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Commissioners Corner:

The 2005 Season is underway. It looks like everyone has caught the fever and are using the web site. I check it daily. Love to see the results posted so fast!
This should be an exciting season. I think each league will have interesting pennant races!
Let's have fun!

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None

2006 TRADED DRAFT PICKS

Arsenal: #4 to WS.

California: #3 to MY.

Hart Street: #3 to MV

Jersey City: #1 to US. #2 to US. #4 to FS. #5 to LV.

Louisville: #1 to WS. #2 to HS.

Maine: #2 to CT. #6 to HZ.

Margaritaville: #1 to SP.

New England: #1 to WS. #2 to SP.

Salem: #4 to LV.

Wall Street: #4 to LV

Yorktown: #5 to CD.

2005 – DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 15 1. All-Star selection. Send in players from your team and the position they play to be listed on the All-Star Ballot.
- July 01 1. All-Star voting.
2. Dues Month. League fee \$20.00 is due by July 31st to keep member active.
- Sept. 01 1. Send in voting items for review.
- Oct. 01 1. Send in Rookie of Year candidates from your team.
- Nov. 01 1. Voting Month. League items plus Commissioner and Presidents.
- Dec. 18 1. Order the cards for SOM.

This reports -BP's: MV 3 Missed report.

-BP's YTD: MV 3, LW 2

FLY BY NIGHT

AMERICAN LEAGUE

4/1/05

EAST

	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	L 10	Strk	Avg	ERA
MAINE YAKS	3	2	0.600	---	3-2	0-0	3-2	2W	.235	4.60
LAKE WOBEGON WHIPPETS	0	0	0.000	0.5	0-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	---
BATON ROUGE SILVER BULLETS	0	0	0.000	0.5	0-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	---
LOUISVILLE RIVER BANDITS	5	5	0.500	0.5	5-5	0-0	5-5	2L	.309	5.93
ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DOGS	2	3	0.400	1	2-3	0-0	2-3	---	.227	5.00
URPAIGN DRAGONS	2	3	0.400	1	0-0	2-3	2-3	1L	.269	4.25

WEST

	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	L 10	Strk	Avg	ERA
ARSENAL GUNNERS	9	1	0.900	---	9-1	0-0	0-0	2W	.288	3.48
FLORIDA SUN	7	3	0.700	2	3-2	4-1	7-3	1W	.229	5.62
YORKTOWN ADMIRALS	9	6	0.600	2.5	3-2	6-4	7-3	3W	.273	4.52
CALIFORNIA DREAMERS	6	4	0.600	3	3-2	3-2	6-4	---	---	---
HOTLANTA POSSUMS	7	13	0.350	7	1-4	6-9	2-8	2L	.239	6.30
HART STREET HOGS	5	15	0.250	9	5-10	0-5	1-9	1W	.253	5.41

A.L LEAGUE LEADERS

AVERAGE (MIN 3.1P.A/GM)

1) Payton	AG	.432
2) Suzuki	LV	.413
3) Hill	FS	.400
4) Kendall	LV	.400
5) Bonds	AG	.393
6) Stairs	AG	.391
7) Clayton	MY	.389
8) Guerrero	IL	.380
9) Barrett	YT	.340
10) Kennedy	HS	.321

RUNS BATTED IN

1) A.Jones	HT	16
2) Blalock	AG	14
3) Chavez	YT	14
4) Beltre	HT	13
5) Ramirez	YT	13
6) Pujols	LV	13
7) Everett	HS	12
8) Lee	HT	11
9) Pierre	HS	11
10) Dunn	HS	11

RUNS SCORED

1) Lee	HT	14
2) Bonds	AG	13
3) Ramirez	YT	13
4) Chavez	YT	13
5) Barrett	YT	13
6) M.Giles	HT	12
7) Payton	AG	12
8) Beltre	HT	11
9) Blalock	AG	11
10) Pierre	HS	11

HOME RUNS

1) Ramirez	YT	7
2) Lee	HT	5
3) Blalock	AG	5
4) Damon	CD	5
5) Barrett	YT	5
6) Beltre	HT	4
7) Bonds	AG	4
8) Stairs	AG	4
9) Dunn	HS	4
10) Helton	LV	4

