



# THE BELLYFLOP

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## THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE REDBIRDS

### CUBS\* HOLDING ON

Despite a sub-average week of 318 points, the **Cubs\*** maintain a 33-point lead on the hard charging **Reds** who put up a league second-best week of 421 points. Here are your totals:

### WEEK 10 STANDINGS

#### Upper Division

1. Cubs\* 3748
2. Reds 3715
3. Skipjacks 3712
4. Senators 3514
5. Tribe 3362
6. Bombers 3269

#### Lower Division

### WEEK 10 POINT TOTALS

1. Blues 427\*
2. Reds 421
3. Skipjacks 403
4. Chiefs 393
5. Senators 331
6. Tigers 319
7. Cubs\* 318
8. Tribe 316
9. Wahoos 314
10. Pirates 301
11. Redbirds 271
12. Bombers 229

The **Blues** led the week with an impressive 427 points. Evidently Stretch was on vacation last week and his autopilot found a yet unused gear. On the other hand the **Bombers** players got their strike date mixed up and let the air out of the tires a bit prematurely. How do you get a 229-

7.	Wahoos	3225
8.	Chiefs	3172
9.	Pirates	3155
10.	Tigers	3139
11.	Blues	3138
12.	Redbirds	2848

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The worst feeling is seeing the guy who drafted right behind you lead the league week after week. It forces me to consider the "what ifs" of life.

What if I would have drafted Schilling and Maddux instead of Martinez and Rivera?

What if I would have started using Rogaine when I was four?

What if I would have drafted Glavine instead of Orlando Cabrera?

What if just one person believed Gladys Kravitz?

What if I would have drafted Derek Lowe instead of anyone else?

What if Scott really did own the sweatshop Art F/X instead of Kathi Lee Gifford? Would my lot in life be any easier?

It looks like my main objective is to stay ahead of Mouse. Looking at his team it's easy to see why he is where he is. There hasn't been that large of a collection of

point week? Appier minus 15 points, Irabu minus 25 points, Hamilton minus 17 points, Dempster minus 26 points are a good start.

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\* You must be so proud.

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## **TRIBE GOES TO THE MOVIES**

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I'm not saying that I drafted a faggy team or anything, but every player on my team has seen the movie *The Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood* three times already and the movie has only been out for less than a week.

Rumor has it that Ted "Tolstoy" Bridges will be churning out the next edition next week. If it's anything like the "short" messages that he posts on a daily basis on the message board then we're in for a treat. Granted I have the attention span of a two year old, but come on! You know it's bad when your reading his message and you start looking past the words and start making faces at yourself in the reflection on the monitor. Or am I the only one that does that? Really? Never mind.

## **FIREWORKS**

What drives a 46 year old seemingly sane man to delve into the dark world of fireworks? A receding hair line and protruding brow? Maybe. A single digit IQ? Probably. Or is it the joy of watching a directionally challenged client light his fireworks upside down and permanently scar his children with fear? You'll have to

Yankees in one spot since Andersonville.

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Things have been going so well that I've been considering taking on an assistant. So, Itchie if your still looking I could use a person with your vast knowledge of customer relations. Of course no more cutoff knee high jean shorts with the bullfighter shirt and German pith helmet on dress down Fridays. Fireworks are a serious business. If things go well who knows, maybe you'll get the family Geo Tracker out of hock and you know what that means, no more sitting in the dirt at the drive-in movies.

### **DRAFT DAY FACTS**

On the ESPN web-site there was some pretty interesting facts about the baseball draft. Just to recap:

As you know Mike Piazza wasn't drafted until the 62<sup>nd</sup> round. But did you know that Ryne Sandberg wasn't drafted until the 20<sup>th</sup> round or that Donny Baseball wasn't drafted until the 19<sup>th</sup> round. Bobby Bonilla, Mike Bordick, Dan Quisenberry, Bruce Sutter and Frank White didn't get drafted at all.

Carey Schuler is the only woman ever drafted. She was drafted in 1994 by her father Ron Schuler who was the General Manager of the White Sox. She decided to attend DePaul on a basketball scholarship.

Travis Phelps holds the record of the lowest player drafted to make it to the majors. Travis was drafted in the 89<sup>th</sup> round

ask the Bontrager children about that one. I'm sure the Fourth of July has much different meaning to them.

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### **THE FRIGGIN' SNOWBLOWER**

On the home front, I know that I've already bored you with my trials and tribulations with my mower and snowblower but the electro-mechanical ions of incompetency still capsulate my home. I recently purchased a computer from Dell; evidently one day after I left for work I didn't get the door shut and when I came home I caught the computer talking to the mower and the snowblower and it immediately went on the Kabutz. After informing Dell of my misfortune they sent a technician to replace the hard drive, but they told me that I would have to install the software! Unfortunately my lack of a secondary education has left me woefully unprepared for such a task. The three remaining hairs that I do have took the brunt of my lame attempts at CPR on my new piece of crap computer. The first one I immediately yanked out, the second turned grey and the third just gave up and fell out on it's own. After only a few hundred hours of pushing every key available to me, it somehow started to work. It's leaking oil, but it's working.

On the bright side I gave my mower its walking papers and purchased my first Jewish mower a "Murray" who uncharacteristically of its name is the cheapest I could find. Preliminary reports have been good. It has started on the first pull all 7 times I've mowed this spring. But

of the 1996 draft. The draft has since been limited to 50 rounds, so it looks like Mr. Phelps record will stand forever. (He also became the head of a highly secret organization called the Impossible Mission Force that carried out highly classified ops against shady third world dictators and despicable despots whose greed and skullduggery threatened the world as we know it.) Betcha didn't know that. Did Ya?

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it's still in its probation period and I'm not sure I can keep it away from the snowblower.

I'm sure everyone is looking at themselves in the mirror by now, so I'm taking the *Flop* on the road.

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