

# The Fly-By-Night BA

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**Commissioner Rob Bruno. Presidents - American League Ed Griffin - National League Bob Figella**

## **Commissioners Corner:**

Team schedules and League Dues of \$20 are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>. All-Star ballots are optional.

## **TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS**

1. Louisville rec'd O.Dotel from Allyn Street for LV#3 and B.Duckworth.
2. Jersey City rec'd R.Mahay and S.Torres from Margaritaville for PTBNL (D.Delluci at the end of the season).

## **2006 TRADED DRAFT PICKS**

Arsenal: #3 to HS, #4 to WS.

California: #1 to BR, #3 & #5 to HS.

Florida: #3&#5 to KK

Hart Street: #1 to IL, #3 to MV

Illinois: #4 to HS

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

Louisville: #1 to WS, #2 to HS, #3 to AS, #4 to HT, #5 to HS.

Maine: #2 to CT, #5 to YT, #6 to HZ.

Margaritaville: #1 to SP.

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

Poquonock: #3 to BR.

Salem: #4 to LV.

Wall Street: #4 to LV

## ***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: FS ½, BB ½, WS ½, SP ½ AND MV 1.**

**-BP's YTD: MV 9, LV 5 ½, LW 2, AS 1, AG 1, FS 1, BB 1, WS ½, SP ½.**

# FLY BY NIGHT AMERICAN LEAGUE

7/15/05

## EAST

	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	L 10	Strk	Avg	ERA
MAINE YAKS	63	38	0.624	--	29-21	34-17	7-3	3W	.263	3.84
LOUISVILLE RIVER BANDITS	55	46	0.545	8	30-24	25-22	5-5	2W	.310	4.69
LAKE WOBEGON WHIPPETS	44	49	0.473	15	23-24	18-22	2-8	1L	.252	4.41
URPAIGN DRAGONS	47	50	0.485	14	21-25	26-25	6-4	1L	.275	5.17
ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DOGS	41	52	0.441	18	18-25	23-27	5-5	1L	.281	5.60
BATON ROUGE SILVER BULLETS	42	51	0.452	17	21-26	21-25	3-7	1L	.274	4.77

## WEST

	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	L 10	Strk	Avg	ERA
CALIFORNIA DREAMERS	71	42	0.628	--	39-16	32-26	5-5	1L	.282	3.68
ARSENAL GUNNERS	56	43	0.566	8	30-19	26-24	6-4	3L	.263	4.24
FLORIDA SUN	54	49	0.524	12	33-19	21-30	5-5	2W	.274	5.02
HOTLANTA POSSUMS	56	57	0.496	15	27-27	29-30	4-6	1W	.266	5.42
HART STREET HOGS	46	51	0.474	17	22-29	24-22	5-5	2L	.272	4.73
YORKTOWN ADMIRALS	41	68	0.376	28	25-30	16-38	4-6	2W	.250	5.77

# A.L. HITTING LEADERS

## AVERAGE (MIN 3.1P.A/GM)

1) Suzuki	LV	.404
2) Bonds	AG	.375
3) Pierre	HS	.372
4) Guerrero	IL	.349
5) Pujols	LV	.347
6) Beltre	HT	.336
7) Durham	LV	.333
8) Renteria	CD	.332
9) Ortiz	IL	.326
10) Visquel	FS	.317

## RUNS BATTED IN

1) Guerrero	IL	96
2) Beltre	HT	95
3) Bonds	AG	88
4) Pujols	LV	88
5) Ramirez	YT	84
6) Batista	LV	83
7) Dunn	HS	80
8) Edmonds	UR	80
9) Casey	CD	75
10) A Jones	HT	74

## RUNS SCORED

1) Suzuki	LV	92
2) Figgins	CD	83
3) Bonds	AG	81
4) Pierre	HS	79
5) Chavez	YT	79
6) Dunn	HS	77
7) Crawford	IL	75
8) Arod	MY	74
9) Beltre	HT	74
10) Pujols	LV	74

## HOME RUNS

1) Bonds	AG	37
2) Beltre	HT	34
3) Ramirez	YT	32
4) Ortiz	IL	31
5) Guerrero	IL	29
6) Pujols	LV	28
7) Edmonds	UR	26
8) Cameron	MY	25
9) Dunn	HS	25
10) Valentin	UR	23

