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## FOR THE LOVE OF THE FREAK

### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE:

*Sean Casey, CSt. 328AB, .290Avg, 30 doubles, .394 OBP, .470 SLG.*

For the love of the Freak  
An Editorial by Ed Griffin

No, I am not about to pay homage to Ed Glass. I'm talking about the nobody, the September call up, the career utility player, the 50AB...150 AB....maybe even 200 AB guy who for just one year gets an ungodly card...yes the Freak card. It might be the '98 Shane Spencer who hit a bunch of HR's in 60+ AB's and gets a whole column of dingers.....or maybe the '97 Chris Stynes that got 200 AB's and inexplicably hit about .400 against right



handed pitchers. The never immortal Stynes had about two full columns of singles. The next year Mr. Stynes hits .250 and is Strat-useless. Some of the recent internet

banter about the draft and its relationship to the ever popular debate concerning the boundaries of reality and its place in our glorious game made me think of the FREAK. Ohhhhh, the wonderous freak....the guy that you pick up in the third round with a feeling of glee/embarrassment as the shrill chorus of FREEEEEEAK rings in your ears like either Christmas bells or annoying squawks of a mocking bird.... depending upon your level of denial. ...oh, I think he has potential you might whisper..... baloney! (continued on pg 2)

## The Silver City Knights....

The name alone seems almost "Regal". Destined for greatness by some higher power. To be among King Richard or Sir Lancelot. The Knights press forward looking for that, mystic quality that many have searched for. Hoping that one day Merlin

would come and help them to the Promised Land... The World Series.

The Knights management took over a team that lacked the starting pitching needed to contend. It had "star" caliber players on its roster, such as Derek Jeter and Todd Helton. Budding stars Shannon Stew-

art and Matt Lawton. And supporting cast members of Tom Goodwin, Carlos Baerga, and Scott Hatteberg. All lead by the ageless one, Cal Ripken Jr. On paper the Knights looked to possibly contend. In reality, it's not so. (see page 3... Knights press on...)

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## For love of the freak card.....

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If you're a man....you hold your Freak skyward and you join the frey....FREEEEEEAK you squeal with glee. You've been seduced by THE CARD.....oh yes. And reality....reality shmeality the little devil on your shoulder chimes in. Who cares about reality when you drool over the specter of whipping out your freak at just the right moment in the bottom of the ninth.....ohhh what fun that'll be.

So these Freaks... the same guys who in most cases had little or no affect on the outcome of the "real" baseball season, often become integral cogs in the playoff hunts of FBN Championship

wanna-be's. Imagine Larry Dierker sitting in the Houston dugout during a crucial late season game. He's fearful of bringing Billy Wagner in to face John Olerud because NY's Bobby Valentine has a Freak.....the immortal Benny Agbayani sitting on the bench...waiting to pinch hit for JohnieO. Not likely....but in our little world of fantasy.....

I recall with a great sense of reminiscence huge battles between Juggernaut Hog and Psychic teams....both destined to win 100+ games..... battling in September for the right to represent the AL East as its champion. And in these epic battles....hall of famers-not like Barry Lyons and Tony Longmire

batting cleanup....making pivotal contributions. Why? BECAUSE THEY WERE FREAKS. You gotta love it! .....some of you self proclaimed purists might think that this is blasphemy....but let thee who haf never sinned (or used a Freak card) cast the first freakin card....errr stone. I'm sure you can all recall some Freak experiences.....maybe a few years ago you NL Easterners might recall with trepidation the fear and loathing of knowing that your star closer had just walked Henry Rodriguez to load the bases full of Jarheads and that the monster formerly know as Rudy Pemberton had just been called upon to bat.....or how about the Whippets

HR monster of 1994....Dave Staton.....many an instruction likely read that year "walk that bastard Staton if he comes up and represents the tying or winning run." I bet old Dave got more intentional passes that year than Ken Griffey Jr. Yea baby!

There've been a few pitchers I'd categorize as freaks....do you remember David Nied's 23 or so innings of nothing ness....oh to whip him out as a starter in game 162 of a dead heat penent race....that would be livin large. But for some reason the freak pitchers don't generally elicit the same

sort of attention as the freak batters. Why? How the freak do I know? So I say....LONG LIVE THE FREAK!!!! Sing it along with me...FREEEEEEAK!!!!!!!!!!!!

