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Commissioners Corner:

Another season is near the end. The playoff picture has been complete for some time now. Just some final adjustments to the 2006 draft order is left for the Won/Lost column.

Voting items for review are in this section. These are only for review. We will be voting on them in November.

Please check the 2006 and 2007 Traded Draft Picks to be sure they are correct. I'm working on the 2006 schedules and I'll have them out for review shortly.

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None

2006 TRADED DRAFT PICKS

Allyn Street: #4 to NE.

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. IL#4 to AS. LV#2 to CD.

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. Also, NE#2 to IL.

Urpaign: #2 to HS.

Wall Street: #4 to LV

2007 TRADED DRAFT PICKS

California: #5 to HS.

Hart Street: #1 to CD.

Jersey City: #1 to AS

New England: #1 to AS

Urpaign: #2 to HS.

This reports -BP's: BR ½, FS and LV 1, JC ½ MV 3.

-BP's YTD: MV 15, LV 7, BB 2 1/2, LW 2, FS 2 ½, AS 1, AG 1, WS ½, SP ½, NE ½, JC ½, BR 1/2.

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.

November voting items as of 10/01

Commissioner - Rob Bruno
AL President - Ed Griffin
NL President - Bob Figella

1. Brawl Rule -

Three situations trigger a potential brawl. **Once a triggering event occurs, a split die is rolled to see if the batter charges the mound. 1-5 for the first occurrence in a series, 1-10 for the second occurrence, etc.**

1. HBP next batter after a HR.
2. HBP when that player homered in his previous plate appearance.
3. 3 HBP in game.

2. Expand the league to 26 teams in 2008.

If this proposal is agreed, a committee consisting of the Commissioner, League Presidents, plus at least one other manager from each league (to be appointed by the Commish and Presidents) will be charged to work out the details of the league alignment, expansion draft, and schedule. The details will be due to be presented to the League by July 1, 2006.

3. Bring up a player(s) to replace an injured player(s).

1. If only one player is injured for a start of a game no replacement is allowed to be called up from the minors.
2. If two players are injured for a start of the game a player can be called up from the minors.
3. If three players are injured for a start of the game two players can be called up from the minors. If four etc. etc

4. Maximum overuse of At Bats without -BP's will be 3. If a batter is overused by 4 AB's one -BP's will be charge for every At Bat that has been overused. (In this example the -BP's would be 4.)

4a. At Bats over usage charge. 1-BP for every 5 team At Bats overused. (Example: If a team overused three players by 3, 3 and 4 AB's that would be 2 -BP's.)

5. Add a third Wildcard team in each league. The 2nd and 3rd best record wild card teams would play, then the winner would play the division winner with the best record. The other wild card team would play the division winner with the second best record.

6. Allow outfielders to play out of position according to the Strat-O-Matic outfielder out of position chart rules.

7. Allow any player to play out of position exactly according to the Strat-O-Matic rules.

8. If the out of position player vote passes, 2 carded players at each position are not required, Yes - No. If voted yes, at the minimum consider all outfielders as able to play all 3 OF positions with regard to having 2 players at each position.

9. Ball parks - A ball park can be any size and differential to any field. (remove current Strat restrictions) The maximum that a ballpark can be changed in one year is up or down 5.

10. Expand rosters to 40. **If a trade for odd number of players is made (example 2 for 1) to bring a team over 40 players that team must announce with the trade a player that will be cut from his roster immediately.**

11. When a game is in extra innings, allow any player to play out of position exactly according to the Strat-O-Matic rules.

