

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST

Projected Finish

JERSEY CITY G-MEN
 CONNECTICUT BLUE DEVILS
 NEW ENGLAND ANGELS
 KLEES KLUBBERS
 MARGARITAVILLE PARROTHEADS
 SALEM PSYCHICS

TEAM PROFILES:

JERSEY CITY G-MEN

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</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)	YOUNG	428	4E7								
	THOMAS	264	4E7								
2B)	BELLIARD	659	2e15	1 KOTSAY-CF	50	57	2	KOTSAY-CF	38	50	1
SS)	LARKIN	381	4e8	2 BELLIARD-2B	45	63	4	LARKIN-SS	48	54	0
	SANCHEZ	314	2e14	3 KLESKO-1B	45	63	W	KLESKO-LF	44	57	2
3B)	BLAKE	646	4e28	4 WERTH-LF	43	75	8	THOMAS-1B	52	77	7
	LARSON	130	4e27	5 THAMES-DH	36	65	8	YOUNG-DH	35	49	5
C)	HALL	444	3(-2)e4	6 GREEN-C	35	65	8	BLAKE-3B	40	61	6
	GREEN	215	4(+2)E5	7 BLAKE-3B	33	48	8	BURNITZ-RF	31	53	6
LF)	KLESKO	442	4(+2)E4	8 BURNITZ-RF	29	59	7	BELLIARD-2B	33	48	W
	WERTH	319	3(-2)e9	9 SANCHEZ-SS	35	46	W	HALL-C	26	33	0
CF)	KOTSAY	667	2(-2)E7		39.0	60.1	5.0		38.6	53.6	3.0
RF)	burnitz	594	3(-1)E8								
	DELLUCI	364	2(+2)e4	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
DH)	THAMES	182	LF 4(0)E4	THOMAS-1B	56	66	3	DELLUCI-RF	31	46	5
	SALMON	205						SALMON-DH	38	42	0
								LARSON-3B	35	46	2

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SCHMIDT	248	15	22	0	18	29	3
SUPPAN	207	29	41	5	25	37	3
WRIGHT	205	30	33	0	20	23	0
BONDERMAN	202	26	42	5	17	26	3
PENNY	157	25	33	2	21	36	0
TOWERS	128	29	42	2	27	45	4

BULLPEN:

GORDON	98	11	16	0	3	10	2
WORRELL	86	33	45	0	11	27	6
SPEIER	76	20	37	7	16	16	0
CALERO	50	9	22	7	8	14	1
RAMIREZ*	39	26	40	3	8	18	3
AQUINO	39	21	21	0*	14	33	6*

EVALUATION

What ever happened to those defensive jaugernaut G-men teams of the late 90's. Since there aren't teams that can be characterized as a jaugernaut I had to think of some reason to use the word. This is a pretty bad defensive team though, especially after the trades of Everett and Visquel and the acquisition of Larkin. Aside from Kotsay and Belliard, not much defense. However, this is an unusually weak NL West so the G-men can do without defense.

They do have a good pitching staff lead by Cy Yound cadidate Jason Schmidt. Bonderman and Penny are also solid, as well as having promising future value. I think Suppan dna Wright are a step below but still a nice rotation. Gordon is awsome and good for 98 big innings. Colero is also great and Aquino is not too shabby. Nice pen.

The offense is good, welcome to the club. However, you will want to keep your lefties out of the homer dome with all of those diamonds.

BOTTOM LINE

Should win this division with relative ease.

CONNECTICUT BLUE DEVILS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	LINEUP VS LHP	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>		LINEUP VS RHP	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B)	MARTINEZ	504	3e5									
2B)	CASTILLO	421	2E17	1 RIOS-RF	43	52	W		COUNSELL-SS	33	40	W
SS)	COUNSELL	520	3e12	2 REYES-SS	23	39	1		MUELLER-3B	46	53	8
	REYES	242	2e40	3 WILLIAMS-CF	42	53	6		BIGBIE-CF	39	48	1
3B)	MUELLER	439	2e25	4 PIAZZA-DH	48	61	6		HAFNER-DH	53	89	8
	WIGGINTON	543	3E28	5 MARTINEZ-1B	34	56	8		MARTINEZ-1B	37	49	4
C)	PIAZZA	501	4(+3)e9	6 LARUE-C	40	56	5		RIOS-RF	34	48	W
	LARUE	429	3(-2)e6	7 WIGGINTON-3B	25	42	4		PIAZZA-C	35	47	6
LF)	JENKINS	679	2(-2)e1	8 ENCARNACION-LF	30	37	W		JENKINS-lf	30	49	5
CF)	WILLIAMS	617	4(+3)E2	9 CASTILLO-2B	29	45	W		CASTILLO-2B	24	29	1
	BIGBIE	526	3(0)E3		34.9	49.0	3.3			36.8	50.2	3.7
	SIZEMORE	152	2(+1)e4									
RF)	RIOS	469	3(-2)E3	Key Reserves:					Key Reserves:			
	ENCARNACION	532	2(-3)e8	HAFNER-DH	36	44	1		WILLIAMS	36	47	2
DH)	HAFNER	530							LARUE-C	33	45	2
									WIGGINTON-2B	34	46	4
									SIZEMORE-CF	35	57	5

