

Reloading the Bullets

"Next season the Bullets should be able to field one of our better teams..."

By Mike Holbrook

The Silver Bullets started a controlled rebuilding process in earnest this year. Gone are three mainstays of the Bullet offense – Ron Gant, traded for a #1 pick, Raf Palmeiro, traded for Rondell White, and Jim Eisenreich. Gant seemed to have been running out of gas with a couple .220 - .230 seasons and a consistent 4 in left field. Palmeiro was coming off a great year (and is having another one this year) but is 34 and has a good, young back up in Jim Thome who is 28. Palmeiro holds nearly every offensive record for the Baton Rouge franchise and was hard to let go but Rondell White is 7 years younger and hopefully just coming into his prime. Eisenreich, a career .318 hitter and 9th round draft pick, simply reached the end of his great career.

Two significant acquisitions were made last year in Eli Marrero and Rich Aurilia, both considered as future starters. Although Todd Hundley is only 29, his defense will

certainly make him unusable next year and perhaps every year. While his hitting has picked up lately he will never be the defensive catcher that Marrero will be. Aurilia will take over at short for Mike Bordick. While Bordick has been a great defensive player, his hitting has never been good. While Aurilia brings nearly as good a glove (still too many errors), he also brings 20-25 home runs and a good average – currently just under .300. This has to put him in a class just behind the big 3 shortstops.

This years draft was one of the best ever for the Bullets and brings several more future cogs onto the team – Preston Wilson, Brian Rose, and Carlos Guillen (also Orlando Hernandez but I can't count him as one of the young guys). Wilson has laid claim to center field for the Marlins and is having a great rookie season. He should get more than a few votes for NL Rookie of the Year.

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Transactions:

(1.) Yorktown rec'ed G.Williams, R. Gutierrez, C. Bradford, F. Rodriguez & HT#5. Hotlanta rec'ed S.Sullivan, PTBN & YA#4. (PTBN Swindell & L. Lopez end of season.)



(2.) California rec'ed M. Cummings from Taxachusetts for CD#4.

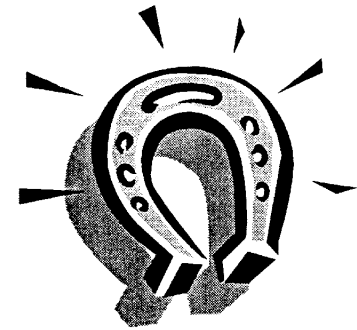
(3.) Wall Street rec'ed KK#3 from Arsenal for T. Eusebio.
(4.) Hazardville rec'ed CS#1 for B.Abreu at the end of the year.

(4) Salem rec'ed E. Burks and A. Gallaraga from Arsenal for A.

Brown and 2 PTBN (M.Vaughn T.Gwynn at the end of the season).

ALLYN STREET makes minor moves....

Allyn Street - The 89ERS have shuffled their starting rotation again to add more depth to the bullpen. S/R **Dustin Hermanson** will be available in the pen Vs the NL West. "We needed another RHP that can get batters out. Dustin the best we have so he got the job", said Torre. Other changes are coming for the 89ERS. They will be cosmetic at first with Greg Norton, Mike Matheny and Matt Williams being sent down to Triple-A Liberty Insurancemen but other change could take place by the end of the season.



The move was made to help get Williams back on track for next year. He has a number of personal items to take care of. The 89ERS recalled utilityman **Alex Arias** from Triple-A.

