

INSIDE THE FLY BY NIGHT

2003

A word on how I rank the teams:

You'll hear me mention league rankings for Offense, Pitching and HR differential. These rankings are based on how I evaluate the teams. I set up spreadsheets for each team and make assumptions about how much each player is going to play and what percent of the time they will be facing lefties or righties. I then input the card numbers from John Lamanna's Baseball Bulletin and average the numbers out for each team. I end up with average on base, total base and ballpark home run numbers for the team. For example the Hogs offense averaged 38.2/51.8/2.5 for the hitters and 23.4/35.1/3.3 for the pitchers. I assume 5,600 Abs for the hitters and 1,460 innings for the pitchers. I rate the teams based on difference between the average hitter and the average pitcher. The teams that have a bigger difference rate higher. The system has it's flaws so I don't necessarily pick the teams to finish in the exact order that they rank. I've found it to be a good indicator though and my primary prediction tool. my predictions have turned out to be damn accurate over the years. For example last year I got 7 of the 8 playoff teams right. The only team I got wrong was my own and the Hogs actually rated #1 in my division but I didn't want to jinx them so I ranked them 3rd....I can do that. It's my newsletter :) FYI, I'm not sandbagging this year....the Hogs really aren't a playoff contender.

The way I see it this year there will be two divisions with interesting races and two without. The AL West will be Florida and California, no question. The NL East will be Hazardville and Allyn Street, also no doubt about it. The NL West is a little more interesting with Jersey City, Connecticut and Klee's Klubheads duking it out. Jersey City is the front runner but I wouldn't be surprised to see any combination of two of the three making it. If somehow the Hogs could replace Aaron Sele at the 5 spot they could have an outside shot but the front office doesn't seem interested in paying the going price for a decent starter. Far and away the most interesting division is the AL East. Illinois has come out of no where to be a power house, but even they are not guaranteed a playoff spot. Urpaign, Lake Wobegon, Baton Rouge and Maine are all very tough. I feel bad for Louisville which is not a bad team but will likely get steamrolled in this division. It'll be interesting to see if the teams all pound the living daylight out of each other and the winner comes out of the mess with 90 wins. I think that would be cool. More likely what will happen is that one or two teams will get off hot and one or two teams will get off cold and it'll end up looking like a typical rich and poor scenario by year end. I'd like to see a real dog fight. Good luck boys and may the best two teams win.

Anyhow, good luck to everyone this year. I hope you enjoy my work and don't take my comments personally. THANKS, Ed

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST

Projected Finish

Jersey City
Connecticut
Klee's
Hart Street
Margaritaville
New England

This should be pretty much a three horse race. Jersey City is the best team on paper. They are very good offensively and have some pitchers like Moyer and Gagne who will be huge. Their home park will be a big asset this year. The Blue Devils and Klubbers are pretty

even bets to come in 2nd and there is no guarantee that they couldn't both beat out the G-men...but I really doubt that will happen. The defending championship Hart Street Hogs entered into rebuild mode. The Hogs are not bad and will likely win more than they lose. However, they lack a top of the rotation starter and their offense could use a little more pop.

The Angels and Paroheads are both bad teams that will likely end up selecting one the top five 2004 rookies.

TEAM PROFILES:

JERSEY CITY G-MEN

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	
1B) KLESCO	3e10	594	0.300	0.388	0.537	
2B) SPIVEY	3e18	592	0.301	0.389	0.476	
SS) VISQUEL	1e8	640	0.275	0.341	0.418	
	CORA	3e16	284	0.291	0.371	0.434
3B) VENTURA	2e30	512	0.247	0.368	0.458	
	COLBRUNN	4e31	188	0.333	0.378	0.626
C) WILSON	2e2(-1)	395	0.295	0.326	0.396	
	ESTALELLA	4E3(+2)	123	0.205	0.285	0.491
	GREENE	4E1(+3)	123	0.268	0.288	0.580
LF) DAUBACH	4e4	488	0.266	0.348	0.464	
	HENDERSON	4e18	197	0.223	0.369	0.352
CF) KOTSAY	2e5	636	0.292	0.359	0.452	
RF) SALMON	3e5	531	0.286	0.380	0.503	
	BUCHANON	4e6	250	0.269	0.322	0.467
DH) THOMAS		575	0.252	0.361	0.472	

**LINEUP
VS LHP**

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 HENDERSON-LF	38	41	1
2 COLBRUNN-3B	44	79	8
3 SPIVEY-2B	51	75	8
4 SALMON-RF	48	64	3
5 KOTSAY-CF	42	58	3
6 KLESCO-1B	40	56	8
7 THOMAS-DH	38	50	4
8 VISQUEL-SS	31	41	0
9 ESTALELLA-C	39	46	1
average	41.2	56.67	4.0

Key Reserves:

VENTURA-3B	28	45	8
GREENE-C	22	58	8
EASLEY-2B	33	42	6

**LINEUP
VS RHP**

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SPIVEY-2B	42	59	W
KOTSAY-CF	38	48	3
SALMON-RF	41	59	7
KLESCO-1B	42	64	8
VENTURA-3B	41	54	6
DAUBACH-LF	35	53	8
THOMAS-DH	40	46	5
VISQUEL-SS	37	47	2
WILSON-C	36	47	W
average	39.1	53	4.3

Key Reserves:

CORA-2B/SS	41	52	1
GREENE-C	23	59	8
BUCHANON-RF	38.9	48.7	6

VS LHH:

	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	33	44	7
	27	36	2
	34	43	5
	36	48	4
	34	52	4

VS RHP:

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	12	22	4
	26	43	6
	14	19	0
	25	38	4
	25	37	3

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
MOYER*	254	3.32	1.08
SUPPAN	229	5.32	1.43
SCHMIDT	204	3.45	1.19
CASTILLO	179	5.07	1.42
PENNY	142	4.66	1.53

BULLPEN:

GAGNE	90	1.97	0.86
GROOM *	68	1.60	0.90
SPEIER	68	4.33	1.12
BOEHRINGER	88	3.39	1.23
LIGHTENBERG	74	2.97	1.28
GRIMSLEY	78	3.91	1.42

EVALUATION

Even though this team made it to the NLCS in 2002 Dom was always remorseful about the lack of ball park home run power. Well, Dom will be able to sleep at night this year as he has assembled the league's 3rd best ball park HR team. Only Lake Wobegon and Hazardville have more....Florida is about the same. Overall, the offense ranks 7th in the league, and the pitching ranks 11th. Given the home park the G-men play in and a team tailored to the cozy confines I think they will rate higher than 7th in runs scored. After Moyer, the starting pitching is dicey. However, the offense will keep them in games and the combo of Speier and Groom setting up the incomprable Gagne will make them winners in most close late inning games. A deep bench will allow for lots of late inning pinch hitting which will also bode well for the G-men.

BOTTOM LINE

High scoring offense, deep bench, middling pitching staff make this team the most likely of the "big three" to make the post season.

CONNECTICUT BLUE DEVILS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) MARTINEZ	2e6	562.1	0.262	0.337	0.438
WIGGINTON	3e18	128	0.302	0.354	0.526
2B) BIGGIO	3e9	634.7	0.253	0.330	0.404
GUITERREZ	4e20	388	0.275	0.325	0.346
SS) RENTERIA	2e21	598.4	0.305	0.364	0.439
3B) BOONE	2e23	666.6	0.241	0.314	0.439
C) LARUE	4e3(-3)	388.3	0.249	0.324	0.405
LF) JENKINS	3e3	267.3	0.243	0.320	0.444
SHUMPERT	4e7	257.4	0.234	0.304	0.372
CF) WILLIAMS	3e6	673.2	0.333	0.415	0.493
GRISSOM	2e8	377.3	0.277	0.321	0.510
CHAVEZ	2e5	137.5	0.296	0.321	0.464
RF) ENCARNACION	3e7	642.4	0.271	0.324	0.449
OCHOA	2e6	308	0.261	0.361	0.404
DH) PIAZZA		525.8	0.280	0.359	0.544

LINEUP

VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 WILLIAMS-DH	52	60	1
2 GUTIERREZ-2B	45	52	W
3 SHUMPERT-LF	41	66	2
4 PIAZZA-C	39	67	8
5 WIGGINTON-1B	37	64	8
6 GRISSOM-CF	32	68	8
7 OCHOA-RF	39	44	1
8 BOONE-3B	31	47	1
9 RENTERIA-SS	39	50	1
average	39	58	3.3

Key Reserves:

nothing worth mentioning

LINEUP

VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
WILLIAMS-CF	48	60	3
BIGGIO-2B	35	50	2
ENCARNACION-RF	36	50	5
PIAZZA-DH	35	61	8
MARTINEZ-1B	33	47	5
JENKINS-LF	35	43	4
LARUE-C	34	47	3
BOONE-3B	26	43	5
RENTERIA-SS	41	52	0
average	36	50	3.9

Key Reserves:

OCHOA-LF 42 55 2
CHAVEZ-CF 35.3 67.3 W

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
MORRIS	231	3.42	1.30	28	38	2	29	34	0
WELLS*	227	3.75	1.24	17	28	2	24	38	2
LOPEZ	216	3.57	1.19	16	25	1	22	33	4
HAYNES	217	4.12	1.48	32	40	2	30	41	1
DUCKWORTH	179	5.41	1.45	26	42	3	28	49	6
RADKE	130	4.72	1.22	22	39	3	32	52	2

BULLPEN:

VISCAINO	89	2.99	1.05	19	28	0	12	17	1
BENITEZ	74	2.27	1.05	22	29	4	13	25	4
MOTA	61	4.15	1.19	21	28	0	16	29	1
REMLINGER*	75	1.99	1.12	21	27	0	15	16	0
BRADFORD	83	3.11	1.15	18	25	0	17	21	0
WILLIAMS	67	2.93	1.22	34	43	0	5	15	6
KING*	72	3.05	1.31	15	18	1	29	36	1

EVALUATION

In all honesty, I don't think this Blue Devil team is a whole lot better than the 2002 version that ended up with a losing record. However, I think that 2002 was a fluke and that this is a pretty good team. Picking up Lopez in the draft really boosted the Blue Devils playoff hopes. The rest of the starting pitching is hardly championship caliber, but the bullpen is tremendous. Basically if the the Blue Devils are in the game after about 5 or 6 innings they will win most of the time. The pitching rates #10 league wide.

The 13th ranked offense is ok but nothing to get overly excited about. Piazza and Williams will put up big numbers but the rest of the guys will be pretty ordinary. All in all this is just another in a long line of solid to great Blue Devil teams. As a GM I put Dave among the top over the past 15 years.

BOTTOM LINE

Average offense and starting pitching, great bullpen. I think this team has just enough to edge out the Klubbers in a dog fight.

