

The Fly-By-Night A.L. - 1998

President - Jeff Merklin Report Date: 5/15/98

Marysville, Ohio (AP) - This will be a very brief newsletter for the AL this reporting period. The league leaders do not appear to be changed much as not a tremendous amount of games have been played the past 2 weeks. Even more important, this is a short week for the league Prez, as he takes his SOM Hockey team (the Columbus Owls) on the road to neutral site Louisville to take on the hated New Jersey Avengers of Frank Simonutti in the United States Hockey League's 1998 Eastern Conference Playoff Finals. Hopefully, Frankie's New Jersey squad will be as successful in this playoff series as their real life brethren the New Jersey Devils were against the meek Ottawa Senators in the NHL's first round. The blood is likely to return to baseball with the next reporting date, so we'll talk some more then.

| Standings | W | L | GB | PCI | 1998 | Home | Road | Streak | L10 | BA | ERA |
|-----------------------|----|----|------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|-----|
| American East | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Caribou Street | 38 | 12 | < | 0.760 | 20-6 | 18-6 | W6 | 8-2 | 0.302 | 3.70 | |
| Baton Rouge | 31 | 17 | 6.0 | 0.646 | 21-7 | 10-10 | L2 | 6-4 | 0.274 | 3.71 | |
| Salem | 23 | 21 | 12.0 | 0.523 | 13-7 | 10-14 | L3 | 4-6 | 0.265 | 3.39 | |
| Junkyard | 18 | 26 | 17.0 | 0.409 | | | | | 0.273 | 4.77 | |
| Mid-Maine | 19 | 29 | 18.0 | 0.396 | 12-16 | 7-13 | W1 | 6-4 | 0.275 | 5.43 | |
| Plymouth | 12 | 36 | 25.0 | 0.250 | | | | | | | |
| American West | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Florida | 30 | 14 | < | 0.682 | 13-7 | 17-7 | W1 | 6-4 | 0.278 | 4.88 | |
| Yorktown | 28 | 20 | 4.0 | 0.583 | 19-9 | 9-11 | L1 | 6-4 | 0.288 | 5.66 | |
| Arsenal | 28 | 20 | 4.0 | 0.583 | 12-12 | 14-6 | W2 | 7-3 | 0.277 | 3.84 | |
| Lake Wobegon | 19 | 17 | 7.0 | 0.528 | 11-9 | 8-8 | W4 | 7-3 | 0.265 | 4.03 | |
| Hotlanta | 17 | 27 | 13.0 | 0.386 | 8-12 | 9-15 | W3 | 6-4 | 0.259 | 4.82 | |
| California | 14 | 34 | 18.0 | 0.292 | | | | | | | |

HOG LOG

WILL BIG MAC ATTACK SERVE UP 71 BIG FRIES?

While President Merklin already has Big Mac breaking the FBN HR record, I don't think it will happen. He is currently on a 75 HR clip but slowing. The Kruk Dome 1-5 BPHR #'s will likely kill his chances. Early on he was hitting some diamond shots, but lately they're all being caught. Plus, the Hogs are home against the NL West, so McGoo misses an opportunity to hit in all these band boxes...that'll cost him 5 dingers right there.

IS THIS PORK OR FILLET MIGNON?

The current Hog 25 man roster payroll is \$48,360,833. The total team is \$52,218,333. McGoo leads the way at \$8,333,333 followed by the Big Unit at \$6,000,000 and O'Neill at \$5,450,000. No complaints there...those guys are earning their \$\$\$ so far. Best buy would be closer Jeff Shaw at \$650,000 (although I think he recently signed a contract extension for a lot more). Most over paid: Timlin at \$3,025,000 and Gooden (laughing in the minors for \$2,787,500). The good news for Doc is that while he's in the minors he can afford to travel in a limo instead of the team bus.

FREAKS!!!!

Always known as a harbinger of freaks, the '98 Hogs are no exception. While there aren't any prototype freaks like the '97's Lenny Dykstra or '96's Tony Longmire, the Hogs are getting some freakish results from some guys:
 Norberto Martin 78 ABs .397
 Mike Blowers 53 ABs .396
 Jed Hansen 47 ABs .383
 FFFFFFFFFFFFFF!!!!

