

INSIDE THE FLY BY NIGHT 2012

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

Projected Finish

Salem Pychics
Lake Wobegon Whippets
Maine Yaks
Urpaigh Dragons
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I'm not sure how much anyone reads what I write here. Probably most of you have come to the fair conclusion that I am full of shit and just look at what order I have predicted the teams to finish and take a look at the lineups and numbers below. Now while Mr. Fogg has pointed out that I seem to predict him to come in last every year and he has finished better than most years I would like to point out that my record for predicting playoff bound teams vs. also rans if very good. In many cases it's a no-brainer, and I rarely have been wrong when I project a team as a sure bet to make the playoffs. Some times arguably the difference between teams is close and may be swayed by in-season trades, a little bad luck or maybe just crappy game management. Bottom line is that if I predict you to come in 6th and you come in 4th...whoopy do. If I predict you to come in forth and you win the division....then you got a point. In any case listen up when I say your team ain't got a chance and you will be generally well served! Even if that does make me seem like an asshole know-it-all.

This division is easy and hard.

Easy: Salem wins by at least ten games. As usual Rich has a good team. This is not his best, but he has the luxury of drafting prospects instead of worrying about cards since the rest of the division is pathetic. The Psychics will easily win a hundred games.

After Salem, the waters are muddied. I would say Baton Rouge and Illinois have very little chance as they are really really bad...not just bad. The Whippets, Yaks and Dragons are just bad so they will battle it out for second place. I would not be shocked if the second place team in this division has a losing record. I feat accomplished only once before when Hotlanta did it a few years back.

As you will see in an upcoming edition, the West if very good this year so will crush this division, except for Salem, when they play.

I had to go with Lake Wobegon for second place because they have Haren, Humber and a little offense. However, I know Jim is retooling so if he trades some of his stuff off he could fall like a rock.

Maine has one decent starting pitcher in Garza and a good bullpen, so that's probably enough to make a run at second, even though their offense is awful.

Urpaigh has a little offense, a little starting pitching and a little quality in the bullpen....good enough for 4th or higher.

Every team in this division except for Salem would come in 5th or lower in another division. I propose we put an * next to all of Salem's stats as they will be earned playing a minor league schedule. In particular I'd expect the Salem pitching stats like ERA to be ridiculous.

If you disagree, please feel free to send your hate mail to Glen. I like to blame him for everything, even my mean disposition.

Good luck guys....it should be interesting to see which non-deserving team makes the playoffs instead a good team in the West. Oh life is not fair :)

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SALEM PSYCHICS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)	Howard, Ryan	613	3e10
	Sands, Jerry	217	4e15
2B)	Izturis, Maicer	495	2e14
	Donald, Jason	145	3e8
SS)	Aybar, Erick	612	1e16
3B)	Sandival, Paplo	469	2e16
	Wigginton, Ty	441	4e11
C)	Mauer, Joe	326	2(-1)e3t11
	Varitek, Jason	242	2(+3)e2t5
	Rosario, W	59	3(-1)e1t15
	Gimenez, C	65	4(0)e1t2
LF)	Bay, Jason	488	2(-1)e3
	Wells, Casper	237	2(-3)e6
CF)	Ellsbury, Jacoby	726	1(0)e0
RF)	Werth, Jayson	617	2(-3)e9
DH)	Butler, Billy	657	
	Morrison, Logan	508	

LINEUP

VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Donald-2B	52	65	0
2 Ellsbury-CF	36	61	4
3 Butler-1B	38	58	6
4 Bay-LF	48	64	6
5 Sands-1B	42	66	4
6 Wells-RF	32	53	8
7 Wigginton-3B	35	45	4
8 Varitek,-C	36	47	2
9 Aybar-SS	23	29	0
	38.0	54.2	3.8

Key Reserves:

Izturis-2B	37	59	w
Werth-RF	35	49	3
Rosario, W	32	62	8
Gimenez, C	42	61	8

LINEUP

VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Ellsbury-CF	43	67	8
Sandival-3B	40	70	8
Howard-1B	34	62	8
Butler-DH	37	52	3
Mauer-C	43	52	1
Bay-LF	31	38	1
Aybar-SS	37	52	1
Werth-RF	35	43	4
Izturis-2B	35	49	w
	37.2	53.9	3.8

Key Reserves:

Morrison-DH	31	52	8
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VS LHH:

	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	26	37	3
	27	32	0
	15	31	5
	25	32	4
	28	37	0

VS RHP:

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	23	34	4
	23	29	4
	25	35	0
	24	25	0
	30	42	2

