

FROM THE BULLPEN

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Colleagues:

You heard it here. The excitable Cubs manager, buoyed by another 600+ week by his surging squad, believes that the Cubs are unbeatable in 1991. Shamu has already been shopping quotations for the engraving of his name on The Cup. He may be right. Maybe the Cubs are bulletproof this year. Maybe they won't suffer any gut-wrenching injuries that have plagued every other squad in the Hot Stove League since the League was formed. Shamu's probably right. The Cubs can't lose.

Let's take a look at the standings for the League after ten weeks of play (last week's standings are in parentheses):

			<u>Last Week's</u>	<u>This Week's</u>	<u>This Week's</u>
			<u>Totals</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Totals</u>
1.	(1)	Cubs	4913	611	5524
2.	(2)	Reds	4889	599	5488
3.	(3)	Tigers	4732	637	5369
4.	(5)	Senators	4695	452	5147
5.	(4)	Chiefs	4704	396	5100
6.	(7)	Mudhens	4526	502	5028
7.	(6)	Red Sox	4555	452	5007
8.	(8)	Blues	4487	506	4993
9.	(9)	Tribe	4415	544	4959
10.	(10)	Pirates	4389	500	4889

What happened to the Chiefs? It won't take many more weeks of 396-point performances for the Chiefs to slip down into the bowels of the League. Could B.T.'s perpetual drafting short-sightedness be catching up with him once again?

Let's take a look at the top ten performers in each category after 10 weeks:

Hitters

1.	Tony Gwynn	614
2.	Ruben Sierra	592
3.	Dave Henderson	588
4.	Frank Thomas	575
5.	Cecil Fielder	555
6.	Dave Justice	549
7.	Cal Ripken	540
8.	Paul Molitor	534
9.	Joe Carter	525
10.	Ivan Calderon	523

Pitchers

1.	Scott Erickson	325.1
2.	Roger Clemens	315.5
3.	Dennis Martinez	306.2
4.	Tom Glavine	301.5
5.	Ramone Martinez	299.5
6.	Jimmy Key	294.7
7.	Chuck Finley	252.1
8.	Tom Candiotti	243.1
9.	Jack McDowell	231.1
10.	David Cone	212.5

Now let's take a look at the other end of the spectrum, the top ten League anvils:

Hitters

1.	Sandy Alomar, Jr.	92
2.	Darrin Daulton	103

3.	Vance Law	123
4.	Pat Borders	130
5.	Damon Berryhill	133
6.	Kelly Gruber	146
7.	Kevin Seitzer	162
8.	Billy Ripken	170
9.	David Valle	181
10.	Hensley Meulens	185
	Steve Decker	185

Pitchers

1.	Mike Harkey	-2.8
2.	Alex Fernandez	2.2
3.	Scott Garrelts	12.2
4.	Wes Gardner	39.0
5.	Danny Darwin	45.2
6.	John Smoltz	46.7
7.	Bill Wegman	48.6
8.	Ed Whitson	52.1
9.	Ron Darling	60.0
	Mark Guthrie	60.0

Of the bottom ten hitters, it is interesting to note that six among the group are catchers. WhiteSot's third-place Tigers has two of the bottom ten on his team, with a third (Felix Fermin - 199) in strong contention. Remember, it's a long season.

Some other random comments:

- The Red Sox's pitching staff is in shambles.
- The Chiefs are headed down. As in cellar.
- Underbelly's top player is Harold Reynolds. Wow.
- Pipsqueak has 25 reasons to keep quiet this year.
- Paul O'Neill ain't that good, Shamu.

- Ozzie Smith ain't that good, Shamu.
- Jimmy Key ain't that good, Shamu.
- Harold Baines ain't that good, Shamu.
- The Reds' outfield ain't that good.
- Too bad about John Kruk.
- I can't get a break.
- The Mudhens are due for a mudslide.

League Trip

It looks like the League trip is going to be moved to Chicago to see the new Comiskey Stadium on August 31/September 1. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Sandjigger and Magpie promise cheap airfare, top notch hotel accommodations, box seats right behind the plate, tangy ballpark dogs, and cold, ever-flowing beer. You wouldn't like it anyway, Possum.

Skinflint Update

As this week's From the Bullpen goes to press, WhiteSot is the only manager who has seen fit to reimburse me the \$10 for his ticket to the fateful Kansas City/Toronto baseball game in May. I'm sure that the rest of you will have your checks in the mail to me in no time.

This week's top ten list: Skipper's Top Ten List of Reasons for U-Belly's Perpetual Misspellings.

Regards.

Skipper

SKIPPER'S TOP 10 LIST OF REASONS FOR U-BELLY'S PERPETUAL MISSPELLINGS

10. Cleaver way to draw attention away from arrowneus point totals.
9. High school emfasis was on geoglophy, not speeling.
8. I.Q. drooping with each day's employment on railroad.
7. Just trying to bee like boyhood heros Sparky Anderson and Pete Rose.
6. User-hostell P.C. keeps scrooing up.
5. Tutored under Dan Kwail.
4. He spelz 'um like he hears 'um.
3. Chesty babes don't dig good speilers.
2. Voices only he can heer tell him two.
1. Kant speel.