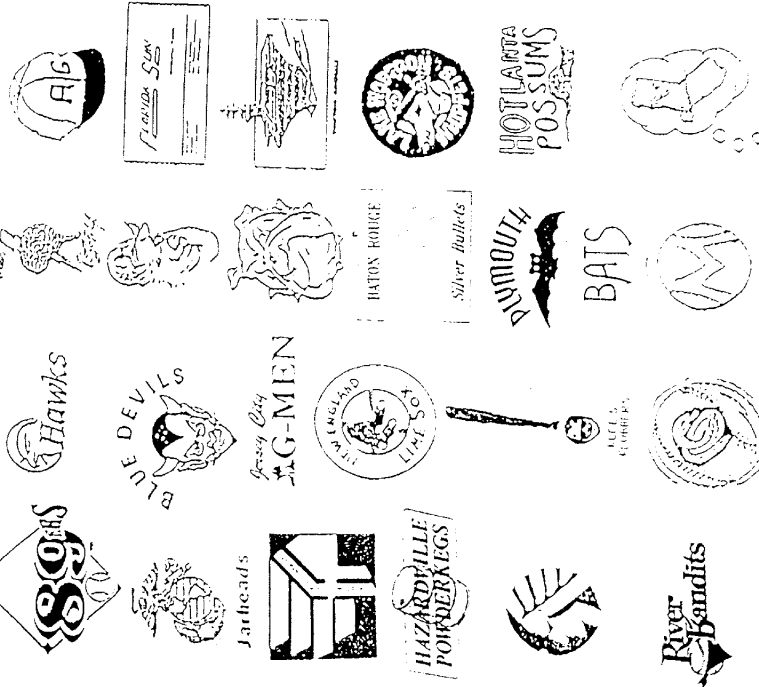
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This reports -BONUS POINTS: Louisville 1 (late), Lake Wobegon 3 (no report).

YTD -BONUS POINTS: Arsenal 12, Lake Wobegon 6 and Louisville 2.

DATES TO REMEMBER 1998:

- July 01 1. Dues Month. League fee of \$20.00 is due by July 31st to keep active member active.
- Sept. 01 1. Send in voting items for review
- Oct. 01 1. Send in any Rookie of the Year candidates from your team
- Nov. 01 1. Voting Month.
- Dec. 18 1. Order the cards for SOM.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

| * EAST * | WON | LOST | PCT. | GB | HOME | ROAD | LAST | | STREAK | TEAM TEAM | |
|--------------|-----|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|----|--------|-----------|------|
| | | | | | | | 10 | 10 | | BA | ERA |
| US JARHEADS | 29 | 23 | 0.558 | - | 16-12 | 13-11 | 5-5 | 4 | LOST 4 | .270 | 4.66 |
| ALLYN STREET | 27 | 25 | 0.519 | 2.0 | 10-18 | 17-7 | 4-6 | 1 | LOST 1 | .278 | 4.31 |
| TAXACHUSETTS | 26 | 26 | 0.500 | 3.0 | | | 5-5 | 4 | LOST 4 | .270 | 4.45 |
| WINDHAM | 24 | 24 | 0.500 | 3.0 | 14-6 | 10-18 | 3-7 | 4 | LOST 4 | .259 | 4.25 |
| HAZARDVILLE | 25 | 27 | 0.481 | 4.0 | 13-15 | 12-12 | 7-3 | 1 | WON 1 | .275 | 5.28 |
| LOUISVILLE | 14 | 42 | 0.250 | 17.0 | 8-20 | 6-22 | 1-9 | 8 | LOST 8 | .253 | 6.02 |
| * WEST * | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FARM VALLEY | 36 | 8 | 0.818 | - | 20-4 | 16-4 | 9-1 | 4 | WON 4 | .294 | 4.13 |
| CONNECTICUT | 33 | 19 | 0.635 | 7.0 | 17-7 | 16-12 | 8-2 | 2 | LOST 2 | .285 | 3.60 |
| JERSEY CITY | 29 | 23 | 0.558 | 11.0 | 18-10 | 11-13 | 5-5 | 4 | WON 4 | .280 | 4.15 |
| KLUBBERS | 27 | 25 | 0.519 | 13.0 | 14-14 | 13-11 | 7-3 | 1 | WON 1 | .283 | 5.26 |
| NEW ENGLAND | 22 | 30 | 0.423 | 18.0 | 11-13 | 11-17 | 3-7 | 2 | WON 2 | .269 | 4.45 |
| PHOENIX | 14 | 30 | 0.318 | 22.0 | 8-16 | 6-14 | 5-5 | 5 | WON 5 | .268 | 6.05 |