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>
Santana, Ervin	252
Hernandez, Felix	256
Greinke, Zack	189
Gonzalez, Gio*	222
Niese, Jonathan*	173

BULLPEN:

Papelbon, Jonathan	70	6	10	0	17	25	0
Motte, Jason	75	23	38	0	6	10	0
Robertson, Dave	74	14	14	0	23	29	0
Pestano, Vinnie	68	23	48	3	13	13	0
Detwiler, Ross*	72	22	26	1	26	36	3
Choate, Randy*	28	3	10	4	42	54	6

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LAKE WOBEGON WHIPPETS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)		
Hawpe, Brad	214	4e15
Branyan, Russ	140	4e9
Hinski, Eric	260	4e7
2B)		
Utley, Chase	438	2e8
Giavotello, J	172	4e19
SS)		
Tulowitzki, Troy	591	1e7
3B)		
Kouzmanoff, Kevin	257	3e33
Rolen, Scott	277	2e11
C)		
Montero, Miguel	542	3(-3)e1t18
Ruiz, Carlos	451	3(0)e1t5
LF)		
Hamilton, Josh	536	1(-3)e7
Matsui, Hideki	--	4(0)e6
CF)		
Bourjos, P	552	1(-2)e5
Hamilton, Josh	--	2(-3)e7
RF)		
Jones, Garrett	465	4(0)e2
Viciedo, D	112	4(0)e8
DH)		
Matsui, Hideki	569	
Liddi	44	

**LINEUP
VS LHP**

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Ruiz-C	39	46	w
2 Bourjos-CF	36	60	3
3 Tulowitzki-SS	42	70	7
4 Matsui-DH	34	48	7
5 Viciedo-RF	49	62	1
6 Hamilton-LF	22	53	8
7 Rolen-3B	24	47	3
8 Giavotello-2B	23	45	2
9 Hawpe-1B	32	32	w
	33	51	3

Key Reserves:

Liddi	52	102	8
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**LINEUP
VS RHP**

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Ruiz-DH	43	50	1
Utley-2B	40	55	3
Tulowitzki-SS	36	55	6
Hamilton-LF	36	56	5
Montero-C	38	58	5
Bourjos-CF	35	47	1
Jones-RF	33	51	5
Hinski-1B	32	45	6
Kouzmanoff-3B	24	34	2
	35	50	4

Key Reserves:

Matsui-DH	31	37	0
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VS LHH:

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>
Haren, Dan	262
Humber, P	179
Lewis, Colby	220
Duensing, Brian*	178
Reyes, J	155
Rodriguez, An	94

VS RHP:

	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	16	28	1
	24	32	1
	30	48	5
	12	16	0
	34	49	1
	36	56	6

BULLPEN:

Soria, Joakim	66
Francisco, Frank	56
Guerrier, Matt	73
Brothers, Rex*	45
Leroux, C	28
Lindblom, C	33

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	21	32	2
	16	22	1
	10	25	4
	37	62	7
	32	48	5
	17	36	3
	27	46	8
	17	31	1
	26	31	0
	20	31	2
	14	16	0
	8	12	0

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MAINE YAKS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)	Moreland, Mich	510	3e7
	Duncan, Shelly	--	5e28
2B)	Phillips, Brandon	671	1e6
SS)	Rodriguez, Sean	410	3e30
	Santiago, Ramon	284	3e14
	Gordon, Dee	246	3e32
3B)	Rodriguez, Alex	410	3e11
	Rodriguez, Sean	--	3e6
C)	Soto, Geovany	463	3(0)e2t13
	Blanco, Henry	110	2(-2)e1t5
	Molina,Jose	188	2(-1)e1t3
LF)	Ibanez, Raul	589	4(0)e1
	Duncan, Shelly	245	4(0)e5
CF)	Gutierrez, Franklin	354	1(-2)e3
	Dirks, Andy	241	3(+1)e6
RF)	Schierholtz, Nate	369	2(-3)e6
	Tabata, Jose	367	3(-1)e4
DH	Lewis, Fred	201	4(+2)e4

LINEUP

VS LHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Tabata-RF	49	65	w
2 Phillips-2B	44	58	0
3 Rodriguez-SS	46	64	2
4 Soto-C	45	67	8
5 Rodriguez-3B	42	47	0
6 Blanco-DH	27	65	8
7 Dirks-RF	29	38	4
8 Moreland-1B	27	33	w
9 Gutierrez-CF	24	24	0
	31.6	44.0	2.4

Key Reserves:

Duncan-LF	32	44	1
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LINEUP

VS RHP

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Schierholtz-RF	32	47	5
Phillips-2B	37	51	2
Santiago-SS	32	38	0
Rodriguez-3B	39	56	5
Duncan-LF	31	67	8
Lewis-DH	35	40	0
Moreland-1B	31	46	4
Gutierrez-CF	21	25	w
Soto-C	23	36	3
	31.2	45.1	3.0

Key Reserves:

Blanco, Henry	34	57	7
Molina,Jose	40	58	w
Tabata-DH	38	49	w
Ibanez-LF	24	41	5
Gordon-SS	38	47	w

VS LHH:

	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Garza, Matt	20	24	0
Nolasco, Ricky	31	47	3
Norris, Bud	28	43	4
Wakefield, Tim	22	39	3
Narverson,Chris	34	42	1

VS RHP:

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Garza, Matt	25	34	1
Nolasco, Ricky	27	37	1
Norris, Bud	18	28	3
Wakefield, Tim	30	52	7
Narverson,Chris	25	39	2

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>
Garza, Matt	217
Nolasco, Ricky	217
Norris, Bud	205
Wakefield, Tim	170
Narverson,Chris	178

BULLPEN:

Madson, Ryan	67	10	14	0	28 28 0
Marshall, Sean*	84	12	18	0	18 19 0
Frasor, Jason	66	36	52	2	21 37 3
Romo, Sergio	53	12	27	2	0 0 0
Below, Dueane*	32	26	31	2	22 27 0

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URPAINE DRAGONS

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		<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>
				<u>VS LHP</u>				<u>VS RHP</u>			
1B)	Sanchez, Gaby	629	4e5								
2B)	Infante, Omar	637	3e10								
SS)	Pennington, Cliff	567	2e25	1 Hernandez-C	49	56	w	Infante-2B	35	47	w
	Seagar, K	200	4e38	2 Infante-2B	29	44	1	Revere-LF	29	34	w
3B)	Hannahan, J	352	1e8	3 Sanchez-1B	50	65	4	Sanchez-1B	36	49	3
	Baker, Jeff	221	4e37	4 Young-CF	45	66	8	Craig-DH	44	61	7
C)	Buck, John	513	3(+1)e1t6	5 Cruz-RF	37	79	8	Cruz-RF	24	42	6
	Hernandez, Ramon	328	4(-1)e1t1	6 Young-DH	33	40	2	Young-CF	30	43	2
LF)	Revere, Ben	495	1(+3)e11	7 Gentry-RF	38	57	w	Hannahan-3B	31	38	2
	Bernadino, Roger	340	2(-1)e2	8 Hannahan-3B	37	53	1	Buck-C	35	43	3
CF)	Young, Chris	624	1(+2)e3	9 Pennington-SS	33	41	w	Pennington-SS	30	37	1
RF)	Cruz, Nelson	523	3(-3)e9		39	56	3		33	44	3
	Gentry, C	146	2(-1)e8	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
DH)	Craig, Allen	220		Baker-3B	36	48	2	Hernandez-C	29	45	5
	Young, Delmon	520		Revere, Ben	30	32	w	Gentry, C	37	37	w
								Bernadino-LF	31	41	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>
Westbrook, J	201	30	37	1	38	52	2
Karstens, Jeff	178	27	43	8	17	29	3
Gee, Dillon	177	27	39	4	29	41	2
Luebke, C*	154	14	18	0	20	32	4
Wells, Randy	149	26	34	3	25	41	8
Bailey, Homer	145	26	40	5	26	34	2
<u>BULLPEN:</u>							
Bray, Bill *	53	19	29	2	18	32	0
Patton, T*	33	18	19	0	6	16	3
Logan, Boone*	46	24	45	4	25	36	0
Feldman, Scott	35	13	13	0	25	43	6
Wright, J	75	21	35	3	36	39	0
Russell, J*	75	19	37	4	27	49	8

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ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DOGS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

		AB	DEF
1B)	LaPorta, Matt	387	4e13
	Huff, A	573	3e7
2B)	Cedeno, Ronny	454	3e19
	Dewitt, Blake	253	4e23
SS)	Barnes,C	491	2e16
	Cedeno, Ronny	--	3e18
3B)	Descalso, Danial	359	2e13
	Gonzalez, Alberto	272	3e11
C)	Thole, Josh	374	4(+1)e1t2
	Posey, Buster	178	2(-1)e3t4
	Mathis, Jeff	272	2(-1)e1t6
LF)	Prado, Martin	606	3(-2)e5
	Mcdonald, Darnel	173	
CF)	Ross, Cody	446	3(-1)e2
	Ankiel, Rick	--	3(-5)e2
RF)	Redick, Josh	279	2(-2)e12
	Ankiel, Rick	418	3(-5)e2
DH)	Damon, Johnny	640	

