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So, yeah, we moved to OOTP 18. That's where all the cool kids hang out. There and in our home parks, anyway. So if you're feeling particularly cool in that geeky fake baseball kind of way, and if you're thinking you've got what it takes to hang with Genius and Schmidty, and if you think you can take Brett down off his pitching and defense high horse, well, feel free to check out the forums or our website. You might find a podcast or two. You might dig the writing or the world class wity banter. Or you might not, but then how will you know until you try it, eh? See, in a lot of ways we're just like your mother when she tried to feed you broccoli, only we draft better.

Well, except for RonCo. He drafts worth shit.



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FINAL 2030 STANDINGS

Johnson League

LEAGUE STANDINGS ATLANTIC DIVISION

Team	W	L	WPct	GB	R	RA
Montreal Blazers	104	58	.642	-	826	622
Atlantic City Gamblers	91	71	.562	13	749	678
Jacksonville Hurricanes	87	75	.537	17	745	651
Charm City Jimmies	80	82	.494	24	770	757
Halifax Hawks	80	82	.494	24	767	786
Brooklyn Robins	71	91	.438	33	703	799
Carolina Kraken	53	109	.327	51	635	905

LEAGUE STANDINGS SOUTHERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	WPct	GB	R	RA
Las Vegas Hustlers	101	61	.623	-	884	675
Huntsville Phantoms	97	65	.599	4	784	618
New Orleans Crawdads	86	76	.531	15	642	635
San Antonio Outlaws	79	83	.488	22	596	668
Havana Sugar Kings	76	86	.469	25	688	723
Phoenix Talons	65	97	.401	36	679	789
Hawaii Tropics	64	98	.395	37	611	773

Frick League

LEAGUE STANDINGS HEARTLAND DIVISION

Team	W	L	WPct	GB	R	RA
Louisville Sluggers	115	47	.710	-	873	604
Yellow Springs Nine	85	77	.525	30	708	675
Des Moines Kernels	83	80	.509	32½	723	708
Omaha Barnstormers	80	82	.494	35	722	713
Twin Cities River Monsters	70	92	.432	45	693	773
Madison Wolves	69	93	.426	46	780	822
Indy Grasshoppers	56	106	.346	59	577	837

LEAGUE STANDINGS PACIFIC DIVISION

Team	W	L	WPct	GB	R	RA
California Crusaders	92	70	.568	-	738	618
Vancouver Mounties	91	71	.562	1	683	602
Seattle Storm	90	72	.556	2	800	722
Long Beach Surfers	84	79	.515	8½	674	682
Calgary Pioneers	81	81	.500	11	776	712
Valencia Stars	72	90	.444	20	645	776
Edmonton Jackrabbits	67	95	.414	25	624	772

POST-SEASON RESULTS

Geoghegan Round	Montreal Bye.
Geoghegan Round	Atlantic City over Jacksonville, 3-2
Geoghegan Round	Huntsville over New Orleans, 3-0
Geoghegan Round	Las Vegas Bye.
Geoghegan Round	Louisville Bye.
Geoghegan Round	Yellow Springs over Seattle, 3-0
Geoghegan Round	Long Beach over Vancouver, 3-0
Geoghegan Round	California Bye.
Doubleday Series	Montreal over Atlantic City, 4-3
Doubleday Series	Las Vegas over Huntsville, 4-3
Doubleday Series	Louisville over Yellow Springs, 4-2
Doubleday Series	Long Beach over California, 4-3
Cartwright Cup	Las Vegas over Montreal, 4-2
Cartwright Cup	Louisville over Long Beach, 4-2
Landis Memorial Series	Louisville over Las Vegas, 4-3



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The Projection Room

Once again we find ourselves in the bottom of the ninth inning with the bases loaded, and with Aaron Weiner on the DL and Ron Collins on the MIA list. We're in a tight spot, eh?

So up steps Mighty Ted Schmidt to pinch hit, striding to the plate with all the authority of mighty Casey himself.

Let's see what he's got, eh?

Yes, indeed, let's see what he's got...



JL Atlantic

The 2030 Johnson League Atlantic Division played out largely as pundits expected. Montreal was an absolute powerhouse, winning over 100 games. Atlantic City held on for another year and Jacksonville made good on the promise they showed in 2029.

This year, Atlantic City looks to fall out of contention, as age and free agency attrition have really caught up with the Gamblers. The Charm City Jimmies still look like the most likely to step up and take their place, and Brandon Slouck's expansion plan has progressed almost exactly as designed.

Jacksonville continues to gain steam, and has a legitimate shot at challenging the blazers for the division title this year. They've put together a talented, deep offense and an unlikely but strong pitching staff. I expect both Tyler Simmons and John Callahan to make moves as needed to shore up any weaknesses their teams demonstrate, and the next few years could turn into a fairly epic battle between the two for JLA supremacy.

Brooklyn remains a nice club, but seems stuck in a middling position. The Robins will have to pull a rabbit out of their hat to contend in 2031. Halifax doesn't convince me they will progress after an unexpectedly strong 2030.

Poor Carolina will bring up the rear this year, but has a bright future, and could make things really messy in a couple years, when Montreal and Jacksonville still look to be strong, and Charm City will have reached prominence.

PROJECTED STANDINGS				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Montreal	96	66		-
Jacksonville	95	67		1
Charm City	86	76		10
Brooklyn	81	81		15
Atlantic City	77	85		19
Halifax	72	90		24
Carolina	64	98		32





MONTREAL BLAZERS

General Manger: John Callahan

2030 Record 104-58, RS:826 RA:622, +2 pyth

2031 Prediction 96-66

It was that and more in 2030 for Jared Gillstrom as it was confirmed today that Gillstrom has won the Triple Crown. Not just in the JL, for the entire league.

Post Subject: Season To Remember - 2030

Well, anyone (foolishly) hoping that Ettienne LaFitte wouldn't be another absolute beast in the Blazers lineup had those hopes crushed last season as he won the Gillstrom. Then there's that other Gillstrom, who also has a Gillstrom, and now has a triple crown, and a Silk, and probably the largest selection of groupies for any non-hockey player in Canada. TWELVE POINT FIVE FREAKING WAR. You know how you get excited when you have a player put in a four war year? Gillstrom was three of those. We haven't even mentioned Cisco Guerrero yet. The Blazers could have played replacement level players last year at every other position last year and still had a 21.6 WAR offense. That's 200 runs better than replacement level out of three

players, or a mid-tier offense.

Of course, Montreal has more than those three players. Jorge Rodriguez is one of the better speedsters in the league. Ken Jenkins has a similar skill set. When your bad players are Anastacio Santana and Juan Fernandez, you make every game a living hell for opposing pitchers. There's no reason this group can't repeat as one of the best offenses in the league in 2031.

The pitching staff took a big hit when Jorge Stanza hit the DL during the spring, costing him the chance to follow up on his Nebraska winning season. Leon Flores and Alex Lopez are still a strong one-two punch, but after that the staff gets a bit weak, especially with the departure of Luis Soto in free agency. If this group struggles, I expect John Callahan to do something about it, as he's too god of a GM to waste the opportunity his offense gives him.

Projection: 96-66





JACKSONVILLE HURRICANES

General Manager: Tyler Simmons

2030 Record 87-75, RS:745 RA:651, -4 pyth

2031 Prediction 95-67

One of the more exciting young first basemen in the BBA will be back for 2030, and reports say he is looking better than ever.

Post Subject: 30.02 Tropical Tidbits - Offseason Primer - Corner IF / C

If you have any questions about how I don't understand Halifax scoring 767 runs, take one look at the offense put together in Jacksonville by one Tyler Simmons that only earned 745. Norris Rutledge is one of the best hitters in the game and is entering his prime years. Sunshine Rodriguez played like it was 2021 last year. He was so impressive, that aging former Grasshopper star Sergio Ramos figured he'd forget his age and recent futility as well. You can probably expect a little regression from both those players, but David Noburo (who should resoundingly slam this team's revolving door at third base) will more than make up for that. It gets worse for Johnson League Atlantic pitchers, as the team added Oliver Medrano at

second, allowing the club to move Vicente Chavez back to center field where he is a human highlight film. Also, Bertram Hahn and Lloyd Braun. This should be an 800 plus run offense.

The starting rotation has more potential that years past, but potential pitfalls as well. The big question is "How much does Billy Chapel Jr. have left in the tank?" The 35 year old ace lost 4-5 mph over the winter, but still has a versatile and deceptive selection of breaking pitches to complement a now only adequate fastball. Tully Crow is solid, and Jesus Tonche is what he is, a good number three. The back end of the staff is respectable, and should be helped out by a reasonably good bullpen.

As good as this offense is, can it stack up to Montreal's? You could ask similar questions of the pitching. It will be close this year, and with some relatively weak divisional rivals, there are lots of extra wins to pick up.

Projection: 95-67





CHARM CITY JIMMIES

General Manager: Brandon Slouck

2030 Record 80-82, RS:770 RA:757, -2 pyth

2031 Prediction 86-76

Either way, the team appears to have a very bright future. And this off-season could be a big one for that.

Post Subject: 2030.01 - WWJD

The future in which the Charm City Jimmies contend for the playoffs may be a bit sooner than some expected. General manager Brandon Slouck's teams have made slow, steady progress each year since the Jimmies joined the league. This may be the year they post their first winning record. They may also compete for a playoff spot if the cards fall right.

If they reach the postseason, it will be on the backs of a potent offense. Alfredo Salazar is not quite 30, and still a perennial Silk candidate. Aubrey Anderson, after a cup of coffee in 2030, looks ready to take over in right. You still have Don Logan and Brian Logan on the team.

Desiderius Kirschbaum looks to move from being an above average center fielder to a spectacular third baseman, and rookie first baseman Byron Hearle looks promising. Disgustingly (because some team in California hasn't had this many good young bats over the last ten season combined) the Jimmies have even more bats in the pipeline. If this group gels, it could be an 820 run offense.

The pitching staff is flush with talented bullpen arms like Felipe Soto and Jeff French. As pointed out by another league prognosticator, Egbert Behner is one of the best starters no one knows. The rest of the starting rotation is more back half of the rotation material. The Jimmies have some talented arms in the minors, but they aren't close enough to help this year. It will be interesting to see if Slouck trades for a veteran arm (like perhaps Mingo Boone) if his team is sniffing the playoffs. If not, it wouldn't be too surprising, as all this team has to do is sit on the prospects it has to be a surefire multi-year playoff team in a couple years.

Projection: 86-76





BROOKLYN ROBINS

General Manager: Alan Ehlers

2030 Record 71-91, RS: 703 RA: 799, -1 pith

2031 Prediction 81-81:

It's officially licensed by the Brewster Baseball Association, so it has all the real players and teams. It also has a fictional league called "Major League Baseball" if you're into that fake baseball garbage.

*Post Subject: Robins Roundup
2030/3 - Just a Silly Sim Game
Anyway*

The Robins have been up and down in recent years, wildly over, then under-performing their Pythagorean records. We took the under on Ehler's team last year, and they didn't disappoint. The 2031 edition of the club looks a bit different that past years. Finally fed up with subpar defense, Ehlers shipped mainstay Oliver Medrano out of town and shuffled his positional players to put excellent gloves at nearly every position. Newcomer Francisco Flores has never been viewed well by scouts well in center field, but has played well there previously. This is now a pretty light hitting group (despite some good OBP guys), as Enrique Salazar is the only real Thumper in the bunch. Rookie Carlos Camacho may someday pinch in, but for now will simply be trying to adjust to big league pitching. Holden Blackwell is somehow still only 27 years old and a terrific average bat at third.

The rotation has depth, with Domingo Castillo, Jose Morales, and Mario Mendez all looking like better than league average starters, but this group will need Rick Ward to stay healthy and return to his 2028 form. The bullpen is deep, and flush with good arms, if lacking star power.

And THAT gents, is the rub on these Robins. They aren't bad, but they don't excite. Ehler's team just lacks the top end talent needed to compete, despite a plethora of "nice" players. Nice doesn't get it done in the Brewster.





ATLANTIC CITY GAMBLERS

General Manger: Joshua Biddle

2030 Record 91-71, RS: 749 RA: 678, +3 pith

2031 Prediction 77-85

First, I'd like to thank league administration and my fellow general managers for welcoming me to the league. I'd also like to thank Ryan [Scott], with whom I spoke with briefly, for his efforts with this organization

*Post Subject: Boardwalk Empire
- 2030 Offseason - Ownership
Change*

It is odd to see an Atlantic City Gamblers team without Ryan Scott at the helm. However, new GM Joshua Biddle seems to understand that this is a team needing a transition to a new era, as the core is aging and in decline. The offense took a big hit when Valeri Kharlamov opted to explore free agency and ultimately signed with the Carolina Kraken. While Phil Chapman has had a nice career, he is a significant downgrade both offensively and defensively. Armando Reyes will provide a slight offensive upgrade at short, but he is also the only solid defender in what is otherwise a terrible defensive infield. Curiously, the team extended Boone Carlyle, who no longer can catch anything that is not hit right at him for 2031 and 2032.

The outfield defense is pretty bad too, as Omar little seems to have lost his job to the only slightly better offensively Alfredo Gonzales. Berserker Chang looks to establish himself a big league regular in left, but is this club's only young offensive talent. There isn't much help in the offensive pipeline either. Still, the Gamblers can hit. Bido, Carlyle, and Sanchez form a solid, if crusty offensive core.

Mingo Boone rebounded well last year after losing the 2030 season to injury, and comes back as the ace of this team. Dan Cannon has developed into a nice front of the rotation arm. The rest of the rotation seems alright. Hiroyuki Rin's injury last season unfortunately ended his career as a starter. He, David Cantu, and free agent signee Alan Dominguez give the Gamblers a very nice relief unit.

Joshua Biddle steps into a tough situation. The sun is setting on the Atlantic City Gamblers, and years of crafty trading to prolong the recent run off successful teams has left the farm system thin, especially on the offensive side. Realistically, the best option may be to try to move some of the older starts on this team while they still have some value. It seems for years I've been wondering if the Gamblers have another run in them. This time, I don't think I can say they do.

Projection: 77-85



HALIFAX HAWKS

General Manager: Jason Russell

2030 Record 80-82, RS:767 RA:786, +1 pyth

2031 Prediction 72-90:

...the season has seen its ups and downs to this point in Halifax.

Post Subject: Halifax Chronicle Herald - 6/21/30

In all honestly, I don't know how Halifax won 80 games last year. Even by pyth, they beat my prediction by twelve wins. I'm sure it had something to do with Dominic Wyatt's breakout season. Stelio Kontos is still a beast, and Luis Miguel Carillo is a nice offensive catcher. Still, this group doesn't like it should have scored 767 runs. The trick may be that Jason Russell filled all the other positions with unheralded .710-.730 OPS players, who while slightly below league average as a group, aren't terrible. This year, they add Manuel Garcia at second, who looks to prove he can play after a down 2030.

Bulldog Lewis and Sancho Delgado are back to lead the staff. It's cruel how these two have been toiling away in obscurity for what seems like a decade. After that you have Ed Kish and Corey Jackson, who may not belong in the majors. It gets worse in the 5th starter spot. The bullpen exists. If Guillermo Martinez and Lee McHone can't make real progress and join this staff by mid-season (which frankly is unlikely) fans in Halifax could be fondly remembering when this team only gave up 4.9 runs per game last year.

Until last year, I hadn't played in a league with Jason Russell in perhaps a decade. After last season's demonstration of how to make damn fine lemonade, I hate to discount him, but I can't see this team pushing .500 again.

Projection: 72-90





CAROLINA KRAKEN

General Manager: Aaron Weiner

2030 Record 53-109, RS: 635 RA: 905, -3 pyth

2031 Prediction 64-98

"We had no idea it was going to get this bad," said veteran shortstop J.T. Revelator. "Right now we're about as bad as it gets."

*Post Subject: Wise Kraken 2030
#1: The Bottom Drops Out*

Yikes. 905 runs allowed. That's ... just ... brutal, much like the Kraken's record last year. You could see this coming for the Kraken, but to say the wheels fell off in 2030 would be an understatement. The axles snapped, miring the Kraken's wagon in the mud. Then the draft horse kicked Aaron Weiner in the face, before it spontaneously combusted. (The horse, not his face. Although I suppose if Weiner has a big bushy beard, it could have caught fire too.)

Were I Aaron, I wouldn't send the fire department home yet, as I really can't see this club being much better. Step one for losing 100 games is sending out a starting rotation that is made of AAA players.

Let's take a look. First up is Bill Lewis. Big breath folks. Okay, then Riccardo Pistone, who wasn't good enough to stick in Charm City. Ivan Lopez almost looks like a number five, but he's pitching in the three spot. I believe the technical term for that situation is "No bueno". Dare we go further? Oh god. Is that Lawrence Brown, and what the fuck is a Jerry Nash?

At least the pen is solid. With Rafael Mata, Joey budding, and Tim Waller on board, Carolina fans know that if they enter the 7th down five, they can at least expect to only lose by five or six runs.

