



Krause Owes Much to His Second Father

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Jerry Krause and I crossed paths regularly for three decades – he as Chicago Bulls operations chief, me as a Bulls-NBA beat writer – but I can't recall a better conversation than the one we had about Bill Veeck earlier this week.

Krause admitted that he owed much to Veeck, who in 1978 brought him back to Chicago as White Sox chief scout. In that capacity, Krause forged a relationship with future Bulls-White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf that led to his greatest success. As Bulls operations chief, he oversaw six league championship teams.

Yet Veeck's influence went beyond business as usual.

“Bill was like a second father to me,” Krause told me. “Not a day goes by that I don't think about him.”

Krause is a Arizona Diamondbacks special assistant now. His team has faded from the wild card race, but the loss is our gain. Krause will join Dr. Timuel Black, Paul Dickson, Roland Hemond, Ron Rapoport and Eric Soderholm as the speakers at our Veeck symposium next week.

Tickets can be obtained at the event and elsewhere on this Website.