LEAGUE LEADERS

AVERAGE (Min. 3.1 innings pitched)

| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| B. Williams (CT) 0.393 | Griffey (FV) 58 | 1. | Griffey (FV) 47 | | | | | | |
| Molitor (AS) 0.370 | Gonzalez (KK) 54 | 2. | Easley (JC) 46 | | | | | | |
| Hatterberg (NE) 0.368 | Mondesi (CT) 47 | 3. | Mondesi (CT) 44 | | | | | | |
| Cora (KK) 0.359 | Bagwell (HP) 47 | 4. | Piazza (FV) 44 | | | | | | |
| Grace (WV) 0.353 | Burnitz (US) 43 | 5. | Rolen (HP) 42 | | | | | | |
| Mondesi (CT) 0.346 | Hatterberg (NE) 41 | 6. | Cora (KK) 41 | | | | | | |
| Valentin (HP) 0.342 | Easley (JC) 39 | 7. | Tucker (US) 41 | | | | | | |
| Piazza (FV) 0.340 | T. Martinez (CT) 39 | 8. | Valentin (HP) 40 | | | | | | |
| 3 tied at 0.333 | Castilla (JC) 38 | 9. | Hunter (FV) 38 | | | | | | |
| | Garcia (FV) 37 | 10. | Biggio (FV) 38 | | | | | | |

HOME RUNS

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----|--------------------|
| 1. Griffey (FV) 26 | 1. Cora (KK) 23 | 1. | Mondesi (CT) 5 |
| 2. Bagwell (HP) 18 | B. Williams (CT) 22 | 2. | B. Williams (CT) 4 |
| 3. Easley (JC) 17 | Mondesi (CT) 19 | 3. | Fryman (US) 4 |
| 4. Gonzalez (KK) 17 | Kendall (LV) 19 | 4. | Stewart (NE) 4 |
| 5. Garcia (FV) 15 | Bagwell (HP) 18 | 5. | Kendall (LV) 4 |
| 6. Salmon (FV) 15 | Valentin (HP) 16 | 6. | |
| 7. Belle (FV) 14 | Alomar (HP) 16 | 7. | |
| 8. T. Martinez (CT) 14 | Grudzielanek (PR) 15 | 8. | |
| 9. | Easley (JC) 15 | 9. | |
| 10. 4 tied at 13 | 2 tied at 14 | 10. | |

STOLEN BASES

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 1. Hunter (KK) 22 | 1. Becker (PR) 50 | 1. | Olerud (HP) 41 |
| 2. T. Goodwin (NE) 22 | Hunter (KK) 48 | 2. | Rolen (HP) 40 |
| 3. Knoblauch (AS) 21 | Klesko (LV) 48 | 3. | Greer (KK) 36 |
| 4. Veras (NE) 17 | Caminiti (WV) 47 | 4. | Knoblauch (AS) 35 |
| 5. McCracken (LV) 17 | Francisco (NE) 46 | 5. | Bagwell (HP) 35 |
| 6. Biggio (FV) 15 | Rolen (HP) 45 | 6. | McCracken (LV) 33 |
| 7. Vizquel (JC) 14 | Ramirez (LV) 45 | 7. | Biggio (FV) 31 |
| 8. Jeter (NE) 13 | Ramirez (LV) 44 | 8. | Grace (WV) 31 |
| 9. Roberts (CT) 13 | Snow (LV) 44 | 9. | Hunter (KK) 30 |
| 10. 3 tied at 12 | Mondesi (CT) 43 | 10. | J. Bell (KK) 30 |

STRIKEOUTS

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| 4. Veras (NE) 17 | Caminiti (WV) 47 | 4. | Knoblauch (AS) 35 |
| 5. McCracken (LV) 17 | Francisco (NE) 46 | 5. | Bagwell (HP) 35 |
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TRIPLES

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|------------------------|----------------------|-----|--------------------|
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WALKS

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Junkyard would like to take a minute to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in allowing me to keep the Dawgs through my illness. I also want to make a special thanks to both Rob and Ed for their concern. I will be following the Dawgs and the League with jealousy and pain but looking forward to hopefully a healthy return.

Again thanks to everyone for their confidence in extending me a leave of absence. Keep me on your e-mail list and remember I will still entertain trades for the Dawgs.