To follow Mr. Klee and GM Hamel here is the ALL-89ER Team:

	GA	AVE	OBP	SLG	YEARS PLAYED
DH Ricky Jordan	575	.302	.338	.477	89 - 95

C Macky Sasser 345(G) .303.351.427 89 - 93	837(K) 4.61	1993 - to present
1B Fred McGriff 1537(G) .268.365 .501 88 - to present	SP Shane Reynolds 111(GS) 63-49 865(IP) 758(K) 4.89 '95 - to present	
2B Chuck Knoblauch 1089(G) .295.381 .401 92 - to present	RP Steve Farr 459(G) 38-34 113(Sv) 558(K) 3.06 1985 - 94	
3B Edgar Martinez 792(G) .310.414.499 92 - 97	Notables left of the ALL 89ER Team:	
SS Jose Vizcaino 768(G)	CF Ken Griffey Sr. 535(G) .291 .341 .433 1985 - 88	
	3B Vance Law 740(G) .270 .347 .420 1985 - 89	

This reports -BP's: LW 2 (4 days late).

YTD -BP's: LW 8, FS 5, HT 4 1/2, PR 3, LV 2 1/2, AG 2, SC 2, PB 2, BR 1.

Next due date August 15.

Player stats do not include 1999 stats for active players.



.273 .323.349 91 - to present	SP Ramon Martinez 292(GS) 124-76 1822IP 1232(K) 3.81 1990 - to present
LF Shane Mack 963(G) .293.359.445 88 - to present	SP Dwight Gooden 177(GS) 79-71 1247IP 1102(K) 3.54 1985 - 89
CF Darryl Hamilton 1045(G) .279.342.377 91 - to present	SP Jimmy Key 187(GS) 69-60 1081IP 674(K) 4.56 1992 - 97
RF Orlando Merced 875(G) .278.351.420 92 - to present	SP Darryl Kile 150(GS) 70-46 1023IP

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NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	* EAST *		* WEST *		STREAK	BA	ERA			
	WON	LOST	PCT.	GB						
WINDHAM	61	52	0.540	-	36-23	25-29	4-6	LOST 1	.260	4.09
HAZARDVILLE	57	56	0.504	4.0	31-28	26-28	6-4	LOST 2	.271	4.81
ALLEN STREET	56	57	0.496	5.0	25-29	31-28	6-4	WON 2	.261	4.23
TAXACHUSETTS	56	59	0.487	6.0	29-29	27-30	5-5	WON 1	.274	4.13
MALL STREET	55	58	0.487	6.0	24-26	31-32	4-6	WON 1	.263	4.86
US JARHEADS	46	67	0.407	15.0	23-31	23-36	7-3	WON 2	.242	4.69

TEAM	* EAST *		* WEST *		STREAK	BA	ERA			
	WON	LOST	PCT.	GB						
FARM VALLEY	73	28	0.723	-	41-14	32-14		LOST 2		3.97
JERSEY CITY	67	38	0.638	8.0	35-15	32-23	7-3	LOST 1	.289	4.65
KLUBBERS	67	46	0.593	12.0	40-23	27-23	6-4	WON 1	.274	4.41
CONNECTICUT	52	57	0.477	25.0	28-22	24-35	4-6	LOST 1	.271	4.41
SILVER CITY	42	55	0.433	28.0					.253	5.12
PHOENIX	33	72	0.314	42.0	22-37	11-35	2-8	LOST 2	.226	5.02

LEAGUE LEADERS

AVERAGE (Min. 3.1 PA/G)		RUNS BATTED IN		RUNS SCORED	
1. Griffey (FV)0.339	1. Gonzalez (KC)	120	1.	Bagwell (HP)	85
2. Gonzalez (KC)0.335	2. Castilla (JC)	89	2.	Jones (FV)	83
3. Olerud (HP)0.334	3. Canseco (KK)	88	3.	Castilla (JC)	82
4. Davis (JC)0.334	4. Griffey (FV)	87	4.	Greer (KK)	81
5. Piazza (FV)0.328	5. Rolen (HP)	86	5.	Griffey (FV)	80
6. Klesko (JC)0.326	6. Green (HP)	83	6.	Canseco (KK)	77
7. Biggio (FV)0.321	7. Guerrero (FV)	81	7.	Rolen (HP)	76
8. Williams (CT)0.321	8. Bagwell (HP)	78	8.	Gonzalez (KC)	74
9. Jeter (SC)0.320	9. D.Bell (TX)	76	9.	Biggio (FV)	73
10. Garciparra (FV)0.318	10. Palmer (TX)	76	10.	2 tied	72

