

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEST

Projected Finish

HART STREET
YORK TOWN
ARSENAL
FLORIDA
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HOTLANTA

I generally hate to predict that the Hogs will win any thing in fear that I will jinx my boys. However, this Hog team is clearly the best team in the division so I would be remiss in my duties as a reporter if I did not predict them to win the division. The Hogs look to be one of the league's most balanced teams this year. Offensively, they should mash with the best of them sporting an excellent middle of the order in Dunn, Teixeira, Jenkins and Jones. There are no easy outs in the Hogs' lineup. Defensively the Hogs are very sound with mostly 2's and a bevy of excellent arms in the OF. The rotation, while not even the best in the division is very solid and should hold up fine with good run support. The bullpen is very good and deep. The Hogs have no obvious weaknesses. They could use a better leadoff hitter vs. right handed pitching but Kennedy will do ok. Peavy should be a big winner this year.

YorkTown looks to bounce back from last season when they finished with the league's second worst record. The upside of the bad record was getting Blanton in the draft. Add in the acquisition of Randy Johnson and Derick Lowe and you have a solid rotation. Silva got a great card. The bullpen is little suspect. The Admirals picked up an excellent closer card in the draft but Shackleford only has 33 IP so he'll have to be used judiciously. After that the rest of the pen is very ordinary. The Ads offense will be very potent with the likes Ramirez, Delgado, Griffy and Chavez pounding the ball. RF is a little weak. Looks like there will be 4's manning the corner OF spots which can't be good. This team is well positioned to make a run at the playoffs. If they stumble it will be the bullpen that lets them down. A midseason acquisition to bolster the pen could be in the cards.

With a rotation that includes Clemens, Willis and Freddy Garcia the Arsenal Gunners can not be counted out. Picking up Hector Carrasco in the draft gives the Gunners a legit closer. The rest of the pen is just ok. The Gunners could choose to go with a four man rotation or use Pete Walker for some spot starts. If Walker doesn't start he'll end up being a long guy out of the pen. A four man rotation would put a lot of stress on the bull pen. It appears the Gunners may be an arm or two short. Offensively this team doesn't stack up well against the Hogs or Admirals. The acquisition of Damon will help produce a very nice table setting duo with Polanco, but the loss of Bonds, 1/2 a season from Walker and decline of Javy Lopez has sapped the middle of the lineup of much of it's prior pop. If this team is to make a serious run at the playoffs it will fall on the shoulders of Clemens and Willis.

Florida is like the poor man's Arsenal. They too have a very good rotation with Colon, Garland, Maddux and Lieber. The pen is ok with Ro. Hernandez, Hoffman and Ubina closing out games. However, the Sun offensive is not going to cut it. DeJesus is a decent lead off hitter, Alou had a great year, and Hunter will be solid for 2/3's of a season. After that it gets ugly. It appears that Ivan Rodriguez without steroids can't walk so his card is bad. Sosa and Castilla are gone. The infield is a mess with guys like Woodward, Gotay and Cintron being counted on to contribute. Vizquel is obviously solid at SS but it can't be long for him either. In spite of the excellent rotation I just can't see the Sun making a run at it with all the question marks they have elsewhere.

The defending champ California Dreamers will be one and done as they have chosen to retool some rather than try to defend their title. With Rogers, Capuano and Hernandez starting a lot of games they won't be push overs but in this division 70 wins seems about right. Since they are not planning to contend they didn't bother to draft a closer. As a result the pen is pretty weak. Offensively, the Dreamers will actually wack lefties around pretty good. However, they don't have a lot of punch against right handed pitching. The Dreamers will take their lumps this year and hope they can bounce back next year. Guys like Schilling and Renteria rebounding will be big for them next year.

...And the beat goes on in Hotlanta as the Possums are destined to suffer through another season with next to no pitching. It looks like Joe Mays will be anchoring the rotation. Nuff said. The Possums starting rotation is the league's worst, no question about it. That doesn't generally translate into many wins. They do have a nice closer in Crain, so when the rare occasion arises when they lead in the 8th inning you will likely see him. Offensively the Possums will be largely dependent on the long ball....which they should hit a lot of. Unfortunately, outside of Giles they don't really have anyone who gets on base. The one thing the possums have going for them is a great defense. Outside of Lee in LF the defense is tremendous....especially on the infield with 1's at SS and 3B and a 2 at 2B. So the team's high ERA will truly be earned!