KLEE'S KLUBBERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

							LINEUP VS LHP			LINEUP VS RHP					
							OB	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR			
		DEF	AB	AVG	OBP	SLG									
1B)	MNKWICZ	1e6	514	0.261	0.365	0.392	1	CASTILLO-2B	41	53	W	CASTILLO-2B	42	45	W
2B)	CASTILLO	2e15	667	0.305	0.364	0.361	2	LORETTA-SS	55	64	0	MNKWICZ-1B	40	47	0
SS)	LORRETTA	3e41	311	0.304	0.381	0.410	3	WINN-CF	44	66	2	WINN-CF	38	51	1
	SANTIAGO	3e18	244	0.243	0.306	0.365	4	POSADA-C	46	69	3	PALMIERO-DH	46	76	8
3B)	RAMIREZ	4e26	574	0.234	0.279	0.387	5	GONZALEZ-RF	42	67	3	POSADA-C	35	50	4
C)	POSADA	3e7(0)	562	0.268	0.370	0.468	6	PEREZ-LF	32	65	8	MOHR-RF	35	51	5
LF)	RIOS	3e3	229	0.264	0.319	0.332	7	LECROY-DH	32	55	8	GREER-LF	43	54	W
	GREER	3e13	219	0.296	0.356	0.377	8	RAMIREZ-3B	23	50	8	RAMIREZ-3B	22	32	1
CF)	WINN	2e3	650	0.298	0.360	0.461	9	PALMIERO-1B	32	52	7	SANTIAGO-SS	30	44	2
	KAPLER	4e6	347	0.279	0.313	0.375		average	38.6	60.11	4.3		36.8	50	2.3
RF)	GONZALEZ	3e3	305	0.282	0.324	0.451		Key Reserves:				Key Reserves:			
	MOHR	2e3	421	0.269	0.325	0.433		LANE-LF	46	75	8	KAPLER-LF	32	42	W
DH)	PALMIERO		601	0.273	0.391	0.571		MNKWICZ-1B	39	52	1	LORRETTA-SS	41	54	W
	LECROY		199	0.260	0.306	0.448									

ROTATION:

	IP	ERA	WHIP	VS LHH:			VS RHP:		
				OP	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR
MILLWOOD	239	3.24	1.16	21	26	1	14	21	0
LAURENCE	231	3.69	1.34	33	39	0	17	24	2
LOHSE	199	4.23	1.39	38	55	4	15	24	5
LACKEY	119	3.66	1.35	14	15	0	37	57	5
LILLY*	110	3.69	1.11	10	14	2	19	40	6
MUNRO	88	3.57	1.39	31	51	1	24	29	0

BULLPEN:

	IP	ERA	WHIP	OP	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR
NUNEZ	108	3.41	1.20	21	26	0	22	37	3
BOROWSKI	105	2.73	1.18	9	19	2	24	35	2
POLITTE	81	3.67	1.11	30	40	4	6	6	0
WEBER	86	2.54	1.18	26	39	0	21	28	0
ACEVEDO	83	2.65	1.22	29	35	0	11	24	0
HALAMA*	111	3.56	1.44	20	34	6	37	38	0

EVALUATION

The Klubber edition is much better than the recent whipping boys sent out to be shellacked that past couple of years. I know this is hard to believe but the 2003 Klubbers are really playoff contenders. Millwood had a great year and is once again a legit #1 starter. One has to wonder if he will stay that way in Philly or return to his usual inconsistency. Lilly also had a fine 1/2 season. The rest of the starters are all lopsided which means they won't generally fair well. Good news for Klubber fans is that the pen is good and deep. Picking up Borowski in the draft will help the league's 7th rated pitching staff significantly.

Offensively, the Klubbers will beat up on lefties and are ok against righties.....good on-base but not a lot of power. Picking up Palmiero and Winn during the offseason helped the offense significantly but they still only rank 16th. The left side of the infield is a sore spot. Ramirez es tinko and there's the nice hit and field combo of Lorretta and Santiago at SS.....problem is only one hits and only one fields and it ain't the same guy.

BOTTOM LINE

Solid team. Lower middle class offense, good pitching. Should contend with CT for the wildcard and has an outside shot at winning the division

HART STREET HOGS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) FRANCO	3e17	372	0.284	0.357	0.382
HANSEN	4e12	132	0.292	0.363	0.392
2B) DURHAM	4E28	620	0.289	0.374	0.450
SS) CLAYTON	2e8	376.2	0.251	0.295	0.365
ALICEA	4e48	261	0.228	0.291	0.322
3B) GLAUS	2E22	626	0.250	0.352	0.453
C) AUSMUS	1e2(-1)	492	0.257	0.322	0.353
KRUETER	3e9(-1)	105	0.263	0.333	0.379
LF) HIGGINSON	2e10	488	0.282	0.345	0.417
BRAGG	3e11	233	0.269	0.344	0.401
CF) PATTERSON	3e4	651.2	0.253	0.284	0.392
RF) ABREU	3e5	629	0.308	0.413	0.521
DH) FULLMER		472	0.289	0.357	0.531

LINEUP

VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 ABREU-RF	52	66	W
2 BRAGG-LF	35	35	W
3 FRANCO-1B	49	57	4
4 GLAUS-3B	41	59	8
5 KREUTER-DH	42	63	7
6 AUSMUS-C	39	48	3
7 INFANTE-SS	48	59	W
8 DURHAM-2B	33	38	W
9 PATTERSON-CF	15	26	0
average	39.3	50.11	2.4

Key Reserves:

CLAYTON-SS	21	25	2
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LINEUP

VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
DURHAM-2B	47	62	2
FRANCO-1B	40	49	W
HIGGINSON-LF	39	54	3
ABREU-RF	49	73	5
FULLMER-DH	40	66	6
GLAUS-3B	35	48	6
PATTERSON-CF	30	43	2
AUSMUS-C	30	39	W
CLAYTON-SS	31	39	0
average	37.9	52.6	2.7

Key Reserves:

HANSEN-1B	41	48	0
BRAGG-RF	38	60	W
WIDGER-C	38	45	W

VS LHH:

<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
22	34	5
33	42	0
37	46	1
20	36	4
16	24	4
30	46	5

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
26	40	6
19	31	5
27	41	6
25	37	0
20	35	2
23	40	3

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
ASTACIO	211	4.79	1.33
ASHBY	200	3.91	1.34
SELE	176	4.89	1.49
REITSMA	152	3.64	1.37
PRIOR	129	3.32	1.17
RJO	85	5.14	1.42

BULLPEN:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
RIVERA	51	2.74	1.00	3	3	0	18	24	1
RODRIGUEZ	76	4.17	1.19	26	33	3	20	23	0
DUROCHER	53	1.88	1.00	22	22	0	7	11	1
WALKER*	47	3.71	0.94	12	46	8	8	15	3
BANKS	43	3.23	1.18	18	32	8	23	32	2
OROSCO*	30	3.00	1.33	17	32	6	29	43	3
NICHTING	40	4.46	1.24	7	12	0	31	63	7

EVALUATION

Had the Hogs front office not traded Randy Johnson, Buddy Groom, Jeff Suppan, Alex Cora and Randy Winn the Hogs would have been front runners to repeat as division champs. However, those trades put the Hogs into rebuild mode and also-ran status for the 2003 season. The obvious hope is that Prior and Patterson develop into star players, and Mays bounces back from his injuries to regain the promise he showed in 2001.

During 2003 the Hogs will be extraordinarily ordinary. They rate middle of the pack in offense and pitching and likely would rate similarly defensively if I rated defense. The only outstanding aspect about the Hogs is their #23 ranking in HR differential. That ranking is primarily based on their pitchers being league worst at giving up the long ball....and offensively not being particularly imposing.

As you can see, the top to middle of the batting order is not bad. The Hogs will score some runs. In addition the starting rotation is not bad aside from Sele and the bullpen is certainly serviceable.

BOTTOM LINE

Mediocre team with ok hitting, ok pitching, some holes.....will likely win a few more than they lose based on being in the weaker NL.

MARGARITAVILLE PAROTHEADS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) KONERKO	3e10	627	0.304	0.359	0.498
2B) REESE	1e12	463	0.264	0.330	0.352
MCDONALD	2e12	290	0.250	0.288	0.326
SS) RELAFORD	4e24	362	0.267	0.339	0.374
URIBE	2e30	622.6	0.240	0.286	0.341
3B) MUELLER	2e10	388	0.266	0.355	0.402
CASTILLA	3e7	597.3	0.232	0.268	0.348
C) DAVIS	3e1	251	0.259	0.313	0.404
HINCH	3e5(+2)	217	0.249	0.321	0.401
LF) SPENCER	2e8	317	0.247	0.324	0.375
SANCHEZ	4e9	400	0.289	0.343	0.258
CF) NIXON	3e6	585	0.256	0.337	0.470
RIVERA	2e9	174	0.209	0.302	0.310
RF) HLLDSWRTH	3e6	473	0.284	0.344	0.463
DH) ALOU	4e3	532	0.275	0.337	0.419

LINEUP
VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 REESE-2B	45	52	W
2 RIVERA-CF	35	41	2
3 HINCH-C	32	36	1
4 KONERKO-1B	34	43	3
5 ALOU-DH	47	58	0
6 SPENCER-LF	40	56	W
7 NIXON-RF	28	35	3
8 URIBE-SS	21	31	W
9 CASTILLA-3B	19	24	2
average	33.4	41.78	1.2

LINEUP
VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
RELAFORD-2B	39	47	2
MUELLER-3B	38	53	W
NIXON-CF	35	59	8
KONERKO-1B	39	56	5
HLLSWTH-RF	35	52	3
ALOU-DH	33	42	3
URIBE-SS	26	41	W
SANCHEZ-LF	37	44	W
DAVIS-C	32	46	6
	34.9	48.9	3.0

Key Reserves:

MUELER-3B	30	45	3
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Key Reserves:

HINCH-C	28	39	4
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VS LHH:

<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
19	26	2
40	60	3
25	45	6
23	53	8
23	30	0
30	44	4
26	34	0

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
26	38	0
14	26	4
18	27	0
41	58	4
28	35	0
29	45	4
23	36	4

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
COLON	256	2.93	1.24
ARMAS	180	4.44	1.38
LIEBER	155	3.70	1.17
QUEVEDO	153	5.76	1.63
PETTITE*	149	3.27	1.31
DRISKILL	145	4.95	1.49
FOSSUM*	118	3.46	1.34

BULLPEN:

CRUDALE	57	1.88	1.08	24	33	0	19	30	0
STEWART*	70	3.09	1.11	3	3	0	24	39	1
NELSON	51	3.94	1.38	30	39	0	28	34	4
MULLEN*	44	3.15	1.33	18	34	6	32	35	0

EVALUATION

It's too bad Dave didn't get to manage the team in 2002. I thought it was a good team with a shot at the playoffs. Injuries and retirements have taken their toll on this year's squad....resulting in what will be a "lottery pick" team. Colon is good but came at a high price. Pettitte and Lieber serviceable. Fossum is pretty good in a limited role. The bullpen is a bit short of arms....one of the lame ass starters will be logging a lot of mop up innings.

The offense is abysmal and rates #24 in the league....particularly bad against lefties. I don't see any future break out years from any of these guys either. Alou could have a big year left in him but I wouldn't count on it. Nixon and Konerko are solid players but I don't think they'll ever put up huge numbers. Seems like this team could suffer offensively for a few years.

BOTTOM LINE

Terrible offense, shallow staff translates into lots of losses.