HOME RUNS		DOUBLES		TRIPLES	
1. Castilla (JC)	43	1. Biggio (FV)	46	1. Dellucci (HP)	11
2. Griffey (FV)	39	2. Gonzalez (KC)	37	2. Jeter (SC)	10
3. Canseco (KK)	36	3. Boone (TX)	35	3. Anderson (US)	7
4. Gonzalez (KC)	32	4. K.Young (TX)	34	4. Vina (CT)	7
5. Burnitz (US)	32	5. Rolen (HP)	33	5. Grace (WW)	6
6. Guerrero (FV)	31	6. Floyd (WS)	32	6. J.Bell (KK)	6
7. Garciparra (FV)	29	7. D. Bell (TX)	32	7. Vizquel (JC)	6
8. Jones (FV)	28	8. Grace (WW)	31	8. O'Leary (HP)	6
9. 3 tied at	27	9. Lansing (WW)	31	9. Rolen (HP)	6
10. 3 tied at	27	10. Fryman (US)	31	10. 2 tied at	5

STOLEN BASES		STRIKEOUTS		WALKS	
1. Stewart (SC)	39	1. Sorrento (PR)	128	1. Bagwell (HP)	92
2. Renteria (CT)	33	2. Burnitz (US)	126	2. Rolen (HP)	75
3. Knoblauch (AS)	33	3. Canseco (KK)	121	3. Hamilton (AS)	73
4. Goodwin (SC)	33	4. Fryman (US)	118	4. Knoblauch (AS)	66
5. Canseco (KK)	31	5. Rodriguez (US)	111	5. Grace (WW)	62
6. O. Nixon (WS)	25	6. J. Bell (KK)	103	6. Jaha (US)	62
7. Vizquel (JC)	25	7. D. Bell (TX)	102	7. Greer (KK)	61
8. Hunter (KK)	22	8. K.Young (TX)	98	8. Curtis (US)	61
9. 3 tied at	21	9. Rolen (HP)	92	9. Olerud (HP)	60
10. 3 tied at	21	10. Mondes (CT)	89	10. Ventura (KK)	56

Plymouth and Baton Rouge played an A-TAT series for the tightly contested second place in the AL East. Salem is out of reach and is now making moves to strengthen their post-season roster. A major win streak in this series and the final 5 game series would probably determine the other post-season position in this division.

Game 1 pitted Schilling against Pettitte. Surprisingly the bats were booming for both sides as the lead changed hands 6 times in the course of the game. The telling blow came in the 8th as the Bats finally knocked out Schilling after he hit Devon White and then gave up a two base single to Brogna with a 6-5 lead. Percival came in to face Miller and Gomez. Percival has been untouchable this year sporting a 0.40 ERA in 50 innings. Miller struck out and Chris Gomez!!!! Knocks it out of the park to make a loser out of Schilling. It was the first home run given up by Percival this year. Veras, White, Buhner and Sheffield were all injured in this game.

Game 2 saw Olivares face Sele. There was no question in this game as the Bullets hit Sele hard in the first and the second for a 6-0 lead. The Bats made it interesting by finally getting to Olivares in the 9th closing the lead to 6-4 with the bases loaded. Tom Gordon had to come on to get the last out.

Game 3 was Mussina against Lieber. The Bats carried a 3-0 lead into the 6th when 3 consecutive singles and an error chased Lieber with a 3-2 lead but Whisenant gave up a single to tie the score. Percival worked a perfect 7th but loaded the bases with one out in the 8th. Gordon came on giving up a walk, a single and a bases clearing double to Miller. Myers came in and also got drubbed as the Bullets lose what was a close one 11-3. Two more Bat injuries to Brosius and Brogna.