Fortunately for Kraken fans, this team does have some good bats to come watch. Frank Thomas is still one of the finest right handed bats we have ever seen. Chet Gabriel, Jorge Vargas and Gabriel Delgado are a solid outfield. Omar Apricacio can probably save more runs than the entire porous Kraken infield of 2030 by himself. Valeri Kharlamov is a big time addition to what could be a reliable offensive unit.

So here's the problem. This team allowed NINE HUNDRED runs with half a season of vintage Billy Chapel Jr. last year. Yeah, the defense is better, but good enough to compensate for replacing one of the greatest of all time with a AAA starter? Methinks not.

I'm not trying to beat up Aaron Weiner. There is clearly a plan in place here. There are some really good arms in the Kraken's system. Arthur Dempster and Juan Perez could even see time this year. In a year or two, the Kraken could be a monster again, but for now, it doesn't take much imagination to envision another 100 loss year.

Projection: 64-98

JL Southern

The stranglehold that Las Vegas, Huntsville and New Orleans have on this division didn't let up in 2030, as those three teams combined for over 280 wins again. They will likely keep their metaphorical boots to the throat of this division in 2031, but this may be the last year of such dominance. Las Vegas has some serious salary cap related pitching staff issues, and will have to make some tough choices on extensions to key players this year. Huntsville will also have to start paying some kid soon, and already lost a few players to free agency due to cap issues over the past couple years. New Orleans actually looks to be in the best shape of the group going forward, although they are probably the third best in their division at the moment.

The real question is, who will step up in future years. Hawaii is still a mess. Phoenix, despite reasonable efforts, can't seem to get it going in the fashion Charm City has. San Antonio may be the most promising choice, if their two big arms can hold on a few more years. Havana is also interesting, but more likely in 3-4 years rather than 1-2.

This year, Las Vegas still looks like the class of the division, although Huntsville remains quite strong. New Orleans is good enough to take the division as well, but will likely need a bit more luck.

PROJECTED STANDINGS				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	95	67		-
Huntsville	94	68		1
New Orleans	87	75		8
San Antonio	79	83		16
Havana	73	89		22
Phoenix	68	94		27
Hawaii	67	97		28



LAS VEGAS HUSTLERS

General Manger: Matt Rectenwald

2030 Record 101-61, RS:884 RA:675, 0 pyth

2031 Prediction 95-67

See, once upon a time, Las Vegas was blessed with a plethora of rotation depth.

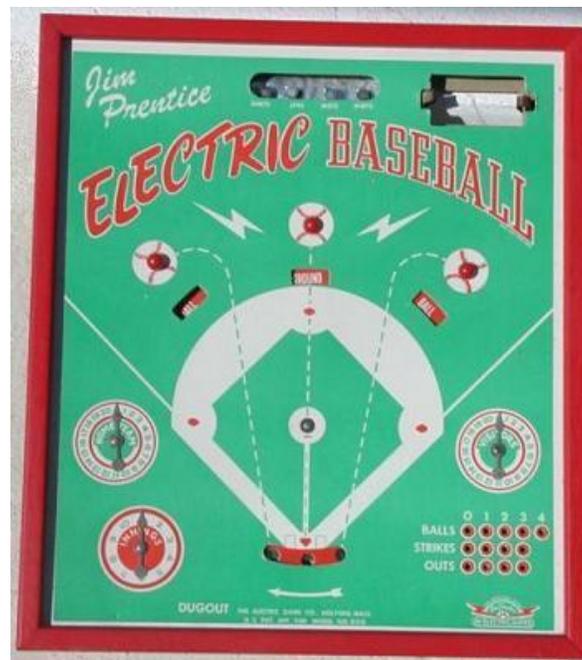
*Post Subject: WHIV 2030.12-
How We Screwed Up Our
Rotation Depth*

Matt made that post about his rotation depth in regards to not having a replacement when Phillip Morris went down with an injury last year. Morris is back but may not be the same, but I can't help but feel Recte isn't done lamenting his lack of starting pitching depth yet. Gary Estes is throwing in the mid 80's. Jesus Ramos is being pressed into a starting role, and Gow Cho is well, Gow Cho. Sam Romero will have to emerge as the ace of this staff this year. This isn't necessarily a bad rotation. It's actually still quite good, but it's the worst we've seen out of Vegas in a long time. The bullpen, while probably at least league average, doesn't have Recte's cherished big three format.

None of that may matter much when you can score runs like the Hustlers. Similar to the Blazers, Vegas has three batters players in Alfredo Martinez, Gervasio Rider, and Hank Brewer who would be the best players on most teams in the league. Jack Gulliver and Juan Sweetworld could be All-Stars in any given year as well.

Still, the Hustlers don't look quite as dominant as in years past. They're still a string candidate to win their division, but have lost some luster. Of course, changes are this team will look a little different by the end of the year, as Rectenwald has never been one to simply sit on a problem if it crops up.

Projection: 95-67





HUNTSVILLE PHANTOMS

General Manger: Scott Murphy

2030 Record 97-65, RS:784 RA:618, -1 pyth

2031 Prediction 94-68

Letting "Boogie" walk would be a tough sell to the fans. My concern is the contract it would take to resign "Boogie" could make it difficult to resign some of the young stars on the roster."

Post subject: Former GM takes a look at Huntsville....

While I'm happy to have Scott in the league, I'll miss Kyle because I planned on neglecting to review his team every year and instead talk about Space Camp. I figure Ron was on to something there. I guess I'll have to discuss the team now.

SpaceCamp is a 1986 American space adventure film based on a book by Patrick Bailey and Larry B. Williams and inspired by the U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. The film was panned by critics and is famous for being a "marketing nightmare," as it was released less than five months after the Challenger accident of January 28, 1986 (although filming was completed before the disaster occurred).[4] The

film performed poorly at the box office, grossing less than \$10 million in the US. A rewrite of the book, released to coincide with the movie, mentioned how the teens struggled with the pressure of their decision in light of the Challenger disaster.

Four teenagers: Kathryn, Kevin, Rudy, Tish and 12-year-old Max, go to space camp at Kennedy Space Center near Cape Canaveral, Florida for three weeks during the summer to learn about the NASA space program and mimic astronaut training. Max befriends a robot named Jinx, which was deemed unsuitable for space work because it overheated and was overly-literal. Jinx secretly enters NASA's computer room and triggers a "thermal curtain failure", causing one of the boosters to ignite during the test. In order to avoid a crash, Launch Control is forced to ignite the second booster and launch the shuttle.

Then a bunch of stupid impossible shit happens, highlighted by this: Andie is slightly too big to reach the oxygen cylinders, so Max suits up for an EVA. During a critical moment, Max begins to panic until Kevin, knowing that Max is a fan of Star Wars, begins calling him "Luke", and tells him to "use the Force", which calms him enough that he can complete the mission, allowing Max and Andie to retrieve the containers. Then some more dumb crap happens and some kids, a 1980's robot and a pilot who was canned multiple times and was never going to allowed into space land a shuttle miraculously, because 1980's.

That's right, Scott Murphy! You don't own me. I do what I want!

Okay, so back to Huntsville. They're a year older. Boogie left in free agency. Just a little worse across the board. Still very strong.

Projection: 94-68



NEW ORLEANS CRAWDADS

General Manager: Jim Roberts

2030 Record 86-77, RS:642 RA:635, +4

2031 Prediction 87-75

What a disappointing end to the season in New Orleans. Many teams would be happy after making the playoffs for the fifth season in a row (and 17 out of the last 19 seasons), but the historical success brings great disappointment when they can't break out of the first round..

*Post Subject: Crawdad
Chronicles 30.04 - 'Dads lose in
1st Round*

Last season I wrote about how high Jim Robert's standard are for his Crawdads. Not surprisingly, nothing has changed. Despite a good deal of positional redundancy that likely had the 'Dads achieve less than the sum of their parts, they made the playoffs among a pack of very competitive teams.

This year's Crawdads look entirely different, in large part due to the offseason trade of franchise win leader Manuel Ramirez. You might expect a weakened rotation in New Orleans, but Roberts is having none of that, as Freddy Delgado is finally joining the rotation. Taking turns Miguel Datz, Gabriel Alfonso, Luis Espinoza, and Jorge Ortiz, he'll help form one of the best rotations in the league. But with

Freddy out of the pen, and Flint Colbert leaving the team last year, at least the pen has to be weak right? Sorry Johnson League teams, no dice.

It also seemed like New Orleans had about thirty-seven third basemen and corner fielders last year, but some late-season and offseason trades have given them a more balanced group that still includes Arthur Norris, Mark Dempsey, Pedro Canales, and Fred Hernandez. While not a group like Montreal, Jacksonville, or Las Vegas's, the Crawdad offense will still score runs at a solid clip, although they may struggle against dominant right handed pitching.

This team is frankly quite similar, perhaps slightly better than last year's that may have overachieved a bit, so I see no reason for a drastically different result.

Projection: 87-75





SAN ANTONIO OUTLAWS

General Manager: Mike Calvaruso

2030 Record 79-83 (RS:596 RA:688, +6 pyth

2031 Prediction 79-83

In a move reminiscent of the departure from Oakland by the NFL Raiders, moving trucks arrived at the team facilities last night at around 11:00pm and rolled out before dawn could awaken the fans or the media to what was taking place.

Post Subject: The Outlaw Chronicles 2030-3 Lone Star State of Mind

Okay, this is getting ridiculous. In 2029, the then Birmingham Bandits went 79-83 with 579 runs scored and 692 runs allowed, for a +11 pyth. Yes, I said 2029. Look at the line above. Seem similar at all? That's just stupid. Or maybe that's what happens when two out of every five days your starting pitchers are Nelson Ramirez and Juan Jose Ornelas, and the other days they are mere mortals who can't win with an embarrassingly poor offensive unit.

Mike Calvaruso seems to think he's on to something here, as he extended both his big guns last offseason, which means we'll see at least a few more years of what has been a frustrating era for the Bandoutlaws. However, the dynamic duo has some help on the way this year, as youngster John Wick looks to crack the rotation, joining Juan Rodriguez to give San Antonio a very strong starting rotation. When Elliot Buckland joins this group, they will be painful to face. The pen is still just Jonathan Bowen and Parker Morris plus spare parts, so expect this club to waste some leads.

The offense for now is Mark Stuart, whatever's left of Juan Castillo, the ghost of James Cunningham, and various portions of what used to be Jonathan Archer. There are some kids in the minors that could help soon, particularly catcher Antonio Tobias who needs to be with the big league club right now, as he would instantly be one of the better hitters on it.

Contrary to how it sounds, I don't think I know everything. It's still pretty damn hard to see a team that has no offense win more games than it loses. The incredible defense this group will play should help, but you have to score at least a little. I can see maybe a 30 run improvement offensively and a 30 run allowed decrease, which is about the six wins that San Antonio beat their expected record by last year.

Projection: 79-83



THE BEST WAY TO SUCCEED IS TO
ALWAYS TRY ONE MORE TIME.





HAVANA SUGAR KINGS

General Manager: Tom Bohrer

2030 Record 76-86, RS:688 RA:723, -1 pyth

2031 Prediction 73-89

All players over 26 are available for top prospects in return.

Leave no stone unturned.

Havana has a few very quality pieces that would look great on a contending team rather than languishing in mediocrity.

Havana Times 2031.1 - A new beginning

Does anyone remember how Havana charged out of the gate last year and convinced a couple suckers into thinking they were a playoff team for a month or two last year? I'm gonna bet that doesn't happen again. New GM Tom Bohrer has made noise about a reset of the Sugar Kings current rebuild process. I'm not sure what to make of that.

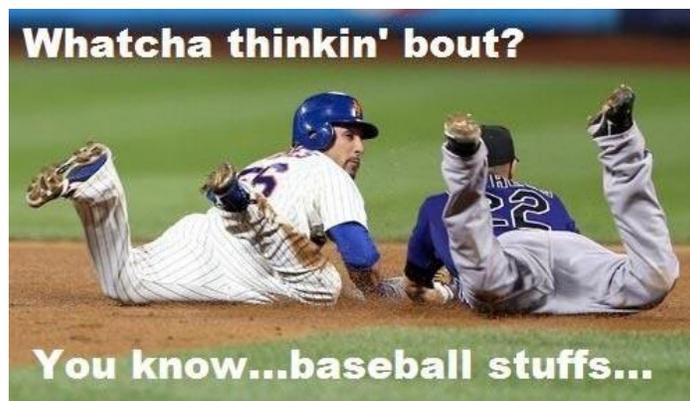
There are some nice pieces on the roster he seems to want to keep. Reece Wareham could come into his own this year as a terrific fielding, elite power hitting shortstop. Or you move him to third when Jesus Flores is ready. Along with Dave Wipfler, that would be one of

the best infields in the league. You can find a good slugging first basemen in free agency almost every year, but the Sugar Kings may have an internal option in Albert Gaona. Sheldon Cooper is a nice left fielder. That group could be together as early as 2032. Five or so years down the road they have some really nice other prospects and most if not all of these players would still be around.

This pitching cupboard won't produce much soon, however, and that may be Bohrer's motivation for moving at least the older players, even ones in their prime. Outside of Ignacio Rodriguez, the rest of the rotation is number 3-5's and not much is on the way. Miguel Macias is the entire worthwhile portion of the bullpen.

Havana could easily reproduce their mid-70's win campaign from last year, but should they succeed in trading Rodriguez (and there should be some interested teams, *cough* Montreal *cough* Charm City) and maybe Wipfler, they could lose 100 games without much difficulty.

Projection: 73-89





PHOENIX TALONS

General Manager: Sean Marko

2030 Record 65-97, RS:679 RA:789, -5 pyth

2031 Prediction 68-94

SO thats it! Wow. The Talons can sign expensive veterans all they want, but with one of the worst farm systems in the BBA they won't be contenders anytime soon!

Go Talons anyway!

*Post Subject: 2030-06: Talons
Preview: Down on the Farm*

Well we're two years post expansion and all the old guys taken in the draft are gone. Let's see what youngsters have come along to help out Martin Ssempta and Rupert Grant. Let's see, there's closer Timofei Bakitski (whose name sounds like a tried to say Timothy Bachise with a mouth full of food). He looks nice. And hey, there's Abdelwahab Kamada (whose nickname "Gasoline" doesn't make him sound like a terrorist at all) in center. He'll be alright. There's also uh-oh. That's no good. Where is everybody else?

There are some good 20 and unders in the Talons' system, but it seems the older guys haven't worked out. Meanwhile, free agent signings of veterans like Luis Baca, Cesar Valencia and Sam Adams have provided more fizzle than spark. Phoenix did bolster the rotation with Harry Considine this year, but he and Floyd Carter are the only arms you'd really want on your team out of the rotation.

Well, there's that thing they say about the best laid plans. The Talons have no choice but to keep drafting and keep trying out vets. Hopefully the next batch works out a bit better.

Projection: 68-94





HAWAII TROPICS

General Manager: Mike Bieschke

2030 Record 64-98, RS:611 RA:773, +1 pyth

2031 Prediction 67-95

*Everyone knows how bad the
Tropics are, it's not a secret.*

*Post Subject: 2030/3 Here Come
the "Kids"*

Oahu Island, HI Railroad Accident, July 1913: (*Honolulu Star-Bulletin Hawaii 1913-07-30*)

FIREMAN JUMPS AND IS KILLED.
WILLIAM K. HOAPILI MEETS DEATH WHEN ENGINE IS ABOUT
TO STRIKE OBSTACLE ON TRACK.
OTHERS ARE UNINJURED.
ACCIDENT OCCURS ON THE KIPAPA BRANCH OF OAHU
RAILROAD AS TRAIN IS RETURNING WITH LOAD OF PINES.

Apparently overcome with fright, Fireman WILLIAM U. HOAPILI, a Hawaiian employed on the pineapple train on the Kipapa branch of the Oahu Railway, jumped from his engine about 11 o'clock this morning, suffered a fractured skull and died shortly afterwards.

Waipahu, Oahu, HI Train Collision, Aug 1916 (*Honolulu Star-Bulletin Hawaii 1916-08-07*)

TWO ARE KILLED EIGHTEEN HURT IN TRAIN WRECK.
CARS ARE PACKED TOGETHER ON HILL NEAR WAIPAHAU AND FATALITIES RESULT.

So there you go. Mike Bieschke's Tropics 2030 were actually the THIRD train wreck in Hawaii history. Will the 2030 edition be the fourth? I'm not sure. The pitching staff could be a good deal better. No Pants Nunez (who seems to have a story we need to hear) and Germao Traado are back, but this year are joined by Antonio Cardenas and 27 year old rookie Matt Mills. Not a great group, but still much better than last year's offerings. The bullpen lacks elite talent, but is deep.

