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Greetings my beloved baseball brothers! We have an incredible pennant race brewing. With one or two possible exceptions, everyone has a chance to win this thing down the stretch. I thought Bob and Ted had a stranglehold on the trophy, only to come back to the pack. Scott is currently attempting to break away, but Screech and others refuse to give the man a break.

Standings through Sunday, 8/2/09:

Chiefs	8047
Cubs	7916
Monarchs	7879
Wahoos	7802
Skipjacks	7743
Tribe	7707
Redbirds	7610
Bombers	7554
Highlanders	7343
Blues	7199
Bears	6967
Tigers	6603
Senators	6294

The top 10 hitters through 8/2/09:

Pujols	563	Blues
Fielder	505	Chiefs
Utley	502	Cubs
Morneau	492	Cubs
Braun	454	Skipjacks
Teixeria	454	Bombers
Reynolds	443	Wahoos
Hill	443	Tribe
H. Ramirez	442	Monarchs
Youkilis	431	Tribe

While there are only a couple of mild surprises on this list, when you look at the top 25 hitters, there are some huge surprises, such as Marco Scutaro, Adam Lind, Ben Zobrist and Shin-Soo Choo. Kudos to Bob for landing two of these overachievers.

Top 10 pitchers through 8/2/09:

Lincecum	609	Tigers
Haren	556	Wahoos
Greinke	526	Redbirds
F. Hernandez	506	Tribe
Verlander	500	Bears
Halladay	488	Highlanders
Cain	481	Bears
Wainwright	474	Chiefs
J. Johnson	471	Chiefs
J. Vasquez	466	Tribe

Once again, no major surprises in the top 10, but the top 25 pitchers revealed some surprises at least to me, like Wandy Rodriguez, Edwin Jackson, and Jerrod Washburn. Buckle your chin straps and get ready for the final 1/3 of the season! I am not going to make any predictions because almost everyone's place in the standings could change overnight, like Screech's 190 plus night, WOW!

Enjoy the remainder of the baseball season!

Brother Shamu