DOUBLES

1) Cuddyer	HT	9
2) Kendall	LV	6
3) Pujols	LV	6
4) A.Jones	HT	5
5) Payton	AG	5
6) Dunn	HS	5
7) Rollins	YT	5
8)		
9)		
10)		

TRIPLES

1) J.Wilson	HT	3
2) Everett	HS	2
3) Durham	LV	2
4) Jiminez	YT	2
5) Alou	FS	2
6)		
7)		
8)		
9)		
10)		

STOLEN BASES

1) Pierre	HS	14
2) Suzuki	LV	6
3) Robinson	HT	5
4) Varitek	HT	4
5) Crisp	LV	4
6) Visquel	FS	4
7)		
8)		
9)		
10)		

STRIKEOUTS

1) A.Jones	HT	21
2) Merloni	HT	20
3) Teixeira	HS	17
4) Dunn	HS	16
5) Delgado	YT	16
6) Martinez	YT	15
7) Closser	HS	13
8) Kennedy	HS	12
9) Jones	HS	12
10) Higginson	FS	10

WALKS

1) Bonds	AG	15
2) Dunn	HS	15
3) Chavez	YT	13
4) Jones	HS	11
5) A.Jones	HT	8
6) Minor	AG	8
7) Helton	LV	7
8) Dejesus	FS	7
9)		
10)		

A.L PITCHING LEADERS

<u>ERA (min 1inning/team gm)</u>			<u>INNINGS PITCHED</u>			<u>RELIEF APPEARANCES</u>		
1) Wakefield	MY	1.29	1) Estes	HT	32	1) Knotts	HS	13
2) Clement	MY	1.42	2) Weaver	HS	31	2) Leicester	HS	11
3) Wilson	YT	1.59	3) Wolf	HS	28	3) Reitsma	HS	10
4) Clemens	AG	1.96	4) Ishii	HT	24.2	4) Cordero	HS	10
5) Rusch	HT	2.42	5) Clemens	AG	23	5) Betancourt	YT	10
6) Anderson	YT	2.61	6) Peavy	HS	23	6) Neal	HT	9
7) Escobar	LV	2.77	7) Wilson	YT	22.2	7) Rusch	HT	8
8) Ishii	HT	3.28	8) Prior	HS	22	8) Robertson	AG	8
9) Carpenter	LV	3.77	9) Garland	FS	21	9) Cormier	AG	5
10) Wolf	HS	4.23	10) Robertson	AG	17.2	10) Foulke	LV	5

<u>WINS</u>			<u>STRIKEOUTS</u>			<u>WALKS</u>		
1) Clemens	AG	4	1) Clemens	AG	31	1) Estes	HT	23
2) Rusch	HT	3	2) Prior	HS	29	2) Lee	LV	17
3)			3) Wolf	HS	25	3) Weaver	HS	16
4)			4) Johnson	CD	23	4) Ishii	HT	15
5)			5) Wilson	YT	18	5) Knotts	HS	11
6)			6) Estes	HT	17	6) Miller	YT	11
7)			7) Miller	YT	16	7) Wilson	YT	10
8)			8) Garland	FS	16	8) Robertson	AG	7
9)			9) Escobar	LV	14	9) Garcia	AG	7
10)			10) Carpenter	LV	14	10)		

<u>FIREMAN AWARD</u>				<u>WINNING % (min 3 decisions)</u>			
		pts	W-L-S				
1) Robertson	AG	8	0-0-4	1) Rusch	HT	3-0	1.000
2) Foulke	LV	8	0-0-4	2) Clemens	AG	4-0	1.000
3) Rusch	HT	5	3-0-1	3) Williams	HT	2-1	.667
4) Moreno	HS	4	0-0-2	4)			
5) Hoffman	FS	4	0-0-2	5)			
6)				6)			
7)				7)			
8)				8)			
9)				9)			
10)				10)			

TEAM NOTES:

HOTLANTA:

It's going to be a long year in Hotlanta. As expected our pitching is horrible. Through 20 games we have a 6.30 team ERA. Shawn Estes is most likely going to set several team records at the wrong end of the record book. He is scheduled to make 42 starts this year. After 6 starts he is 0-5 with a 10.41 ERA. This projects out to 0-35 record over the season!