The offense still seems disastrous. The only real change from last year's anemic group is Claudio Moreno, who will make any impact with his glove, not his bat. Wilcox, Backstrom, and Miranda are getting a bit old. Twenty year old left fielder Michael Durham should probably be up, and could help this offense a lot. Hawaii seems intent on sending him back to AAA for the time being.

Again, several teams could be looking for a starter, and if Nunez has a strong first half, his days as a Tropic could be numbered. So yeah. Train Wreck.

Projection: 67-95

FL Heartland

For fans who hoped for a return to wholesome values and non-Genius Hopkins related storylines for the Frick League Heartland Division, 2030 disappointed in grandiose fashion. Hopkins' detestable Louisville Sluggers thoroughly trounced the Frick league to the tune of 115 wins, tying the 2006 Las Vegas Hustlers for the highest total in modern Brewster history. They accomplished this feat en route to a Landis Series Championship, the first that Hopkins has ever managed to bribe enough umpires and drug testing officials to achieve.

In all seriousness, the 2030 Louisville Sluggers are simply one of the finest teams ever assembled. They featured all-star caliber bats at nearly every position and played signature Stu Hopkins stingy defense, augmenting a deep, veteran staff featuring Nebraska winner Jon Chandler. Simply put, the 2030 Sluggers were a well-planned, well-constructed juggernaut that we may only see once every 15-20 years. The best team doesn't always win it all, but fortunately this one did, as they deserved it.

The bad news for other Heartland GM's is twofold. First, Stu brings back nearly the exact same team in 2031, plus some youngsters and minus some bullpen. Second, we've switched to a division heavy schedule, so they get to face his magnificent bastards even more this season.

Injuries and the baseball gods being what they are, someone could always play spoiler, but outside of Ron Collins' Yellow Springs Nine, this division lacks other candidates. The Nine, after an injury devastated season, look to recapture their 90 win form on the backs (arms?) of their terrific starting pitching.

Des Moines followed up their resurgent 2029 season with a near playoff appearance in 2030, but hasn't improved much further. They still have two tremendous batters, but have holes in the offense that will keep them from becoming an elite group. The pitching staff is a similar story.

Omaha likewise brings back a near identical group. They will again run a lot on offense and walk opposing batters at an epic rate for the second straight year. It's hard to project a Fred Holmes run team to lose, but this is as likely a group as any.

Leaving the "right around .500" category we encounter three teams who have been varying degrees of terrible in recent years. Madison, on paper, is probably the best of the group, and should continue strides towards .500 this year. The Twin Cities ball club has improved on the pitching side, but still has holes big enough to sail an aircraft carrier through that will prevent any real shot at .500. Then there's Indianapolis. Frankly, new GM Justin Niles seems to have made enough improvement to keep this team from being epically bad for the first time in a long time. They could still easily be last place (as could anyone in this last group, see above regarding injuries and the baseball gods), but could be the most improved team in the league at the same time. If the Grasshoppers finish close to .500, Niles should get GM of the year, hands down.

PROJECTED STANDINGS				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Louisville	105	57		-
Yellow Springs	92	70		13
Des Moines	81	81		24
Omaha	78	84		27
Twin Cities	77	85		28
Madison	76	86		29
Indy	63	99		42

How do we know baseball is America's Pastime?
 Because kissing a girl is called getting to first base,
 not getting a first down.

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LOUISVILLE SLUGGERS

General Manager: Stu Hopkins

2030 Record 115-47, RS:873 RA:604, +8 pyth

2031 Prediction 105-57

Louisville Genius, GM Hopkins, is not used to being eclipsed by anyone in the BBA, but in 2030 he finds himself in that danger, by none other than one of his many sons ...

"I owe it all to the Genius," grinned Shag, "When I was a kid, he'd drop by our house every six months or so and promise to take me to the zoo...but we never went...and he'd forget my birthdays too...but on the plus side...man, those genetics sure are sweet!"

Post Subject: 2030.15 Another Hopkins Great

Somehow Stu "Genius" Hopkins managed to sabotage his only real division rival last year (the injury plagued Yellow Springs Nine) to the tune of 115 wins. No one is really certain what happened to Nine GM Ron Collins, who was more or less in absentia for the entire season. Whether or not this has anything to do with the murder and subsequent dismembering of a long time Madison Wolves great is unclear.

Part of the reason it is unclear is that no one has been able to find the Genius for the entire offseason. He made some moves through his "proxy" Devin "Fungo" Clark, but requests for interviews with the recluse Hopkins have gone unanswered. Fungo, for his part, has remained a slobbering drunk, which most likely indicates little change in the direction of the franchise.

Unfortunately for all decent people everywhere, no change is probably a good thing for this despicable collection of substance abusers, domestic assaulters, and generally bad people. It's remarkable how a system so riddled with systemic crack addiction can continue to turn out great ballplayers that pass drug tests. Abe Colbert Jr. proved he was the real deal last year, and returns to a rotation that still includes Anastacio Quintana, last year's Nebraska winner Jon Chandler, and Mario Gonzales. Ramon Garza looks like the next youngster who could step into the rotation and succeed. The pen will have to absorb the loss of Felipe Murillo for most of the season, and looks weaker than in years past.

Offensively this team is still a powerhouse. Even if they don't repeat as a top pitching staff, they should still easily lead the league in runs scored. The only real downside is that surefire first ballot Hall of Famer Leon Sandcastle may have finally lost some bat speed, and this will most assuredly be replaced by the emergence of first baseman Fernando Cruz, who has all the makings of a perennial All-Star. This is deep, talented group that can field with the best of them, and is likely the best lineup in the Frick, if not the entire league.

It's hard to project well over 100 wins, but I'm not confident in the quality of the other teams in the Frick Heartland, and I missed by TWENTY wins on the short side last year. Wherever the Genius is (If we're placing the bets or making some sort of pool, I pick "On a yacht making multiple stops in South America, coked out of his mind, taking an active role in improving the talent for the 2046 international signing period."), he'll never let me live it down if I underestimate his Sluggers so badly two years in a row. (And last I heard, Billy Wilson is still alive and I'd like to keep it that way.)

Projection: 105-57



YELLOW SPRINGS NINE

General Manger: Ron Collins

2030 Record 85-77, RS:708 RA:675, 0 pyth

2031 Prediction 92-70

The rumor is that Nine GM Ron Collins came out of a months-long coma, sat up, said "Get me three out of date bullpen aces," and fell immediately back into his coma. This is about as good of a story as any for how the ball club came to sign \$3.5M worth of relief at the halfway point of spring training.

Post Subject: 9-Lives: 30.001 - Coma Lapse Results in Signings

You could blame Yellow Springs surprisingly poor 85-77 (the team won 99 games the previous year) on GM Ron Collins' lack of activity, or even a pulse for all we could tell last year. In reality, the club's struggles resulted more from multiple injuries to its starting pitching staff. They started the year without Lawrence Columbus Laloosh, and not far into the season lost the previous season's Nebraska winner, Jose Chavez. I don't care who else you have, that's two of the best ten starters in the Frick. Fortunately for Ron, both are back this year, along with veteran lefty Eduardo Lopez, once again giving Yellow Springs the best top three starters in the league. The bullpen is decent enough, but seems one high quality arm from being a lockdown unit.

The offense lost some talent on paper when Newman Watson and Juan Castillo opted for free agency and other team, but the Nine still have talented bats at skill positions, like Lucas McNeill and Angel De Castillo. The rest of the lineup features solid, if not exciting bats. This group has especially good infield defense and no real holes. A move for a big time bat could go a long way towards putting this team over the top.

Still, Yellow Springs will go as far as their holy Triumvirate of Lopez, Laloosh, and Chavez take them. In a division full of underwhelming competitors, I see a return to the playoff for the Nine.

Projection: 92-70





DES MOINES KERNELS

General Manager: Edward Murphy

2030 Record 83-80, RS:723 RA:708, 0 pyth

2031 Prediction 81-81

"Cisco is the real deal, he can hit for power, contact and is able to drive the ball when needed...You just don't see this type of production from a catcher." Per manager Josh McConnell.

*Post Subject: Kernels Team
News 2030-02*

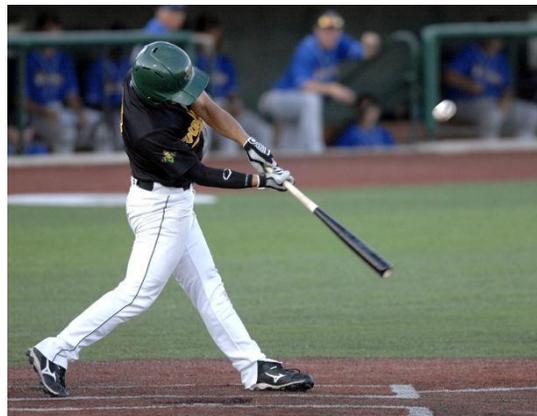
That's TWO! Two straight years of .500 or better ball from the Des Moines Kernels. They had to play an extra game to decide that they ultimately wouldn't make the playoffs. Players like catcher Cisco Arreola are a big reason why. Past incarnations of the Kernels just didn't have monster bats like Arreola and first baseman William Moreland. The two combined for better than 13 WAR. They also got nice contributions from some youngsters in Lew Driscoll, William Hardy, and Sergio Cordova. This was enough to give them an offense just on the positive side of league average, and the same group returns intact for 2031. Whether the youngsters make progress or suffer the dreaded sophomore slump will play a big role this year in the Kernels'

playoff prospects.

The pitching staff will have to adjust to the loss of Tavio Ciccolella during free agency, but still brings back Mike Davis and veteran lefty Kevin Lee, who keep on truckin' at age 37. Elwood Blues and Ramon "Pizza" Hernandez are talented youngsters who look like candidates to step up. Julio Negrete is also a possibility. The bullpen on this team has some solid enough arms. It's neither a strength, nor a weakness.

Overall, Des Moines seems to have hit a bit of a wall this offseason. Their payroll is well under 80 million, and this would have been the time to overpay for a couple short term deals (perhaps front loaded) to take that next step forward. (I unfortunately cannot see their revenue, so they simply may not have had the money to add). Overall, I see this team as much the same as last year. That might not be a good sign. 83 wins won't net you a play in game every season. On the other hand, now that we have an unbalanced schedule, the Kernels may benefit from not having to play the top five teams in the other Frick division a much.

Projection: 81-81





OMAHA BARNSTORMERS

General Manager: Fred Holmes

2030 Record 80-82, RS:722 RA:713, -2 pyth

2031 Prediction 78-84

"I'm just locked in. Everything moves in slow motion when you're feeling it, you know?" - Barnstormers infielder Valentin Colon, on ... something

Post Subject: 2030.1: Sim 1 Storylines - Colon hot, Mayorga Down

I hate when my colon is hot, but sometimes you just want the hottest wings you can find. There are these numbing drops we put in people's eyes at work when we need to do a detailed exam to see if they have a corneal laceration or burn or some other significant ocular trauma, but we have to use a new bottle on each patient and can't send people home with them. Thus, there is often a bottle or two of barely used tetracaine drops sitting around in the physician work area. I'd be lying if I said I hadn't thought about taking those home once or twice. For some reason though, whenever I bring up the prospective benefits of rectal tetracaine with the other docs, they look at me like I'm crazy.

For the first time in a long time, Fred Holmes' Omaha Barnstormers didn't make me feel like a crazy person last year. This team had long defied a near yearly exodus of big name talent only to continue to win at a seemingly impossible rate for the talent on the roster. Last year, the first in a while that they had new young players contributing, when one could maybe expect a step forward, they posted a losing record. Go figure. Still, it's reassuring to know that even Holmes can't work his dark magic very season.

This is typical Barnstormer offense, full of high contact, low walk types, led by up and coming star Jose Estrada. Jorge Castellanos and Valentin Colon are still running around. Juan Pablo is getting a bit long in the tooth. The Barnstormers brought back Bob Burke, presumably so fans could feel good about him.

Enrique Gomez remains one of the top starters in the league on a rate basis. Jose Trujillo is alright, if he walks too many, and Albie Racist has potential. Still this staff will give out a lot of free passes. Last year they walked 578 batters, about 150 more than league average.

I'm sticking to my guns this time. Omaha is a mediocre team, and while there is help on the way, it's not ready yet.

Projection: 78-84





TWIN CITIES RIVER MONSTERS

General Manager: Nigel Laverick

2030 Record 70-92, RS:693 RA:773, -3 pyth

2031 Prediction 72-90:

As we hit the final weeks of the 2030 season I intend, with virtually the entire 40-man roster up here in Minneapolis, to use the time as a kind of spring training exercise with the prize being the chance to remain in the Twin Cities area in 2031.

Post Subject: The Wanderer hits Twin Cities (2030-9)

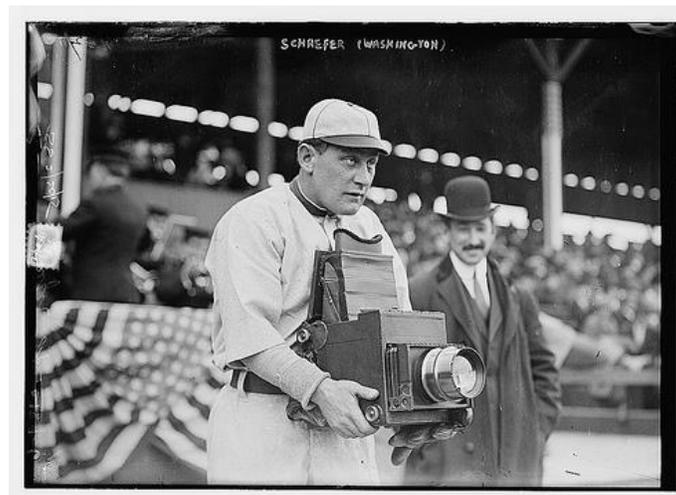
Well-traveled GM Nigel Laverick has his work cut out for him again as he takes over the Twin Cities River Monsters. While this franchise is in better shape than the one he left (despite his improvement of the team), it isn't by much.

In the infield, Mark Wareham is a terrific defender at short, should eventually be a solid enough batter, and seems to have made some strides in the offseason. Onetime top prospect has some tools, but will have to prove he can make enough contact to live up to his billing. The other side of the infield is a mess, with no real talent to speak of. Dennis Giguere could be the future at second, but isn't quite ready.

The outfield however looks nice however, with Jayden Harsnett and Ray Cooper likely the best bats on the team. This offense could top 700 runs this year, but still has some real holes, and likely will struggle against left handed pitching.

Speaking of pitching, the River Monsters did manage to get below the 800 runs allowed threshold last year, and could improve a bit more. Jesse Howard could join the staff this year, and along with free agent signing Juan Jose Mayorga, and incumbents Reese Rayner and Jessie Steward, could compose the first rotation of actual big leaguers the River Monsters has ever had. Much like Indy, while this group lacks top end talent, it at least is better than the AAAA and AAA players the team has used in the past. The pen is very much a work in progress. The progress part of that cliché will have to wait until next year, methinks.

Projection: 72-90





MADISON WOLVES

General Manger: Chris Wilson

2030 Record 69-93, RS:780 RA:822, -8 pyth

2031 Prediction 76-86

Let's be honest. It has been a dismal decade in Madison. Very dismal. Currently sitting at 34-57, the Wolves are well on their way to yet another losing season, their 9th consecutive losing season.

Post Subject: That's What Cheesehead - 30.04 - Fans Packing Stands. Enough?

The failure to launch of the Madison's Wolves now decade long rebuild can be blamed on two factors. First, they have had a heck of time securing the reliable revenue stream any up and coming club will need to add the necessary veteran talent via free agency. Second, they can't pitch. Period. While the revenue issue is somewhat beyond managements' control, the pitching situation isn't. Last season marked yet another year at the bottom of the league standings for runs allowed.

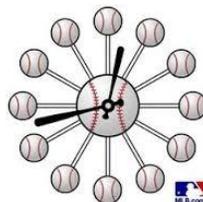
A look at the Wolves' first and second round draft picks from 2020 through 2028 (i.e. drafts you could expect to yield players currently on the roster) shows a whopping four pitchers taken and signed, ONE in the first round. After 2023, there are only two pitcher selections. Eighteen picks, four pitchers. That none of these worked out is even more painful.

This trend seemed to end when the team took Tommy Dietz in the first round in 2029. The 21 year old looks ready to join the rotation this year, and joins free agent singing Luis Soto of Montreal fame. Should Soto prove last year's down season was a fluke, this team could do better. Honestly, I doubt it. Even if Soto and Dietz exceed expectations, neither is top two material. "Piano Legs" Villegas, for as much as scouts like him, has posted one season out of six with an ERA under five. Brooks McHall and Leon Gonzales round out an uninspiring staff. The good news is that the pen looks solid, as many of last years' members of the failed "relievers as starters" experiment return to the pen.

The offense is still quite good. Dusty Rhodes can rake. Dempsey and Draper are nice. Luis Barrera is an emerging talent, and will be joined by rookie Mons Raider who looks impressive. The 722 runs this group scored last year is a little disappointing however, but should Jon Mick get his act together, this group could push 800 runs.

