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**REDS LEAD BY C-NOTE  
WITH ONE WEEK TO PLAY**

**TRICKO POISED TO COAST  
TO THIRD TITLE**

**SKIPJACKS THROWING KITCHEN  
SINK AT REDS**

**ITCHIE REFUSING  
TO CONCEDE, ALREADY  
DEMANDING RECOUNT  
AND THREATENING LITIGATION**

Brothers:

With one week to play in the 2002 HSL campaign, the **Reds** have mounted a seemingly insurmountable lead of 113 points. Through twenty-five weeks of play, the **Reds** now have 9365.0 points to the 9252.0 total for the **Skipjacks**.

While things look grim for Itchie and his **Jax**, there's still hope in Mudville as the **Skipjacks** still had fifteen pitching starts to throw at Magpie during the last six days of

And with one week to play, there are a couple of other skirmishes of interest, the battle between the **Wahoos** and the **Chiefs** for the third and final money position, and the hand-to-hand combat between the **Tigers** and the **Pirates** for the pride of avoiding the cellar spot in the league for the entire offseason. Through twenty-five weeks, the **Tigers** held a narrow edge of 7667-7651 over the **Buccos**.

Here are the twenty-five week totals, from top to bottom:

## WEEK 25 STANDINGS

1.	Reds	9365.0
2.	Skipjacks	9252.0
3.	Wahoos	8899.5
4.	Chiefs	8850.0
5.	Cubs*	8785.0
6.	Bombers	8648.0
7.	Senators	8502.0
8.	Blues	8269.0
9.	Redbirds	8167.0
10.	Tribe	8129.5
11.	Tigers	7667.0

the season. And after pitching gems on Tuesday night from Mussina, Halladay and Benes, Itchie's boys had narrowed Magpie's lead to a more surmountable total of 9417 points. With A-Rod slumping a bit for the **Reds**, and Pedro having decided to hang it up for the rest of the year, the 2002 HSL title is still up for grabs.

12. Pirates 7651.0

### WEEK 25 POINT TOTALS

1. Bombers 397.5
2. Wahoos 384.5
3. Blues 357.0
4. Senators 335.5
5. Reds 317.0
6. Tribe 316.5
7. Tigers 313.5
8. Skipjacks 298.5
9. Chiefs 298.0
10. Cubs\* 291.0
11. Redbirds 264.0
12. Pirates 233.0

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Hitters		
1.	A-Rod	855
2.	Bonds	790
3.	Soriano	714
4.	Kent	707
5.	Vladdy	689

Pitchers		
1.	RJ	749
2.	Schilling	718
3.	Pedro	619
4.	Gagne	618
5.	Koch	576

### UPDATE ON SCREECH

The new nickname for Jeff was well-received around the league. However, since most people agree that he is the spitting image, possibly separated-at-birth twin of Jerry the dentist, some people have suggested that we

refer to Jeff as "*Screech the dentist*." Let's just say that either nickname would be acceptable, and we'll see which one sticks.

Have a great final week of the season, and good luck to all.

Skipper

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