## DOUBLES

1) Casey	CD	39
2) Pujols	LV	38
3) Helton	LV	37
4) Bell	CD	35
5) Edmonds	UR	35
6) Clayton	MY	32
7) Castilla	FS	31
8) Bonds	AG	29
9) Lee	MY	28
10) Varitek	HT	27

## TRIPLES

1) Infante	LV	11
2) Pierre	HS	10
3) Itzuris	AG	9
4) Figgins	CD	9
5) Feliz	BR	8
6) Wilson	HT	8
7) Alou	FS	7
8) Crawford	IL	7
9) Guillen	BR	7
10) Durham	LV	6

## STOLEN BASES

1) Pierre	HS	81
2) Suzuki	LV	48
3) Crawford	IL	33
4) Figgins	CD	29
5) Rollins	YT	23
6) Crisp	HT	21
7) Logan	BR	18
8) Cameron	MY	17
9) Visquel	FS	17
10) Damon	CD	16

## STRIKEOUTS

1) A Jones	HT	118
2) Dunn	HS	109
3) Cameron	MY	108
4) Edmonds	UR	102
5) Varitek	HT	101
6) Clayton	MY	99
7) Blalock	AG	97
8) Bellhorn	LW	97
9) Ramirez	YT	94
10) Delgado	YT	92

## WALKS

1) Bonds	AG	113
2) Dunn	HS	69
3) Pujols	LV	60
4) Helton	LV	59
5) Arod	MY	57
6) Matsui	LW	53
7) Damon	CD	52
8) Edmonds	UR	52
9) Bellhorn	LW	51
10) Gonzalez	CD	50

## A.L. PITCHING LEADERS

### ERA (min 1inning/team gm)

1) Johnson	CD	2.31
2) Clemens	AG	2.77
3) Schilling	CD	2.85
4) Robertson	AG	2.90
5) Rusch	HT	3.08
6) Radke	MY	3.25
7) Santana	LW	3.48
8) Carpenter	LV	3.64
9) Peavy	HS	3.81
10) Rogers	CD	3.98

### INNINGS PITCHED

1) Johnson	CD	210
2) Hernandez	CD	197
3) Maddux	FS	173
4) Schilling	CD	167
5) Cemens	AG	166
6) Radke	MY	147
7) Santana	LW	145
8) Estes	HT	144
9) Weaver	HS	143
10) Escobar	LV	143

### RELIEF APPEARANCES

1) Robertson	AG	59
2) Rusch	HT	59
3) Koplove	HT	57
4) Knotts	CD	56
5) Ryan	LV	51
6) Cordero	HS	49
7) Hawkins	CD	49
8) Tavarez	MY	49
9) Eyre	MY	48
10) Foulke	LV	48

### WINS

1) Johnson	CD	20
2) Clemens	AG	17
3) Hernandez	CD	15
4) Schilling	CD	13
5) Maddux	FS	13
6) Rusch	HT	12
7) Rogers	CD	11
8) Radke	MY	11
9) Carpenter	LV	11
10) Escobar	LV	11

### STRIKEOUTS

1) Johnson	CD	249
2) Santana	LW	172
3) Clemens	AG	157
4) Escobar	LV	144
5) Perez	BR	136
6) Peavy	HS	133
7) Hernandez	CD	133
8) Maddux	FS	131
9) Martinez	UR	127
10) Zambrano	BR	126

### WALKS

1) Estes	HT	89
2) Ishii	HT	80
3) Perez	BR	75
4) Hernandez	CD	75
5) Leiter	UR	73
6) Zambrano	BR	63
7) Benson	LV	62
8) Johnson	CD	59
9) Reyes	BR	59
10) Clemens	AG	58

### FIREMAN AWARD

		pts	W-L-S
1) Hawkins	CD	58	4-4-31
2) Madson	MY	51	1-1-26
3) Foulke	LV	43	3-1-21
4) Isringhsn	LW	29	5-9-21
5) Hoffman	FS	28	4-3-15
6) Otsuka	IL	28	4-2-14
7) Francisco	YT	27	3-5-17
8) Rusch	HT	18	12-5-8
9) Moreno	CD	17	1-1-9
10) Cormier	AG	16	0-1-9

