



FROM THE BULLPEN

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Brethren:

Despite the utter dearth of information flow from our faithful Scoremeister (we know you're trying, U-belly), the Hot Stove League is alive and well and soon to be fully functioning again. The primary reason for the snafu in providing point totals is the fact that my selfish, me-first brother thoughtlessly spent the past two months adjusting to the demands of his new job and preparing for his wedding nuptials, instead of completing a computer program for U-belly to keep track of all aspects of scoring with the push of a single computer key. The secondary reason is that U-belly seems to have lost touch with the fundamental concepts of addition and subtraction.¹

Compounding the situation is the fact that we have been unable to obtain statistics for six players for the first two weeks of the year (players that were picked after the date of the initial draft), so that we do not yet have a base to work off of in calculating totals for these players. The six players are Brady Anderson (Red Sox), Trevor Wilson (Senators), Juan Guzman (Cubs), Jose DeLeon (Red Sox), Randy Tomlin (Reds), and Pat Borders (Blues). Possum has admitted to being in possession of USA Today statistics for these players, but has refused to pass them along to me, despite numerous requests. Once again, thanks for your yeoman support of the Hot Stove League, Possum.

Until we are able to catch up on the point totals, we must rely on estimates prepared by WhiteSot. With estimated point totals for the six players named above, and actual point totals for all other players and any teams without one of the six unpointed players, the totals after three rotations (six weeks) look like this:

Cubs	3266
Reds	3244
Senators	3193
Skipjacks	2979

¹Just kidding, Bob. We sincerely do appreciate the work and expense you have gone to for the Hot Stove League.

Tigers	2953
Tribe	2866
Blues	2852
Pirates	2648
Chiefs	2500

Shamu's crackerjack double play combo of Alomar and Fernandez are keeping him in tall clover. Can they keep it up? On the other end of the spectrum, B.T.'s mighty Chieftains are falling further and further away from the pack. It looks like the Chief Chief really growled in his teepee this year. Better make a reservation for the reservation, B.T. You don't belong in this League.

After six weeks, the top scorers in the League are as follows:

1.Alomar	(Cubs)	385
2.Gant	(Blues)	356
3.(tie)Kruk ²	(Reds)	351
4.McGwire	(Red Sox)	351
5.Kelly	(Reds)	349
6.Bonds	(Reds)	345
7.Anderson	(Red Sox)	342
8.Winfield	(Senators)	340
9.Puckett	(Senators)	339
10.Pendleton	(Skipjacks)	336

The top ten pitchers in the League after six weeks are:

1.Clemens	(Blues)	237.5
2.Swift	(Cubs)	214.7
3.Glavine	(Skipjacks)	208.6
4.Eckersley	(Senators)	185.5
5.Guzman	(Cubs)	177.2
6.McDowell	(Pirates)	170.5
7.Smith	(Senators)	168.6

²Unfortunately for the Reds, the Krukmeister has not yet spent any time in his starting line-up, due to the success of the Crimedog (332 points). And speaking of Krukmeister, enclosed is an interesting article from *Sports Illustrated* on the Happy Hillbilly.

8.Sutcliffe	(Tigers)	162.7
9.Cone	(Chiefs)	162.7
10.Nagy	(Blues)	161.5

Not unlike last year, with his blind pig acorn of Paul Molitar, Shamu has scored again with Billy Swift, whom he blindly took in the 27th round. More proof that somebody up there looks out for chubby, bowlegged, red-haired nice guys.

Mother of All Trips

The 1992 Hot Stove League trip to the tri-cities of Detroit/Toronto/Cleveland is rapidly approaching (June 11). Only Possum has bagged out from earlier commitments (to nobody's surprise), and so it looks like seven of us will be making the junket. Happily, McBlunder was willing to sell his client down the river so that he could avoid trial and make the trip. Truly the spirit of the Hot Stove League. See you all in Toronto.

Amitybelly Horror

For those of you who don't already know, U-belly has purchased a new home in the exclusive country club region of South Lincoln. Quite frankly, he was tired of living by those blue-collar types in North Lincoln. Hence the move. Unfortunately, after signing the purchase papers, U-belly found out from just about everyone else in Lincoln that Charlie Starkweather murdered a family of 12 in the basement of his new house in 1951, and that a haunted dog still prowls the neighborhood, looking for his deceased master. Nevertheless, it was well worth it to U-belly to live within shouting distance of former governor Charlie Thone, and to be able to hobnob with other railroad types in the lap of luxury in South Lincoln. Enclosed is a list of the top ten reasons for U-belly's purchase of his new hacienda.

That's about it for now. Keep those cards and letters coming in, folks.

Skipper