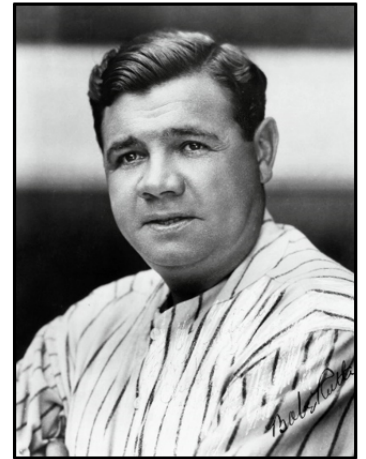




## Babe Ruth

7-time World Series Champion  
Career Batting Average: .342  
Career Home Runs: 714  
Career Pitching Record: 94-46  
Career ERA: 2.28  
1st in All-Time slugging percentage: .690  
1st in All-Time OPS: 1.164



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### WAHOO UPRISING

Brethren,

PAwesome's bloodthirsty band of warriors posted another phenomenal week to retake the lead in the Hot Stove League after ten weeks of competition, posting the dazzling total of 689.2 points for the week, almost double that of the flagging **Chiefs**. It would appear-- I'm sure somebody will correct me if I'm wrong--that the **Wahoos'** Week 10 total is the second highest weekly total in league history<sup>1</sup>, trailing only the **Wahoos'** Week 5 total of 787.5 points. Good gravy, is this team really this good? Thoughts?

In looking at the Top 25 lists, it is not the **Wahoos** but the **Tribe** who has the most combined pitchers and hitters on the Top 25 lists, with 7. After the **Tribe**, the **Wahoos** and the **Senators** both have 6 players on the Top 25 lists, followed by the **Redbirds** and **Bums** with 5 apiece. The **Chiefs** and **Monarchs** each have 4 players in the top 25 lists, and the **Bombers** and **Bears** each have 3. Next, the **Cubs**, **Tigers** and **Blues** each have 2 players on the combined Top 25 pitcher and hitter lists, and bringing up the rear are

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<sup>1</sup> And if Marco Gonzalez had not moonwalked the **Wahoos** backwards to the tune of -26 points, the **'Hoos** evidently would have cracked the 700-point barrier during Week 10. Pity.

the lowly **Skipjacks**, with only a single player--Ketel Marte--making either list, coming in at 21st on the list of pitchers with 244.4 points. Sad.

**STANDINGS THRU WEEK 10  
ENDING JUNE 2, 2019**

1	Wahoos	5034.4	-
2	Redbirds	4867.0	167.4
3	Bums	4845.9	188.5
4	Senators	4672.0	362.4
5	Tribe	4482.9	551.5
6	Tigers	4420.8	613.6
7	Skipjacks	4409.3	625.1
8	Bombers	4312.4	722.0
9	Monarchs	4305.9	728.5
10	Bears	4273.2	761.2
11	Chiefs	4188.1	846.3
12	Cubs	4131.0	903.4
13	Blues	3833.8	1200.6

**POINTS FOR WEEK 10  
ENDING JUNE 2, 2019**

1	Wahoos	689.2
2	Senators	570.5
3	Bums	536.5
4	Cubs	535.1
5	Bombers	523.7
6	Blues	494.2
7	Bears	479.6
8	Tribe	467.9
9	Redbirds	466.1
10	Skipjacks	441.9
11	Monarchs	430.6
12	Tigers	401.2
13	Chiefs	350.6

**TOP 25 PITCHERS**

1.	Justin Verlander	Bums	383.0
2.	Hyun-Jin Ryu	Cubs	316.0
3.	Zack Greinke	Chiefs	296.0
4.	Max Scherzer	Wahoos	290.0
5.	Matthew Boyd	Wahoos	283.0