### HOGS FREAK HALL OF FAME

**1B** M Blowers 98-164 AB .317 29RBI

**2B** D Hill 93 - 60 AB .300

**SS** R Amaral 96 - only hit about .295 which was a bust...in about 200 Abs, he hit .400 vs. LHP

**3B** NMartin 97 - 158 AB .310

**C** T Spehr 96 - 47 AB .298 .574 SLG

**OF** T Longmire 96 - 132 AB .455

44 RBI - This guy was the Babe Ruth of Freaks!

**OF** J Walton 97, 98 - two freak cards...that's special. In 97 hit .375 in 56 ABs

**OF** L Dyksta 97 - 2nd only to Longmire on my freak list. 151 AB's .485 OBP

**RP** Ericks 98 - 10IP .90 ERA, he only pitched 9.2 innings and got a card...I had to have him!

### Best Freakish memories:

1) How Chris Gager (who by the way I always liked) would always be to-

tally indignant that I would pinch hit lefties Tony Longmire and Lenny Dyksta vs. left handed pitchers. Chris....if you can hear me.....that's one of the reasons why you never won more than 60 games in a season.

2) My first real Freak experience happened during the deciding game of the '93 world series. With runners on 2nd and 3rd and two outs in the bottom of the 8th in a tie game, Rob brings in some righty killer (who was bad

against lefties) to face Andre Dawson (the Hogs top RBI man). I counter will 60 AB switch hitter and freak boy Donnie Hill. Rob is forced to walk him to lead the bases. John Kruk comes up next and Rob counters with a lefty...but not great against lefties. Kruk singles in two runs and the Hogs win. The Freak played a huge role. I love the freaks! .....I was impressionable back then....so my propensity for the Freaks is really Rob's fault.....who

would have guessed?

Looking forward to 2000. Craig Grebeck - 113 AB .381 with .475 OPB vs. righties.....can you say FREAK!

Do you have any Freakish memories to share. Talk about it ....you'll feel better.

# KLUBBER KLIPS

With the initial rains of Hurricane Floyd lashing Southern New England, GM and Owner-for-Life Klee had to wonder if the Klubbers' season was soon to run off into the sewer along with the storm waters. The Klub had just finished a satisfying series against the Blue Devils featuring three dramatic come-from-behind victories when word from Phoenix filtered back to Hartford that they had lost four of five from the eternally cellar dwelling Rattlers. If true this would certainly drop the Klub back into third place.

A heavily sedated Klee, showing unmistakable and belated signs of maturity, merely shrugged his shoulders in resignation allowing as how there are still fifteen games left, including the last five games of the season against archrival Jersey City. All the pharmaceutical giants have been advised that several huge shipments of sedatives may be requested, if the Klubbers are still in it at the end. A heavy duty hydraulic straitjacket will also be on stand-by in the unlikely event of a crash. Neighbors immediately adjacent to Jim Bouton Field are quite familiar with Klee's unstable history and have taken the precautionary measure of boarding up windows and doors against the possibility of another emotional onslaught.

## 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. #2 to Klees. #3 to Caribou Street. #4 to Taxachusetts. BR#1 to Windham. SC #2 to KK.
- Caribou Street:* #1 to Hazardville. #3 to Baton Rouge. Also, KK#2 to AS.
- Connecticut:* #4 to Florida
- Farmington Valley:* No draft picks traded
- Florida:* #3 to Connecticut.
- Hazardville:* No draft picks traded
- Holtanta:* #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 Rouge. #2 to Caribou Street. #3 to Louisville. #4 to Holtanta. Also, BR#3 to LY.

# The FBNBA American League

## 1999

Standings	W	L	GB	PCI	Home	Road	Streak	L10	BA	ERA
American East	100	52	-	0.658	55-21	45-31	W2	8-2	0.283	3.54
Salem	90	62	10.0	0.592	55-26	35-36	W2	5-5	0.264	4.12
Baton Rouge	86	66	14.0	0.566	48-28	38-38	L2	8-2	0.271	4.38
Plymouth	70	73	25.5	0.490	47-33	23-40				
Mid-Maine	35	122	62.5	0.223	18-58	17-64	L10	0-10	0.227	5.38
Caribou Street	25	110	66.5	0.185	14-62	11-48	L2	2-8	0.273	6.26
Louisville										
American West	107	40	-	0.728	58-18	49-22	W2	6-4	0.295	3.98
California	94	58	15.5	0.618	53-23	41-35	W2	7-3	0.276	4.19
Yorktown	76	66	28.5	0.535	41-35	35-31	W1	4-6	0.277	4.66
Florida	68	59	29.0	0.535	33-29	35-30	L1	5-5	0.271	4.84
Lake Wobegon	63	74	39.0	0.460	33-38	30-36	W4	8-2	0.272	5.33
Holtanta	54	83	48.0	0.394	27-39	27-44	L2	2-8	0.267	5.91
Arsenal										