### WINNING % (min 9 decisions)

1) Clemens	AG	17-3	.850
2) Johnson	CD	20-6	.769
3) Carpenter	LV	11-4	.733
4) Hernandez	CD	15-6	.714
5) Rusch	HT	12-5	.706
6) Santana	LW	9-4	.692
7) Rogers	CD	11-5	.688
8) Garland	FS	6-3	.667
9) Clement	MY	6-3	.667
10) Garcia	AG	10-5	.667

## TEAM NOTES:

### Arsenal:

The Gunners have struggled lately playing barely 500 ball for the past 40 or so games.

The key reason is slumps by some key players, and no offense from some others.

Some examples are:

Bobby Kielty: Batting .085. Got his first extra base hit in the 30th series of the year.

Einar Diaz: Batting .038, that is 1 hit in 27 at bats

The biggest slump has been Hank Blalock. In the past 34 games and 130 at bats,

Blalock batting 5th exclusively until now, is batting .208 with 1 home run.

He scored 9 runs only and has left countless runners on.

Recently Barry Bonds belted his 500th career home run for the Gunners. He is looking

at an MVP type year, leading (at the time of the writing) in 2 of the 3 triple crown categories.

His batting average of .375 leads the team.

Lastly, on July 3rd, it probably marked the best pitching day in franchise history.

The Gunners had 4 starters on the mound on Sunday July 3rd, and their lines were as follows:

	IP	R	ER	Hits	W	K
Ryan Drese:	7	0	0	4	0	1
Clemens	7	0	0	4	1	4
Robertson	9	1	1	9	1	4
Willis	9	0	0	3	1	7
TOTAL	32	1	1	20	3	16

1 earned run in 32 innings has got to be a 1 day record for the Gunners

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### Hart Street:

With the all-star break upon us and this year already in the tank for the Hogs I look towards 2006.

I would have to say the 2006 outlook is a mixed bag at this point....a few surprises, but more disappointments:

1B) Teixeira - looks to be a star for years to come and having great year. Oddly, all 25 HRs vs RHP, hopefully he hits some vs LHP in the second half.

2B) Kennedy/Spivey - Kennedy wasn't supposed to be back until the all-star break, so 200 ABs and .340+ BA is a nice bonus. Spivey has been disappointing, but he hits LHP so could make a solid platoon with Kennedy.

SS) Everett - About what I expected....good glove, a little offense, but not much.

3B) Glaus - Acquired to replace Chipper. I'll be happy if he stays healthy and continues on his current pace, which is pretty much career averages.

C) Cota/Ausmus/Valentin/Closser - I drafted three catchers last draft with little to show for it....still a mess.

LF) Dunn - About what I expected....I'll take a .390 OBP, and .560 SLG and be happy, even if he only hits .239.

CF) Pierre - A career .300 hitter, hitting .266....big disappointment...but appears to be on the upswing, so I'll hope he can have a big second half.

RF) Juan Rivera/Mabry - I thought Rivera would do better: Mabry is about what I'd expect....they look to be servicable.

DH) Chipper Jones - Got off to a great start, got hurt, slumped, went on DL....big disappointment. Hope he plays some in the second half.

SP) Peavy, Prior, Weaver, Elarton, Mays - Not bad rotation so far. Weaver/Elarton/Mays all lopsided splits which would hurt if they continue that way. I will hope they continue to pitch well in the 2nd half and the splits even out some.

RP) Cordero/Reitsma - Both are doing surprisingly well....would make nice setup/closer duo if they hold up.

Second half keys for the Hogs to be a contender in 2006 (assuming good health in all but Prior and Jones):

1) Prior stays healthy and gives me about 100 second half innings.

2) Weaver continues to improve and the Mays/Elarton duo are usable.

3) Pierre must have very good half to get useful lead off card.

4) Chipper Jones comes back and getting about 300 Abs.

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### California:

Dreamer Weavings - After cruising against the NL, the Dreamers stumble with a 10-10 record in Block 5.