6.	Stephen Strasburg	Bombers	281.0
7.	Gerrit Cole	Senators	277.0
8.	Lucas Giolito	Tribe	272.0
9.	Charlie Morton	Redbirds	261.0
10.	Jake Odorizzi	Bombers	261.0
11.	José Berríos	Monarchs	260.0
12.	German Márquez	Tribe	260.0
13.	Luis Castillo	Monarchs	255.0
14.	Patrick Corbin	Senators	249.0
15.	Mike Minor	Bums	244.0
16.	Trevor Bauer	Bums	238.0
17.	Domingo Germán	Wahoos	235.0
18.	Mike Soroka	Redbirds	234.0
19.	Shane Bieber	Senators	232.0
20.	Brandon Woodruff	Redbirds	227.0
21.	Zach Davies	Senators	220.0
22.	Blake Snell	Tigers	220.0
23.	Frankie Montas	Chiefs	220.0
24.	Caleb Smith	Redbirds	220.0
25.	Zack Wheeler	Bears	216.0

#### WHO'S HOT -- PITCHERS

1.	Lucas Giolito	Tribe	76.0
2.	Max Scherzer	Wahoos	67.0
3.	Trevor Richards	Tribe	62.0
4.	Rich Hill	Bombers	57.0
5.	David Price	Cubs	54.0
6.	Gerrit Cole	Senators	54.0
7.	José Ureña	Cubs	54.0
8.	Zach Davies	Senators	49.0
9.	Nick Pivetta	Skipjacks	49.0
10.	Adrian Sampson	Blues	48.0
11.	Matthew Boyd	Wahoos	47.0
12.	Adam Wainwright	Redbirds	46.0
13.	Merrill Kelly	Tribe	45.0
14.	Clayton Kershaw	Tigers	45.0
15.	Jon Gray	Chiefs	44.0
16.	Lance Lynn	Bums	44.0
17.	Hyun-Jin Ryu	Cubs	38.0
18.	Justin Verlander	Bums	37.0
19.	Kyle Hendricks	Tigers	37.0
20.	Zach Plesac	Blues	37.0
21.	Jake Odorizzi	Bombers	36.0
22.	Aníbal Sánchez	Skipjacks	36.0

23.	Sonny Gray	Monarchs	36.0
24.	Stephen Strasburg	Bombers	34.0
25.	Aaron Nola	Wahoos	33.0

#### WHO'S NOT -- PITCHERS

1.	Marco Gonzales	Wahoos	-26.0
2.	Kevin Gausman	Bears	-24.0
3.	Patrick Corbin	Senators	-17.0
4.	Yusei Kikuchi	Tribe	-16.0
5.	Jhoulys Chacín	Cubs	-16.0
6.	Martín Pérez	Bombers	-11.0
7.	Nick Margevicius	Blues	-8.0
8.	Tyler Chatwood	Tribe	-7.0
9.	Jon Lester	Tigers	-7.0
10.	Brandon Woodruff	Redbirds	-5.0
11.	Jake Arrieta	Tigers	-5.0
12.	Mitch Keller	Bears	-4.0
13.	Vince Velasquez	Bombers	-4.0
14.	Robbie Ray	Bears	-3.0
15.	Aaron Sanchez	Skipjacks	-2.0
16.	Roenis Elías	Blues	-2.0
17.	Reynaldo López	Blues	-2.0
18.	Andrew Cashner	Skipjacks	-2.0
19.	Joe Musgrove	Tigers	-1.0

#### TOP 25 HITTERS

1.	Cody Bellinger	Bombers	345.9
2.	Christian Yelich	Redbirds	315.3
3.	Nolan Arenado	Blues	308.8
4.	Josh Bell	Chiefs	304.0
5.	Trevor Story	Wahoos	286.8
6.	Mike Trout	Monarchs	285.8
7.	Anthony Rizzo	Bears	264.6
8.	Xander Bogaerts	Senators	263.2
9.	Alex Bregman	Bears	262.9
10.	Eduardo Escobar	Wahoos	260.9
11.	Joey Gallo	Tribe	260.6
12.	Freddie Freeman	Monarchs	257.0
13.	George Springer	Tribe	257.0
14.	Jorge Polanco	Senators	253.7
15.	Anthony Rendon	Cubs	246.9
16.	Kris Bryant	Tigers	246.9