## 1999 FBN Hitting Leaders

Average	Home Runs
L. Walker (FS) .343	Sosa (CD) 177
M. Vaughn (SP) .335	McGwire (YK) 162
T. Walker (LV) .328	G. Vaughn (CD) 150
Belle (CD) .326	Ramirez (LW) 53
Sosa (CD) .324	Galaraga (SP) 50

SB	BB
Offeman (LW) 15	Henderson (PB) 60
Jones (HOT) 13	Lifton (BR) 49
Brown (PB) 11	Wornack (HOT) 41
Larkin (FS) 11	Kendall (LV) 33
Burks (SP) 10	Offeman (LW) 32

## American League

RHs	ZB
McGwire (YK) 155	Belle (CD) 54
Sosa (CD) 143	Delgado (SP) 51
Belle (CD) 134	Brosius (PB) 49
G. Vaughn (CD) 123	E. Martinez (YK) 49
M. Vaughn (SP) 119	Bonds (AG) 48

K	BB
Sosa (CD) 160	McGwire (YK) 164
Larkin (FS) 156	E. Martinez (YK) 118
McGwire (YK) 153	Henderson (PB) 113
Delgado (SP) 148	Larkin (FS) 90
Thome (BR) 146	Thomas (FS) 89

## 1999 FBN Pitching Leaders

ERA	Wins
Glavine (SP) 2.34	Belcher (CD) 22
Brown (SP) 2.81	Reed (SP) 22
Corbova (YK) 3.21	Wells (CD) 21
Green (FS) 3.88	Glavine (SP) 21
Schilling (BR) 3.96	Schilling (BR) 21

Walks	Innings Pitched
Finley (LW) 113	Schilling (BR) 280.0
Stoblemeyer (YK) 112	Brown (SP) 265.2
L. Hernandez (CS) 109	L. Hernandez (CS) 252.0
Estes (HOT) 109	Johnson (YK) 250.0
Henstee (AG) 105	Glavine (SP) 246.2

Appearances
Neri (CD) 86
Guardado (HOT) 84
Mathews (AG) 84
Gordon (BR) 61
Johnstone (CD) 57

Winning % (16 Dec)
Deal (CD) 19-2, .905
Wells (CD) 21-4, .840
Belcher (CD) 22-7, .759
Reed (SP) 22-7, .759
Corbova (YK) 17-6, .739

## American League

Strikeouts
Johnson (YK) 327
Schilling (BR) 313
Brown (SP) 281
Stoblemeyer (YK) 199
Cone (CD) 190

Fireman
Neri (CD) 2-2-59
Brosius (PB) 3-6-41
Jackson (SP) 6-6-36
Gordon (BR) 7-6-33
Williams (YK) 3-1-30



# NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS



TOP 10 PITCHING STATISTICS

RELIEF APPEARANCES

* EAST *	WON	LOST	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD	10	STREAK	BA	EHA
TAYACHUSETTS	75	72	0.510	-	7-3	7-3	1	LOST 1	.277	4.26
WALL STREET	76	76	0.500	1.5	4-6	4-6	1	LOST 1	.273	5.15
WINDHAM	80	82	0.494	2.5	35-46	7-3	3	LOST 1	.255	4.53
ALLYN STREET	73	77	0.487	3.5	34-35	39-42	6-4	MON 1	.263	4.24
HAZARDVILLE	70	77	0.476	5.0	35-41	35-36	2-8	MON 1	.265	4.92
US JARHEADS	57	90	0.388	18.0	30-41	27-49	7-3	LOST 1	.240	4.76
* WEST *										
FARM VALLEY	101	36	0.737	-	57-18	44-18	8-2	MON 2	.278	4.49
KLUBBERS	87	55	0.613	16.5	49-27	38-28	8-2	MON 4	.284	4.21
JERSEY CITY	90	57	0.612	16.0	53-23	37-34	8-2	MON 3	.279	4.57
CONNECTICUT	77	75	0.507	31.5	43-28	34-47	5-5	LOST 1	.262	5.13
SILVER CITY	66	76	0.465	37.5	34-32	32-44	5-5	LOST 1	.234	5.09
PHOENIX	42	95	0.307	59.0	27-44	15-51	4-6	LOST 1	.234	5.09

