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Brethren:

Allow me to submit this very short and concise issue of *From the Bullpen* for your edification and consideration. Because of poor time management on my part, I must keep it very short. In other words, I have a golf game at Quarry Oaks calling my name, and if I leave in about five minutes from right now, I can just make the tee time.

## ITCHIE PUCKERING UP

No, not for a kiss from his appreciative spouse or even an appreciative croupier at Bluffs Run, but in response to the **Reds'** siege during Week 23 to close the gap in the standings to a mere 85.5 points. While the **Skipjacks** were only able to muster up 329.0 points during Week 23, the **Reds** fashioned a hearty 390.0 point total for the week, picking up 61 points on the leader. It's now officially a two-team race, with only a little more than two weeks to go in the season.

Here are the standings through 23

## WEEK 23 POINT TOTALS

1.	Wahoos	424.5
2.	Blues	394.0
3.	Reds	390.0
4.	Chiefs	380.5
5.	Bombers	351.0
6.	Tribe	331.5
7.	Skipjacks	329.0
8.	Senators	308.0
9.	Cubs*	302.5
10.	Redbirds	298.5
11.	Pirates	297.5
12.	Tigers	275.0

A-Rod is still the leading candidate for the MVP award, with 856 points. Schilling has a narrow edge on the Cy Young award with 724.5 points.

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

### Hitters

1.	A-Rod	797
2.	Bonds	710
3.	Kent	670
4.	Soriano	658

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## WEEK 23 STANDINGS

1.	Skipjacks	8561.5
2.	Reds	8476.0
3.	Chiefs	8279.5
4.	Cubs*	8148.5
5.	Wahoos	8121.0
6.	Bombers	8001.0
7.	Senators	7823.5
8.	Tribe	7542.5
9.	Redbirds	7489.5
10.	Blues	7429.0
11.	Pirates	7173.0
12.	Tigers	7169.0

5.	Giambi	644
6.	Tejada	635
7.	Vladdy	623
8.	Sosa	612
9.	Burkman	611
10.	Magglio	591

### Pitchers

1.	Schilling	688
2.	RJ	658
3.	Gagne	581
4.	Pedro	563
5.	Zito	533
6.	Smoltz	529
7.	Oswalt	527
8.	Lowe	515
(T)	Koch	515
10.	Colon	510

### WHO'S HOT - PITCHERS

Oswalt	107
Randy Wolf	98
Colon	96
Millwood	95
Koch	95

### WHO'S NOT

Sparks	(42)
Baldwin	(15)
Sele	(14)

### WHO'S NOT

Cirillo	3
Jordan	9
Tim Salmon	10
Hidalgo	12
Adam Dunn	17

With little more than two weeks to go in the season, the two big questions are:

1. Can the **Skipjacks** hold on, or will the **Reds** edge past them to garner their third league championship and deny Itchie is fourth?

And,

2. Will the **Tigers** end the season in the sewer, ending an eighteen-year skein of never having finished in last place in this organization?

Vazquez (13)

## WHO'S HOT - HITTERS

Bonds	120
Phelps	115
Peyton	107
Karim Garcia	105
Giambi	104

That's it for this week, boys.

As Peter Falk would say, just one more thing: Although the anticipation is probably eating away at you, you will have to wait one more week to learn of Jeffie-Boy's new nickname. We don't want to rush the process, and I have just a bit more research to do.

Have a great weekend, back to you next week.

Skipper

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