NEW ENGLAND ANGELS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>				<u>LINEUP</u>			
						<u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) HELTON	1e8	608	0.329	0.429	0.577								
MINOR	3e5	190	0.237	0.333	0.445								
2B) JIMINEZ	4e19	472	0.252	0.330	0.347	1 BRADLEY-CF	41	55	W	LAWTON-RF	38	50	3
SS) N PEREZ	3e23	609	0.236	0.260	0.303	2 JIMINENEZ-2B	33	36	W	JIMINEZ-2B	32	48	W
T PEREZ	3e16	233	0.250	0.319	0.392	3 HATTEBERG-DH	35	45	5	KOSKIE-3B	41	55	3
3B) KOSKIE	2e15	539	0.267	0.368	0.447	4 KOSKIE-3B	42	55	2	HELTON	49	71	4
C) MATHENY	1e3(-2)	347	0.244	0.313	0.317	5 HELTON-1B	50	73	4	HATTEBERG-DH	45	56	1
MACHADO	3e8(0)	168	0.255	0.310	0.373	6 OWENS-RF	34	47	W	OWENS-CF	33	47	W
LF) VANDERWAL	4e7	241	0.260	0.327	0.429	7 CRUZ-LF	41	45	W	VANDERWAL-LF	34	49	3
TAYOR	2e12	316	0.254	0.291	0.429	8 MACHADO-C	29	35	0	MATHENY-C	28	35	W
JA CRUZ	3e17	97	0.273	0.377	0.398	9 T PEREZ-SS	24	36	1	N PEREZ-SS	21	27	W
CF) OWENS	3e10	424	0.270	0.324	0.366	average	36.6	47.44	1.3		35.7	48.7	1.6
BRADLEY	2e8	358	0.249	0.317	0.406								
RF) LAWTON	4e10	458	0.236	0.342	0.399	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
DH) HATTEBERG	4e10	541	0.280	0.374	0.433	VELARDE-3B	36	43	1	TAYLOR-LF	25	42	4
						MINOR-1B	33	46	7	MINOR-1B	28	48	8

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</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>
SHEETS	239	4.15	1.42	34	52	3	21	29	0
FOGG	213	4.35	1.38	26	45	6	22	34	3
BATISTA	204	4.29	1.31	30	42	0	21	27	0
BALDWIN	165	5.28	1.52	39	54	5	29	52	8
D'AMICO	161	4.94	1.30	24	36	0	25	51	8
PEAVY	107	4.52	1.42	35	59	6	14	19	0

BULLPEN:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SHIELDS	54	2.20	1.06	16	24	4	21	21	0
ZERBE*	62	3.04	1.30	30	36	0	23	28	0
WALKER	154	4.33	1.39	32	48	4	20	38	2
POWELL	55	3.44	1.49	26	52	8	26	30	3

EVALUATION

The Angels are not going any where in 2003. They rate among the bottom four teams in the league in all major categories. They are the only team in the league with a worse HR differential than Hart Street. Overall, the only team that rates worse than the Angels is the Paroheads. They should have a serious battle for last place. ...and will likely manage to keep each other out of the #1 draft spot in 2004.

Offensively the middle of the order with Helton, Koskie and Hatteberg is certainly ok but won't exactly frighten anyone, and it gets worse from there. The starting pitching is just so so at best no stopper, and the lack of any bullpen help after Shields will be a killer.

BOTTOM LINE

All around bad team with some rays of hope for the future.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

Projected Finish

Hazardville
Allyn Street
Windham
Wall Street
US
Poquonock

The only thing to be decided here is the 1-2 finish....kind of boring. I give Hazardville the edge because of their superior starting pitching. It may actually come down to who is more merciless stomping on the rest of the division. Both the Kegs and 89ERS should win over 100 games. I'm guessing the next best team will have trouble breaking the 80 game barrier. I think Windham will likely edge out Wall Street for 3rd and the Jarheads will beat out the SkyChiefs for the coveted 5th spot.

HAZARDVILLE POWDERKEGS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	
1B) OLERUD	1e6	608.3	0.300	0.403	0.490	
2B) VIDRO	3e12	664.4	0.315	0.378	0.490	
SS) TEJADA	1e19	728.2	0.308	0.354	0.508	
3B) ROLEN	1e17	638	0.266	0.357	0.503	
C) MOLINA	1e1(-3)	470.8	0.245	0.274	0.322	
	SCHNEIDER	3e1(-1)	227.7	0.275	0.339	0.459
LF) CATALANOTO	4e10	233.2	0.269	0.364	0.443	
	BERG	4e16	411.4	0.270	0.322	0.382
CF) BELTRAN	2e8	700.7	0.273	0.346	0.501	
RF) GREEN	2e2	640.2	0.285	0.385	0.558	
	SANDERS	2e6	555.5	0.250	0.324	0.455
DH) BAGWELL	3e8	628.1	0.291	0.401	0.518	

LINEUP

VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 VIDRO-2B	42	53	0
2 OLERUD-1B	48	59	0
3 ROLEN-3B	47	58	6
4 BAGWELL-DH	54	87	8
5 GREEN-RF	33	62	8
6 TEJADA-SS	29	49	8
7 BERG-LF	31	37	0
8 BELTRAN-CF	23	43	5
9 MOLINA-C	24	35	W
average	36.8	53.67	3.9

Key Reserves:

SANDERS-DH	37	62	8
CATALANOTO-LF	36	51	W

LINEUP

VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
BELTRAN-CF	36	56	5
OLERUD-1B	50	67	7
BAGWELL-DH	45	59	5
GREEN-RF	41	67	8
TEJADA-SS	37	51	6
ROLEN-3B	35	57	7
VIDRO-2B	40	56	4
CATALANOTO-LF	43	61	0
MOLINA-C	24	34	W
	39	56.4	4.7

Key Reserves:

SCHNEIDER-C	31	48	1
BERG-LF	34	50	W

VS LHH:

<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
16	30	4
25	39	2
19	28	2
18	32	2
17	32	2

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
25	36	1
19	24	0
19	27	0
22	31	1
26	35	0

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
BURHLE*	263	3.58	1.24
HUDSON	262	2.98	1.25
OSWALT	256	3.01	1.19
WASHBURN*	227	3.15	1.17
LIDLE	211	3.89	1.20

BULLPEN:

DONNELLY	50	2.17	1.03	23	27	0	11	11	0
HAMMOND	80	0.95	1.11	4	8	0	18	26	0
WHITE*	59	2.98	1.09	7	15	0	22	40	0
JIMINEZ	80	3.56	1.19	16	24	1	20	34	0
CONDY	29	1.69	1.05	24	28	0	6	9	0

EVALUATION

Great team. This is two years running where Bob basically only needed to take relief pitching in the draft...and with Donnelly, Hammond and Condry Instant excellent pen. Picking up Vidro in the offseason was a great move and filled one of the two remaining holes. Now all the Kegs need is a steady LFER and they will be all set for years to come. This team is likely to be dominate for the next five years. Great power up and down the lineup. Excellent defense, five good starting pitchers and a solid pen. They rate top 4 in all major categories. Print the playoff tickets now.

I said this last year and it still holds true this team is great because Bob was patient and built it primarily though the draft. Rob said this offseason that there is no Farmington Valley in the league now. I disagree. Hazardville is the new Farmington Valley. A jaugernaut that will be tough to beat for the next several years....and like the Hawks built though the draft and supplemented with timely trades. The only thing missing is a couple of championship rings, which I think will come over the next five years or so.

BOTTOM LINE

Powerhouse. It was an upset last year that they didn't go to the series and it will be an upset this year if they don't.

ALLYN STREET 89ERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	
1B) MCGRIFF	4e9	575.3	0.273	0.353	0.505	
2B) SORIANO	3e24	765.6	0.300	0.332	0.547	
SS) FURCAL	2e30	699.6	0.275	0.323	0.387	
	VISCAINO	4e14	446.6	0.303	0.342	0.397
3B) LOWELL	2e14	657	0.276	0.346	0.471	
C) REDMOND	2e5(-1)	282	0.305	0.372	0.387	
	INGE	2e1(-2)	353	0.202	0.266	0.333
	WOOTON	4e4(+2)	124	0.292	0.331	0.442
LF) STEWART	4e3	635	0.303	0.371	0.442	
CF) SINGLETON	2e6	513	0.262	0.296	0.410	
	GOODWIN	2e5	169	0.260	0.338	
RF) BERKMAN	3e7	636	0.292	0.405	0.578	
	HIDALGO	3e24	427	0.235	0.319	0.415
DH) MILLAR		482	0.306	0.366	0.509	
	DURAZO		244	0.261	0.395	0.550

LINEUP
VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 STEWART-DH	46	54	1
2 FURCAL-SS	34	50	W
3 MILLAR-1B	46	59	3
4 SORIANO-2B	34	59	8
5 BERKMAN-LF	35	51	W
6 REDMOND-C	35	44	W
7 HIDALGO-RF	40	55	4
8 VIZCAINO-3B	40	52	W
9 MICHAELS-CF	33	57	0
average	38.1	53.44	1.8

LINEUP
VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
STEWART-LF	43	55	0
FURCAL-SS	31	46	W
MILLAR-DH	41	64	5
BERKMAN-RF	42	73	8
SORIANO-2B	32	56	8
MCGRIFF-1B	37	64	8
LOWELL-3B	39	59	6
SINGLETON-CF	30	46	0
INGE-C	21	29	0
	35.1	54.7	3.9

Key Reserves:

LOWELL-3B	30	41	2
WOOTON-C	28	40	5

Key Reserves:

GOODWIN-CF	39	49	W
REDMOND-C	44	56	W
DURAZO-DH	49	79	8

VS LHH:

<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
21	24	0
15	31	7
20	27	2
22	31	3
27	43	4

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
17	23	0
20	32	5
34	40	1
33	48	2
29	42	3

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
HALLADAY	263	2.93	1.19
ORTIZ	239	3.77	1.18
TRACHSEL	191	3.37	1.38
KILE	94	3.72	1.30
SIMONTACCHI	157	4.02	1.31

BULLPEN:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
WAGNER*	83	2.52	0.97
SASAKI	67	2.52	1.05
DOTEL	107	1.85	0.87
LOOPER	95	3.14	1.17
QUANTRILL	85	2.70	1.37

EVALUATION

Really good team with excellent offense, super bullpen and adequate starting pitching. Halliday has developed into a #1 type stopper. Ortiz is not far behind. The only thing that will hurt him will be playing HR hitting teams like Jersey City and Hazardville in the playoffs. After Halladay and Ortiz the rest of the rotation is suspect....but you won't be seeing any of them for long as bullpen happy manager Bruno will be in his glory with this bunch. Picking up Wagner and Dotel for basically picks was a huge move.

The offense is very potent though I doubt Furcal will really end up batting 2nd. Having a guy on the bench like Durazo tells you how deep the offense is. Stewart's 4 in LF will hurt some and Singleton is nothing special in CF....but that won't matter until the post season as there is no competition. Rob is another GM who has done a fine job over the past 5 years building a deep and talented team. Like Bob he has been very patient. The 89ERS will be a team to contend with for years to come.

BOTTOM LINE

Excellent team....a little short in Starting pitching but the offense and pen will more than compensate. You can print up their ticket to the post season as well.