Attached is a 2006 team schedule. We will have a day off at

| Home or Away # of games. | | Instructions Due | Statistics Due |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Series Record | | Seasonal | |
| S# Place | OPPONENT | Postmark By | Postmark By |
| HM | AW | WON | LOST |
| 01* | A - HART STREET | / 03/20 | / 04/14 / |
| | / / / | | |
| 02 | H - ARSENAL | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 03 | H - FLORIDA | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 04 | A - CALIFORNIA | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 05 | A - HOTLANTA | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 06* | H - LOUISVILLE | / 04/15 | / 05/12 / |
| | / / / | | |
| 07 | H - ILLINOIS | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 08 | A - MAINE | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 09 | A - BATON ROUGE | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 10 | H - URPAIGN | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 11 | A - LAKE WOBEGON | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 12* | H - HOTLANTA | / 05/13 | / 06/09 / |
| | / / / | | |
| 13 | H - CALIFORNIA | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 14 | A - FLORIDA | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 15 | A - ARSENAL | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 16 | H - HART STREET | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 17* | A2 - CONNECTICUT | / 06/10 | / 06/27 / |
| | / / / | | |
| 18 | A3 - KLEES | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 19 | A3 - SALEM | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 20 | H3 - HAZARDVILLE | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 21 | H3 - US JARHEADS | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 22 | H3 - ALLYN STREET | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 23* | A3 - JERSEY CITY | / 06/28 | / 07/14 / |
| | / / / | | |
| 24 | A3 - MARGARITAVILLE | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 25 | A3 - NEW ENGLAND | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 26 | H3 - BURLINGTON | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 27 | H3 - POQUONOCK | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 28 | H2 - WALL STREET | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 29* | H - ARSENAL | / 07/15 | / 08/11 / |
| | / / / | | |
| 30 | A - HOTLANTA | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 31 | A - HART STREET | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 32 | A - CALIFORNIA | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 33 | H - FLORIDA | / | / / |
| | / / / | | |
| 34* | H - LAKE WOBEGON | / 08/12 | / 09/08 / |
| | / / / | | |

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|---|---------|---------|---|
| 36 H - BATON ROUGE | / | / | / |
| 37 H - MAINE | / | / | / |
| 38 A - ILLINOIS | / | / | / |
| 39 A - LOUISVILLE | / | / | / |
| 40* A - FLORIDA | / 09/09 | / 10/06 | / |
| 41 H - CALIFORNIA | / | / | / |
| 42 H - HOTLANTA | / | / | / |
| 43 H - HART STREET | / | / | / |
| 44 A - ARSENAL | / | / | / |
| Complete Won Lost Record before sending to the Commissioner. | | | |

How to fill out team schedule every two weeks

Inst. Due: Latest Postmark instructions are due by president information

Inst. Rec'ed: Postmark date you received opponents instructions. 1/2 -BP for each day late past due dates Postmark.

Stats Due: Latest Postmark Stats and results are due by.

Stats Rec'ed: Postmark date you received your stats and **President about 80 games.**

Commissioner. results. 1/2 -BP's for each day past send date by PostMark.

President. Also send copy of

Send Won/Lost Record to Ed for website starting with April 01. Send your league for the newsletter by the following schedule:

1. 04/15 3. 06/15 5. 07/15 7. 09/15
2. 05/15 4. 07/01* 6. 08/15 8. 10/14**

*** Also send Team stats to**

*** Send copy of Team Schedule to**

**** Send final Team stats to**

Team Schedule to Commissioner.

ALL SERIES ARE 4 GAME EXCEPT INTER-LEAGUE PLAY. SEE INTER-LEGAUE SERIES FOR THE # OF GAMES.

REPORTING OF -BPS: All -BP's must be reported to the commissioner **AFTER EACH BLOCK.**

Roster Updates: First two blocks mail or email your 25 man roster and pitching rotation you plan to be use to the Commissioner. Rest of year is optional.

If the Road Instruction are 5 days late for series call the Commissioner for a pitching rotation to use with Emergency Inst. If you do not call -BP's will be charged to both teams.

2006

Dates to remember:

02/26 DRAFT DAY

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STANDINGS

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| * East * | w | l | pct | gb | home | away | L10 | streak | team ba | team era |
|-----------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Poquonock | 102 | 60 | .630 | — | 53-28 | 49-32 | 6-4 | Won 3 | .283 | 3.93 |
| Hazardville | 96 | 66 | .593 | 6 | 48-33 | 48-33 | 4-6 | Lost 3 | .275 | 4.09 |
| Burlington | 77 | 85 | .475 | 25 | 39-42 | 38-43 | 7-3 | Won 3 | .263 | 4.23 |
| Allyn Street | 76 | 86 | .469 | 26 | 38-43 | 38-43 | 6-4 | Won 2 | .260 | 4.62 |
| US Jarheads | 73 | 89 | .451 | 29 | 38-43 | 35-46 | 3-7 | Lost 4 | .279 | 4.69 |
| Wall Street | 72 | 90 | .444 | 30 | 38-43 | 34-47 | 4-6 | Lost 1 | .271 | 5.15 |

| * West * | w | l | pct | gb | home | away | L10 | streak | team ba | team era |
|-----------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jersey City | 103 | 59 | .636 | — | 55-26 | 48-33 | 8-2 | Lost 1 | | |
| New England | 95 | 67 | .586 | 8 | 59-26 | 36-41 | 5-5 | Lost 2 | .280 | 4.54 |
| Connecticut | 76 | 81 | .484 | 24 1/2 | 40-36 | 36-45 | 2-8 | Lost 1 | .258 | 4.20 |
| Klee's | 67 | 90 | .427 | 33 1/2 | 33-48 | 34-42 | 4-6 | Won 1 | .260 | 4.63 |
| Margaritaville | 52 | 85 | .380 | 38 1/2 | 30-41 | 22-44 | 4-6 | Won 1 | .261 | 4.22 |
| Salem | 56 | 106 | .346 | 47 | 32-49 | 24-57 | 4-6 | Won 1 | .236 | 5.18 |