Let's say the Wolves score 770 runs, and improved the staff enough to knock 60 runs off last year's total, that's still a .500 record. I'm sure Chris Wilson would be happy with that, but I don't see it happening.

Projection: 78-84





INDY GRASSHOPPERS

General Manager: Justin Niles

2030 Record 56-106, RS:577 RA:837, 2 pyth

2031 Prediction 63-99

... while this doesn't necessarily scream out "Playoffs" for many, it is a stepping stone in the right direction to what should be a favorably young team with loads of potential.

Post Subject: The key for Indy: Patience

What gets lost in another abysmal year for the Indy Grasshoppers, is that they made a 7 win improvement from 2029 (on the back of a 50 run improvement in run differential). Prior GM Nigel Laverick (now with the Twin Cities) did yeoman's work in trimming a lot of fat from the books and picking up some youngsters who could help in a few years. Enter new GM Justin Niles who looks to continue that work of moving the team in the right direction. The new GM seems to have demonstrated both a plan and an understanding that building a winning franchise takes time.

He'll need that patience in 2031 as the Grasshoppers once again have all the hallmarks of a last place team. That's tough to hear, but the reality is that even if they post a 15 win improvement this year, that would barely have them out of last place in last year's standings. The solace Indy fans should take is in that if they come to a game this year, they'll actually get to watch big league players.

Niles spent some money in free agency to acquire longtime California Crusaders mid-rotation starter Gerardo Castillo, who may now be overpaid but is still a big upgrade. Ditto for former Calgary Pioneer Lambert Snabel. Joe Clements, the de-facto "Ace" of the staff is in a similar boat. Niles also added another mid-rotation starter in Mike Bailey from Las Vegas, part of a savvy trade of undeveloped SP prospect Hector Mata when the Hustlers had to cut salary. These aren't world beaters, but you can do a lot worse than a handful of number 3's and 4's. Indy has been demonstrating that for about three years now. They've added some salary to put together this underwhelming group, but most of it will be off the books by the time their young talent matures. The bullpen is still a wreck, but frankly that's not a point of need for a rebuilding team.

On the offensive side the club has made fewer strides. First baseman Buck Munoz will be one of the better bats they've fielded in years. Shortstop Luis Soto has established himself as solid starter. After that it's still a bunch of AAAA types, but this group is better than the AAA types of previous season. Still, this looks like a last place offense.

I honestly don't know how to project this team. On paper, they seem to have added a TON of value, but only because they were so incredibly bad before. The divisional schedule we now have will also throw prediction off a bit. Most likely I'll just add up everyone else's wins and give Indy what's left over.

Projection: 63-99

FL Pacific

As predicted, the Frick League Pacific was an absolute bloodbath last season. Six different teams held playoff positions for long stretches of the season. In the end, the California Crusaders held on to just barely edge the Vancouver Mounties for the vision title. Despite being a sub .500 club in each of the first two months of the year, California's offense got going in June and the team never looked back (if you ignore the part where they were constantly looking over their shoulder).

Third place Seattle finished two games back. The defending champion Surfers finished fourth and won a play in game to make the playoffs. The fifth place Calgary Pioneers were only 8.5 games back and according to their run differential should have been closer. Compare that to the other divisions, where fifth place was 24, 25, and 45 games back. Heck, the Pioneers were closer to first than the second place team in two other divisions, and the third finisher in the other.

2031 should be no different. Injuries will likely be the deciding factor among the top four teams this year. Long Beach (trades) and California (free agents) are better. Vancouver has some youth coming up. Seattle is Seattle and will win more than I expect them too. Calgary may have fallen back a bit due to age, but has the talent on the roster to win the division if the cards fall right.

Valencia and Edmonton are still works in progress, and both will likely do a bit worse with the divisor heavy schedule we have this year.

PROJECTED STANDINGS				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Long Beach	92	70		-
California	91	71		1
Vancouver	90	62		2
Seattle	88	76		4
Calgary	81	81		11
Valencia	68	94		24
Edmonton	57	105		35



LONG BEACH SURFERS

General Manager: Stephen Lane

2030 Record 84-79, RS:674 RA:682, +3 pyth

2031 Prediction 92-70

A brutal month of April saw the defending champion Surfers go 12-16, suffering devastating sweeps at the hands of new rivals, Louisville Sluggers and division rivals, the California Crusaders.

*Post Subject: 2030.3 - LB
Independent - Poor April Brings
May Changes*

It's a good thing there were other things to do in Long Beach in the summer last summer besides watch baseball. The defending champs were often brutal to watch last year. Between injuries and an offense that struggled out of the gate after losing Fred Hernandez and Alfredo Salazar, the Surfers nearly missed the playoffs.

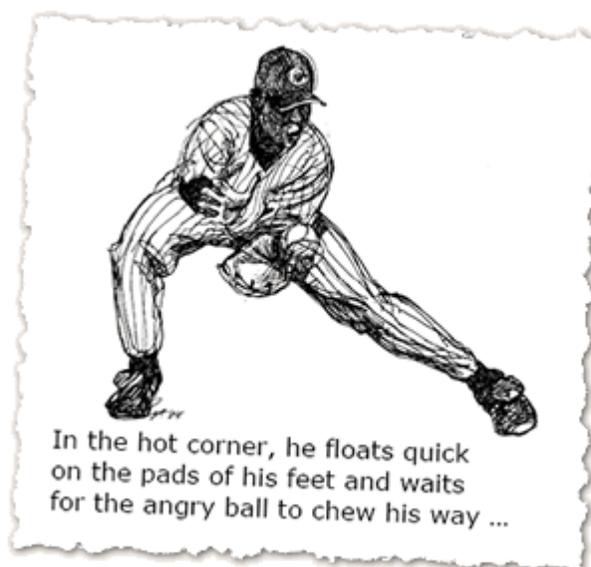
This year, GM Stephen Lane has tried to head off what seem to be the Surfers near annual starting pitching injuries by acquiring long time New Orleans Crawdads ace Manuel Rodriguez. Health permitting, this rotation could be very good. The most exciting news may be that Jimmy Greenwood may starting to get a feel for his changeup. Jose

Lozano and Esteban Gil are still good starters, and any team that has Tavio Cicoella as a fifth starter should be happy. The bullpen is deep and talented as well.

Offensively, this group may not be as good as the championship team of 2029, but any team that has Mark Simpson, Carlos Gonzales, Kade Cummins, and Ippolito Basaglia should score enough runs to win games.

The Surfers should bounce back from a frustrating 2030 and should make the playoffs again.

Projection: 92-70





CALIFORNIA CRUSADERS

General Manger: Theodor August Schmidt, Esquire, M.D., Jackass

2030 Record 92-70, RS:738 RA:618, 0 pyth

2031 Prediction 91-71

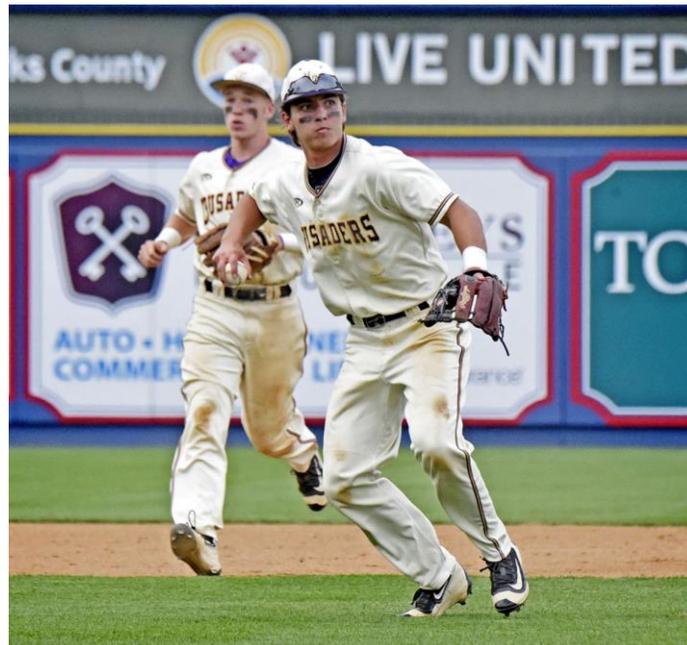
I'm not doing previews for the whole league again.

Post Subject: A response to some post where I apparently lied

Another year in California, same old story. Slow start out of the gate, followed by 3 months of mid to late season dominance, and a swoon in the last week. Ricardo Diaz showed flashes of his former dominant self for long stretches in 2030, but ultimately was inconsistent in the last month of the season and playoffs. Still, he will lead a very similar staff in 2031. Gerardo Castillo is gone, and the bullpen lost a part or two, but Luis Gracia, Cisco Morales and Chris Brown are back. If the Crusaders can continue to churn out second tier arms to fill the two or so vacancies they have, this will once again be one of the best pitching units in the league.

In somewhat of a change that GM Ted Schmidt is frankly terribly uncomfortable with, the club has punted infield defense (at least that's what I consider it when I don't have 8's and 9's at every position) to add better bats at the corners. The ability of newcomers Boogie Eisenhower and Newman Watson to defy father time will likely determine the success or failure of this group. There are some young bats as well. Claudio Defazio looks to follow up a highly success rookie season, and Dave Brunskill will be around for the whole season this year.

All in all, this is likely the best team Schmidt has put together in his tenure as Crusaders GM, and should again contend for a division title.





VANCOUVER MOUNTIES

General Manger: Brett Schroeder

2030 Record 91-71, RS:683 RA:602, +1 pyth

2031 Prediction 90-62

Ricardo Diaz is my favorite player and the best pitcher ever.

*Post Subject: Things I swear
Brett Said - 2030 umm point uh
niner*

I'm making a new rule. I'm only previewing one team per year that starts with the letter "V". How many teams that start with the sixth least used letter of the alphabet do you want me to review? It's only the seventh least used even if you adjust for letters that start words. Seriously. This is ridiculous. Also Brett, all your news post titles are just sim numbers. I have no idea on content and I'm not reading seventeen of them to find a quotation. So you get the one I most assuredly did not make up.

Elroy Hinson is a jerk and hasn't apparently compensated for a little lost bat speed by being more selective. Aloysius Gonzaga, Pierre Cordona and Mark Sturdivant don't make me jealous of your outfield.

Juan Hernandez and Antonio Correa didn't have terrific seasons last year and haven't established themselves as reliable front end starters, and Louis Hall isn't an upgrade over your fifth starter from last year.

You definitely don't more or less have the same team as last year, which is of course profoundly different (not different?) from every other team in the Frick Pacific.

"V". What kind of degenerate would run a club in a city starting with such a ridiculous letter?

Projection: 90-62





SEATTLE STORM

General Manager: Nathan Eagan

2030 Record 90-72, RS:800 RA:722, +1 pyth

2031 Prediction 88-76

Everyone knows that the two best words in the English language are “Opening” and “Day”

*Post Subject: Chasing The Storm
2030-3 Sim 1 Review*

As baseball returns to Seattle and other cities across North America, I hereby submit my annual underestimation of the Seattle Storm. Whatever. I don't mind being wrong. I'm wrong all the time. At least I'm consistent.

The 2031 Storm return the same offense that has paced the FLP since re-alignment. They were a little less efficient last year, and this year, with a divisional schedule will see more pitchers parks. They're also a little older and may not get to 800 runs this year. Still this is a talented group, led by the incomparable Juan Escobar again and features good OBP skills throughout the lineup.

They also bring back essentially the same pitching staff, with Contreras, Curtis and Ramos leading the way. And the bullpen is the same. There's a pattern here. You picking up what I'm putting down?

Last year they won 90 games with this same team. This year they have a tougher schedule, and are a year older, so I took away two wins. Now go win the division, Nathan.

Projection: 88-76





CALGARY PIONEERS

General Manager: Kevin Dickson

2030 Record 81-81, RS:776 RA:712, -6 pyth

2031 Prediction 81-81

Hector Cano joined an elite club on July 6th, when he became the 7th player in BBA history to hit 600 home runs. ... It was the Pioneers only run of the game and one of the few bright spots this season.

*Post Subject: Trail Droppings
2030-1 Cano Hits #600*

In the hotly contested Frick League Pacific, someone has to just have a bad year. It's tough to have five out of seven teams well over .500. In 2029, the Vancouver Mounties drew the short straw. Last season, it was the Calgary Pioneers. It takes a lot of bad bounces to win 81 games when your run differential projects an 87 win year (which would have put the Pioneers in the playoffs instead of Long Beach). However, that's two years in a row of significantly underachieving their Pythagorean record with roughly the same team. Sort of makes you wonder if the problem is the roster itself and not the fickle game.

The roster looks a little different for 2031, especially on the pitching side. The staff is again headlined by Cristobal Hernandez and Atsumoria Maeda. Jack Dickson will look to improve on his solid rookie season. But after the top three, there are some question marks. The dependable Lambert Snabel and Ace Young were inconsistent last year and let go. Milburn Pennybags looks like the best number four option, and after that it gets a bit scary. The bullpen is still very good.

The offense in Calgary is getting a bit older as well. Dan Leonard and Mario Balderas can no longer be considered youngsters as they near 30. Tony Franco and Mario Soriano are on the wrong side of that number, and while Hector Cano has had a wonderful career, he looks like this year may be it. Sparky Anderson V is the only young talented bat on the roster.

Last year's may have been bad luck, but this edition of the Pioneers may simply not have the horses to keep up in a very competitive division. This would be an 87-93 win team in the Frick Heartland, but not in the Pacific.

Projection: 81-81





VALENCIA STARS

General Manager: Lee Honigsfeld

2029 Record 72-90, RS:645 RA:776, +5 pyth

2030 Prediction 68-94

The Stars ended up with a crazy year. Most of the season the Stars were playing slightly over .500 baseball which is better than last season. Then came August where the Stars ended up 5-23, as the whole team went into a slump

Post Subject: Valencia Stars: 72-90 (.444) # 7

Last year I told Frank Mahaffey to get his S^%! together. In reality, the 19 year old is still far away from the bigs, but Valencia needs him now. The Stars followed up a resurgent 2029 season with a complete bomb in 2030. This team had a 20 win improvement two years ago, and a ten win decline last year. Furthermore, their Pythagorean record said they should have had five more wins in 2029 and five fewer in 2030. So yeah, color me perplexed. Injuries decimated the team at times last year, but they also had healthy stretches last year where they played replacement level ball (such as September).

Like the rest of the Frick Pacific, the Stars are essentially the same team in 2031 that they were last year. Mauro Flores remains the only plus pitcher in the starting rotation, and some, like Carlos Cortez, have regressed. The bullpen is similar as well.

I'm running out of ways to say the batters are the same. Actually, I'm getting pretty tired of saying the same things about every team. I'm taking the under on Valencia. With a divisionally heavy schedule, I'll pick the bad Stars over the good ones from two years ago.

Let's move on to something more interesting. Has anyone been to Valencia, California? I think that's where it is, right? I'm gonna to guess it pales in comparison to its namesake in Spain. Anyone know? Just googled it. Two of the top five pictures are Paul Walker's wreck car and Six Flags.

Projection: 68-94





EDMONTON JACK RABBITS

General Manager: Rhys Allen

2030 Record 67-95, RS:624 RA:772, +2 pyth

2030 Prediction 57-105

The Jackrabbits have returned to the warren. And to be entirely honest, in a rather sheepish way. Despite beating the Crusaders, the Jackrabbits failed to take a series from Indy AGAIN.

Post Subject: 2030-21 All good things must end (haha)

Losing multiple series to Indianapolis is no way to inspire confidence for the future. Oh well. Edmonton's future is not this year, or likely even the next. GM Rhys Allen has taken the long view, which as we wrote last year, is probably the best call. This is the time where you don't hurt yourself while continuing to build farm system and revenue stream.

Jackrabbits fans will again have to be patient in 2031. Edmonton could conceivably be worse in 2031 than 2030. The youngsters are taking a bit longer to develop than expected, and the veteran holdovers are starting to show their age. Stuart Pierce specifically

looks done, and the addition of Leinhard Zieff won't likely make up his decline. Pitching prospect Bobby Lynch is getting closer, but won't be ready to contribute this year barring a miracle. There are a couple very good relievers, but the starting rotation looks like one of those AAAA units Indy and the Twin Cities used to have. Maybe not even AAAA. The AAA Clash City Rockers actually have a similar collection of starters.

Offensively this club is much the same, which isn't good when you struggled to score 600 runs. Burgos is older and Vis looks done. Do prospects Rio Duce and Felix Duarte, in addition to FA signee Luke Jordan make up for that? Maybe, but they aren't going to be enough to improve this group.

So let's see. Bad offense? Check. Bad starting pitching? Check. Both worst in division? Check. Yikes. That has 100 losses written all over it.

