

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEST

Projected Finish:
 ARSENAL GUNNERS
 CALIFORNIA DREAMERS
 FLORIDA SUN
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 HOTLANTA POSSUMS

CALIFORNIA DREAMERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>Def</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	
1B)	CASEY	628	3e9	<u>VS LHP</u>			<u>VS RHP</u>				
2B)	BOONE	652	1e16	1 RENTERIA-SS	50	68	3	DAMON-CF	44	59	6
SS)	RENTERIA	645	2e12	2 FIGGINS-LF	46	59	w	BELL-3B	40	52	3
3B)	BELL	586	2E28	3 DAMON-CF	33	51	W	CASEY-1B	43	62	3
	GONZALEZ(COL)	354	3E14	4 CASEY-1B	41	59	6	PENA-DH	33	49	8
C)	MILLER	437	2(-2)e1	5 BOONE-2B	36	54	7	GONZALEZ-LF	38	56	1
	MOLINA	223	2(3)e4	6 MOLINA-C	43	73	W	MILLER-C	33	45	2
LF)	GONZALEZ(AZ)	417	3(+4)e10	7 BELL-3B	41	54	0	BOONE-2B	29	40	4
	FIGGINS	635	3(+2)e4	8 BAUTISTA-RF	36	46	W	FIGGINS-RF	33	53	w
CF)	DAMON	683	2(+3)e6	9 GOMEZ-DH	45	46	0	RENTERIA-SS	28	42	W
RF)	BAUTISTA	593	3(0)e5		41.2	56.7	1.8		35.7	50.9	3.0
	DIAZ	62	4(-1)E25								
DH)	PENA	529		<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
	OFFERMAN	189		MILLER-C	38	50	W	OFFERMAN-DH	43	69	w
	GOMEZ	375						BAUTISTA-RF	33	42	1
								GONZALEZ-RF	35	49	3
								DIAZ	35	60	8

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
HERNANDEZ	281	26	39	3	20	28	0
JOHNSON*	270	2	4	0	7	16	0
ROGERS*	233	33	40	0	28	46	2
ALVAREZ*	133	37	61	8	20	27	0
CAPUANO*	97	20	29	0	31	56	8
RAMIREZ*	66	22	35	4	24	35	2

BULLPEN:

HAWKINS	90	11	27	4	13	26	1
COTTS	71	24	48	8	24	33	3
MERKER*	58	22	35	3	22	22	0
MYERS*	46	26	34	0	40	61	6
COLOME	45	33	50	7	9	9	0
PUTZ	69	13	36	8	40	49	0

EVALUATION

After an off season facelift California is dreaming of a post season trip. With Livan and Unit strolling out to the mound somewhere close to eighty times I like their chances. Rogers will take some lumps but part timers Alvarez and Ramirez will do just fine. I'm generally not a big proponent of such a heavily left handed rotation....but when you have Johnson included I'd live with it. The pen is nothing special, although Hawkins will do a fine job as closer....something he will never replicate with the Cubs.

Kind of a pansy offensive team well suited for their cavernous home field. They will be tough on lefties but since most of them pitch for the Dreamers.....that might be a bit of an overstatement, but luckily for their staff that they don't have to face their hitters.

Pretty solid defensive squad, especially with the addition of Boone and Renteria in the infield. Those guys don't hit much against righties....but I'd take the D and look for the O elsewhere.

BOTTOM LINE

Solid playoff contender that I like to squeeze by Florida.

FLORIDA SUN

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>Def</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	
1B)	SNOW	381	1e7	<u>VS LHP</u>			<u>VS RHP</u>				
	FRANCO	352	4e5	1 CRUZ-RF	38	54	4	VIZQUEL-SS	42	54	W
2B)	CINTRON	620	3e20	2 RODRIGUEZ-C	50	63	4	DEJESUS-LF	43	53	2
	HILL	256	4e6	3 FRANCO-1B	47	54	0	SNOW-1B	53	70	4
SS)	VIZQUEL	624	2E14	4 MIRABELLI-DH	48	84	8	RODRIGUEZ-C	39	56	6
3B)	CASTILLO	641	2E8	5 ALOU-LF	38	56	2	ALOU-DH	39	64	7
C)	RODRIGUEZ	580	2(-4)e8	6 CASTILLA-3B	28	49	5	HUNTER-CF	33	51	5
	MIRABELLI	176	2(0)e4	7 CINTRON-2B	32	43	W	HIGGINSON-RF	32	43	4
LF)	DEJESUS	399	2(-2)e7	8 HUNTER-CF	21	39	7	CASTILLO-3B	30	56	6
CF)	HUNTER	572	1(-3)e5	9 VIZQUEL-SS	27	40	W	HILL-2B	37	44	W
RF)	CRUZ	600	3(-2)e11		36.6	53.6	3.3		38.7	54.6	3.8
	HIGGINSON	493	2(-2)e9								
DH)	ALOU	661	LF 4(+2)e9	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
	SOSA	526		HIGGINSON-RF	42	50	w	FRANCO-1B	41	52	0
				SNOW-1B	44	55	1	MIRABELLI-C	32	52	8
				HILL-2B	34	38	W	CRUZ-RF	28	42	4
				SOSA-DH	46	60	2	CINTRON-2B	26	37	W
								SOSA-DH	27	51	8