WINDHAM WARRIORS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:						LINEUP VS LHP			LINEUP VS RHP			
	<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)	HUFF	4e18	499	0.313	0.364	0.520						
	GRACE	2e15	328	0.252	0.351	0.386	1	ELLIS-2B	46	58	3	
2B)	ANDERSON	4e24	593	0.258	0.315	0.380	2	RANDA-3B	44	63	W	
	ELLIS	2e18	380	0.272	0.359	0.394	3	HUFF-1B	42	64	3	
SS)	WILSON	3e18	580	0.252	0.306	0.332	4	SAENZ-DH	41	60	8	
	GONZALEZ	3e12	166	0.225	0.296	0.325	5	ORDONEZ-RF	34	67	8	
3B)	RANDA	2e13	604	0.282	0.341	0.426	6	MORA-CF	35	43	1	
C)	JOHNSON	3e3(-2)	268	0.217	0.301	0.369	7	OLEARY-LF	42	47	W	
	CASTRO	3e20(0)	111	0.232	0.322	0.455	8	WILSON-SS	39	56	0	
	DEFILICE	3e4(-1)	191	0.230	0.297	0.362	9	DIFILICE-C	25	40	0	
LF)	OLEARY	4e8	300	0.286	0.371	0.377	average			38.7	55.33	2.6
	ROBERTS	2e0	464	0.277	0.353	0.365						
CF)	MORA	2e5	613	0.233	0.337	0.404						
RF)	ORDONEZ	2e4	649	0.320	0.381	0.597						
DH)	SAENZ		172	0.276	0.354	0.468						

Key Reserves:

JOHNSON-C	25	45	1
ANDERSON-2B	21	23	W

Key Reserves:

CASTRO-C	31	53	8
ELLIS-2B	39	53	W
OLEARY-LF	39	51	W

VS LHH:

<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
25	44	6
26	36	3
24	29	0
9	16	3
34	48	3
35	60	7

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
22	34	1
22	33	2
22	34	3
26	35	1
28	47	7
25	42	3

ROTATION:

<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
253	3.91	1.27
218	3.58	1.35
197	3.42	1.28
113	2.53	1.05
125	5.04	1.54
131	5.73	1.53

BULLPEN:

JULIO	75	1.99	1.21	18	23	0	20	33	1
KARSAY	97	3.26	1.32	16	35	5	24	27	0
ROMERO	89	1.89	1.21	22	22	0	25	33	0
HOWRY	76	4.19	1.28	21	40	7	25	42	1
ROBERTS	83	3.36	1.48	29	32	0	30	35	1

EVALUATION

I'd say that picking up Moss, Julio, Ellis and Roberts made the Warrior's draft the biggest impact draft for 2003....a good starter, a closer, and quality starting players for 2B and LF. Santa was good to the Warriors. Unfortunately there wasn't a whole lot there before the draft.basically Ordonez, Vasquaez, some wanna be's, maybe's and never was'. I like Mora....he's a pretty decent Strat player...better than he is in real life. Johnson may bounce back in Colorado. I think Grace is toast. Rotation....Wells has some potential which he showed this year, Williams is 36 but might have a year or two left in him and Marquis could be something though he sure took a step back this year.

After HP and AS this is the most balanced team in the division both offensively and pitching....lower middle class in both categories. That is likely enough for third place and 85 wins or so. That's actually a nice improvement over recent Warrior squads. If this year's draft crop are more than one year wonders....and I think all those guys could end up in that categorie, the Warriors could be a team to watch in the next few years. It will also depend heavily on how Wells, Moss and Maruis develop. I think that Vasquez can be counted on to be a quality starter for years to come....maybe even a stopper, though he isn't really that good this year.

BOTTOM LINE

Improved but still mediocre team that will battle Wall Street for the 3rd spot in the division. I think they have enough to beat out the Barons.

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) JOHNSON	2e18	416	0.243	0.347	0.402								
SEGUI	3e18	105	0.263	0.336	0.368	1 JETER-SS	47	54	4	JETER-SS	42	48	1
2B) GRUDZLNK	4e8	590	0.271	0.301	0.364	2 DEROSA-DH	34	50	0	LO DUCA-C	35	43	0
DEROSA	4e23	233	0.297	0.339	0.429	3 LO DUCA-1B	37	52	0	JOHNSON-1B	34	44	5
SS) JETER	2e15	708	0.297	0.373	0.421	4 FLOYD-LF	26.5	56.2	8	FLOYD-LF	47	69	7
3B) BATISTA	4e17	677	0.244	0.309	0.457	5 WELLS-CF	26	38	1	WELLS-CF	28	46	5
CREDE	3e25	220	0.285	0.311	0.515	6 WALBECK-C	29.8	29.8	w	DYE-RF	34	53	8
HOUSTON	3e22	352	0.281	0.323	0.428	7 CREDE-3B	22	52	6	BATISTA-3B	29	48	8
C) LO DUCA	3e5(-1)	638	0.281	0.330	0.402	8 QUINN-RF	32	42	4	GRUDZLNK-2B	31	34	0
WILSON	2e11(-2)	179	0.245	0.301	0.380	9 GRUDZLNK-2B	24.6	33.2	2	BATISTA-DH	28.7	48.3	8
WALBECK	4e4(+1)	94	0.235	0.258	0.259	average	31	45.24	2.8		34.3	48.1	4.7
LF) FLOYD	3e7	572	0.288	0.388	0.533								
CF) WELLS	2e3	669	0.275	0.305	0.457	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
RF) DYE	3e8	537	0.252	0.333	0.459	nada				CREDE-3B	28	43	8
QUINN	3e8	84	0.237	0.301	0.368					CEDENO-DH	35	43	W
DH) CEDENO		562	0.260	0.318	0.346								

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>VS LHH:</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>VS RHP:</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
ZITO*	252	2.75	1.13		32	44	4		14	19	2
WEAVER	220	3.52	1.21		16	26	0		24	34	3
TOMKO	224	4.49	1.33		21	36	2		21	43	8
WRIGHT	216	5.18	1.38		25	40	4		29	47	4
MIDDLEBROOK	56	4.73	1.29		34	41	0		24	34	0
HENDRICKSON*	41	2.45	1.01		5	7	0		15	20	0

BULLPEN:

KIM	92	2.04	1.07		19	21	1		12	12	0
RHODES*	77	2.33	0.83		6	12	0		18	23	3
STRICKLAND	76	3.54	1.37		38	58	3		13	21	1
OSUNA	74	3.86	1.36		31	38	0		20	29	0

EVALUATION

In general I really like how Joe is going about building this team into a future contender. He is being very patient....a formula that has paid off in spades for the Kegs and 89ERS. He's made some nice draft picks in Johnson, Weaver, Zito and Crede. I liked his trade to pick up Jeter. He gave up a lot for Jeter, but as he said he got the best player in the deal. I'm a big believer in quality for quantity any time you can.

For 2003 the Barons should be battling Windham for 3rd place. Their offense is weak ranking 23rd in the league. The Barons are particularly lame against lefties. The pitching isn't too good either but rates in the middle of the pack overall on the basis of Zito, Weaver, Kim and Rhodes being so good. If Kim goes into the starting rotation and excels that would be a big plus for the Barons next year. In addition, if some of the youngsters like Wells, Crede and Johnson develop this is another team that could cause some trouble in a year or two.

BOTTOM LINE

Middle of the pack team that will fight Windham for 3rd place.

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) PHELPS	4e25	292	0.309	0.362	0.562								
2B) KENT	3e18	685	0.313	0.368	0.565	1 JUSTICE-LF	35	57	W	JUSTICE-DH	46	54	3
						2 FRYMAN-3B	25	35	4	TUCKER-CF	34	47	1
						3 LIEBERTHAL-C	50	75	7	KENT-2B	38	63	8
SS) CABRERA	2e31	619	0.263	0.321	0.380	4 KENT-1B	50	87	8	ANDERSON-LF	34	60	6
3B) BLUM	3e14	405	0.283	0.367	0.440	5 ANDERSON-CF	28	53	8	PHELPS-1B	37	65	8
						6 WILSON-DH	44	60	7	BLUM-3B	41	55	1
C) LIEBERTHAL	2e4(-1)	524	0.279	0.349	0.443	7 SHINJO-RF	30	46	6	LIEBERTHAL-C	36	46	1
						8 CABRERA-SS	34	42	W	BURNITZ-RF	33	42	5
LF) TUCKER	2e3	523	0.248	0.330	0.406	9 YOUNG-2B	30	46	W	CABRERA-SS	34	45	0
						average	36.2	55.67	4.4		37	53	3.7
CF) ANDERSON	3e2	702	0.306	0.332	0.539								
RF) BURNITZ	2e11	527	0.215	0.311	0.365								
						<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
DH) WILSON	2e10	398	0.238	0.294	0.370	MOELLER-C	44	54	W	MOELLER-C	42	65	0
										YOUNG-2B	29	39	0
										WILSON-DH	35	46	4

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>VS LHH:</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>VS RHP:</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
STURTZ	246	5.18	1.61		38	53	6		27	36	2
PINIERO	213	3.24	1.25		26	36	4		19	28	3
GLOVER	152	5.20	1.36		30	51	6		20	30	0
SCHWNWEIS*	130	4.88	1.42		15	24	5		35	50	4
BEIMEL	94	4.64	1.56		25	38	3		29	44	2
BENOIT	92	5.31	1.76		37	47	1		37	47	0

BULLPEN:

ESCABAR	86	4.27	1.57		32	39	2		18	27	4
LEVINE	69	4.24	1.49		33	42	4		29	42	3
FIKAC	76	5.48	1.57		31	51	2		24	55	8
PEREZ*	30	3.29	1.28		18	28	5		21	29	3
VILLAFUERTE	35	1.41	1.28		28	33	0		15	22	4

EVALUATION

Brutal pitching staff is the news here. The only pitching staff that rates worse is Hotlanta and I actually think Hotlanta's is better because they have a decent bullpen. Piniero will win his share of games for the Jarheads but after that it'll get very ugly. The offense is not bad with guys like Anderson, Phelps and Kent pounding the ball around. Justice has a nice card for a year and Blum was certainly a surprise. The speedy decline of Travis Fryman hurts. He had a great year in 2001 and now he's retiring. Lieberthal had a nice year as well. I was critical of the trade that brought Lieberthal to the Jarheads....I think it was Joe Mays and some spare part. Turns out I may have been wrong on that one....imagine that :)but I guess we'll have to wait and see how Mays does this year.

BOTTOM LINE

Number 12 offense in league, number 23 pitching will translate to losing record. However, with Windham, Wall Street and Poquonock for 54 games they could win as many as 75. Bill always gets a lot out of his teams.

POQUONOCK SKYCHIEFS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

						LINEUP VS LHP	OB	TB	HR	LINEUP VS RHP	OB	TB	HR	
	DEF	AB	AVG	OBP	SLG									
1B)	SIMON	3e20	530	0.301	0.320	4	JOHNSON-2B	32	46	5	HARRIS-3B	42	47	0
2B)	ALOMAR	2e13	649	0.266	0.331	5	KEARNS-CF	62	66	0	ALOMAR-2B	39	45	0
	HUDSON	3e13	211	0.276	0.319	6	WILLIAMS-3B	27	73	8	KEARNS-CF	46	66	3
SS)	ORDONEZ	2e24	506	0.254	0.292	7	BURRELL-LF	56	91	8	SIMON-1B	36	52	8
3B)	WILLIAMS	2e12	237	0.260	0.324	8	MONDESI-RF	33	53	7	BURRELL-LF	36	57	8
	HARRIS	5e17	217	0.305	0.355	9	CORDERO-DH	33	49	5	WARD-DH	30	46	1
	BURROUGHS	3e30	211	0.371	0.317	10	SIMON-1B	26	29	2	MONDESI-RF	25	39	5
C)	FLAHERTY	3e4(0)	309	0.260	0.296	11	FLAHERTY-C	22	33	0	JOHNSON-C	30	32	0
	JOHNSON	3e3(-1)	289	0.209	0.297	12	ORDONEZ-SS	17	18	W	ORDONEZ-SS	30	41	W
LF)	BURRELL	3e6	645	0.282	0.376	13	average	34.2	50.89	3.9		34.9	47.2	2.78
CF)	KEARNS	3e7	409	0.315	0.407	14								
	MCGEE	2e10	382	0.271	0.289	15	Key Reserves:				Key Reserves:			
RF)	MONDESI	3e13	626	0.232	0.308	16	ain't any				MAGEE-RF	29	37	1
DH)	WARD		498	0.276	0.324	17					BURROUGHS-3B	38	45	W
	CORDERO		177	0.267	0.337	18								

ROTATION:

	IP	ERA	WHIP	VS LHH:			VS RHP:		
				OP	TB	HR	OB	TB	HR
WOOD	235	3.66	1.24	27	33	1	17	30	3
PADILLA	227	3.28	1.22	28	37	2	18	26	0
BAEZ	182	4.41	1.46	35	45	0	25	34	2
B ANDERSON*	172	4.79	1.32	30	52	5	21	36	4
LOAIZA	166	5.71	1.52	32	45	1	28	46	4

BULLPEN:

ROBERTS	50	2.20	1.31	20	21	0	22	38	1
GINTER	59	4.47	1.47	39	51	0	21	30	3
TUCKER	67	4.11	1.63	31	42	0	34	53	2
ALVAREZ*	83	5.28	1.55	35	58	7	27	45	5
MAY*	144	5.35	1.48	30	52	5	25	47	7

EVALUATION

Bad team with lots of future upside. Nice draft this year picking up Kearns, Burroughs, Choi and Hudson. Wood will likely continue to develop into a number #1 starter. He's not quite there yet. I'm not sure if Padilla was a one year wonder. If he isn't that's a nice 1-2 punch. The bullpen is pretty much in a shambles but who cares.....relief pitchers are a waste on bad teams.