Projection: 57-105



Top Players Around the League

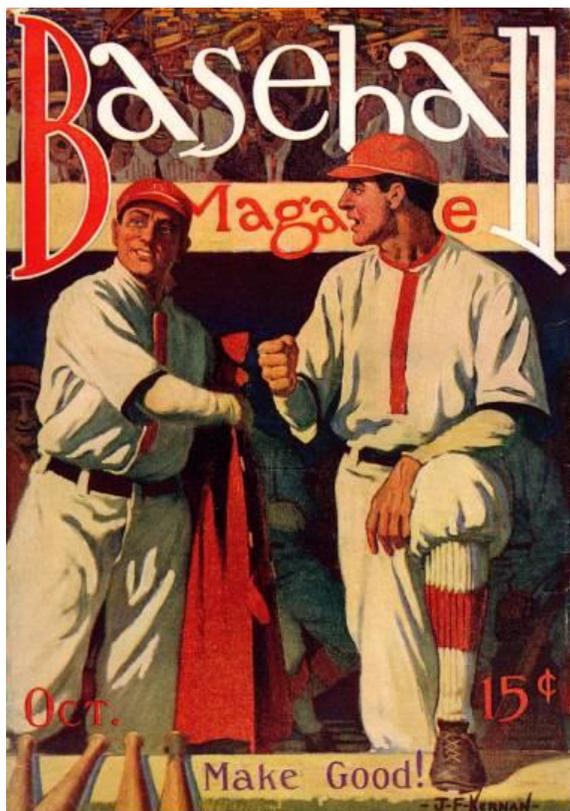
POSITION PLAYERS

#	Name	Team	Age	Pos	Contact	Power	Eye/Discipline	Speed	Defense	Level	AVG	HR	RBI
1	Jared Gillstrom	Montreal	26	SS	10	8	6	8	8	TRN	.395	4	13
2	Alfredo Martínez	Las Vegas	25	RF	8	10	10	9	9	ML	.258	2	6
3	Juan Escobar	Seattle	30	1B	8	9	5	1	7	ML	.370	1	5
4	Hank Brewer	Las Vegas	25	C	9	7	7	4	10	TRN	.343	3	8
5	Alfredo Salazar	Charm City	29	LF	8	9	9	8	9	ML	.200	1	3
6	Cisco Arreola	Des Moines	27	C	7	9	7	1	7	TRN	.438	4	8
7	Leon Sandcastle	Louisville	35	CF	8	7	7	9	8	TRN	.275	4	14
8	Carlton Winson	Phoenix	28	3B	7	10	9	4	8	ML	.000	0	0
9	Elroy Hinson	Vancouver	31	C	9	6	7	1	8	ML	.500	1	5
10	Lucas McNeill	Yellow Springs	24	2B	9	8	7	9	8	TRN	.351	5	15
11	Don Logan	Charm City	24	C	7	7	9	8	5	ML	.200	2	5
12	William Moreland	Des Moines	24	1B	8	10	6	1	6	ML	.344	2	8
13	Jean-Luc Lacaze	Huntsville	24	CF	6	8	7	10	7	ML	.458	2	7
14	Dave Brunskill	California	22	LF	7	8	6	10	9	ML	.353	2	3
15	Jorge Rodríguez	Seattle	34	CF	7	9	7	5	6	ML	.286	0	5
16	Cisco Guerrero	Montreal	28	1B	9	8	6	1	8	ML	.438	2	11
17	Mario Soriano	Calgary	30	CF	10	1	4	9	8	TRN	.333	0	7
18	Ettienne R. LaFitte	Montreal	23	1B	10	9	6	10	3	TRN	.304	2	8
19	Fernando Moreno	Huntsville	28	1B	7	10	9	1	6	TRN	.229	3	4
20	Shag Hopkins	Louisville	24	C	6	9	6	1	9	ML	.208	0	1

PITCHERS

#	Name	Team	Age	Role	Stuff	Control	Movement	Level	Rec	ERA	IP	HA	BB	K
1	Miguel Datiz	New Orleans	29	SP	10	8	6	ML	1-0	.00	8.2	4	0	11
2	Mauro Flores	Valencia	24	SP	10	7	7	ML	0-1	6.30	10.0	13	10	8
3	Antônio Correa	Vancouver	30	SP	8	8	7	ML	2-0	1.98	13.2	11	4	10
4	Dan Cannon	Atlantic City	22	SP	10	8	7	ML	1-0	1.50	6.0	5	0	8
5	José Chávez	Yellow Springs	29	SP	10	6	7	ML	0-0	.00	0.0	0	0	0
6	Egbert Behner	Charm City	26	SP	9	8	8	ML	1-0	1.15	15.2	6	3	15
7	Gabriel Alfonso	New Orleans	28	SP	8	8	7	ML	1-0	4.02	15.2	19	7	11
8	Nelson Ramírez	San Antonio	32	SP	10	10	6	TRN	1-0	4.09	11.0	12	0	15
9	Jorge Ortíz	New Orleans	28	SP	7	8	7	ML	1-0	3.38	8.0	6	0	4
10	Alfredo Granados	Vancouver	31	SP	10	7	6	ML	1-0	2.70	6.2	5	0	6
11	Tavio Ciccolella	Long Beach	32	SP	6	9	8	ML	0-0	7.71	4.2	9	1	3
12	Luis Gracia	California	25	SP	9	7	7	ML	0-0	1.35	13.1	8	0	14
13	Billy Chapel, Jr.	Jacksonville	35	SP	9	8	8	ML	0-2	6.92	13.0	20	3	7
14	Ignacio Rodríguez	Havana	28	SP	10	9	7	ML	1-0	1.35	13.1	11	2	19
15	Juan Jose Ornelas	San Antonio	33	SP	9	9	8	TRN	2-0	.00	18.0	5	2	31
16	Enrique Gómez	Omaha	31	SP	9	8	9	ML	0-0	3.09	11.2	9	4	7
17	Eduardo López	Yellow Springs	34	SP	10	6	8	ML	1-1	5.27	13.2	13	6	10
18	Lawrence Columbus LaLoosh	Yellow Springs	26	SP	10	8	7	ML	2-0	1.88	14.1	15	0	6
19	Pablo Figueroa	Vancouver	26	SP	9	7	7	ML	0-0	11.57	4.2	7	0	3
20	Cisco Morales	California	23	SP	9	8	7	ML	0-1	20.25	2.2	7	0	2

Surprise Players of 2030



Montreal- Timo van Oosterom (8-1, 2.98 ERA, 1.26 WHIP, 93 K) , RP

After a disaster of a season in 2029 for the Blazers' AAA team, he bounced back to be a crucial piece of their major league bullpen this season.

Atlantic City- David Cantu (6 - 3, 1.91 ERA, 1.04 WHIP, 96 K) , RP

Well, that sure was a relief conversion for the ages!

Jacksonville- Lloyd

Braun (.290/.341/.450, 18 HR, 58 RBI) , SS

Many said Braun would never hit enough, that his glove wasn't enough to carry him. Both are proving to be wrong.

Charm City- Maximo

Quezada (.275/.315/.512, 19 HR, 47 RBI) , CF

We all knew Quezada would be a premium center fielder. The offense was a big surprise!

Halifax- Bucky Dornster (.257/.320/.407, 10 HR, 31 RBI) , 3B

Another defense first youngster whose bat exceeded expectations.

Brooklyn- Jose Moreno (.276/.324/.419, 14 HR 72 RBI), C

Sensing a pattern here? Clearly he's an elite defensive catcher, but really a huge surprise offensively.

Carolina- Matheus Simeo (.320/.334/.409, 4 HR, 35 RBI) , SS/3B

Where the hell did that come from?

Las Vegas- Joe Castle (.304/.315/.576, 15 HR, 43 RBI) , C

After flopping last year in Edmonton, his market was silent until the Hustlers picked him to back up Brewer. Not only did he hold Brewer's place well while he was injured, he excelled.

Huntsville- William Belcham (.312/.346/.485, 14 HR, 63 RBI) , LF

Not surprising in that he exceeded his talent, surprising in that he came this far, this fast.

New Orleans- Armando Hernandez (.277/.348/.511, 22 HR, 55 RBI) , 3B

Fifty three point improvement in his batting average this year, might not be just a one trick pony anymore.



San Antonio- Roberto Vargas (8-13, 3.81 ERA, 1.23 WHIP, 146 K) , SP

33 year old journeyman who had never been a starting pitcher for a full season has his career season by far, completely out of nowhere.

Havana- Reece Wareham (.254/.297/.443, 22 HR, 59 RBI) , SS

Way underdeveloped offensively, it was thought his glove would make the impact this year, but it ended up being the other way around. Wait until he develops.

Phoenix- Carlton Winson (.247/.360/.498, 27 HR, 70 RBI) , 3B

Huge prospect once upon a time, so not a complete surprise. Maybe he'll reach his potential after all as a late bloomer.

Hawaii- William McIntyre (.269/.331/.443, 19 HR, 69 RBI) , DH

2021- that was the last year McIntyre was anything close to a relevant player in the Brewster. One hell of a resurrection project!

Louisville- Ken Vazquez (6 - 2, 1.11 ERA, 0.88 WHIP, 62 K) , RP

First full professional season as a reliever= pure domination. Not even "The Genius" could have predicted this.

Yellow Springs- Carlos Garcia (.243/.343/.409, 18 HR, 66 RBI), CF

184 strikeouts aside, he performed a lot better at the plate than I would have thought.

Des Moines- William S. Hardy (.264/.329/.338, 4 HR, 29 RBI), SS

So he's lumped, and that sucks. Somehow, he found a way to be a 2.4 WAR player even with the lumps and seven weeks of time missed to injuries. Kudos, Des Moines.

Omaha- Wil Aviles (1 - 6, 3.15 ERA, 1.21 WHIP, 67 K) , RP

Sometimes all you need is a change of scenery. After being a replacement level pitcher at best during his seven years in New Orleans, he comes to Omaha and has his best season by far, eventually saving 14 games as their closer.

Madison- Chris Tovar (.273/.350/.456, 22 HR, 78 RBI) , LF

He may be one of the worst outfielders in the game right now, but those 22 homers were a professional high by a country mile.

Twin Cities- Jorge Valencia (.237/.314/.472, 24 HR, 63 RBI) , 1B

Batted .199 with 9 HR for Phoenix last year, and looked done. Guess not!

Indy- Jared Davis (.261/.342/.474, 31 HR, 93 RBI) , OF

.194/.310/.250/.560 with 1 HR in 108 AB last year. Then this? He can't really be this good, can he?

California- Chris Brown (14-11, 4.32 ERA, 1.28 WHIP, 155 K) , SP

33 combined minor league starts over five years. 31 major league starts as a true rookie this year. Maybe he's a jerk, but he pitched alright!



Vancouver- Angel Calderon (4 - 2, 2.32 ERA, 0.97 WHIP, 37 K) , RP

A disastrous 2029 with Phoenix and Indy. Guess he just needed to get back to the friendly confines of Vancouver.

Seattle- Manny Montanez (.299/.397/.439, 13 HR, 42 RBI) , SS

22 year old who showed absolutely no signs of being able to handle big league pitching in last year's stint. Bumped talents and now looks like a long term keeper for the Storm.

Long Beach- Alfredo Chavez (7-2, 1.99 ERA, 1.06 WHIP, 38 K) , RP

Lowest WHIP since 2023, kind of out of nowhere!

Calgary- Milburn Pennybags (3 - 6, 3.92 ERA, 1.15 WHIP, 95 K) , SP

Who thought this one time prospect would be one of the Pioneers' best starters?

Valencia- Andre Jacobs (5 - 3, 3.67 ERA, 1.25 WHIP, 111 K) , SP

Finally, right? Maybe the move to relief has worked.

Edmonton- Rodger van der Knaap (11-13, 4.08 ERA, 1.28 WHIP, 131 K) , SP

Maybe the biggest surprise. How he was able to put up these solid numbers with the lack of movement is beyond me.



Aaron Analyzes the 2031 Draft

This is the first in a two-part series analyzing this year's amateur draft. The second part will look at what I think are the best and worst picks and the most interesting ones. There's a chance that I might NOT do the second part just due to time constraints, but it looks like I will. I've started including the S1 round.

Disclaimer: As always, opinions and analysis are mine and mine alone and do not reflect any future, present or past knowledge of anything at all. If concerned, rub a little dirt on it, it'll be fine. Do not use as a life raft, though if you get caught in the middle of the ocean it is suitable for a suicide note.

First Round Analysis:

1. 3B **Duane Whitley, Jr.** (Twin Cities): His daddy was a heckuva good ballplayer, and you'll find his plaque on the wall in our Hall of Fame. The kid clearly has talent, but we're not sure he's gonna be his daddy. A lefty-hitting talent with above-average ability in every plate skill, a rocket arm at third base, and good intangibles, Whitley ought to have a nice career if he develops.

2. CF/OF **Luis Costello** (Edmonton): Hard to quibble too much with this pick. Costello should have the tools to play center field and has excellent potential at the plate. Has the bat to play as a corner outfielder, where he should be excellent. A loyal leader, Costello has just about every talent you'd want in a young player except a propensity to take walks.

3. LF **Mario Deortez** (Phoenix): Deortez has a monster power bat from the right side of the plate and isn't badly developed for a 19 year old. Fully grown, the lengthy future 1B or DH (or error-prone clunky outfielder) should be a perennial 30-homer guy with some years hitting .300 or better, and doubles to match. A solid, if unspectacular batting eye will help. No serious intangible minuses, though in this case they could probably save a few million bucks by dowsing his greed, since 30-40 home run hitters don't come cheap.

4. C/1B/DH **Gabriel Flores** (Charm City): Let's welcome a head case with a boatload of talent to Baltimore. Flores is still a very young man at age 15, but he



was a force of nature in the high school league last year in 25 games and won the hitter of the year award down there. Not blessed with a ton of ability behind the plate, Flores has the bat to play anywhere on the diamond but would be most valuable if he stayed at catcher. They'll need to fix his attitude, but he could be the league's moodiest superstar. Not related to #6 pick Francisco Flores.

5. SP **Hotzen Plotz** (Indy): Plotz has a ton of talent, but also has some blatant, glaring flaws. Like #4 pick Flores, Plotz is a total head case and will require a lot of coaxing to get the most out of him. He's already 19 and not that well developed; some lower ceiling pitchers in this draft are way ahead of him. He doesn't throw hard, even for a teenager, and given his pitch repertoire, might not ever. He isn't a groundball pitcher. But if you're looking for the pitcher with the most raw talent in this draft, you could hardly do worse than Plotz, who is one of the few pitchers in this draft with #1 pitcher potential.



6. C **Francisco Flores** (Carolina): The Kraken take their highest pick in nearly two decades and pick a potential star catcher with him. We're pretty sure that this isn't Little Hurt or Chip, but he'll do. While Flores needs some classical education and schooling, his bat needs no education, and his defense should be adequate but not great at catcher. Being a lefty catcher should serve him very well in a platoon role at least. Also likely the cheapest player to go in the top ten.

7. SP **Charlie Iron-Knife** (Havana): Iron-Knife may be a potential outstanding starting pitching prospect because of the knuckleball. If you take the rest of his ratings at face value, he could be a #1 starter, fully developed. We would exercise a little caution, however. Iron-Knife has nearly zero velocity and therefore might have some issues with his second pitch

unlike, for example, Abe Colbert, who throws a max velocity of 98 MPH. Iron-Knife's current top velocity is 84 MPH on a forkball. While Iron-Knife might be the biggest bargain in the draft by far, he's also extremely undeveloped and has a long way to go. Excellent intangibles should help. A good wait-and-see pick.

8. SP **Dean Oulton** (Hawaii): Winner of the Fox Mulder last year in college, Oulton is a highly developed 19 year old pitcher with two potential out pitches and reasonable intangibles. While the two-pitch repertoire might eventually force Oulton into a reliever role, he would probably be a great success in that position



as well as he already hits 97 with his fastball and would only get better with a conversion. Groundballer, good movement, cheap to sign.

9. SP **Gabriel Vallejo** (Madison): Someone was going to take a chance on this guy in the top ten, and Madison drew either the long or short straw. On the surface, Vallejo looks like a very good prospect: four potential out pitches, above-average movement potential, groundball tendencies and probably improvement as he picks up velocity. But, Vallejo had a partially torn labrum last year, and it's neither completely healed yet nor are we certain how the injury will affect his long-term development. So a dice roll by the Wolves. I think they'd be happy if his career followed Jose Olivares though:<http://montybrewster.net/MBBA/OOTPFfiles ... 16952.html>

10. LHP **John Pierce** (Valencia): Let's get this out of the way early: as he stands right now, he is not Enrique Gomez. http://montybrewster.net/MBBA/OOTPFfiles ... _4435.html Pierce is a classical four-pitch starter without classical starter endurance, and he's merely very good, not great. As a result he'll probably be kept to a #3 starter. However, it's foreseeable that Pierce could be better than that in a microcosm, especially if he bumps. Pierce is good at holding runners and has pretty fair intangibles.

