



2002 Inside the Fly-By-Night

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NL WEST

Projected Finish

CONNECTICUT BLUE DEVILS
JERSEY CITY G-MEN
CARIBOU STREET HOGS
PLYMOUTH BATS
SILVER CITY KNIGHTS
KLEES KLUBBERS

The way I see it, there are eleven really good teams this year, a whole bunch of middle of the pack teams and not many really bad teams. Of course, as the year progresses some of the non-contending teams will start unloading talent so we will no doubt have our usual quota of 100 loss teams.

If you like playoff races, the American League will probably not excite you much. In the West I think Florida is as close to a lock as you will see. With Maddux, Burkett and Glavine towing the rubber and a very potent offense, I see only up and coming Yorktown as a threat. The Admirals hit the motherload in the draft last year picking up Miller and Mulder to anchor their pitching staff. With a good young nucleus, the Admirals look to be a team to contend with in upcoming years. That's about it. The only other team with even a remote chance is Arsenal. However, even with Clemens, Garcia and Bonds the Gunners don't have enough to stick with either Florida or Yorktown.

The AL East is almost exactly the same story. The only defense is that while I favor Baton Rouge, I think it's very close and that Lake Wobegon could very well win the division. There is, however, little question who the two playoff teams will be. Louisville has the best shot, but it's more likely Bill Clinton will give up sex. The River Bandits have decent starting pitching and a potent offense, but their mediocre bullpen will be their undoing. The Silver Bullets have Schilling-Mussina, an excellent offense led by Thome, Nevin and Sheffield..... and don't forget about Zimmerman and Percival in the pen. The acquisition of Park also gives the Whippets a good one-two punch at the top of the rotation in Park and Appier. They too have a great bullpen duo in Foulke and Nenn, and they too have an excellent offense. The only difference I see is that Baton Rouge's defense is a little better.

The NL is much more interesting. In the East there are three teams that will vie for the two post season births. There will be no Cinderella story for the Kegs in 2002 like there was in 2001. The Kegs may be the best team in the FBN and the team to beat in the East. The rotation headed up by Hudson and Buerle is very good 1-4. Picking up relievers Oswalt, Charlton and Zambrano in the draft closed up the only hole in the Keg. The offense is much improved over last year. My favorite for the wild card is Allyn Street. Rob has been very busy in the offseason building a very deep bullpen and a vastly improved offense. Acquisitions Millar and Stewart, as well as a huge breakout season by Berkman really changed the face of the 89ER offense. The rotation is good, although probably the third best in the division behind Wall Street and Hazardville. The Wall Street Barons are the other contender in the East. You will not find a better rotation than Zito/Leiter/Person/Weaver/Batista, and Kim and Rhodes lead a none too shabby pen. The Barons do not have the offense of Allyn St or Hazardville, but with the pitching they have I would not be surprised if they were able to beat one of them out.

The NL West is easily the best division in the FBN and boasts four teams that would contend in any other division. As far as I can tell it really is a tossup between Connecticut, Plymouth, Caribou Street and Jersey City. All four have good starting pitching. All four have good bullpens. All four have good offenses and pretty sound defenses. I really think if you played the season four times, you could get four different division winners. That said, one team will probably end up winning by ten games and someone will end up under-achieving. It really should be a blood bath though. Why did I pick Connecticut? I don't know. I know I didn't pick Caribou Street because I didn't want to jinx myself. It's my newsletter, I can do that. I took Jersey City to come in second because I know they already took 4 of 5 against the Bats. Is that cheating? Again, it's my newsletter. I picked the Bats for fourth because they lost 4 of 5 to start the season.....

Anyhow, I hope you enjoy this. It was a sh....t load of work. But I enjoy doing it. I blame Mike Holbrook, it's his fault....he was the only one that asked me about it. I hope you're happy Mike :) Good luck to everyone this season!! LET'S ROLL!!!!!!

*note: OB, TB and HR (ball park HR's) are from Lamanna's Bulletin. I had his projections in my original offering, and then updated it with the actuals. I'm hoping I didn't leave in any of the projections by mistake. In addition, a lot of the range ratings are projections and may have changed when the actuals were published. I basically ran out of gas and didn't feel like updating them. Most of them should be good.

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TEAM PROFILES:

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

FLORIDA SUN

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	DEF	AB	AVG	OBP	SLG	LINEUP VS LHP			LINEUP VS RHP					
						OB	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR			
1B) ZIELE	4 E13	584	.266	.359	.373	1	LARKIN-SS	52	62	1	ALOMAR-2B	53	71	2
SNOW	1 E2	314	.246	.371	.379	2	ZIELE-1B	43	58	6	SNOW-1B	42	49	2
2B) ALOMAR	1 E5	633	.336	.415	.541	3	AGBAYANI-DH	51	67	5	LANKFORD-DH	36	58	5
SS) SANCHEZ	2 E7	598	.281	.300	.336	4	WALKER-RF	52	89	8	WALKER-RF	54	76	5
LARKIN	2 E38	172	.256	.373	.372	5	CRUZ-LF	35	60	8	RODRIGUEZ-C	36	56	8
3B) LAMB	4 E41	312	.306	.348	.412	6	ALOMAR-2B	36	50	5	CRUZ-LF	25	50	8
PERRY	3 E27	314	.256	.326	.411	7	RODRIGUEZ-C	29	54	8	HUNTER-CF	26	46	7
C) RODRIGUEZ	1 E6(-5)	486	.308	.347	.541	8	PERRY-3B	30	46	2	LAMB-3B	37	54	W
MIRABELLI	3 E4(0)	209	.226	.332	.453	9	HUNTER-CF	26	46	7	SANCHEZ-SS	31	36	W
LF) CRUZ	2 E3(0)	635	.274	.326	.530	BENCH:								
CF) HUNTER	1 E4(-2)	620	.261	.306	.429		MIRABELLI-C	31	65	8	ZIELE-1B	41	50	W
RF) WALKER	1 E5(-3)	547	.350	.449	.662						AGBAYANI-DH	40	53	W
DH) AGBAYANI		326	.277	.364	.399						MIRABELLI-C	34	48	6
LANKFORD		428	.252	.358	.491									

VS LHH: VS RHP:

ROTATION:	IP	ERA	OBP	SLG	OP	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR
MADDUX	256	3.05	.278	.370	18	30	1	16	21	0
BURKETT	241	3.04	.294	.354	18	26	1	21	30	0
GLAVINE	241	3.57	.338	.390	20	31	1	27	31	2
VALDES	180	4.45	.338	.431	32	42	2	19	31	3
GARLAND	129	3.69	.358	.428	31	37	0	27	36	3
THOMSON	103	4.04	.293	.433	10	18	3	30	55	3

BULLPEN:

ARROJO	114	3.48	.313	.350	16	22	1	22	32	1
GARCES	75	3.90	.299	.382	17	22	0	21	42	4
URBINA	74	3.64	.297	.386	29	46	5	13	21	2
MARTE	40	4.71	.318	.441	37	52	1	10	27	6 reverse lefty
ALFONSECA	68	3.06	.335	.380	31	44	5	22	22	0
MORENO	45	3.92	.289	.306	36	44	4	17	26	4 reverse lefty

The Sun should win the division going away. Alomar, Walker and Rodriguez are superstars. They have five 1's on defense. The only real weak spot is 3B, and G.M. Gerack certainly has the resources to go out and get a good third sacker. The guy who will really impact the Sun in 2002 is Burkett....great Strat season for him....where'd that come from....I had to look to see that Mike hadn't cut him. It's the old better lucky than good theory in action. Well, in Mike's case he's had a little lucky, and a lot good. Maddux, Burkett and Glavine make for a very good 1,2,3 punch. The other guys are only mediocre but it won't matter.

The pen is just ok, really just lacks a lefty specialist....Mike picked up two lefties in the draft, but they both get righties out. Nice 114 inning closer. Arrojo is no Percival or Rivera, but he makes up for the slight deficiency in quality by a lot of quantity. Garces is a good setup guy though the big plus hold hurts. The fact that the pen is nothing special won't matter much since Maddux, Burkett and Glavine can go deep into games. The lack of much competition doesn't hurt either.

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YORKTOWN ADMIRALS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) CASEY	4 E9	586	.310	.369	.458	1 ROLLINS-SS	47	66	W	PIERRE-CF	43	55	W
COOMER	3 E6	383.9	.261	.316	.390	2 GANT-DH	43	61	3	CASEY-1B	40	54	2
2B) KENNEDY	3 E13	526	.270	.318	.372	3 CORDOVA-RF	40	58	8	CHAVEZ-3B	33	69	8
GIL	4 E30	286	.296	.330	.477	4 BURRELL-LF	39	76	8	DREW-RF	49	74	8
SS) ROLLINS	2 E15	722	.274	.338	.419	5 COOMER-1B	36	49	4	DUNN-LF	38	69	8
3B) CHAVEZ	1 E13	607	.288	.338	.540	6 GILL-2B	36	49	2	BURRELL-DH	36	50	5
C) MILLER	2 E5(0)	418	.271	.337	.424	7 MILLER-C	45	59	W	KENNEDY-2B	32	38	W
CASANOVA	4 E5(+2)	211	.261	.303	.484	8 PIERRE-CF	36	41	W	MILLER-C	30	42	4
LF) DUNN	4 E5(+1)	268.4	.262	.371	.578	9 CHAVEZ-3B	27	39	5	ROLLINS-SS	28	38	0
CABRERA	2 E7(0)	316	.261	.312	.348								
CF) PIERRE	3 E9(+2)	679	.327	.378	.415	<u>BENCH:</u>							
RF) DREW	2 E10(0)	413	.323	.414	.613	CASEY-1B	31	48	W	CABRERA-UT	32	42	W
CORDOVA	4 E3(+2)	450	.301	.348	.506	CASANOVA-C	32	38	3	CORDOVA-LF	33	49	5
DH) BURRELL	4 E8(-2)	593	.258	.346	.469	DUNN-LF	38	73	8				
GANT	4 E9(+2)	277	.258	.345	.452								

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
MULDER	252	3.45	.294	.349	19	24	3	22	27	0
MILLER	233	3.40	.304	.399	16	26	1	22	33	3
BERE	207	4.31	.314	.417	34	55	4	16	28	2
BROWER	142	3.97	.329	.417	33	45	3	23	38	3
OHKA	118	5.47	.355	.485	27	39	0	35	55	6
CARRARA	94	3.16	.282	.389	20	35	7	12	17	1

BULLPEN:

BAEZ	55	2.50	.282	.326	17	20	0	15	26	4	CLOSER
WEATHERS	95	2.41	.299	.332	18	26	3	18	25	0	SETUP
YAN	68	3.90	.307	.407	21	26	0	15	31	6	SETUP
CRESEND	62	3.67	.289	.393	26	41	5	18	28	0	SETUP
MERCADO	58	4.08	.354	.422	30	54	6	34	35	0	

G.M. Merklin has done a fine job rebuilding his team into one to the FBN's up and coming powers. The Admirals have the nucleus of a long term contender with fine youngsters Casey, Rollins, Burrell, Chavez, Drew, Miller, Mulder and newcomer Dunn. But forget the long term, the 2002 squad is the clear front runner to grab the wild card spot in a weak AL East.

The offense is pretty balanced with some good on-base guys at the top and nice power, particularly from guys like Chavez, Dunn Drew in the middle. Miller and Mulder combine for a formidable 1-2 punch at the top of the rotation. After that it gets a little dicey although Carrera was a nice addition.

Baez was a nice pickup in the draft. He will close now with Weathers setting him up. Baez also has future value which is always a plus. Yan and Cressend make a good complimentary set up tandem. Could use a lefty specialist....but it's not going to make or break them. This team should make the playoffs.