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 .340 | 1 | Rolen,S | HZ 125 | 1 | Abreu,B | WS 117 |
| 2 | Mora,M | BB .337 | 2 | Kent,J | US 124 | 2 | Finley,S | NE 115 |
| 3 | Abreu,B | WS .327 | 3 | Cabrera,M | PQ 119 | 3 | Freel,R | US 112 |
| 4 | Rolen,S | HZ .312 | 4 | Lowell,M | AS 111 | 4 | Jeter,D | WS 112 |
| 5 | Ford,L | US .310 | 5 | Tejada,M | HZ 109 | 5 | Mora,M | BB 111 |
| 6 | Anderson,G | US .308 | 6 | Beltran,C | HZ 108 | 6 | Kotsay,M | JC 109 |
| 7 | Lowell,M | AS .307 | 7 | Finley,S | NE 108 | 7 | Beltran,C | HZ 108 |
| 8 | Bigbie,L | CT .305 | 8 | Konerko,P | NE 105 | 8 | Drew,JD | PQ 106 |
| 9 | Cabrera,M | PQ .304 | 9 | Abreu,B | WS 103 | 9 | Rolen,S | HZ 106 |
| 10 | 2 tied at | .300 | 10 | Martinez,V | BB 101 | 10 | Lowell,M | AS 105 |
| <u>Home Runs</u> | | | <u>Doubles</u> | | | <u>Triples</u> | | |
| 1 | Rolen,S | HZ 44 | 1 | Abreu,B | WS 59 | 1 | Beltran,C | HZ 17 |
| 2 | Cabrera,M | PQ 42 | 2 | Jeter,D | WS 56 | 2 | Kent,J | US 10 |
| 3 | Finley,S | NE 37 | 3 | Bymes,E | SP 50 | 3 | Green,N | NE 9 |
| 4 | Konerko,P | NE 37 | 4 | Lowell,M | AS 50 | 4 | Guzman,C | MV 9 |
| 5 | Lowell,M | AS 37 | 5 | Overbay,L | US 49 | 5 | Ordonez,M | BB 9 |
| 6 | Blake,C | JC 36 | 6 | Belliard,R | JC 47 | 6 | Rios,A | CT 9 |
| 7 | Tejada,M | HZ 35 | 7 | Hudson,O | PQ 46 | 7 | Roberts,B | BB 9 |
| 8 | Wilson,CA | US 33 | 8 | 4 tied at | 42 | 8 | Tucker,M | US 8 |
| 9 | Koskie,C | NE 32 | 9 | | | 9 | Young,M | US 8 |
| 10 | Abreu,B | WS 31 | 10 | | | 10 | 3 tied at | 7 |
| <u>Stolen Bases</u> | | | <u>Strikeouts</u> | | | <u>Walks</u> | | |
| 1 | Harris,W | MV 55 | 1 | Wilkerson,B | AS 154 | 1 | Drew,JD | PQ 128 |
| 2 | Posednik,S | KK 52 | 2 | Bagwell,J | HZ 147 | 2 | Abreu,B | WS 114 |
| 3 | Freel,R | US 51 | 3 | Bay,J | SP 142 | 3 | Bagwell,J | HZ 112 |
| 4 | Roberts,D | BB 33 | 4 | Wilson,CA | US 142 | 4 | Berkman,L | AS 112 |
| 5 | Clark,B | HZ 29 | 5 | Blake,C | JC 140 | 5 | Beltran,C | HZ 95 |
| 6 | Furcal,R | AS 29 | 6 | Cabrera,M | PQ 138 | 6 | Castillo,L | KK 92 |
| 7 | Castillo,L | KK 28 | 7 | Drew,JD | PQ 137 | 7 | Overbay,L | US 87 |
| 8 | Patterson,C | NE 27 | 8 | Jeter,D | WS 136 | 8 | Hafner,T | CT 81 |
| 9 | Chavez,E | US 26 | 9 | Bymes,E | SP 134 | 9 | Freel,R | US 80 |
| 10 | Winn,R | KK 25 | 10 | 2 tied at | 124 | 10 | Rolen,S | HZ 76 |