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</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>
MADDUX	254	17	37	8	21	31	1
GARLAND	239	25	36	4	28	45	3
GLAVINE*	233	24	38	2	21	28	2
COLON	229	26	44	6	24	41	6
THOMSON	218	29	40	1	26	34	2

<u>BULLPEN:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
HOFFMAN	61	17	38	3	5	12	2
MARTE*	81	16	16	0	26	39	5
ALFONSECA	80	19	23	1	31	38	0
URBINA	59	27	29	0	18	29	6
LIGTENBERG	55	34	53	4	33	40	0

EVALUATION

Just when you think the Sun is ready to set it comes back. Getting long in the tooth but still very good with old folks Maddux, Glavine, Hoffman, Alou, Vizquel and Castillo all making big contributions. Surprisingly I don't see that Sosa has much of a role this season. Sitting on the bench will hurt his HOF numbers....but them's the breaks.
Overall a very solid team....I think they will be tough at home but struggle on the road. Maddux and Colon in particular will give up some dingers in places like Hart St and Arsenal.

BOTTOM LINE

Good team. I expect them to struggle some on the road. If they can't win as much on the road as they do at home they will be on the outside looking in come playoff time.

HART STREET HOGS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	
1B)	TEIXEIRA	600	2e12
2B)	KENNEDY	515	2e14
	SPIVEY	251	2e31
SS)	EVERETT	422	1E17
	DELGADO	143	3E38
3B)	C JONES	519	4E12
	HANSEN	117	4e20
C)	AUSMUS	443	1(0)e4
	VALENTIN	222	3(0)e7
	CLOSSER	124	4(+1)e1
LF)	DUNN	625	4(0)e9
	MABRY	264	3(0)e6
CF)	PIERRE	746	2(+3)e2
RF)	J RIVERA	430	2(-2)e5
	HLLSWORTH	163	3(0)E6
DH)	EASLEY	245	
	PICKERING	134	
	DALLIMORE	47	

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>
WEAVER	240
PEAVY	183
ELARTON	175
WOLF*	150
PRIOR	130
BORKOWSKI	62

BULLPEN:

MORENO	39
KNOTTS	149
CORDERO	91
REITSMA	88
CERDA*	50
LEICESTER	46

LINEUP VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
PIERRE-CF	40	46	w
KENNEDY-2B	38	47	0
SPIVEY-DH	46	69	8
TEIXEIRA-1B	41	61	6
JONES-3B	43	68	8
DUNN-LF	40	55	6
MABRY-RF	44	59	8
AUSMUS-C	38	43	1
EVERETT-ss	29	43	2
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	39.9	54.6	4.3

Key Reserves:

J RIVERA-RF	29	46	4
CLOSSER-C	49	51	W
DALLIMORE	53	67	4

VS LHH:

	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	32	47	3
	20	30	1
	23	41	6
	20	40	4
	27	47	3
	27	46	1

VS RHP:

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	21	27	0
	21	27	1
	30	56	8
	24	39	3
	25	36	1
	31	42	2

LINEUP VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
PIERRE-CF	45	55	w
KENNEDY-2B	37	45	1
J RIVERA-RF	46	54	2
DUNN-LF	41	75	8
EASLEY-DH	38	63	7
TEIXEIRA-1B	30	53	8
JONES-3B	32	47	6
VALENTIN-C	33	48	4
EVERETT-SS	34	37	0
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	37.3	53.0	4.0

Key Reserves:

HANSEN-3B	40	44	0
SPIVEY-2B	41	48	1
MABRY-LF	33	49	7
CLOSSER-C	36	48	W
PICKERING-DH	41	74	8
HOLLSRTH-RF	44	64	7
DELGADO-SS	40	45	0

EVALUATION

Talented offensive team with lots of future upside. Great young core of players (if I do say myself) in Teixeira, Prior, Peavy, Dunn and Pierre. Rotation is not bad but Elarton will get lit up, especially considering the Kruk Dome's short rightfield porch. Pen is very shaky.

A very solid defensive team.

BOTTOM LINE

Darkhorse contender but likely a bit shy of the pitching needed to step up. Watch out in 2006 if Prior and Peavy stay healthy.

