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Dear Seahawks,

Gosh! Who would have ever dreamed that Seattle would make it to the Superbowl! It has been 30 long years I wasn't even born when the Seahawks first joined the NFL way back when. It certainly has been a long time coming! I think I heard that it took the Steelers something more like 40 years to get to their first Superbowl. Of course the Superbowl has only existed for 40 years, but what I meant was that the Steelers were in the league for 40 years before ever winning a championship.

Ohio was really hoping to get a professional team into the Superbowl this year. It would have been the Cincinnati Bengals if anyone, because the Cleveland Browns are really stinking it up out there. I live in Cleveland Browns country, but I think even the most die hard Dog Pounders knew that they had no chance and would once again go without getting a bone. Now that your team made it to the Superbowl for the first time, that just leaves the Browns and a few other teams to never get there yet! Losers!

Superbowl XL is going to be a really big event in my friend's house. You see, my friend is a very strong Seahawk fan. She has been right from the start. She is older than me and she remembers them from the beginning. Her husband and son are both big Steeler fans. How ironic that they are married and root for the two teams who made it to the big game! I would not want to be in that house on February 5! Huh-uh!

To get to the main reason I am writing to you today, I know that it is probably too late to actually get tickets to the Superbowl, but I only live a few hours from Detroit and I can drive there in my car without having to get a plane ticket or rent a taxi. Usually when the Superbowl is in the south, I never get the chance to go. I have three other friends who are all trying to get tickets to the Superbowl also. They each have their own plan to try to score some tickets.

Each one of us made a bet with the others that we would be able to get tickets to the Superbowl game cheaper than they are selling tickets online or at the stadium. I heard that some tickets are going for \$1000! How much do you charge? I guess that in order to make the bet official, I should first find out how much tickets actually cost. Can you tell me?

Evan is signing himself up to all of the promotion contests and radio station ticket giveaways where you have to print you name and address on a 3 x 5 card for a ticket drawing. He thinks that if he puts his name into enough contests enough times, he will increase his chances of being the winning ticket drawn. Evan was bragging to us yesterday that he has written his name and address on over 5000 index cards. I think Evan is wasting his time (not to mention his money since he has to buy all those index cards), but I wouldn't tell him that because I don't want him to develop a better plan.

Larry has been scouring the Internet for scalper sites to bid on tickets and I think he even sent an e-mail to Mike Tice to see if he had any Superbowl tickets he was willing to sell. I think Larry missed the boat because those scalpers usually mark up the ticket prices. I don't see them offering tickets at a discount, so even if he gets tickets, there is no way that he can win the bet. But then again, Larry got really excited about the Superbowl being so close. I suspect he really isn't even in this for the bet. He actually wants to get tickets to the game in Detroit regardless of the cost.

Eric should be disqualified from the bet in my opinion. He wrote a letter to the Make a Wish Foundation, claiming to be a strong Steeler fan with a life threatening disease. He made up some crap story about wanting to see his team play in the Superbowl game in person. (He isn't even really a Steeler fan). I wanted to report him to the authorities as a fraud, but I don't want him to get into trouble, I just want to get him disqualified from the bet. What do you suggest?

Right now, I don't really even have a plan myself. But it's not like I want to spend more time and money just to get cheaper tickets than I would spend paying ticket face value if I bought them outright. It's not like Evan, Larry, or Eric are going to succeed in their schemes.

So that is why I am writing to you today. It only costs me 39¢ to send you a letter to see if you have any ideas or free/cheap/extra tickets that you can let go to an enterprising young man. Can you help me at all with some tickets?

Sincerely,



Rusty Lucas

p.s. Do you have any free city of Seattle baseball caps? Like I said, I know that none of us really have much chance scoring Superbowl tickets, but I don't want to come away completely empty handed. Evan is going to wind up with writers cramp with his contest submissions. Larry is going to end up with an e-mailbox full of spam and junk mail. Eric is going to end up in jail or at least in the newspapers as a fraud. None of them will end up with anything to show for their efforts. I will get a moral victory if I can come away with a free baseball cap. Please send me a free baseball cap. Thanks!