N. L. PITCHING LEADERS

| <u>ERA (min 1 ip/team game)</u> | | | <u>Most Innings Pitched</u> | | | <u>Relief Appearances</u> | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------|----------|---------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 1 | Wright,Jt | JC 2.91 | 1 | Sheets,B | NE 260.0 | 1 | Mota,G | CT 71 |
| 2 | Oswalt,R | HZ 3.31 | 2 | Oswalt,R | HZ 247.1 | 2 | King,R | CT 70 |
| 3 | Sheets,B | NE 3.63 | 3 | Schmidt,J | JC 246.0 | 3 | Perisho,M | NE 69 |
| 4 | Lilly,T | KK 3.90 | 4 | Zito,B | WS 232.0 | 4 | Duchscherer | AS 67 |
| 5 | Lidle,C | HZ 3.91 | 5 | Webb,B | US 230.0 | 5 | Gordon,T | JC 67 |
| 6 | Arroyo,B | BB 3.95 | 6 | Pavano,C | CT 229.2 | 6 | Looper,B | AS 64 |
| 7 | Schmidt,J | JC 3.98 | 7 | Buehrle,M | HZ 223.2 | 7 | Nathan,J | NE 64 |
| 8 | Williams,W | BB 4.13 | 8 | Traschel,S | AS 222.2 | 8 | Baez,D | PQ 62 |
| 9 | Pavano,C | CT 4.15 | 9 | Eaton,A | BB 219.0 | 9 | Rivera,M | PQ 62 |
| 10 | 2 tied at | 4.18 | 10 | Marquis,J | BB 219.0 | 10 | Gregg,K | CT 61 |

| <u>Most Wins</u> | | | <u>Most Strikeouts</u> | | | <u>Most Walks</u> | | |
|------------------|-----------|-------|------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|------------|--------|
| 1 | Wright,Jt | JC 23 | 1 | Sheets,B | NE 298 | 1 | Webb,B | US 139 |
| 2 | Oswalt,R | HZ 21 | 2 | Schmidt,J | JC 265 | 2 | Ortiz,Ru | AS 122 |
| 3 | Sheets,B | NE 21 | 3 | Oswalt,R | HZ 229 | 3 | Zambrano,V | WS 112 |
| 4 | Webb,B | US 19 | 4 | Webb,B | US 191 | 4 | Zito,B | WS 109 |
| 5 | Schmidt,J | JC 18 | 5 | Bonderman,J | JC 172 | 5 | Lilly,T | KK 101 |
| 6 | Lidle,C | HZ 17 | 6 | Lilly,T | KK 169 | 6 | Cabrera,D | PQ 94 |
| 7 | Hudson,T | HZ 16 | 7 | Zito,B | WS 169 | 7 | Jennings,J | SP 90 |
| 8 | Kennedy,J | PQ 16 | 8 | Wright,Jt | JC 168 | 8 | Marquis,J | BB 85 |
| 9 | 5 tied at | 15 | 9 | Beckett,J | SP 166 | 9 | Schmidt,J | JC 85 |
| 10 | | | 10 | Eaton,A | BB 158 | 10 | Traschel,S | AS 84 |

| <u>Fireman Award</u> | | | <u>Winning % (min 14 decisions)</u> | | |
|----------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 | Rivera,M | PQ 105 | 1 | Wright,Jt | JC 23-2 . 920 |
| 2 | Gordon,T | JC 93 | 2 | Hudson,T | HZ 16-6 . 727 |
| 3 | Nathan,J | NE 86 | 3 | Lidle,C | HZ 17-7 . 708 |
| 4 | Rodriguez,F | WS 58 | 4 | Wood,K | PQ 14-5 . 700 |
| 5 | Lidge,B | US 54 | 5 | Oswalt,R | HZ 21-9 . 700 |
| 6 | Benitez,A | CT 53 | 6 | Suppan,J | JC 15-7 . 682 |
| 7 | Howry,B | BB 51 | 7 | Kennedy,J | PQ 16-8 . 667 |
| 8 | Wagner,B | NE 50 | 8 | Hermanson,D | AS 15-8 . 652 |
| 9 | Gagne,E | HZ 36 | 9 | Sheets,B | NE 21-12 . 636 |
| 10 | Almanzar,C | KK 19 | 10 | Schmidt,J | JC 18-11 . 620 |

DEVIL DOODLES

Any hopes Connecticut had to salvage a winning season were squashed in their last 2 series – getting swept 5 games by New England and losing 3 out of 5 to last place Salem to put the Blue Devils 5 games under .500 with 5 games left. With the sweep by the rival Angels, New England has now won an amazing 13 GAMES IN A ROW against Connecticut. Maybe it's just me – but that seems incredibly shocking for one team to dominate that much. You would think simple luck would lead us to one victory. The Angels finished the season 14-4 vs. CT. On the bright side, the Blue Devils did go 12-6 vs. Jersey City which is quite an accomplishment.

