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Greetings to all. As Major League Baseball starts the first weekend of interleague play, the debate will resume on whether it is good for baseball or not, and I personally think it provides some interesting match-ups. It's hard to say if it creates or fuels rivalries, but as a fan, I enjoy it. Just make sure you check your pitching assignments.

One subject that I have grown weary of is "The Chase." Partly because of the circumstances of Barroid, partly because of the character of Barroid, partly because it's hard to stomach Barroid passing the greatest Yankee of all time, and partly because of the race card being brought into it. A couple of weeks ago on Sunday Night Baseball, Joe Morgan went on a small tirade that if Barroid were white, all of America would be "laying down at his feet" rather than chastising him at every at bat. Give me a break!! Or better yet, give me a man of character, say Cal Ripken, rather than a perjurer, say Bill Clinton. I would have to wonder if it is all worth it, not only now, but forever the future. Every time the home run record is mentioned it will invariably include some negative thought towards Barroid, say Pete Rose.

Enough of that, let's talk weekly standings.

Weekly Standings		YTD Standings	
Wahoos	502.50	Bears	2689.25
Bears	484.50	Wahoos	2625.75
Tigers	423.00	Cubs	2600.75
Cubs	401.75	Redbirds	2566.00
Skipjacks	380.00	Skipjacks	2564.50
Reds	369.75	Reds	2444.25
Tribe	365.00	Bombers	2418.25
Redbirds	362.75	Tribe	2370.00
Blues	344.75	Chiefs	2296.00
Bombers	336.00	Blues	2259.25
Senators	320.75	Tigers	2245.50
Chiefs	314.25	Senators	2240.00

Some interesting standings for sure! It is fun to watch the daily standings in the Yahoo! format and to see the rise and fall of teams based on a good day or bad day. It seems like for my team it's either feast or famine as I battle between the 6 and 9 spots. But it's a long season, and it's fun as well!

Through Monday, May 15, these are the position leaders:

Position	Leader	Points	Team	Round Taken
C	Willingham	132.00	Bombers	23
1st	Pujols	249.50	Skipjacks	1
2nd	Utley	161.75	Bears	1
3rd	Glaus	175.25	Redbirds	6
SS	Tejada	195.25	Cubs	1
LF	Berkman	184.75	Wahoos	4
CF	V. Wells	181.50	Tigers	9
RF	N. Swisher	173.50	Bombers	21
SP	Mussina	182.00	Bombers	19
RP	T. Gordon	164.50	Bombers	10

Once again, some interesting fodder. Three first round picks are actually playing like it. Five teams do not have a position leader. The Bombers have four selections but are still only in 7th place. And all four picks came after the 10th round. Mr. Pujols is head and shoulders ahead of the pack. After him, the point totals are surprisingly close. Any bets on how this will look at the end of the year?

Mouse's Minute

Don't you just love Stat-tracker and Game Channel? On Wednesdays and Thursdays I must admit my work productivity takes a hit, as I am watching/checking/following the day games on my computer. Couple that with the XM Radio I got for Christmas which broadcasts most of the Yankees games and other MLB games every night. And lastly, Wells has his own fantasy baseball team in a Yahoo! public league and spends hours on the computer tracking his team and is constantly updating me on what is happening from the first pitch to his bed-time. Needless to say, we are getting our fill of baseball and driving the wife crazy already! Now if I could just figure out the waiver rules!! Did you know there have been 147 players added to team rosters already this year? And 7 players have been drafted twice already, Boone, Rios, Od. Perez, Hawpe, J. Putz, R. Soriano, and D. Uggla. Is there "Lightening in those Bottles"? I like the Yahoo! format and their website, so congrats to Big Guy and his Search Committee.

Until we meet again in St. Louis!

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