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>
PAVANO	244	24	37	3	20	29	0
WELLS*	216	23	58	8	21	30	2
MORRIS	222	22	37	7	25	41	5
LOPEZ	188	29	35	0	18	29	5
LOWRY*	101	37	59	6	17	29	2

BULLPEN:

BENITEZ	76	18	22	2	1	5	1
MOTA	105	16	21	0	26	29	2
GREGG	97	22	34	0	24	33	2
VIZCAINO	79	9	16	4	27	55	7
KING*	68	12	12	0	29	38	0
ADAMS	58	15	21	1	24	32	1
REMLINGER*	40	34	49	6	15	15	0

EVALUATION

Not one of the better Blue Devil teams. Suprizingly while most teams have lots of offense and little starting pitching this team has very good starting pitching, an excellent bullpen and one of the league's lesser offenses. Haffner and Mueller are great vs right handed pitching but the rest of the lineup is pretty pedestrian. Even less impressive vs. lefties as Williams and Piazza are the only real scary bats...coninsidentally they will both scare the Blue Devils while in the field. Pavano doesn't really qualify as a top ace, but should win 15 to 20 games. Reverse lefties Wells and Lowry should do OK. Not sure how Morris will do with all of the the long balls he gives up. The pen is deep and good and should get lots of action.

BOTTOM LINE

The pitching will make up for a mediocre offense and lead the Devils to a wild card birth.

KLEE'S KLUBBERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>Def</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>				<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>			
1B)	MNKWICZ	430	1e8								
	LECROY	290	4e8		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
2B)	CASTILLO	620	1e8	1 WINN-LF	31	46	W	CASTILLO-2B	41	42	W
SS)	BERROA	602	3e36	2 CASTILLO-2B	42	62	W	MOHR-RF	55	66	3
3B)	RAMIREZ	602	4e12	3 RAMIREZ-3B	37	55	7	RAMIREZ-3B	40	62	7
C)	POSADA	494	3(0)e6	4 LANE-CF	41	66	3	PALMIERO-DH	41	57	5
	OLIVO	331	4(-2)e5	5 LECROY-1B	41	59	6	POSADA-C	46	58	4
	SNYDER	106	c-3(0)e2	6 POSADA-C	43	64	6	WINN-LF	39	51	1
LF)	WINN	689	2(+2)e4	7 GONZALEZ-RF	32	55	8	MNKWICZ-1B	32	39	0
	LANE	150	2(-1)e5	8 OLIVO-DH	33	61	8	POSEDNIK-CF	30	36	0
CF)	POSEDNIK	704	3(+1)e4	9 BERROA-SS	30	46	W	BERROA-SS	30	39	0
RF)	MOHR	289	3(-1)E7		<u>36.7</u>	<u>57.1</u>	<u>4.2</u>		<u>39.3</u>	<u>50.0</u>	<u>2.2</u>
	GONZALEZ	140	4(-1)e18								
	SWEENEY	195	4(+2)e3	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
DH)	PALMIERO	605	IB - 3e10	MOHR	36	49	0	LANE-LF	35	48	1
								SNYDER-C	34	54	4
								SWEENEY-RF	39	60	3

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>
LAWRENCE	223	28	42	7	25	40	2
LACKEY	217	31	40	3	22	36	2
LILLY*	217	27	32	2*	21	33	3
CONTRARAS	187	27	37	3	29	45	7
MILLWOOD	155	35	51	0	24	36	1
BRAZLETON	133	26	37	0	32	47	4

BULLPEN:

ALMANZAR	80	13	15	0	18	35	4
CARTER	88	22	40	5	17	31	4
HALSEY*	35	16	22	0	40	58	4
POLITTE	56	45	66	5	14	20	0
BROCAIL	57	13	15	0	37	46	0
HALAMA*	131	23	36	0	25	40	7

EVALUATION

Roland has practically corned the market on mediocre to bad starting pitching. Amazing how you have so many starters and not have any of them do real well. There are more not listed (ie. Lohse). Actually Lilly is ok and it seems like Contraras got a better card than he deserved. But not a championship rotation, that's for sure. The bullpen is ok, not great. But Roland's theory is that a great vs ok closer doesn't make much of a difference.....guess he's testing that theory out.