The Blue Devil offense has gone into a big slump as the team BA has dropped to a season low .258 – the lowest BA in franchise history. The next lowest BA is .265 way back in 1989. The key cog in the lineup – Travis Hafner has “hit the skids” as his BA has dropped to just .300 and he has still not reached the 100 RBI mark – stuck at 93. Not bad numbers by any stretch but not what was needed or expected. Geoff Jenkins’ measly 12 HR’s and .235 BA has also hurt tremendously. On the pitching side, Matt Morris continues to disappoint with a 5.26 ERA and 9-15 record. He has given up a whopping 45 HR’s in his 205 innings to go with 240 hits allowed. Not the ace of a few years ago.

The New England Angels have wrapped up their 2nd best season ever finishing the year at 95-67, and will be making their 2nd appearance ever in the post-season. Most note-worthy was the power production of the Angel offense. The Angels went way beyond their previous best effort, hitting 235 HR's as a team. 5 players had 20 or more HR's with Steve Finley and Paul Konerko leading the way with 37 each. Corey Koskie was next in line with 34 followed by Jose Guillen with 25 and Termel Sledge in his rookie season with 21. Other notable totals included Shannon Stewart with 17 HR's in just 395 AB's, Jose Santiago with 16 in just 192 AB's and Jose Hernandez who hit 14 in just 230 AB's. Ben Sheets led the Angel hurlers with 21 wins, 2nd only to Orel Hershiser's 23 in 1994. and the Angel bullpen was also huge, led by Joe Nathans 44 saves. Nathans save total is 2nd on the New England all-time list to Alejandro Pena who saved 49 in 1990. Rob Deer holds the all-time Angel homer record having hit 42 in 1989, the only other year New England made it to the post-season. Our starting lineup that year was as follows: C: Ernie Whitt/Damon Berryhill/Jaimie Quirk 1B: Gene Larkin/Don Baylor, 2B Marty Barrett, SS Tony Fernandez, 3B: Dave Magadan/Kevin Seitzer, LF: Barry Bonds, CF: Brett Butler, RF: Harold Baines/Mookie Wilson, DH: Rob Deer.

Rotation: Greg Maddux (16-8), Jose Guzman (18-10), Bill Wegman (11-9) John Candelaria (9-8). We used Don Robinson as a swing man and he was 17-11 with 12 saves. He appeared in 49 games starting 18 and recorded 12 saves after being moved to the bullpen due to my frustration with Roger McDowell who recorded 11 saves that year.

Sports Fans.....Its been a long time.....but we have finally arrived.....back in the post season!

89ER NUMBERS

Allyn Street started the season 5-0 with Wall Street. We finished the season winning the last two with Burlington. That's 7-0. Well, in between we played 17 games under .500 to finish the year at 76-86. It looks like we will bring back the '62 Mets for 2006, said Bruno.

Hidalgo 400th RBI, Soriano 300th RBI, Berkman 900th Hit, Furcal 700th Hit.
Ramon Ortiz 500th K, Halladay 79W to tie D.Gooden for 5th. Lowell 383 R to tie O.Merced for 9th. Team 3200th SB.

Psychic Vibes

The Psychics completed their phoenix (or Phoenix)-like return to the FBNBA, finishing with a 56-106 record, enough to "clinch" the #1 pick overall in the 2006 draft. Interestingly, Salem fared reasonably well vs. their own division with one notable exception. Though they struggled to a 3-15 record against division winner Jersey City, against the other 4 divisional rivals: Margaritaville, Klee's, New England, and Connecticut, Salem was 8-10 against each.

