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Colleagues:

Two weeks away from the supplemental draft, the Cubs are making a yeoman effort to assure themselves of the last spot in the drafting order. For the second straight week and for the third time this young season, the Cubs have had the highest weekly point total. Here are the standings after six weeks:

1.	Cubs	3271
2.	Pirates	3055
3.	Reds	2997
4.	Senators	2989
5.	Tigers	2959
6.	Chiefs	2912
7.	Red Sox	2910
8.	Blues	2832
9.	Mudhens	2761
10.	Tribe	2706

What has happened to the Red Sox and their cocksure manager, the Possum? Only three weeks ago the Red Sox were atop the League standings, and their unctuous masthead was proclaiming himself and his team the stuff of which champions are made. How quickly life can turn on us. Of course, this merely means that Possum will be shopping some of his bargain-basement specials with new vigor, attempting to parlay Frank Thomas, Tom Candiotti, Brian Harvey and Mike Scioscia into a decent infield. With the Governor (Jerry Brown) now riding pine full time, Possum is stuck with Lou Whittaker at second.

And with the fragile Kelly Gruber being backed up by Vance Law at third, things aren't looking too good there either. It is my feeling that this team is in for some major renovation before the season's end.

Let's take a look at the top ten hitters after the first six weeks:

1.	Dave Henderson	400
2.	Wally Joyner	358
3.	Tony Gwynn	343

4.	Ruben Sierra	333
5.	Cal Ripken	331
6.	Ivan Calderon	325
7.	Felix Jose	324
8.	Barry Bonilla	321
9.	Harold Baines	319
10.	Robin Yount	314

The Chiefs are the only team who are yet to have a hitter crack the 300 point level. Canseco and Greenwell are getting close at 287 apiece.

The top pitchers after six weeks are:

1.	Ramon Martinez	229.1
2.	Roger Clemens	214
	(tough week, Roger)	
3.	Tom Glavine	189.1
4.	Tom Candiotti	184.5
5.	Chuck Finley	173.5
6.	Jimmy Key	172.5
7.	Dennis Martinez	162.2
8.	Frank Viola	153.6
9.	Bud Black	152.5
10.	Nolan Ryan	146.5
	Zane Smith	146.5

Biggest Disappointments

As in any year, there have been a number of disappointments at this point in the season. Of course, in our own minds, we each have our own ideas about who has been disappointing. Possum, for example, is disappointed that his crackerjack, iron man outfield of Davis, Clark, Daniels, Dawson, Hayes and Walton are not locked in a six-way tie for the most points in the League at this point, with 401. Likewise, Possum is bitterly disappointed that Jerry Brown and Kelly Gruber are not in the 350 to 400 point range by this time. Similarly, Possum fully expected Gregg Maddux and Ed Whitson to be 8 and 0 at this point in time, and but for a lack of support from their teammates and some just plain hard luck, they no doubt would be.

In any event, it is difficult to be objective about who has and has not been a disappointment when you are talking about your own team, but let me nevertheless give you my list of the top 10 League disappointments after six weeks of the season:

1.	Doug Drabek	26.1
2.	Doug Jones	28.1
3.	Tim Wallach	210.0
4.	Sandy Alomar	92.0
5.	Eric Hanson	94.0
6.	Tim Raines	184.0

7.	Barry Bonds	211.0
8.	Rickie Henderson	190.0
9.	Greg Jeffries	132.0
10.	Kevin McReynolds	171.0

Biggest Fluke

This one's easy: Hindu. The savvy Sandjigger picked up this bargain in the 11th round, the 36th outfielder taken in the draft. I had taken all six of my outfielders by the time Hindu was picked by Sandjigger. Score this one as the blind pig pick of the year.

Miscellaneous

The calls haven't exactly been pouring in about your preferences for the supplemental draft. Please give me your thoughts on this in the next week or so, so we can plan accordingly.

We anxiously await further word from Magpie and Sandjigger about the details of our League trip to Atlanta in August. What's the scoop?

So I don't forget, those of you who haven't yet paid your \$10 for your baseball ticket for the Kansas City game should reimburse yours truly. I think the list of those who owe includes just about everybody, except for Shamu and McBlunder. Your prompt payment will be appreciated.

That's about all for now. This week's top ten list: Skipper's Top 10 List of Reasons Why Baby Trumpetfish Spends So Much Money.

Auf Wiedersehen.

Skipper

**SKIPPER'S TOP 10 LIST
OF REASONS WHY BABY TRUMPETFISH SPENDS SO MUCH MONEY**

10. If Raymond Peery and Kent Johnson can do it, why can't he?
9. Trying to disprove Marxist saying that "Money can't buy happiness."
8. Attempting to make up for anatomical shortcomings.
7. Hasn't yet mastered the American system of currency exchange, doesn't realize he is spending the equivalent of the average American's annual income on luxuries and utter frivolities.
6. Realizes life expectancy has been dramatically shortened by acute marguerita poisoning.
5. Not willing to take chance that in-laws will inherit any of his money.
4. Trying to detract attention from expanding waistline and receding hairline.
3. Wants to have the best Hot Stove League team money can buy.
2. Voices only he can hear tell him to.
1. Money is good.