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HOTLANTA POSSUMS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) SEXSON	2E+08	658	.271	.342	.547	1 GRIEVE-LF	47	59	W	GILES-2B	33	45	4
2B) FEBLES	2 E16	321	.236	.291	.363	2 VARITEK-C	38	47	W	GRIEVE-LF	41	47	W
	3 E17	268	.262	.338	.430	3 SIERA-DH	36	61	6	FICK-RF	32	41	8
SS) GUZMAN	2 E30	542	.302	.337	.477	4 SEXSON-1B	38	64	8	SEXSON-1B	32	56	8
3B) BELTRE	3 E21	523	.265	.310	.411	5 COLANGELO-RF	34	58	4	JONES-CF	28	45	8
	2 e18	517	.260	.303	.415	6 JONES-CF	23	34	6	MAYNE-C	34	39	W
C) MAYNE	4 E3(0)	359	.285	.334	.344	7 BELTRE-3B	34	45	2	BELTRE-DH	30	40	2
	3 E3(+1)	191	.293	.371	.489	8 GUZMAN-SS	36	65	W	GUZMAN-SS	32	46	1
LF) GRIEVE	4 E6(+2)	596	.264	.372	.387	9 FEBLES-2B	25	27	1	BELL-3B	28	41	4
CF) JONES	1 E6(-3)	688	.251	.312	.461								
RF) FICK	4 E16(0)	441	.272	.339	.476	<u>BENCH:</u>							
	4 E7(+1)	100	.242	.310	.407	BELL-3B	24	34	4	VARITEK-C	36	57	8
DH) SIERA		378	.291	.322	.561	PIATT	34	45	2	SIERA-DH	27	55	8
		91	.265	.326	.506	GILES-2B	41	50	4	GARCIA-PH	37	91	8
BROWN		50	.311	.360	.711					FEBLES-2B	25	35	2
GARCIA		104	.211	.300	.284								
PIATT													

VS LHH: VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
MILTON	243	4.32	.308	.446	22	49	8	23	37	4
ESTES	175	4.02	.339	.384	18	22	0	31	41	1
SUZUKI	130	5.86	.377	.463	34	49	6	33	45	3
L DAVIS	117	4.74	.345	.460	22	42	4	33	46	1
MADURO	103	4.23	.319	.367	30	41	2	21	28	3
ACEVEDO	106	5.44	.331	.469	25	38	6	29	46	5
MULHOLLND	72	4.66	.342	.492	22	32	4	27	47	7
LYON	69	4.29	.303	.422	32	44	0	15	34	7

BULLPEN:

ISRINGHAUSN	78	2.65	.266	.323	20	31	0	5	7	0	CLOSER
SULLIVAN	114	3.31	.317	.395	16	29	4	24	36	0	SETUP
SHUEY	59	2.82	.333	.322	25	30	0	30	37	0	
SWINDELL	59	4.53	.277	.517	16	46	8	14	38	6	TOO MANY TATERS
GUARDADO	74	3.51	.268	.307	4	6	0	22	31	2	LEFTY KILLER EXTRORDINAIR
WOHLERS	75	4.26	.328	.388	18	36	8	32	34	0	
CHRISTSON	40	3.22	.304	.364	37	43	3	6	17	5	REVERSE LEFTY

Last season's division winner will not repeat. A rotation that once had great promise with young lefties Milton, Thompson, Estes and Sirotko has now been destroyed by injuries. In addition, the only regulars who had good years were Sexson and Guzman. Beltre and Greive had very disappointing offensive seasons and you now have to wonder if those two will ever develop into the stars they were projected to be. Varitek was off to a good start before his injury, that hurts. Jones regressed a bit offensively from his previous season, Oneill was sent out to pasture in Bat town and Febles was another disappointing youngster. This all adds up to a very ordinary offense. Good thing Jones is a 1 out there cause it ain't going to be pretty with 4's Fick and Grieve manning the corners....

Led by closer (an actual closer...imagine that) Isringhsausen, the Possums have an excellent bullpen. If three decent starters could somehow be acquired....and frogs learn to fly, this could be a playoff contender.

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ARSENAL GUNNERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	DEF	AB	AVG	OBP	SLG	LINEUP VS LHP	OB	TB	HR	LINEUP VS RHP	OB	TB	HR	
1B) GALARRAGA	3 E16	439	.256	.326	.459	1 POLANCO-3B	48	53	W	POLANCO-3B	36	47	W	
2B) YOUNG	3 E14	663	.279	.333	.393	2 YOUNG-2B	42	61	W	YOUNG-2B	36	48	W	
SS) CRUZ	3 E27	455	.256	.291	.375	3 QWYNN-RF	60	80	4	BONDS-LF	69	134	8	
	FRYE	3 E4	193	.246	.305	.326	4 BONDS-LF	64	111	8	GALARRAGA-1B	30	44	4
3B) POLANCO	3 E7	620	.307	.342	.383	5 GALARRAGA-1B	34	62	8	STAIRS-DH	36	52	7	
C) DIAZ	2 E5(-1)	481	.277	.328	.387	6 LOPEZ-DH	27	40	8	DIAZ-C	38	57	W	
	LOPEZ	4 E7(0)	482	.262	.322	.425	7 ANDERSON-CF	30	35	1	PAYTON-CF	30	37	1
	EUSUBIO	4 E8(0)	169	.253	.339	.403	8 EUSUBIO-C	23	44	1	ANDERSON-RF	27	29	W
LF) BONDS	2 E7(+2)	524	.328	.515	.863	9 CRUZ-SS	21	29	1	CRUZ-SS	26	36	1	
CF) ANDERSON	4 E4(+1)	473	.202	.311	.300									
	PAYTON	3 E7(+1)	397	.255	.298	.371	<u>BENCH:</u>							
RF) GWYNN	4 E6(0)	112	.324	.384	.461	NADA				LOPEZ-DH	33	44	3	
DH) STAIRS	1B 4E9	374	.250	.358	.462					EUSUBIO-C	38	46	2	

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	IP	ERA	OBP	SLG	OP	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR
GARCIA	263	3.05	.283	.344	27	39	0	13	15	0
CLEMENS	242	3.51	.309	.375	24	30	1	22	32	1
MERCEDES	202	5.82	.354	.450	35	50	2	33	47	3
NEAGLE	188	5.38	.344	.503	37	56	1	24	46	3
B SMITH	94	3.83	.296	.421	34	49	0	17	30	5
REYNOSO	51	5.98	.366	.575	26	44	8	30	57	8
DRESE	41	3.44	.322	.356	34	47	0	20	23	0

BULLPEN:

MAGNANTE	60	2.77	.287	.376	19	24	0	17	30	7	CLOSER
MANZANILLO	88	3.39	.281	.326	29	44	0	7	9	0	RIGHT KILLER
MATHEWS	42	4.30	.311	.416	22	38	0	25	40	5	SETUP
SAURBECK	69	5.60	.369	.367	29	34	0	31	36	0	
BONES	70	5.06	.374	.460	29	37	0	38	60	4	

The Gunners are getting old and not doing it particularly gracefully. Guys like Galarraga, Anderson, Stairs and Gwynn are about ready for the golf course. This is really almost a three man club....Bonds, Garcia and Clemens. Hard to believe a team with Garcia and Clemens at the top of the rotation is not a contender but unfortunately the rest of the team is pretty lame. G.M. Morris would need to trade this year's and next year's draft away to fill the holes....which is not out of the question...he's done it before. The line up is nothing special and there is really no one in the lineup to protect Bonds....he'll probably walk 200 times. The rotation is mediocre to bad after Garcia and Clemens and the pen is nothing special either. Magnante is probably the closer and Manzanillo is a real righty killer...but it gets pretty ugly after that. Bud Smith will help the rotation some, but I don't think it's enough. This is probably the only team with a chance to beat out YorkTown for the wild card.....but I really don't see it happening.

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CALIFORNIA DREAMERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:						<i>LINEUP VS LHP</i>			<i>LINEUP VS RHP</i>					
	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	
1B) KONERKO	3 E9	640	.282	.349	.507	1 OFFERMAN-DH	35	47	W	BELL-3B	41	52	2	
2B) RIVAS	2 e17	619	.266	.317	.362	2 RIVAS-2B	28	44	W	MACIAS-CF	32	40	2	
SS) WOMACK	3 E32	529	.266	.307	.345	3 KONERKO-1B	37	60	4	DELLUCI-RF	32	50	6	
	URIBE	3 E12	300	.300	.325	.524	4 MACIAS-CF	23	34	W	FULLMER-DH	33	50	5
3B) CASTILLO	4 E20	592	.260	.308	.467	5 CASTILLO-3B	28	40	4	VAUGHN-LF	30	46	8	
	BELL	3 E24	471	.248	.349	.400	6 VAUGHN-LF	32	43	2	KONERKO-1B	34	52	6
C) MYERS	4 E3(+1)	177	.224	.313	.447	7 PRATT-C	35	45	3	RIVAS-2B	33	45	W	
	JOHNSON	3 E4(-1)	190	.249	.388	.382	8 ENCARNCN-RF	26	38	5	WOMACK-SS	30	40	W
	PRATT	3 E6(0)	190	.185	.327	.301	9 URIBE-SS	33	60	3	JOHNSON-C	36	44	2
LF) VAUGHN	3 E9(-1)	534	.233	.333	.485									
	DESHIELDS	3 E9(+1)	386	.234	.344	.353	<u>BENCH:</u>							
CF) MACIAS	3 E8(0)	537	.268	.316	.391	GIBBONS	29	64	8	MYERS-C	27	48	8	
RF) DELLUCI	3 E4(+1)	239	.276	.349	.479					GIBBONS	24	46	8	
	ENCARNACIO	4 E9(-3)	459	.242	.292	.408				ENCARNCN-RF	28	43	3	
DH) OFFERMAN	---	576	.267	.342	.374					DESHIELDS-LF	38	47	0	
	FULLMER	574	.274	.326	.444									
	GIBBONS	248	.236	.301	.480									

<u>ROTATION:</u>					<u>VS LHH:</u>			<u>VS RHP:</u>		
	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
HERNANDEZ	249	5.24	.356	.456	37	51	2	31	46	5
PENNY	226	3.69	0.296	0.364	25	32	0	20	35	3
HAMPTON	223	5.41	.367	.486	38	60	4	30	44	2
B JONES	214	5.12	.335	.506	20	35	7	30	49	6
DAAL	205	4.46	.327	.462	17	30	2	28	45	4
KENNEDY	130	4.44	.319	.452	20	29	4	24	42	4
WELLS	111	4.47	.335	.453	13	18	2	34	50	2

<u>BULLPEN:</u>											
COLOME	54	3.33	.306	.393	16	18	0	21	40	8	CLOSER
VERES	73	3.70	.314	.431	24	49	8	26	35	3	SETUP
GOMES	69	5.29	.366	.465	37	63	6	33	43	0	
MAHOMES	118	5.70	.359	.513	27	47	5	34	56	3	
WILSON	120	5.19	.351	.550	39	72	8	19	30	4	
PROKAPEK	152	4.88	.319	.481	12	30	7	33	50	5	LEFTY SPECIALIST/MOPUP

What ever happened to that vaunted Dreamer offense? I think Konerko and Rivas are good young players. Pena and Uribe are also supposed to be future stars but for now, the offense is pitiful. I thought Encarnacion was going to be a good player.... typical five tool guy, but he's been a flop. Thirdbase, catching and the outfield all need to be retooled. I love Penny, but the rest of the starters are questionable. If Hampton stays in Colorado he'll suck. Hernandez, Daal and Jones are nothing special....one of them could pop up and have a good season, but the chance of two or more doing well is a pipe dream. Colome has an ok closer card although the eight ballpark homeruns vs righties hurt. The 54 innings will be more than enough to close out the hand full of games the Dreamers will be leading going into the ninth. It looks like another 90-100 loss season and another good draft pick for the Dreamers. Bye the way, I would have kept Oswalt....and I'm guessing everyone in the NL East is wishing the Dreamers kept him as well.

