Italian Meatball Soup

Ingredients Meatballs:

34 pounds Ground Beef

½ cups Freshly Grated Parmesan Cheese

3 Tablespoons Fresh Parsley, Minced

1 whole Ega

2 cloves Garlic

½ teaspoons Salt

½ teaspoons Black Pepper

¼ teaspoons Ground Oregano

2 teaspoons Lemon Juice

Soup:

3 Tablespoons Olive Oil

7 cups Low Sodium Beef Stock

2 cups Water

½ teaspoons Salt

2 Tablespoons Tomato Paste

34 cups Onion, Chopped

34 cups Carrots, Chopped

3/4 cups Celery, Chopped

1 cup Russet Potato, Chopped (do Not Peel) ½ pounds Cabbage Chopped Grated Parmesan Cheese To Serve

TIED IN A CHEESECLOTH BUNDLE

4 Tablespoons Fresh Parsley, Minced

2 whole Bay Leaves

1 teaspoon Peppercorns

Preparation Instructions

To make meatballs, combine all meatball ingredients and mix well. Shape into small balls and chill for 30 minutes.

Gather 4 tablespoons parsley, bay leaves, and peppercorns in a cheesecloth bundle. Tie to secure.

After chilling, heat olive oil over medium-low heat in a heavy pot. Briefly brown meatballs, then remove to a plate. To pot, add beef stock, water, salt, tomato paste, and herb bag. Bring to a boil, then simmer 30 minutes. Add onion, carrots, celery, and potatoes. Simmer 15 more minutes. Remove herb bag.

Add cabbage and meatballs. Bring to a boil, then simmer 8 to 10 minutes. Serve with plenty of freshly grated Parmesan cheese sprinkled over the top.

