE HIS JUNIOR SEASON. AS A SENIOR, HE WAS NOT ONLY NAMED USA TODAY'S NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR BASEBALL, BUT FOOTBALL AS WELL. THE BEST PLAYER IN THE NATION, IN BOTH SPORTS. YET HIS GRIDIRON CAREER HAPPENED ALMOST BY ACCIDENT.

WELL, I REMEMBER HAVING TO TALK HIM INTO GOING TO FOOTBALL.

ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS CAME INTO OUR HOUSE AND HE GOES, "JOE, THE 5TH GRADE QB GOT HURT. WE NEED SOMEBODY TO COME DOWN AND PLAY QB."

HE'S GOING, "OH, I DON'T THINK SO. I'M PLAYING SOCCER." I SAID, "JOE, GO AHEAD. TRY IT OUT. WHAT CAN YOU LOSE? JUST GO DOWN AND WATCH. WHAT CAN HURT?"

MAUER – I WENT DOWN THERE AND IT WAS A LOT OF THE FRIENDS THAT I PLAYED BASKETBALL WITH. YOU START THROWING THE FOOTBALL AROUND AND STARTED LIKING IT FROM THERE.

CAME BACK. HE SAID, "I THINK I'D LIKE TO PLAY."

I REMEMBER __ KELLY, ONE OF OUR ASST. COACHES HERE WHO RAN THE PLAYGROUND SAYS, "YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE THIS KID."

THESE WERE LITTLE KIDS AND WE WERE THE ONLY TEAM THAT WAS THROWING PASSES.

IT WAS AMAZING BECAUSE YOU KNOW MOST 5TH, 6TH GRADE TEAMS, THEY JUST RUN THE BALL. THEY DIDN'T. JOE JUST THREW IT. MAUER WENT FROM PEEWEE LEGEND TO STATEWIDE ICON. HE WAS MINN'S FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN 2000 AFTER THROWING 41 TDS. AND JUST 3 INTERCEPTIONS. HE BEAT OUT BOTH MARION BARBER AND LARRY FITZGERALD FOR THE AWARD.

FITZGERALD – GROWING UP IN MINN., EVEN AS A YOUNGSTER YOU ALWAYS HEARD ABOUT HIM. I SAW HIS HIGHLIGHTS ALL THE TIME. HE WAS UNBELIEVABLE. I MEAN IF HE WANTED TO GO AND PLAY COLLEGE FOOTBALL, THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND HE WOULD'VE BEEN A 1ST ROUND DRAFT PICK AND HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER AS WELL.

FITZGERALD MOSTLY BATTLED WITH MAUER ON THE BASKETBALL COURT. YES, HE WAS ALSO GOOD AT BASKETBALL.

FITZGERALD - JOE WAS AN ALL-STATE BASKETBALL PLAYER TOO. I MEAN IF HE WANTED TO PLAY DIVISION I BASKETBALL, I'M SURE HE COULD'VE DONE THAT.

BUT MAUER'S FUTURE WAS BETWEEN BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL. A DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE, BUT IT WOULDN'T BE UNTIL HIGH SCHOOL WAS FINISHED.

WE HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE CALLING US, WE WERE NUTS LETTING HIM PLAY FOOTBALL HIS SENIOR YEAR. YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU'RE ONLY IN H.S. ONCE, AND HE LOVED IT SO HE PLAYED IT.

HE TUCK IT AWAY A FEW TIMES. TRY TO TELL HIM TO GET OUT OF BOUNDS INSTEAD OF TAKING A HIT; AND IT REALLY WAS ... JOE JUST DIDN'T LIKE THAT AT ALL.

I WATCHED A LOT OF GAMES WITH MY HANDS OVER MY EYES. ACTUALLY, I HAVE TO ADMIT, I DID KIND OF BRIBE THE LINEMEN AND ALWAYS BRING THEM BIG CHOCOLATE COOKIES. "O.K. GUYS. IF JOE GETS HIT, YOU DON'T GET COOKIES."

THE COOKIE FOR MAUER WAS DOUBLE STUFFED. HE SIGNED A LETTER OF INTENT TO PLAY FOOTBALL AT FLORIDA STATE; AND THE HOMETOWN TWINS SELECTED HIM 1ST OVERALL IN BASEBALL'S DRAFT.