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ORLANDO REDSOX

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	DEF	AB	AVG	OBP	SLG
1B) ERSTAD	3 E2	694	.258	.331	.360
ZULETA	4 E13	117	.217	.288	.415
2B) BOONE	2 E11	685	.331	.372	.578
SS) MORDECAI	4 E27	278	.280	.330	.398
GOMEZ	4 E25	331	.259	.298	.402
GARCIAPARA	3 E24	92	.289	.352	.470
3B) HILLENBRAND	3 E25	515	.263	.291	.391
TRUBY	3 E29	150	.206	.276	.441
C) SANTIAGO	3 E3(0)	525	.262	.295	.369
HASELMAN	3 E3(+1)	143	.285	.331	.400
LF) BRANYAN	4 E20(+1)	347	.232	.316	.486
WILKERSON	3 E10(-1)	129	.205	.304	.224
LATHAM	2 E9(0)	80	.274	.369	.425
CF) GRIFFEY	1 E6(-2)	400	.286	.365	.533
FINLEY	1 E3(-1)	545	.275	.337	.430
RF) JAVIER	2 E3(+1)	309	.292	.375	.391
BELL	3 E4(0)	172	.173	.287	.288
MABRY	3 E12(-2)	169	.208	.287	.370
DH) DAVIS		171	.205	.269	.365

LINEUP VS LHP

	OB	TB	HR
1 JAVIER-RF	53	59	W
2 MORDECAI-SS	41	53	1
3 BOONE-2B	68	93	7
4 TRUBY-3B	32	63	8
5 HASELMAN-C	33	46	6
6 ZULETA-1B	35	42	3
7 BRANYAN-LF	29	46	8
8 DAVIS-DH	31	48	6
9 FINLEY-CF	22	32	0

LINEUP VS RHP

	OB	TB	HR
ERSTAD-1B	39	52	W
FINLEY-DH	32	45	2
BOONE-2B	35	60	7
GRIFFEY-CF	39	66	8
BRANYAN-LF	25	43	8
SANTIAGO-C	30	45	W
HILLENBRND-3B	30	40	3
GOMEZ-SS	30	43	3
JAVIER-RF	39	44	W

BENCH:

	OB	TB	HR
HILLENBRAND-3B	20	24	0
WILKERSON-LF	30	47	W
GRIFFEY-CF	28	44	5
LATHAM-PH	41	48	4
GARCIAPARA-SS	49	67	8

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	IP	ERA	OBP	SLG	OP	TB	HR
RUETER	215	4.42	.341	.465	26	41	5
REITSMA	200	5.29	.329	.469	26	43	2
RUSCH	197	4.63	.344	.458	31	41	2
LEVRAULT	144	6.06	.358	.494	30	47	3
BROWN	128	2.65	.291	.314	26	31	1
YOSHI	124	4.78	.323	.351	23	38	3

key for 2003

BULLPEN:

	IP	ERA	OBP	SLG	OP	TB	HR
FASSERO	81	3.42	.293	.356	23	29	3
SMOLTZ	65	3.36	.274	.390	20	39	3
HERNANDEZ	75	4.12	.336	.390	31	40	2
MYERS	44	3.60	.339	.331	23	30	0
SHAW	83	3.62	.277	.399	6	11	0

Reverse righty

Good bullpen. That's about it. Fassero, Weathers, Magnante, Arrojo....who would have figured them to be four closer candidates? So much for the closer rule... Losing Brown for half the year is a killer. Not much of a rotation. The other things that will kill this team are losing Garciapara for the year, Griffy for third of the year and Erstad's bad performance. Nice season by Boone, which I'm sure he'll parlay into \$10 mil/yr salary....then return to batting .245 with 15 HR's. Sounds like a guy the Boston Redsox might sign. These Redsox are really light in LF and RF since both Griffy and Finley are CF only guys....but OFer's are not that tough to come by. This team has some future promise but it won't happen in 2002. This is why the closer rule wouldn't work in the FBN....three closers on this team. And the probable closer, Fassero, isn't one of them.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE WEST

BATON ROUGE

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) THOME	4 E11	579	.291	.416	.624	1 COUNSELL-1B	49	56	W	COUNSELL-2B	35	44	W
2B) COUNSELL	3 E4	504	.275	.359	.362	2 HAIRSTON-2B	42	58	0	GUILLEN-SS	33	42	W
HAIRSTON	2 E21	585	.233	.305	.344	3 COLLIER-CF	54	75	0	WHITE-LF	41	63	8
SS) GUILLEN	2 E13	502	.259	.333	.359	4 SHEFFIELD-RF	54	90	8	SHEFFIELD-RF	49	69	8
BORDICK	3 E17	252	.249	.314	.397	5 NEVIN-DH	47	69	8	THOME-1B	50	91	8
3B) NEVIN	4 E32	601	.306	.388	.588	6 FELIZ-3B	30	62	8	NEVIN-3B	45	76	8
C) MARERRO	3 E10(-1)	223	.266	.312	.438	7 ECHEVARIA-RF	34	44	1	WILSON-CF	38	61	8
ZAUN	4 E13(+1)	138	.320	.377	.536	8 BORDICK-SS	33	58	6	COX-DH	31	49	5
PAUL	3 E11(+2)	153	.266	.327	.410	9 PAUL-C	32	53	2	MARRERO-C	35	51	1
LF) WHITE	2 E6(+2)	355	.307	.371	.529								
CF) WILSON	3 E3(-1)	515	.274	.331	.494	<u>BENCH:</u>							
COLLIER	3 E10(+1)	140	.252	.340	.378	THOME-1B	34	44	1	MCCARTY-DH	36	48	6
RF) MARTINEZ	3 e3(-1)	261	.287	.347	.384					MARTINEZ-RF	39	52	W
SHEFFIELD	4 e7(-1)	567	.311	.417	.583					ZAUN-C	46	67	8
MCCARTY	4 E25(0)	220	.250	.328	.405								
DH) COX		376	.257	.323	.427								

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SCHILLING	283	2.98	.273	.402	12	24	5	15	22	1
MUSSINA	252	3.15	.274	.358	16	26	1	19	24	1
REED	222	4.05	.299	.438	21	35	4	20	34	4
HERNANDEZ	105	4.85	.333	.452	34	51	8	15	27	5
SANTOS	84	3.30	.340	.387	27	34	3	21	25	2
MATTHEWS	98	3.24	.302	.387	10	11	0	25	42	5

BULLPEN:

PERCIVAL	64	2.65	.258	.258	7	7	0	16	18	0	Closer
ZIMMERMAN	78	2.40	.251	.344	7	25	8	7	7	0	Setup
WHITE	77	3.88	.303	.395	23	37	4	21	30	0	Long man
STANTON	88	2.58	.332	.365	34	47	0	20	25	0	
FULTZ	78	4.56	.311	.430	16	22	1	27	48	7	Lefty killer

Two top shelf starting pitchers, two top shelf relievers and three sluggers. The acquisition of Reed compliments Schilling and Mussina well. The addition of Santos and Mathews to the bottom of the rotation all but assures the Bullets a playoff spot. The pen is solid with Percival and a resurgent Zimmerman making a closer/setup combo as good as you'll see. Fultz is a nice surprise as a lefty killer....Stanton is not that good, but White is a good middle innings guy. The big three will go deep into games, so Zimmerman and Percival will be more than enough.

The offense will be driven by Sheffield, Thome and Nevin. The loss of Lofton as a top lead off hitter hurts, but Counsell and White had nice years. I love how Mike stocked a third of his lefty platoon in the draft, picking up Feliz, Echevria and Collier. This team has a lot of HR power, particularly against RH pitching.

Baton Rouge can start selling playoff tickets now. This perennial power continues to shine.

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LAKE WOBEGON

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	DEF	AB	AVG	OBP	SLG	
1B) GIAMBI	3 E14	572	.342	.477	.660	
2B) MCLEMORE	2 E45	450	.286	.384	.406	
	MENECHINO	3 E19	518	.274	.320	.367
SS) GONZALEZ	1 E11	700	.253	.303	.388	
3B) VALENTIN	3 E39	482	.258	.336	.509	
	DAVIS	4 E39	184	.257	.326	.473
	ALICEA	4 e11	426	.274	.320	.367
C) FLETCHER	3 E1(+1)	458	.226	.274	.353	
	STINNETT	3 E16(+2)	206	.257	.333	.460
	LUNAR	3 E3(0)	184	.246	.287	.287
LF) GILES	3 E11(0)	634	.309	.404	.590	
	LUGO	4 E16(+1)	564	.263	.326	.372
CF) JONES	2 E7(0)	523	.276	.335	.417	
RF) BURKS	4 E5(0)	483	.280	.369	.542	
	DUNSTON	4 E14(-1)	205	.280	.293	.511
DH) PALMIERO		660	.273	.381	.563	

LINEUP VS LHP

	OB	TB	HR
1 MENECHINO-2B	52	61	1
2 GONZALEZ-SS	41	50	3
3 GIAMBI-1B	56	76	8
4 DUNSTON-RF	34	77	8
5 PALMIERO-DH	35	67	8
6 DAVIS-3B	42	68	8
7 BURKS-LF	33	59	8
8 GILES-CF	37	50	2
9 STINNETT-C	44	60	1

LINEUP VS RHP

	OB	TB	HR
JONES-CF	35	45	3
MCLEMORE-2B	50	66	W
GIAMBI-1B	62	98	8
GILES-LF	46	76	8
BURKS-RF	42	62	7
PALMIERO-DH	40	64	8
VALENTIN-3B	31	50	7
GONZALEZ-SS	26	34	2
FLETCHER-C	20	29	1

Bench:

	OB	TB	HR
LUGO-LF	36	47	W
LUNAR-C	34	40	W
STINNETT-C	29	46	6
LUGO-LF	37	43	0
MENECHINO-2B	40	46	1

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	IP	ERA	OBP	SLG	OP	TB	HR
PARK	257	3.50	.305	.368	19	32	4
APPIER	228	3.57	.306	.390	20	39	4
NOMO	218	4.50	.320	.392	23	33	5
DAVIS	205	4.45	.354	.429	33	50	0
LOWE	100	3.53	.343	.390	29	39	0
STEIN	144	4.74	.342	.395	29	39	7

	OB	TB	HR
	20	23	0
	23	30	0
	31	46	5
	31	40	0
	20	24	1
	27	36	2

BULLPEN:

	IP	ERA	OBP	SLG	OP	TB	HR	
FOULKE	89	2.33	.274	.261	16	16	0	Closer
NENN	86	3.01	.260	.308	17	25	0	Setup
MECIR	69	3.43	.310	.333	14	20	0	Reverse righty
JIMENEZ	61	4.09	.332	.410	20	41	3	
DEJEAN	92	2.77	.332	.330	24	33	0	

While Jim paid a lot to get him, Park was a big pickup and should catapult the Whippets into the playoffs. Park and Appier make a very good one-two punch at the top of the rotation. Nomo had a solid year as well. Foulke is a top reliever. The addition of Nenn to the pen makes for a nasty setup closer combo in Nenn and Foulke. The rest of the pen is just serviceable, but it should be enough. Giambi is a monster; along with Palmiero, Burks and Giles in the middle of the lineup....very nice, will score some runs. The defense is a little weak with guys like Burks, Dunston and Lugo out there...that'll cost them a few games. Good solid team though. I can't really see anyone beating out the Whippets for a wild card spot, and I don't think it's beyond the realm of possibility that they could win the division. By the way, how did Menechino get such a good on-base card? His on-base percent was only .320!