## LEAGUE LEADERS

AVERAGE (Min. 3.1 P/9)		RUNS BATTED IN		RUNS SCORED	
1. Davis (JC) 0.345	1. Gonzalez (KK) 153	1. Bagwell (HP) 114	1. Bagwell (HP) 114	1. Bagwell (HP) 114	1. Bagwell (HP) 114
2. Piazza (JC) 0.342	2. Castiilla (JC) 129	2. Castiilla (JC) 110	2. Castiilla (JC) 110	2. Jeter (SC) 112	2. Jeter (SC) 112
3. Williams (CT) 0.340	3. Rolan (HP) 117	3. Greer (KK) 105	3. Greer (KK) 105	3. Rolan (HP) 117	3. Rolan (HP) 117
4. Gonzalez (KK) 0.336	4. Easley (JC) 112	4. Jeter (SC) 102	4. Jeter (SC) 102	4. Easley (JC) 112	4. Easley (JC) 112
5. Garcia (FV) 0.328	5. Mondesi (CT) 110	5. Griffey (FV) 102	5. Griffey (FV) 102	5. Mondesi (CT) 110	5. Mondesi (CT) 110
6. Guerrero (FV) 0.327	6. Canseco (KK) 109	6. Jones (FV) 100	6. Jones (FV) 100	6. Canseco (KK) 109	6. Canseco (KK) 109
7. Biggio (FV) 0.326	7. Bagwell (HP) 106	7. Gonzalez (KK) 99	7. Gonzalez (KK) 99	7. Bagwell (HP) 106	7. Bagwell (HP) 106
8. Jeter (SC) 0.325	8. Griffey (FV) 105	8. Canseco (KK) 99	8. Canseco (KK) 99	8. Griffey (FV) 105	8. Griffey (FV) 105
9. Griffey (FV) 0.325	9. Helton (SC) 103	9. Rolan (HP) 98	9. Rolan (HP) 98	9. Helton (SC) 103	9. Helton (SC) 103
10. Olerud (HP) 0.324	10. Green (HP) 99	10. Williams (CT) 98	10. Williams (CT) 98	10. Green (HP) 99	10. Green (HP) 99

HOME RUNS		DOUBLES		TRIPLES	
1. Castiilla (JC) 57	1. Biggio (FV) 55	1. DeLuca (HP) 14	1. DeLuca (HP) 14	1. DeLuca (HP) 14	1. DeLuca (HP) 14
2. Griffey (FV) 49	2. Gonzalez (KK) 48	2. Jeter (SC) 12	2. Jeter (SC) 12	2. Jeter (SC) 12	2. Jeter (SC) 12
3. Canseco (KK) 48	3. Rolan (HP) 50	3. Wilm (PR) 9	3. Wilm (PR) 9	3. Wilm (PR) 9	3. Wilm (PR) 9
4. Gonzalez (KK) 41	4. Floyd (NS) 43	4. Anderson (US) 8	4. Anderson (US) 8	4. Anderson (US) 8	4. Anderson (US) 8
5. Guerrero (FV) 40	5. Boone (TX) 42	5. Kotsay (JC) 8	5. Kotsay (JC) 8	5. Kotsay (JC) 8	5. Kotsay (JC) 8
6. Burnitz (US) 40	6. Lansting (MW) 39	6. Vizquel (JC) 8	6. Vizquel (JC) 8	6. Vizquel (JC) 8	6. Vizquel (JC) 8
7. Garcia (FV) 37	7. K. Young (TX) 38	7. Vina (CT) 7	7. Vina (CT) 7	7. Vina (CT) 7	7. Vina (CT) 7
8. Easley (JC) 37	8. Easley (JC) 38	8. J. Bell (KK) 7	8. J. Bell (KK) 7	8. J. Bell (KK) 7	8. J. Bell (KK) 7
9. Mondesi (CT) 36	9. Easley (JC) 38	9. Javiera (KK) 7	9. Javiera (KK) 7	9. Javiera (KK) 7	9. Javiera (KK) 7
10. 3 tied at 35	10. 3 tied at 37	10. Several tied at 6	10. Several tied at 6	10. Several tied at 6	10. Several tied at 6

