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## Commissioners Corner:

### Corrections to the All-Stars:

#### American League:

SP - Santana LW

RP - Robertson AG

#### National League:

OF - Beltran (HZ)

RP - Lidge US

AL STARS 000 100 003 00 - 4 6 1

NL STARS 010 030 000 01 - 5 10 0

W- B.Lidge L - L.Hawkins HR - P.LoDuca

MVP - Paul LoDuca walk off Homerun in the 11th.

## TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS

none

## The last in-season trading period ends Friday 09/02 at 8PM.

### 2006 TRADED DRAFT PICKS

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

California: #1 to BR. #3 & #5 to Hart Street.

Florida: #3 & #5 to KK.

Hart Street: #1 to IL. #2 to MV. #3 to MV. Also, CD#3 to MV.

Illinois: #3 to SP. #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(6-BP's). #4 to HT(6-BP's). #5 to HS(6-BP's).

Maine: #2 to CT. #5 to YA. #6 to HZ.

Margaritaville: #1 to SP. #3 to SP(9-BP's).

New England: #1 to WS. #2 to SP. #4 to SP.

Poquonock: #3 to BR.

Salem: #4 to LV.

Wall Street: #4 to LV

### 2007 TRADED DRAFT PICKS

Jersey City: #1 to AS

## **2005 - DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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: Florida ½, Burlington ½ (1 day late).

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

# FLY BY NIGHT AMERICAN LEAGUE

8/15/05

## EAST

	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	L 10	Strk	Avg	ERA
MAINE YAKS	76	53	0.589	--	37-29	39-24	5-5	1L	.258	4.00
LOUISVILLE RIVER BANDITS	73	56	0.566	3	37-29	36-27	6-4	2W	.308	4.59
URPAIGN DRAGONS	63	66	0.488	13	32-34	31-32	7-3	3W	.274	5.12
LAKE WOBEGON WHIPPETS	54	59	0.478	14	29-30	25-29	5-5	1W	.257	4.50
ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DOGS	48	57	0.457	16	25-30	23-27	5-5	1L	.280	5.59
BATON ROUGE SILVER BULLETS	54	67	0.446	18	28-35	26-32	4-6	1L	.274	4.83

## WEST

	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	L 10	Strk	Avg	ERA
CALIFORNIA DREAMERS	84	49	0.632	--	50-21	34-28	5-5	1L	.283	3.55
ARSENAL GUNNERS	76	57	0.571	8	43-23	33-34	8-2	6W	.264	4.14
FLORIDA SUN	59	50	0.541	13	33-19	26-31	6-4	1W	.274	4.99
HART STREET HOGS	63	62	0.504	17	29-34	34-28	6-4	1L	.275	4.73
HOTLANTA POSSUMS	63	66	0.488	19	33-33	30-33	4-6	1W	.269	5.52
YORKTOWN ADMIRALS	43	74	0.368	38	26-33	17-41	4-6	3L	.248	5.70

# A.I. HITTING LEADERS

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

## RUNS BATTED IN

## RUNS SCORED

1) Suzuki	LV	.397	1) Bonds	AG	128	1) Suzuki	LV	123
2) Bonds	AG	.376	2) Pujols	LV	125	2) Bonds	AG	110
3) Pierre	HS	.374	3) Batista	LV	109	3) Pierre	HS	103
4) Pujols	LV	.354	4) Beltre	HT	109	4) Pujols	LV	103
5) Guerrero	IL	.353	5) Dunn	HS	102	5) Beltre	HT	95
6) Beltre	HT	.339	6) Edmonds	UR	100	6) Dunn	HS	94
7) Renteria	CD	.336	7) Guerrero	IL	96	7) Figgins	CD	94
8) Edmonds	UR	.322	8) A Jones	HT	95	8) Arod	MY	92
9) Vizquel	FS	.317	9) Helton	LV	93	9) Helton	LV	89
10) Loretta	BR	.316	10) Ramirez	YT	92	10) A Jones	HT	84

## HOME RUNS

## DOUBLES

## TRIPLES

1) Bonds	AG	51	1) Casey	CD	50	1) Infante	LV	13
2) Pujols	LV	40	2) Edmonds	UR	47	2) Pierre	HS	12
3) Beltre	HT	40	3) Pujols	LV	46	3) Itzuris	AG	12
4) Dunn	HS	34	4) Helton	LV	46	4) Crawford	IL	10
5) Ramirez	YT	34	5) Bell	CD	43	5) Figgins	CD	9
6) Ortiz	IL	31	6) Clayton	MY	38	6) Wilson	HT	9
7) Edmonds	UR	31	7) Gonzalez	CD	34	7) Feliz	BR	8
8) Valentin	UR	30	8) Bonds	AG	33	8) Guillen	BR	8
9) Guerrero	IL	29	9) Feliz	BR	33	9) Alou	FS	7
10) Sheffield	BR	29	10) Loretta	BR	33	10) Walker	AG	7