Game 4 was the surprising Hamilton versus Portugal. Hamilton absolutely sucked in the first three innings. He put 4 men on the 1st, 3 in the 2nd and 3 in the 3rd but only gave up 2 runs. The Bats left 7 men on base in those innings. Baton Rouge scored 3 in the 1st on double, double, single, double. After the 3rd inning Hamilton got tough and set down 13 straight men but had to leave in the 8th with the bases loaded again but a 6-2 lead. The final was 8-5 as both teams added tallies. Two more injuries in this game to Thome and Brant Brown making a total of 7 for the series.

A series split now makes the final 5 game set even more important. I don't see there being much space between second and third place. A dog fight to the end. Dave - really enjoyed the series. Looking forward to the return match.

Dreamer Weavings - As the season enters the "Dog Days" (and this doesn't refer to the former Junkyard squad), the Dreamers continue to increase their hold on the AL West - cruising through the 5th block w/ a 12-4 record (w/ 4 games out) - Sosa continues to sizzle with 56 HR's through 109 games, and Rob Nen continues his assault on the single season save record (46 so far - 1 blown save).

With John VanderWal tiring, Lance Johnson aging and Will Cordero probably facing assault charges somewhere, the Dreamers have acquired perennial underachiever Midre Cummings from the Tax. chiefs for a draft pick. This deal almost makes the Yorktown pickup of McCracken and the Arsenal deal for Micki look significant.

Finally, let's join David Wells in having a beer for David Cone in honor of his perfect game for the Yankees last week. Cone is only a meager 11-9 for the Dreamers this season, but maybe the perfecto is a good omen. Dream On.....

Possums finish 7-13 vs A.L. West. The highlight of the round was a face to face confrontation with the Arsenal. "Deadbeat" Dean brought his team to Possum land and assured us his dues check was in the mail before we started the games. After extended whining about injuries to Galaraga, Neagle, and Bonds and how poor Arsenal will struggle next year, we finally played the games. Tough Dean! Kirby Fucett woke up blind one day. I got over it!

We took turns beating up on each other and split the series. Tony Womack needed 7 SB's in the series before departing to Phoenix to break the Possum's single season record of 42 SB's. Womack stole 5 bases on 6 attempts and ended the year with 41 SB's. A valiant effort but a little short.

In the final game of the series traded lame duck Possums Womack, Gutierrez, and Williams went wild in last game. Womack was 2/5, 1 BB, 3 runs, 1 SE. Gutierrez was 2/3, 1 BB, 1 HBP, 3 runs. Williams was 3/4, 2 runs, 6 RBI's. Fully they will all help their future teams.

Reloading the Bullets....

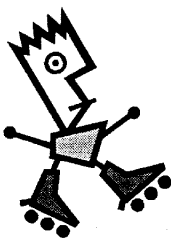
Every regular member has paid for 2000. We also have two backup members. It may be 3. Checking records now.

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After starting slow, he is showing that he can make adjustments to how he is being pitched. Rose is the first step in renewing the starting staff. This changing of the guard will be done slowly since the current staff is not that old. Schilling 32, Mussina 30, Hernandez 30?, Olivares 31, Fernandez 29, and Hamilton 28. Rose is only 23 and can grow into the rotation. Carlos Guillen was supposed to complete the middle infield for both the Mariners and the Silver Bullets but the injury bug bit him again.

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Gipson to help when needed. Thome is slowly starting to hit and will be above average at first. The combination of Bordick and Aurilia at short will give good hitting (Bordick .400 vs lefties and Aurilia .300 with some power vs righties) and good defense. Starting pitching will be the strength again even in this year of 10, 15, even 20 run games. Six of the seven starters are having good seasons lead by Schilling, Mussina, and Hernandez. Percival will be there to close out the 9th but the rest of the bullpen will be in need of some upgrading.