IT'S MINDBOGGLING, I TELL YA. WHO EVER THOUGHT ONE OF THESE NORTHERN BOYS COULD GET PICKED #1 FOR BASEBALL. I ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY BASEBALL EVER SINCE I WAS REAL LITTLE. I ALWAYS WANTED TO

PLAY IN THE BIG LEAGUES BUT I THOUGHT ABOUT FOOTBALL A LOT. TO GO DOWN AND PLAY FOOTBALL FOR COACH BOWDEN AT FLORIDA STATE AT THE TIME. THAT WOULD'VE BEEN A GREAT ROUTE TO GO TO.

MAUER WAS PART OF A QUARTERBACK LINEAGE AT CRETIN-DERHAM THAT INCLUDED STEVE WALSH, THEN CHRIS WEINKE. LIKE MAUER, WEINKE WAS FACED WITH THE SAME 'BASEBALL VS. FOOTBALL' DILEMMA.

HIS PARENTS WERE GREAT RESOURCES AS WE WERE GOING THROUGH THE SAME THING THEY WERE. SO IT WAS NICE TO SIT DOWN AND WE WENT TO DINNER WITH THEM 1 NIGHT AND JUST TO TALK TO SOMEBODY, TO KNOW THAT THERE IS A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.

RADIO – DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIELD! HE'S GOT WALLS! HE'S GOT HIM IN THE END ZONE! TOUCHDOWN!

HE WAS IN THE SAME SHOES THAT I WAS IN. HE CHOSE TO GO THE BASEBALL ROUTE AND DIDN'T WORK OUT FOR HIM; AND HE WENT BACK AND HAD A GREAT CAREER AS A FOOTBALL PLAYER. SO I ASKED HIM A LOT OF QUESTIONS. HE WAS A GREAT ASSET FOR ME.

LIKE WEINKE HAD DONE A DECADE EARLIER, MAUER CHOSE BASEBALL. BUT UNLIKE WEINKE THERE WAS NEVER THE NEED TO HIT THE RESET BUTTON.

MARK RICHT WAS THE QB COACH AT FLORIDA ST. WHEN CHRIS AS THERE. SO HE KNEW THE WHOLE HISTORY; AND THEN MARK BECAME THE HEAD COACH AT GEORGIA, AND JOE'S FIRST YEAR IN THE MINORS HE WAS PLAYING IN THE ROOKIE LEAGUE. MARK RICHT HAD JUST WON A BOWL GAME AND I GOT A CALL IN THE OFFICE AND IT WAS MARK. THEY SAID, "BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THAT MAUER HITTING?" I SAID, "COACH, I DON'T THINK IT'S GONNA HAPPEN THIS TIME."

MAUER STUCK WITH CALLING PITCHES, NOT PLAYS. HE BECAME A FOUR TIME ALL STAR AND 2009 AMERICAN LEAGUE MVP.

RADIO – PUMPS. FIRES OVER THE MIDDLE! INTERCEPTED BY DEION SANDERS!

NOT SINCE THE DAYS OF BO JACKSON AND DEION SANDERS HAS A PLAYER SUCCESSFULLY JUGGLED TWO SPORTS AT ONCE.

RADIO – TOUCHDOWN RAIDERS! BO JACKSON!

BUT SHOULD BRETT FAVRE HANG IT UP AFTER THE SEASON, THERE COULD BE A QUARTERBACK VACANCY IN MINNESOTA. SO...WHAT ABOUT IT?

FITZGERALD – I KNOW HE CAN STILL THROW IT. I MEAN I DON'T SEE ANYBODY TRYING HIM. NOBODY STEALS BASES ON HIM. SO I KNOW HE COULD STILL WING IT.

I THINK HE COULD. I THINK HE'S THAT MUCH OF AN ATHLETE, THAT MUCH A STUDENT OF THE GAME THAT HE COULD STEP IN AND DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB.

MAYBE IF I WAS OUT ON LEFT FIELD AND PLAYED D-BACK OR SOMETHING LIKE IT'D BE A DIFFERENT STORY. BUT BEING A CATCHER AND A QB, THERE'S A LOT ON YOUR PLATE. YOU GOTTA PROCESS A LOT OF INFORMATION. I JUST..I DON'T SEE THAT BEING DONE.

YOU CAN'T WALK ANYWHERE IN THIS CITY WITHOUT SEEING YOUR NAME AND THAT NUMBER.

THE 1 POSITION WHERE YOU COULD BE MORE POPULAR THAN JOE MAUER IS IF YOU'RE A QB OF THE MINN. VIKINGS; ESPECIALLY IF YOU WERE JOE MAUER.

BUT NOW HE'S GOT A CONTRACT THAT HE DOESN'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING ELSE.