Happy note Chili an original Dawg has passed the 100 homer mark as a Dawg. JB

Baton Rouge Notes

After a great start the Bullets bumbled along this round with a 12-12 record thanks in great part to shoddy relief pitching. Three times the game went into the 9th with the Bullets comfortably in the lead only to have the relief staff give up 4 or more runs in the 9th. Two of those three games resulted in 1 run losses while the third remained a win as we managed to get a long fly out to right with 2 outs and the bases loaded. This round also will be a tough one as we are on the road most of the time with one home series with Caribou St face to face (ear to ear anyway). The Hogs have been in Hog-heaven all season with McKwire going absolutely crazy at the plate. Big Mac was having an off day when he faced the Bullets last time. I'm sure he wants to make up for it this time. And when is Salem going to turn it on? No way is that a 21-19 ball club. The Bullets visit Salem this round. It's about time they break out.

Dean - Great job on the web site. A great way to get the latest standings if everyone will send Dean reasonably frequent updated records.

I was sorry to hear that Jack is so sick that he had to drop out for a while. Jack, take care and get well.

Hey Guys!!

The Plymouth Bat family just welcomed a new addition to their team. My wife and I had a beautiful 7pound 13oz baby girl the other day. Her name is Emma Kristine, and she and mother are doing real well.

Which isn't the way my team is going. The Bats stand at a current record of 12 and 36. The team is batting .224 and team ERA is 5.23. But as always we are playing with a lot of heart and having fun. Our main role we hope, is to play some sort of spoiler in the pennant race in the AL East between now and September. The team is still good enough to create some headaches for somebody. Look out for the Bats when they come to your city.

Notes from the Florida file--Sun strokes

Slumps continue to plague individuals, but the Sun team effort has done well. The Big Hurt has hurt no one going 24 games with 3 RBI. Rodriguez has managed to raise his average to a robust .208. Ben McDonald continues to mystify his coaches with an ERA over 10. Enough of the crying for them, while the team batting average has gone down 30 points in the last two weeks, the pen has been sparkling over the same period of time. Wetteland had done his usual closer routine, while set up men Drierfort, Urbina, Rojas and newcomer Garcia have gone a combined 7-0.

Not too much to report on in Possum land. We went 11-13 vs the NL East. It looks like Hollanta will shatter the team stolen base record this year. We are on pace to steal 202 bases. Our record is 124 SB's. Possum pitchers are on a 1082 strikeout pace which would top our record of 1017 K's. Eric Karros and Tony Clark are only hitting a combined .244 but have over 1/3 of the team's RBI's and over 1/2 of the team's HR's (60 RBI and 15 HR).

THE FLY-BY-NIGHT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION RECORDS

HITTERS

At Bats: 723 - M. Grissom, 1995 Hazardville Powderkegs (AL)
 Hits: 248 - Tony Gwynn, 1988 Connecticut Blue Devils (NL)
 Doubles: 78 - Chuck Knoblauch, 1995 Allyn Street 89ERS (NL)
 Triples: 29 - Lance Johnson, 1995 Bolton Bulldogs (NL)
 Home Runs: 70 - Mike Piazza, 1997 Farmington Valley Hawks (NL)
 Runs: 161 - Jeff Bagwell, 1995 Hazardville Powderkegs (AL), Frank Thomas, 1995 Florida Sun (AL)
 - Mike Piazza, 1997 Farmington Valley Hawks (NL)

RBI: 191 - Andre Gallarraga, 1997 Arsenal Gunners (NL)

Walks: 163 - Joe Morgan, 1976 Galactic Gladiators (AL)

Strikeouts: 192 - Jesse Barfield, 1991 Baron Rouge Silver Bullets (AL)

Stolen Bases: 163 - Tim Raines, 1984 TEEM (AL)

CS: 55 - Rod Carew, 1975 Calcutta Magic Carpets (AL), Bill North, 1977 Illinois Aces (AL)

Errors: 46 - Jose Valentin, 1997 Taxachusetts Chiefs (NL)

Average: .384 - Tony Gwynn 1988 Connecticut Blue Devils (NL)

Team Wins: 123 - 1996 Boton Bulldogs (NL)

Team Losses: 126 - 1984 Orangeville Wolverines (NL)

PITCHERS

Games: 100 - Eddie Guardado, 1997 Hotlanta Possums (NL)

CG: 30 - Dennis Leonard, 1978 Chicago Blue Chippers (AL)

