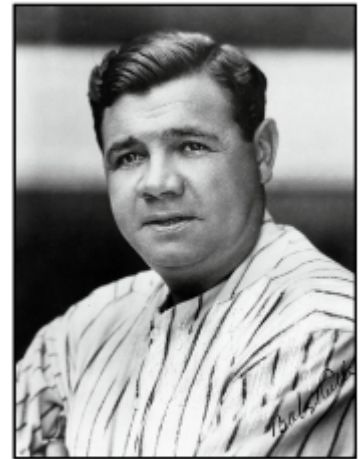




Babe Ruth

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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BIRDS WIN! BIRDS WIN! BIRDS WIN!

Brethren:

The story of the week and indeed, the 2019 baseball season is that Jim Ed and his long-suffering **Redbirds** have finally shaken off the shackles of 2nd-place servitude and garnered their first ever Hot Stove League championship. Withstanding a furious charge by the **WDE Senators**,¹ the savvy pilot of the **Redbirds** franchise finally got the job done and silenced his many doubters, including his now Patron Saint, **Boss Teuton**, who once proclaimed that the **Redbirds** franchise was going to win a Hot Stove League title, "not now, Not Ever!"

In any event, the **Birds** captured their first league title in their 26th year of competition, dating back to our league expansion in 1993, when Jim Ed was a mere fledging pup of 29 years. A case study in perseverance and hope.

Not only did Jim Ed's plucky **Redbirds** win the darned thing, but they did so in record-setting fashion, as chronicled in several congratulatory emails which recently traveled the circuit.

So here are the final 2019 standings, and the weekly totals from the final week of the campaign:

STANDINGS THRU WEEK 26 ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

1	Redbirds	13213.0	-
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¹ William & David Ernst. Happy now, **Blow Torch**?

2	Senators	13085.9	127.1
3	Wahoos	12857.5	355.5
4	Monarchs	12683.6	529.4
5	Bums	12630.9	582.1
6	Skipjacks	12610.5	602.5
7	Bombers	12152.2	1060.8
8	Chiefs	11990.5	1222.5
9	Bears	11757.7	1455.3
10	Cubs	11564.2	1648.8
11	Tigers	11268.9	1944.1
12	Tribe	10977.3	2235.7
13	Blues	10468.7	2744.3

**POINTS FOR WEEK 26
ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

1	Skipjacks	494.7
2	Bums	485.0
3	Cubs	472.8
4	Bears	465.4
5	Senators	453.9
6	Chiefs	439.6
7	Wahoos	439.4
8	Monarchs	417.4
9	Bombers	403.7
10	Tigers	334.1
11	Redbirds	306.8
12	Blues	305.1
13	Tribe	228.0

INDIVIDUAL TOTALS

For the sake of completeness, we also include here the individual totals for the season, and the leaders and stragglers during Week 26 of the campaign:

TOP 25 PITCHERS

1.	Justin Verlander	W (Oct 1)	960.0
2.	Gerrit Cole	Senators	944.0
3.	Jacob deGrom	Skipjacks	768.0
4.	Stephen Strasburg	Bombers	765.0
5.	Shane Bieber	Senators	757.0
6.	Zack Greinke	FA	741.0
7.	Charlie Morton	FA	709.0
8.	Jack Flaherty	Bears	708.0
9.	Patrick Corbin	Senators	693.0
10.	Lance Lynn	Bums	661.0

11.	Hyun-Jin Ryu	W (Oct 1)	659.0
12.	Clayton Kershaw	Tigers	658.0
13.	Luis Castillo	FA	654.0
14.	Max Scherzer	FA	645.0
15.	Walker Buehler	Skipjacks	642.0
16.	Lucas Giolito	FA	625.0
17.	Eduardo Rodriguez	Skipjacks	617.0
18.	Sonny Gray	FA	607.0
19.	Aaron Nola	FA	604.0
20.	José Berríos	Monarchs	596.0
21.	Madison Bumgarner	Bombers	589.0
22.	Mike Minor	FA	586.0
23.	Trevor Bauer	W (Oct 2)	579.0
24.	Mike Soroka	Redbirds	574.0
25.	Zack Wheeler	Bears	542.0