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MAINE YAKS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) LEE	2 E9	617	.282	.346	.474	1 CAMERON-CF	47	73	6	CIRILLO	43	58	3
2B) VINA	1 E10	694	.303	.357	.418	2 VINA-2B	43	55	W	VINA-2B	37	54	W
SS) A ROD	2 E19	695	.318	.399	.622	3 A ROD-SS	35	69	8	A ROD-SS	49	78	8
3B) CIRILLO	2 E9	581	.313	.364	.473	4 LEE-1B	47	71	7	SWEENEY-DH	41	66	7
C) BLANCO	2 E3(-3)	345	.210	.290	.344	5 JORDAN-RF	32	63	8	JORDAN-RF	34	51	4
LAMPKIN	3 e3(0)	224	.225	.309	.348	6 SWEENEY-DH	30	45	5	CAMERON-CF	36	50	7
FASANO	3 E12(-1)	94	.200	.277	.365	7 MAGEE-LF	29	45	6	LAMPKIN-C	30	38	2
LF) T PEREZ	3 E2(-1)	263	.247	.287	.356	8 FASANO-C	35	47	3	LEE-1B	37	52	4
MAGEE	2 E3(+1)	228	.213	.293	.377	9 CIRILLO-3B	31	37	W	PEREZ-LF	25	31	1
ROBINSON	3 E8(+2)	205	.285	.330	.344								
CF) CAMERON	1 E7(-1)	594	.267	.353	.480	<u>BENCH:</u>							
HAMMONDS	3 E7(+1)	191	.247	.314	.425	BLANCO	26	39	W	ROBINSON	36	41	W
RF) JORDAN	2 e4(-1)	616	.295	.334	.496					BLANCO	24	35	1
DH) SWEENEY		615	.304	.374	.542								

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
HELLING	237	5.17	.344	.532	26	47	4	28	52	6
DEMPSTER	232	4.54	.362	.428	37	51	2	34	45	1
CLEMENT	186	5.05	.365	.428	37	47	0	31	48	2
TAVAREZ	178	4.52	.358	.406	52	52	1	24	35	0
CHEN	161	4.87	.327	.504	32	55	6	24	44	6
DUCKWORTH	76	3.52	.318	.340	32	42	0	21	31	0

BULLPEN:

KOCH	76	4.81	.356	.392	36	46	4	24	30	0	CLOSER
WILSON	166	4.88	.343	.429	30	44	5	23	31	2	LONG
HERGES	109	3.44	.350	.390	34	44	3	18	29	0	SETUP VS RH
NUNEZ	65	4.58	.343	.427	20	36	3	32	40	1	SETUP VS LH
ADAMS	183	4.33	.326	.364	17	21	0	35	42	0	LONG

The starting pitching, or lack there of, is the story here. No way I can imagine the Yaks returning to the playoffs with five of these guys towing the rubber. With the departure of Nenn, the pen is nothing to write home about either. The Nenn trade obviously indicates that 2002 will be a retooling season for the Yaks. Koch closing games could get ugly.

The offense is still pretty good....but losing Hammond's bat from last year hurts. In addition, the catching is weak and Cirillo didn't hit lefties. Trading Vanderwall away has left a hole in LF so that'll be pretty much a patchwork arraignment in 2002. I think Sweeney got screwed. Anyhow, doesn't matter, they couldn't stay with Baton Rouge or Lake Wobegon anyhow. I'm betting on a first (well wild card...) to worst scenario.

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LOUISVILLE RIVER BANDITS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) T LEE	2 E6	611	.258	.341	.434	1 OCHOA-RF	49	61	W	KENDALL-C	36	44	W
2B) ORTIZ	4 E27	271	.240	.297	.439	2 GLANVILLE-CF	31	43	5	LEE-1B	35	47	2
PAQUETTE	3 E15	374	.282	.326	.465	3 AURILIA-SS	40	83	8	AURILIA-SS	44	66	8
NUNEZ	4 E10	331	.262	.326	.336	4 RAMIREZ-LF	52	84	8	RAMIREZ-LF	39	73	8
SS) AURILIA	3 E19	700	.324	.369	.572	5 GONZALEZ-C	45	71	8	PUJOLS-3B	49	74	8
3B) PULHOLS	4 E33	649	.329	.403	.610	6 PUJOLS-3B	39	63	8	CLARK-DH	38	50	3
C) KENDALL	2 e8(+1)	667	.266	.335	.358	7 TATIS-DH	43	47	1	ORTIZ-2B	27	42	5
GONZALEZ	2 e7(-1)	176	.275	.335	.463	8 CLARK-1B	39	63	6	OCHOA-RF	34	45	W
LF) RAMIREZ	3 E2(-1)	582	.306	.405	.609	9 PAQUETTE-2B	34	40	3	GLANVILLE-CF	27	32	W
CF) GLANVILLE	3 E4(-1)	697	.262	.285	.375								
RF) OCHOA	2 E4(-3)	590	.276	.334	.403	<u>BENCH:</u>							
DH) CLARK		471	.287	.374	.481	NUNEZ-2B	49	49	W	C LEE-DH	30	50	5
WARD		234	.262	.323	.460	WARD--DH	22	34	3	WARD-RF	27	46	2
LEE		614	.269	.321	.468								

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
ORTIZ	241	3.29	.309	.328	31	34	0	17	20	0
JOHNSON	216	4.09	.334	.440	26	43	5	25	37	3
BURNETT	190	4.05	.323	.375	28	31	0	26	41	7
CARPENTER	238	4.09	.345	.449	31	47	3	24	35	4
PONSON	152	4.94	.339	.487	35	60	7	21	33	2
COGGIN	105	4.17	.345	.387	33	36	0	30	43	2

BULLPEN:

GRAVES	88	4.15	.314	.410	26	41	5	18	29	0	closer?
CABRERA	65	2.88	.315	.381	25	41	5	24	32	0	setup
RYAN	58	4.25	.335	.342	23	25	1	29	37	3	
WALLACE	55	3.40	.363	.362	21	21	0	42	57	2	
SANTIAGO	101	4.61	.333	.397	40	54	1	23	28	0	
ROCKER	74	4.32	.347	.319	44	44	0	27	27	0	

The starting pitching isn't bad, although Ortiz is a bit too susceptible to lefties to be an ace. Johnson and Burnett are decent but the rest of the bunch should get clobbered. I don't think that Carpenter will be able to replicate his 4.09 ERA.

The pen needs some help....a lot of mediocrity there but no one resembling a closer. The rotation is young so that's good for the future.

A pretty good offensive team with good HR pop in the middle of the lineup. Kendall had a bad year for him, which hurts. Glanville had that great season in '99 but hasn't hit his way out of a paper bag since....plus he's dropped off a bit defensively. Miller was a nice surprise and he'll be missed. Carlos Lee might have a good future but he's pretty useless this year. If Tatis comes back next year it would be a plus. This team will probably battle Urbain for third place.

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URBAIGN DRAGONS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP VS LHP</u>			<u>LINEUP VS RHP</u>						
1B) IBANEZ	3 E30	307	.280	.353	.495	1	CAIRO-DH	45	69	3	BIGGIO-2B	47	60	1	
	HALTER	4 E26	.495	.284	.344	.467	2	TYNER-RF	37	37	W	TYNER-RF	31	36	W
2B) BIGGIO	3 E12	679	.292	.382	.455	3	EDMUNDS-CF	40	48	1	HALTER-1B	39	56	3	
SS) J HERNANDZ	4 E20	596	.249	.300	.443	4	JONES-3B	60	87	8	EDMUNDS-CF	47	71	8	
	LOPEZ	3 E17	.244	.270	.326	.387	5	J HERNANDEZ-S	28	38	6	JONES-3B	44	64	8
3B) JONES	4 E20	629	.330	.427	.605	6	KARROS-1B	29	51	8	HERNANDEZ-C	33	46	3	
C) HERNANDEZ	3 E7(+1)	498	.254	.316	.408	7	HERNANDEZ-C	28	36	3	SURHOFF-LF	30	40	1	
	PRINCE	3 E1(0)	.216	.219	.284	.357	8	BIGGIO-2B	30	41	6	KARROS-DH	29	37	1
LF) SURHOFF	3 E4(0)	532	.271	.321	.405	9	SURHOFF-LF	24	34	3	J HRNANDZ-SS	20	34	3	
	LITTLE	2 E9(-1)	.94	.341	.378	.518	<u>BENCH:</u>								
CF) EDMUNDS	1 E7(-1)	550	.304	.410	.564		IBANEZ-1B	29	46	5	HUNTER-LF	47	56	W	
	ROWAND	4 E4(-1)	.135	.293	.385	.431		LITTLE-LF	46	57	3	ROWAND-CF	46	54	1
RF) TYNER	3 E9(+1)	436	.280	.311	.326						GUERRERO-DH	43	49	W	
	HUNTER	3E7(0)	.160	.276	.344	.359					IBANEZ-1B	32	51	6	
DH) GUERRERO		156	.338	.352	.408										
	CAIRO		.172	.295	.366	.417									
	KARROS		.482	.235	.303	.388									

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP TB HR</u>			<u>OB TB HR</u>		
JARVIS	212	4.79	.303	.485	15	41	8	22	42	6
SABATHIA	198	4.39	.329	.371	32	34	0	28	39	2
LIMA	183	5.54	.342	.521	23	52	8	27	42	6
CONE	150	4.31	.351	.416	29	40	6	26	34	1
MARTINEZ	129	2.39	.253	.274	10	11	0	8	11	0
WILLIAMS	125	3.71	.322	.433	16	26	0	21	36	5
REDMAN	64	4.50	.352	.430	36	45	0	33	43	4

key for 2003

BULLPEN:

MESA	76	2.34	.301	.337	20	24	0	26	28	0	Closer?
KLINE	83	1.80	.288	.295	17	17	0	19	34	0	Setup/closer
MILICKI	185	6.17	.382	.545	38	61	6	28	43	5	Mopup
RINCON	59	2.83	.294	.320	17	22	1	23	27	0	Lefty specialist
TROMBLEY	86	4.38	.319	.371	21	25	1	24	37	3	Setup
WITASICK	87	3.30	.335	.370	35	42	2	21	27	1	should have stayed in SD

This team has a good bullpen which should win them some games. Their rotation certainly has some promise if Pedro is healthy next year and Sabathia develops. Trading Park is an admission that this is a rebuilding year. Guys like Lima, Cone, Jarvis and Williams might do ok in a big park, but will get killed by the HR in the band boxes.

Offensively, Chipper Jones and Jim Edmunds are studs. Biggio was great but he's getting old. Edmunds is a risk because of his injury history. Chipper is almost like a DH since he's a 4 at 3B and in LF. But with his bat you stick him at 3B and suffer with the fielding. Hernandez seems to be a decent young catcher but I'm not sure he'll ever hit that much. Ibanez and Halter are just platoon players....Jose Hernandez, Karos and Surhoff and over the hill. I'm not sure about Tyner. If he doesn't learn to get on base he won't be worth much.

Should be middle of the pack finishing with 70-80 wins and possibly battling for third place.

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ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DOGS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) DAUBACH	3 E18	448	.263	.350	.509
K YOUNG	4 E9	494	.232	.310	.399
2B) WALKER	4 E14	606	.296	.355	.459
GRAFFANINO	3 E10	160	.303	.370	.407
SS) CLAYTON	2 E9	476	.263	.315	.393
ECKSTIEN	4 E21	640	.285	.355	.357
3B) STYNES	4 E19	397	.280	.322	.410
LIEFFER	4 E53	279	.256	.313	.520
C) BARRETT	4 E5(+2)	519	.250	.289	.367
HALL	3 E4(0)	207	.298	.321	.447
LF) D YOUNG	4 E15(0)	594	.302	.350	.481
ALLEN	4 E13(0)	193	.263	.333	.429
CF) BENARD	3 E15(0)	431	.265	.320	.439
PALMIERO	3 e4(+1)	253	.243	.319	.322
RF) SUZUKI		761	.350	.381	.457
DH) GUERRERO		659	.307	.377	.566

LINEUP VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 SUZUKI-RF	39	48	W
2 ECKSTEIN-2B	44	48	0
3 K YOUNG-1B	43	61	5
4 GUERRERO-DH	46	86	6
5 STYNES-3B	45	66	3
6 ALLEN-LF	34	68	3
7 BENARD-CF	38	73	3
8 CLAYTON-SS	49	74	W
9 HALL-C	34	54	W

LINEUP VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SUZUKI-RF	46	62	W
ECKSTEIN-SS	39	44	W
D YOUNG-LF	38	66	5
GUERRERO-DH	36	72	6
DAUBACH-1B	36	65	6
WALKER-2B	42	61	3
LEIFER-3B	27	52	8
PALMIERO-CF	35	40	W
BARRETT-C	28	38	W

BENCH:

GRAFFANINO-2B	53	68	W	GRAFFANINO-2E	41	51	W
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VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
DESSENS	226	4.48	.325	.442	32	46	7	21	31	3
WAKEFIELD	186	3.90	.339	.369	20	25	1	28	38	1
WOLF	179	3.70	.314	.397	14	20	0	27	39	2
TOLLBERG	129	4.30	.321	.453	27	42	3	26	38	3
VILLONE	127	5.89	.366	.475	31	38	0	30	49	4
O PEREZ	105	4.91	.357	.403	37	52	7	34	40	0

BULLPEN:

FOX	74	1.89	.296	.296	11	16	0	23	27	0	Closer
PHELPS	68	3.48	.299	.349	19	19	0	21	38	4	Setup
POTE	96	4.15	.325	.408	18	32	6	28	36	0	Middle
TIMLIN	80	4.09	.327	.401	32	49	5	25	30	0	
REED	64	3.55	.316	.382	53	76	6	11	19	0	Won't see many lefties.

