

INSIDE THE FLY BY NIGHT

2007

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST

Projected Finish

Salem
Jersey City
Klee's
New England
Connecticut
Arizona

Salem will win going away. Next.

The battle here is for second place and maybe the extra wild card.

I don't normally do this but I am predicting the Psychics to win it all this year. Rich has put together a monster team and should just roll through this division. He could be upset in the playoffs by a good team from the East, but I'm betting against it. So who is going to win the wild card then? On paper, the Klubbers are the next best team. Next. On paper the next best team could be either New Jersey or New England. I'm going with New Jersey because of the big home field advantage they will have with the 200 foot fences and all of their power hitters. I figure then the Klubbers will finish a disappointing 3rd at about 81-81 and miss the playoffs again. New England could push New Jersey for the wild card, but I think their 3-5 spot in the rotation will do them in. Even with the acquisition of this year's "The Difference" Corey Lidle, I don't think the Blue Devils have enough pitching to contend. After a nice run last season, the Bats are the worst team in the league this year. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and probably 5th best team are in the East this year, but the extra wild card could perceivably come out of the West since the good East teams will beat up on each other and the West teams get to play the Bats 16 times each.

-Salem Psychics

- Starting pitching is very good, not dominate. But there are no dominate Starting pitching staffs this year, so this is about as good as it gets.
- With Ryan and Papebon...who are probably the two best relief cards, there is no better pen. This is why I think this team will go all the way. If you're not beating them by the 6th inning, forget it.
- Defense is very good. 1's at the most important spots...SS, 2B and CF. Guerrero is a weak link in RF, but somehow I think he'll make up for it at the plate.
- Tremendous offensive group...lots of HRs
- Will win the division with ease and could win a few championships over the next five years.

-Jersey City G-Men

- This is Dom's dream team...or at least close to it. The team will likely hit close to 300 HRs. The G-men will definitely score a lot of runs.
- Starting pitching is ok. Morris, Schmidt and Suppan will keep them in games, and Sele was a good late round pickup.
- The pen is a little dicey. Gordan fell off and there is no one year wonder to take his place. Sweeney is probably the best candidate to close games and he is nothing special.
- Not a very good defensive squad....but that's what happens when you field a bunch of HR hitters. Kotsay in CF is the only better than average defender.
- Just an ok team but my guess is they will win more games than the more talented Klubber squad.

-Klees Klubbers

- I still can't believe the Klubbers didn't make the playoffs last season. In my mind they were clearly the best team in the division. I can only blame in on bad karma due to the incessant whining of the Klubber manager :)
- This year's squad is not quite as good as last year's, but still solid. Good offense with table setters Castillo and Sanchez, followed by a nice middle of the order in Berkman, Ramirez and Posada.
- Aside from the balanced Kazmir, the rest of the starting rotation is unbalanced but still pretty good.

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-With the draft acquisitions of Saito and Thorton the pen is very good.

-Decent defensive squad in spite of a 3 at SS and CF. You can still win with that kind of defense.

-Good team. Should win the wild card but after last season they have something to prove.

•New England Angels

-Better than average offensive team. Atkins was a great pickup. Nice balance up and down the lineup.

-Bush has an excellent card, Moyer is ok....after than not so good. Seems like a lot of teams have a decent 1-2 and then a big drop off.

-Good pen. Nathan and Shields covering the 7-9 innings will be very tough to come back on.

-Middle of the road team that could push for a playoff spot with a little luck. Most likely a 75-80 win season.

•Connecticut Blue Devils

-Last year's Cinderella World Series participant will be hard pressed to repeat the magic. Lack of quality pitching is the problem. Aside from 1/2 a season from Sheets the starting pitching is pedestrian to outright brutal.

-There will be no relief from the scoring onslaught when the pen enters the game. I assume Capps will close, but he gives up the long ball too frequently to be effective. The rest of the pen is an assortment of largely ineffective one way guys.

-Good offensive team with a great young core of Hafner, Sizemore, Reyes, Rios and Mccann.

-Aside from Sizemore in CF the defense is just average.

-I think this will be the Blue Devil's second ever losing season, but if the pitchers come back watch out next year.

