

# AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

## Projected Finish

- 1 - Lake Wobegon
- 2 - Maine
- 3 - Louisville
- 4 - Urpaign
- 5 - Baton Rouge
- 6 - Illinois

Another very tough division to call. Anyone could win. All six teams have weaknesses as well as strengths. I've said this before but it's a real testament to the quality of the GMs in this league that there are so few teams without a shot at the playoffs.

I'm counting on Santana winning tons of games and carrying the Whippets to the top of the heap. Their defense sure won't do it. I believe it will be Quattro Matsui in CF, Giambi's "5" at 1B and "3"s most everywhere else, including Lugo's 3e25 at SS. However, the re-emergence of HGH Giambi makes the Whippets a formidable offensive force. They have a good combination of on-base at the top of the order led by Giles, and good power in the middle led by Giambi and Matsui. Chen and Davis are a serviceable #2 and #3. The pen is good enough with freak card Miller to go with Isringhausen and Guardado. The D could drag them down, but the last time I said that they made the playoffs with "4" Giles in CF.

On paper, the Yaks look pretty much like they did last year. Lee and Arod are huge, but some other guys declined some. I think the starting pitching might have been a bit better last year. Last year I projected them to finish 4th. Not making that mistake again. Go with the winner, that's what I say. They still have the good D. Not a team that will scare you but they somehow manage to win. Eyre will close, and while the pen looks very ordinary after than....looked that way last year too.

Lets see, best starting rotation in the division, maybe the best 1-2 punch in the league offensively, a good closer combo, 3rd place. What's wrong with that picture? Carpenter, Patterson, Lee and Benson makes a very nice rotation. Helton and Pujols will be very painful to navigate through. Ryan and Cordero will do fine closing games. All that said, I can't see a team with a "4" at both SS and 2B winning in such a competitive division. Lopez and Durham are both good offensive infielders, but will really hurt with their gloves...or lack there of. You also have a "4" in LF with Everett and only a "3" in CF. The defense is going to kill these guys. The pen isn't deep enough either. I could see the Bandits making a run at it, but they are definitely a dark horse.

Urpaign is like the anti-Bandit. "1"s at SS and 2B in Everett and Roberts. Nice. Pedro is still great, but the rest of the rotation is very suspect. Got the one year closer in Matt Wise. Ensberg had a great year. I wonder if Ensberg and Roberts are one year wonders? All in all a decent team that could make a run at the playoffs. I just think they don't have enough starting pitching and the pen is not deep enough to make up for it. Pedro will have to win a boatload of games to keep them in it.

Baton Rouge is one of those teams that has been good forever. They slipped last year and still look like they may struggle a bit this year. Oliver Perez falling on his face hurt. That really only leaves Zambrano as a sure bet in the rotation. I think Mussina is close to done. They did get some good prospects in the draft so the future may be better. They still could contend this year if the bottom of the rotation does anything. The pen is pretty good with another one year wonder Fultz closing games. The defense is suspect with "4"s in LF and RF....hate that

Thome and Nevins' presence in the middle of the lineup will be missed. Just don't think they have enough firepower to overcome the starting pitching

This year's Illinois squad has a solid offense and very deep bench. I don't know how they plan to use Walker....I don't think it would be wise to play a 5 at 2B, but it is a shame to waste such a good offensive card. No place to play him other than pinch hitting. The rotation is not bad with Burnett, Harang (not such a bad trade even though he got hammered for spending a #1 on him) and a little Duke. The pen is a little weak. Looks like Springer and Wickman are the best options to close. Could contend but needs to start winning some games on the road. I like Vlad and Ortiz in the middle of the lineup....who wouldn't. This division will have the best 6th place team

# LAKE WOBEGON WHIPPETS

## KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)	GIAMBI	459	5e18
	UTLEY	--	3e26
2B)	UTLEY	597	3e18
	MENECHINO	163	4e17
SS)	LUGO	678	3e25
	BARTLETT	246.4	3e18
3B)	GONZALEZ	384	2e26
	BELLHORN	330	3e31
C)	MOLINA	424	3(0)e8
	ALOMAR	141	4(+2)e1
LF)	MATSUI	692	3(0)e3
	MENCH	--	3(-1)e4
CF)	PENA	342	3(0)e9
	MATSUI	--	4(0)e3
RF)	MENCH	613	3(-1)e4
	GILES	--	3(+1)e4
DH)	GILES	600	
	RODRIGUEZ	164	

## LINEUP

<u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Giles-RF	51	71	w
2 Lugo-SS	43	54	w
3 Matsui-DH	47	72	5
4 Mench-LF	40	69	8
5 Giambi-1B	46	60	7
6 Pena-CF	32	53	8
7 Utley-2B	37	57	6
8 Alomar-C	35	48	w
9 Bellhorn-3B	32	48	2
	<u>40.3</u>	<u>59.1</u>	<u>4.0</u>

