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## **Standings through August 21**

Rank	Team	Points	Pts Back	Waiver	Moves
1	Da Bums	9745.1		1	26
2	Wahoos	9490.2	254.9	4	52
3	Millard Monarchs	9133.3	611.8	11	71
4	West Des Moines Cubs	8962.1	783	9	132
5	LINCOLN CHIEFS	8938.7	806.4	3	59
6	Redbirds	8924.4	820.7	10	49
7	Kansas City Blues	8751.6	993.5	5	31
8	Skipjacks	8682.5	1062.6	13	43
9	Bronx Bombers	8527.8	1217.3	12	56
10	Tigers	8456.7	1288.4	2	24
11	Tribe	8312.9	1432.2	7	38
12	BEARS	8134.7	1610.4	6	62
13	Omaha Senators	8086.9	1658.2	8	39

Da Bums continue to lead the pack. And with only 26 roster moves, Curby must be living a charmed season of solid draft mojo and positive injury karma from the Lords of Baseball. The Hoos aren't going quietly in to that good night though, no sir. They're a few hitting streaks and Jered Weaver away from catching the wily Mitch.

Am I the only that can envision the trade proposals that must have been tossed out before the lads landed on Weaver for Jones and Ross? The proposal sequence from Ted may have looked something like this:

1. Verlander for Ross and Jones (Dave: "Flat out no")
2. Verlander and Wieters for Ross, Jones, Harang, and Seth Smith ("Umm, no")
3. Verlander, Lucroy, Gordon, and Hosmer for Ross, Jones, Harang, Smith, Mitch Moreland, and the rights to say that you cut Mike Trout (Dave, with head spinning: "Hmm, I'm just not sure")

4. (Suddenly Ted zigs when Dave was expecting a zag) Weaver and Zobrist for Ross, Jones, and some beads (“We’re close, but not quite”)
5. (You’re right, Zobrist is a stud) Weaver for Ross and Jones and I’m keeping the beads (“Sold!”)

**Misc...**

- Maybe it is all about hitting. The top 6 teams in the overall standings are the top 6 teams for hitting points. With Mitch’s balance as the #1 pitching team pushing him to the top.

	Overall	Hitting	Pitching
Bums	1	2	1
Wahoos	2	1	7
Monarchs	3	6	2
Cubs	4	5	6
Redbirds	5	4	11
Chiefs	6	3	13
Blues	7	9	3
Skipjacks	8	7	9
Bombers	9	10	4
Tigers	10	8	12
Tribe	11	11	8
Bears	12	12	10
Senators	13	13	5

- Do you suppose Big Guy would like that 48<sup>th</sup> pick to do over and take Andrew McCutcheon (#49 and 551 pts) rather than Konerko (396 pts)? What an exciting young player.
- 9 of the top 31 Starting Pitchers by total points to date were selected in the supplemental rounds of 27 thru 30
  - Chiefs – Capuano
  - Bums - Harrison and Lynn
  - Cubs – Vargas
  - Blues – Vogelsong
  - Monarchs – Peavy
  - Skipjacks – Niese
  - Bombers – Burnett
  - And the mother of all supplemental picks... R.A. Dickey. Well done Skipper
- This is what I hope Jim Joyce is remembered for rather than a certain blown call: <http://www.cbssports.com/mlb/blog/scott-miller/19856253/umpire-joyce-makes-the-best-call-of-the-year----before-the-game>
- The average points on the season for the first 6 pitchers drafted by the Monarchs – 330 (Gallardo, Garza, Beachy, Hanson, Hellickson, McCarthy); the average for the supplemental round SP picks – 417 (Peavy, Hudson, Jackson). Boy, does I know how to pick ‘em!

- Mike Trout may not be the 1<sup>st</sup> pick next year, but he has to be in the top 6, doesn't he? And he really seems to be having fun out there and playing the game with respect.
- So even fat toads take PEDs, interesting.
- A look at the leaderboard for the cumulative Yahoo Years:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	Cumulative Yahoo Yrs
Chiefs	5	2	2	1	1
Cubs	4	1	3	3	2
Wahoos	6	3	1	5	3
Monarchs	2	5	4	7	4
Bums (aka Highlanders, '08)	3	10	5	2	5
Blues	1	9	12	6	6
Tribe	11	4	10	4	7
Skipjacks	8	6	9	8	8
Redbirds	10	7	6	12	9
Bears (aka Bird Killers, '10)	7	11	8	11	10
Bombers (aka Wait Till Next Year, '10)	9	8	11	10	11
Tigers (aka Malden Mullets, '10)	13	12	7	9	12
Senators	12	13	13	13	13

- ✓ The consistency of the Chiefs is impressive. Also shows the advantage of not having a real job
- ✓ Ditto for the Senators, mind-numbingly consistent
- ✓ Only a speed bump in 2010 keep the Bums from being higher in the cumulative standings
- ✓ Damn, 2008 must have been a fun year for you Blongo! The run you had was a no-doubter
- ✓ Bob: 11<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and this year in 11<sup>th</sup> as of now. Next year will be a good year UB, stay strong

While the drama of the last day of the 2011 season may never be matched, the new playoff system this year will keep things interesting right down to the wire. What time are we meeting at Oscars on October 3?

Good luck the rest of the way Brethren!

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