STOLEN BASES		STRIKEOUTS		WALKS	
1. Stewart (SC) 51	1. Canseco (KK) 154	1. Bagwell (HP) 124	1. Bagwell (HP) 124	1. Bagwell (HP) 124	1. Bagwell (HP) 124
2. Renteria (CT) 46	2. Burnitz (US) 153	2. Hamilton (AS) 91	2. Hamilton (AS) 91	2. Hamilton (AS) 91	2. Hamilton (AS) 91
3. T. Goodwin (SC) 43	3. Sorrento (PR) 135	3. Knoblauch (AS) 88	3. Knoblauch (AS) 88	3. Knoblauch (AS) 88	3. Knoblauch (AS) 88
4. Canseco (KK) 37	4. Fyman (NS) 134	4. Rolan (HP) 87	4. Rolan (HP) 87	4. Rolan (HP) 87	4. Rolan (HP) 87
5. Knoblauch (AS) 35	5. Rolan (HP) 132	5. McRae (MW) 80	5. McRae (MW) 80	5. McRae (MW) 80	5. McRae (MW) 80
6. Abreu (HP) 32	6. D. Bell (TX) 130	6. Olerud (HP) 76	6. Olerud (HP) 76	6. Olerud (HP) 76	6. Olerud (HP) 76
7. Floyd (NS) 30	7. Davis (JC) 124	7. Greer (HP) 75	7. Greer (HP) 75	7. Greer (HP) 75	7. Greer (HP) 75
8. O. Nixon (NS) 30	8. Mondesi (CT) 124	8. Alfonso (CT) 75	8. Alfonso (CT) 75	8. Alfonso (CT) 75	8. Alfonso (CT) 75
9. Vizquel (JC) 30	9. J. Bell (KK) 123	9. Canseco (KK) 71	9. Canseco (KK) 71	9. Canseco (KK) 71	9. Canseco (KK) 71
10. Vina (CT) 27	10. Rodriguez (US) 123	10. Curtis (US) 71	10. Curtis (US) 71	10. Curtis (US) 71	10. Curtis (US) 71

(min. 1 IP/game)	E.R.A. - Starter	MOST INNINGS PITCHED	RELIEF APPEARANCES
1. Clemens (FV) 2.31	1. Maddux (TX) 253.0	1. Yan (CT) 64	1. Yan (CT) 64
2. Maddux (TX) 2.63	2. Perez (US) 230.2	2. Reed (TX) 64	2. Reed (TX) 64
3. Hernandez (AS) 2.74	3. Erickson (JC) 230.1	3. Rincon (AS) 62	3. Rincon (AS) 62
4. P. Martinez (FV) 3.13	4. Moyer (JC) 222.1	4. Wendell (KK) 61	4. Wendell (KK) 61
5. Moyer (JC) 3.32	5. Hampton (CT) 215.1	5. Bentiez (CT) 61	5. Bentiez (CT) 61
6. Harnisch (HP) 3.48	6. Moehler (MW) 215.0	6. Quantill (AS) 60	6. Quantill (AS) 60
7. Smoltz (FV) 3.57	7. Anderson (CT) 208.2	7. Telford (US) 58	7. Telford (US) 58
8. Park (FV) 3.68	8. Ashby (MS) 207.0	8. Christians (KK) 57	8. Christians (KK) 57
9. Arrojio (SC) 3.73	9. Harnisch (HP) 206.2	9. Franco (KK) 56	9. Franco (KK) 56
10. Wood (PR) 3.82	10. Reynolds (AS) 205.1	10. 2 tied at 55	10. 2 tied at 55