Offensively this is not that bad of a team. If Kearns puts in 500 ABs next year with similar results, Mondesi and Alomar bounce back and guys like Burroughs and Choi do anything this could be a potent offense in 2004. Burrell is entrenched as a tuff middle of the lineup guy so just build around him and you'll have something. Plus Bud'll have two very high 1st round picks next year (PQ and MV) I like what Bud is doing with this team.

BOTTOM LINE

Crummy team in 2003 but lot of future upside. A team to watch in 2004 and 2005.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST

Projected Finish

California
Florida
Orlando
York Town
Arsenal
Hotlanta

Like the NL East this is a two team race with the only mystery whether Florida will repeat or California will take the top seed. Florida continues live at the top and one of these years will win it all. I don't think this will be the year but who can say. Frank has done a good job bringing the Dreamers back from the rubbish pile but it could be a fairly short stay so make the best of it. The new Dreamers may not look exactly like the old Dreamer powerhouse teams from the late 90's but the one thing they definitely share is advanced age.

The rest of the division are all in the bottom third of the league. I like YorkTown's future outlook the best with youngsters like Dunn, Mulder and Miller....but the other teams all have some players to work with and could contend in a few years if all goes well for them.

CALIFORNIA DREAMERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) DELGADO	4e14	556	0.277	0.406	0.549
PENA	2e6	437	0.242	0.316	0.448
2B) VASQUEZ	3e13	465	0.274	0.344	0.362
RIVAS	3e9	348	0.256	0.305	0.392
VALENTIN	4e32	229	0.240	0.339	0.356
SS) WOMACK	3e23	649	0.271	0.325	0.353
3B) BELL	2e11	607	0.261	0.333	0.429
C) PRATT	3e16(0)	117	0.311	0.449	0.500
MYERS	4e2(0)	158	0.222	0.341	0.382
LAMKIN	3e5	309	0.217	0.313	0.367
LF) MATTHEWS	2e11	378	0.276	0.355	0.427
TRAMMELL	4e8	443	0.243	0.333	0.414
CF) DAMON	2e1	685	0.286	0.356	0.443
RF) GIBBONS	4e2	539	0.247	0.311	0.482
BAUTISTA	2e4	169	0.325	0.367	0.500
DH) MARTINEZ		361	0.277	0.403	0.485
SPEZIO	1e4	540	0.285	0.371	0.436

LINEUP

VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 DAMON-CF	41	61	1
2 BAUTISTA-RF	38	59	8
3 SPEZIO-1B	52	62	4
4 MARTINEZ-DH	57	86	8
5 PRATT-C	60	93	4
6 TRAMMELL-LF	41	61	8
7 VALENTIN-2B	38	47	W
8 BELL-3B	34	44	5
9 WOMACK-SS	23	26	W
average	42.7	59.89	4.2

Key Reserves:

PENA-1B	32	62	8
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LINEUP

VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
WOMACK-SS	36	50	W
DAMON-CF	39	50	3
DELGADO-1B	51	85	8
FRANCO-DH	47	67	2
MATHEWS-LF	45	59	2
GIBBONS-RF	28	53	8
BELL-3B	34	47	5
LAMKIN-C	30	41	5
VASQUEZ-2B	43	56	W
average	39.2	56.4	3.7

Key Reserves:

MARTINEZ-DH	44	57	5
SPEZIO-1B	36	48	0
MYERS-C	34	44	6

VS LHH:

	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
11	21	3	
23	33	5	
21	44	5	
23	34	2	
34	48	2	

VS RHP:

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
13	20	2	
21	32	3	
26	37	2	
27	39	1	
29	36	3	

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
JOHNSON	286	2.32	1.03
DAAL*	177	3.90	1.21
KENNEDY	217	4.53	1.32
ROGERS*	232	3.84	1.34
HERNANDEZ	238	4.38	1.41

BULLPEN:

HAWKINS	88	2.13	0.97	16	25	1	13	13	0
VERES	91	3.48	1.28	25	31	3	27	44	5
T JONES	91	4.70	1.36	13	18	0	36	58	4
HASEGAWA	77	3.20	1.28	30	42	0	20	25	0
ALMANZA	50	4.34	1.29	46	60	0	15	40	8

EVALUATION

After being in the dumpster for the past couple of years Frank has resurrected his Dreamers. Oh, Frank wasn't in the dumpster....at least as far as I know :) but the Dreamers sure were. Anyway, this team actually resembles the Dreamer teams of a few years back with the strong starting pitching and powerful home run hitting offense. In actuality however the Dreamers rate only 8th overall in HR differential (largely because their pitchers give up some long balls) but their offense is 3rd overall. They particularly kill left handers....evidenced by the fact that lefty crusher Carlos Pena has no place to play.

While picking up Johnson from yours truly ensures the Dreamers of a playoff birth, his addition only makes the Dreamers the 12th rated pitching staff overall. The pen is not very good after Hawkins so the starters will have to go deep into games.

While the starters are good over all, only Johnson will match up well in the later innings when some of the other contenders start bringing in their relief cores. This won't matter during the season since there is no competition in this division. However, it could hurt in the playoffs....especially if they make it to a 2nd round and Johnson can only go twice.

BOTTOM LINE

Lock to make playoffs. Not quite as good as Florida but I'm picking them to win the division anyway.

FLORIDA SUN

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

						<i>LINEUP</i>			<i>LINEUP</i>						
						<i>VS LHP</i>			<i>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)	SNOW	1e10	464	0.246	0.344	0.360									
2B)	LAMB	4e40	345	0.283	0.354	0.411	1	HILL-2B	46	54	W	WALKER-RF	50	78	6
	SANCHEZ	2e7	393	0.286	0.318	0.345	2	HOCKING-3B	42	52	W	HUNTER-CF	33	59	8
	HILL	4e6	209	0.253	0.327	0.374	3	WALKER-RF	45	67	1	RODRIGUEZ-C	36	60	6
SS)	LARKIN	3e16	558	0.245	0.305	0.367	4	SOSA-DH	65	98	8	SOSA-DH	38	64	8
	WOODWARD	3e28	343	0.276	0.330	0.468	5	MIRABELLI-C	36	65	8	WOODWRAD-SS	36	56	8
3B)	PERRY	3e10	495	0.276	0.333	0.480	6	BOCACHICA-LF	29	44	6	CRUZ-LF	32	51	6
	HOCKING	3e26	286	0.250	0.310	0.323	7	HUNTER-CF	33	54	5	PERRY-3B	34	51	5
C)	RODRIGUEZ	3e6(-3)	449	0.314	0.353	0.542	8	SNOW-1B	43	47	0	SNOW-1B	36	49	W
	MIRABELLI	2e1(-1)	166	0.225	0.312	0.411	9	LARKIN-SS	25	37	1	SANCHEZ-2B	32	35	W
LF)	CRUZ	2e3	513	0.245	0.317	0.438		average	35.3	51.56	3.2		36.3	55.9	5.2
	BOCACHICA	3e14	185	0.220	0.264	0.405									
CF)	HUNTER	1e4	617	0.289	0.334	0.524									
RF)	WALKER	1e6	525	0.338	0.421	0.602									
DH)	SOSA		612	0.288	0.399	0.594									

Key Reserves:

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Key Reserves:

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VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
MADDUX	219	2.62	1.20	16	20	0	25	32	0
GLAVINE*	248	2.96	1.28	19	33	2	22	29	1
VALDES	162	3.93	1.17	22	34	3	20	34	3
THOMSON	200	4.71	1.35	22	35	3	22	47	4
GARLAND	212	4.58	1.41	35	51	2	21	32	2

BULLPEN:

HOFFMAN	65	2.73	1.18	12	17	0	24	28	0
MARTE*	66	2.83	1.03	10	12	0	20	26	2
URBINA	66	3.00	1.07	21	47	8	4	9	1
GUTHRIE*	53	2.44	1.13	18	21	2	17	21	0
ARROJO	89	4.98	1.35	39	46	1	15	25	3

EVALUATION

This is a very good team that rates 10th offensively, 6th in pitching, 3rd in HR differential and 8th overall. They are not as good as they were last year when they were the favorite to go to the series before YorkTown upended them. They aren't favored in my mind this year. I can't remember the last time the Sun were not in the playoff hunt however. It must be something like ten years since the last time. Mike has done a tremendous job with this franchise.

It does appear that the Sun are getting a little long in the tooth. With the exception of Hunter all of their star players are getting up there. Sosa, Walker, Maddux and Rodriguez.....on the other hand those guys are all good for a few more years and Mike has a way of moving old players out at the right time.....note Alou for Hunter last year. I know I've been in the league a while when I remember Mike drafting Alou and now he's about ready for retirement.

The offense is good, lots of power. Picking up Woodward and Hill in the draft help out significantly. The starting rotation is very solid also. Valdez and Thomson both got better cards than you might have expected. Mike got lucky with Marte and Guthrie coming out of no where to put up great numbers out of the pen.

BOTTOM LINE

Lock for the playoffs. I think the starting pitching and pen makes this a slightly better team than the Dreamers but I like the Dreamers to win the division anyway.....they are hungrier.