HART STREET HOGS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B) TEIXEIRA	708	1e3
2B) KENNEDY	458	2e6
VIZCAINO	206	3e6
SS) CROSBY	366	2e14
ROBLES	400	3e14
3B) C JONES	394	4e8
GOMEZ	241	4e12
C) AUSMUS	426	1(0)e1
VALENTIN	243	3(0)e3
LF) MICHAELS	318	2(0)e5
RIVERA	385	2(-2)e3
CF) ENCARNACION	557	3(-2)e5
RIVERA	--	3(-2)e3
RF) JENKINS	592	2(-2)e6
RIVERA	--	2(-2)e3
DH) DUNN	597	
PEREZ	177	

LINEUP VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Gomez-3B	48	56	W
2 Ausmus-C	48	56	0
3 Michaels-LF	59	68	W
4 Perez-DH	40	63	8
5 Encarnacion-CF	48	59	3
6 Crosby-SS	47	69	4
7 Teixeira-1B	37	55	3
8 Jenkins-RF	35	55	3
9 Vizcaino-2B	34	50	0
	44.0	59.0	2.3

Key Reserves:

Jones-3B	40	57	4
Dunn-DH	31	48	8

LINEUP VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Kennedy-2B	39	50	W
Encarnacion-CF	35	47	4
Dunn-DH	45	70	8
Teixeira-1B	37	62	8
Jenkins-RF	42	60	6
Jones-3B	47	71	8
Valentin-C	35	58	8
Rivera-LF	30	48	8
Robles-SS	34	46	W
	38.2	56.9	5.6

Key Reserves:

Ausmus-C	32	36	W
Michaels-LF	40	47	1
Crosby-SS	36	50	1

VS LHH:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>FBN IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
PEAVY	223	17	29	3	14	27	2
PRIOR	184	17	29	3	20	33	4
PENNY	193	23	33	0	25	40	4
TOWERS	229	22	30	0	25	40	4
MORRIS,M.	211	25	40	3	24	37	2

VS RHP:

<u>BULLPEN:</u>	<u>FBN IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
CORDERO	81	10	12	1	7	20	7
SPEIER	73	6	12	1	14	29	6
COTTS,N. *	66	21	30	0	17	17	0
OHMAN *	47	17	24	4	22	30	3
REITSMA	80	19	26	0	31	32	0
PERALTA	40	32	63	8	12	20	2

YORKTOWN ADMIRALS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B) LEE, T. Delgado	444 --	2e6 5e17
2B) IGUCHI JIMINEZ	562 116	2e18 4e14
SS) ROLLINS	745	2e12
3B) CHAVEZ	688	1e16
C) BARRETT PRATT	466 193	4(+2)e2 4(0)e3
LF) RAMIREZ	609	4(-2)e8
CF) GRIFFEY REPKO	540 304	3(-1)e4 2(-2)e12
RF) LEDEE CRUZ, H MONDESI	261 140 156	4(+1)e6 3(+1)e6 3(-3)e4
DH) DELGADO ATKINS GARIBITO	573 571 97	

LINEUP VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Iguchi-2B	38	50	3
2 Atkins-DH	36	47	1
3 Griffey-CF	37	61	8
4 Barrett-C	47	76	6
5 Ramirez-LF	35	62	8
6 Mondesi-RF	30	52	8
7 Delgado-1B	28	49	7
8 Chavez-3B	34	50	3
9 Rollins-SS	27	37	0
	<u>34.7</u>	<u>53.8</u>	<u>4.9</u>

Key Reserves:

Pratt-C	29	47	8
Jiminez-2B	41	47	w

LINEUP VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Rollins-SS	35	49	0
Iguchi-2B	37	50	1
Delgado-DH	47	75	8
Ramirez-LF	46	77	8
Griffey-CF	40	67	8
Chavez-3B	31	50	8
Ledee-RF	35	49	2
Lee-1B	32	46	3
Barrett-C	30	42	2
	<u>37.0</u>	<u>56.1</u>	<u>4.4</u>

Key Reserves:

Atkins-DH	36	46	1
Cruz-RF	30	45	3
Garibito-PH	51	54	0

VS LHH:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
JOHNSON, R. *	248	8	12	0	16	30	6
LOWE, D.	244	30	43	4	15	24	2
BLANTON	221	19	28	1	25	41	5
SILVA, C.	207	22	35	4	19	28	3
CLAUSSEN, B. *	184	15	34	8	24	36	2

VS RHP:

<u>BULLPEN:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SHACKLEFORD *	33	10	25	2	13	17	0
HASEGAWA	66	26	30	0	25	32	3
BETANCOURT	67	29	35	2	10	19	1
MYERS, M. *	37	4	4	0	49	74	6
WUERTZ, M.	75	31	38	0	18	21	1
WEATHERS, D.	77	29	35	1	18	27	1

