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League Owners/Managers:

At long last, Underbelly has figured out how to turn on his new home computer and has achieved a minimum level of competency through a series of intense training sessions with my brother, Dan. (Underbelly is reportedly questioning the validity of the advertisement that his computer can be operated by a chimpanzee with but a few hours of basic training.)

Although Dan and Bob still have a few bugs to work out of the old system, I am able to provide you with computer point totals for the period through April 26-27.

Through April 26-27, the league standings look like this:

1.	Braves	1,881.58
2.	Royals	1,858.50
3.	Tigers	1,819.83
4.	Red Sox	1,751.17
5.	Cubs	1,724.91
6.	Pirates	1,634.00
7.	Cardinals	1,596.59
8.	Blues	1,588.84

You will notice that these figures differ somewhat from the "Weighted Total" on the enclosed point sheets. This is to correct the computer programming error of awarding points on a one-third basis for each team's second reliever. I have been assured that this programming discrepancy will be corrected. Also, you may notice that the figures for game-winning hits are not 100% accurate. I lost the box scores for a few days, and am attempting to locate the missing information. However, the standings should not be affected too greatly at this stage.

Although I am not sending individual totals for the period ending April 19-20, the league standings through that period (which was the first reporting period in USA Today) were as follows:

1.	Tigers	1,353.58
2.	Royals	1,265.83
3.	Cubs	1,193.58
4.	Braves	1,172.33
5.	Red Sox	1,169.67
6.	Cardinals	1,132.92
7.	Pirates	1,096.83
8.	Blues	1,069.67

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And now for a few unsolicited comments on player performances to date:

Braves

Bob Brenley (41 pts) - last seen being impersonated by Bob Melvin.

Hubie Brooks (-1.0 pts) - is this Hubie Brooks' point total, or Underbelly's score on "The Love Connection"?

Ken Schrom (-25.5 pts) - not a bad point total, if not for the negative sign.

Don Aase (24 pts) - looks like he's on his way to another career year.

Royals

Juan Samuel (151 pts) - should easily outdistance Steve Sax.

Kirby Puckett (204 pts) - a real coup in the sixth round.

Dwight Evans (180 pts) - eat your heart out, Possum.

Rob Deer (209 pts) - thanks for the tip, Underbelly.

Bret Saberhagen (124 pts) - has Cy Young written all over him.

Tom Candiotti (6.5 pts) - he's getting ready to make his move.

Tigers

Lance Parrish (103 pts) - evidently struggling with ruptured discs.

Tommy Herr (174 pts) - should finish in the 200's.

Chris Brown (137 pts) - on 21-day disabled list with hangnail.

Kurt Gibson (0 pts) - locked in a heated intra-squad battle with Mike Young.

Bo Jackson (162 pts) - should keep Royals Stadium cool with multiple fans.

Ron Darling (34.5 pts) - apparently goes to same pharmacist as Dwight Gooden.

Red Sox

Frank White (111 pts) - fifth round--need I say more?

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Jeff Leonard (151 pts) - leader of Ted's crackerjack outfield.

Bob Welch (77 pts) - rumored to be back on the bottle.

Cubs

George Brett (48 pts) - rumored to be suffering from AIDS.

Harold Baines (15 pts) - about where he should be at this stage of the year.

Dwight Gooden (0 pts) - should be back pitching no later than September
15.

Dave Stieb (-8.5 pts) - ignoring his separated shoulder nicely.

Pirates

Marty Barrett (22 pts) - should play at least 20 games this year.

Jim Morrison (136 pts) - thinking of regrouping "The Doors."

Darryl Strawberry (186 pts) - playing rather well through the wonder of
recreational drugs.

Andre Dawson (172 pts) - if only his knees hold out past the Allstar break.

Curt Young (66.5 pts) - the ace of a rather suspect staff.

Oil Can Boyd (0 pts) - has been rather quiet this year.

Cardinals

Leon Durham (129 pts) - has peaked out earlier than most years.

Steve Sax (121 pts) - seems troubled by his fling with Tammy Bakker.

Shawon Dunston (77 pts) - expected to drive in at least one run this year.

Oddibe McDowell (69 pts) - Oddibe playing again.

Ed Correa (9.5 pts) - should have stayed with Chaka Khan.

Jim Clancy (5.5 pts) - anchor of a marvelous pitching squad.

Blues

Steve Balboni (76 pts) - should have more points than strikeouts at year's

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end.

Eric Davis (215 pts) - even a blind pig snags a pearl once in a while.

Brett Butler (23 pts) - the good news is that he hasn't made any errors.

Danny Jackson (-5.5 pts) - living up to his fourth-round draft position.

Additional Comments

Congratulations to Underbelly for being in first place, just where you want to be as the supplemental draft approaches. Scooter seems to be taking the matter of draft position at supplemental draft a little too seriously, having nose-dived his Cardinals dangerously near the cellar. The Tigers have begun to realize their own mediocrity, and nestled their way into third position. Big Guy shouldn't have any trouble finding the lower division by the supplemental draft rolls around. The Red Sox are hanging tough in fourth place, a position they cannot hope to maintain through the year. Despite an increasingly-evident weak pitching staff, the Pirates have managed to latch onto sixth place. The Blues should have no trouble holding onto the first draft pick of the supplemental draft. The Royals? As always, in the catbird seat.

Etc.

Thanks to my brother, Dan, for all his good work in programming Underbelly's computer, and for Underbelly's work in mindlessly punching the numbers into the computer. Hopefully, all the bugs will be worked out of the system soon.

The supplemental draft is slated for Saturday, May 30, 1987, tentatively at my residence. My thinking is that we should shoot for a draft starting time of around noon, with perhaps a golf outing to precede the draft. Anyone who will not be able to personally attend the supplemental draft should make arrangements to be near a telephone at draft time.

To correct a mistake from my earlier newsletter, the Boston soiree is going to be the weekend of June 18-20. This will not be a league-sponsored outing, but as of this writing it looks like Big Guy, Possum, Skipper and Underbelly are lined up to go. Others of you have expressed interest, and hopefully will join us to see Fenway.

Rumor has it that the Ivan Boesky of the Hot Stove League, the Possum, is going to attempt to inveigle Eric Davis away from Brother. Brother, be on your guard. Also, Possum is on notice that the Executive Committee is not likely to ratify any proposed trade which involves him.

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I note from my schedule that Detroit will be in Kansas City for a weekend series on August 14, 15 and 16. I propose that we hold the league trip on that weekend. Please advise if anyone will not be able to make it to Kansas City for that weekend.

Lastly, I still have not received league fees (\$50) from a good portion of you. Please get these funds to me no later than the supplemental draft.

Skipper