Wins: 32 - Greg Maddux, 1995 Connecticut Blue Devils (NL)

Losses: 27 - Steve Carlton, 1984 Orangeville Wolverines (NL)

Saves: 52 - Trevor Hoffman, 1997 Farmington Valley Hawks (NL)

IP: 355 - Gaylord Perry, 1976 Carolina Pines (NL)

Hits Allowed: 332 - Danny Jackson, 1995 Lake Wobegon (AL)

Earned Runs Allowed: 194 - Jaimie Navarro 1997 Hotlanta Possums (NL)

Walks Allowed: 202 - Nolan Ryan, 1975 Lancaster Crusaders (AL)

Strikeouts: 364 - Randy Johnson, 1996 North Reading Hogs (AL)

ERA: 1.66 - Bob Forsch, 1975 Montana Warriors (AL)

HR's Allowed: 61 - Kevin Tapani, 1997 Taxachusetts Chiefs (NL)

Shutouts: 11 - Nolan Ryan, 1975 Lancaster Crusaders(AL), J. R. Richard, 1980 Orangeville Wolverines (NL)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY THE '97 ALL-STAR GAME AND SEND IN THE RESULTS PLEASE LET ME KNOW. THANKS ROB

TOP 10 PITCHING STATISTICS

| (min. 1 IP/game) E.R.A. - Starter | MOST INNINGS PITCHED | RELIEF APPEARANCES |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Clemens (FV) 2.11 | 1. Smoltz (JC) 101.0 | 1. McElroy (CT) 26 |
| 2. Cloude (HP) 2.41 | 2. Dickson (LV) 96.2 | 2. Belinda (TX) 25 |
| 3. Cone (WV) 2.53 | 3. Erickson (JC) 93.0 | 3. Quantrell (AS) 24 |
| 4. Morgan (CT) 2.76 | 4. Morris (CT) 93.0 | 4. Lidle (CT) 24 |
| 5. Erickson (JC) 3.09 | 5. Kile (AS) 90.1 | 5. Lira (LV) 23 |
| 6. Morris (CT) 3.10 | 6. Hentgen (HP) 88.2 | 6. Wohlers (HP) 21 |
| 7. D'Amico (NE) 3.13 | 7. Hampton (CT) 86.0 | |
| 8. Witt (PR) 3.30 | 8. Maddux (TX) 85.0 | |
| 9. Remlinger (CT) 3.36 | 9. Holt (JC) 80.0 | Several tied at 20 |
| 10. Maddux (TX) 3.39 | 10. Perez (US) 79.0 | |

MOST WINS

- Maddux (TX) 9
- Smoltz (JC) 8
- Cone (WV) 7
- Morris (CT) 7
- Morgan (CT) 7
- Kile (AS) 7
- Remlinger (HP) 7
- Clemens (FV) 7
- Holt (JC) 6
- Cloude (HP) 6
- Baldwin (NE) 6
- Smoltz (JC) 6
- P.Martinez (FV) 5
- Severall tied at 5
- Alvarez (PR) 5

MOST STRIKEOUTS

- Smoltz (JC) 102
- Cone (WV) 98
- Morris (CT) 73
- Morgan (CT) 67
- Kile (AS) 67
- Remlinger (HP) 65
- Clemens (FV) 64
- Holt (JC) 59
- Smoltz (JC) 59
- P.Martinez (FV) 59
- Baldwin (NE) 56
- Severall tied at 56
- Alvarez (PR) 56

MOST WALKS

- Gonzalez (US) 58
- Milicki (KK) 44
- Kile (AS) 44
- Morris (CT) 39
- Cooke (KK) 38
- Hampton (CT) 34
- Bullinger (US) 33
- Kaminietcki (KK) 33
- Baldwin (NE) 32
- Cone (WV) 32

FIREMAN AWARD

| | PTS. | W | L | S |
|--------------------|------|---|---|----|
| 1. Osuna (US) | 25 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| 2. Montgomery (WV) | 22 | 4 | 1 | 10 |
| 3. Belinda (TX) | 17 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| 4. Hoffman (FV) | 16 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| 5. Wohlers (HP) | 15 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 6. Benitez (CT) | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| 7. Hudek (LV) | 12 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 8. Jones (AS) | 12 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 9. Hermanson (AS) | 10 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| 10. Valdes (KK) | 10 | 0 | 1 | 6 |

