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## STATISTICS

### Standings Through May 1, 2006

Rank	Team	Points	Pts Change	Waiver	Moves
1.	Skipjacks	1831.75	83.5	1	8
2.	Redbirds	1807.50	115.5	7	6
3.	Cubs	1771.00	30.25	12	15
4.	Reds	1756.50	73.75	8	6
5.	Wahoos	1736.50	97.75	9	9
6.	Bears	1714.75	51.75	4	13
7.	Senators	1667.25	96	10	4
8.	Bronx Bombers	1602.75	39	5	8
9.	Tigers	1598.00	62.5	3	4
10.	Chiefs	1595.75	58.25	2	13
11.	Tribe	1553.25	31	6	20
12.	Blues	1527.00	37	11	6

### WEEK 4 POINT TOTALS

1.	Bears	502.75
2.	Bombers	476.00
3.	Cubs*	449.75
4.	Skipjacks	444.00
5.	Senators	431.50
6.	Redbirds	423.75
7.	Tribe	422.75
8.	Reds	411.75

9.	Blues	364.25
10.	Wahoos	362.75
11.	Chiefs	340.50
12.	Tigers	335.75

### WHO'S HOT Hitters

1.	Broussard	Bombers	55.25
2.	Alou	Redbirds	49.00
3.	Pujols	Skipjacks	48.75
4.	Damon	Blues	47.00
5.	Mench	Wahoos	46.50

### Pitchers

1.	Capuano	Bears	61.00
2.	B. Webb	Tribe	54.00
3.	M. Mussina	Bombers	46.00
4.	Suppan	Redbirds	43.00
(T)	Rogers	Tigers	43.00

### WHO'S NOT

#### Hitters

1.	T.Hunter	Cubs*	(6.25)
2.	Castillo	Reds	(5.50)
3.	J. Lopez	Cubs*	(4.50)
4.	A. Gonzalez	Chiefs	(4.25)
5.	J. Guillen	Cubs*	(2.75)

Multiple position changes are taking place at an incredible pace. The Tigers have bounced between second and twelfth place in a matter of a week and a half. The Smackwater Jacks look to be in contention all season with the Redbirds, Cubs and Reds. No offense to the Bombers, Chiefs, Tribe and Blues, but now that the Tigers are in the lower division, it feels like sitting on the couch with Jugdish, Clayton, Mohammad and Sidney. I need the Rocket to get back in the game soon.

#### TOP 25 HITTERS

Player	Owner	H/AB	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	HBP	A	E	Fan Pts
A. Pujols (StL - 1B)	Skipjacks	28/84	84	27	28	4	0	14	32	2	0	29	0	19	0	182.75
M. Tejada (Bal - SS)	Cubs	44/107	107	20	44	2	0	7	23	0	0	7	1	67	3	145.25
D. Jeter (NYY - SS)	Redbirds	36/91	91	20	36	9	2	3	20	2	1	20	0	53	1	142.75
V. Wells (Tor - CF)	Tigers	39/100	100	20	39	4	1	9	25	3	2	7	1	0	1	141.50