ORLANDO REDSOX

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) ERSTAD	2e2	688	0.283	0.313	0.389
2B) BOONE	1e8	669	0.278	0.339	0.462
MERLONI	4e10	213	0.247	0.332	0.392
SS) GARCIPARRA	2e27	699	0.310	0.352	0.528
3B) HILLENBRAND	3e24	697	0.293	0.330	0.459
mordecai	3e23	166	0.245	0.313	0.298
C) SANTIAGO	2E3(-1)	526	0.278	0.315	0.450
HASSELMAN	3e5(+2)	197	0.246	0.297	0.335
LF) MABRY	3e8	235	0.276	0.321	0.500
GRIFFEY	2e10	217	0.264	0.358	0.426
BYRNES	3e6	103	0.245	0.291	0.426
CF) FINLEY	1e2	556	0.287	0.370	0.499
RF) WILKERSON	3e10	558	0.266	0.370	0.469
DH) BRANYAN	4e9	416	0.228	0.320	0.458
MERCED	4e18	276	0.287	0.350	0.434

**LINEUP
VS LHP**

OB TB HR

1 HASSELMAN-C	36	42	0
2 MERLONI-DH	43	62	0
3 GARCIPARRA-SS	34	60	2
4 BOONE-2B	37	60	8
5 FINLEY-CF	37	58	8
6 WILKERSON-RF	39	59	7
7 BYRNES-LF	33	39	1
8 MORDECAI-3B	33	40	W
9 ERSTAD-1B	32	42	W
average	36	51.33	2.9

**LINEUP
VS RHP**

OB TB HR

WILKERSON-RF	40	56	3
GARCIPARRA-SS	37	58	6
FINLEY-CF	37	52	5
BOONE-2B	33	45	5
HILLENBRAND-3B	35	51	4
BRANYAN-DH	28	44	8
GRIFFEY-LF	39	52	6
SANTIAGO-C	29	53	5
ERSTAD-1B	31	39	1
average	34.3	50	4.8

Key Reserves:

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MABRY-LF	30	51	7
MERCED-LF	37	47	1

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

IP ERA WHIP

RUSCH*	232	4.70	1.44
RUETER	224	3.23	1.27
JENNINGS	204	4.52	1.46
BURKETT	190	4.53	1.44
YOSHII	144	4.11	1.33
MAROTH*	141	4.48	1.34

OP TB HR

16	31	7
24	25	1
33	46	1
23	37	7
23	25	1
24	38	0

OB TB HR

32	42	3
23	35	5
28	40	3
32	47	3
29	36	2
29	43	0

BULLPEN:

SMOLTZ	88	3.25	1.03
R HERNANDEZ	57	4.33	1.42
MYERS*	41	4.38	1.51
MENDOZA	101	3.44	1.29
HEREDIA*	58	3.61	1.47

14	24	0
34	49	3
27	37	0
20	34	1
25	35	3

17	18	0
16	19	0
41	42	0
27	33	0
34	46	0

EVALUATION

Like YorkTown and Arsenal the Redsox rank bottom third in both offensive and pitching. The only thing they have going for them is that they will hit a lot of HRs. They have some good players in Garciaparra and Wilkerson (I like this guy).... Griffy if he can come back could still be a force. I'm not sure if Finley has many years left in him but he sure had a great year in 2002. I think Erstad is one of those guys they always rant about in real life but generally hasn't been that good in Strat....doesn't walk enough. How many times have you seen a CF 1 playing first base all year?

The pitching is pretty rough. If the Sox happen to be leading in the 8th inning they will be tough with Smoltz closing games but with that starting pitching I wouldn't count on that happening too often. Beckett will be a big key for this team in the future....I don't see another #1 starting prospect in this bunch.

BOTTOM LINE

Not particularly good team but in this lame ass division could win 80 games and come in 3rd.

YORKTOWN ADMIRALS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) DUNN	3e25	589	0.249	0.400	0.454
CASEY	4e11	468	0.261	0.334	0.362
2B) KENNEDY	3e14	521	0.312	0.345	0.449
GIL	3e8	143	0.285	0.307	0.431
SS) ROLLINS	2e15	701	0.245	0.306	0.380
3B) CHAVEZ	1e20	644	0.275	0.348	0.513
COOMER	4e45	163	0.264	0.290	0.372
LARSON	4e25	56	0.275	0.362	0.549
C) BARRETT	3e7(0)	414	0.263	0.332	0.418
MILLER	2e2(-1)	327	0.249	0.340	0.434
LF) GONZALEZ	3e5	576	0.288	0.400	0.496
CF) PIERRE	2e2	651	0.287	0.332	0.343
RF) DREW	2e5	466	0.252	0.349	0.429
LEDEE	3e3	223	0.227	0.342	0.419
DH) CORDOVA		504	0.253	0.325	0.434

LINEUP
VS LHP

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
34	34	W
41	57	1
40	61	8
37	49	6
37	49	3
31	48	4
31	46	6
31	39	1
24	35	0
34	46.44	3.2

LINEUP
VS RHP

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
34	42	W
41	63	W
45	55	3
37	63	8
46	62	6
35	45	5
41	58	4
34	48	5
29	40	0
38	52.9	3.4

Key Reserves:

LARSON-3B	40	76	8
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Key Reserves:

slim pickins

VS LHH:

<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
19	32	3
24	39	2
33	52	3
30	41	4
24	37	1

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
19	28	2
21	29	0
23	35	4
30	47	3
32	55	2

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
MULDER*	228	3.47	1.14
MILLER	182	3.28	1.29
WILSON	213	4.83	1.48
TEJERA*	150	4.45	1.46
BURBA	160	5.20	1.46

BULLPEN:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
CARRARA	100	3.28	1.27	18	38	6	25	37	4
BORBON*	55	5.36	1.55	21	37	3	39	82	8
YAN	76	4.30	1.43	31	55	8	19	21	0
WEATHERS	85	2.91	1.36	29	34	0	23	31	4
BROWER	88	4.37	1.36	28	37	0	25	35	2
SILVA	92	3.21	1.31	32	46	0	25	33	0

EVALUATION

Last years Cinderella story AL Champs have come down to earth this season. They rate in the bottom third of the league in all major categories and 19th overall. They still have a good your core of players led by Dunn, Chavez, Mulder and Miller. If Rollins regains his form from last year, Drew gets over the injury bug and Barrett develops into a solid everyday catcher the Admirals could bounce back quickly next season. It' s not like too many teams in the division jump out as long term jaugernauts.

BOTTOM LINE

Good future pick but will be battling Orlando for 3rd place in 2003 and could finish as low as 5th.

ARSENAL GUNNERS

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)	GALARRAGA	3e28	321	0.260	0.344	0.394							
	VAUGHN	4e23	536	0.259	0.349	0.456	1	POLANCO-3B	45	59	0	PAYTON-CF	42 60 4
2B)	YOUNG	4e17	546	0.280	0.338	0.369	2	YOUNG-2B	43	58	W	YOUNG-2B	39 49 W
SS)	CRUZ	4e19	565	0.263	0.294	0.366	3	GALARRAGA-1B	40	41	W	VAUGHN-1B	31 44 7
3B)	POLANCO	2e11	603	0.288	0.330	0.403	4	BONDS-LF	76	146	8	BONDS-LF	76 108 8
	BLALOCK	3e23	162	0.211	0.306	0.327	5	VAUGHN-DH	42	57	6	STAIRS-DH	33 51 7
C)	LOPEZ	4e9(0)	382	0.233	0.299	0.372	6	KIELTY-CF	40	54	6	LOPEZ-C	24 32 3
	DIAZ	4e7(+1)	352	0.206	0.258	0.284	7	ROLLS-RF	43	54	W	POLANCO-3B	33 38 0
LF)	BONDS	2e10	443	0.370	.582	.799	8	CRUZ-SS	23	27	1	CRUZ-SS	31 47 W
CF)	PAYTON	3e1	490	0.303	0.351	0.488	9	DIAZ-C	23	39	W	BROWN-RF	28 41 W
RF)	KIELTY	3e2	318	0.291	0.405	0.484		average	41.7	59.44	2.3		37.4 52.2 3.2
	BROWN	3e10	229	0.216	0.284	0.298							
	ROLLS	4e24	98	0.292	0.330	0.382							
DH)	STAIRS		297	0.244	0.349	0.478							

Key Reserves:

lucky they have 9 starters

Key Reserves:

KIELTY-OF	50	64	4
BAERGA-2B	35	42	1

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
GARCIA	246	4.39	1.30	24	37	5	26	38	4
CLEMENS	198	4.35	1.31	20	28	1	28	46	2
NEAGLE*	180	5.26	1.42	35	61	6	22	36	2
ERICKSON	176	5.55	1.62	37	49	4	34	43	1
DRESE	151	6.55	1.73	43	63	1	35	46	3

BULLPEN:

SAUERBECK*	69	2.30	1.23	5	8	1	33	41	0
RUPE	99	5.60	1.20	20	40	6	24	42	3
STONE	85	3.61	1.45	30	46	7	28	33	0
POWELL	63	4.84	1.47	26	52	8	26	30	3

EVALUATION

This team got really old and really bad and now Dean has to dig his way out of a deep hole. If Blalock turns out to be a good player that would be a start. As long as Payton is in Colorado he will likely put up good numbers. I like Keilty as a forth outfielder and of course Garcia is a solid starter. That's about it boys. Vaughn, Galarraga, Stairs, Lopez, Young, Clemens.....all just about toast. I said that last year and they are all a year older. Bonds is unfreaken believable...and actually makes this team rate better than it otherwise would....duhhh, huh? TRADE BONDS! Preferably to the NL since I'll be in the AL next year.

As you can see after Garcia and Clemens the pitching staff is just stinko.

BOTTOM LINE

Old team hit rock bottom last year, might be starting a slow incline. Bonds is probably enough to catapult them into 5th place, yeeehaaa!

HOTLANTA POSSUMS

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) SEXSON	2e8	627	0.279	0.363	0.504								
2B) MACIAS	4e15	371.8	0.249	0.293	0.379	1 FEBLES-2B	40	46	W	GUZMAN-SS	23	36	2
						2 GRIEVE-DH	32	36	0	GRIEVE-DH	39	56	6
						3 FICK-RF	38	49	3	JONES-CF	40	65	8
SS) GUZMAN	2e14	685.3	0.273	0.292	0.383	4 JONES-CF	42	50	1	SEXSON-1B	41	61	7
3B) BELTRE	3e21	645.7	0.257	0.303	0.426	5 SEXSON-1B	30	46	2	FICK-RF	33	47	4
C) VARITEK	2e3(+1)	513.7	0.266	0.332	0.392	6 MILLER-C	39	62	1	VARITEK-C	35	44	2
						7 BELTRE-3B	31	41	5	BELTRE-3B	28	42	4
						8 PIATT-LF	25	42	5	SIERA-LF	30	45	7
LF) SIERRA	5e7	460.9	0.270	0.319	0.418	9 GUZMAN-SS	30	42	W	GILES-2B	35	50	4
						average	34.1	46	1.9		33.8	49.6	4.9
GARCIA	3e3	222.2	0.297	0.314	0.574								
CF) JONES	1e3	616	0.264	0.366	0.513								
RF) FICK	4e14	611.6	0.270	0.331	0.433								
DH) GRIEVE		530.2	0.251	0.353	0.432								

Key Reserves:

yeah, right

Key Reserves:

FEBLES-2B	34	48	W
MAYNE-C	36	45	W
GARCIA-LF	31	64	8

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SPARKS	208	5.52	1.61	29	39	3	37	59	4
JENSEN	189	4.51	1.45	36	50	6	28	41	3
MILTON*	188	4.84	1.19	21	54	8	23	59	5
ESTES*	177	5.10	1.58	35	45	0	34	45	1
HARPER	95	5.46	1.50	26	50	8	27	32	1
MADURO	63	5.56	1.52	19	29	4	37	66	8

BULLPEN:

GUARDADO*	75	2.93	1.05	17	22	0	15	29	7
ISRINGHAUSN	72	2.48	0.98	30	31	0	7	12	0
SHUEY	75	3.31	1.28	23	25	0	22	29	0
WOHLERS	78	4.79	1.36	23	36	5	26	31	0
KOPLOVE	67	3.36	1.14	35	35	0	15	20	0

EVALUATION

The only thing the Possums have going for them this year is their pen which is ok. However, they have the worst starting pitching in the league and overall their pitching rates 24th. Their offense isn't much better at #20....but they do rate 13th in HR differential....yeah baby!!! I like Jones and Sexson....who wouldn't, am I right? The rest of the team doesn't excite me much though. Jim hasn't had much luck in the draft. Guys like Febles, Grieve and Beltre were good picks but have been busts so far. Hopefully he has better luck with this year's crop of hopefuls that include Cuddyer and Borcard. I tell you, I thank my lucky stars every year that Jim took Beltre in the '99 draft forcing me to take Glaus. I would have taken Beltre if Jim hadn't picked him right in front of me. So far so good for me.....although Beltre is still young so you never know.