The Possum offense has gotten off to a sluggish start. We knew our pitching was bad, but our hitting looked solid on paper. We have run into three tough pitching staffs between the Gunners, Dreamers, and Hogs to start the season. We still have hope that our hitting will come around.

HART STEET Hog Wash:

Well, year one of the new and improved Hogs is not off to a banner start. At a shockingly pitiful 5-15 the Hogs are off to a worse start than the awful 2004 squad. Outside of a 17-1 mashing of Florida, where the Hogs avoided a series sweep and John Mabry hit for the cycle, literally nothing has gone right for the Hogs in the early going. The Hogs are 0-4 in one run games and 2-9 in games decided by 3 runs or less. No clutch hitting.

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STANDINGS

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* East *	w	l	pct	gb	home	away	L10	streak	team ba	team era
Hazardville	10	5	.667	—	6-4	4-1	8-2	Lost 1	.259	4.26
Poquonock	12	8	.600	1/2	4-1	8-7	6-4	Won 2	.281	3.56
Allyn Street	11	9	.550	1 1/2	5-5	6-4	4-6	Won 3	.247	3.85
US Jarheads	11	9	.550	1 1/2	7-8	4-1	5-5	Lost 4	.263	3.36
Wall Street	11	14	.440	4	2-8	9-6	4-6	Won 1	.275	4.87
Burlington	5	15	.250	7 1/2	2-8	3-7	3-7	Lost 3		

* West *	w	l	pct	gb	home	away	L10	streak	team ba	team era
Jersey City	16	4	.800	—	8-2	8-2	8-2	Won 3	.317	2.59
Klee's	12	8	.600	4	8-7	4-1	8-2	Won 1	.273	2.93
Margaritaville	0	0	.—	6	0-0	0-0	0-0			
New England	4	6	.400	7	0-0	4-6	4-6	Lost 4	.262	5.07
Connecticut	6	9	.400	7 1/2	5-5	1-4	5-5	Won 4	.256	3.74
Salem	4	11	.267	9 1/2	3-7	1-4	3-7	Lost 1	.236	5.66

N. L. BATTING LEADERS

<u>Average (min 3.1 pa/g)</u>			<u>Runs Batted In</u>			<u>Runs Scored</u>		
1	Guillen,J	NE .405	1	Jeter,D	WS 21	1	Jeter,D	WS 22
2	Hafner,T	CT .401	2	Belliard,R	JC 19	2	Freel	US 16
3	Mueller,B	CT .386	3	Hafner,T	CT 16	3	Kent,J	US 16
4	Lowell,M	AS .375	4	Millar,K	AS 16	4	Wilkerson,B	AS 16
5	Stewart,S	NE .375	5	Burnitz,J	JC 15	5	Abreu,B	WS 15
6	Hudson,O	PQ .372	6	Kent,J	US 15	6	Belliard,R	JC 15
7	Hall,T	JC .371	7	Abreu,B	WS 14	7	Kotsay,M	JC 15
8	Winn,R	KK .363	8	Young,M	US 14	8	Blake,C	JC 14
9	Castillo,L	KK .361	9	3 tied at	13	9	Young,M	US 14
10	Kent,J	US .357	10			10	Winn,R	KK 12

<u>Home Runs</u>			<u>Doubles</u>			<u>Triples</u>		
1	Jeter,D	WS 8	1	Belliard,R	JC 12	1	Castro,J	WS 3
2	Finley,S	NE 5	2	Kent,J	US 11	2	Ford,L	US 3
3	Hafner,T	CT 5	3	Abreu,B	WS 10	3	Kent,J	US 2
4	Millar,K	AS 5	4	Blake,C	JC 9	4	many tied at	1
5	Tejada,M	HZ 5	5	Holliday,M	WS 8	5		
6	Blake,C	JC 4	6	Anderson,G	US 7	6		
7	Drew,JD	PQ 4	7	Berkman,L	AS 7	7		
8	Kotsay,M	JC 4	8	Jeter,D	WS 7	8		
9	Morneau,J	PQ 4	9	8 tied with	6	9		
10	Rolen,S	HZ 4	10			10		