From a historical perspective, despite this season being a tough one, it was only the 4th worse in team history, symbolic of the "pillage and burn" tactics this franchise has used for rebuilding now and in the past. The worst team in Salem's history was the 1992 41-121 club that featured Wes Chamberlain, Ernest Riles, and Franklin Stubbs in key roles. Eric Byrnes led the team offensively this season, with 91 runs scored, 76 RBI, and a 2nd highest in team history 50 doubles. From a pitching point of view, soft tosser Kirk Rueter managed a 13-15 record for a team that lost 100. Salem all-time great Mike Jackson fittingly finished his career as a Psychic. Jackson finished with 491 appearances as a Psychic, which is more than twice the 2nd highest total on the team. He also finished with 151 saves for Salem, more than the 2nd through 6th career leaders combined. With Kaz Matsui's quest to tie the team's record for most errors in a season falling one short of Rey Quinones' 1988 total of 38, the only team record set this season was Jason Jennings' team record 163 earned runs allowed, topping Tom Candiotti's 1987 total.

With the season over, Salem looks towards year 2 of the 3 year rebuilding plan armed with 2 1st round, a 2nd, and 3 third round picks along with a solid base of youth already in place. With trades and picks, Salem has replaced 8 of the 9 starting position players from the Orlando franchise, and the offense looks solid for next year:

C: Joe Mauer
1B: Ryan Howard
2B: Jorge Cantu
SS: Clint Barmes / Rich Aurilia
3B: ?
LF: Jason Bay
CF: Joey Gathright
RF: Nick Swisher

Unfortunately, Salem's pitching should keep the team more or less in rebuilding mode for another year. After Josh Beckett and Odalis Perez, the cupboard is pretty bare waiting for youngsters Zach Grienke, Gavin Floyd, and Jesse Foppert to progress. Helping in this category should be Felix Hernandez who will almost certainly be the #1 pick. The more interesting pick will be Margaritaville's pick which will be either the #2 or more probably #3 overall. Guys like Jeff Franceour, Matt Cain, Ricky Weeks, and Joe Blanton all top the list, assuming Salem doesn't trade the pick which is always a possibility. As usual I'm always looking to deal so Make Me an Offer!

FLY BY NIGHT AMERICAN LEAGUE

10/01/05

EAST

| | W | L | PCT | GB | Home | Away | L 10 | Strk | Avg | ERA |
|----------------------------|----|----|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| MAINE YAKS | 94 | 68 | 0.580 | --- | 43-38 | 51-30 | 4-6 | 1L | .257 | 4.00 |
| LOUISVILLE RIVER BANDITS | 82 | 69 | 0.543 | 6.5 | 37-29 | 36-31 | 4-6 | 4L | .305 | 4.71 |
| LAKE WOBEGON WHIPPETS | 84 | 78 | 0.519 | 10 | 43-38 | 41-40 | 6-4 | 1W | .261 | 4.54 |
| URPAIGN DRAGONS | 74 | 78 | 0.487 | 15 | 39-42 | 35-36 | 5-5 | 1W | .272 | 5.13 |
| BATON ROUGE SILVER BULLETS | 72 | 80 | 0.474 | 17 | 36-40 | 36-40 | 6-4 | 1W | .275 | 4.74 |
| ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DOGS | 66 | 91 | 0.420 | 25.5 | 32-49 | 34-42 | 5-5 | 1L | .270 | 5.86 |

WEST

| | W | L | PCT | GB | Home | Away | L 10 | Strk | Avg | ERA |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| CALIFORNIA DREAMERS | 104 | 58 | 0.642 | --- | 57-24 | 47-34 | 7-3 | 1L | .280 | 3.43 |
| ARSENAL GUNNERS | 91 | 66 | 0.580 | 10.5 | 53-28 | 38-38 | 8-2 | 5W | .266 | 4.17 |
| FLORIDA SUN | 81 | 71 | 0.533 | 18 | 45-36 | 36-35 | 4-6 | 1W | .279 | 4.77 |
| HART STREET HOGS | 81 | 81 | 0.500 | 23 | 37-44 | 44-37 | 2-8 | 1W | .273 | 4.71 |
| HOTLANTA POSSUMS | 67 | 80 | 0.456 | | 36-40 | 31-40 | 3-7 | 3L | .265 | 5.62 |
| YORKTOWN ADMIRALS | 57 | 100 | 0.363 | 47 | 31-45 | 26-55 | 4-6 | 2L | .249 | 5.57 |

A.I. HITTING LEADERS

AVERAGE (MIN 3.1P./GM)

| | | |
|-------------|----|------|
| 1) Suzuki | LV | .391 |
| 2) Bonds | AG | .371 |
| 3) Pierre | HS | .354 |
| 4) Pujols | LV | .343 |
| 5) Guerrero | IL | .333 |
| 6) Edmonds | UR | .329 |
| 7) Renteria | CD | .328 |
| 8) Helton | LV | .317 |
| 9) Loretta | BR | .316 |
| 10) Casey | CD | .311 |