YOU JUST GOTTA SUPPORT HIM WITH WHAT HE CHOSE, AND THAT BASEBALL THING'S KIND OF WORKING OUT FOR HIM.

MYRON ROLLE

HE WAS THE NUMBER ONE HIGH SCHOOL PROSPECT IN THE COUNTRY.

HE EARNED A MASTERS IN MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

HE WAS NAMED THE NFL'S SMARTEST PLAYER BY THE SPORTING NEWS.

I'M GETTING THE MOST OF EVERYTHING.

HE IS THE MOST INTERESTING MAN IN THE WORLD.

SO I CAN RELATE TO THAT SENTIMENT.

HE DOESN'T ALWAYS PLAY FOOTBALL, BUT WHEN HE DOES, HE PREFERS THE TENNESSEE TITANS.

I DO. SO I KNOW I MUST PURSUE WITH ALL MY RIGOR AND VORACITY.

THE ONLY GAME WE LOST WAS TO YOU GUYS. REALLY? AND IT WAS A HEARTBREAKER.

MYRON ROLLE IS THE KINDA GUY YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE A BEER WITH, BECAUSE HIS LIFE HAS MADE ONE HECK OF A STORY.

I WAS RAISED IN GALLOWAY N.J. WENT TO H.S. IN PRINCETON, NJ AT THE HUNTS SCHOOL IN PRINCETON. I ATTENDED FLORIDA ST. UNIV. AS A FOOTBALL PLAYER, COACHED BY BOBBY BOWDEN. NOW I'M AT OXFORD AS A GRAD STUDENT STUDYING MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY.

HE PLAYED SAFETY AT FLORIDA STATE AND EARNED HIS DEGREE IN 2-½ YEARS. IN 2008 HE WAS A FINALIST FOR A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY AT OXFORD. HIS SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW WAS THE SAME DAY AS FSU'S GAME AGAINST MARYLAND.

IT'S A GREAT DAY. MY INTERVIEW WAS IN BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA FOR THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP. SO I WENT TO THE INTERVIEW SITE; GOT INTERVIEWED FOR 20 MINS. THERE WAS A DELIBERATION PROCESS OF 2 HRS. SO THERE'S 12 FINALISTS WHO WERE SITTING IN A ROOM. THE JUDGES CAME OUT AND SAID I'D WON THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP. NOW THE FOCUS WAS HOW WAS I GOING TO GET TO MARYLAND? I GOT A POLICE ESCORT. I FELT LIKE I WAS A BEATTLE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I MEAN I FELT LIKE A ROCK STAR AT THAT MOMENT. MY PARENTS WERE THERE. I GAVE THEM A HUG AND KISS.

WELL THE NEWEST RHODES SCHOLAR HAS NOW ARRIVED...GETTING CONGRATULATIONS FROM HIS MOM!

I GOT DRESSED, GOT STRETCHED, GOT TAPED UP. GOT BACK DOWN ON THE FIELD AROUND 3 MINS. TO GO IN THE 2ND QUARTER. WE WERE PRETTY MUCH GIVING IT TO MARYLAND AT THAT TIME. I THINK I HAD LIKE 2 OR 3 TACKLES. BUT IT WAS FUN. WON THE GAME 37-3. IT WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST DAYS OF MY LIFE. I'LL NEVER FORGET IT.

HEY, PROUD OF HIM...AND LET'S GIVE ROLLE ON 3.

INSTEAD OF ENTERING THE DRAFT, MYRON TOOK A YEAR OFF FROM FOOTBALL TO ATTEND OXFORD. THE CLOSEST HE GOT TO THE NFL WAS AS A SPECTATOR.

RADIO – GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE. FROM WEMBLEY STADIUM IN LONDON ENGLAND. JOHNSON BACK TO THROW AND HERE’S THE RUSH. HE GETS RID OF THE FOOTBALL AND IT’S PICKED OFF INTO THE END ZONE! TOUCHDOWN!

MYRON KEPT IN SHAPE USING FACILITIES THAT WEREN’T BUILT TO PREPARE PRO FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

IT’S LIKE, I DON’T KNOW. N.Y. YANKEES VS. T-BALL. IT’S FUNCTIONAL THOUGH. I FEEL VERY FAST. I FEEL QUICK. I DON’T THINK I’M LOSING A STEP HERE.

AFTER GRADUATING FROM OXFORD, INSTEAD OF AN OPERATING ROOM, MYRON FOUND HIMSELF AT THE SENIOR BOWL.