<u>Stolen Bases</u>			<u>Strikeouts</u>			<u>Walks</u>		
1	Posednik,S	KK 10	1	Cabrera,M	PQ 26	1	Berkman,L	AS 16
2	Freel	US 7	2	Burnitz,J	JC 22	2	Drew,JD	PQ 15
3	Winn,R	KK 6	3	Wilson,CA	US 21	3	Abreu,B	WS 13
4	Clark,B	HZ 5	4	Bay,J	SP 16	4	Freel	US 13
5	Young,M	US 5	5	Wilkerson,B	AS 16	5	Beltran,C	HZ 12
6	Beltran,C	HZ 4	6	Bagwell,J	HZ 15	6	Ford,L	US 12
7	Berroa,A	KK 4	7	Posada,J	KK 15	7	Posada,J	KK 12
8	Dellucci,D	JC 4	8	Ramirez,A	KK 15	8	Kent,J	US 10
9	Ford,L	US 4	9	Harvey,K	SP 14	9	Klesko,R	JC 10
10	Patterson,C	SP 4	10	2 tied at	13	10	Thomas,F	JC 10

N. L. PITCHING LEADERS

<u>ERA (min 1 ip/team game)</u>			<u>Most Innings Pitched</u>			<u>Relief Appearances</u>		
1	Schmidt,J	JC 1.11	1	Webb,B	US 37.0	1	Duchscherer	AS 14
2	Wright,Jt	JC 1.14	2	Hendrickson,M	WS 33.1	2	Osuna,A	WS 11
3	Hermanson	AS 1.80	3	Tomko,B	WS 33.1	3	Parrish,J	PQ 11
4	Hudson,T	HZ 1.96	4	Schmidt,J	JC 32.1	4	Linebrink,S	US 10
5	Lawrence,B	KK 2.08	5	Zito,B	WS 32.1	5	Gordon,T	JC 9
6	Millwood,K	KK 2.10	6	Wright,Jt	JC 31.1	6	Qualls	US 9
7	Wood,M	US 2.20	7	Brazleton	KK 31.0	7	Gregg	CT 8
8	Brazleton	KK 2.61	8	Lilly,T	KK 30.2	8	Haville,C	WS 8
9	Webb,B	US 2.67	9	Lawrence,B	KK 30.1	9	Worrell,T	JC 8
10	Lidle,C	HZ 2.79	10	Myers,B	WS 30.0	10	5 tied at	7

<u>Most Wins</u>			<u>Most Strikeouts</u>			<u>Most Walks</u>		
1	Wright,Jt	JC 4	1	Schmidt,J	JC 39	1	Zambrano,V	WS 23
2	Almanzar	KK 3	2	Millwood,K	KK 35	2	Meyers,B	WS 20
3	Hudson,T	HZ 3	3	Webb,B	US 33	3	Lilly,T	KK 16
4	Schmidt,J	JC 3	4	Zambrano,V	WS 32	4	Webb,B	US 16
5	Webb	US 3	5	Lilly,T	KK 31	5	Brazleton	KK 15
6	Wood,K	PQ 3	6	Lackey	KK 30	6	Kennedy,J	PQ 14
7	many tied with	2	7	Bonderman,J	JC 25	7	Ortiz,Ra	AS 13
8			8	Lidge,B	US 22	8	Oswalt,R	HZ 13
9			9	Wright,Jt	JC 22	9	3 tied at	11
10			10	Zito,B	WS 22	10		

			+1 -2 +2			
<u>Fireman Award</u>		pts	w-l-s	<u>Winning % (min 2 decisions)</u>		
1	Gordon,T	JC 15	3-0-6	1	Too early to matter	
2	Rivera,M	PQ 12	0-0-6	2		
3	Wagner,B	AS 12	0-0-6	3		
4	Rodriguez,F	WS 10	0-1-6	4		
5	Gagne,E	HZ 6	0-0-3	5		
6	Lidge,B	US 6	2-1-3	6		
7	Nathan,J	NE 6	0-0-3	7		
8	Almanzar	KK 3	3-0-0	8		
9	Benitez,A	CT 3	1-0-1	9		
10	Mesa,J	SP 3	1-0-1	9		

