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The news for the seventh week of the Hot Stove League is the torrid Mudhens (677+? points). Riding high on big weeks by reserves-turned-starters Tom Pagnozzi, Pedro Guerrero, Steve Buechele, Dave Henderson and Vince Coleman (clever drafting strategy, Sandjigger), the Mudhens, like spring, are busting out all over. Now in eighth place, they are a whisper away from fourth, and could move as high as second place prior to the supplemental draft, with any luck.

These are the point totals after seven weeks of play:

1.	Cubs	3787
2.	Reds	3557
3.	Tigers	3488
4.	Pirates	3450
5.	Senators	3449
6.	Red Sox	3442
7.	Chiefs	3440
8.	Mudhens	3438
9.	Tribe	3226
10.	Blues	3205

A total of 50 points separate the 3rd through 8th place teams. Talk about a pennant race!

Once again, here are your leader boards:

Hitters

1.	Dave Henderson	446
2.	Tony Gwynn	435
3.	Ruben Sierra	408
4.	Felix Jose	401
5.	Wally Joyner	392
6.	Cal Ripken	382
7.	Frank Thomas	371
8.	Bobby Bonilla	370
	Cecil Fielder	370
9.	Dave Justice	366

10. Rafael Palmero 362

Pitchers

1.	Ramone Martinez	250.5
2.	Tom Glavine	223.1
3.	Roger Clemens	216.5
4.	Dennis Martinez	211.5
5.	Jimmy Key	183.2
6.	John Smiley	182.2
7.	Chuck Finley	176.2
8.	Zane Smith	173.0
	Bud Black	173.0
9.	Mark Langston	167.0
10.	Tom Candiotti	164.0

Just for fun, let's take a look at each team's top point-getter, and where they were selected in the draft:

Cubs	Ruben Sierra	Round 1
Reds	Cal Ripken	Round 1
Tigers	Cecil Fielder	Round 9
Pirates	Felix Jose	Round 24
Senators	Tony Gwynn	Round 3
Red Sox	Frank Thomas	Round 9
Chiefs	Tony Phillips	Round 17
Mudhens	Dave Henderson	Round 11
Tribe	Fred McGriff	Round 3
Blues	Rafael Palmero	Round 12

Some people know how to pick 'em. Others rely on dumb luck.

Speaking of Tony Phillips, do you suppose this box score was painful for B.T. to review this morning:

At least he didn't have a couple of boots to boot.

Supplemental Draft

Apparently the consensus is that the supplemental draft should take place on Saturday, June 8th. My suggestion is that we play 9 holes of golf in the morning, and begin the draft at around 11:00 a.m. My place is available for the draft. Your thoughts, please?

It is my understanding that the following rules will apply to the supplemental draft, and please feel free to correct me if my understanding is incorrect:

- Each team will draft three new players.
- The order of draft selection will be last place to first place in the first round, first place to last place in the second round, and if any living players are still available, last place to first place for the third round.
- The order of draft selection will be determined by the Hot Stove League standings as compiled by our trusty statistician, Underbelly, as of Monday, June 3.
- A supplemental draft selection may either come from the unchosen pool of players still remaining, or from your three-man injury pool selected on draft day. However, the total number of selections will be three, Possum.
- You may not trade an injured player to pick up someone else's injury pool player.
- Once you have called up a player from your injury pool, the injured player whom you discarded is done for the year (although some people have advocated a change of this rule).

Miscellaneous

There is increasing doubt about this summer's official Hot Stove League trip, due to the conspiracy of silence by Magpie and Sandjigger. I plan to keep the August 3-4 weekend open for a trip, but I'm not holding my breath.

And finally, for your consideration, enclosed is this week's top ten list: Skipper's Top Ten Reasons that Shamu and His Cubs Are Leading the Hot Stove League.

Cordially yours,

Skipper

**SKIPPER'S TOP 10 LIST
OF REASONS WHY SHAMU AND HIS CUBS
ARE LEADING THE HOT STOVE LEAGUE**

10. The supplemental draft is rapidly approaching.
9. Plump red-haired Irishmen are just damned lucky.
8. Cruel shenanigans by statistician Masterspieler.
7. Cubs inspired by new mesh jerseys.
6. Possum yet to break out sheep shears.
5. As Shamu's legal conservator, Jan has the ability to approve or veto every managerial decision.
4. Remember last year.
3. Addition of Reverend Strawberry a calming influence on otherwise young and rambunctious team.
2. Pigs now flying.
1. It's only a dream, Shamu.