WINNING % (min. 6 decisions)

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Morgan (CT) | 7-0 | 1.000 |
| 2. Clemens (FV) | 7-0 | 1.000 |
| 3. Maddux (TX) | 9-1 | 0.900 |
| 4. Erickson (JC) | 8-1 | 0.889 |
| 5. Rosado (US) | 5-1 | 0.833 |
| 6. Gonzalez (US) | 5-1 | 0.833 |
| 7. Bailey (NE) | 6-2 | 0.750 |
| 8. Pisciotta (US) | 4-2 | 0.667 |
| 9. Kile (AS) | 7-4 | 0.636 |
| 10. Morris (CT) | 7-4 | 0.636 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER NOTES:

WARRIOR WAVES: After the short-lived moral victory of splitting with Farmington Valley, reality set in. Losing 3 of 4 to CT and being swept by the Taxmen have brought us back to .500 ball.

Warrior pitching has given up 66 dingers compared to hitting only 36! Ouch!! The tell-tale is by Home/Away records. Home 14-6 Away 10-18. You don't have to be E.T. to know we like to be home!!

G-FILES: Since being swept by Connecticut, I have been trying to deal John Smoltz but haven't had any real offers. If you're interested he IS available. I'm looking for almost anything, so long as its young. Give me a call.

BANDITS BANIER - Well, the Bandits aren't doing any better - we are currently on an 8 game losing streak with no end in sight! The staff ERA is rising like a flash flood to 6.02 and the team batting average is down to .253. The Bandits have hit 39 HR's in 56 games but the pitching staff has surrendered a WHOPPING 84 in those 56 games!! The Bandits staff are scouting the minor leagues for pitchers right now. I am looking for young arms or high draft picks. I really don't want to make a trade but if I get WOMED by an offer, who knows. I have had one trade inquiry but as of right now - nothing is being planned. I am waiting for Andrew and Matthew(my two sons) to pitch for me. The way my team is going it might take that long to be a contender.

DEVIL DOODLES - The Blue Devil pitching staff has been a pleasant surprise this year - they are the only team in the NL with an ERA under 4.00 at 3.60. In the last 12 games, pitchers have allowed only 28 earned runs, only 92 hits and 5 HR's in 108 innings. (2.33 ERA) CT went 9-3 in those games.

Veteran Mike Morgan has been a HUGE surprise with a 2.76 ERA and 7-0 record. Rookie Matt Morris is benefitting from watching the veteran Morgan as Morris has gone 7-4 3.10 and has allowed just 4 earned runs in his last 3 starts!!

The Blue Devils took command of 2nd place in the NL WEST with a big 4 game sweep of arch rival Jersey City. The G-Men were held to just 6 runs 25 hits and most importantly, only 2 HR's in the sweep. Rumors from the G-men clubhouse after the sweep had them throwing in the towel for the season but GM Gineo doesn't buy that.

Finally, Raul Mondesi continues his MVP-type season batting .348 with 46 runs, 47 RBI, 19 doubles, 5 triples, 13 HR's and 9 for 9 in stolen bases.

Snake Bites: The Rattlers start their second trip through the NL West hoping to improve on the first trip. For the first time in a very, very, very long time the Snakes do not have the worst record in the league (according to the last e-mail). Although 60 wins may still be a dream, maybe the Rattler management is finally showing signs of recovering from the frontal lobotomy.

Looking towards next year.... Bichette, King, McLemore, Coomer are off to good starts. Conine just returned from the DL. Mark Leiter has looked good as Philly's interim closer and Felix Rodriguez still looks like a solid prospect as the D-Backs closer. Witt, Alvarez, Saunders and Keagle are still in rotations. Pichardo moves from the pen to the rotation (and to the DL to K'n Bob Wells and Shuey). Peters, Loiselle and Wengert are at least in the 'show.' Maybe .500 is only another couple years away.

JARHEAD SCUTTLEBUTT:

SHRAPNEL:

1997 first round draft pick Je. Gonzalez is 5-1 3.63
 1996 first round draft pick Jose Rosado is 5-1 4.59
 A check of Jarhead archives shows the current losing streak vs the F. V. Hawks, including playoffs, is 17 games.



New manager Cookie Rojas has turned the team around. After an extremely slow start the 'Kegs are up to 25-27 and right back in the tight NL East race. The hitting has come around and the pitching has hurt us too much lately. Can we keep it up? It's up to Cookie to produce or his butt is toast.