BOTTOM LINE

Last place in a bad division. Some hope for the future if some of these highly touted prospects start pulling their weight. Needs to find some starting pitching next year.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

Projected Finish

Illinois

Maine

Baton Rouge

Lake Wobegon

Urpaigh

Louisville

This is far and away the strongest division and toughest to call. Whoever finishes 5th could have contended in the AL or NL West and possibly even in the NL East. Illinois would be practically a lock to make the playoffs in any other division. The Prairie Dogs are the best team in the league but not even a lock to make the playoffs in this division. Larry will have to earn his way by managing the team well. Presuming Illinois makes it, the manager of the other playoff team should win manager of the year honors in the AL because they are going to have to do a great job. I went back and forth and had Maine as low as 5th in the division, where they rank according to my power rankings. Lake Wobegon rates 2nd. However, the numbers are really close and I love Maine's defense and overall team balance and I'm not too keen on the Whippets starting pitching after Lowe. Baton Rouge has great starting pitching but their pen isn't very good. I'm pretty sure that will hurt them if they don't trade to get some help. Urpaigh is good too but their defense stinks and like the Whippets their starting rotation is a bit suspect after Pedro. Louisville is not a bad team and will be the league's best basement dweller. Should be a blood bath in the AL East. Have at boys!

Projected Finish

Illinois

Maine

Baton Rouge

Lake Wobegon

Urpaigh

Louisville

ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DOGS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) ORTIZ	4e14	453	0.272	0.339	0.500
K YOUNG	2e17	515	0.246	0.322	0.408
2B) WALKER	4e9	673	0.299	0.353	0.431
SS) ECKSTEIN	3e16	669	0.293	0.363	0.388
3B) ALFONZO	3e15	539	0.308	0.391	0.459
C) BENNETT	3e4(+1)	320	0.265	0.314	0.354
HALL	3e6(-1)	363	0.258	0.293	0.376
LF) PALMIERO	3e2	289	0.300	0.368	0.354
CONINE	3e16	496	0.273	0.307	0.448
KINGSALE	2e6	241	0.283	0.350	0.384
CF) SUZUKI	2e3	712	0.321	0.388	0.425
RF) GUERRERO	2e10	675	0.336	0.417	0.593
DH) HINSKI		623	0.279	0.365	0.481
GANT	4e7	340	0.262	0.338	0.489

LINEUP

VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 SUZUKI-CF	53	63	0
2 ECKSTEIN-SS	45	54	1
3 ALFONZO-3B	56	71	3
4 YOUNG-1B	38	58	8
5 GANT-DH	41	69	8
6 GUERRERO-RF	43	61	7
7 CONINE-LF	29	44	7
8 BENETT-C	42	44	0
9 WALKER-2B	32	46	W
average	42.1	56.67	3.8

LINEUP

VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SUZUKI-CF	40	53	W
ECKSTEIN-SS	42	50	W
HINSKI-DH	44	64	5
GUERRERO-RF	47	75	8
ORTIZ-1B	41	64	7
ALFONZO-3B	43	53	3
WALKER-2B	40	52	0
PALMIERO-LF	44	48	W
HALL-C	27	35	1
	40.9	54.9	2.7

Key Reserves:

GRAFFANINO-2B	37	49	3
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Key Reserves:

KINGSALE-OF	39	52	W
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VS LHH:

<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
15	19	1
19	35	3
31	47	1
14	19	1
22	34	4
10	19	3
9	22	0
25	33	0
14.1	26.1	8
11	13	0
31	57	8

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
13	23	2
15	29	6
15	26	3
23	39	4
25	40	5
12	30	7
11	12	0
20	26	0
27	33	2
19	23	0
15	23	5

ROTATION:

<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
244	3.00	0.99
251	3.90	1.15
232	3.20	1.12
196	3.03	1.25
131	4.02	1.17

BULLPEN:

TIMLIN	107	2.98	0.92
HOLMES	59	1.81	0.97
WORRELL	79	2.25	1.18
POTE	55	3.22	1.17
REED	74	2.01	1.04
SORIANO	52	4.56	1.29

EVALUATION

This is the best team in the FBN and really came out of 2002 obscurity. There have been several cases of teams that after years of losing rose up and won the championship or made a run for it. ...then fell back to also rans the following year. Maine in '01, Silver City in '01 and Louisville in '00 come quickly to mind. Could the 2003 Illinois Dogs be the next? I don't know but who would have ever thought last year that 2003's best starting rotation would consist of Perez, Byrd, Wolf, Dessens and Franklin. Talk about "better lucky than good". If all fairness to Larry he did pick up Franklin in a trade. But those other guys.....who would have thunk it! Any he had Wakefield too....another guy who had and unexpectedly great season. Will any or all of these guys repeat in 2004. I have no idea, but they sure are good this year. Timlin is another guy who had a career Strat year. There is a lot of depth so even if some guys go in the dumper next year this team should still be in good shape. Offensively, Larry gets some well deserved credit for grabbing Vlad Guerrero in the disbersment draft, and making good use of his draft picks to get Suzuki, Eckstein last yr and Hinski this year. So this Dog team appears to have benefited from a large portion of good fortune and a large portion of good general management. They rate #1 in pitching and #2 in offense...#1 overall! Their only weakness is a #20 HR differential rating. There are a lot of W hitters in the lineup but look at all those 40+ on-base numbers. Wow! Guerrero should drive in at least 150.

BOTTOM LINE

Best team in the League. Great rotation, great on-base offensively. Even in this tough division, this is clearly the team to beat and my favorite

to meet the PowderKegs in the series.

MAINE YAKS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) LEE	2e12	639	0.270	0.378	0.494
2B) VINA	1e14	684	0.270	0.333	0.338
SS) RODRIGUEZ	2e10	686	0.300	0.392	0.623
3B) CIRILLO	2e12	534	0.249	0.301	0.328
SANDBERG	2e24	394	0.229	0.305	0.444
C) PIERZNSKI	2e2(-)	484	0.300	0.334	0.439
RIVERA	3e2(+2)	145	0.227	0.254	0.326
LF) JORDAN	2e5	518	0.285	0.338	0.469
CF) CAMERON	1e6	600	0.239	0.340	0.442
RF) HAMMONDS	2e3	493	0.257	0.332	0.397
PEREZ	3e9	488	0.295	0.331	0.437
DH) SWEENEY		518	0.340	0.417	0.563

LINEUP

VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 HAMMONDS-RF	45	65	3
2 CIRILLO-3B	38	44	3
3 AROD-SS	27	42	5
4 SWEENEY-DH	44	61	6
5 LEE-1B	42	58	6
6 JORDAN-LF	32	58	8
7 CAMERON-CF	33	64	8
8 VINA-2B	36	37	W
9 RIVERA-C	28	51	W
average	36.1	53.33	4.3

Key Reserves:

don't need any

LINEUP

VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
CAMERON-CF	37	49	5
VINA-2B	34	42	W
AROD-SS	45	83	8
SWEENEY-DH	50	69	5
LEE-1B	43	63	6
PEREZ-RF	37	42	1
JORDAN-LF	37	49	3
PIERZNSKI-C	38	59	W
SANDBERG-3B	28	46	8
average	38.8	55.8	4.0

Key Reserves:

HAMMONDS-LF 36 45 0

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
CLEMENT	226	3.60	1.20
ONKA	212	3.18	1.24
HELLING	194	4.51	1.30
WAKEFIELD	179	2.81	1.05
ADAMS	151	4.35	1.39

VS LHH:

	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	26	35	1
	10	16	0
	27	47	5
	18	25	2
	31	37	1

VS RHP:

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	18	31	2
	30	44	3
	17	35	6
	14	21	3
	31	39	0

BULLPEN:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
CORDERO	50	1.79	1.01
EMBREE*	68	2.03	1.08
SPOONEYBARGER	56	2.63	1.25
KOCH	103	3.27	1.27
M JACKSON	61	3.27	1.31

	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	11	11	0
	11	20	4
	23	23	0
	25	29	0
	28	40	2

EVALUATION

The Yaks only rate 9th offensively, 8th pitching and 10th overall. That's good for 4th place in this division. However I like their chances. Their defense is great...all 2's and 1's. I think that the defensive superiority will make up for any difference between them and the other contenders. With Arod, Sweeney and Lee in the middle of the order they will score their share of runs. Clement is very close to Ace material and Wakefield is 2/3s of an Ace. Onka should do ok and Helling and Adams will get knocked around some but are not awful. Picking up Cordero and Spooneybarger in the draft rounds out a nice bullpen. What happened to Cirillo? He was so solid before last year. It will be interesting to see if he bounces back next year.

BOTTOM LINE

Solid offense and pitching and the league's best defense make the Yaks my front runner to join Illinois in the post season.

BATON ROUGE SILVER BULLETS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>	
1B) THOME	4e13	528	0.304	0.445	0.677	
2B) HAIRSTON	2e15	468.6	0.268	0.329	0.376	
SS) GUILLEN	3e23	522.5	0.261	0.326	0.394	
	BORDICK	3e1	403.7	0.232	0.302	0.365
3B) NEVIN	4e34	447.7	0.285	0.344	0.413	
	COUNSELL	2e13	479.6	0.282	0.348	0.351
C) MARRERO	4e6(+1)	437	0.262	0.327	0.451	
	HUNDLEY	4e13(+2)	292.6	0.211	0.301	0.421
	TORREABLA	3e1(+1)	150	0.279	0.355	0.397
LF) MCCRACKEN	2e2(0)	384	0.309	0.367	0.458	
	ECHEVARRIA	4e1	108	0.306	0.351	0.469
CF) LOFTON	3e0	585.2	0.261	0.350	0.414	
	WILSON	3e7	561	0.243	0.329	0.429
RF) SHEFFIELD	4e5	541.2	0.307	0.404	0.512	
DH) COX	3e10	616	0.254	0.330	0.396	

LINEUP

VS LHP

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
32	43	W
49	60	W
46	53	1
48	64	7
37	58	8
43	65	5
31	53	8
36	42	2
29	38	1
39	52.89	3.6

Key Reserves:

WHITE-LF	31	47	2
HUNDLEY-C	32	41	3

LINEUP

VS RHP

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
39	54	1
39	55	W
48	65	7
61	108	8
41	69	W
34	40	1
29	46	8
34	42	W
34	46	1
39.9	58.3	2.9

Key Reserves:

COX-DH	39	50	2
WILSON-CF	34	45	5
WHITE-LF	24	30	3

VS LHH:

<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
13	27	3
24	35	3
13	26	5
18	43	8
33	38	0
29	33	0

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
8	15	3
18	35	4
23	30	0
20	33	1
20	31	6
29	36	2

ROTATION:

<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
285	3.23	0.97
238	4.05	1.19
161	3.64	1.14
207	3.78	1.16
99	3.50	1.32
119	3.66	1.45

BULLPEN:

PERCIVAL	62	1.92	1.12	31	46	7	5	5	0
STANTON*	86	3.00	1.29	31	36	0	26	34	0
WHITE	69	4.31	1.32	30	50	1	23	35	0
BACSIK	61	4.37	1.47	23	35	2	29	45	5
D SMITH	51	3.47	1.18	19	21	0	23	39	6

EVALUATION

When I think of the Florida Sun I think of the Baton Rouge Silver Bullets. Those two franchises have been fielding good to great teams consistently for as long as I've been in the FBN. They both always seem to be getting older but never go away. Mike has done a great job over the years! The Bullets have been riding the Thome, Sheffield, Schilling, Mussina train for years and there's no reason to think there isn't a few years left in that ride. I know he got Mussina in one of those quantity for quality trades....who do you figure won out there? He drafted Thome....nice pick. He got Sheffield back in '94 from The Demon Seed for Andy Van Slyke....yikes. Schilling I don't remember....may have been drafted. In any case those guys have served the Bullets well over the years.