L.Berkman (Hou - 1B,LF,RF)	Wahoos	32/96	96	16	32	5	0	10	30	0	1	13	0	21	0	140.25
T. Hafner (Cle - Util)	Skipjacks	31/92	92	29	31	6	0	8	20	0	0	21	0	-	-	139.50
J. Thome (CWS - 1B)	Bombars	25/85	85	25	25	3	0	10	24	0	0	22	3	-	-	137.00
C. Shelton (Det - 1B)	Redbirds	30/94	94	17	30	6	3	10	20	0	0	10	3	15	0	136.75
D. Ortiz (Bos - 1B)	Wahoos	30/101	101	20	30	5	0	11	24	0	0	18	1	-	-	136.50
M.Ensberg (Hou - 3B)	Tigers	28/89	89	20	28	8	1	9	19	0	1	21	1	57	5	131.75
J. Giambi (NYY - 1B)	Blues	21/64	64	18	21	4	0	9	27	0	0	27	4	4	2	131.50
J. Gomes (TB - LF,RF)	Blues	25/86	86	22	25	2	0	11	23	0	2	22	1	0	0	131.50
P.Konerko (CWS - 1B)	Cubs	33/94	94	22	33	7	0	7	23	0	0	13	1	14	1	130.00
T. Glaus (Tor - 3B)	Redbirds	26/90	90	24	26	9	0	8	22	1	0	15	0	50	2	129.50
N. Swisher (Oak - 1B,LF,RF)	Bombars	27/84	84	22	27	5	0	10	24	0	1	11	2	3	1	126.25
V.Martínez (Cle - C)	Senators	37/97	97	22	37	10	0	5	20	0	0	14	0	6	3	122.50
C. Lee (Mil - LF)	Tribe	28/95	95	21	28	2	0	11	21	1	0	19	0	0	3	121.50
C.Delgado (NYM - 1B)	Senators	29/97	97	19	29	3	0	10	21	0	0	12	4	12	2	120.00
B. Hawpe (Col - RF)	Wahoos	34/96	96	13	34	4	2	7	18	1	3	14	0	3	0	118.75
N.Johnson (Was - 1B)	Reds	31/94	94	22	31	6	0	6	14	3	0	17	3	15	2	117.25
O. Vizquel (SF - SS)	Bombars	31/83	83	20	31	5	0	1	11	6	1	15	2	71	1	112.75
B. Abreu (Phi - RF)	Blues	24/80	80	19	24	8	0	4	20	4	0	25	0	0	0	112.00
H. Blalock (Tex - 3B)	Cubs	33/99	99	20	33	4	0	5	19	0	0	12	0	49	3	111.25
A. Dunn (Cin - 1B,LF)	Chiefs	23/87	87	26	23	3	0	9	17	0	0	25	1	1	4	110.25
E. Chávez (Oak - 3B)	Bears	25/86	86	13	25	5	0	9	20	0	0	14	0	35	2	110.25

#### TOP 25 PITCHERS

Player	Owner	IP	APP	W	L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	K	SVOP	HLD	Fan Pts
B. Arroyo (Cin - SP)	Wahoos	43.2	6	5	0	0	29	12	10	10	34	0	0	142.50
B. Webb (Ari - SP)	Tribe	44.2	6	4	0	0	42	12	11	6	25	0	0	129.50
J. Papelbon (Bos - SP,RP)	Reds	15.1	14	0	0	10	7	0	0	2	16	10	0	128.50
C. Capuano (Mil - SP)	Bears	42.0	6	4	2	0	27	13	11	9	40	0	0	126.00
G. Maddux (ChC - SP)	Skipjacks	33.1	5	5	0	0	23	5	5	6	24	0	0	122.50
C. Schilling (Bos - SP,RP)	Tigers	40.2	6	4	1	0	32	13	13	7	40	0	0	122.50
J. Contreras (CWS - SP)	Redbirds	37.1	5	4	0	0	24	6	6	8	17	0	0	121.50
M. Mussina (NYY - SP)	Bombars	39.0	6	4	1	0	34	10	10	8	37	0	0	120.50
C. Carpenter (StL - SP)	Bombars	40.0	6	3	1	0	36	8	8	7	31	0	0	118.00
P. Martínez (NYM - SP)	Cubs	33.2	5	5	0	0	19	12	11	11	33	0	0	114.50
K. Rogers (Det - SP)	Tigers	41.2	6	4	2	0	31	12	12	10	23	0	0	114.00
R. Oswalt (Hou - SP)	Chiefs	42.1	6	4	1	0	42	15	13	9	27	0	0	113.00
W. Rodríguez (Hou - SP)	Skipjacks	38.0	6	4	0	0	34	12	11	10	25	0	0	111.50
B. Wagner (NYM - RP)	Blues	14.0	13	2	0	7	8	4	1	5	17	9	0	110.50
T. Glavine (NYM - SP)	Cubs	39.1	6	3	2	0	31	12	10	13	31	0	0	105.50

D. Sánchez (NYM - RP)	Senators	17.0	12	1	0	0	7	0	0	6	14	0	7	104.50
J. Mesa (Col - RP)	FA	15.0	15	0	0	1	12	1	1	5	13	3	7	98.50
R. Dempster (ChC - SP,RP)	Blues	14.0	14	0	0	7	6	2	2	4	11	7	0	98.00
T. Gordon (Phi - RP)	Bombers	11.2	12	1	1	7	4	1	1	5	19	7	0	97.50
J. Bonderman (Det - SP)	Senators	38.1	6	3	2	0	29	17	17	7	36	0	0	97.00
B. Penny (LAD - SP)	Chiefs	37.0	6	2	1	0	33	11	11	7	26	0	0	96.00
A. Harang (Cin - SP)	Tribe	39.1	6	4	1	0	40	22	19	9	33	0	0	95.00
S. Shields (LAA - RP)	Senators	15.2	12	1	2	1	7	2	2	2	10	1	7	95.00
M. Buehrle (CWS - SP)	Blues	35.0	5	3	1	0	26	10	10	5	12	0	0	94.50
D. Turnbow (Mil - RP)	Redbirds	11.0	11	0	0	9	8	5	2	6	11	9	0	94.00