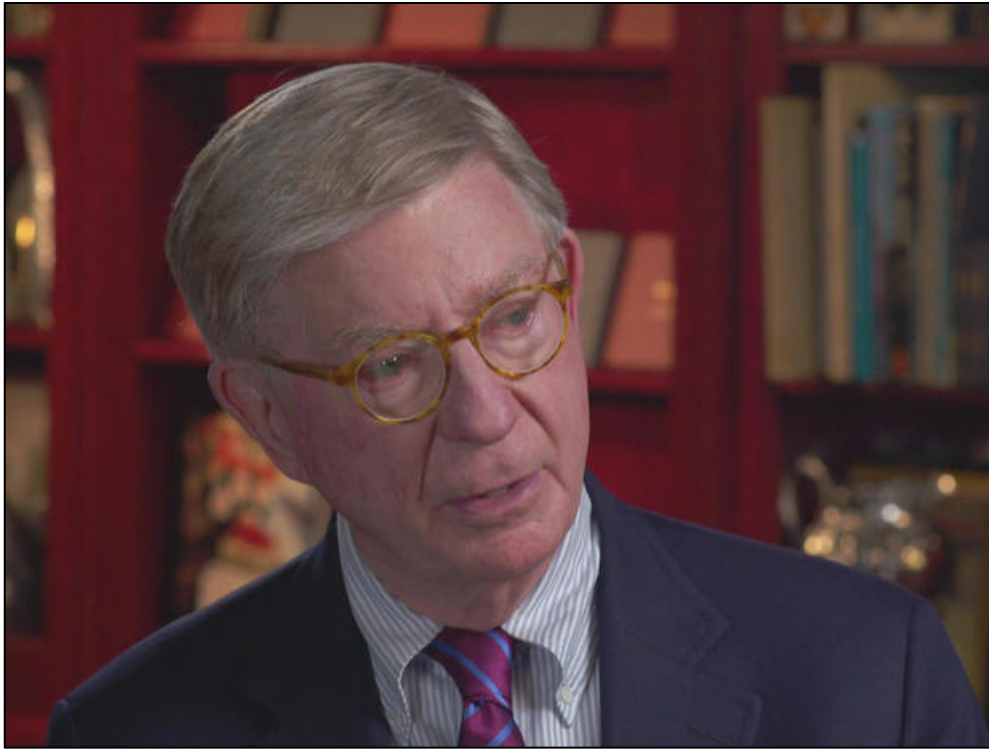
17.	Rhys Hoskins	Tribe	245.5
18.	Matt Chapman	Bums	244.7
19.	Adalberto Mondesi	Blues	242.9
20.	Pete Alonso	Tribe	241.8
21.	Ketel Marte	Skipjacks	240.4
22.	Luke Voit	Wahoos	240.3
23.	Marcell Ozuna	Tribe	234.2
24.	Mookie Betts	Chiefs	234.0
25.	Whit Merrifield	Bums	233.8

### WHO'S HOT -- HITTERS

1.	Trevor Story	Wahoos	52.0
2.	Austin Meadows	Senators	50.0
3.	Xander Bogaerts	Senators	49.9
4.	David Dahl	Bears	47.5
5.	Derek Dietrich	Wahoos	45.9
6.	Nolan Arenado	Blues	44.2
7.	David Fletcher	Skipjacks	42.9
8.	Mike Trout	Monarchs	42.5
9.	Niko Goodrum	Bombers	42.1
10.	Starling Marte	Skipjacks	42.1
11.	Nomar Mazara	Blues	42.0
12.	Eduardo Escobar	Wahoos	41.8
13.	Max Muncy	Bombers	41.8
14.	Orlando Arcia	Bears	40.8
15.	Bryan Reynolds	Bears	39.1
16.	Bryce Harper	Senators	39.0
17.	Carlos Santana	Blues	38.5
18.	Renato Núñez	Cubs	38.0
19.	Francisco Lindor	Cubs	36.1
20.	Juan Soto	Blues	36.0
21.	Albert Pujols	Cubs	35.9
22.	Josh Bell	Chiefs	35.4
23.	Joc Pederson	Wahoos	35.2
24.	Corey Seager	Chiefs	34.9
25.	Pete Alonso	Tribe	34.5