## STOLEN BASES

## STRIKEOUTS

## WALKS

1) Pierre	HS	101	1) Dunn	HS	154	1) Bonds	AG	154
2) Suzuki	LV	55	2) Edmonds	UR	136	2) Helton	LV	84
3) Crawford	IL	36	3) A Jones	HT	136	3) Dunn	HS	81
4) Figgins	CD	34	4) Blalock	AG	132	4) Arod	MY	79
5) Rollins	YT	24	5) Cameron	MY	132	5) Pujols	LV	73
6) Cameron	MY	23	6) Bellhorn	LW	122	6) Matsui	LW	68
7) Crisp	HT	21	7) Clayton	MY	122	7) Edmonds	UR	64
8) Logan	BR	19	8) Varitek	HT	112	8) Sheffield	BR	63
9) Damon	CD	19	9) D Lee	MY	105	9) Damon	CD	60
10) Arod	MY	19	10) Ramirez	YT	102	10) Bellhorn	LW	59

# A.L. PITCHING LEADERS

## ERA (min 1inning/team gm)

1) Johnson	CD	2.41
2) Clemens	AG	2.59
3) Robertson	AG	2.99
4) Schilling	CD	3.08
5) Radke	MY	3.46
6) Hernandez	CD	3.58
7) Santana	LW	3.66
8) Peavy	HS	3.71
9) Harden	MY	3.85
10) Clement	MY	3.91

## INNINGS PITCHED

1) Hernandez	CD	236
2) Johnson	CD	224
3) Clemens	AG	212
4) Schilling	CD	208
5) Weaver	HS	188
6) Radke	MY	184
7) Garcia	AG	182
8) Drese	AG	180
9) Martinez	UR	179
10) Maddux	FS	179

## RELIEF APPEARANCES

1) Knotts	CD	69
2) Robertson	AG	66
3) Rusch	HT	66
4) Koplove	HT	66
5) Foulke	LV	61
6) Cordero	HS	60
7) Tavarez	MY	58
8) Ryan	LV	57
9) Hawkins	CD	57
10) Eyre	MY	57

## WINS

1) Clemens	AG	23
2) Johnson	CD	21
3) Hernandez	CD	18
4) Schilling	CD	17
5) Maddux	FS	14
6) Martinez	UR	14
7) Rogers	CD	14
8) Radke	MY	14
9) Garcia	AG	13
10) Drese	AG	13

## STRIKEOUTS

1) Johnson	CD	265
2) Santana	LW	208
3) Martinez	UR	181
4) Clemens	AG	176
5) Escobar	LV	176
6) Schilling	CD	175
7) Zambrano	BR	168
8) Peavy	HS	165
9) Perez	BR	165
10) Hernandez	CD	156

## WALKS

1) Leiter	UR	109
2) Estes	HT	104
3) Ishii	HT	88
4) Hernandez	CD	83
5) Perez	BR	82
6) Zambrano	BR	77
7) Clement	MY	75
8) Benson	LV	73
9) Sabathia	UR	72
10) Garcia	AG	72

## FIREMAN AWARD

	pts	W-L-S
1) Hawkins	CD	72 4-4-38
2) Madson	MY	57 3-3-30
3) Foulke	LV	53 3-2-27
4) Isringhsn	LW	41 5-9-27
5) Otsuka	IL	33 5-2-16
6) Hoffman	FS	32 4-3-17
7) Francisco	YT	27 3-5-17
8) Rusch	HT	22 12-5-10
9) Cormier	AG	21 1-1-12
10) Moreno	CD	17 1-1-9

## WINNING % (min 11 decisions)

1) Clemens	AG	23-3	.885
2) Johnson	CD	21-7	.750
3) Carpenter	LV	15-5	.750
4) Hernandez	CD	18-7	.720
5) Rusch	HT	12-5	.706
6) Mussina	BR	11-5	.688
7) Schilling	CD	17-8	.680
8) Rogers	CD	14-7	.667
9) Wolf	HS	8-4	.667
10) Garcia	AG	13-7	.650

## TEAM NOTES:

### Hart Street:

Teixeira in 44 games since I decided to do the non sensical thing and put him in the 3 hole:  
182 AB, 13 HR, 43 RBI, .313/.369/.599. He actually has respectable numbers now. Go figure.  
Plus, since I unloaded Hollandsworth, Pickering, Moreno, Knotts, Dallimore  
and Easley the Hogs are 34-22 .607. If I had never drafted those guys I'd be in first place....hummm.