RUNS BATTED IN

| | | |
|-------------|----|-----|
| 1) Bonds | AG | 146 |
| 2) Guerrero | IL | 143 |
| 3) Pujols | LV | 137 |
| 4) Dunn | HS | 128 |
| 5) Ortiz | IL | 126 |
| 6) Ramirez | YT | 125 |
| 7) Matsui | LW | 123 |
| 8) Batista | LV | 121 |
| 9) Beltre | HT | 118 |
| 10) Edmonds | UR | 114 |

RUNS SCORED

| | | |
|-------------|----|-----|
| 1) Suzuki | LV | 142 |
| 2) Dunn | HS | 128 |
| 3) Pierre | HS | 127 |
| 4) Bonds | AG | 122 |
| 5) Pujols | LV | 116 |
| 6) Crawford | IL | 113 |
| 7) Guerrero | IL | 113 |
| 8) Arod | MY | 113 |
| 9) Matsui | LW | 109 |
| 10) Beltre | HT | 106 |

HOME RUNS

| | | |
|--------------|----|----|
| 1) Bonds | AG | 58 |
| 2) Ortiz | IL | 50 |
| 3) Ramirez | YT | 46 |
| 4) Dunn | HS | 45 |
| 5) Pujols | LV | 44 |
| 6) Beltre | HT | 43 |
| 7) Guerrero | IL | 42 |
| 8) Sheffield | BR | 37 |
| 9) Edmonds | UR | 33 |
| 10) D Lee | MY | 33 |

DOUBLES

| | | |
|-------------|----|----|
| 1) Casey | CD | 55 |
| 2) Edmonds | UR | 54 |
| 3) Helton | LV | 52 |
| 4) Pujols | LV | 52 |
| 5) Bell | CD | 44 |
| 6) Clayton | MY | 44 |
| 7) Castilla | FS | 44 |
| 8) Ortiz | IL | 43 |
| 9) Loretta | BR | 41 |
| 10) Guillen | BR | 41 |

TRIPLES

| | | |
|-------------|----|----|
| 1) Pierre | HS | 17 |
| 2) Crawford | IL | 14 |
| 3) Izturis | AG | 14 |
| 4) Infante | LV | 13 |
| 5) Wilson | HT | 10 |
| 6) Guillen | BR | 10 |
| 7) Figgins | CD | 9 |
| 8) Newhan | LW | 9 |
| 9) Durham | LV | 9 |
| 10) two @ | | 8 |

STOLEN BASES

| | | |
|-------------|----|-----|
| 1) Pierre | HS | 114 |
| 2) Suzuki | LV | 63 |
| 3) Crawford | IL | 49 |
| 4) Figgins | CD | 36 |
| 5) Rollins | YT | 28 |
| 6) Cameron | MY | 26 |
| 7) Izturis | AG | 25 |
| 8) Arod | MY | 24 |
| 9) Lugo | LW | 23 |
| 10) three @ | | 22 |

STRIKEOUTS

| | | |
|-------------|----|-----|
| 1) Dunn | HS | 194 |
| 2) Bellhorn | LW | 174 |
| 3) Cameron | MY | 166 |
| 4) A Jones | HT | 159 |
| 5) Clayton | MY | 147 |
| 6) Edmonds | UR | 145 |
| 7) Blalock | AG | 145 |
| 8) Teixeira | HS | 140 |
| 9) Ortiz | IL | 136 |
| 10) Veritek | HT | 131 |

WALKS

| | | |
|--------------|----|-----|
| 1) Bonds | AG | 177 |
| 2) Dunn | HS | 106 |
| 3) Helton | LV | 102 |
| 4) Matsui | LW | 100 |
| 5) Bellhorn | LW | 95 |
| 6) Arod | MY | 92 |
| 7) Sheffield | BR | 82 |
| 8) Pujols | LV | 82 |
| 9) Edmonds | UR | 78 |
| 10) Damon | CD | 76 |