## Key Reserves:

Gonzalez-3B	35	44	w
Menechino-2B	37	42	2

## LINEUP

<u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Giles-DH	52	66	4
Lugo-SS	43	57	w
Utley-2B	41	64	5
Giambi-1B	58	76	8
Gonzalez-3B	33	47	4
Matsui-LF	34	48	3
Mench-RF	30	43	4
Pena-CF	23	43	7
Molina-C	21	26	1
	<u>37.2</u>	<u>52.2</u>	<u>4.0</u>

## Key Reserves:

Bellhorn-3B	29	36	2
Menechino-2B	42	48	0
Bartlett-SS	34	38	w

## VS LHH:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SANTANA,J*	254	19	38	5
CHEN,B. *	217	45	60	6
DAVIS,D.	244	18	36	5
WESTBROOK	231	30	43	1
SOSA,J.	147	30	45	3
LOE	101	27	39	2

## VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
8	15	1
14	26	5
22	34	2
25	36	4
24	27	0
17	26	0

## BULLPEN:

MILLER	32	13	14	0	17	21	0
GUARDADO *	62	15	34	3	21	33	3
ISRINGHAUSEN	65	14	14	0	23	31	2
MECIR,J.	47	25	26	0	29	30	0
ACCARDO	32	3	3	0	26	32	3
GUERRIER	78	34	41	0	17	29	2

# MAINE YAKS

## KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)	LEE	653	1e6
2B)	AURILIA	469	3e16
	CORA	275	2e8
SS)	RODRIGUEZ	666	2e8
3B)	RANDA	611	2e14
C)	PIERZNSKI	506	4(+1)e0
	BLANCO	177	2(-1)e2
LF)	LONG	501	3(+1)e4
	JORDAN	254	3(+1)e2
CF)	TAVARES	651.2	2(-3)
	CAMERON	339	2(0)e13
RF)	MATHEWS	523	2(-1)e8
	NADY	359	3(+1)e7
DH)	PERALTA	554	
	GERUT	187	

<u>LINEUP</u>				<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
<u>VS LHP</u>						
1	Nady-RF	46	54	2		
2	Randa-3B	43	57	0		
3	Lee-1B	50	81	8		
4	Rodriguez-SS	47	70	8		
5	Peralta-DH	44	75	8		
6	Cameron-CF	37	71	8		
7	Aurilia-2B	33	43	2		
8	Jordan-LF	31	40	2		
9	Pierzinski-C	21	31	5		
		39.1	58.0	4.8		

### Key Reserves:

Cora-2B	24	31	w
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<u>LINEUP</u>				<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
<u>VS RHP</u>						
	Tavares-CF	39	44	w		
	Peralta-DH	40	59	5		
	Lee-1B	45	78	8		
	Rodriguez-SS	52	79	8		
	Randa-3B	33	50	4		
	Pierzinski-C	28	40	3		
	Aurilia-2B	34	48	3		
	Matthews-RF	33	45	0		
	Long-LF	31	38	0		
		37.2	53.4	3.4		

### Key Reserves:

Gerut-DH	38	52	w
Cameron-CF	35	52	2

### VS LHH:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
WAKEFIELD	248	13	23	5
RADKE,B.	221	20	40	8
CLEMENT	210	31	44	4
OHKA,T.	198	22	30	1
HARDEN,R.	141	19	22	0

### VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
25	40	4
16	28	2
20	27	0
25	45	5
18	22	0

### BULLPEN:

EYRE,S, *	75	16	19	0	16	22	0
MADSON,R.	96	29	52	5	15	22	1
FRASOR,J.	82	18	18	0	29	46	5
TAVAREZ,J.	72	27	47	3	28	35	1
FASSERO,J. *	100	27	27	0	26	41	2
ORVELLA	55	30	39	0	23	39	2

# LOUISVILLE RIVER BANDITS

## KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)	HELTON	560	1e6
	PUJOLS	--	2e15
2B)	DURHAM	547	4e14
	BLANCO	87	2e23
SS)	LOPEZ	638	4e21
	BLANCO	--	2e29
3B)	MACKOWIAK	509	3e26
	CIRILLO	204	3e20
C)	KENDALL	661	4(+2)e1
LF)	EVERETT	539	4(0)e10
	SINGLETON	65	2(0)E13
CF)	CRISP	653	3(+2)e6
RF)	SUZUKI	747	1(-5)e2
DH)	PUJOLS	650	
	HELMS	185	

