**Week 1057: Sportin’ lie**

Engraved inside every Super Bowl ring is a handy chart for translating Roman numerals.

When Albert Einstein was at Princeton, he became a rabid baseball fan and, as a favor to the major leagues, wrote the Infeld Fly Rule.

A vial of Gaylord Perry’s spit is on display in Coopertown.

No, not really. No and no. But yes, it’s time for another of the Style Invitational’s fictitious contests, one suggested by Amazing Invitational Fixture Tom Witte, of the 1,267 Bloots of Ink Since Week 7. In the past, we’ve shared totally bogus facts about movies, medicine and physiology, history, and just whatever; this week, as the Super Bowl and Winter Olympics are upon us: **Give us some fake sports trivia.** The fictoids can be about anything relating to sports or the people who play them, but the point is to be funny in some way, not just to be bogus, and they shouldn’t be understandable only to sports-obsessives. (By the way, the Style Invitational may be a cutthroat competition, and it may feature large numbers of trash-talking, sweat-soaked participants, but we’re not considering it a sport.)

Winner gets the Inkl’ Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place, in keeping with this week’s athletic theme, receives a cheap novelty product called Nose Aerobics Basketball, donated by Loser Nan Reiner. It consists of a pair of empty black nerd-eyeglasses to which is attached, right between the eyes, a little arm that sticks out and, on its end, a two-inch-high basket and, attached to that, a tiny string and a little plastic basketball. You’re supposed to nod your head vigorously at just the right speed until you can get the basketball to jump into the basket in front of your face. We don’t know if you’d be able to master this feat — the Empress didn’t come close on a trial run, but her Royal Consort scored repeatedly — but we absolutely guarantee that you will look pathetically ridiculous.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug — the new one announced today — or the ardently desired “Whole Fools” Grossey Bag. Honorable mentions get a lasted-after Loser magnet, either the Po’ Wit Laureate or Puns of Steel. First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washingtonpost.com or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 3; results published Feb. 23 (online Feb. 20). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include “Week 1057” in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The subhead for this week’s honorable mentions is by Beverley Sharp. Join the lively Style Invitational polemistes group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev, and click “like” on Style Invitational Ink of the Day at bit.ly/inkofday.

**For 2nd place, the Nose Aerobics Basketball and glasses. Tiara and Empress not included.**

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**Report from Week 1053**

In which we asked you to quote a sentence from The Post or any other publication printed during the contest week, and pair it with a question that the sentence might answer:

*THE WINNER OF THE INKL’ MEMORIAL*

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**Sentence in The Post:** “I think it’s a shame. The whole process of buying a record was so special.”

Q. What was Mark McGwire’s reaction to baseball’s latest steroid suspensions? (John Folse, Bryans Road, Md.)

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