Curt Schilling has been something of a disappointment, with a 3-2 record and a 5.06 ERA through 5 starts. Rady Johnson kept the Dreamers going, winning all 5 of his starts, and moving his record to 20-6. Johnson is 16-2 after a 3-4 start to the season.

We hope to hold on to the meager lead that my "lame-ass" team (to quote a fellow GM) has managed to build to date.

### **Hotlanta**

The Possums have been on a roller coaster ride as of late. After going a combined 7-1 against Yorktown and Hart St. the Possums went 3-9 winning 1 game each series against California, Arsenal, and Florida. We finished the block at 10-10. The Hotlanta highlight of the block was without question Shawn Estes throwing a 5 hit, 1 BB, 11 K shutout against Hart St. in a 5-0 win. For the balance of the 2005 season Estes will now be referred to as "Shutout Shawn" in honor of his magnificent performance. To put this feat into perspective, Shutout Shawn's stats for the year are 6-13 with a 7.38 ERA. On the offensive side of things Adrian Beltre was named Roadkill player of the block. Beltre batted .380 with 30 hits in 79 AB's, 10 HR's, and 29 RBI's in the 20 games. As much as this pains me, I have to give credit to two opponent players. Moises Alou hit grand slam HR's in the 1st and 2nd innings for Florida in a 14-5 thumping of Possum pitching. We shut him down the rest of the game as he only finished with the 8 grand slam RBI's. Baroid Bonds whacked 3 HR's in 4 innings for the Gunners before being removed from the game after becoming tired from running around the bases too much. Baroid finished with 10 RBI's as Arsenal emptied a can of whoop ass on the Possums.

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## STANDINGS

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<b>* East *</b>	<b>w</b>	<b>l</b>	<b>pct</b>	<b>gb</b>	<b>home</b>	<b>away</b>	<b>L10</b>	<b>streak</b>	<b>team ba</b>	<b>team era</b>
Poquonock	63	38	.624	—	31-15	32-23	5-5	Lost 1	.289	4.16
Hazardville	59	42	.584	4	30-20	29-22	8-2	Lost 1	.281	4.20
Burlington	44	51	.463	16	22-23	22-28	5-5	Won 1	.264	4.46
Allyn Street	44	55	.444	18	23-28	21-27	2-8	Lost 8	.258	4.69
US Jarheads	44	55	.444	18	26-29	18-26	5-5	Won 1	.274	4.55
Wall Street	41	56	.423	20	20-30	21-26	6-4	Lost 1	.272	5.10

  

<b>* West *</b>	<b>w</b>	<b>l</b>	<b>pct</b>	<b>gb</b>	<b>home</b>	<b>away</b>	<b>L10</b>	<b>streak</b>	<b>team ba</b>	<b>team era</b>
Jersey City	67	30	.691	—	34-16	33-14	7-3	Lost 1	.282	3.94
New England	63	38	.624	6	36-14	27-24	10-0	Won 10	.285	4.52
Connecticut	49	52	.485	20	29-26	20-26	2-8	Lost 2	.260	4.15
Klee's	42	59	.416	27	19-32	23-27	2-8	Lost 3	.263	4.73
Margaritaville	38	67	.362	33	23-32	15-35	2-8	Lost 6	.260	4.69
Salem	35	70	.333	36	17-33	18-37	8-2	Won 1	.237	5.06

