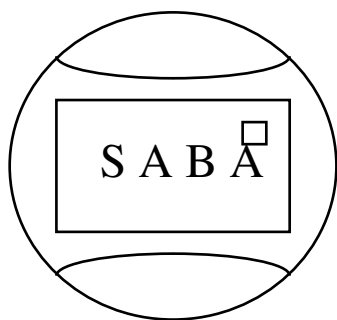
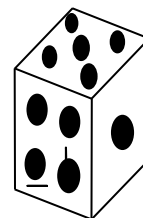




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## TEAMS OFF TO EVEN STARTS

SABA teams started off the 2002 season by playing relatively even ball during October. Fifteen of the 18 teams are within three games of the lead in their division, meaning that almost everyone is in the race.

Summit and Red Hook had the top October records at 15-7. The Antelope, with a refreshed pitching staff, will be trying to regain the title they lost last season. A club that always depends on excellent pitching, Summit started the season with a 2.71 ERA, easily the best in the league, and one of only four teams with ERAs better than 4.00. Red Hook was also one of those teams with a 3.49 ERA, best in the Capitol Conference. The league ERA for October was 4.41.

Despite having a batting average above the league average, though, Summit scored the fewest runs during the month and hit the fewest homers. Red Hook was one of five teams that hit over 35 homers.

Several players had outstanding hitting months. Walled Lake's Jeff Bagwell hit .325 with ten homeruns and 21 RBI, Evanston's Albert Pujols hit .351 with 3 HR and 19 RBI, Houghton's Vladimir Guerrero hit .295 with 7 HR and 26 RBI, Charleston's Alex Rodriguez hit .326 with eight homers and 23 RBI, Cleveland's Derrek Lee hit .318 with six homeruns and 19 RBI, Oregon's Sammy Sosa hit .287 with 7HR and 21 RBI, Riverside's Ryan Klesko hit .295 with 5 homeruns and 19 RBI, and Dixie's Richie Sexson hit .282 with four homers and 20 RBI, just to name a few.

### SABA STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| <b>GREAT LAKES</b> | <b>W-L</b> | <b>PCT</b> | <b>GB</b> |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Walled Lake        | 13-9       | .591       | --        |
| Green Bay          | 11-11      | .500       | 2         |
| Evanston           | 10-12      | .455       | 3         |
| Zukey Lake         | 10-12      | .455       | 3         |

| <b>CORNHUSKER</b> | <b>W-L</b> | <b>PCT</b> | <b>GB</b> |
|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Summit            | 15-7       | .682       | --        |
| Platte Valley     | 13-9       | .591       | 2         |
| Galveston         | 12-10      | .545       | 3         |
| Dixie             | 9-13       | .409       | 6         |
| Greenville        | 6-16       | .273       | 9         |

#### CAPITOL CONFERENCE

| <b>CONTINENTAL</b> | <b>W-L</b> | <b>PCT</b> | <b>GB</b> |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Red Hook           | 15-7       | .682       | --        |
| Mudville           | 13-9       | .591       | 2         |
| Charleston         | 12-10      | .545       | 3         |
| San Diego          | 10-12      | .455       | 5         |

| <b>CAROLINA</b> | <b>W-L</b> | <b>PCT</b> | <b>GB</b> |
|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Houghton        | 11-11      | .500       | --        |
| Riverside       | 11-11      | .500       | --        |
| Carmel          | 10-12      | .455       | 1         |
| Oregon          | 9-13       | .409       | 2         |
| Cleveland       | 8-14       | .364       | 3         |

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: MIKE SWEENEY, CARMEL  
PITCHER OF THE MONTH: CHAN HO PARK, ZUKEY LAKE

.421 7 HR 17 RBI  
4-0 1.36 ERA 1 SHO

## HALL OF FAME ADMITS THREE

The SABA Hall of Fame has three new members as the result of balloting earlier in the year -- Kirby Puckett, Ryne Sandberg, and Tom Henke.

Puckett played 12 years in the league, all with the Biloxi Bay franchise and its followers. A three-time consensus all-star outfielder, Puckett had a career batting average of .293, which ties him for 15<sup>th</sup> on the SABA career list. He hit over .300 five times with his best year being 1987 when he hit .349, had 244 hits, and clubbed 33 homers.

Sandberg played 14 years in the league, all but the final one with Platte Valley. He was a 6-time consensus all-star secondbaseman who had a career batting average of .277, including five years when he hit over .300. His best year was 1990 when he hit .306 with 43 homers and 143 RBI.

Henke played 11 years in the league, all with Zukey Lake. He is the all-time SABA career leader in saves with 261. His career ERA was 2.83.

## OCTOBER MVPs BY TEAM

| Team | Player            | BA   | HR | RBI | Pitcher         | W-L | ERA  | SHO  |
|------|-------------------|------|----|-----|-----------------|-----|------|------|
| DX   | Richie Sexson     | .282 | 4  | 20  | Randy Wolf      | 4-2 | 5.24 | 0    |
| GA   | Nomar Garciaparra | .293 | 6  | 14  | Armando Benitez | 4-0 | 4.91 | 3 SV |
| GR   | Eric Hinske       | .282 | 8  | 18  | Jason Durocher  | 0-0 | 1.80 | 3 SV |
| PL   | Phil Nevin        | .186 | 4  | 12  | Mike Remlinger  | 0-0 | 0.51 | 8 SV |
| SU   | Jacque Jones      | .322 | 4  | 14  | Greg Maddux     | 3-0 | 2.10 | 2    |
| EV   | Albert Pujols     | .351 | 3  | 19  | Tim Hudson      | 2-1 | 2.67 | 0    |
| GB   | Vernon Wells      | .280 | 2  | 16  | J. C. Romero    | 1-1 | 1.38 | 4 SV |
| WA   | Jeff Bagwell      | .325 | 10 | 21  | Tomo Ohka       | 4-0 | 2.84 | 0    |
| ZU   | Placido Polanco   | .210 | 4  | 14  | Jamie Moyer     | 4-0 | 2.61 | 1    |
| CA   | Mike Sweeney      | .421 | 7  | 17  | Kirk Rueter     | 4-1 | 3.19 | 0    |
| CL   | Derrek Lee        | .318 | 6  | 19  | Jon Lieber      | 3-1 | 4.78 | 0    |
| HO   | Vlad Guerrero     | .295 | 7  | 26  | Mike Hampton    | 2-0 | 3.37 | 0    |
| OR   | Sammy Sosa        | .287 | 7  | 21  | Octavio Dotel   | 4-1 | 3.14 | 2 SV |
| RI   | Ryan Klesko       | .295 | 5  | 19  | David Wells     | 2-1 | 1.64 | 0    |
| CR   | Alex Rodriguez    | .326 | 8  | 23  | Odalis Perez    | 3-0 | 3.30 | 0    |
| MV   | Ben Davis         | .432 | 3  | 14  | Vicente Padilla | 3-2 | 2.89 | 1    |
| RH   | Jim Edmonds       | .247 | 6  | 22  | Rodrigo Lopez   | 4-0 | 1.97 | 1    |
| SD   | John Olerud       | .244 | 2  | 15  | Byung-Hyun Kim  | 1-0 | 0.82 | 6 SV |