ARSENAL GUNNERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B) STAIRS	436	4e11
SAENZ	351	5e3
2B) POLANCO	551	3e5
Easley	--	3e18
SS) ITZURIS	488	2e17
CRUZ	286	3e34
3B) BLALOCK	712	2e12
EASLEY	294	4e22
C) LOPEZ	435	4(+2)e1
DIAZ	143	4(+1)e4
LF) KIELTY	415	3(+1)e6
PAYTON	449	2(0)e0
CF) DAMON	686	2(+2)e7
RF) DYE	582	3(-4)e10
GUIEL	120	2(0)e6
DH) WALKER	347	
YOUNG	156	
BONDS	46	

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>
WILLIS*	260
GARCIA	251
CLEMENS	232
ROBERTSON*	216
WALKER, P	92

BULLPEN:

CARASCO, H	97
WALKER, J. *	53
WILLIAMS, T.	84
CHULK, V.	79
HARPER, T	81

LINEUP VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Damon-CF	46	63	w
2 Young-DH	53	69	w
3 Polanco-2B	45	55	3
4 Easley-3B	35	74	8
5 Kieilty-LF	42	52	3
6 Dye-RF	32	51	6
7 Saenz-1B	31.8	58.4	8
8 Lopez-C	39	51	0
9 Itzuriz-ss	32	47	w
	<u>39.5</u>	<u>57.8</u>	<u>3.1</u>

Key Reserves:

Cruz-SS	33	45	0
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VS LHH:

<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
15	22	0
27	37	3
12	13	0
25	29	0
30	34	0

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
22	31	0
21	33	0
16	19	0
24	41	6
25	38	4

LINEUP VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Damon-CF	39	47	1
Polanco-2B	44	51	0
Blalock-3B	36	50	3
Walker-DH	46	63	6
Stairs-1B	42	55	4
Dye-RF	31	51	6
Lopez-C	29	45	5
Kieilty-LF	32	38	2
Itzuriz-ss	25	28	w
	<u>36.0</u>	<u>47.6</u>	<u>3.0</u>

Key Reserves:

Bonds-PH	42	96	8
PAYTON-LF	25	40	7

FLORIDA SUN

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B) SNOW	404	1e5
WOODWARD	190	3e14
2B) BURKE	350	3e14
GOTAY	310	4e17
SS) VIZQUEL	625	2e8
3B) CINTRON	363	3e15
LUNA	151	4e20
McDONALD,J.	183	4e34
C) RODRIGUEZ	554	2(-3)e1
MIRABELLI	150	2(0)e1
LF) ALOU	470	4(+1)e12
BURKE	--	3(+1)e2
CF) HUNTER	409	1(-3)e5
Dejesus	--	2(+1)e6
RF) CRUZ	407	3(-2)e12
LINDEN	188	2(0)e7
DH) DEJESUS	507	

LINEUP VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Dejesus-DH	38	48	0
2 McDonald-3B	35	35	w
3 Cruz-RF	48	65	3
4 Alou-LF	57	90	8
5 Hunter-CF	35	63	7
6 Mirabelli-C	38	51	3
7 Woodward-1B	34	40	1
8 Gotay-2B	35	36	w
9 Visquel-SS	24	37	w
	35.6	47.6	2.4

Key Reserves:

Rodriguez-C	32	54	5
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LINEUP VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Dejesus-DH	40	54	2
2 Visquel-SS	37	44	w
3 Alou-LF	46	56	4
4 Cruz-RF	33	49	6
5 Hunter-CF	35	45	1
6 Rodriguez-C	28	43	2
7 Snow-1B	36	47	w
8 Burke-2B	30	37	0
9 Cintron-2B	24	36	1
	34.3	45.7	1.8

Key Reserves:

Woodward-3B	39	54	w
Luna-2B	36	46	w
McDonald-3B	30	36	w

VS LHH:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
COLON,B.	245	20	33	3
GARLAND,J.	243	22	33	3
MADDUX,G.	248	22	37	2
LIEBER,Jon	240	27	44	4
LOHSE	196	26	41	2

VS RHP:

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	19	27	2
	20	27	0
	20	35	3
	11	22	3
	29	37	2
	20	21	0
	8	15	3
	19	27	4
	27	51	7
	30	42	3

BULLPEN:

HERNANDEZ, R	76	21	32	3
HOFFMAN,T.	63	28	43	0
URBINA,U.	88	22	35	5
LEHR	37	24	29	0
RODRIGUEZ,R	63	25	51	6

CALIFORNIA DREAMERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B) CASEY	582	3e3
2B) LaGONZALEZ	444	3e4
Figgins	--	3e23
SS) RENTERIA	682	3
3B) HILLENBRAND	653	4
BELL	613	2
C) MILLER	424	2
MOLINA	202	2
LF) GONZALEZ	637	3(+3)e3
CF) FIGGINS	706	3(+1)e5
RF) HAWPE	336	4(-2)e6
KEARNS	426	2(-3)e5
DH) PENA	286	
DIAZ	308	
AYBAR	95	

<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Renteria-SS	43	57	1
2 Casey-1B	49	63	w
3 Bell-3B	53	72	2
4 Hillenbrand-3B	40	56	5
5 Molina-C	34	55	8
6 Gonzalez-2B	47	65	0
7 Kearns-RF	40	51	0
8 Gonzalez-LF	40	48	3
9 Figgins-CF	32	40	w
	42.0	56.3	2.1

<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Figgins-CF	41	58	w
2 Casey-1B	40	49	0
3 Hillenbrand-3B	34	46	1
4 Gonzalez-LF	36	53	5
5 Pena-DH	33	54	8
6 Kearns-RF	31	51	5
7 Miller-C	36	49	3
8 Renteria-SS	31	42	w
9 Gonzalez-2B	27	32	1
	34.3	48.2	2.6

Key Reserves:

Diaz-DH	34	37	0
Aybar-3B	43	56	w

Key Reserves:

Diaz-DH	29	53	8
Hawpe-RF	37	45	1
Aybar-3B	64	73	0

VS LHH:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
HERNANDEZ,L	271	30	38	3
CAPUANO,C.	241	12	17	1
ROGERS	215	18	23	0
RAMIREZ	222	26	33	1
MAHOLM *	45	0	0	0
DOMINGUEZ	77	21	33	3

VS RHP:

<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
30	44	1
24	39	4
27	39	1
28	42	6
27	33	0
30	37	3

BULLPEN:

VARGAS	81	15	26	0	30	43	0
MERCKER,K.	67	16	27	1	27	51	5
PUTZ,J.J.	66	32	48	7	21	21	0
HAWKINS,L.	62	20	31	0	33	46	5
RAUCH	33	29	48	0	9	20	5

HOTLANTA POSSUMS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B) SEXSON	614	3e8
2B) GILES	635	2e14
SS) WILSON	646	1e14
3B) BELTRE	663	1e15
C) VARITEK	517	1(-1)e1
ROSS	138	3(-1)e5
LF) C LEE	680	4(+1)e6
TYNER	--	2(+2)e3
CF) A JONES	645	1(-4)e2
TYNER	--	3(+2)e3
RF) J JONES	575	3(+1)e5
RESTOVICH	127	3(0)e6
DH) CUDDYER	464	
FIELDER	65	

LINEUP VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Cuddyer-DH	47	60	w
2 Giles-2B	38	51	2
3 Varitek-C	50	71	8
4 Sexson-1B	57	89	8
5 A Jones-CF	32	57	8
6 Beltre-3B	29	46	7
7 Lee-LF	33	48	5
8 Wilson-SS	31	47	w
9 Restovich-RF	27	42	3
	<u>38.2</u>	<u>56.8</u>	<u>4.6</u>

Key Reserves:

J Jones-RF	16	35	1
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LINEUP VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Giles-2B	44	60	1
J Jones-RF	30	44	6
Varitek-C	34	49	5
Sexson-1B	36	62	8
A Jones-CF	33	69	8
Lee-LF	30	50	7
Cuddyer-DH	29	45	3
Beltre-3B	28	39	2
Wilson-SS	26	40	w
	<u>32.2</u>	<u>50.9</u>	<u>4.4</u>

Key Reserves:

Tyner-OF	43	51	w
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VS LHH:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
MAYS	172	23	40	4	44	63	3
RUSCH,G. *	160	33	62	6	31	39	0
ESTES,S. *	135	28	45	0	29	43	3
WILLIAMS,J.	134	41	58	0	18	28	3
CARRASCO,DJ	125	37	0	2	29	38	2
ISHII,K. *	100	23	39	8	33	49	3
HAMPTON,M. *	76	33	37	6	25	30	0

VS RHP:

BULLPEN:

CRAIN	87	17	20	2	17	21	1
HENSLEY	52	32	38	0	6	6	0
KOPLOVE,M.	54	33	52	5	21	29	0
COOK	91	29	46	2	22	32	2
OBERMUELLER	72	33	37	2	38	54	1