A.L. PITCHING LEADERS

| <u>ERA (min 1inning/team gm)</u> | | | <u>INNINGS PITCHED</u> | | | <u>RELIEF APPEARANCES</u> | | |
|----------------------------------|----|------|------------------------|----|-----|---------------------------|----|----|
| 1) Johnson | CD | 2.19 | 1) Hernandez | CD | 280 | 1) Robertson | AG | 99 |
| 2) Clemens | AG | 2.78 | 2) Johnson | CD | 271 | 2) Knotts | CD | 78 |
| 3) Robertson | AG | 3.11 | 3) Santana | LW | 250 | 3) Cordero | HS | 78 |
| 4) Schilling | CD | 3.19 | 4) Schilling | CD | 248 | 4) Rusch | HT | 76 |
| 5) Santana | LW | 3.20 | 5) Weaver | HS | 243 | 5) Koplove | HT | 75 |
| 6) Radke | MY | 3.28 | 6) Westbrook | LW | 237 | 6) Cerda | HS | 72 |
| 7) Garland | FS | 3.76 | 7) Radke | MY | 236 | 7) Hawkins | CD | 71 |
| 8) Rogers | CD | 3.76 | 8) Maddux | FS | 233 | 8) Tavarez | MY | 69 |
| 9) Harden | MY | 3.80 | 9) Cemens | AG | 230 | 9) Eyre | MY | 69 |
| 10) Martinez | UR | 4.05 | 10) Garcia | AG | 225 | 10) Reitsma | HS | 67 |

| <u>WINS</u> | | | <u>STRIKEOUTS</u> | | | <u>WALKS</u> | | |
|--------------|----|----|-------------------|----|-----|--------------|----|-----|
| 1) Johnson | CD | 25 | 1) Johnson | CD | 332 | 1) Leiter | UR | 125 |
| 2) Clemens | AG | 24 | 2) Santana | LW | 302 | 2) Estes | HT | 118 |
| 3) Hernandez | CD | 22 | 3) Martinez | UR | 219 | 3) Perez | BR | 108 |
| 4) Schilling | CD | 21 | 4) Clemens | AG | 218 | 4) Hernandez | CD | 96 |
| 5) Santana | LW | 20 | 5) Perez | BR | 212 | 5) Ishii | HT | 93 |
| 6) Maddux | FS | 18 | 6) Schilling | CD | 207 | 6) Zambrano | BR | 91 |
| 7) Weaver | HS | 18 | 7) Zambrano | BR | 206 | 7) Wakefield | MY | 85 |
| 8) Radke | MY | 18 | 8) Garcia | AG | 204 | 8) Davis | LW | 84 |
| 9) Garcia | AG | 17 | 9) Escobar | LV | 196 | 9) Clement | MY | 84 |
| 10) two @ | | 16 | 10) Peavy | HS | 190 | 10) Colon | FS | 84 |

| <u>FIREMAN AWARD</u> | | | | <u>WINNING % (min 16 decisions)</u> | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------|---------|-------------------------------------|----|-------|------|
| | pts | W-L-S | | | | | |
| 1) Hawkins | CD | 82 | 6-5-43 | 1) Clemens | AG | 24-4 | .857 |
| 2) Madson | MY | 64 | 4-4-34 | 2) Johnson | CD | 25-8 | .758 |
| 3) Isringhsn | LW | 63 | 9-10-37 | 3) Santana | LW | 20-8 | .714 |
| 4) Foulke | LV | 57 | 3-3-30 | 4) Carpenter | LV | 16-7 | .696 |
| 5) Otsuka | IL | 43 | 5-2-21 | 5) Hernandez | CD | 22-10 | .688 |
| 6) Hoffman | FS | 41 | 5-3-21 | 6) Rogers | CD | 15-7 | .682 |
| 7) Francisco | YT | 39 | 3-7-25 | 7) Garcia | AG | 17-8 | .680 |
| 8) Cormier | AG | 26 | 2-2-14 | 8) Schilling | CD | 21-10 | .677 |
| 9) Rusch | HT | 22 | 12-6-11 | 9) Maddux | FS | 18-9 | .667 |
| 10) Stanton | BR | 21 | 7-6-13 | 10) Rusch | HT | 12-6 | .667 |

TEAM NOTES:

California:

Dreamer Weavings - Wary of a repeat of the choke of 2000, California kept their focus and took 17 of 25 games in the final block to win the AL West going away. Randy Johnson led the team with 25 wins and a 2.19 ERA - a new team record. No other individual records were set, although the Dreamers set

a team record for lowest ERA (3.43).

Interestingly, our HR leader was Bret Boone with 19 - I believe the first time the Dreamers haven't had a player with 20 or more HR's. A long way from

the steroid Dreamers of '99 (Palmiero, Sosa, Belle and Vaughn - "Collectively - we have never taken steroids...except for Raffy.)

California finishes 104-58 for the season, and looks forward to the playoffs.

On another note - the Dreamers are willing to move Kirk Saarloos - who will probably end up with about 160 average innings. Make an offer...

Dream On...