11. RF **Harold Smith** (Brooklyn): Smith is a righty-hitting outfielder out of college who has enough tools to play the outfield and enough skill that he may do it well. Because he's a righty with a mediocre batting eye, he may not reach any kind of huge heights, but he should be a solid enough player and is going to one of the best hitter's parks in the league. Has a platoon factor that might serve him well depending on how he handles righty pitching. Very solid intangibles.

12. RP **Felipe Carlos** (Halifax): The first autopick of the first round, Carlos is a potentially pretty good lefty bullpen guy but unlikely to ever be a star. Not great velocity for a teenager, leads with a changeup, solid otherwise. Very good intangibles. If he gains some velocity it'll help his case, but I wouldn't be surprised to see Halifax pick #13 next year.

13. RP **Andino Bianchi** (San Antonio): One of the best relief prospects in the first round in quite some time, Bianchi combines the potential for outstanding stuff with a big groundball rating and good peripherals. At just 15 years old he has the potential to be even better with a hike in velocity, though he already throws hard for a teenager. Solid intangibles all around make this guy a really good prospect. Looks like a future closer for the Outlaws.



14. C **David Katzenbogen** (Des Moines): Katzenbogen is a very interesting pick by the Kernels, a big dice roll. The game rates him five stars. He's a lefty catcher with superior defensive abilities, superior intangibles, and a little pop/walks ability. However, all reports are that the man cannot hit, that he has massive holes in his swing. One would expect, however, that he would work on that. He's already 19, so if he's going to improve offensively he should probably get on that pretty quick.

15. RF/DH **Mike Ellis** (Omaha): A potential five-tool player, Ellis has quite a few virtues. He could consistently hit for a high average from the right side of the plate, which is a rarity in and of itself. However, there are some holes in his game. He doesn't project for much home run power, though he should hit quite a few doubles. Ellis has poor defensive range, though he's consistent and probably could play the outfield, if badly. Intangibles are good, and as long as he develops his bat he should be a good pick at this spot.

16. 2B/1B/DH **Jose Rios** (Calgary): Rios was a high school legend at the plate, hitting 28 homers in 51 games in 2029 with a hilarious 1.379 OPS and winning the IFA C1 Player of the Year. (He was also great last year.) For my money, Rios is a DH or a first baseman, and as a righty one he's maybe not quite as valuable, but if he grows into playing second base at the major league level he'll be a stud. Just don't get your hopes up.



17. **3B/1B Victor Bedolla** (Long Beach): Bedolla will also probably be better at first base, but considering that his bat would be very valuable at 3B, I suspect they'll keep him there and deal with whatever defensive miscues he has. Potentially, Bedolla is a perennial .290 hitter at third base with power, which is pretty good, especially for the #17 pick.



18. **SP Carlos Lopez**(Jacksonville): As usual, I express caution when projecting a person with a first-pitch changeup. That said, everything about Lopez looks pretty good. A classical four-pitch sinkerballer, Lopez is only

16, so he could gain velocity which should offset reliance on the changeup. He has wonderful intangibles which should help him long-term. He tends to throw ground balls. Cheap enough at \$1.5 million. Long way away, as any 16 year old would be.

19. **3B Juan Mendoza** (New Orleans): Mendoza had the dreaded “impossible” rating slapped on him. That said, he has a bonus amount of \$4.4 million listed, so maybe not, and he’s going to New Orleans, one of the teams that could easily afford to overpay him. Mendoza might not be signable, but if he is, he’s got the potential to be a good pick, especially if he rounds out defensively.

20. **SS Brett Compton** (Vancouver): The top-rated shortstop in the draft was **Ernesto Alfiche**, but Compton has some advantages over Alfiche. Compton is much more developed, has a bigger arm and turns the double play better, and is considered more durable than the younger Alfiche. He’s not likely to get on base as often or steal any bases, ever, but he looks like he could start in the BBA in two, three years tops, and that’s a pretty good grab at #20.

21. **SP Ken Walter** (Seattle): Autopick #2. Walter appears to have all the tools for success: solid development by age 17, two out pitches, good endurance, significant groundball tendencies, and very good intangibles. He appears to be the poster boy for the high floor/low ceiling draft pick; his control and his lack of a third out pitch will probably hold him back somewhat. If he gains 4-6 MPH of velocity, though, watch out.

22. **C Eric Fabre** (Yellow Springs): Fabre’s ceiling is probably **Chad Lawrence** or **Jacky Voornveld**, which would make Yellow Springs jump up and down for joy. We also don’t think they’d be horrified if he were **Joe Castle**. A solid two-way catcher who hits righty, Fabre will have some years where he hits inconsistently



but should have some big years as well. I tend to underrate players like this, because if he were a first baseman he couldn't get onto the field, much less be a ten year starter.

23. DH/1B **Gustavo Aguilera** (Atlantic City): Aguilera might be something like the fifth best pure hitting prospect in this draft behind **Luis Costello**, **Mario Deortez**, **Duane Whitley, Jr.**, and Gabriel Campos. The righty-hitting first baseman has a lot working in his favor: a huge contact/power split, tenacity at the plate, and the fact that he has shown no platoon factor up to this point works in his favor. I'd like to see a little more patience but he ought to be just fine.

24. 3B **Nico Eijpe** (California): Eijpe is a very interesting pick. Of the four third basemen taken up to this point, Eijpe has the best defensive tools by a notable, if not overwhelming margin. Batting from the left side of the plate, Eijpe has holes against lefties but ought to be pretty solid in a platoon role. He has lousy intangibles and is a bit of a head case, which might be another reason he slipped to #24. If I had to take a guess, though, I'd say the Aruban will be defeating spell checkers well into the 2040s.

25. OF/DH **Jose Olivarez** (Huntsville): The first pick by the new Huntsville regime is a slap-hitting outfielder who steals bases and doesn't play defense, which makes him a difficult placement. The game likes him better than I am (an absurd 4.5 stars), but I think he could be nicely productive in a DH role as a leadoff man; I'd like him better if he drew more walks. Surely he looks like a potential major leaguer in some role.

26. OF/DH **Tony Charles** (Montreal): Charles should be a consistently solid hitter from the right side of the plate with good speed that can steal bases. His defense might improve over time to the point where he's average, but he's unlikely to rise above that level. Has all the tools at the plate; I'd like him better if he was a lefty. Strong intangibles and recognized in some way for all three years in his high school career.

27. SP **Ryosei Akahori** (Las Vegas): Akahori is exactly the sort of player you'd expect to get at the end of the first round. A classical four-pitch starter, Akahori has a long way to go to make the majors but his raw stuff is pretty good without much velocity. Okay intangibles, poor velocity for a starting pitcher.

28. OF **Scott Martin** (Louisville): Martin is a switch-hitting powerhitter who will have some trouble with



consistency but is otherwise not the sort of player you'd expect to be available at #28 to the defending champs. He should be pretty good, and he's not helpless on defense either. Showing a little righty platoon factor, which might benefit him being a switch hitter. Poor intangibles part of why he slipped, and he's not fast and doesn't have a great batting eye, but he's a quality choice.

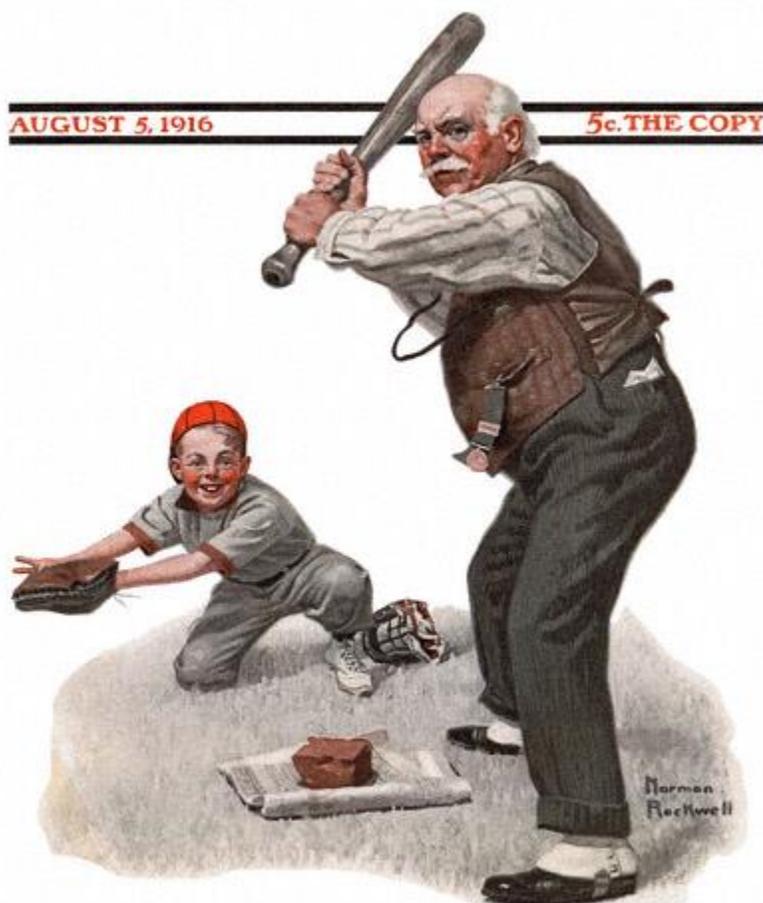
29. RP **Abraao Rocheta** (Halifax): Rocheta doesn't have a rocket arm, but he throws reasonably hard for a teenager and has two potential out pitches with no serious minuses anywhere. Very good intangibles and holds runners reasonably well. Like we write for a bunch of guys every year, velocity increases will make him a better pitcher. Incredibly expensive for this spot and zoned-out Halifax might not be able to afford him.

30. RP/SP **Ricardo Valenzuela** (Atlantic City): I often dock the potential of pitchers for having a low changeup rating and a high changeup potential, especially if it's the pitcher's best pitch. Can that work in reverse, too? We get changeup surges from players, and Valenzuela, if he were to get one, might be a top starter. Regardless he ought to be a pretty good relief pitcher, a closer candidate for the future. Expensive for the spot, but this guy will be cheap if his changeup jumps.





Atlantic City gets a new GM



BBBS Enterprises, the holding company of sim racing team [BBBS Motorsports, Inc.](#), has formally submitted an application on Friday to acquire a [Brewster Baseball Association](#) franchise confirmed team co-CEO Joshua Biddle. Currently, the league has one open franchise - the [Atlantic City Gamblers](#) - which provides a sense of irony given Biddle's past football ownership of the [Ocean City Hammerheads](#) (Ocean City, N.J.) in the Pure Football League through 2009; the Hammerheads had a fierce rivalry with the Atlantic City Skulls in what was coined as the "Battle of the Boardwalk".

An entry into the baseball universe would come as a culture shock to BBBS Enterprises, which has only ventured into the realm of simulated motorsports after its formation in late 2009. Biddle's



vision upon the formation of the organization and new-found interest in text based sports simulations of all sorts, was to own a franchise in a premier simulated sports league for an array of sports, with a primary focus on baseball, football, basketball, and hockey.

The [Atlantic City Gamblers](#) have a 2914-2920 (.499) franchise record, which includes three championships - the 2010, 2022, and 2024 crowns. The team qualified for the playoffs via the wildcard after finishing the season in 2nd place in the Johnson League's Atlantic Division. The team's top hitting performers included DH [António Sánchez](#) (.260/.374/.475, 31 HR, 99 RBI); 1B [Rafael Bido](#) (.256/.334/.533, 31 HR, 74 RBI); LF [Juan Cruz](#) (.259/.316/.478, 27 HR, 72 RBI), RF [Ray Castillo](#) (.283/.325/.462, 21 HR, 81 RBI), and 2B [Valeri Kharlamov](#) (.292/.385/.449, 114 R, 20 HR, 66 RBI, 12 SB). The team's top pitching performers included: RHP [Mingo Boone](#) (33 GS, 18-12, 3.47 ERA, 1.19 WHIP); LHP [Edward Kish](#) (15 GS, 11-3, 3.01 ERA, 1.33 WHIP -- missed significant time with a fractured elbow); and RHP [David Cantú](#) (82 G, 85.0 IP, 6-3, 1.91 ERA, 1.04 WHIP).

The direction of the team moving into the future under new ownership/management remains a big question in Atlantic City, especially after coming off of a 90+ win season and a playoff appearance. If BBBS Enterprises were to get control of the franchise, fans will likely have concerns with the inexperience of the regime and whether or not a playoff-level organization could be maintained. A renowned beat reporter in Atlantic City viewed a leaked application BBBS Enterprises submitted to league management, which detailed plans for the franchise if the organization acquired the rights to the team. Reviewing Biddle's history in the Pure Football League, he had a tendency to stay the course with good teams he acquired and do a teardown/rebuild when he acquired a team that was mediocre to bad; the application provided evidence that Biddle would prefer to stay the course with the current base of the team and not do anything viewed by fans as "drastic". The first order of business for the organization would be to review the performance of players whose



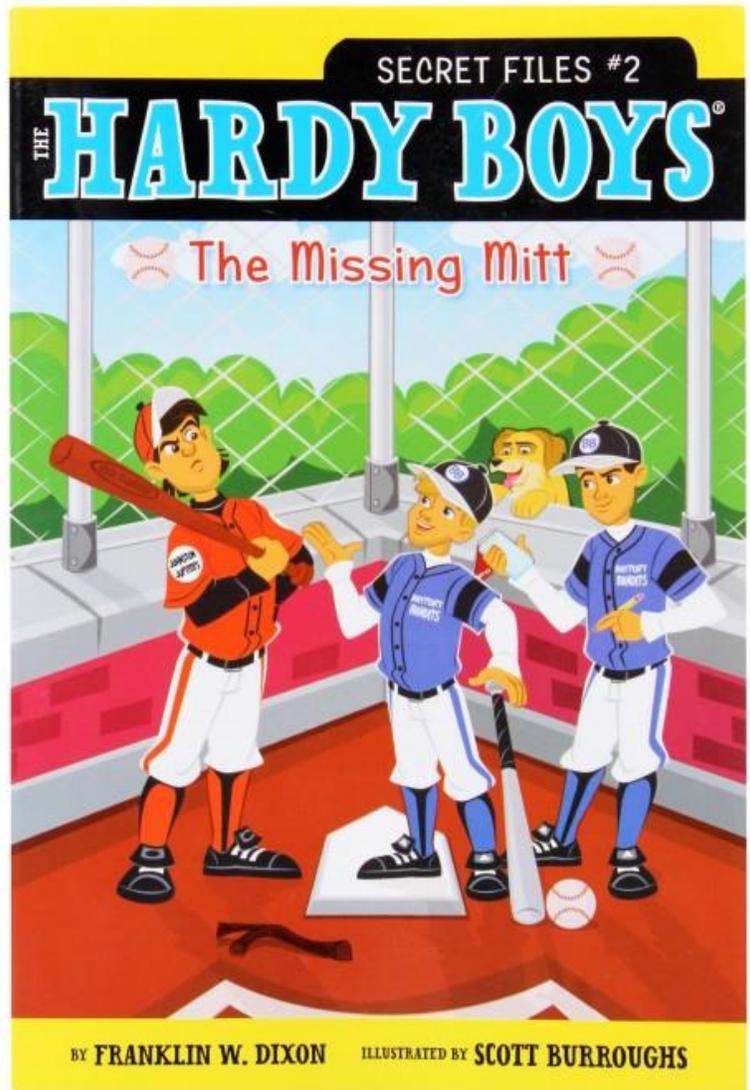
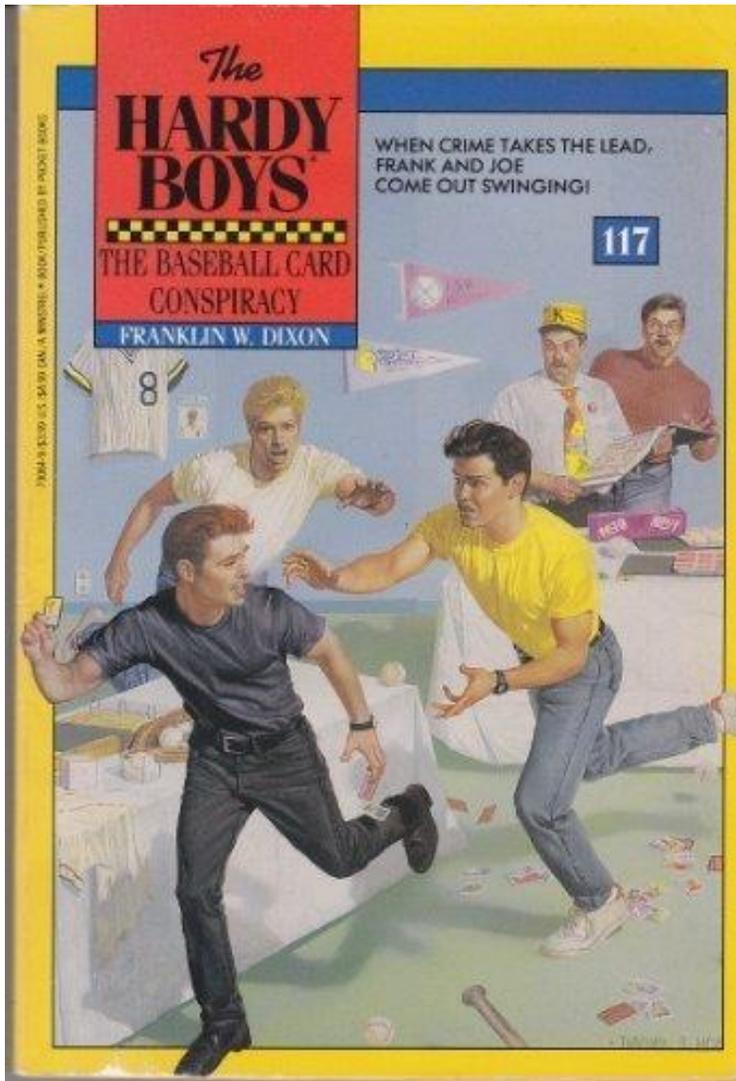
contracts are expiring and played a significant role on the team this past season --- this presumably includes 3B [Boone Carlyle](#) (36 years old, .271/.341/.406, 89 R, 18 HR, 65 RBI), LF [Juan Cruz](#) (29 years old, .259/.316/.478, 27 HR, 72 RBI), LHP [José García](#) (31 years old, 11 GS, 4-5, 5.27 ERA, 1.55 WHIP), and LHP [Edward Kish](#) (34 years old, 15 GS, 11-3, 3.01 ERA, 1.33 WHIP). Biddle is reportedly high on retaining Cruz, but has battled both sides between [Carlyle](#) and [Kish](#). [Carlyle's](#) performance markedly declined from his 2028 numbers (.323/.386/.502, 106 R, 22 HR, 116 RBIs), but is a beloved clubhouse leader who commands respect with his leadership ability and work ethic. [Kish](#) was having a career season before a fractured elbow ended his season -- if the price is reasonable, would [Kish](#) represent a low price/high upside signing? Biddle reportedly is inclined to allow [García](#) to test the market after a poor season.