Another team suffering from expansion hangover. Their not going any where fast with that starting pitching. Wolf is not bad but the rest of those guys are pretty much mediocre. Wakefield had a decent year but he's up and down. I'd trade him while he has value. He'll likely be back in the pen next year for Boston.

Drafting Fox and Phelps makes the pen a whole lot better. I think Timlin has seen his best days pass bye, Pote is ok as a set up guy.... and Reed has some interesting numbers, huh?

Offensively, Guerrero is great of course....but most of the other guys are nothing special. Young and Walker are solid hitters but can't play defense. Daubach and Stynes are not good starting players, take it from a Redsox fan who got to see them all year. What's with Barrett, is he ever going to be any good? Drafting Ichiro made sense but now they have two great right fielders and not that much else.....I'm sure Suzuki will be on the trading block....problem is, I don't think his Strat card has the same impact that he did for Seattle.

Another middle of the pack team....could battle it out with the Louisville and Urbain for 3rd place.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

HAZARDVILLE POWDERKEGS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	
1B) BAGWELL	2 E12	660	.288	.397	.568	1 BELTRAN-CF	40	52	1	CATALANOTTO-	46	61	1	
2B) MARTINEZ	3 E5	430	.253	.323	.353	2 SMITH-LF	44	60	2	BELTRAN-CF	34	55	6	
	BERG	3 E27	236.5	.242	.292	.363	3 BAGWELL-1B	52	70	4	BAGWELL-1B	43	67	8
SS) TEJADA	2 E20	684	.267	.326	.476	4 GREEN-RF	37	57	8	GREEN-RF	37	69	8	
3B) ROLEN	1 e13	609	.289	.378	.498	5 ROLEN-3B	56	65	2	ROLEN-3B	40	60	6	
C) MOLINA	2 E5(-1)	358	.262	.309	.351	6 SANDERS-DH	28	75	8	OLERUD-DH	48	63	4	
	ALOMAR	2 e5(-1)	242	.245	.288	.345	7 TEJADA-SS	32	47	5	TEJADA-SS	24	48	8
LF) CATALANOTTO	4 E2(+2)	509	.330	.391	.490	8 MARTINEZ-2B	41	53	0	MARTINEZ-2B	31	44	0	
	LEWIS	1 e5(0)	180	.280	.326	.366	9 ALOMAR-C	27	37	4	MOLINA-C	31	40	W
	SMITH	LF 3E4(0)	213	.242	.326	.412								
CF) BELTRAN	2 e5(-1)	679	.306	.362	.514	<u>BENCH:</u>								
RF) GREEN	2 E6(-3)	681	.297	.372	.598	CATALANOTTO	39	49	W	PICKERING-PH	47	70	8	
DH) OLERUD		629	.302	.401	.472	LEWIS-LF	37	50	W	SANDERS-DH	32	52	8	
	SANDERS		485	.263	.337	.549								
	PICKERING		59	.278	.371	.463								

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>VS LHH:</u>	<u>VS RHP:</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
HUDSON	259	3.37	.303	.350	23 31 2	22 24 1			
BUEHRLE	243	3.29	.279	.377	11 21 2	16 27 2			
LIDLE	207	3.59	.299	.390	12 20 5	27 39 2			
WASHBURN	212	3.77	.318	.431	29 38 5	20 35 2			
WRIGHT	214	4.90	.37	.442	31 47 3	33 55 3			

BULLPEN:

OSWALT	155	2.73	.271	.361	14 18 0	13 26 2	CLOSER/MOPUP		
CRUZ	90	4.15	.310	.408	20 34 2	16 29 3	SETUP		
ZAMBRANO	55	3.16	.278	.360	17 28 4	15 24 2	SETUP/COULD BE CLOSER		
CHARLTON	50	3.02	.270	.318	9 16 2	22 27 1	LEFTY KILLER		
LLOYD	77	4.35	.333	.423	25 37 2	27 43 0			
PRINZ	45	2.63	.305	.327	41 54 5	10 10 0	AAA		

Bob has built an excellent team through patience and good draft picks. The Kegs are loaded with good young players selected in the draft. It doesn't seem like Bob makes a lot of "go for it" type trades. He's had some decent teams that might have gone further had he decided to trade some youth or picks to get some good veteran players. However, by not caving into that urge Bob has managed to build a team with a core of players like Rolan, Bagwell, Beltran, Green, Tejada, Hudson and Buerhle.....if I'm correct, all acquired through the draft. Bob, you're a better man than I am.

Very nice rotation with Hudson and Buerhle at the top. Solid offense....and great defense. The only weakness defensively is Catalanatto... hate to have a 4 in the OF or at 2B where he could also end up. Picking up Oswalt was an awesome move. The further addition of Zambrano and Charlton during the draft make this a very good bullpen.

I think this will be the best team in the FBN during 2002. A return to the World Series seems like a good bet although there are several good teams in the NL so they'll have to earn it.

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ALLYN STREET 89ERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	
1B) MILLAR	3 E13	494	.314	.374	.557	1 STEWART-LF	51	71	W	STEWART-LF	43	55	1	
	DURAZO	4 E11	193	.269	.372	.537	2 MUELLER-3B	56	74	4	MCEWING-SS	44	52	1
2B) REESE	1 E18	471	.224	.284	.343	3 BERKMAN-RF	50	66	W	BERKMAN-RF	52	97	6	
	SORIANO	3 E20	632	.268	.304	.432	4 MILLAR-1B	52	79	3	MILLAR-1B	40	67	7
SS) FURCAL	2 E23	356	.275	.321	.370	5 MCGRUFF-DH	38	65	8	MCGRUFF-DH	40	58	8	
	MCEWING	4 E27	311	.283	.342	.449	6 REDMOND-C	45	61	8	LOWELL-3B	38	43	4
3B) LOWELL	3 E10	606	.283	.340	.448	7 HIDALGO-CF	41	56	1	HIDALGO-CF	41	54	3	
	MUELLER	2 E23	231	.295	.403	.448	8 FURCAL-SS	38	49	1	WOOTON-C	33	35	0
C) GIRARDI	2 E2(-2)	252	.253	.315	.345	9 REESE-2B	22	31	2	REESE-2B	24	34	W	
	REDMOND	3 E4(-1)	155	.312	.376	.426	<u>BENCH:</u>							
	WOOTON	4 E4(+1)	243	.312	.332	.446	WOOTON-C	37	57	6	DURAZO-1B	42	67	8
LF) STEWART	2 E6(+3)	704	.316	.371	.463	SORIANO-2B	29	39	2	FURCAL-SS	28	38	W	
CF) HIDALGO	2 E4(-4)	563	.275	.356	.455	LOWELL-3B	31	41	3	SORIANO-2B	30	44	3	
	SINGLETON	2 E5(-1)	431	.298	.331	.431	SINGLETON-OF 33 43 0							
RF) BERKMAN	3 E6(0)	635	.331	.430	.620									
DH) MCGRUFF		564	.306	.386	.544									

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>VS LHH:</u>	<u>VS RHP:</u>				
					<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
KILE	250	3.09	.322	.394	27	36	1	24	30	1
ORTIZ	230	4.36	.343	.443	32	34	0	17	20	0
ANDERSON	227	5.10	.358	.402	44	60	2	28	35	0
REYNOLDS	201	4.34	.327	.460	29	44	1	23	38	3
TRACHSEL	191	4.46	.304	.445	18	28	5	25	46	7
HALLADAY	116	3.16	.287	.328	16	22	0	25	35	0

BULLPEN:

SASAKI	74	3.24	.241	.341	13	27	2	6	13	1	closer
WICKMAN	75	2.39	.285	.335	30	35	0	11	14	0	righty killer
VANPOPPLE	83	2.52	.316	.390	38	57	5	17	26	2	righty killer
LINCOLN	44	2.68	.293	.358	13	21	0	20	34	3	nice....
QUANTRILL	91	3.04	.311	.411	31	49	0	15	27	0	righty killer
PLESAC	50	3.57	.311	.341	18	27	4	28	40	0	lefty killer
VENAFRO	66	4.80	.335	.356	25	36	0	25	36	0	

WOW.....nice bullpen. Awesome closer in Sasaki....a closer like card in Lincoln. Plesac's a nice lefty killer and Wickman, Quantrill and Van Popples all kill righties. Halladay is excellent too.....and a very nice 15-20 starts. Kile is also good, but the other guys are just ok. Trachsel gives up too many long balls, and Ortiz and Reynolds give it up to lefties. Anderson is just your ordinary lefty so he'll get lit up.

Rob has done a great job revamping the offense. Millar and Stewart in particular are great additions. The 89ers still don't have the home run power to keep up with the likes of Hazardville, but they have great on-base and will score plenty of runs. I'm not sure I'd start Mcewing at SS. A 4 at short is a bad thing....but at least Furcal is there for late inning defense.

Wall Street could give the 89ers a run for their money but I like their chances to make the playoffs for first time in a few years.

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WALL STREET BARONS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) SEGUI	2 E24	321	.301	.406	.473	1 DEROSA-SS	41	56	2	CEDENO-DH	35	45	W
LODUCA	3 E14	506	.320	.374	.543	2 SEGUI-1B	51	61	1	LONG-CF	33	44	1
2B) BUSH	3 e9	298	.306	.336	.387	3 WELLS-CF	41	54	1	HOUSTON-3B	30	43	4
BELLIARD	2 E9	400	.264	.335	.453	4 LODUCA-C	53	79	8	FLOYD-LF	40	64	8
SS) CORA	2 E27	446	.217	.285	.306	5 FLOYD-LF	39	68	8	DYE-RF	32	50	7
DEROSA	4 E29	180.4	.287	.350	.390	6 DYE-RF	42	57	1	LODUCA-IB	39	56	8
3B) BATISTA	3 E25	637	.238	.280	.435	7 QUINN-DH	29	52	6	PIERZYNSKI-C	34	52	1
HOUSTON	4 E21	259	.289	.343	.472	8 BELLIARD-2B	33	59	8	BELLIARD-2B	35	50	1
C) PIERZYNSKI	3 E3(0)	419	.289	.322	.441	9 BATISTA-3B	16	29	4	CORA-SS	30	36	W
LF) FLOYD	3 E10(+1)	611	.317	.390	.578								
CF) LONG	4 E7(0)	708	.283	.335	.412	<u>BENCH:</u>							
WELLS	2 E13(-1)	106	.312	.350	.427	CORA-SS	33	48	4	SEGUI-1B	45	37	4
RF) DYE	1 E6(_4)	659	.282	.346	.467	BUSH-2B	33	41	W	BUSH-2B	40	51	W
DH) CEDENO		575	.293	.337	.396								
QUINN		498	.269	.298	.459								

VS LHH: VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
WEAVER	252	4.08	.326	.409	27	42	3	19	25	0
ZITO	235	3.49	.309	.345	25	33	2	23	28	1
PERSON	229	4.19	.311	.426	26	53	4	20	42	4
LEITER	206	3.31	.299	.393	20	35	0	22	31	2
BATISTA	153	3.36	.315	.349	21	22	0	25	34	2

BULLPEN:

KIM	108	2.94	.284	.299	16	26	6	17	17	0	CLOSER
RHODES	75	1.72	.230	.279	15	17	0	6	13	2	SETUP
STRICKLAND	89	3.21	.322	.361	37	46	1	15	22	3	RIGHTY SPECIALIST
PANIAGUA	73	4.36	.341	.368	41	46	0	23	37	8	MOPUP
SEANEZ	40	2.75	.287	.295	12	19	3	27	31	1	REVERSE RIGHTY

Joe says he's still in a rebuilding mode but I'd be going for it if I were him, and I think he is. With a starting rotation featuring excellent up and comers Zito and Weaver and solid veterans Leiter and Person the Barons have one of the leagues best starting rotations. Picking up Batista to pop into the #5 slot gives the Barons a solid rotation throughout. The setup/closer combo of Kim and Rhodes is also about as good as it gets and Strickland will be good as a righty specialist....Seanez was a nice pickup in the draft and will serve as the "lefty" specialist. Offensively, the Barons also have some good core players. Floyd and Dye are solid middle of the order guys....Lo duca had a great year....I'll be curious to see if he maintains that level or slips back. SS and 3B are problem areas as well as CF. I like Wells as the future CF but I'm not that high on Long unless he can eventually pull down at least a 2. . Belliard slipped back some at 2B, but I like the future with either him or Bush. Segui probably has a few good years left, and then hopefully Nick Johnson will be ready. Crede could be a long term solution at third. This team could slip by the 89ers or Kegs in 2002 but more likely they'll end up in 3rd....definitely an up and coming team though.