Offensively, Berroa and Podsednik were both disapointing after excellent prior seasons. However, the continued excellence of Posada as well as the big year by Ramirez makes for a pretty fomitable middle of the order. I also love Castillo.....a 1 at 2B plus and excellent leadoff hitter! Nice freak kind of year by Mohr....then he goes to the Rockies. That's nice.

BOTTOM LINE

Not enough quality pitching to contend.....but will play the spoiler.

MARGARITAVILLE PAROTHEADS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>				<u>LINEUP</u>				
			<u>VS LHP</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B)	TRACY	529	4E30								
	CLARK	278	3e9								
2B)	HARRIS	450	2e5	1 SANCHEZ-CF	43	50	W	HARRIS-2B	40	44	W
	RELAFORD	418	3e16	2 GUZMAN-SS	37	52	W	TRACY-1B	38	47	0
SS)	GUZMAN	634	2e13	3 JACOBSON-DH	40	67	8	NIX-CF	24	44	4
3B)	HINSKE	627	4e10	4 LAWTON-LF	40	49	3	LAWTON-RF	41	49	3
C)	BARAJAS	394	3(-2)e6	5 HINSKE-3B	27	36	0	HINSKE-3B	29	36	2
	MELHUS	235	4(0)e3	6 TAGUCHI-RF	29	33	1	THOMAS-RF	37	48	2
LF)	THOMAS	260	lf-2(-1)e3 r	7 CLARK-1B	16	29	5	MUNSON-DH	21	41	8
	VALENTE	297	3(0)e5	8 RELAFORD-2B	33	41	W	MELHUS-C	26	44	7
CF)	NIX	408	3(-1)e2	9 BARAJAS-C	19	35	3	GUZMAN-SS	22	38	W
	SANCHEZ	365	3(+2)e20		31.6	43.6	2.2		30.9	43.4	2.9
RF)	LAWTON	650	4(+1)e5								
	NIXON	164	3(0)e5	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
	TAGUCHI	197	2(-1)e7	NADA				NIXON-RF	44	63	7
DH)	MUNSON	353	4e31(3B)					TAGUCHI-LF	42	65	W
	JACOBSON	176						CLARK-1B	24	49	8
	REED	64						SANCHEZ-CF	33	39	W
								VALENTE-RF	30	47	6
								REED-PH	64	73	W

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
MAROTH*	239	26	37	1	27	40	3
MAY*	205	25	47	6	29	54	8
LIEBER	195	32	48	4	16	22	0
HAMPTON*	189	23	27	1	37	46	1
COOK	107	27	41	0	38	40	0
PETTITE*	92	25	49	6	20	29	0*

BULLPEN:

GONZALEZ*	47	10	12	0	6	6	0
SHIELDS	116	25	25	0	19	27	0
TORRES	101	18	20	0	22	28	0
MAHEY*	74	18	22	0	22	27	0
VILLONE	129	20	23	1	31	40	2

EVALUATION

Pretty good bullpen. Gonzalez could rack up a fair number of saves....someone limited by him lack of innings and the mediocre to bad starting pitching. Pettite is really the only starter who won't get creamed. Combine that with an offense who's only competition for league's worst is Salem and you are looking at a 100 loss season. The only saving grace is that they get to play Salem 18 times so that should get them some well earned W's.

The defense isn't too bad, but who cares. They need Nixon and Hinski to rebound in a big way. I think Nixon will....not sure about Hinski.

BOTTOM LINE

Will not overcome weak offense and starting pitching.

NEW ENGLAND ANGELS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>Def</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>				<u>LINEUP</u>				
				<u>VS LHP</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B)	KONERKO	619	3e7									
2B)	WOMACK	608	4e20									
	D GARCIA	176	3e25	1 WOMACK-DH		35	37	W	STEWART-DH	45	54	3
	PEREZ T	194	2E11	2 GREEN-3B		39	54	W	FINLEY-CF	31	48	7
SS)	GARCIAPARA	353	4e19	3 HERNANDEZ-SS		39	72	8	GARCIAPARA-SS	46	60	2
	J HERNANDEZ	232	3e23	4 KONERKO-1B		38	59	8	KONERKO-1B	33	52	7
3B)	KOSKIE	464	2e16	5 GUILLEN-RF		33	47	7	SLEDGE-LF	31	50	5
	GREEN	290	3b-3e37	6 FINLEY-CF		27	43	8	GUILLEN-RF	35	51	7
C)	MATHENY	424	1(-1)E1	7 STEWART-LF		37	43	1	KOSKIE-3B	30	58	8
	SANTIAGO	193	4(+1)e2	8 MATHENY-C		23	38	1	MATHENY-C	24	34	W
LF)	SLEDGE	438	lf/rf-3(-2)e7	9 PEREZ-2B		15	40	4	WOMACK-2B	38	50	W
CF)	FINLEY	691	1(0)e3			31.8	48.1	4.1		34.8	50.8	4.3
RF)	GUILLEN	622	3(-3)e7									
DH)	STEWART	416	LF 2(+3)e7	<u>Key Reserves:</u>					<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
	DAVANON	314	LF 3(-1)e3	SEGUI-DH		55	59	W	SANTIAGO-C	31	45	6
	SEGUI	65		KOSKIE-3B		29	38	5	HERNANDEZ-SS	36	49	1
									GARCIA-2B	47	56	0
									DEVANON-LF	45	55	1