Biddle's second priority is reportedly the gaping hole at shortstop, at least in terms of offensive production. SS [Soshu Kono](#), a 2028 Rule 5 pick, received the majority of at-bats for the team at shortstop due to his defensive prowess, but hit a paltry .185/.222/.276 in 493 at-bats. With no apparent player on the roster ready to fill in with more production or a minor leaguer in AAA playing well enough to warrant promotion, the team would reportedly explore the free agent market for a bat. Biddle also would reportedly be fine with a platoon in order to still keep [Kono's](#) defense in the lineup if an obvious everyday shortstop is not available at a price point the team could live with.

The biggest concern for BBBS Enterprises should they takeover is the minor league system. Currently, the team's minor league system is ranked 23rd of 28 teams, with only one prospect ranked in the top 100 - [Chang-hyeok Chang](#) (50th). The current state of the Gamblers is in stark contrast to the Biddle's philosophy, which includes a very strong minor league system, even if it means a rebuild. The team would likely have to focus solely on drafting to improve that as Biddle believes the Gamblers as constructed can continue to compete and make the playoffs and would not focus on a rebuild at this time.



It should be interesting to see who gains control of the Gamblers and what the future of the organization is --- something that fans in Atlantic City find as interesting as they do anxiety-inducing.



Frick Heartland: Home of the Backstop



“The numbers are interesting,” Freda Westin said as we Skyped from her basement perch.

Freda is, to put it mildly, a catcher connoisseur, a lover of home plate, a believer in the lightning quick release and the art of the frame. Beyond that, she says, “I just like to watch ‘em squat.”

The less said about that the better, we think.



However you stack it up, she’s spent years studying backstops, and she’s been using some intriguing numbers to say this: the Frick Heartland cares. They really, really care ... about catcher defense. “The average catcher’s defensive rating around the league is about 6.6,” Freda said. “But it’s mostly in the Heartland.”

Here are the numbers:

Average Catcher Defensive Ratings:

Frick Heartland: 7.6

Johnson South: 6.9

Frick Pacific: 6.5

Johnson Atlantic: 5.5

“I admit I think the Atlantic is a plague upon creation,” Freda said. What better way to describe a division that includes Halifax, where [Luis Campos](#) is still filling a depth chart behind the plate on a semi-routine basis?

Regardless, we thought that was interesting enough, so we took a quick run through the Frick Heartland to see who these top-notch receivers might be. We’re going to focus on the guys who play, and run down the list based on defensive scores first, with a little thought added in for offense.

Let’s start here:

[Paul Scholes](#) (Indy, 10 arm/10 ability): This is Freda’s favorite player of all time. He’s 32, and beginning to lose it with the bat a little, but Scholsy has made such a huge career of his defensive skills that until 2028 he was a league average bat, a combination that let him register solid 3.5-4 WAR scores. There’s a reason, however, that he’s made \$8M+ a season for a while, and that reason is the trophy display he has at home wherein he lines up seven Yogi Zimmer Diamond Glove Awards. Don’t bet against an 8th this year. (Freda’s rating: “Best Squater Ever Born”)



Shag Hopkins (Louisville, 10 arm/5 ability): At 24, Hopkins is entering his third season in the league and is one of two brilliant young catchers in the division. His .297/.356/.563 line with the bat was good for 6.9 WAR, and a big reason the club won the Landis last season. What catches the eye of runners around the league, however, is the ultra-long arm he has swinging off his right shoulder. “I swear the thing is genetically altered,” one speedster said. “I think he hangs a keg of beer off it every day just to stretch it a little more. Hell, I don’t think he even throws the ball to second, just reaches over and tags you out on your way into a slide.” (Freda’s rating: “I like me some Shag,” said with a grin and a cigarette)

Cisco Arreola (Des Moines, 8 arm/6 ability): Technically, Arreola scores as the 4th best defensive catcher in the Heartland, but screw it. If it weren’t for **Elroy Hinson**, Arreola may be the best offensive catcher in baseball right now, and to be honest, he may well be anyway. At least it’s a fair argument to have in the pub over beers (and, yeah, we know **Hank Brewer** is in there, too). He’s also a better than average catcher, as his “8” Arm shows. At 27, he’s just hitting his prime, too, so expect him to be in the list for a good long time to come. At least two more of these will be with the Kernels. (Freda’s Rating: Taking a deep breath, “I love a man named Arreola.”)

Marc De Jesus (Twin Cities, 7 arm/8 ability): De Jesus is the weak sister when it comes to offense, and one wonders if he’s here due to financial concerns of a struggling expansion team as much as anything else. But the fact is that, defensively, he does a lot more than hold his own. At 25, he’s been with the club since its birth, and thrown out roughly 35 % of base runners in the process. (Freda’s rating: “De Jesus is reason enough to worship at the church of baseball, ain’t that right, Annie?”)

Gilberto Romo (Omaha, 6 arm/7 ability): Romo has been in the league five years, and Omaha is his fifth team. He started for Indy back in 2026 and Birmingham in 2029. He’s starting for Omaha



now. But mostly he's been a back-up. The problem is not in his glove but his bat, which registers in at a career OPS+ of 82. That alone should tell you something about his love, though. The guy's only allowed 18 passed balls in over 2,800 innings, and only 19 errors. Bottom line: it's Romo's defense that keeps him in the league: (Freda's rating: "Romo! Romo! Wherefore art thou, Romo! ... I'm raight cheer!")

Luis Barrera (Madison, 5 arm/7 ability): Barrera is the second upcoming star at the catcher role in the Frick Heartland. He was 21 last season, his rookie tilt, and he did nothing short of dropping a 6.2 WAR on the league, with 23 homers, and a .301/.371/.527 slash line on the league. Defensively he was adequate, with a below league average arm, and a division average ability. In any other division, that would make him solid average, but in the Heartland it's sub-par. Not that anyone will care. It's not like he's Camposian, and with lumber like that nothing else matters. (Freda's Rating: "He makes me want to Barrera it all!")

Miguel Flores/Jose Pena (Yellow Springs, 8/5, 7/5 arm/ability): Flores and Pena are splitting duties for the Nine this year, but are nearly identical defenders. Both above average arms, slightly below average ability. At 31 and 27, the pair are among the more experienced in the division (catchers in the Heartland tend to be younger than those in other divisions, 26.9 years-old on average, youngest by about half a year). Flores was hired for his bat, which is failing now, and Pena has never had a bat. They can, however, manage the running game a bit with both of them throwing out just shy of 40% of base runners over their big league career. (Freda's rating: "Platoon me, baby! Platoon me!")

So, there's the list. After the run-down, we wanted to get a few last words from Freda to sum up the whole story, but she was suddenly overcome by an affliction that made her unable to speak other than to sign off rapidly. We're not sure what happened.



Regardless, it's fairly clear that the GMS in the Frick Heartland appreciate a little catcher, though not, perhaps, as much as Freda.



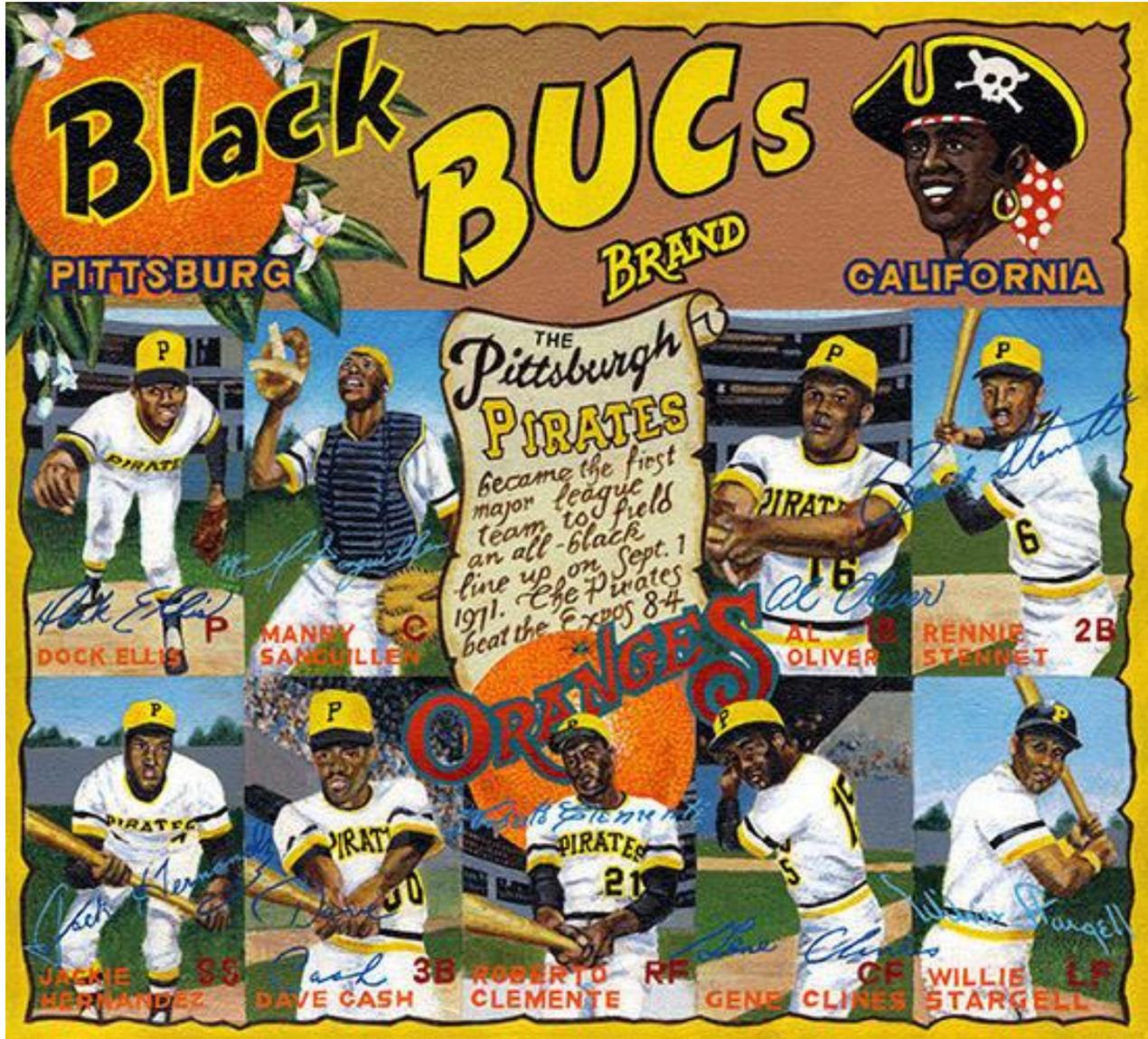
Hall of Fame Voting



2031 HOF Voting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	TOTAL	
Rob Van Winkle	14		1	1	2	3	1			1	1		1			752	25
Robert Jowers	1	8	4	1	1	1		3		1	2	1	1	1		505	25
Terry Cochran	2	7	1	1	1	2		1		2	1	1	5		1	467	25
Hayden "Sidd" Finch	1	5	2		5	4		3	1	2				1	1	448	25
Milt Linares, Jr.	1	1	5	7	3		1	1	4		1	1				431	25
Medric Wood	1	2	5	3		2	4	1	4	1	1	1				429	25
Jimmy McCabe	2		1	3	1	4	2	2	4	3			3			373	25
Kevin Minuso		1		2	7	3	2		2		3	2	1	1	1	318	25
Carlos Altavista	1		4	2	1		1	2	1	2	1			5	5	314	25
Brian Vogel	2		1	3			1	1	1	1	2	5	1		7	303	25
Joey Rosko			1		2	3	5	4	3		3		3	1		295	25
Pedro Espin		1		2	2	1	3		1	3	1		2	4	5	258	25
Jared Davis						2	4	4	1	1	4	4	2	3		249	25
Eric Thorne							1	2	2	6	1	3	5	3	2	215	25
Angel Ramirez								1	1	2	4	7	1	6	3	193	25
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This Year's History Lesson



Top Hitting Prospects:

BATTERS

#	Name	Team	Age	Pos	Contact	Power	Eye/Discipline	Speed	Defense	Level	AVG	HR	RBI
3	Fernando Cruz	Louisville	22	1B	9	10	7	2	5	ML	.227	1	2
7	Mons Raider	Madison	20	2B	9	2	8	10	7	ML	.290	0	4
8	Hsin Mei	New Orleans	20	C	8	9	5	1	6	AAA	.240	0	2
9	Abdelwahab Kamade	Phoenix	20	CF	8	4	5	10	9	ML	.292	0	4
11	Tu-fu Yong	Phoenix	19	SS	8	9	6	10	7	A	.200	1	4
14	Frank Mahaffey	Valencia	19	LF	9	10	6	1	5	A	.370	4	11
16	Juan Karyabwite	Calgary	18	CF	9	6	3	10	8	AAA	.517	0	7
19	Carlos Camacho	Brooklyn	20	2B	6	8	6	10	7	ML	.231	1	2
21	Jin-song Xuan	Carolina	21	SS	8	2	2	10	2	AAA	.321	0	3
24	Jimmy Starks, Jr.	Indy	18	CF	8	7	7	10	4	A	.179	0	4
26	Jesús Flores	Havana	19	SS	7	7	4	10	8	AA	.393	1	4
29	Antônio Tobias	San Antonio	23	C	6	9	8	7	4	AAA	.261	1	1
31	Tai hoi Wie	Havana	20	1B	8	8	9	6	7	AA	.321	0	3
34	Ricardo Hernández	Las Vegas	21	CF	5	8	8	10	6	AAA	.280	0	6
36	Claudio Moreno	Hawaii	23	CF	5	6	8	10	10	ML	.217	2	4
41	Bartolo Ortíz	Charm City	17	RF	8	9	6	2	2	R	.000	0	0
43	Michael Durham	Hawaii	20	LF	7	7	6	10	9	AAA	.414	4	9
45	Miguel Cruz	Hawaii	25	LF	6	9	7	10	7	AAA	.286	0	0
46	Emílio Morales	Indy	21	3B	8	10	3	2	8	AAA	.217	1	5
49	Alvin Dickinson	Louisville	20	CF	6	7	6	10	7	AAA	.125	0	0
51	Yi-ke Zang	Carolina	20	CF	7	3	3	10	10	AA	.375	0	7
54	Albert Gaona	Havana	23	1B	7	9	6	4	6	AAA	.167	1	5
56	Martín Marín	Phoenix	17	LF	8	9	5	4	2	A	.000	0	0
59	Trdat Kazarov	California	21	CF	7	8	5	7	6	AA	.393	0	7
61	Gabriel Delgado	Carolina	22	CF	7	6	4	10	9	ML	.333	0	3
64	Pedro Navarro	Montreal	18	CF	7	8	6	9	5	A	.259	1	4
66	Walter Finch	Seattle	20	CF	7	2	6	10	9	AA	.296	0	3
69	Luis González	Halifax	20	SS	9	2	5	10	7	AAA	.300	1	5
71	Allan MacHugh	Madison	26	C	6	7	9	1	6	ML	.125	0	1
74	Dong-soo Chon	Des Moines	21	3B	4	6	8	10	10	AAA	.160	2	3
76	Tom Kazansky	Long Beach	23	CF	7	6	6	10	6	AAA	.348	2	6
79	Héctor Correa	New Orleans	22	CF	5	6	8	10	8	AAA	.300	0	6
81	Dennis Giguère	Twin Cities	24	SS	6	6	9	10	6	ML	.000	0	0
84	Chang-hyeok Chang	Atlantic City	20	LF	9	3	4	10	7	ML	.355	1	4
86	George Bluth	San Antonio	22	SS	5	2	6	9	10	AAA	.292	1	1
89	Pedro Costa	New Orleans	19	CF	6	8	5	10	3	SA	.000	0	0
91	Lionnel Crépin	Seattle	20	RF	7	9	9	2	7	R	.000	0	0
94	Jérôme Delage	Calgary	18	SS	8	8	6	5	5	SA	.000	0	0
96	Sean Smith	Brooklyn	24	C	6	7	5	1	8	ML	.318	1	4
99	Brian Sullivan	California	20	2B	5	5	6	10	9	AAA	.346	1	3