Next season the Bullets should be able to field one of our better teams despite being in the rebuilding mode as the young guys start to contribute. The outfield/dh looks deep with Sheffield and White in left, Lofton in center, and Wilson in right with Roberto Kelly, Rob Ducey, Jacob Cruz, and Charles

Don't be surprised if some of the names mentioned here are not with the Bullets by the time next season starts. Most will be, but there may very well be a few selected trades....

TRADED 2000 DRAFT PICKS:

Allyn Street: No draft picks traded.

Arsenal: KK#3 to Wall Street.

Baton Rouge: #1 to California. #3 to Yorktown

California: #1 to Windham. #3 to Caribou Street. #4 to Taxachusetts. BR#1 to Windham.

Caribou Street: #1 to Hazardville. #3 to Baton Rouge. Also, KK#2 to ASt.

Connecticut: No draft picks traded

Farmington Valley: No draft picks traded

Florida: No draft picks traded

Hazardville: No draft picks traded

Hotlanta: #5 to Yorktown.

Jersey City: #1 to Caribou St. #3 to Wall Street.

Klee's #2 to Caribou St. #3 to Arsenal.

Lake Wobegon: #4 to Windham.

Louisville: #4 to YA. #5 to JC. TX#3 to KK.

MidMaine: No draft picks traded



Phoenix: #3 to Louisville.

Plymouth: #1, #2, #3 to Allyn Street.#4 to Caribou Street.

Salem: No draft picks traded

Silver City: #2 to California.

Taxachusetts: #3 to Louisville.#5 to Wall Street.

US Jarheads: No draft picks traded

Wall Street: No draft picks traded

Windham: #3 to Lake Wobegon.

Yorktown: #1 to Baton

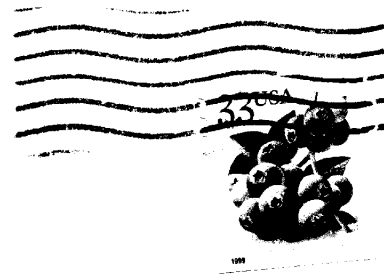
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Wheel & Deal...

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**CHIEF TEAM OF THE DECADE
BY BUD DRAPEAU**

Teams have one block remaining to decide whether they're going to play for the post-season or build for 2000. What will the NLEast do?

Bob Mendez smiled. The teeth ready to bite the throng of reporters, but he held off. "I think we beat Hazardville, the Windham GM said. And I know we beat Allyn Street and they were the hottest team around at the time."

As the Warriors GM Prepared to face the NLWest, Mendez felt a decided need to defend his team. He contested the perception that the Warriors hadn't proven they can match up with the FBN's elite teams. "The issue is simple, I'd rather be LUCKY rather than good! I can roll the dice better than anyone out there!"

Mendez's Warriors certainly are in the NLE

drivers seat at 61-52, with Hazardville in 2nd at 57-56. No other NLE team is over .500 but Allyn Street is 56-57 and Taxachusetts and Wall Street are 55-58 all with in streaking distance.

The most compelling battle is yet to come... the NLWest. With Farmington a run away machine controlling the NLW by 11, games at 70-25. Jersey City and Klee's battling for the last playoff spot in the NLW at 58-35 and 60-41 respectfully, the NLE

teams will have a dog fight to stay alive. Then there's Connecticut and Lou Piniella to deal with. Silver City and Phoenix may also have a hand in deciding the NLEast Pennant Race.

LOOKING FOR TRUE BELIEVERS!

- DH - Jose Canseco
- 1B - Cecil Fielder
- 2B - Bret Boone
- 3B - Dean Palmer
- SS - Jose Valentin

- LF - Joe Carter
- CF - Steve Finley
- RF - Rob Deer
- SP - Greg Maddux

- RP - Mike Henneman

HOGS 2000 LINEUP:

1. Cedeno (LF) 2. Durham (2b)
3. Everitt (CF) 4. Casey (1b)
5. Abreu (RF) 6. Glaus (3b) 7. Perez (SS) 8. Hollswrth/Hammonds/etc (DH) 9. Fabregas (C) (By Ed Griffin)