<u>LINEUP</u>				
<u>VS LHP</u>				
		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1	Suzuki-CF	46	62	2
2	Kendall-C	44	46	w
3	Cirillo-3B	55	71	3
4	Pujols-1B	45	64	7
5	Helms-DH	47	64	3
6	Durham-2B	35	48	3
7	Crisp-CF	28	38	2
8	Everett-LF	25	35	3
9	Lopez-SS	24	29	2
		<u>38.8</u>	<u>50.8</u>	<u>2.8</u>

### Key Reserves:

Helton-1B	41	47	w
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## LINEUP VS RHP

		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	Crisp-CF	40	56	3
	Durham-2B	37	46	1
	Helton-1B	56	80	5
	Pujols-DH	51	80	8
	Lopez-SS	42	64	4
	Mackowiak-3B	34	41	1
	Everett-LF	25	36	5
	Suzuki-CF	31	38	1
	Kendall-C	35	39	w
		<u>39.0</u>	<u>53.3</u>	<u>3.1</u>

### Key Reserves:

Cirillo-3B	38	55	w
Singleton-LF	40	51	w

### VS LHH:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
CARPENTER	266	23	38	3
LEE,C. *	222	29	51	5
PATTERSON,J	218	18	25	1
ELARTON	200	24	42	7
BENSON	192	26	45	5

### VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
10	11	0
19	29	3
20	30	3
24	41	8
21	31	5

### BULLPEN:

CORDERO,F.	76	28	37	0	17	25	2
RYAN,BJ *	77	11	13	0	20	21	0
SANTANA	46	14	32	5	22	32	3
ESCOBAR	66	31	60	2	9	9	0
DOTEL	17	40	48	4	9	16	4
FOULKE	50	27	37	3	35	72	8

# URPAINE DRAGONS

## KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)	HATTEBERG	510	4e23
	FASANO	176	5e25
2B)	ROBERTS	617	1e10
SS)	EVERETT	604	1e16
	CARROLL	333	4e12
3B)	ENSBERG	579	2e17
	GRAFFANINO	--	4e53
C)	HERNANDEZ	406	3(0)e2
	BUCK	441	2(0)e1
LF)	IBANEZ	675	4(+1)e6
CF)	EDMONDS	514	1(-2)e3
RF)	LAWTON	550	4(+2)e4
	LANGERHANS	358.6	2(-2)e2
DH)	GRAFFANINO	417	
	MORSE	243	

<i>LINEUP</i>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
<i>VS LHP</i>				
1	Morse-DH	41	57	w
2	Roberts-2B	35	47	2
3	Edmonds-CF	42	73	8
4	Fasano-1B	37	69	8
5	Ensberg-3B	45	68	6
6	Ibanez-LF	37	48	4
7	Buck-C	39	46	0
8	Langerhans-RF	37	50	0
9	Everett-SS	19	20	w
		36.9	53.1	3.1

### Key Reserves:

	Graffanino-DH	37	54	w
	Carroll-SS	42	43	w

<i>LINEUP</i>		<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
<i>VS RHP</i>				
	Roberts-2B	48	69	3
	Graffanino-DH	44	51	1
	Lawton-RF	42	52	1
	Ensberg-3B	40	62	7
	Edmonds-CF	41	63	8
	Ibanez-LF	37	49	2
	Hernandez-C	35	48	4
	Hatteberg-1B	33	44	w
	Everett-SS	27	39	1
		38.6	53.0	3.0

### Key Reserves:

	Langerhans-RF	35	47	2
	Morse-DH	41	49	w

### VS LHH:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
MARTINEZ,P.	239	16	26	1
SABATHIA,C*	216	27	35	1
REDMAN,M.*	196	28	49	3
WILLIAMS,D.*	152	30	55	8
ASTACIO	139	20	37	5
SEO,J.	99	16	23	2

### VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
7	17	3
22	30	3
28	41	2
24	37	3
31	45	2
24	40	2

### BULLPEN:

WISE,M.	71	12	12	0	9	17	5
WASDIN	83	19	28	0	24	41	5
WITASICK	70	26	34	0	22	35	0
MEADOWS	82	28	43	0	25	47	4
DOWNNS *	103	21	27	2	27	42	3

# **BATON ROUGE SILVER BULLETS**

## **KEY POSITION PLAYERS:**

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)	NEVIN	418	4e10
	THOME	212	4e7
	SHEALY	100.1	4e5
2B)	LORETTA	444	3e10
	HAIRSTON	418	3e22
SS)	GUILLEN	367	3e16
	BETANCOURT	232.1	2e16
3B)	FELIZ	626	3e15
	ZIMMERMAN	64	2e15
C)	ZAUN	477	3(0)e4
	TORREALALBA	221	2(0)e1
LF)	WHITE	411	4(+3)e4
CF)	LOFTON	404	3(+2)e8
	LOGAN	354	2(+1)e10
	DUFFY	138.6	2(-1)e6
RF)	SHEFFIELD	642	4(-2)e4
DH)	WILSON	572	

