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HAIL TO THE CHIEFS or HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER? With ten days left in the 1993 HSL season, it is down to a dog fight between two teams, the Chiefs and the Reds, for the crown. Through games of September 23, 1993, only 58 points separate the two teams. The standings:

1.	Lincoln Chiefs	8194
2.	Sin City Reds	8136
3.	Omaha Senators	7931
4.	Omaha Skipjacks	7869
5.	Omaha Red Sox	7867
6.	Omaha Redbirds	7618
7.	Lincoln Colemans	7584
8.	Kansas City Blues	7426
9.	Lincoln Cubs	7409
10.	Detroit Tigers	7391
11.	Omaha Bronx Bombers	7077
12.	Lincoln Pirates	6092

In addition to the Texas Death Match between the Chiefs and the Reds, there are a number of interesting sub-skirmishes between other teams vying for 3rd place money, upper division finishes, and strategic draft positions. The Senators, Skipjacks and Red Sox are engaged in some heated hand-to-hand combat for third place money, with only 64 points separating these three teams. The Redbirds and Tribe are fighting tooth-and-nail for the last upper division spot, with only 34 points separating them. And finally, the Blues, Cubs and Tigers are fighting hammer-and-tongs to avoid the 10th place spot, with only 35 points between them. The best of luck to all of you as the 1993 season comes to a close.

While I have your attention, let me throw out a few thoughts to air my pipes before I leave with Brother Yithzak Underbelly for the Middle East:

- From this point on, Barry Bonds shall be known as "Mr. May." For the month of September, he has landed more hits on his spouse than home runs or RBIs. He may end up as the League MVP in terms of total points, but when the going gets tough, Barry more closely resembles a Shopko lawn chair than a baseball superstar. Unless Barry is available in the 10th round of next year's draft, he'll not be on the Senators' roster.

- And how about Cecil? Since coming over to the Senators squad, Cecil has rapped out a total of 4 home runs in about 210 at bats (about a third of the season). Not a bad night for Mark Whiten. To put it in perspective, in his first 107 at bats as a Senator, Brett Boone has hit 6 home runs and chalked up 121 points. Cecil has accumulated a grand total of 110 points for the Senators in a third of the season. Japan is calling, Cecil. Your days as a Senator are finished.

Okay, having said all that, I feel much better. Now on with the rest of the season.

To my great chagrin, I will be out of the country and away from my fax sheet as the 1993 season comes to a close. Of course, without my steady managerial hand at the helm, the Senators might just catch fire and make a run at the pennant, but I won't know that until I return from Egypt on October 10. See you then.

Skipper