YOU HAVE THIS REMARKABLE SPLIT-PERSONALITY. WHILE HE WAS AT OXFORD STUDYING MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY HE HAD TO BE WORKING OUT; THEN COME BACK TO THE POINT WHERE HE COULD EXCEL HERE. AN INTELLECTUAL GIANT. AND ON THE OTHER HAND YOU’VE GOT THIS FEROCIOUS HITTER.

LAST YEAR I WAS PROJECTED 1ST ROUND PICK. IF I HAD COME OUT, THIS YEAR THEY SAY I MAY DROP DOWN TO 2ND OR 3RD ROUND. 1ST DAY, BUT 2ND OR 3RD ROUND.

MYRON’S DRAFT DAY WAS A YEAR LATER THAN EXPECTED, AND TOOK MUCH LONGER THAN HE ANTICIPATED.

TODAY WAS DAY 2 OF 2010 NFL DRAFT. ROUNDS 2 & 3. I WAS HERE WITH MY FAMILY WATCHING. WE WEREN'T SELECTED TODAY.

EISEN – PICK #207 OF THE NFL DRAFT, THE ONLY RHODES SCHOLAR IN THE MIX JUST GOT DRAFTED BY THE TENNESSEE TITANS.

HOW YOU DOING COACH? I'M GREAT. GREAT TO HEAR YOU.

FISHER – HE WAS EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY. CLEARLY EXCITED ABOUT IT.

YES SIR.

FISHER – AS A CONTACT PLAYER, HE WAS THAT AT FLORIDA ST. THAT'S WHY WE DRAFTED HIM.

BOY I'LL TELL YA. I'LL TELL YA.

NOW, MYRON IS A MEMBER OF THE TITANS PRACTICE SQUAD.

FISHER – THE JOB OF A PRACTICE SQUAD GUY, THEY'RE GONNA LOOK AT THE CARD THAT WAS DRAWN BY THE OFF. STAFF TO GIVE THE OFF. TEAM THE LOOK OF THE OPPONENT DEFENSE.

HE'S MIMICKING NFL PLAYERS, BUT HE ISN'T QUITE ONE YET. PLAYERS ON THE PRACTICE SQUAD WORK AND STUDY WITH THE TEAM BUT DON'T SUIT UP ON GAME DAY.

I KNOW THAT IT TAKES TIME AND IT'S GONNA TAKE A LOT OF WORK.

ONCE AGAIN MYRON IS A STUDENT.

I NEED TIME TO DIGEST IT. LET IT MANIFEST IN MY CORPORATE BODY.

AND HE'S GETTING A REFRESHER COURSE ON THE BASICS.

HOW MANY QUARTS IN A GALLON? I DON'T KNOW THAT EITHER. 4 QUARTS IN A GALLON. 4 QUARTS IN A GALLON? 4 QUARTS IN A GALLON. O.K. WHAT COUNTRY'S ARE IN THE G-8? G-8? YOU HAVE UGANDA. O.K. NO.

FISHER – I WANTED HIM TO STRONGLY CONSIDER STAYING WITH FOOTBALL BECAUSE HE'S GOT SKILLS THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED.

IF YOU'RE RUNNING AND TRYING TO GET AN ANGLE ON CHRIS JOHNSON EVERYDAY AT PRACTICE, THAT'S GONNA HELP YOU BE A BETTER FOOTBALL PLAYER. HE'S THE FASTEST GUY IN THE LEAGUE, AND THAT'S HELPING ME. IF YOU'RE TRYING TO INTERCEPT BALLS FROM VINCE YOUNG, THAT'S GONNA HELP ME AS WELL.

I LIKE TO USE THIS ANALOGY. I'M STILL MARRIED TO THE GAME. I'M STILL MARRIED TO FOOTBALL. I LOVE IT VERY MUCH NOW. SHE'S PUT ME THROUGH SOME TOUGH TIMES BEING A 6TH ROUND PICK LATER THAN I EXPECTED; BEING ON A PRACTICE SQUAD WHEN I WANTED TO BE ON THE ACTIVE ROSTER RIGHT AWAY. BUT SHE'S BEEN GOOD TO ME FOR 16 YRS., AND I DON'T THINK I CAN DIVORCE HER YET. SHE'D NOT OUT OF HER SYSTEM AND I LOVE HER. I JUST WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH HER SO WE CAN HAVE A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP MAYBE NEXT YEAR. WE CAN KEEP GETTING BETTER!

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