TRADED 1999 DRAFT PICKS:

Arsenal: #3 (with 6-BP's) to TX #4 (with 6-BP's) to TX if TX pick is higher. NE#1 to CD.
 Baton Rouge: #5 to Louisville.
 California: #3 to Yorktown. #4 to Louisville.
 Caribou Street: #1 to Plymouth. #2 & #6 to MidMaine. #3 to California.
 Hazardville: #4 to Baton Rouge.
 Jersey City: #2 & #4 to Plymouth. #3 to California.
 Junkyard: #1 to Plymouth.
 Lake Wobegon: #1 & 2 to Louisville.
 MidMaine: #1 to Salem.
 New England: #1 to Arsenal. #3 to Salem.
 Phoenix: #4 to Salem.
 Plymouth: #3 to Junkyard. #4 to Jersey City.
 Taxachusets: #2 to Caribou Street. #4 to Arsenal to TX pick is higher.
 Yorktown: #1 to California. #3 to California.
 Salem: MM#1 to Taxachusets.

KLUBBER KLIPS

Hello-oh, new man!

Flush from his team's recent surge and the apparently successful promotion of nighthander Ramiro Mendoza, GM and Master of his Domain Klee announced that young phenom Livan Hernandez will be promoted one block sooner than expected. The early work of the Klubber rotation in soaking up many scary innings, has resulted in a well rested bullpen which will be called upon to shoulder the burden of nursing along the youngster as he gets his major league feet wet.

The Klub is now over .500 this late in the season for the first time in four years. Though not planning to contend for a playoff spot this year (not that there's anything wrong with that), they promise to make things interesting for the Blue Devils and G-Men who will likely battle it out for the dubious privilege of being manhandled by the Hawks in the first round of the playoffs.

It will be 1999 when Manager Kramden figures to guide the Klubbers into post season play. But before this season is over, the close talking field general will be double dipping into the AAA rotation for Steve Woodard and Kevin Millwood so that they can acquire some valuable pennant race experience. Yes, they're real and they're spectacular.

Although it appears that there will be no soup for Frankie Castillo, Sterling Hitchcock, and Steve Cooke, it's still possible that they too could figure prominently in the Klub's future title hopes. Significant shrinkage of their massive ERA's will be necessary, however. The other possibility is that they could be regifted to another team in the league to fill whatever needs that may develop.

That's a Jack Fact. Never in the history of major league baseball have more than two players hit 50 or more homers in a single season. Last year, no less than twelve FBNet's accomplished this feat. Spare me, Terry Steinbach.

All-Star Games

Nationals Lead series 6-3

- 1998 -
- 1997 - NONE PLAYED
- 1996 - AL 7 - NL 2
- 1995 - NL 9 - AL 7
- 1994 - AL 5 - NL 4
- 1993 - NL 3 - AL 2
- 1992 - NL 3 - AL 1
- 1991 - NL 4 - AL 1
- 1990 - AL 3 - NL 0
- 1989 - NL 7 - AL 1
- 1988 - NL 6 - AL 5

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

| American League | National League | GENERAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR | National League |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1997 - Dave Sanborn | 1997 - Rob Bruno | 1997 - Mike Gerack | 1997 - Glen Boucher |
| 1996 - Mike Holbrook | 1996 - Bill Nieman | 1996 - Rich Hamel | 1996 - Dean Morris |
| 1995 - Bob Figella | 1995 - Rob Bruno | 1995 - Rich Hamel | 1995 - Rob Bruno |
| 1994 - Jim Fergusan | 1994 - Bruce Fogg | 1994 - Rich Hamel | 1994 - Dave Gineo |
| 1993 - Ed Griffin | 1993 - Rob Bruno | 1993 - Mike Gerack | 1993 - Rob Bruno |
| 1992 - (IF ANYONE) THE 1992 INFORMATION PLEASE LET ME KNOW | | | |
| 1991 - Tris Coffin | 1991 - Roland Klee | 1991 - Rich Hamel | 1991 - Roland Klee |
| 1990 - Bruce Kutler | 1990 - Glen Boucher | | |
| 1989 - Rich Hamel | 1989 - Jim Janukewicz | | |
| 1988 - Debbie Cope | 1988 - Dave Gineo | | |

NOT A SEPARATE VOTING ITEM BEFORE 1991.