## **LINEUP** **VS LHP**

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Duffy-CF	44	44	w
2 Shealy-1B	40	45	w
3 Sheffield-RF	50	84	8
4 Lorretta-2B	52	57	w
5 White-LF	39	59	7
6 Wilson-DH	33	65	8
7 Feliz-3B	30	47	5
8 Zaun-C	42	57	w
9 Betancourt-SS	38	52	w
	40.9	56.7	3.1

## **Key Reserves:**

Hairston-	30	36	0
Lofton-CF	37	41	w
Guillen-SS	43	62	w
Zimmerman-3B	54	103	w

## **LINEUP** **VS RHP**

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Lofton-CF	47	58	w
Hairston-2B	36	49	w
Guillen-SS	41	46	0
Sheffield-RF	40	53	5
Thome-1B	45	54	3
White-LF	37	52	3
Zaun-C	35	41	1
Wilson-DH	32	45	4
Feliz-3B	23	36	3
	37.3	48.2	2.1

## **Key Reserves:**

Lorretta-2B	37	44	w
Shealy-1B	53	67	1
Zimmerman-3B	59	82	w
Duffy-CF	43	59	w

## **VS LHH:**

<b><u>ROTATION:</u></b>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
ZAMBRANO,C.	246	21	30	4
LOAIZA,E.	239	33	43	0
MUSSINA	198	26	37	4
BEDARD,E. *	156	28	30	0
SANTOS	156	24	38	3
HERNANDEZ,O	141	34	51	2

## **VS RHP:**

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
17	23	0
22	31	4
28	41	2
32	42	0
27	44	3
29	41	3

## **BULLPEN:**

FULTZ,A. *	80	20	31	0	9	14	2
MEDDERS	33	21	24	0	13	18	1
CORTES	57	19	33	4	10	25	5
THOMPSON	61	11	21	5	22	28	0
AYALA,L.	78	36	61	5	15	15	0
STANTON,M *	47	18	19	0	43	71	4

# ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DOGS

## KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)	ERSTAD	670	1e5
	CONINE	369	3e25
	ORTIZ	--	5e30
2B)	NUNEZ	463	3e22
	CASTRO	299	2e16
SS)	ECKSTEIN	693	3e16
3B)	ALFONZO	405	4e14
	NUNEZ	--	3e20
C)	PHILLIPS	439	3(+2)e1
	BENNETT	219	3(0)e8
LF)	CRAWFORD	708	1(0)e2
	PALMIERO	224	3(+1)e4
CF)	ROWAND	636	1(0)e3
RF)	GUERRERO	572	3(-4)e4
	FRANCOEUR	282.7	2(-3)e12
DH)	ORTIZ	661	
	WALKER	437	
	JACOBS	110	

## *LINEUP*

<i>VS LHP</i>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Rowand-CF	41	58	0
2 Nunez-3B	38	47	w
3 Francoeur-DH	41	99	8
4 Guerrero-RF	36	62	8
5 Ortiz-1B	38	64	8
6 Phillips-C	34	49	5
7 Eckstein-SS	35	41	1
8 Crawford-LF	28	38	w
9 Castro-2B	20	28	1
	34.6	54.0	3.4

## *LINEUP*

<i>VS RHP</i>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Eckstein-SS	42	53	w
Conine-1B	49	63	w
Crawford-LF	37	59	3
Ortiz-DH	45	84	8
Guerrero-RF	41	64	8
Alfonzo-3B	34.2	41	w
Rowand-CF	32	39	1
Nunez-2B	33	42	w
Phillips-C	20	26	0
	37.0	52.3	2.2

## Key Reserves:

Walker-DH	42	60	4
Conine-1B	38	45	w

## Key Reserves:

Palmiero-OF	37	53	0
Walker-DH	38	52	2
Erstad-1B	33	47	w
Jacobs-1B	41	96	8

## VS LHH:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
BURNETT,AJ.	230	23	25	0
BYRD,P.	225	29	42	2
HARANG,A.	233	18	32	1
FRANKLIN,R.	210	29	40	3
DUKE*	92	15	15	0
FRANCIS*	202	31	41	1

## VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
29	33	0
16	29	1
27	42	3
30	44	6
24	32	0
33	52	3

## BULLPEN:

SPRINGER	65	17	29	6	19	32	3
WICKMAN,B.	68	23	32	5	21	36	6
DESSENS	72	22	34	4	22	31	0
TIMLIN	88	28	38	0	17	28	0
OTSUKA,A.	69	20	21	0	32	42	0