## N. L. BATTING LEADERS

<b><u>Average (min 3.1 pa/g)</u></b>			<b><u>Runs Batted In</u></b>			<b><u>Runs Scored</u></b>		
1	Winn,R	KK .347	1	Rolen,S	HZ 83	1	Finley,S	NE 82
2	Mora,M	BB .337	2	Cabrera,M	PQ 73	2	Drew,JD	PQ 75
3	Anderson,G	US .325	3	Beltran,C	HZ 70	3	Freel,R	US 73
4	Cabrera,M	PQ .322	4	Finley,S	NE 70	4	Bagwell,J	HZ 67
5	Hudson,O	PQ .322	5	Koskie,C	NE 67	5	Abreu,B	WS 65
6	Garciparra,N	NE .320	6	Lowell,M	AS 67	6	Lowell,M	AS 65
7	Tracy,C	MV .311	7	Guillen,J	NE 66	7	Beltran,C	HZ 64
8	Stewart,S	NE .309	8	Lawton,M	MV 66	8	Bymes,E	SP 64
9	Bigbie,L	CT .308	9	Kent,J	US 65	9	Kotsay,M	JC 64
10	Hafner,T	CT .305	10	Blake,C	JC 64	10	2 tied at	63
<b><u>Home Runs</u></b>			<b><u>Doubles</u></b>			<b><u>Triples</u></b>		
1	Rolen,S	HZ 30	1	Abreu,B	WS 34	1	Beltran,C	HZ 9
2	Finley,S	NE 26	2	Belliard,R	JC 34	2	Guzman,C	MV 8
3	Blake,C	JC 24	3	Hudson,O	PQ 34	3	Tracy,C	MV 8
4	Koskie,C	NE 24	4	Bymes,E	SP 32	4	Green,N	NE 7
5	Lowell,M	AS 23	5	Jeter,D	WS 32	5	Kent,J	US 7
6	Cabrera,M	PQ 22	6	Lawton,M	MV 32	6	Furcal,R	AS 6
7	Konerko,P	NE 22	7	Matsui,K	SP 29	7	Young,M	US 6
8	Bay,J	SP 21	8	Greene,K	PQ 26	8	5 tied at	5
9	Guillen,J	NE 21	9	Overbay,L	US 26	9		
10	Wilkerson,B	AS 20	10	Tejada,M	HZ 26	10		
<b><u>Stolen Bases</u></b>			<b><u>Strikeouts</u></b>			<b><u>Walks</u></b>		
1	Harris,W	MV 43	1	Patterson,C	SP 97	1	Drew,JD	PQ 85
2	Freel,R	US 33	2	Bay,J	SP 94	2	Bagwell,J	HZ 70
3	Posednik,S	KK 30	3	Wilkerson,B	AS 94	3	Abreu,B	WS 66
4	Patterson,C	SP 26	4	Burnitz,J	JC 93	4	Berkman,L	AS 64
5	Castillo,L	KK 20	5	Bagwell,J	HZ 91	5	Harris,W	MV 58
6	Furcal,R	AS 18	6	Bymes,E	SP 87	6	Lawton,M	MV 58
7	Winn,R	KK 18	7	Drew,JD	PQ 87	7	Overbay,L	US 58
8	Clark,B	HZ 17	8	Nix,L	MV 83	8	Castillo,L	KK 57
9	4 tied at	16	9	Blake,C	JC 82	9	Wilkerson,B	AS 57
10			10	Wilson,CA	US 82	10	Beltran,C	HZ 56

# N. L. PITCHING LEADERS

<u>ERA (min 1 ip/team game)</u>			<u>Most Innings Pitched</u>			<u>Relief Appearances</u>		
1 Hudson,T	HZ	2.83	1 Sheets,B	NE	166.0	1 Perisho,M	SP	54
2 Wright,Jt	JC	3.02	2 Oswalt,R	HZ	157.2	2 Mota,G	CT	46
3 Oswalt,R	HZ	3.25	3 Schmidt,J	JC	153.0	3 Gregg,K	CT	45
4 Sheets,B	NE	3.52	4 Pavano,C	CT	152.1	4 King,R	CT	45
5 Halladay,R	AS	3.57	5 Williams,W	BB	149.0	5 Nathan,J	NE	45
6 Penny,B	JC	3.64	6 Buehrle,M	HZ	146.2	6 Baez,D	PQ	43
7 Day,Z	SP	3.69	7 Maroth,M	MV	145.0	7 Gordon,T	JC	43
8 Arroyo,B	BB	3.96	8 Webb,B	US	138.1	8 Parrish,J	PQ	43
9 Williams,W	BB	3.99	9 Rueter,K	SP	135.0	9 Looper,B	AS	41
10 Schmidt,J	JC	4.08	10 Lilly,T	KK	134.2	10 2 tied at		40

  