LINEUP

VS LHP	OB	TB	HR
1 Dewitt-2B	35	44	w
2 Ankiel-RF	30	34	0
3 Barnes-SS	32	37	0
4 Damon-DH	38	54	5
5 Mcdonald-LF	30	47	6
6 Prado-1B	30	44	w
7 Ross-CF	32	40	1
8 Posey-C	38	49	1
9 Gonzalez-3B	27	37	w
	32	43	1

Key Reserves:

Huff-1B	31	39	3
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LINEUP

VS RHP	OB	TB	HR
Descalso-3B	34	47	w
Thole-C	37	47	w
Ross-CF	31	46	5
LaPorta-1B	30	46	6
Redick-RF	34	52	3
Barnes-SS	31	43	3
Damon-DH	32	43	2
Prado-LF	27	36	3
Cedeno-2B	28	41	w
	32	45	2

Key Reserves:

Posey-C	39	87	7
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VS LHH:

	OP	TB	HR
20	25	0	
36	45	0	
55	64	0	
12	21	4	
31	43	1	
34	52	6	

VS RHP:

	OB	TB	HR
21	32	1	
27	39	2	
20	25	0	
30	43	4	
23	33	4	
24	34	4	

ROTATION:

	IP
Lincecum, Tim	239
Jackson, Edwin	220
Morton, Charlie	189
Saunders, Joe*	233
Vargas,J*	221
Arrieta, Jake	131

BULLPEN:

Nunez, Leo	70	28	49	7	12	19	0
Belisle, Matt	79	19	27	0	29	44	1
Dotel, Octovio	59	24	48	8	5	7	0
Gonzalez, Mike*	58	14	21	1	35	58	5
Stutes, Mike	68	26	37	4	24	35	1

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BATON ROUGE SILVER BULLETS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>
1B)	Morneau, Justin 290	3e3
	Dobbs, G 452	4e25
2B)	Getz, Chris 418	3e10
	Roberts, Brian 179	3e13
SS)	Betancourt, Yuniesky 612	4e24
3B)	Zimmerman, Ryan 435	1e20
	Dobbs, G --	4e21
C)	Martin, Russell 459	2(-1)e2t9
	Pena, Braylan 244	4(+1)e1t3
LF)	Crawford, Carl 557	2(-1)e4
	Spillborghs, Ryan --	3(0)e8
CF)	Stubbs, Drew 665	2(-2)e3
	Gomez, Carlos 254	1(-3)e7
RF)	Joyce, Matt 508	2(-2)e4
	Spillborghs, Ryan 220	4(0)e8
DH)	Guerrero, Vladimir 618	

**LINEUP
VS LHP**

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1 Stubbs-CF	54	65	1
2 Guerrero-DH	34	48	w
3 Zimmerman-3B	51	66	0
4 Dobbs-1B	27	27	w
5 Joyce-RF	25	39	4
6 Martin-C	27	35	4
7 Crawford-LF	16	26	2
8 Betancourt-SS	18	23	1
9 Getz-2B	27	30	w
	31	40	1

Key Reserves:

Gomez-CF	22	49	8
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**LINEUP
VS RHP**

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
Crawford-LF	30	46	2
Guerrero-DH	35	45	2
Zimmerman-3B	36	48	3
Joyce-RF	37	56	6
Martin-C	34	46	4
Dobbs-1B	29	40	1
Stubbs, Drew-CF	28	34	1
Getz-2B	31	32	w
Betancourt-SS	26	38	1
	32	43	2

Key Reserves:

Morneau-1B	31	42	1
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VS LHH:

	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	28	43	3
	32	54	8
	32	37	2
	29	43	2
	35	48	4
	23	44	6

VS RHP:

	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
	34	45	2
	17	30	2
	24	39	5
	18	27	2
	26	39	3
	17	28	2

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>
Pelfrey, Mike	213
Volstad, Chris	183
Chen, Bruce*	171
Jurjens	167
Zambrano, Carlos	161
Hanson, Tommy	143

BULLPEN:

Bell, Heath	69	30	33	1	14	15	1
Perez, Chris	66	22	28	0	19	35	6
Hensley, Clay	75	18	20	0	32	56	8
Marmol, Carlos	81	23	23	0	34	43	2
Elbert, Scott	36	20	27	0	23	32	0
Ramos, C*	48	24	30	2	26	32	2