### WHO'S NOT -- HITTERS

1.	Willson Contreras	Cubs	-5.5
2.	Miguel Cabrera	Chiefs	-3.9
3.	Javier Báez	Bears	-1.4



## BY GEORGE

I don't know if any of you saw it on Sunday morning, but there was a terrific interview of George Will, a conservative's conservative, by Ted Koppel, dealing mostly with Will's love of baseball. When asked by Koppel if he had ever played the game himself, Will replied, "Briefly, and very badly, for the *Mittendorf Funeral Home Panthers*, a Little League team in Champaign, Illinois. Our color was, needless to say, black."

In the interview, Will posited that the common theme which links baseball and democracy is the opportunity for argument. "If you don't like to argue, you're not a good American. Get two baseball fans and you'll have an argument about anything. 'Who's the best left-handed pitcher from Northwest South Dakota?' It'll be an argument."

Will was asked about his son, Jon, who was born with Down Syndrome, who is now 47 years old and works in the clubhouse of the Washington Nationals baseball team. About the decision of Will and his wife to carry her pregnancy with Jon to completion, Will says, "The world would be a nicer, sweeter, happier place if there were more people like Jon."

On the wall of Will's office is what might be considered an improvement of Michelangelo's famous painting, in which God is conveying the gift of a divine spirit to Adam. In Will's version, the gift, of course, is a baseball.



When asked if the Michelangelo knockoff reflects Will's own insanity, Will said, "Yes. I've said so often that I only write about politics to support my baseball habit, which is really, it's severe. My wedding ring, which I designed myself, has the major league baseball logo on it."



It would be well worth your time to Google this June 2, 2019 offering by CBS News, entitled "**George Will, a Conservative Rock, Unmoved by Chaos.**"

### **R.I.P. HENRY LYNCH**



For those of you that missed it, an Omaha legend passed away this past Sunday at the age of 91, Dr. Henry Lynch. Known to many as the father of hereditary cancer detection and prevention, Dr. Lynch was the founder and director of the Hereditary Cancer Center at Creighton University, which opened in 1984. I became acquainted with Dr. Lynch in 2000, when my brother Dan and I became patients of his and enrolled in the Pancreatic Cancer Prevention Program.

Dr. Lynch was a legend. According to the *World Herald* article on Monday, he was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, grew up in Depression Era New York and used an older cousin's identification to join the Navy at the age of 16. He served as a gunner on a marine ship in the Pacific during World War II. After being discharged from the military in 1946, Dr. Lynch became a professional boxer, where he picked up the nickname "Hammerin' Hank."



Dr. Lynch returned to school in the late 1940s, earned his bachelor's, master's and medical degrees, and conducted doctoral work in human genetics. He came to Creighton University in 1967, and his work in hereditary cancer began shortly thereafter and continued until his death.

A couple of years ago, I had the honor and privilege of speaking at a Symposium on hereditary cancer that was assembled in Dr. Lynch's honor, as one of his patients who has benefited from his career dedicated to helping save lives. Many of the top cancer doctors in the world were here in Omaha to pay homage to this supremely dedicated--and extraordinarily humble--scientist. He was truly a wonderful man, and will be greatly missed. I count my lucky stars to have been his patient, and to have been able to count him as a friend.

If you want to see a wonderful interview of Dr. Lynch from about a year and a half ago, Google Henry Lynch and KETV interview. It will be well worth your time.

R.I.P., Hammerin' Hank.

## **THE TRIP**

Tomorrow begins the 35th edition of our Hot Stove League Trip, and our revisitation of the City of Arlington, our first Trip there since the 1990 Ernst Family Reunion. Looking forward to a good time, will report back.

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