MOST WINS	MOST STRIKEOUTS	MOST WALKS
1. Clemens (FV) 22	1. Wood (PR) 232	1. Guzman (US) 103
2. P. Martinez (JC) 19	2. Maddux (TX) 211	2. Wood (PR) 101
3. Moyer (JC) 18	3. Martinez (FV) 199	3. Alvarez (PR) 93
4. Maddux (TX) 18	4. Clemens (FV) 185	4. Karl (MW) 90
5. Park (FV) 16	5. Reynolds (AS) 184	5. Wakefield (TX) 85
6. Woodard (KK) 16	6. Leiter (MS) 180	6. Hampton (CT) 84
7. Arrojio (SC) 16	7. Harnisch (HP) 160	7. Kitle (AS) 82
8. Erickson (JC) 16	8. Guzman (US) 153	8. Hayes (HP) 81
9. Smoltz (FV) 15	9. Arrojio (SC) 152	9. Carpenter (JC) 79
10. 2 tied at 14	10. Moyer (JC) 145	10. Trachsel (AS) 77

FIREMAN AWARD	PTS.	W - L - S	WINNING % (min. 18 decisions)
1. Christiansen (KK) 63	3-3-33	1. Clemens (FV) 22-3	0.880
2. Hoffman (FV) 54	6-1-25	2. Martinez (FV) 19-5	0.792
3. Martel (AS) 53	3-8-33	3. Park (FV) 16-5	0.762
4. Howry (MW) 52	6-5-28	4. Moyer (JC) 18-6	0.750
5. Shaw (TX) 45	7-6-25	5. Telmao (SC) 13-5	0.722
6. Rivera (MS) 41	5-5-23	6. Woodard (KK) 16-7	0.696
7. M. Maddux (JC) 40	6-2-19	7. Maddux (TX) 18-8	0.692
8. Bryd (SC) 34	0-3-20	8. Erickson (JC) 16-9	0.640
9. Yan (CT) 32	6-9-22	9. Hitchcock (KK) 12-7	0.632
10. Taylor (SC) 31	3-2-16	10. Arrojio (SC) 16-11	0.593

### NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER NOTES:

**G-FILES -** G-men and Klubbers are in a very tough battle for the NLW wild card. Ownership of the spot has now changed hands once again, as the HAIR CLUB recently lost 4 of 5 to the Rattlers. Rumors of an alleged Vinny Castiilla trade from Jersey City to Phoenix for Travis Baptist as a "pay-off" for the stunning upset by the Rattlers has been investigated by the Commissioner's office, and found to be untrue. "There is no deal involving Vinny Castiilla and Trevor Bublins that my office could uncover," FBA Commissioner Bruno was quoted as saying.

Tickets on sale for the upcoming Jersey City/Hair Klub season-ending series have a special warning printed on the back strongly urging women and children to "Stay Away". "Someone will be going home unhappy, and between my constant whining when things go bad and Mr. Klaes penchant for the letter "F" when things go bad, it will be ugly," GM Statlie was quoted as saying.

**DEVIL DOUBLES -** STAT NOTES - Edgar Renteria (with 46 stolen bases) is looking to break 50 and move into 2nd place on the single season SB record for the Blue Devils. Tony Gwyn leads with 69 steals in the 1990 season.

Bernie Williams needs 5 more HR for career 100 as a Blue Devil over 4 seasons. Finally, Rauli Mondesi may not be putting up his WP stats from last year, but in his 2nd season in CT, he is still compiling some nice numbers: 96 runs, 110 RBI's, 26 doubles, 36 HR's - downside is a brutal BB/SO ratio of 2688 to 124 K's leading to a subpar BA of .266.

## Knights press on....

The Knights started out against their own division with a respectable 12-13 mark. Maybe, just maybe we can make the wild card slot. From there they had 2 consecutive sub .500 blocks which all but sunk any possibilities of the post season. Yet the Knights press on giving it their all.

In the year 2000, a new millennium is upon us. The Knights hope that the mystic qualities that eluded them in 1999 will resurface in the next century. The Knights still have a few holes to fill in their lineup and hope that the upcoming draft will give them what it needs to push them over the edge. Manager Brian Favereaux has the ut-

most faith in the team in which he has inherited.

Pitching seems to be the key. Seven starters with approx. 150 inn a piece and a solid relief core are the hope of the Knights run in 2000. The needs still being a proven power hitter in the middle of the lineup and a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman a crucial to the Knights if they wish to succeed.

Overall, the management of the Knights is in no way disappointed at the showing of the 1999 ball club. "We will press on, God willing, to the ultimate Holy Grail of baseball. The World Series."