WHO'S HOT -- PITCHERS

1.	Jack Flaherty	Bears	73.0
2.	Gerrit Cole	Senators	71.0
3.	Sandy Alcantara	Senators	49.0
4.	Clayton Kershaw	Tigers	40.0
	Joe Ross	Wahoos	40.0
	Lance Lynn	Bums	40.0
7.	Reynaldo López	Blues	38.0
	Jacob deGrom	Skipjacks	38.0
9.	Mike Clevinger	Monarchs	36.0
10.	Stephen Strasburg	Bombers	35.0
11.	Jake Odorizzi	Bombers	33.0
12.	Jesús Luzardo	Monarchs	31.5
13.	Jordan Yamamoto	Blues	31.0
	Dylan Bundy	Cubs	31.0
	Aníbal Sánchez	Skipjacks	31.0
16.	Sean Manaea	Chiefs	30.0
	Jacob Waguespack	Blues	30.0
	Patrick Corbin	Senators	30.0
	Noah Syndergaard	Redbirds	30.0
20.	Jose Urquidy	Bears	29.0
	Joe Musgrove	Tigers	29.0
22.	José Berríos	Monarchs	28.0
	Marcus Stroman	Senators	28.0
24.	Adrian Houser	Wahoos	27.0
25.	Kenta Maeda	Skipjacks	26.0

WHO'S NOT -- PITCHERS

1.	Adam Plutko	Blues	-20.0
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2.	Dereck Rodríguez	Wahoos	-18.0
3.	Robert Dugger	Blues	-14.0
4.	Kolby Allard	Bears	-9.0
5.	Jason Vargas	Bombers	-6.0
6.	Dallas Keuchel	Monarchs	-2.0
	Caleb Smith	Redbirds	-2.0
8.	Derek Law	Tribe	-1.5
9.	Masahiro Tanaka	Tigers	-1.0
	Adam Wainwright	Redbirds	-1.0
	James Paxton	Bombers	-1.0
	Carlos Carrasco	Blues	-1.0

TOP 25 HITTERS

1.	Alex Bregman	Bears	789.3
2.	Cody Bellinger	Bombers	759.9
3.	Anthony Rendon	Cubs	746.9
4.	Mike Trout	FA	723.0
5.	Marcus Semien	Redbirds	720.1
6.	Xander Bogaerts	Senators	719.7
7.	Christian Yelich	FA	718.7
8.	Nolan Arenado	Blues	709.7
9.	Freddie Freeman	Monarchs	706.3
10.	Rafael Devers	Blues	702.7
11.	Ronald Acuña Jr.	FA	700.5
12.	Pete Alonso	Tribe	696.7
13.	Juan Soto	Blues	689.0
14.	Mookie Betts	Chiefs	688.0
15.	Trevor Story	Wahoos	677.6
16.	Ketel Marte	FA	668.0
17.	Jorge Soler	Senators	658.3
18.	Carlos Santana	Blues	649.8
19.	Eugenio Suárez	Redbirds	645.6
20.	J.D. Martinez	Bums	644.9
21.	DJ LeMahieu	Monarchs	639.6
22.	Bryce Harper	Senators	638.8
23.	Ozzie Albies	Senators	634.9
24.	Trey Mancini	Bombers	634.3
25.	Josh Donaldson	Monarchs	632.9

WHO'S HOT -- HITTERS

1.	Ian Happ	Wahoos	51.9
2.	Trea Turner	Cubs	50.5
3.	Brad Miller	Monarchs	49.5
4.	Rougned Odor	Redbirds	44.4
5.	Tommy Edman	Bombers	44.0

