

As the newest members of the Bad Boy family, it's almost expected that the "futuristic pimps" of the South would be seen poppin' Chrystal alongside their notorious label head, P-Diddy, whose penchant for partying has been chronicled from the Hampton's to Milan; but as MJG put's it, "I got a whole bunch of drinking stories from back in the day, but we just go hard on special occasions now." Go-Hard which is the name of MJG's production studio, is also representative of how the two used to hit the bar at the club. "Our favorite ritual back in Houston," explains Eightball "was to get to the club at 1:30am and drink all the Hennessey we could drink before the club closed at 2. Depending on how many people was with us it could be up to 3 bottles." It almost goes with the territory, city to city state to state, Hip Hoppers have a rep to uphold and that rep usually entails buying out the bar. "I remember one time we had a cognac-a-thon at this club in New Orleans," reflects MJG, "It was like their grand opening and we supplied all the Hennessey all night for everyone who paid to get in the club. We had our little case stashed to the side and we drunk about half of them during the night and woke up at like nine or ten the next morning and opened up a fresh bottle and started drinking again. We finished off a whole case about halfway through the day and was still standing. I got what you call an iron liver." He laughs. For Eightball, tales of drinking came long before his days as a famous rapper. "I don't remember the first time I had a drink, because when I was young my mama used to have card parties and we used to run to the store for them and get their beer and cigarettes. This was before they started all these sting operations busting storeowners for selling cigarettes to kids. In my hood everybody knew everybody so my mama would call down to the liquor store and say

'I'm fixing to send Prim up there to get a beer and four packs of cigarettes', and they'd know what I was coming to get, but of course when we get up there we'd say mama forgot an extra beer or something and they'd go for it 'cause it was the neighborhood." Well those days of getting over on the local liquor store vendor set a precedent for the youngster who now has a high threshold for alcohol consumption. "We were in Japan doing a tour with Capone and Nore," says Ball between laughs, "We were at the hotel and we ordered a whole bunch of liquor because we were in Japan and we couldn't find no weed, so we had to drink and we got fucked up! We drank a lot of shit like Hennessey and Wine and mixed up a whole lot of stuff together and got drunk, drunk, drunk, like super-drunk and then went down to the pool and ran all the little Japanese people out of the swimming pool. They were all nervous and shit. We went over to the area where there was a slide, like those big amusement park slides. This slide went all the way into the water and we started cannonballing and sliding down. There