•Arizona Bats

-Awful team. Dave went for it last year and had a great season, but really mortgaged the future to get there. Looks to me that this boat will take a few years to right.

-Worst offense in the league...although Dunn will hit a lot of HRs in his new lefty friendly home park.

-Worst pitching staff in the league. Mostly lefty and mostly bad. It will be a blood bath away from home.

-Defense is not good...and if it were it wouldn't matter.

-It's going to be a long ugly season. 50 wins would merit manager of the year consideration.

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SALEM PSYCHICS

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) SWISHER	612	2e10	VS LHP				VS RHP			
2B) HUDSON	637	1e14								
	MARTINEZ	194	1 Suzuki-CF	49	62	W	Suzuki-CF	38	50	W
SS) URIBE	509	2e18	2 Cirillo-3B	57	66	W	Mauer-C	49	66	3
	GONZALEZ	427	3 Bay-LF	51	73	8	Howard-dH	45	83	8
3B) SPIEZIO	304	2e28	4 Swisher-1B	45	59	7	Bay-LF	43	62	8
	CIRILLO	289	5 Guerrero-RF	54	84	8	Swisher-1B	34	51	8
C) MAUER	573	2(-2)e2	6 Howard-dH	35	58	8	Guerrero-RF	33	49	8
	HARPER	45	7 Hudson-2B	44	61	0	Spiezio-3B	36	63	8
LF) BAY	627	3(+1)e3	8 Mauer-C	49	62	W	Hudson-2B	33	46	1
CF) SUZUKI	765	1(-5)e3	9 Gonzalez-SS	34	44	1	Gonzalez-SS	24	34	2
RF) GUERRERO	668	4(-4)e15		46.4	63.2	3.6		37.2	56.0	5.1
	GUIEL	145	Key Reserves:				Key Reserves:			
	QUENTIN	183	Escobar-PH	57	90	8	Guiel-RF	35	49	7
DH) HOWARD	639	3(0)e7	Uribe-SS	17	28	0	Cirillo-3B	38	43	0
	ESCABAR	95.7	Martinez-2B	37	41	w	Uribe-SS	17	39	7
			Harper-C	38	63	8	Quentin-RF	37	64	6

ROTATION:	<u>IP</u>	VS LHH:			VS RHP:		
		<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
CARPENTER	244	23	33	2	12	19	2
MADDUX	231	16	28	2	26	41	0
SANTANA	224	27	40	4	16	29	2
HERNANDEZ	210	27	47	7	23	28	0
CARRASCO	110	19	28	1	18	27	3
BULLPEN:							
RYAN*	79	3	3	0	9	9	0
PAPLEBON	75	10	18	0	2	2	0
RAY	73	21	32	7	13	21	3
NELSON	50	16	16	0	29	49	5
NESHEK	41	19	53	8	1	5	1
GONZALEZ,M. *	59	14	14	0	28	29	0

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JERSEY CITY G-MEN

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)	KONERKO	623	3e7									
2B)	BELLIARD	598	3e13									
	BIGGIO	603	4e8	1 Biggio-2B	35	55	6	Belliard-2B	34	44	3	
SS)	HALL	591	3e22	2 Thomas-1B	50	72	8	Kotsay-CF	34	46	w	
3B)	GLAUS	594	4e17	3 Konerko-1B	41	63	7	Thomas-1B	41	69	8	
C)	OLIVO	473	4(-2)e3	4 Hall-SS	45	80	8	Konerko-1B	41	59	5	
	HALL	243	3(0)e10	5 Glaus-3B	42	75	8	Glaus-3B	31	47	7	
LF)	THAMES	383	4(0)e7	6 Blake-RF	36	68	8	Thames-LF	32	67	8	
	CHURCH	216	2(0)e6	7 Thames-LF	32	60	8	Hall-SS	29	56	7	
CF)	KOTSAY	552	2(-2)e3	8 Repko-CF	35	50	3	Blake-RF	39	51	3	
	Repko	---	2(-2)e9	9 Hall-C	29	44	5	Olivo-C	25	39	4	
RF)	BLAKE	441	3(-2)e5		<u>38.3</u>	<u>63.0</u>	<u>6.8</u>		<u>34.0</u>	<u>53.1</u>	<u>5.0</u>	
	REPKO	143	2(-2)e9									
DH)	THOMAS	513		<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>				
	BROWN	580		Church-LF	39	56	1	Brown-DH	45	56	1	
				Olivo-C	27	42	4	Church-LF	39	66	8	
				Kotsay-CF	26	39	2					