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US JARHEADS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	
1B) STEVENS	2 e21	596	.245	.338	.452	1 KENT-2B	49	65	1	TUCKER-DH	33	44	1	
2B) KENT	3 E11	668	.298	.369	.507	2 SHINJO	37	45	0	PETRICK-C	37	56	3	
SS) CABRERA	1 e11	689	.276	.324	.428	3 BLUM-3B	36	49	5	KENT-2B	43	63	6	
3B) FRYMAN	2 e22	367	.263	.327	.335	4 WILSON-C	54	84	8	BURNITZ-RF	34	53	5	
	BLUM	4 E15	498	.236	.313	.351	5 ANDERSON-CF	29	38	3	STEVENS-1B	29	46	6
C) PETRICK	4 E10(+2)	268	.238	.327	.459	6 STEVENS-1B	29	41	3	ANDERSON-CF	27	47	6	
	FORDYCE	3 E9(+3)	321	.209	.268	.322	7 BURNITZ-RF	18	41	5	SHINJO	31	45	2
	WILSON	5 E7(+2)	174	.310	.390	.589	8 CURTIS-DH	35	43	0	CABRERA-SS	33	47	1
LF) SHINJO	2 E5(-3)	440	.268	.320	.405	9 CABRERA-SS	31	41	1	FRYMAN-3B	30	42	W	
	CURTIS	3 E4(0)	127	.252	.338	.357								
CF) ANDERSON	3 e2(0)	739	.289	.314	.478	<u>BENCH:</u>								
RF) BURNITZ	2 e7(-3)	619	.251	.347	.504	FORDYCE-C	29	58	W	WILSON-1B	41	81	8	
DH) TUCKER	3 E6(-1)	480	.252	.322	.415	FRYMAN-3B	40	40	W					

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
MAYS	257	3.16	.289	.365	17	27	2	22	27	2
SCHOENWS	226	5.08	.351	.415	14	17	0	35	49	3
ESCOBAR	139	3.50	.287	.314	23	37	2	22	26	0
BEIMEL	127	5.23	.364	.442	24	42	3	33	43	1
GLOVER	110	4.93	.312	.434	22	33	2	24	47	5
PINEIRO	83	2.03	.256	.263	25	34	0	4	4	0

BULLPEN:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	
FARNSWRTH	90	2.74	.282	.348	17	26	1	17	25	2	Closer
LEVINE	84	2.38	.325	.380	28	42	4	20	21	0	
DARRSBRG	54	4.25	.313	.420	26	58	4	20	20	0	
WORRELL	86	3.45	.316	.351	17	30	0	30	34	0	Reverse righty
SABEL	56	4.38	.330	.436	27	39	4	23	34	4	
KING	61	3.60	.321	.409	11	15	0	34	63	4	Lefty killer
BUDDY	46	3.89	.316	.344	18	26	0	27	38	0	

Bill always seems to squeeze the maximum out of his team. He's definitely one of the best managers in the FBN. I just can't see him doing much better than 81 wins with this team in this division. This is not a bad team, but the Kegs, 89ERS and Barons are very tough. I don't think the Jarheads have the pitching or offense to contend although they could hang in there for a while.

Fryman missing half the year and sucking when he played hurts, as does the decline of Fordyce. Kent, Cabrera and Burnitz are all good players but that's not enough. I'm not sure about Shinjo, but I like Petrick's future value. Wilson has a great card but don't know if he's anything more than a one year wonder.

Both Mays and Escobar had breakthrough seasons and will add a lot to the rotation. Farnsworth had a similar breakthrough performance in the pen. Drafting serviceable starters Beimel and Glover, and young star Pineiro shored up an otherwise shaky rotation. Bill also improved the bullpen by picking up Sabel, King and Buddy. Like I said, not a bad team, but it'll take a lot more than the usual Nieman magic to snatch a playoff spot.

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WINDHAM WARRIORS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	DEF	AB	AVG	OBP	SLG	LINEUP VS LHP	OB	TB	HR	LINEUP VS RHP	OB	TB	HR	
1B) GRACE	2 E7	524	.298	.386	.466	1 MORA-CF	47	62	W	ANDERSON-2B	34	43	0	
2B) ANDERSON	3 E14	574	.293	.337	.421	2 ANDERSON-2B	40	59	W	MORA-CF	32	38	W	
SS) GONZALEZ	2 E31	567	.250	.303	.377	3 GRACE-1B	41	57	W	GRACE-1B	43	57	3	
3B) RANDA	2 E16	639	.253	.307	.386	4 ORDONEZ-RF	43	74	8	ORDONEZ-RF	41	58	4	
C) JOHNSON	1 E3(-2)	496	.259	.321	.450	5 MATEO-DH	53	65	0	JOHNSON-C	31	49	6	
	CARDONA	3 E14(0)	106	.260	.280	.375	6 GILKEY-LF	43	50	3	OLEARY-LF	26	45	7
LF) OLEARY	4 E2(0)	375	.240	.298	.437	7 JOHNSON-C	39	45	W	GONZALEZ-SS	31	41	W	
	GILKEY	4 E6(+1)	117	.274	.339	.387	8 RANDA-3B	25	39	W	HUFF-DH	27	39	1
CF) MORA	2 E6(-1)	480	.250	.329	.362	9 GONZALEZ-SS	23	33	W	RANDA-3B	27	37	2	
RF) ORDONEZ	2 E5(-2)	652	.305	.382	.533									
DH) HUFF		452	.248	.288	.372	<u>Bench:</u>								
	MATEO	142	.248	.322	.341	NADA				CARDONA-C	33	51	2	

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	IP	ERA	OBP	SLG	OP	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR
VASQUEZ	246	3.42	.274	.374	11	21	4	20	30	1
WILLIAMS	242	4.05	.317	.459	17	29	4	28	44	4
CHACON	176	5.06	.357	.469	31	46	1	30	53	3
WELLS	146	4.79	.366	.436	30	41	1	36	52	1
MARQUIZ	142	3.48	.316	.321	29	40	4	24	32	0
EATON	129	4.32	.308	.428	20	34	4	20	35	7

BULLPEN:

KARSAY	97	2.35	.283	.319	20	23	0	11	17	0 CLOSER
HOWRY	87	4.69	.349	.459	29	52	3	24	33	2
WASDIN	81	5.11	.352	.485	31	47	7	25	43	2
HACKMAN	40	4.29	.295	.455	26	56	8	20	31	5
PETTYJOHN	72	5.82	.362	.523	28	38	3	33	57	7

Slow progress, but progress none the less. While the 2002 Windham team clearly doesn't have enough to contend for a playoff spot they are better than they were in 2001. The rotation is better. Vasquez has developed into a legitimate #1 starter. Williams had a solid year and Marquiz and Wells are good looking youngsters. The pen is very shaky beyond Karsay but in the least Howry should bounce back and be more effective in the future. The offense is nothing special but again you have some young to fairly young guys to build around in Ordonez, Johnson and Gonzalez and Anderson. I'm not sure about Huff...and the OF could use some help...I don't think Oleary or Mora are long term solutions. During 2002 the Warriors will likely only avoid the basement thanks to the Sykchiefs, but the future could be brighter.

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POQUONOCK SKYCHIEFS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) SPEZIO	3 E2	503	.270	.326	.438	1 JOHNSON-2B	48	65	0	EVERETT-CF	34	52	6
SIMON	3 E13	282	.305	.341	.445	2 JACKSON-SS	45	56	0	HATTEBERG-C	35	48	W
2B) GRUZLANEK	4 E13	593	.271	.317	.393	3 SOSA-RF	71	123	8	TRAMMELL-DH	32	41	8
JOHNSON	4 E16	273	.294	.380	.435	4 GONZALEZ-RF	43	73	8	SOSA-RF	45	91	8
SS) ORDONEZ	2 E14	507	.247	.299	.336	5 TRAMMELL-DH	32	63	8	GONZALEZ-LF	47	89	8
JACKSON	4 e36	484	.241	.316	.343	6 WILLIAMS-3B	32	61	8	WILLIAMS-3B	29	42	2
3B) WILLIAMS	2 E15	449	.275	.314	.466	7 ESTRADA-C	14	31	8	SPEZIO-1B	30	46	4
ALICEA	4 e10	426	.274	.320	.367	8 SPEZIO-1B	30	38	0	GRUZLANEK-2B	33	37	W
C) ESTRADA	4 e2(0)	328	.228	.273	.359	9 MOUTON-CF	30	30	W	ORDONEZ-SS	25	37	W
HATTEBERG	3 E5(+3)	306	.245	.332	.345								
LF) GONZALEZ	3 E0(+1)	670	.325	.429	.688	<u>BENCH:</u>							
CF) EVERETT	4 e9(-1)	450	.257	.323	.438	GRUZLANEK-2B	32	47	6	SIMON-1B	32	42	2
MOUTON	3 E15(+2)	152	.246	.329	.348	ORDONEZ-SS	27	37	0	ESTRADA-C	20	27	0
RF) SOSA	3 E6	635	.328	.437	.737					JOHNSON-2B	43	56	0
DH) TRAMMELL		539	.261	.330	.467								
MARTIN		311	.240	.330	.382								

VS LHH: VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
COLON	244	4.09	.329	.412	34	45	3	24	33	1
LOAIZA	209	5.02	.347	.482	36	47	1	25	46	6
DURBIN	197	4.93	.347	.461	25	34	0	33	49	8
WOOD	191	3.36	.311	.315	28	34	1	18	22	2
ELARTON	146	7.06	.345	.474	26	40	5	36	57	8
GARDNER	101	5.40	.330	.484	31	51	7	19	41	8

BULLPEN:

BORBON	58	3.71	.295	.467	11	23	1	27	60	8	Lefty killer/Closer?
WELLS	76	5.11	.334	.492	30	32	5	24	39	7	brutal
MCELROY	83	5.28	.379	.474	59	97	6	36	51	4	brutal
MAHOMES	118	5.70	.358	.513	27	47	5	34	56	3	brutal

Bud's up to his old tricks...as boss of the new Skychief franchise he's obviously still into offense offense and more offense and the home run is king...evidence...the trade involving Penny and Sosa. Anyhow, he didn't have much to work with in all fairness...so took a bad boring team and made it into a bad but more fun team with his two aging stars in Sosa and Gonzalez. They'll for sure hit some HRs, and which ever one of them hits second will likely walk a lot.