Top Pitching Prospects

PITCHERS

#	Name	Team	Age	Role	Stuff	Movement	Control	Level	Rec	ERA	IP	HA	BB	K
1	Arthur Dempster	Carolina	22	SP	10	8	6	AAA	0-1	4.26	6.1	8	1	5
2	John Wick	San Antonio	21	SP	7	8	9	ML	0-0	.00	0.0	0	0	0
4	Jubal Troop	Montreal	20	SP	10	7	8	AA	1-0	1.69	5.1	7	5	3
5	Scotty Pendleton	Omaha	21	SP	10	7	7	AAA	0-1	.69	13.0	4	1	11
6	Dave Martin	New Orleans	22	CL	9	7	8	ML	1-0	2.70	3.1	4	2	6
10	Lee McHone	Halifax	23	SP	10	9	5	AAA	1-0	1.93	14.0	9	5	13
12	Guillermo Martínez	Halifax	21	SP	10	7	8	AAA	0-0	11.25	4.0	6	4	4
13	Júlio Velasco	Long Beach	23	SP	9	7	9	AAA	1-1	4.97	12.2	11	0	8
15	Jesse Howard	Twin Cities	22	SP	8	8	8	ML	0-1	13.50	1.1	4	0	1
17	Glenn Avery	Yellow Springs	25	SP	9	8	7	AAA	1-0	1.35	13.1	11	6	7
18	Bobby Lynch	Edmonton	19	SP	10	6	9	AA	0-1	5.06	10.2	13	4	12
20	Antônio Lara	Louisville	21	SP	9	8	7	AA	0-1	2.02	13.1	6	6	14
22	Pepe Jaramillo	Louisville	20	SP	9	8	7	AA	1-1	4.22	10.2	12	9	8
23	Ramón Garza	Louisville	21	SP	7	8	9	ML	0-0	.00	2.0	1	2	1
25	Héctor Amaral	New Orleans	22	SP	9	7	8	AA	0-0	1.88	14.1	9	6	12
27	Miguel Ramos	California	19	SP	10	7	7	A	2-0	2.84	12.2	11	2	10
28	Juan Pérez	Carolina	21	SP	8	7	8	AAA	0-0	4.50	6.0	5	2	6
30	Byung-doo Yi	Carolina	19	SP	9	8	8	S A	0-0	.00	0.0	0	0	0
32	Alejandro Alvarado	Twin Cities	19	SP	8	8	8	S A	0-0	.00	0.0	0	0	0
33	Pierre Legrand	Las Vegas	19	SP	10	7	7	A	1-1	2.53	10.2	11	3	9
35	Heinrich Peithner	Huntsville	20	SP	9	8	7	AA	2-0	1.29	14.0	11	5	12
37	Fernando Márquez	Carolina	18	SP	8	8	7	A	2-0	.73	12.1	9	2	2
38	Javier Venegas	New Orleans	19	SP	10	6	8	AA	1-1	4.85	13.0	14	4	11
39	Adam Barnard	Atlantic City	19	SP	9	8	7	A	0-2	5.25	12.0	16	4	10
40	Elliot Buckland	San Antonio	23	SP	8	8	8	AAA	1-0	.67	13.1	6	1	13
42	Josh Brown	Twin Cities	20	SP	10	7	8	A	0-0	5.91	10.2	12	3	10
44	Hyun-sik Chang	Las Vegas	22	SP	8	7	7	AAA	1-0	6.52	9.2	11	8	11
47	Jon Reed	Las Vegas	23	SP	10	7	4	AAA	1-0	4.76	11.1	13	6	12
48	Manuel Peña	California	19	SP	7	7	6	AA	2-0	1.29	14.0	9	2	13
50	Esteban Sánchez	Seattle	22	SP	7	8	8	AAA	0-1	21.00	3.0	5	3	2
52	Masahiro Ogawa	San Antonio	18	SP	10	7	6	A	1-0	4.22	10.2	14	4	6
53	Ricardo Maldonado	Carolina	23	SP	7	8	8	AAA	0-0	1.42	6.1	5	1	6
55	Manuel Solíz	Seattle	21	SP	7	7	8	AAA	1-1	4.40	14.1	18	2	9
57	Cris Ríos	Omaha	22	SP	9	7	6	AAA	1-1	4.35	10.1	7	4	11
58	André Georges	Carolina	22	SP	8	6	8	AAA	0-0	4.50	4.0	4	0	2
60	Jerry Coyle	Jacksonville	20	SP	7	8	8	AA	2-0	3.00	12.0	11	4	5
62	Yoshimatsu Yamaguchi	New Orleans	20	SP	8	7	8	AAA	1-1	4.85	13.0	14	6	7
63	Bob Corrigan	Phoenix	18	SP	9	7	7	R	0-0	.00	0.0	0	0	0
65	Travis Arnold	Jacksonville	21	SP	8	7	8	AAA	0-1	7.20	10.0	12	4	9
67	Júlio Barajas	Louisville	20	SP	9	7	8	A	2-0	1.17	15.1	10	2	13
68	Palmer Perry	Montreal	20	SP	9	7	6	AA	0-0	.00	0.0	0	0	0
70	Enrico Rivera	New Orleans	17	SP	8	8	7	R	0-0	.00	0.0	0	0	0
72	Júlio Alicea	Seattle	21	SP	8	7	8	AAA	0-1	1.84	14.2	10	5	13
73	Feliciano Rafael	Phoenix	18	SP	8	6	9	R	0-0	.00	0.0	0	0	0
75	Noonien Soong	Havana	25	SP	7	7	9	AAA	0-1	10.80	3.1	6	2	2
77	Jaime Mercado	California	21	SP	8	7	7	AA	0-1	3.21	14.0	11	4	7
78	Kevin Morales	Louisville	19	SP	9	6	9	AAA	0-2	5.84	12.1	12	4	7
80	Pedro Mejía	Huntsville	23	SP	8	7	5	AAA	0-1	14.14	7.0	11	6	9
82	Don Bird	Des Moines	25	RP	9	7	6	ML	1-0	1.35	6.2	4	3	8
83	Patrick Patchett	Omaha	23	SP	7	7	9	AA	0-2	9.00	9.0	9	4	8
85	Ángelo Delgado	San Antonio	19	SP	9	6	6	AAA	1-1	5.40	10.0	11	2	7
87	José Romero	Omaha	21	SP	9	8	4	AA	1-0	.00	5.0	2	3	5
88	Stephen Clulow	Halifax	18	SP	9	7	7	A	2-0	2.40	15.0	14	0	8
90	Gonzalo Fajardo	Las Vegas	24	SP	6	7	8	AAA	0-0	3.38	8.0	7	1	4
92	Barend van Eck	Omaha	18	SP	8	7	6	R	0-0	.00	0.0	0	0	0
93	Taisuke Suzuki	Edmonton	23	SP	8	7	6	ML	1-0	1.13	8.0	7	0	4
95	Luis Torres	Hawaii	17	SP	9	6	7	S A	0-0	.00	0.0	0	0	0
97	Rob Snyder	Havana	23	SP	8	6	7	ML	0-2	3.00	6.0	4	2	5
98	Héctor Mata	Las Vegas	21	SP	9	7	6	AA	2-0	2.02	13.1	13	3	11
100	Habtamou Njau	Charm City	20	SP	10	7	6	A	1-1	3.55	12.2	9	2	7



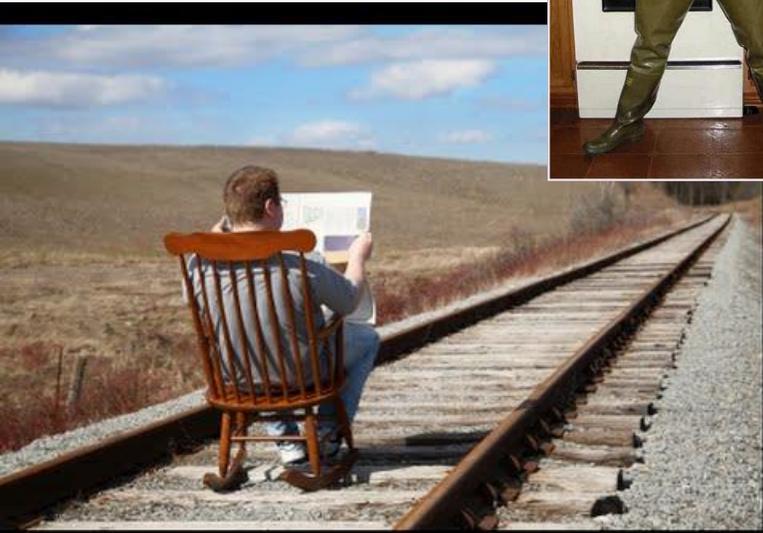
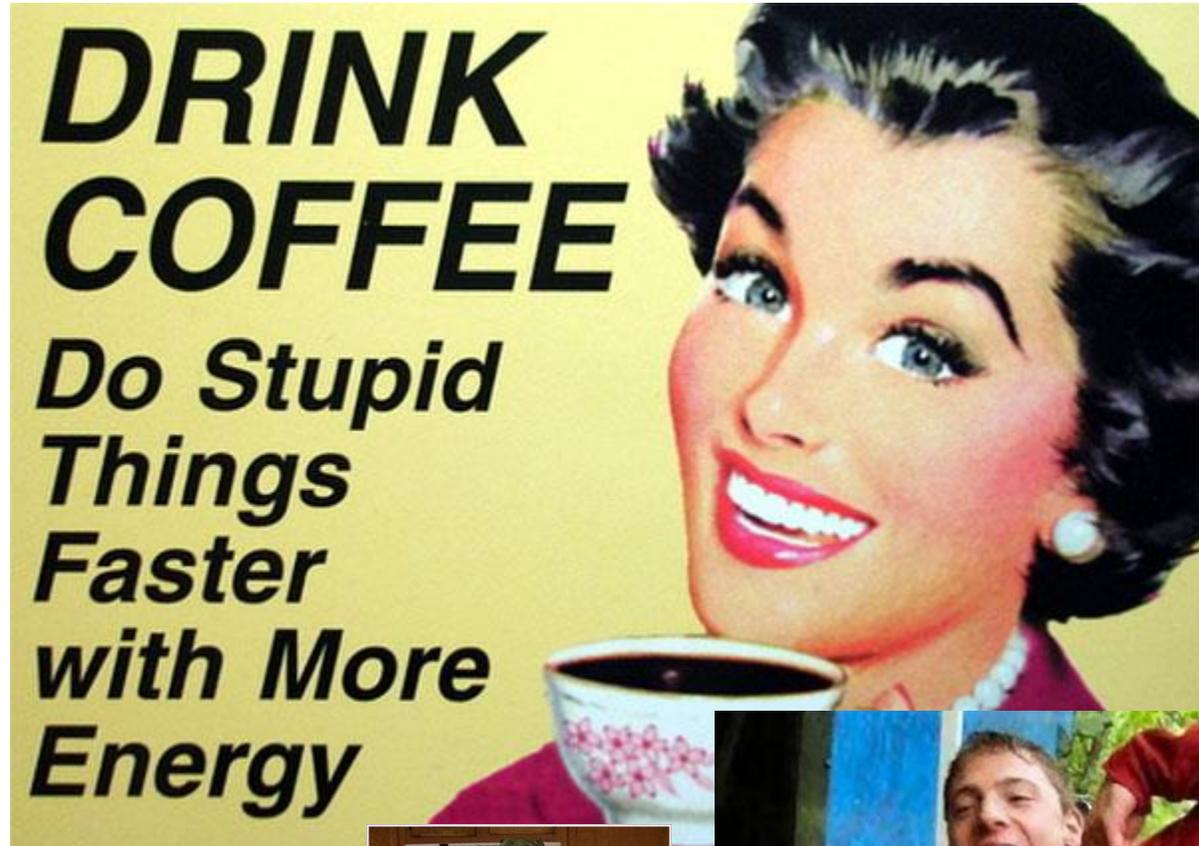
Farm System Rankings

# Team	Points	Top 5 Prospects
1st Carolina Kraken	189	P A. Dempster (1st), SS J. Xuan (21st), P J. Pérez (28th), P B. Yí (30th), P F. Márquez (37th)
2nd Louisville Sluggers	163	1B F. Cruz (3rd), P A. Lara (20th), P P. Jaramillo (22nd), P R. Garza (23rd), CF A. Dickinson (49th)
3rd New Orleans Crawdads	155	P D. Martin (6th), C H. Mei (8th), P H. Amaral (25th), P J. Venegas (38th), P Y. Yamaguchi (62nd)
4th San Antonio Outlaws	119	P J. Wick (2nd), C A. Tobías (29th), P E. Buckland (40th), P M. Ogawa (52nd), P Á. Delgado (85th)
5th Phoenix Talons	104	CF A. Kamade (9th), SS T. Yong (11th), LF M. Marín (56th), P B. Corrigan (63rd), P F. Rafael (73rd)
6th Halifax Hawks	89	P L. McHone (10th), P G. Martínez (12th), SS L. González (69th), P S. Clulow (88th)
7th Omaha Barnstormers	77	P S. Pendleton (5th), P C. Ríos (57th), P P. Patchett (83rd), P J. Romero (87th), P B. van Eck (92nd)
8th Twin Cities River Monsters	72	P J. Howard (15th), P A. Alvarado (32nd), P J. Brown (42nd), SS D. Giguère (81st)
9th Montreal Blazers	71	P J. Troop (4th), CF P. Navarro (64th), P P. Perry (68th)
10th Las Vegas Hustlers	70	P P. Legrand (33rd), CF R. Hernández (34th), P H. Chang (44th), P J. Reed (47th), P G. Fajardo (90th)
11th Havana Sugar Kings	60	SS J. Flores (26th), 1B T. Wie (31st), 1B A. Gaona (54th), P N. Soong (75th), P R. Snyder (97th)
12th California Crusaders	53	P M. Ramos (27th), P M. Peña (48th), CF T. Kazarov (59th), P J. Mercado (77th), 2B B. Sullivan (99th)
13th Madison Wolves	52	2B M. Raider (7th), C A. MacHugh (71st)
14th Hawaii Tropics	49	CF C. Moreno (36th), LF M. Durham (43rd), LF M. Cruz (45th), P L. Torres (95th)
15th Seattle Storm	41	P E. Sánchez (50th), P M. Solíz (55th), CF W. Finch (66th), P J. Alicea (72nd), RF L. Crépin (91st)
16th Long Beach Surfers	40	P J. Velasco (13th), CF T. Kazansky (76th)
17th Indy Grasshoppers	37	CF J. Starks, Jr. (24th), 3B E. Morales (46th)
18th Valencia Stars	33	LF F. Mahaffey (14th)
19th Edmonton Jackrabbits	31	P B. Lynch (18th), P T. Suzuki (93rd)
20th Calgary Pioneers	30	CF J. Karyabwite (16th), SS J. Delage (94th)
21st Brooklyn Robins	29	2B C. Camacho (19th), C S. Smith (96th)
22nd Yellow Springs Nine	28	P G. Avery (17th)
23rd Huntsville Phantoms	23	P H. Peithner (35th), P P. Mejía (80th)
24th Atlantic City Gamblers	21	P A. Barnard (39th), LF C. Chang (84th)
25th Jacksonville Hurricanes	17	P J. Coyle (60th), P T. Arnold (65th)
26th Charm City Jimmies	16	RF B. Ortíz (41st), P H. Njau (100th)
27th Des Moines Kernels	11	3B D. Chon (74th), P D. Bird (82nd)
28th Vancouver Mounties	0	



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