Heard on the Street

After finishing block I at 11-14 (2-8 H & 9-6 A) Wall Street announces it will build a new stadium in '06 and play all games on the road. Barons losing record is no surprise as SPers C Vargas 8.18, V Zambrano 6.99, & B Myers 6.00 have opposing mgrs drooling. Staff has been saved by closer K-Rod with 7 saves & 16Ks 2BBs in 9.1 IP. Staff ace, B Tomko, is 0-4 - including tough CG 1-0 loss to USJ. In an effort to our DP combo a chance to pad their stats, WS pitchers have walked 93 (Zambrano 23 in 28 IP) and hit another 20!! Pitching coach Bo Belinsky can't seem to find any flaws as he watches game films through his dark sunglasses protecting his bloodshot eyes.

On the plus side the offense has hit 30 HRs - lead by D Jeter's 8 (Steroids). Unexpected power from J Castro (.724 slg %), & Grudzielanek 4 HRs and a 673 slg % - has management considering batting them 3rd and 4th in the line up.

The long season now enters Block II.

US Jarhead Scuttlebutt

Jeff Kent named Jarhead of the Month
 37 year old Jeff Kent was named Jarhead of the Month and leads the team in almost every offensive category. .357 BA, 15 rbi, 16 runs, 11 Doubles, 3 HRs. He is 2nd with 2 Triples, and 3rd in Walks with 10.

Jarhead team ERA is microscopic at 3.36. Amazing contributors to that number are waiver wire selection Andy Good 1 -1 3.07 and 4th round draft pick Mike Wood 1 -1 with a 2.20 era.

After two consecutive successful seasons ending in playoff losses to eventual FBN Champion Powderkegs, Blue Devil management decided to "re-tool" the team a bit during the offseason to make the club younger and fill some holes for the future. One part of the core of the team for many years – Edgar Renteria was traded away along with veteran Brad Radke and promising rookie Jason Bay. In return via draft picks and trades, CT hopefully acquired their future SS – Jose Reyes, future CFer Grady Sizemore, future RFer Alexis Rios, young lefty Noah Lowry and two solid relievers to stock the bullpen in Kevin Gregg and Mike Adams. Although the team will be weaker this current season, Blue Devil management feels the team will be better positioned for the future as some possible holes down the road have hopefully been filled. Management also feels they can still contend for a playoff spot this season despite the partial "makeover."

The 2005 season started off rough for CT as they dropped 4 out of 5 games to arch rivals Jersey City and Klee's before rebounding to take 4 of 5 from their other long time rivals – New England and now sit at 6-9. Travis Hafner, the main cog in the offense this year, was a one man wrecking crew vs. New England batting .421 with 5 HR's and 13 RBI in the 5 games. Hafner had 0 HR's and only 3 RBI in the first 10 games of the season which was a main reason for the 2-8 start. Obviously he will be the key to any success the team has this season.

The G-Spot

Jersey City's 16-4 start ties the best start in franchise history. Management isn't getting too excited about the fast start since the last time they did it was in 2002, and they only ended up with the wild-card that year. Thus far, we've gone 4-1 against each of the other NL West teams with only New England left to play. However, management is most impressed by how we've lost. We've had a chance to win every game, as even in our losses we've played well; 3 of our 4 losses have come by only one run, and the other loss was by only 2 runs.

This year's edition of the G-Men is one of the most balanced teams we've ever fielded, as both pitching (2.59 team ERA) and hitting (.317 team average) have been outstanding thus far. We've outscored our opponents 127-60 through 20 games. Tom Gordon (3-0, 6 saves in 9 appearances), Jason Schmidt (3-0, 1.11 ERA) and Jaret Wright (4-0, 1.14 ERA) have lead the pitchers while Toby Hall (.373), Ron Belliard (.351, 12 doubles, 19 RBI), and Casey Blake (.338, 4 HR) have lead the hitters. The G-Men hope they can remain hot and distance themselves from the rest of the NL West, but we're not holding our breath