### California:

Dreamer Weavings - As the final non-divisional games wind down - California continues to play reasonably well despite not having Randy Johnson for a full workload during Block 6.

Sean Casey (.312-13-83) and Edgar Renteria (.336-13-81) continue to lead the offense (only 108 HR in 133 games), and the pitching staff continues to hold down opponents (team ERA of 3.55).

We just hope to keep a reasonable lead over Arsenal and Florida going into the last block - as the Dreamers have road games against each of these opponents. Schilling and Johnson will be well rested and are expected to start 6 of the 10 games against the top division challengers.

Due to the comments of another GM - we looked into changing our team name from California to L.A. (for lame-ass - apparently), but we were worried about a lawsuit from the city of Anaheim.

Dream On...

### Hotlanta:

The Possums completed the home stand against the ALE winning 6 games and losing 6 games. The trio of Mike Cuddyer, Andruw Jones, and Adrian Beltre all had hot bats in the 12 games. Cuddyer led the way batting .444 with 15 RBI and 4 HR's. Right behind were Jones (.333, 15 RBI, 5 HR) and Beltre (.340, 10 RBI, 4 HR). With 11 starts to go, "Shutout" Shawn Estes (Editor's note: The "Shutout" nickname is in honor of Estes 5 hit, 1 BB complete game shutout of Hart Street last block) will be cutting it close to becoming a 20 game loser. Estes currently has a record of 6-14 with a 7.50 ERA. If Estes does lose 20 games, he will join Jamie Navarro, the only other Possum ever to lose 20 games. When asked to comment on Estes, the retired Navarro said "I'm not worried about Estes breaking any of my records". A quick check of the record book showed Navarro lost 20 games in four different seasons (10-22 in '94, 8-22 in '96, 9-23 in '97, and 6-25 in '98). I think Navarro had a definite trend going over those 4 years! Does anybody know how to make a histogram to verify this trend?

### Baton Rouge:

The Bullets have stopped their drop below the .500 mark and have held at 13 below for most of the last month. However, several key players are quickly running out of at bats and innings. It might get real ugly before it is all over. Next year brings a big drop in our level of play. Thome, Nevin and Gload all pretty much bombed out this year. Big shoes to fill there, although Thome didn't do much for me this year. Loretta and Hairston combined will cover second fairly well. Guillen is down a lot from last year and will have only half a season, but will be okay when he plays. Need 300 at bats at short. Feliz will be okay at third - some power, decent in the field, but low base. Rondell will be my leftfielder, Sheffield will be my right fielder. Centerfield will be a combination of Wilson, Logan, and Lofton. Gregg Zaun will cover catcher pretty well with help from Torealba. Overall - a lot less hitting and about the same fielding. Should have some DPs to help out. Next time - Bullet pitching.

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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	73	48	.603	—	36-22	37-26	5-5	Lost 1	.284	4.07
Hazardville	73	52	.584	2	36-22	37-30	7-3	Won 5	.278	4.15
Burlington	59	66	.472	16	35-32	24-34	4-6	Won 1		
Allyn Street	58	67	.464	17	32-35	26-32	6-4	Won 2	.257	4.66
US Jarheads	58	67	.464	17	35-36	23-31	7-3	Won 3	.281	4.40
Wall Street	51	70	.421	22					.271	5.15

  

<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	82	43	.656	—						
New England	74	51	.592	8	43-19	31-32	4-6	Lost 3	.283	4.54
Connecticut	62	63	.496	20	33-30	29-33	5-5	Lost 1	.260	4.04
Klee's	47	66	.416	29	23-36	24-30	4-6	Lost 3	.264	4.83
Margaritaville	43	70	.381	33	25-34	18-36	5-5	Lost 1	.264	4.61
Salem	47	90	.343	41	25-41	22-49	5-5	Lost 1	.235	5.33

## N. L. BATTING LEADERS

<u>Average (min 3.1 pa/g)</u>			<u>Runs Batted In</u>			<u>Runs Scored</u>		
1	Winn,R	KK .339	1	Rolen,S	HZ 103	1	Finley,S	NE 97
2	Anderson,G	US .326	2	Kent,J	US 91	2	Freel,R	US 91
3	Mora,M	BB .323	3	Cabrera,M	PQ 88	3	Drew,JD	PQ 90
4	Hafner,T	CT .314	4	Finley,S	NE 88	4	Abreu,B	WS 82
5	Abreu,B	WS .313	5	Konerko,P	NE 86	5	Beltran,C	HZ 82
6	Tracy,C	MV .311	6	Beltran,C	HZ 83	6	Ford,L	US 81
7	Cabrera,M	PQ .311	7	Lowell,M	AS 80	7	Kotsay,M	JC 81
8	Rolen,S	HZ .308	8	Koskie,C	NE 78	8	Lowell,M	AS 79
9	3 tied at	.300	9	Tejada,M	HZ 77	9	Rolen,S	HZ 78
10			10	Guillen,J	NE 76	10	Jeter,D	WS 77