## DIFFERENCES IN POINT SYSTEMS

Everyone is probably still getting used to the change from STATS, Inc. to Yahoo! Fantasy Baseball. The major differences that I have seen are as follows:

1. Line-up Adjustments. This can be done on a daily basis up to an hour before a game starts. If a player is hurt but doesn't go on the DL, you can put him on the bench and wait to put him back in the lineup whenever he starts playing without having to worry about the 3 and 7 day rules. This allows for playing hunches with a player without being stuck with the decision of putting someone up or down for more than a game. With pitchers, you can move starters up and down to maximize the number of starts for your team. CAVEAT: watch out for the number of innings, because there is a dreaded cap of 1750 innings for the season.

I have been setting my lineup every day in the morning. This has been a little more of a time requirement than I had hoped. However, a nice feature on Yahoo! allows you to set your line-up for specific days in the future if you are going to be out of town or unavailable during those days.

2. Statistics. It appears to me that the penalty for a pitcher getting shelled is less severe than it was under the BJFB format. A really ugly beating is about negative 10 to 12 points, as opposed to the BJFB negative 20+ beatings that ruined your whole week. As I am writing this, Ben Sheets has posted a fine negative 13 points tonight. I have had about 3 other negative 10 point beatings, but nothing worse this year (yet).

Another change from BJFB is that there are no bonus points for 3 homer games, cycles, no-hitters, etc. If the Jax had gotten 60 more points for the 3 homer games for Pujols and Soriano, there would be quite a gap between them and the pack. Although I liked it when my players got bonus points, I think the removal of bonus points has been an improvement.

3. Free Agents and Waiver Wire. This is undoubtedly the biggest adjustment from BJFB. Rather than only being able to pick up new players once a week, the Yahoo! system allows for free agent pick-ups every day, in unlimited numbers, without any transaction fees. I see that the Tribe and Bears have been burning up the transaction wire this year already.

As I stated on the Hot Stove League Message Board, the waiver wire has been a real pain for me this year. Because I started out as the last team eligible for waiver picks, I have yet to pick up a player on the waiver wire, as I have been shut out on four separate occasions by teams with a better waiver position. This has been particularly frustrating, because I have had to wait seven days to find that I got shut out and that dirtbag Delmon Young is still on my

team. Luckily, I finally figured out tonight that if you pick up a free agent that was not placed on waivers, the transaction is immediate and the new player is placed on your roster for the following day.













Blongo has notified me that he has also been frustrated by the waiver rules, which is a startling change from his normal devil may care attitude. So far, the most flies have landed in the ointment of the Tigers and Blues.

4. Divisions. There are no divisions, and no season-ending playoffs to determine the winner of a cheesy plaque. I have not been informed of any opposition to the "One League, One Division" concept, nor am I aware of any yard signs in league members yards protesting this change.

5. Cost. Can you believe Yahoo! is only costing us about \$10 per team for the whole year?

### SOUND BITES

I'm doing a little experimenting with the capabilities of the newsletter and end this edition with some sounds for your enjoyment (*double click to hear sound bite*):

1. How accurate was this year's assessment of the draft by the Skipper? 
2. Itchie, what do you think about the Skipjax being in the lead this early? 
3. Tirebiter, you better strap on a helmet for the race this year. Have one? 
4. Scott, what are doing outside of the mobile sewage unit? 
5. Possum, the message board posts are getting a little long. Try this. 
6. Slopay, are you enjoying the no cost transactions? 
7. Underbelly, how does Felix Hernandez feel about being a first round pick? 
8. Screech, will you get a chance to improve the Chiefs' finish this year? 
9. Mouse, what do you think of the Bombers' slow start? 
10. Magpie, does Sokol know you live in the Millard School District? 
11. Blongo, what did your buddy Rob in Detroit say? 
12. Shamu, your thoughts? 

Big Guy