Normally this year's squad would be good for the playoffs again. Great starting rotation. Hernandez had his best Strat year ever....all of a sudden he gets lefties out, go figure. Overall the Bullets rate 8th offensively and 5th in pitching....7th overall. Very nice but only the 4th best overall in the division. The pen will hurt them with Zimmerman gone and Percival ineffective against lefties.

BOTTOM LINE

Excellent team. Will go as far as their starting pitching can take them. Sub par bullpen will hurt them. Mild dark horse to make the playoffs.

LAKE WOBEGON WHIPPETS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) GIAMBI	4e7	616	0.314	0.435	0.598
2B) BELLHORN	3e15	490	0.258	0.374	0.512
	SHEETS	3e6	0.248	0.301	0.356
SS) GONZALEZ	2e25	564	0.248	0.312	0.425
3B) VALENTIN	4e24	521	0.249	0.311	0.479
C) GIRARDI	2e7(0)	257	0.226	0.275	0.291
	ALOMAR	3e2(+1)	0.279	0.302	0.410
	STINNETT	3e6(+1)	0.226	0.333	0.376
LF) JONES	1e6	635	0.300	0.341	0.511
CF) GILES	4e8	547	0.298	0.450	0.622
	THOMPSON	4e5	0.248	0.295	0.518
RF) MCLEMORE	3e11	371	0.270	0.380	0.395
	MENCH	4e3	0.260	0.327	0.448
DH) BURKS	LF 4e6	570	0.301	0.362	0.541

LINEUP

<u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 SHEETS-2B	33	37	1
2 GILES-LF	38	59	7
3 GIAMBI-1B	48	65	7
4 BELLHORN-3B	42	79	8
5 BURKS-LF	41	64	8
6 THOMPSON-CF	35	60	5
7 STINNETT-C	44	56	4
8 GONZALEZ-SS	32	48	4
9 MENCH-RF	25	40	8
average	37.6	56.44	5.8

LINEUP

<u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
MCLEMORE-RF	47	54	1
BELLHORN-2B	38	52	6
GILES-CF	59	92	8
GIAMBI-1B	55	82	8
BURKS-DH	34	53	8
JONES-LF	38	63	8
VALENTIN-3B	27	49	6
GONZALEZ-SS	27	41	3
ALOMAR-C	31	41	2
average	39.6	58.6	5.6

Key Reserves:

MARTINEZ-2B	35	54	0
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Key Reserves:

MENCH-RF	33	48	2
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ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
LOWE	242	2.58	0.97
NOMO	242	3.39	1.32
APPIER	207	3.92	1.35
FINLEY*	210	4.15	1.37
SANTANA*	119	2.99	1.23
BENES	106	2.78	1.35

VS LHH:

<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
13	18	0
17	24	0
24	29	2
23	25	0
20	28	0
36	41	0

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
12	14	0
31	42	5
29	46	5
31	41	0
26	31	1
25	36	4

BULLPEN:

FAULK	86	2.90	1.00	21	26	0	3	8	2
NEN	81	2.20	1.14	14	23	0	18	21	0
CALLAWAY	37	4.19	1.22	20	20	0	21	36	6
DEJEAN	83	3.12	1.40	26	28	0	23	34	4
MECIR	75	4.26	1.43	19.3	28.6	2	35	41.5	0
EISCHEN*	58	1.34	1.14	10	13	0	26	30	0

EVALUATION

Lake Wobegon is an odd team in my mind. I think Jim really knows his stuff and it seems like the Whippets are always pretty good. However by my count in 17 years they've only made the playoffs 3 times. Hard to believe....them's York Town numbers :) Sorry Merk. The Whippets did win it all back in '94 so I'm sure that helps ease the pain of so many close but no go playoff runs.

Anyhow, this years squad is a good one led by a high powered offense, rated #1 overall and #1 in HR deferential. With the G-monsters Giambi and Giles leading the way this team will be a handful offensively. Led by Derrick Lowe and the two headed bullpen monster of Faulk and Nen the pitching rates very high also. Overall, the Whippets rate #3 in the league! However, their defense is not good. The catching is ok, and Gonzalez is solid at SS but there are 4's at 1B, 3B and way more importantly in CF. If Giles plays CF all year it will really hurt in this tough division. If even a 3 CFer can be landed and Giles moved to DH (unless Jones is traded)...I think that would be enough to make them a playoff favorite.

BOTTOM LINE

Great offensive power. Super ace in Lowe leads good staff. I think getting Giles out of CF is key to them making a run at the playoffs.

URPAINE DRAGONS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) GIAMBI	4e20	344	0.259	0.414	0.505
KARROS	4e5	576	0.271	0.323	0.399
2B) FOX	4e25	479	0.251	0.338	0.333
ROBERTS	3e20	141	0.227	0.308	0.297
CAIRO	3e16	202	0.250	0.307	0.353
SS) HERNANDEZ	2e22	578	0.288	0.356	0.478
3B) ZIELE	4e26	557	0.273	0.343	0.425
C) HERNANDEZ	2e5(-2)	443	0.233	0.313	0.335
PRINCE	3e2(-2)	138	0.224	0.317	0.392
LF) JONES	4e8	603	0.327	0.435	0.536
CF) EDMUNDS	1e6	524	0.311	0.420	0.561
RF) IBANEZ	3e3	547	0.294	0.346	0.537
ROWLAND	2e8	332	0.258	0.298	0.394
DH) HUNTER	3e3	221	0.269	0.329	0.423

LINEUP

VS LHP

OB TB HR

1 ENSBERG-DH	54	68	3
2 ZEILE-3B	38	46	1
3 JONES-LF	46	62	4
4 HERNANDEZ-SS	24	55	8
5 KARROS-1B	45	59	2
6 EDMUNDS-CF	37	54	7
7 ROWAND-RF	25	42	5
8 HERNANDEZ-C	33	50	1
9 CAIRO-2B	29	44	2
average	36.8	53.33	3.7

Key Reserves:

GIAMBI-DH	54	68	W
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LINEUP

VS RHP

OB TB HR

FOX-2B	39	49	W
JONES-LF	51	67	5
GIAMBI-1B	48	69	8
EDMUNDS-CF	52	74	7
IBANEZ-RF	34	61	8
HERNANDEZ-SS	42	55	4
ZEILE-3B	36	47	3
HERNANDEZ-C	31	39	W
HUNTER-DH	38	59	1
average	36.9	52.3	4.0

Key Reserves:

ROBERTS-2B	42	52	W
PRINCE-C	31	48	8
KARROS-1B	30	38	1

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
MARTINEZ	219	2.26	0.94	8	14	0	14	21	1
REDMAN	223	4.21	1.29	31	50	2	21	29	1
LEITER*	224	3.48	1.29	16	22	2	25	35	3
SABATHIA*	231	4.37	1.36	25	32	0	29	42	1
MEADOWS	68	3.88	1.21	18	32	3	16	29	3
WILLIAMS	47	4.98	1.43	1	1	0	35	66	8

BULLPEN:

MESA	84	2.97	1.38	21	30	1	30	33	0
WITASICK	75	2.37	1.16	23	30	0	19	24	0
RINCON*	62	4.18	1.04	12	21	0	22	34	1
DE LOS SANTOS*	64	3.12	1.18	24	30	0	20	29	1
PARANTO	39	4.04	1.26	21	36	4	22	30	0

EVALUATION

Another re-entry draft baby done well. Bruce managed to come away from that original draft with Pedro, Chipper and Jim Edmunds.....not a bad days work. Offseason trades that netted the Dragons Leiter, Ziele and Giambi shored up some holes. This is an excellent offensive team rating 5th overall. The pitching led by Martinez rates #9 overall, definitely a little higher than it probably should be....but Pedro's number affect the rating significantly. Overall, the team rates 5th overall which I think may be a little high.

The offense is solid, no doubt that they will score some runs....but the pitching is a little soft after Pedro. Leiter and Sabathia, being lefties will get clobbered their fair share. The pen is pretty good but no lights out guys. The defense is a liability. Outside of Edmunds in CF you got a 3 in RF and a 4 in LF....plus aside from Hernandez at SS you got 4's all around the infield...not good.

BOTTOM LINE

Superb offense, pitching just ok after Pedro, defense very shaky. If the defense doesn't kill them they could definitely make a run at the playoffs.

LOUISVILLE RIVER BANDITS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>DEF</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
1B) T LEE	2e7	590	0.265	0.331	0.394
2B) IZTURIS	3e10	483	0.232	0.253	0.303
	NUNEZ	4e9	0.233	0.311	0.320
	ORTIZ	4e10	0.250	0.315	0.313
SS) AURILIA	3e14	592	0.257	0.305	0.413
3B) PUJOLS	4e30	649	0.314	0.394	0.561
C) KENDALL	3e5(0)	600	0.283	0.350	0.356
	GONZALEZ	4e10(-2)	0.220	0.330	0.299
LF) C LEE	4e1	541	0.264	0.359	0.484
CF) MACKOWIAK	4e4	424	0.244	0.328	0.426
	CONTI	2e16	0.257	0.315	0.383
RF) RAMIREZ	4e12	480	0.349	0.450	0.647
DH) EVERETT	4e10	411	0.267	0.333	0.439

LINEUP

VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 KENDALL-C	50	56	W
2 GONZALEZ-DH	54	63	1
3 LEE-LF	46	55	1
4 RAMIREZ-RF	64	109	8
5 PUJOLS-3B	39	65	7
6 T LEE-1B	32	46	5
7 IZTURIZ-2B	35	47	W
8 MACKOWIAK-CF	26	37	4
9 AURILLIA-SS	23	27	1
average	41	56.11	3.0

Key Reserves:

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LINEUP

VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
KENDALL-C	36	45	W
T LEE-1B	32	39	0
RAMIREZ-RF	51	79	8
PUJOLS-3B	44	63	8
LEE-LF	35	53	6
EVERETT-DH	35	48	4
AURILLIA-SS	31	47	4
CONTI-CF	33	52	W
NUNEZ-2B	30	41	W
average	36.3	51.9	3.3

Key Reserves:

ORTIZ-2B	33	39	W
MACKOWIAK-CF	30	44	5

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
BURNETT	224	3.30	1.19
ORTIZ	235	3.61	1.33
PONSON	194	4.09	1.34
ISHII*	169	4.27	1.58
JOHNSON	144	4.59	1.39

VS LHH:

	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	29	37	0
	27	32	0
	26	34	3
	21	23	1
	20	26	2

VS RHP:

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	18	21	1
	28	40	3
	24	39	5
	36	44	3
	33	49	5

BULLPEN:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>
WILLIAMSON	81	2.92	1.11
RYAN*	64	4.68	1.46
GRAVES	109	3.19	1.26
SOSA	109	5.53	1.43
DAY	41	3.62	1.15

EVALUATION

Pretty good team and the best damn 6th place team in the league. The River Bandits rank 14th overall which would be good for third place in the NL East or AL West....but in this division it's good for last place. The starting pitching isn't bad although Ishii is going to get lit up like a Chinese firecracker. Williamson and Graves are solid in the pen but not really closer material. Offensively they clobber lefties pretty good but lack on-base against righties....nice middle of the lineup with Ramirez, Lee and Pujols but not enough guys in front of them getting on base. The defense is awful with 4's in LF, RF, 3B and sometimes in CF. That won't help the pitching numbers.

With guys like Ramirez and Pujols the future offensively seems bright. I like Burnett also and think Ortiz and Ponson can be consistent 15 game winners if healthy. Graves will start next year too which may help. Not a bad future team.

BOTTOM LINE

Middle of the road team that I think will get buried in this tough division.

THAZ ALL FOLKS. HAVE A GREAT SEASON AND MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