6.	Teoscar Hernández	Cubs	40.1
7.	Gerardo Parra	Cubs	38.5
8.	Alex Bregman	Bears	38.4
9.	Bryce Harper	Senators	37.6
10.	Max Muncy	Monarchs	37.1
	Danny Santana	Bears	37.1
12.	Michael Conforto	Skipjacks	37.0
	Joc Pederson	Wahoos	37.0
14.	Trey Mancini	Bombers	36.7
15.	Christian Walker	Wahoos	36.2
16.	Austin Hays	Cubs	36.1
17.	Jorge Soler	Senators	36.0
18.	Paul Goldschmidt	Bums	33.9
19.	Xander Bogaerts	Senators	33.1
20.	Asdrúbal Cabrera	Skipjacks	32.9
21.	Rafael Devers	Blues	32.5
	Rowdy Tellez	Bears	32.5
23.	Jorge Alfaro	Bears	31.6
24.	J.D. Davis	Senators	30.5
25.	Kevin Newman	Blues	30.2

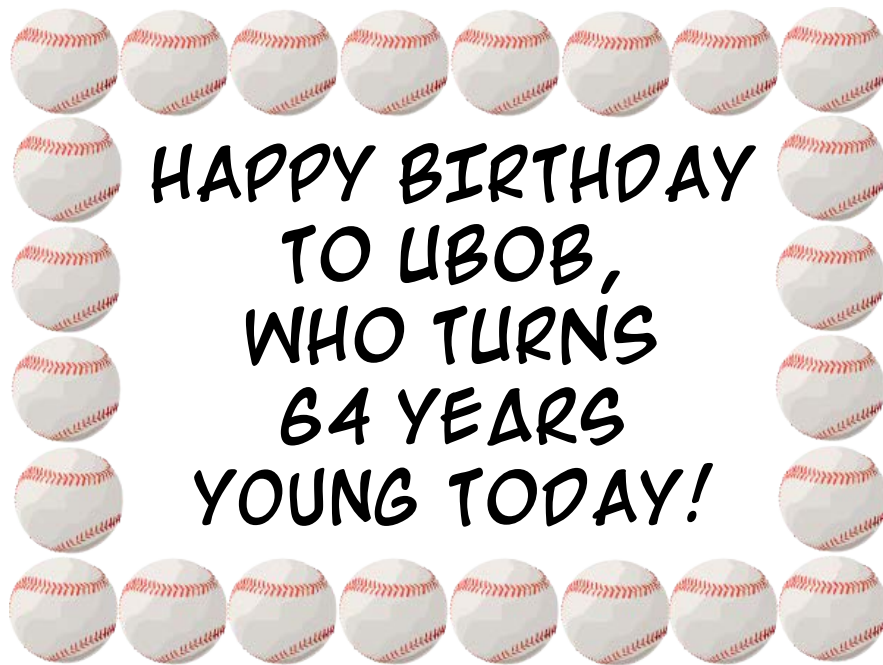
WHO'S NOT -- HITTERS

1.	Nicholas Castellanos	Wahoos	-4.5
2.	Josh Phegley	Skipjacks	-2.8
3.	Carlos Santana	Blues	-2.7
4.	Matt Beaty	Tribe	-2.5
	Anthony Santander	Bears	-2.5
6.	Gleyber Torres	Redbirds	-2.4
7.	Omar Narváez	Chiefs	-2.0
	Kiké Hernández	Redbirds	-2.0
	Stephen Piscotty	Chiefs	-2.0
	Bryan Reynolds	Bears	-2.0
11.	Gary Sánchez	Monarchs	-1.5
	Daniel Vogelbach	Chiefs	-1.5
13.	Hunter Renfroe	Bears	-1.0
14.	Kyle Lewis	Monarchs	-0.5
15.	Eric Hosmer	Blues	-0.4
	Sean Murphy	Wahoos	-0.4
	Robinson Chirinos	Tigers	-0.4
	Austin Riley	Bears	-0.4
19.	Joey Votto	Wahoos	-0.2

Well played, Jim Ed. Management and staff at *From the Bullpen* pass along here their hearty congratulations!



Jim Ed finally bags the big one--and gets the giant monkey off his back



Skipper