Brian Favereaux  
GM- Silver City Knights

## 89ERS Do or Die Vs Taxachusetts, Windham & USJarheads for playoff run.....

09/21 First place Taxachusetts after sweeping Hazardville to improve to 82-75 invaded Allyn Street. The 89ERS needed to take 3 of 5 to keep their slim playoff hopes alive since 2nd place Wall Street had already beaten up on USJarheads the night before, winning 4 of 5 to improve to 80-77.

After splitting the first 4, Allyn Street responded by beating Maddux in game five 6-5, with a 2 run 9th inning rally. With the slimmest

of hope still alive ASt had to face Windham on the 22nd. ASt was winning game one 2-0, going to the top of the 9th. Windham GM Mendez visited Mgr. Clemente between innings and whatever he said worked. The Warriors scored 3 runs and won 3-2. The 89ERS did take 3 of the next 4, to go to 79-78, BUT game one loss will probably knot ASt out of the playoffs.

ASt plays USJ 09/27 and will have to win 5 to tie TX and 4 to have

a chance for 2nd place. WS will finish their season at night on the 27th.

**89ER Numbers:** Hamilton 1200 G, 400 BB. Vizcaino 900 G, 700 Hit & 200 BB. Knoblauch 53 HR to pass G.Foster for 7th on All-Time 89ER List. Fred McGriff 6300 AB. Steve Trachsel 161GS to pass Jim Deshaies for 5th, & 1000 IP. Quantrill & Hermanson 300 K.  
**TEAM: 4100 D.**

## Hotlanta looking forward to the Y2K season....

By Jim Jalutkewicz: Eric Karros has tied Kirby Puckett as the all time Possum HR leader with 205 HR's. It looks like only Tony Clark has the only chance for 100 RBI's this year for the Possums. He has 87 RBI's with 25 games to play. Andruw Jones joins the 10-10 club with 18HR's and 11 SB's. Looking forward to Y2K season the

projected Hotlanda lineup is: LF platoon of Grieve/Sexson, CF Jones, RF platoon of Benard/K.Garcia, 3b platoon of Beltre/Sefcik, ss platoon of Stocker/TBA, 2b platoon of Cairo/Gates, 1b Karros, c platoon of Varitek/Mayne/Haselman, dh Clark. This lineup has the most potential platoons in recent Possum memory. SP looks exciting for next year with

Milton, Sirotko, Thompson, Estes & Navarro. It looks like we are going to have to score a lot of runs to be competitive. Maybe we can draft a lefty starter? The BP actually looks solid with Shuey, Seanez, Swindell, Sullivan & Guardado as the primary relievers. Our goal here is to draft another reliever whose name starts with an "S".

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### CALIFORNIA CLINCHES ALW . . . . . LEAGUE NEWS:

By Frank Simonutti. Dreamer Weavings - The Dreamers, in their fourth season of existence, have clinched their first division title, having a 16 game lead with 15 games remaining. The Dreamers have continued to roll all season long, and have shattered team records with 1001 runs, 301 HR's and 77 team saves (not to mention 107 and counting wins).

Sportsmanship is alive, and well?? - in a move that almost was beyond belief, the Arsenal Gunners came to town with and odd strategy. As Sammy Soas stepped to the plate in the first game, none out and two on - and was intentionally walked by Gunner skipper Dean Morris. This strategy was continued throughout the series, unless the bases were empty or full. It turns out that Dean was trying to pro-

tect (almost dead) Andres Galarraga's FBN record of 191 RBI. Soas managed 4 RBI (2 solo HR and a bases loaded double), despited 11 intentional walks in the 5 game series. Who said sportsmanship is dead??? Note to Dean - I tried to have the computer to bean Barry Bonds every time up, but couldn't figure out how to do it. Special Note: Daal 19-2 despite a 5.17ERA, worst on the team among starters. Dreamers "steamroll" ALW.

### TRANSACTONS --

1. Caribou St. rec'ed J.Valentin from Florida for YA#2.
2. Caribou St. rec'ed D.Miller from Plymouth for T.Bogar and J.Fabregas.
3. California rec'ed J.Bell from Klee's for CD#2 and SC#2.

*This reports -BP's: CD 1/2, LW 3  
SC 1/2, WS 1, FV 1/2, WW 3.*

*YTD -BP's: LW 9, SC 7 1/2, FS 5,  
HT 4 1/2, PR 3, LV 2 1/2, AG 2, PB 2,  
WS 1, BR 1, FV 1, WW 3 1/2, JC 1/2,  
CD 1/2.*