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

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SHEETS	261	11	24	3	13	26	1*
ORTIZ	226	31	37	2	35	47	2
MOYER*	222	32	43	5	22	41	8
BATISTA	219	32	37	1	30	47	3
BUSH	107	27	37	4	8	14	0
GINTER	76	28	53	6	22	23	0

BULLPEN:

NATHAN	79	16	20	0	8	8	0*
SMOLTZ	90	17	25	3	17	23	0
TAKATSU	68	18	34	5*	8	8	0*
MENDOZA	34	14	15	1	11	19	4
WHEELER	72	42	64	8	16	24	1

EVALUATION

Ok, Sheets is great as is the bullpen with Nathan, Smoltz, Takatsu and Mendez. Could use the old lefty that gets lefties out but not that big of a deal. Problem is that starters 2-5 don't really excite me and the infield defense with Nomar at SS and Tony Womack at 2B is going to drive the manager crazy. Additionally I think the team will hit a lot of home runs but not get enough men on base to really capitalize....way too many guys that don't get on base. So bottom line is this team should have a winning record but I don't think they have quite enough to overcome their deficiencies.

BOTTOM LINE

Infield defense will be their downfall. Can contend but not likely with Nomar and Womack as a DP Combo. Still a darkhorse.

SALEM PSYCHICS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

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			<u>VS LHP</u>				<u>VS RHP</u>					
1B)	HARVEY	502	4e9									
	SWISHER	66	2e25									
2B)	MATSUI	506	4E59	1	MATSUI-2B	41	56	3	LANKFORD-DH	37	50	3
	NUNEZ	200	3e15	2	PATTERSON-CF	33	51	6	BYRNES-RF	32	43	3
SS)	AURILLIA	439	4e10	3	BYRNES-RF	50	75	4	BRANYAN	34	63	8
	BARMES	78	4E19	4	BAY-LF	34	62	8	BAY-LF	38	62	8
	LOPEZ	228	4E30	5	NADY-DH	41	50	6	HARVEY-1B	36	44	4
3B)	BRANYAN	174	3e20	6	SWISHER-1B	52	64	W	PATTERSON-CF	28	42	3
	CLARK	127	4e17	7	CANTU-3B	43	64	W	MATSUI-2B	27	43	W
	CANTU	190	4E44	8	AURILLIA-SS	29	38	1	PHILLIPS-C	28	32	0
C)	PHILLIPS	398	3(0)e1	9	PHILLIPS-C	26	37	1	AURILLIA-SS	33	43	W
	MAUER	118	2(-1)E1			30.6	43.3	2.2		32.6	46.9	3.2
LF)	BAY	452	3(+1)e3									
CF)	PATTERSON	694	2(0)e2									
RF)	BYRNES	626	2(0)e4									
DH)	NADY	85										
	LANKFORD	220										

Key Reserves:

HARVEY-1B	30	37	2
BARMES-SS	38	46	2

Key Reserves:

MAUER-C	44	84	8
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VS LHH:

VS RHP:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
<u>ROTATION:</u>							
JENNINGS	221	44	66	2	25	35	1
RUETER*	209	25	34	1	31	49	3
BECKETT	173	34	56	4	15	24	1
GREINKE	145	16	27	3	17	51	8
DAY	129	33	53	4	21	29	0
BUMP	81	33	41	2	37	45	1

BULLPEN:

MESA	76	33	44	3	24	31	0
SIMPSON	43	47	67	2	30	47	0
PERISHO	52	25	36	6	37	46	0
T WALKER	70	27	50	6	33	49	3
B WICKMAN	33	42	64	6	16	23	1
MUNRO	110	36	63	6	24	36	0

EVALUATION

Obviously Rich chose to tear this team down and rebuild from the ground up. As you know the the Pyschics owned the draft. Now the roster is packed full of young and promising players. Of course most of these guys have bad cards so it will be an extreamly long season for these guys.

Battle for #1 pick in the draft should be between Salem and Margaritaville. Put big money on Salem. Darkhorse entry in this group would be Hotlanta.

BOTTOM LINE

You can pencil this team in for the #1 pick in the 2006 draft. They have virtually no competition. It will be a season of watching all of the prospects and hoping that enough of them pan out so that the team will be competitive next year.