YORKTOWN ADMIRALS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B)	DELGADO	504	4E7	1 KEARNS-RF	46	59	3
	SPIEZIO	404	2E21	2 ROLLINS-SS	38	51	2
2B)	JIMINEZ	619	3e8	3 PRATT-C	51	61	0
SS)	ROLLINS	523	2e10	4 CHAVEZ-3B	47	57	6
3B)	CHAVEZ	523	1e17	5 RAMIREZ-LF	47	79	8
C)	BARRETT	502	4(+1)e8	6 DELGADO-1B	37	58	6
	PRATT	141	4(+2)e2	7 MARTINEZ-DH	46	60	2
LF)	RAMIREZ	625	4(-1)e9	8 JIMINEZ-2B	30	32	w
CF)	GRIFFY	330	3(-1)e2	9 CABRERA-CF	32	52	w
	CABRERA	395	3(0)E9		41.6	56.6	3.0
RF)	KEARNS	239	2(-3)e9				
	LEDEE	194	3(+1)E5	<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
	MONDESI	146	3(-3)E15	BARRETT-C	31	47	1
DH)	MARTINEZ	535					

LINEUP

<u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
JIMINEZ-2B	44	54	1
ROLLINS-SS	34	50	0
RAMIREZ-LF	39	72	8
CHAVEZ-3B	39	58	8
DELGADO-IB	37	62	8
GRIFFY-CF	41	68	8
BARRETT-C	36	58	3
LEDEE-RF	31	41	4
MARTINEZ-DH	31	35	1
	36.9	55.3	4.6

Key Reserves:

CABRERA-CF	29	34	0
MONDESI-RF	32	43	1

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	
MULDER*	249	32	38	0	27	39	2	ace gone south
SILVA	223	33	48	4	27	36	1	
WILSON	202	30	44	3	22	35	3	
ANDERSON*	183	39	62	8	29	48	8	
MILLER	98	25	31	0	23	35	4	
CLAUSSEN*	72	57	83	5	30	43	1	
WEATHERS	55	30	33	0	30	48	7	

BULLPEN:

BETTNCOURT	74	23	33	3	21	29	2	closer
FRANCISCO	56	32	35	1	17	18	0*	
BROWER	102	45	64	0	13	14	1	
SANCHEZ	88	27	41	3	31	36	2	
BURBA	85	25	42	4	19	22	0	
HASEGAWA	75	28	33	0	31	51	1	

EVALUATION

Killer middle of the lineup with Ramirez, Delgado and Chavez.....add Griffy into the mix vs righties and you have a lot of fire power. Unfortunately for the Admirals their starting pitching is a shambles. Miller missed more than half of the year and Mulder had an off year. The rest of the rotation is just bad. The pen is weak. Bettencourt is solid but unspectacular.....Burba is suprisingly useful, but the rest is pretty ugly. These guys will punish some pitchers and could play the spoiler role. If Mulder and Miller come back strong and and some further pitching depth can be acquired for next season this could be a team to contend with. I would not expect to see a big fall off offensively.

BOTTOM LINE

Do not have the pitching to contend and are a very good bet to finish 5th.

ARSENAL GUNNERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B)	STAIRS	483	4e19	<u>VS LHP</u>				<u>VS RHP</u>			
	SAENZ	122	4e23	1 YOUNG-DH	52	68	W	POLANCO-2B	38	46	1
	MINOR	64	4E5	2 POLANCO-2B	41	52	5	WALKER-RF	46	75	8
2B)	POLANCO	553	3E5	3 BONDS-LF	57	82	8	BONDS-LF	78	138	8
	REESE	268	1e10	4 LOPEZ-C	42	61	6	LOPEZ-C	42	55	3
SS)	ITZURIS	737	1e10	5 SAENZ-1B	45	70	8	BLALOCK-3b	32	52	7
3B)	BLALOCK	686	2e18	6 DYE-RF	40	55	5	STAIRS-1B	35	50	6
C)	LOPEZ	637	4(-1)E3	7 BLALOCK-3B	35	49	1	CRUZ-DH	34	45	0
LF)	BONDS	410	4(+2)e5	8 PAYTON-CF	42	47	1	ITZURIS-SS	33	45	w
CF)	PAYTON	504	3(0)E5	9 ITZURIS-SS	27	35	w	PAYTON-CF	29	33	0
RF)	DYE	585	2(-2)e3		42.3	57.7	3.8		40.8	59.9	3.7
	WALKER	284	2(-2)E2								
	KEILTY	262	3(-1)E3	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
DH)	YOUNG	378	CF 4(+2)E7	STAIRS	27	37	5	YOUNG-CF	38	44	W
	CRUZ	437		WALKER	56	76	W	DYE-RF	29	45	4
				KEILTY-RF	34	53	6	MINOR-1B	53	53	W
				STAIRS-1B	30	42	7	REESE-2B	21	29	W