  

<u>Home Runs</u>			<u>Doubles</u>			<u>Triples</u>		
1	Rolen,S	HZ 35	1	Abreu,B	WS 44	1	Beltran,C	HZ 11
2	Finley,S	NE 32	2	Belliard,R	JC 40	2	Kent,J	US 10
3	Konerko,P	NE 31	3	Bymes,E	SP 39	3	Guzman,C	MV 9
4	Cabrera,M	PQ 28	4	Hudson,O	PQ 38	4	Ordonez,M	BB 8
5	Koskie,C	NE 28	5	Matsui,K	SP 38	5	Green,N	NE 7
6	Blake,C	JC 26	6	Jeter,D	WS 37	6	Rios,A	CT 7
7	Lowell,M	AS 25	7	Overbay,L	US 34	7	Sanders,R	HZ 7
8	Tejada,M	HZ 24	8	4 tied at	33	8	Tucker,M	US 7
9	Wilkerson,B	AS 24	9			9	Young,M	US 7
10	2 tied at	23	10			10	3 tied at	6

  

<u>Stolen Bases</u>			<u>Strikeouts</u>			<u>Walks</u>		
1	Harris,W	MV 44	1	Wilkerson,B	AS 122	1	Drew,JD	PQ 102
2	Freel,R	US 38	2	Bay,J	SP 119	2	Berkman,L	AS 88
3	Posednik,S	KK 37	3	Bymes,E	SP 118	3	Bagwell,J	HZ 86
4	Patterson,C	NE 27	4	Bagwell,J	HZ 110	4	Abreu,B	WS 85
5	Clark,B	HZ 22	5	Patterson,C	NE 109	5	Beltran,C	HZ 72
6	Castillo,L	KK 21	6	Wilson,CA	US 108	6	Overbay,L	US 72
7	Miles,A	BB 21	7	Bumitz,J	JC 105	7	Freel,R	US 68
8	Abreu,B	WS 20	8	Jeter,D	WS 104	8	Castillo,L	KK 64
9	Furcal,R	AS 20	9	Cabrera,M	PQ 102	9	Harris,W	MV 64
10	Winn,R	KK 20	10	Blake,C	JC 101	10	Hafner,T	CT 62

# N. L. PITCHING LEADERS

<u>ERA</u> (min 1 ip/team game)			<u>Most Innings Pitched</u>			<u>Relief Appearances</u>		
1	Wright,Jt	JC 3.02	1	Sheets,B	NE 211.0	1	Mota,G	CT 57
2	Oswalt,R	HZ 3.12	2	Oswalt,R	HZ 193.1	2	Gregg,K	CT 54
3	Halladay,R	AS 3.13	3	Pavano,C	CT 187.0	3	Perisho,M	NE 54
4	Sheets,B	NE 3.41	4	Jennings,J	SP 182.1	4	King,R	CT 53
5	Arroyo,B	BB 3.67	5	Schmidt,J	JC 182.0	5	Nathan,J	NE 53
6	Schmidt,J	JC 3.90	6	Webb,B	US 178.0	6	Looper,B	AS 52
7	Williams,W	BB 3.91	7	Buehrie,M	HZ 176.2	7	Gordon,T	JC 51
8	Hudson,T	HZ 3.98	8	Rueter,K	SP 172.2	8	Parrish,J	PQ 51
9	Suppan,J	JC 4.00	9	Traschel,S	AS 172.0	9	Baez,D	PQ 50
10	Pavano,C	CT 4.03	10	Zito,B	WS 171.1	10	Duchscherer	AS 50

  