<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>
SCHMIDT	235	31	34	0	15	31	5
MORRIS	228	25	44	3	21	40	4
SUPPAN	209	31	42	2	25	37	2
WRIGHT, J	154	40	55	1	26	33	0
SELE	113	27	45	3	32	41	0
HUDSON,L	112	24	36	0	34	48	3

<u>BULLPEN:</u>							
SWEENEY	62	21	28	2	22	29	2
GORDON	65	10	16	1*	29	45	6
TORRES,S.	102	26	30	0	31	36	0
CALERO	64	36	40	2	16	24	0
VISCAINO,L	72	11	15	0*	27	52	4*
BEIMEL*	77	18	27	1	26	42	2

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KLEE'S KLUBBERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>LINEUP VS LHP</u>			<u>LINEUP VS RHP</u>				
			<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>		
1B) MNKWICZ	345	1e6	1 Sanchez-2B	60	81	w	Castillo-2B	41	45	w
SWEENEYM.	285	4e7	2 Posada-C	37	43	0	Sanchez-3B	37	56	w
2B) CASTILLO	642	2e6	3 Lane-CF	35	47	7	Berkman-RF	45	84	8
Sanchez	---	2e6	4 Ramirez-3B	30	50	7	Ramirez-3B	36	60	8
SS) SANCHEZ,F.	640	3e24	5 Jackson-DH	35	48	6	Posada-C	41	59	7
HARDY	141	3e12	6 Berkman-RF	38	46	2	Winn-CF	34	41	0
3B) RAMIREZ	653	3e14	7 Hardy-SS	32	53	8	Podsednik-DH	34	47	w
C) POSADA	512	3(-1)e2	8 Mnkwicz-1B	40	54	0	Cabrera-LF	36	43	0
SNYDER	202	2(-1)e3	9 Cabrera-LF	40	49	w	Mnkwicz-1B	38	54	w
LF) CABRERA	506	2(-2)e3		<u>38.6</u>	<u>52.3</u>	<u>3.3</u>		<u>38.0</u>	<u>54.3</u>	<u>2.6</u>
PODSEDNIAK	---	4(+2)e11								
CF) WINN	630	3(+1)e4	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
LANE	317	3(-2)e5	Lecroy	43	47	1	Synder-C	35	45	3
RF) BERKMAN	590	3(0)e13					Sweeney-1B	32	43	1
Lane	---	3(-2)e5								
DH) PODSEDNIAK	576	4(+2)e11								
JACKSON	128									
LECROY	74									

<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>
LACKEY,J.	239	28	33	0	15	25	1
MILLWOOD	237	28	39	3	18	33	2
CONTRERAS	216	29	37	1	18	33	1
LILLY	200	17	19	0	27	43	4
KAZMIR,S.	159	18	24	1	19	30	2
BONSER	110	19	34	7	25	42	6

<u>BULLPEN:</u>							
SAITO	86	16	25	0	9	9	0
HEIMAN	96	26	30	0	16	21	0
THORNTON*	59	16	24	0	23	32	1
BORKOWSKI	78	25	28	0*	23	43	2
SORIANO	66	23	34	4	13	18	1*