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
CLEMENS	236	19	23	0	17	26	1
GARCIA	231	20	31	2	22	32	1
DRESE	228	26	38	1	28	35	0
WILLIS*	217	20	31	0	30	43	3
ROBERTSON*	215	19	22	0	26	41	6
LIMA	187	23	39	7	22	37	7

BULLPEN:

CORMIER*	89	26	38	0	14	25	2	closer 1
HARPER	87	21	31	3	15	20	2	closer 2
T WILLIAMS	34	22	28	1	20	20	0	closer 2b
WALKER*	71	9	13	0	25	46	7	
CHULK	56	36	52	4	22	28	0	
FRANCO*	51	10	19	4	43	58	2	

EVALUATION

My guess is that Dean is happy the Rocket didn't retire following the 2003 season. The ageless Clemens, the rejuvenated Garcia and the surprizing Drese make a formatable top of the rotation. Willis is not bad either though his numbers vs rights lead me to believe he'll struggle some. Robertsonson and Lima's tendancies toward the long ball will hurt them at home....but they certainly provide a servicable tandum out of the 5 hole. The bullpen is ok, though lacks the lights out closer....looks to me to be a closer by committee unless the manager falls in love with one option.

The team hits lefties well, which should serve them well when they battle the Dreamers. The lineup vs. righties isn't too shappy either. Bonds is such a force. If you took him out of the lineup it wouldn't be anything special....but my guess is that he won't come out of too many games. My suggestion would be to not walk him and hope his AB's get used up faster than they otherwise would. Defensively it's kind of all or nothing. If you hit it to SS you'll be sorry....but there are some holes defensively as well.

BOTTOM LINE

Good solid team. Excellent starting pitching, good offense, ok pen and ok defense. It won't be an easy road but I think they have enough to win the division. However, if they stumble at all they could fall as far as 3rd place.

HOTLANTA POSSUMS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>		<u>LINEUP</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B)	CUDDYER	373	4E30	<u>VS LHP</u>				<u>VS RHP</u>				
	MERLONI	209	4E5	1 GILES-2B	67	91	6	WILSON-SS	38	59	W	
	SEXSON	99	2E7	2 MERLONI-DH	41	56	3	GILES-2B	39	49	W	
2B)	GILES	417	2E22	3 VERITEK-C	48	64	3	VERITEK-C	37	51	5	
	KATA	178	2E10	4 A JONES-CF	35	57	5	A JONES-CF	34	51	7	
SS)	WILSON	717	2E18	5 LEE-LF	40	57	6	LEE-LF	38	57	4	
3B)	BELTRE	658	2e11	6 BELTRE-3B	38	52	5	BELTRE-3B	46	84	8	
C)	VERITEK	509	1(-1)e1	7 SEXSON-1B	52	75	8	J JONES-RF	25	41	8	
LF)	LEE	650	4(0)e0	8 J JONES-RF	31	55	2	GRIEVE-DH	37	49	2	
	ROBINSON	101	2(+1)E2	9 WILSON-SS	24	47	5	CUDDYER-1B	30	44	4	
					41.8	61.6	4.8		36.0	53.9	4.2	
CF)	A JONES	627	1(-4)E3									
RF)	J JONES	611	3(+1)e2	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>				
	SPENCER	204	3(0)E15	GRIEVE	38	49	0	KATA	30	48	W	
DH)	GRIEVE	275		CUDDYER-1B	37	50	3	SEXSON	29	67	8	
	SIERRA	338						SPENCER	37	51	2	
								SIERRA	21	41	8	
								ROBINSON	36	40	W	

		<u>VS LHH:</u>			<u>VS RHP:</u>		
<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
ESTES*	222	29	44	2	36	52	2
ISHII*	189	41	52	3	32	45	2
ACEVEDO	174	34	58	5	19	38	5
RUSCH*	143	20	22	0	22	35	0
WILLIAMS	135	32	43	2	12	27	4
STURTZ	85	28	46	4	24	39	1

<u>BULLPEN:</u>							
TUCKER	75	24	35	0	23	29	2
KOPLOV	96	39	47	1	14	18	0
GRIMSLEY	69	37	39	0	23	25	0
SULLIVAN	66	39	82	8	24	27	0
NEAL	42	20	29	3	34	57	7

EVALUATION

Same old story here. Lousy starting pitching condemns the Possums to a bottom dweller's status. It's a very good offensive team, and not bad defensively. But the starting pitching is brutal. The difference this year is now that Guardado and Isringhausen are gone the pen isn't any good either. They are going to have some really high scoring games....especially when they face lefties. Must be frustrating....they drafted Williams last year, he looked good, now he stinks. He needs to bounce back in the future. I wouldn't expect much from any of those other guys.

BOTTOM LINE

No pitchy, no winny. Another long season for the Possums.