There is some promise with Wood if he can stay healthy, and maybe Elarton and/or Durbin might develop into useful pitchers. Elarton sure has been a disappointment after such a promising start. Colon is an enigma, tons of talent but really hasn't put it together and who knows if he ever will. I'm betting he won't which is why I traded him.....and now he's three years older than he was last year. This year sure aged a lot of those Dominican guys. Who knows how old Sammy is?

With this pitching staff, 100 loses and a very high pick seem certain. In 2002 it'll be Slammin Sammy, Gonzo and a lot of of L's.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST

CARIBOU STREET HOGS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:						<u>LINEUP VS LHP</u>			<u>LINEUP VS RHP</u>				
	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) MCGWIRE	4 E8	329	.187	.316	.492	1 WINN-CF	44	58	W	DURHAM	34	51	1
HANSEN	3 E30	154	.236	.371	.340	2 ABREU	43	56	W	HIGGINSON	36	43	2
JOHNSON	3 E13	130	.254	.338	.475	3 MARTINEZ	47	64	5	MARTINEZ	54	75	8
2B) DURHAM	3 E11	672	.267	.337	.466	4 HIGGINSON	48	72	8	ABREU	42	70	7
SS) PEREZ	2 E19	639	.279	.309	.396	5 GLAUS	47	67	6	GLAUS	37	61	8
3B) GLAUS	2 E20	647	.250	.367	.531	6 MCGWIRE	44	83	8	BAUTISTA-CF	47	59	2
C) AUSMUS	1 E2(-3)	464	.232	.284	.341	7 DURHAM	31	54	3	MCGWIRE	35	63	8
KRUETER	2 E2(-1)	210	.215	.355	.377	8 AUSMUS	25	33	1	PEREZ	28	43	W
LF) HIGGINSON	2 E10(-2)	595	.277	.367	.445	9 PEREZ	24	36	W	AUSMUS	23	39	W
CF) BAUTISTA	3 E6(-1)	244	.302	.346	.432								
WINN	3 E8(+2)	472	.273	.339	.401	<u>BENCH:</u>							
RF) ABREU	3 E8(-2)	647	.289	.393	.543	KREUTER-C	31	43	7	HANSEN-1B	42	57	W
DH) MARTINEZ		517	.306	.423	.543	ARIAS-SS/2B	40	43	0	KRUETER-C	40	46	0
										M JOHNSON-IB	36	56	7

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>VS LHH:</u>			<u>VS RHP:</u>		
					<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
JOHNSON	275	2.49	.274	.309	11	14	0	13	17	1
SPARKS	255	3.65	.321	.415	23	32	2	23	33	2
SUPPAN	240	4.37	.333	.424	16	24	2	37	51	3
ASTACIO	187	5.09	.341	.461	30	49	1	24	41	2
MENDOZA	111	3.75	.287	.371	18	29	3	20	28	0

<u>BULLPEN:</u>										
RIVERA	89	2.34	.242	.274	5	5	0	13	21	3 Closer
RODRIGUEZ	88	1.68	.259	.280	14	14	0	15	22	1 Setup
GROOM	73	3.55	.279	.378	7	18	3	26	39	0 Lefty specialist
CORMIER	56	4.21	.315	.399	32	52	2	16	25	1 Reverse lefty
BECK	89	3.90	.319	.448	17	31	8	22	40	8 middle
LEITER	40	3.75	.282	.406	11	21	2	15	30	6

This is not the offensive powerhouse it was in 2001, but a revamped bullpen and nice year by Sparks make the Hogs' pitching staff one of the league's best. The addition of Edgar Martinez in the middle of the order will make up some for the loss of Carl Everett and the reduced production of guys like Durham, Perez Ausmus and Higginson. McGwire got a great card considering what he actually did. The Big Unit should put up another 20 win season. Sparks could also win a lot, but Astacio and Suppan will get knocked around some. Mendoza will also be good for 15-20 quality starts. But the real strength of this team is the bullpen....it's loaded. Rivera and Rodriguez are about as good a setup/closer combo as you'll see. Groom is an excellent lefty specialist and Cormier is a nice reverse lefty. Even Beck is not that bad as a middle reliever. The ability of Suppan and Astacio to keep the Hogs close through six or so will be key, but the Hogs should compete for a playoff spot.

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CONNECTICUT BLUE DEVILS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	DEF	AB	AVG	OBP	SLG	LINEUP VS LHP	OB	TB	HR	LINEUP VS RHP	OB	TB	HR	
1B) MARTINEZ	1 E6	648	.280	.329	.501	1 DARR-LF	47	54	W	GIAMBI-DH	47	60	2	
2B) ALFONZO	2 E10	503	.243	.322	.403	2 ABERNATHY-2B	36	60	2	ALFONZO-2B	37	48	5	
	ABERNATHY	3 E15	334	.270	.328	.382	3 WILLIAMS-CF	48	59	2	WILLIAMS-CF	42	61	7
SS) RENTERIA	2 E30	542	.260	.314	.371	4 PIAZZA-DH	54	85	8	PIAZZA-C	38	68	8	
3B) BOONE	2 E31	430	.294	.351	.483	5 MONDESI-RF	51	68	8	MARTINEZ-1B	31	46	8	
	SHUMPERT	4 E26	266	.289	.337	.438	6 MARTINEZ-1B	24	45	8	BOONE-3B	36	50	3
C) LARUE	3 E5(-4)	400	.236	.303	.404	7 BOONE-3B	46	66	5	JENKINS-LF	27	42	4	
	PIAZZA	4 e6(+3)	553	.300	.384	.573	8 LARUE-C	31	52	W	MONDESI-RF	30	45	5
LF) JENKINS	2 E5(-3)	437	.264	.334	.474	9 RENTERIA-SS	41	45	2	RENERIA-SS	28	34	0	
	DARR	3 E4(-2)	318	.277	.363	.349								
CF) WILLIAMS	1 E2(+2)	594	.307	.395	.522	<u>BENCH:</u>								
RF) MONDESI	3 E9(-4)	629	.252	.342	.453	GIAMBI-DH	41	52	5	LARUE-C	27	40	4	
DH) GIAMBI		408	.283	.391	.450	JENKINS-LF	31	50	4	DARR-OF	38	46	W	
										SHUMPERT-3B	42	61	W	

ROTATION:

	IP	ERA	OBP	SLG	VS LHH:	VS RHP:	OP	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR
RADKE	249	3.94	.298	.429	20 33 2	22 35 3						
MORRIS	238	3.16	.318	.372	22 26 0	30 38 0						
RICHIE	228	4.47	.308	.410	25 45 3	17 26 2						
STURTZ	215	4.42	.345	.419	35 40 0	23 37 6						
ANDERSON	146	5.20	.332	.510	21 32 1	27 49 8						
QUEVEDO	63	4.61	.344	.477	25 51 4	32 48 2						

BULLPEN:

	IP	ERA	OBP	SLG	VS LHH:	VS RHP:	OP	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR	
RIEDLING	37	2.41	.279	.280	18 22 0	19 25 0							part time closer
GINTER	44	5.22	.329	.329	22 29 0	22 25 0							part time closer
BENITEZ	84	3.77	.314	.373	33 41 3	14 27 7							
HASEGAWA	62	4.04	.316	.381	18 28 0	24 34 3							setup
FILE	81	3.27	.311	.328	27 32 3	14 20 0							setup vs righties
REMLINGER	83	2.76	.296	.378	34 58 5	12 21 2							setup vs lefties
FRANCO	58	4.05	.328	.423	16 20 0	30 43 6							lefty specialist

Off seasons by Alfonzo and Jenkins hurt the offense but Martinez had a good year for him and the pickup of Giambi helps add some on base. Good HR power up and down the lineup, especially against south paws. Dave has a tough but enviable situation with Larue having such an awesome defensive year. If Larue plays, Piazza would have to DH and Giambi would lose time. If Piazza catches there will be games where the Blue Devils will be hurt by his defensive short comings. It's seems a shame to sit Larue. Radke was a nice pickup....makes for a solid 1,2,3 in Morris, Radke and Richie. Sturtz had a surprisingly good year but I don't know if it'll translate well since he's so susceptible to lefties.

The bull pen is pretty good. Benitez had a off season. Remlinger is a nice reverse lefty card but I would count on him to close out games. Dave really did a good job supplementing the pen during the draft by picking up Riedling, Ginter and File. File will team with Hasegawa as a nice setup combo while Riedling and Ginter will serve as a two headed closer.

Solid team up and down. Good starting pitching, hitting, defense and pen. This will be another team to contend with.

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PLYMOUTH BATS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	
1B) DELGADO	5 E9	631	.278	.409	.540	1 VERAS-2B	41	63	W	RELAFORD-2B	41	58	2	
2B) RELAFORD	3 E22	331	.302	.364	.472	2 SPENCER-LF	36	58	8	GUIITERREZ-SS	43	51	0	
	VERAS	3 E8	284	.252	.330	.357	3 ALOU-DH	53	73	6	ALOU-DH	42	60	6
SS) GUIITERREZ	3 E19	528	.290	.345	.402	4 BROSIUS-3B	38	59	8	DELGADO-1B	47	73	8	
3B) BROSIUS	2 E30	471	.287	.343	.446	5 DELGADO-1B	37	51	6	NIXON-CF	43	67	8	
	NORTON	4 E34	248	.267	.321	.516	6 DAVIS-C	35	48	5	WHITE-LF	33	46	2
C) DAVIS	2 E6(0)	493	.239	.337	.357	7 WHITE-CF	34	51	1	ONEILL-RF	29	46	6	
	HINCH	3 E4(+1)	133	.157	.226	.331	8 ONEILL-RF	36	50	0	BROSIUS-3B	38	50	0
LF) SPENCER	2 E3(-2)	311	.258	.315	.428	9 GUIITERREZ-SS	29	39	W	DAVIS-C	34	46	W	
	WHITE	3 E1(+1)	429	.277	.343	.459								
CF) NIXON	2 E9(-1)	589	.280	.376	.505	<u>BENCH:</u>								
RF) ONEILL	3 E5(0)	561	.267	.330	.459	BUHNER-PH	42	53	6	HLLDSWRTH-OF	49	89	4	
DH) ALOU	4 E3(+1)	564	.331	.396	.554	RELAFORD-2B	36	48	0	NORTON-3B	24	54	8	
	HLLDSWRTH	129	.368	.408	.667									
	BUHNER	50	.222	.340	.400									

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
LIEBER	255	3.80	.290	.401	27	43	4	13	30	1
PETTITE	220	3.99	.319	.397	21	28	1	29	38	0
ARMAS	216	4.03	.336	.396	35	52	1	24	32	1
LOWE	140	3.61	.308	.396	26	39	0	18	27	2
DOTEL	116	2.66	.294	.294	28	29	0	13	17	0
HENTGEN	68	3.47	.279	.372	5	10	3	29	49	2
FOSSUM	48	4.87	.355	.406	35	35	0	24	40	3

BULLPEN:

WAGNER	69	2.73	.278	.324	12	20	0	14	21	0	closer
NELSON	72	2.76	.295	.199	26	26	0	28	28	0	setup
PATTERSON	71	3.06	.316	.376	29	38	3	13	19	0	setup vs righties
COOK	51	4.53	.318	.456	14	31	4	23	42	8	lefty specialist
BAILEY	74	3.48	.318	.303	21	21	0	36	38	0	middle man
STEWART	53	3.78	.296	.373	24	39	8	18	24	0	reverse lefty

Great job turning this team around. Key off-season acquisitions for the offense include superstar Delgado and aging star Alou. Those two guys will have a huge impact on an offense already bolstered by the continuing development of Nixon, solid years by Brosius and Gutierrez and a surprising performance by Relaford. I can't believe that Delgado got a 5 at first, that hurts a little.

The starting pitching is solid if not spectacular. Lieber has turned into a solid #1 starter. The pen is pretty good too. Aside from closer Wagner and setup man Nelson, most of the other guys are pretty much situational killing either lefties or righties. That will work well if the starters can get into the sixth and seventh consistently.