<u>Most Wins</u>			<u>Most Strikeouts</u>			<u>Most Walks</u>		
1 Sheets,B	NE	15	1 Sheets,B	NE	189	1 Webb,B	US	87
2 Wright,Jt	JC	15	2 Schmidt,J	JC	164	2 Zambrano,V	WS	80
3 Williams,W	BB	13	3 Oswalt,R	HZ	139	3 Ortiz,Ru	NE	74
4 Hudson,T	HZ	12	4 Lilly,T	KK	119	4 Lilly,T	KK	68
5 Oswalt,R	HZ	12	5 Bonderman,J	JC	115	5 Cabrera,D	PQ	59
6 Buehrle,M	HZ	11	6 Webb,B	US	112	6 Beckett,J	SP	57
7 Lidle,C	HZ	11	7 Beckett,J	SP	111	7 Day,Z	SP	56
8 Schmidt,J	JC	11	8 Lidge,B	US	105	8 Jennings,J	SP	55
9 Suppan,J	JC	11	9 Zambrano,V	WS	104	9 Traschel,S	AS	55
10 3 tied at		10	10 Pavano,C	CT	100	10 Contreras,J	KK	54

  

<u>Fireman Award</u>			<u>Winning % (min 9 decisions)</u>				
1 Rivera,M	PQ	65	1-0-32	1 Wright,Jt	JC	15-0	1.000
2 Gordon,T	JC	62	4-2-31	2 Suppan,J	JC	11-0	1.000
3 Nathan,J	NE	61	3-3-32	3 Hudson,T	HZ	12-1	.923
4 Lidge,B	US	38	2-5-23	4 Carrara,G	PQ	8-1	.889
5 Benitez,A	CT	35	3-4-20	5 Wood,K	PQ	10-2	.833
6 Rodriguez,F	WS	35	1-3-20	6 Ortiz,Ru	NE	8-3	.727
7 Wagner,B	AS	33	3-0-15	7 Sheets,B	NE	15-6	.714
8 Gagne,E	HZ	31	1-3-18	8 Buehrle,M	HZ	11-5	.688
9 Howry,B	BB	24	0-3-15	9 Lidle,C	HZ	11-5	.688
10 Mesa,J	SP	17	3-3-10	10 Linebrink,S	US	6-3	.667

## US JARHEAD SCUTTLEBUTT

Since returning from Motivation Platoon at Parris Island The US Jarheads have gone 5-3, winning 3 of 4 from the 1st place Chiefs, and splitting 2-2 with the 2nd place Kegs. The Jarhead offense has been held to 3 runs or less, 4 times....but USJ won 3 of the 4, thanks to outstanding pitching, both starting and bullpen. In all 5 wins (post P.I.) Jarhead hurlers have allowed 1,1,0,1,1 runs, including a CG 4 hit shutout by **Joaquin Benoit**.

**Brandon Webb** finally got to double figures in wins and stands 2 over .500 at 10 - 8.

Despite batting 9th vs left handers, **Jeff Kent** (.285 16hr) still leads the Jarheads with 65 RBI. **Lyle Overbay** watch... 1 HR in 99 games...69 game homerless streak. Overbays .264 BA which is -37 points below his .301 card give him excellent credentials to be considered for Maggot of the Year, which carries an automatic 30 day stint with P.I. Motivation Plt. **Brad Lidge** is 2nd on the team with 105 Ks....in 75 IP.

## ANGELS ON HIGH

The New England Angels continue to roll along in their quest for their 1st playoff berth since returning to the FBN three years ago. Six Angels are on pace to hit 20 HR's or more including Steve Finley (26), Corie Koskie (24), Paul Konerko (22), Jose Guillen (21), Shannon Stewart (12) and Termel Sledge (11). Finley, Koskie, Konerko, and Guillen, all have an outside shot at breaking the franchise record of 42 hit by Rob Deer of the NE Lime Sox in 1989. The pitching staff is led by Ben Sheets (15-6, 3.56) and supported by an outstanding bullpen with the likes of Shingo Takatsu, John Smoltz, and Joe Nathan leading the way. Sheets is in line to become the 1st pitcher in Franchise history to win 20 games. 2 other pitchers have finished the season with 20 wins, but they were both acquired by trade mid season.