<u>Most Wins</u>			<u>Most Strikeouts</u>			<u>Most Walks</u>		
1	Sheets,B	NE 19	1	Sheets,B	NE 240	1	Webb,B	US 106
2	Wright,Jt	JC 17	2	Schmidt,J	JC 192	2	Ortiz,Ru	NE 93
3	Oswalt,R	HZ 16	3	Oswalt,R	HZ 173	3	Zambrano,V	WS 91
4	Williams,W	BB 14	4	Webb,B	US 145	4	Zito,B	WS 87
5	Hudson,T	HZ 13	5	Bonderman,J	JC 132	5	Lilly,T	KK 79
6	Schmidt,J	JC 13	6	Lilly,T	KK 132	6	Jennings,J	SP 77
7	Webb,B	US 13	7	Zito,B	WS 125	7	Cabrera,D	PQ 71
8	7 tied at	12	8	Pavano,C	CT 122	8	Day,Z	SP 68
9			9	Beckett,J	SP 121	9	3 tied at	67
10			10	Wright,Jt	JC 120	10		

  

<u>Fireman Award</u>			<u>Winning % (min 11 decisions)</u>			
		pts	w-l-s			
1	Nathan,J	NE 71	3-3-37	1	Wright,Jt	JC 17-1 . 944
2	Rivera,M	PQ 71	1-0-35	2	Suppan,J	JC 12-3 . 800
3	Gordon,T	JC 65	5-3-33	3	Wood,K	PQ 12-3 . 800
4	Benitez,A	CT 47	3-5-27	4	Hudson,T	HZ 13-4 . 765
5	Lidge,B	US 47	3-5-27	5	Sheets,B	NE 19-8 . 704
6	Wagner,B	AS 43	3-0-20	6	Oswalt,R	HZ 16-7 . 696
7	Rodriguez,F	WS 42	4-5-24	7	Lidle,C	HZ 12-6 . 667
8	Gagne,E	HZ 36	4-4-20	8	Schmidt,J	JC 13-7 . 650
9	Howry,B	BB 33	1-3-19	9	Kennedy	PQ 11-6 . 647
10	Mesa,J	NE 19	3-3-11	10	Ortiz,Ru	NE 10-6 . 625

## 89ER NUMBERS

Allyn Street 8-4 Vs JC, SP and NE. Still have games with MV, KK and CT. Ryan Vogelsong has pitched two complete game victories in his first two FBN starts. In 18 innings he has 14 strikeouts and a 2.00 ERA. From the first time I told "HAL" to pick a roster it had Vogel-song on the 25 roster and starting. I guess "HAL" knows best. I had Ortiz up at 5-11 and 5.82. Plus, Kim at 7-11 and 5.76. Go figure!

Available for the right trade -  
Mike Lowell

## ANGELS ON HIGH

This block may cause me to come up with a new lead in heading for the next newsletter.....Angels on "Not so High"! Things have slowed down a bit. Allen St took 3 of 4 from the Angels as did the Jarheads, and Hazardvilles re-sult was a 2-2 split. So Far this block we are 4-8 vs the NL East with Poquonock, Burlington and Wall St yet to play. In the HR dept. we still have 6 players on pace for 20 HR's but the pace has slowed just a bit. Finley has hit only one this block for a team leading total of 32 HR's, with the red-hot Paul Konerko right behind at 31. Koskie has 28, and Guillen 22, followed by Stewart and Termel Sledge with 15 each. Recently acquired David Wells has fit nicely into the Angels rotation. In 3 starts thus far he is 1-1 with a 3.50 ERA.

## Box Score from 2005 FBN Allstar Game:

2005 FBN Allstar Game

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## OUT IN LEFT FIELD

By Roland Klee

August 29, 2005:

Ah, September.

It's the month that summer comes to a close. The evenings get cool quicker. Kids go back to school and pennant races heat up in a serious way. That's great fun if you're actually in one (shaddap).

Contenders can do a lot to help themselves by acquiring a key player to put them over the top in a division race and prepare for a difficult playoff showdown. Then there are the rest of us. What can we do?

Well, we can be the sellers of those useful commodities that will make the difference to an actual good team. We might get a decent draft pick to help in the future. In our league it's hard to get a live player in return, though because it's those players that have put the good teams in position to contend. Salary considerations don't exist. In addition, the player that might be most useful is someone you might want to keep. If you don't want to keep him because of injury or poor performance, his trade value might be severely damaged. His value might be so low that cutting him gets you a better draft pick than what you might get from your trading partner. So why bother?

Box scores also become more interesting in September. Prospects get called up who'll get enough playing time to receive a card. It's that time when you get to do some serious scouting. Maybe that phenom you drafted in February gets another chance to stick permanently. Players who've had brutal seasons go on salary drives to make themselves and their cards at least marginally employable the next season.

Players who got off to good starts but are now in freefall might get an opportunity to turn it around against indifferent teams and players going through the motions and dialing it in. More than once I've secretly hoped for a season ending injury that would lock in a useful card before it self-destructs. As long as he's back healthy in time for spring training.

So, as the song says, see you in September.

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(Archives from OUT OF LEFT FIELD)