Another good solid team that should battle it out for a playoff spot.

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JERSEY CITY G-MEN

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) Conine	3 E9	576	.311	.386	.443	1 Lieberthal-C	65	81	W	Henderson-LF	43	51	1
Colbrunn	4 E18	107	.289	.373	.495	2 Spivey-2B	45	69	4	Kotsay-CF	43	56	1
2B) Easley	2 E15	644	.250	.323	.376	3 Conine-LF	57	70	2	Conine-LF	42	48	1
Spivey	3 E11	179	.258	.354	.423	4 Thomas-1B	43	76	8	Klesco-1B	44	72	8
SS) Visquel	1 E8	672	.255	.323	.334	5 Buchanan-DH	44	71	8	Ventura-3B	32	43	7
3B) Ventura	3 E20	502	.237	.359	.419	6 Clark-RF	46	57	5	Damon-RF	32	45	W
Sprague	4 E27	103	.298	.374	.436	7 Ventura-3B	47	58	0	Easley-2B	33	39	2
C) Lieberthal	2 E5(-2)	133	.231	.316	.347	8 Damon-CF	35	49	W	Visquel-SS	35	44	W
Wilson	2 E1(-1)	415	.265	.305	.403	9 Visquel-SS	23	27	W	Wilson-C	28	44	W
LF) Damon	2 E3(+1)	708	.256	.324	.363								
Buchanan	3 E10(0)	217	.274	.342	.487	<u>BENCH:</u>							
CF) Kotsay	2 E7(-3)	447	.291	.366	.441	Easley-2B	33	55	W	Clark	41	49	4
RF) Salmon	4 E4(-1)	523	.227	.365	.383	Salmon-RF	44	43	2	Colbrunn	45	60	2
Clark	3 E7(+1)	142	.264	.373	.426	Henderson-LF	46	51	W	Salmon-RF	39	45	3
DH) Klesco		592	.286	.384	.539	Palmer-DH	43	78	8				
Palmer		238	.222	.317	.426								
Thomas		75	.221	.316	.441								
Henderson		417	.227	.366	.351								

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Sele	237	3.60	.306	.412	20	29	3	31	44	3
Moyer	231	3.43	.285	.383	22	33	6	19	27	3
Gagne	167	4.75	.320	.452	16	35	4	26	42	5
Schmidt	165	4.07	.324	.368	33	47	4	21	28	0
Castillo	150	4.21	.308	.407	20	30	3	20	34	2
Lopez	227	4.81	.343	.443	37	49	3	22	35	3

A few spot starts

BULLPEN:

Gordon	50	3.38	.262	.306	14	17	0	14	23	2	closer
Grimsley	88	3.02	.311	.357	21	24	2	18	27	2	setup
Speier	62	4.58	.307	.453	21	40	3	17	35	4	setup
Lightberg	66	3.02	.316	.321	30	37	0	17	19	0	righty specialist
Boehringer	76	3.65	.327	.391	39	65	5	16	26	1	righty specialist
D Reyes	58	4.92	.357	.388	24	24	0	37	51	2	

A lot more W's than you normally expect to see in a G-men lineup. I'd expect to see Dom mining for some more diamonds in the off season. Regressions by Salmon, Visquel, Damon and Easley will reduce the run output. Conine was a nice pickup but sort of non G-man like with only a few diamonds. Lieberthal's injury will hurt, but at least he'll be a lefty crusher. They'll be tough on south paws with Palmer and Buchanan also putting up killer numbers. The addition of Clark and Henderson make for a very deep bench. I'll be curious to see what Dom does with his ballpark. If the fences remain in that could really hurt this team.

Moyer and Sele make for an excellent one-two punch at the top of the rotation. Castillo was a nice pickup but the +9 hold could be painful. Gagne got a surprisingly good card for pitching in LA. Moving Lopez out of the primary rotation makes this a good starting rotation. Gordon is an excellent closer, but with only 50 innings will have to be used judiciously. The rest of the pen is solid but probably a slight step down from the other contending teams.

I think that unless Dom's love of the diamonds hurts this team they can certainly contend with the Hogs, Blue Devils and Bats for a playoff spot.

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SILVER CITY KNIGHTS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) HELTON	1 E2	646	.336	.432	.685	1	1	40	50	2	LAWTON-RF		44	55	1
2B) VIDRO	3 E12	535	.319	.371	.486	2	2	34	42	W	KNOBLOUCH-LF		37	47	W
	PEREZ	3 E16	149	.304	.347	.437	3	39	57	3	HELTON-1B		50	90	8
SS) JETER	2 E17	675	.311	.377	.480	4	4	46	62	4	JETER-SS		42	54	3
3B) KOSKIE	2 E17	618	.276	.362	.488	5	5	39	50	5	KOSKIE-3B		39	57	5
	VELARDE	4 E29	376	.278	.356	.424	6	44	50	W	VIDRO-2B		39	52	3
C) MATHENY	1 E3(-3)	419	.218	.276	.304	7	7	34	42	W	VANDERWALL-C		37	50	3
	MACHADO	2 E1(0)	149	.222	.266	.341	8	29	52	0	MATHENY-C		21	31	W
LF) KNOBLAUCH	4 E3(+1)	573	.250	.339	.351	9	9	28	43	4	MURRAY-CF		35	40	1
CF) OWENS	3 E5(+1)	440	.252	.302	.335										
	MURRAY	2 E10(+1)	359	.245	.319	.356	<u>BENCH:</u>								
RF) LAWTON	2 E5(0)	615	.277	.382	.415		VIDRO-2B	46	59	1	RAINES		52	75	W
DH) VANDERWALL		497	.270	.364	.442		RAINES	47	60	W	VELARDE-2B		39	49	1
	BICHETTE		430	.286	.325	.460		KOSKIE-3B	27	41	4				
	RAINES		98	.303	.413	.449									

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
BALDWIN	193	4.42	.345	.444	24	35	5	27	39	0
TAPANI	185	4.49	.325	.450	11	21	4	33	49	4
ABBOTT	179	4.25	.338	.408	33	38	0	30	52	8
SHEETS	166	4.76	.335	.467	34	56	6	23	33	0
TOWERS	154	4.49	.319	.484	26	43	4	22	39	5
TELEMACO	98	5.54	.350	.485	30	51	2	28	47	8

BULLPEN:

ANDERSON	62	4.82	.311	.385	25	52	0	17	20	0	closer
RODRIGUEZ	43	4.15	.345	.375	10	11	0	50	63	0	lefty specialist
BOTTALICO	74	3.90	.318	.456	40	61	2	17	59	8	righty specialist
POWELL	83	3.24	.334	.413	34	47	2	20	30	1	dito
TAM	83	3.01	.326	.357	37	45	0	21	29	0	dito
ZERBE	43	3.92	.321	.432	36	43	1	22	39	1	dito

The story here is the pitching, or lack there of. Picking up Sheets and Towers in the draft bodes well for the future, and necessary in light of Tapani's retirement. However, the starting pitching is just not as good as the top four teams in this division. In addition, the pen is way inferior to the contenders. Anderson is just so so as a closer.....then you got a bunch of righty killers and one lefty killer. Unless the Knights get 7 good innings out of their starters the pen will let them down.

With Helton, Jeter and Koskie leading the way, the Knights will still be a good offensive team, although not as good as last season. CF is a weak spot with the anemic duo Murphy and Owens out there. Bichette's decline will hurt some and Matheny's continued inability to hit adds to the lackluster bottom of the order. Vidro was a nice pickup, but at least for 2002 I think the loss of Hoffman hurts more than the pickup of Vidro helps.

In this tough division, the Knights will be lucky to win 80 games. However, they are not a bad team and will likely play spoiler on more than one occasion.

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KLEE'S KLUBBERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:							LINEUP VS LHP				LINEUP VS RHP				
	DEF	AB	AVG	OBP	SLG		OB	TB	HR		OB	TB	HR		
1B)	MIENKIEVICZ	1 E5	597	.306	.387	.464	1	CASTILLO-2B	41	63	W	KAPLER-CF	29	37	1
2B)	CASTILLO	2 E16	591	.263	.344	.341	2	MIENKIEVICZ-1B	47	56	1	RICHARD-DH	38	56	4
SS)	LORETTA	3 E31	422	.289	.343	.472	3	CANSECO-DH	45	84	8	MIENKIEVICZ-1B	43	55	2
	REBOULET	4 E28	235	.266	.367	.397	4	GONZALEZ-RF	43	73	8	GONZALEZ-RF	37	58	8
3B)	RAMIREZ	4 E26	663	.300	.360	.536	5	RAMIREZ-3B	36	53	4	RAMIREZ-3B	34	60	8
C)	POSADA	3 E4(0)	532	.277	.363	.475	6	POSADA-C	38	53	3	POSADA-C	33	46	6
	KINKADE	4 E16(+3)	176	.275	.345	.381	7	RIOS-LF	32	60	8	GREER-LF	39	57	2
LF)	RIOS	3 E12(0)	348	.259	.330	.465	8	KAPLER-CF	29	51	8	CASTILLO-2B	33	38	W
	GREER	3 E14(+1)	270	.273	.342	.443	9	LORETTA-SS	43	48	W	LORETTA-SS	40	45	W
CF)	KAPLER	4 E1(-1)	531	.267	.348	.437									
RF)	GONZALEZ	3 E4(-2)	585	.325	.370	.590		BENCH:							
DH)	CANSECO		282	.258	.366	.477		REBOULETT	45	71	W	CANSECO	39	49	3
	RICHARD		531	.265	.355	.435		KINKADE	40	48	3	RIOS-LF	31	47	5
	LECROY		44	.425	.429	.775		LECROY	55	101	8	LECROY	60	105	8

ROTATION:	IP	ERA	OBP	SLG	VS LHH:			VS RHP:			
					OP	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR	
BELL	165	6.67	.369	.554	35	62	7	27	46	7	11 man rotation
MILLWOOD	133	4.31	.319	.424	32	43	3	18	31	7	
LILLY	133	5.37	.343	.464	21	28	1	32	51	6	
LAWRENCE	127	3.45	.302	.372	23	42	6	15	18	0	
HALAMA	121	4.73	.340	.462	47	63	8	25	35	5	
WOODARD	107	5.2	.358	.486	32	49	1	37	52	1	
REAMES	105	5.59	.362	.476	40	53	2	29	49	6	
HITCHCOCK	77	5.63	.352	.451	43	61	3	30	41	0	
HILGUS	73	3.41	.314	.398	22	26	0	28	37	2	

BULLPEN:											
NUNEZ	101	2.74	.302	.379	16	27	1	24	35	3	closer
WEBER	75	3.42	.341	.350	17	22	0	28	33	0	setup
WISE	54	4.38	.321	.463	19	38	8	26	43	5	yucko
CREEK	69	4.31	.374	.374	27	30	1	38	51	3	yucko
WENDALL	74	4.43	.342	.455	34	60	8	21	34	4	yucko
FIGUROA	98	3.94	.354	.426	44	62	1	23	34	0	yucko
LOHSE	99	5.68	.346	.496	42	65	6	16	60	5	yucko
ACEVEDO	106	5.44	.331	.469	25	38	6	29	46	5	yucko

Breakout years for Ramirez and Mientkiewicz will help the offense which lost Robin Ventura in the off season. Add in Gonzo, Castillo and Posada and it's obvious that offense is not a problem. In fact this could be one of the league's better offensive teams. You have to like Lecroy. Wow, what a freak card!! Outside of Barry Bonds, it's got to be one of the best in the set....to bad only 44 Abs. It's the pitching that will be the Klub's downfall. If you got points for quantity, Roland would be living large....unfortunately, outside of Lawrence, the quality gets pretty thin. Weber and Wise are not bad setup guys and Nunez will do ok as a closer. If the Klubbers happen to lead after 7 or 8, watch out. They could perceivably win 80 games but I'd say 70 would be more realistic. Like the Knights, this is by no means a terrible team and will also likely play a key role as spoiler before the season is done.

Thas all folks.....