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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)	GARCIAPARRA	516	3e6									
	FRANCO	182	4e8									
2B)	PHILLIPS	590	2e19	1	Denorfia-LF	41	49	w	Lopez-DH	42	46	0
	CASTRO	121	4e13	2	Phillips-2B	36	41	2	Willingham-C	36	48	5
SS)	CABRERA	668	2e18	3	Atkins-3B	55	81	7	Garciaparra-1B	37	52	4
3B)	ATKINS	662	4e20	4	Williams-RF	37	56	7	Atkins-3B	45	63	5
C)	WILLINGHAM	552	5(+3)e15	5	Willingham-C	46	77	8	Gibbons-RF	34	50	4
	WILSON	167	3(0)e1	6	Garciaparra-1B	40	63	7	Wiggington-LF	27	47	8
LF)	WIGGINGTON	488	4(+1)e25	7	Wiggington-DH	36	53	5	Patterson-CF	33	49	4
	DENORFIA	117	2(0)E4	8	Cabrera-SS	29	39	w	Cabrera-SS	38	50	0
CF)	PATTERSON	509	2(-1)e5	9	Patterson-CF	17	27	2	Phillips-2B	29	41	3
	DENORFIA	---	3(0)E4			37.4	54.0	4.2		35.7	49.6	3.7
RF)	GIBBONS	377	4(-1)e8									
	WILLIAMS	462	4(+3)e2									
DH)	LOPEZ	679			<u>Key Reserves:</u>					<u>Key Reserves:</u>		
	WILLITS	48			Willits-PH	46	46	w	Franco-1B	38	48	1
									Denorfia-LF	38	50	w
									Willits-PH	51	51	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>
MOYER	232	21	32	0	25	44	5
BUSH	231	19	36	2	15	28	4
FOGG	189	33	52	2	24	45	4
KIM	171	37	55	4	25	36	0
NOLASCO	154	35	52	6	18	29	2
WELLS	83	27	47	3	28	41	5

<u>BULLPEN:</u>							
NATHAN,J.	75	8	18	0*	4	4	0*
SHIELDS	96	10	17	2	15	24	1
SANCHEZ	61	30	40	0	12	13	0
HANCOCK	85	19	38	3	23	38	3
MCBRIDE*	63	13	19	0	46	56	0

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CONNECTICUT BLUE DEVILS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)	HINSKE	305	4e14
	JOHNSON	315	4e8
2B)	CASTILLO,J.	570	3e12
	Betemit	---	4e18
SS)	REYES	712	2e19
3B)	BETEMIT,W.	410	3e17
	BOONE,A.	389	3e27
C)	MCCANN	486	2(0)e6
	LARUE	210	4(-1)e3
LF)	BURRELL	508	4(0)e4
	MCLOUTH	297	3(+1)E6
CF)	SIZEMORE	721	1(0)e3
RF)	RIOS	495	2(-3)e1
	Mclouth	---	3(+1)E6
DH)	HAFNER	499	
	CLEVLLEN	43	

LINEUP *VS LHP*

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Reyes-SS	39	55	3
2 Boone-3B	37	45	2
3 Hafner-DH	55	92	8
4 Burrell-LF	48	65	8
5 Mccann-C	43	62	3
6 Rios-RF	31	54	5
7 Sizemore-CF	25	43	7
8 Castillo-2B	23	35	6
9 Johnson-1B	21	29	W
	36	53	5

Key Reserves:

Clevlen-PH	30	82	8
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LINEUP *VS RHP*

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Reyes-SS	31	48	3
Sizemore-CF	48	73	5
Hafner-DH	49	87	8
Burrell-LF	39	55	7
Mccann-C	40	65	8
Rios-RF	37	55	3
Hinski-1B	36	57	6
Betemit-3B	30	50	6
Castillo-2B	25	31	1
	37	58	5

Key Reserves:

Johnson-1b	31	40	3
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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>
BATISTA,M.	227	42	56	1	24	30	0
LOPEZ	208	31	45	4	30	51	5
LOWRY,N. *	175	43	70	4	24	36	4
LIDLE	170	29	53	4	24	36	5
SHEETS	117	14	35	3*	19	32	0
HENNESSEY	109	29	45	3*	29	40	4
MCCARTHY	93	10	20	5*	25	44	5

VS RHP:

BULLPEN:

CAPPS	89	15	36	6	19	36	7
GREGG	86	31	46	4	21	28	2
VALVERDE,J	54	38	56	5	12	16	0
SCHOENWEIS*	52	28	35	0	20	34	3
BRAY	56	42	47	0	20	35	3

