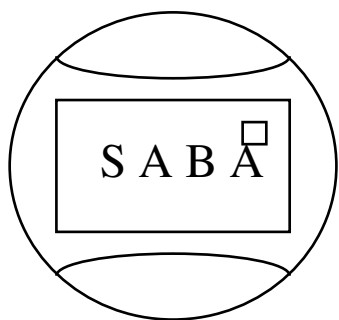
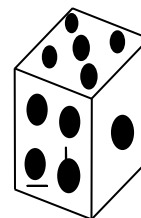




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THREE NEW DIVISION LEADERS

After the first month of play, only one SABA division leader from last year maintained its position. That was two-time league champion Charleston. Otherwise, Evanston in the Great Lakes Division, Dixie in the Cornhusker Division, and Oregon in the Carolina Division grabbed their division leads.

The best October record was logged by Evanston, at 17-5. The Express hit .310 for the month, led by Jay Payton (.391, 20 RBI), Albert Pujols (.366, 10 HR, 26 RBI). Luis Castillo (.365, 20 RBI), and Preston Wilson (.302, 10 HR, 23 RBI). Livan Hernandez and Pedro Martinez combined for a 9-0 record in nine starts.

Six teams registered 11-11 marks, two in each division except the Continental. Although it's too early to call it a trend, batting was up around the league when compared to last season. SABA teams hit .262 during October compared to .241 last year.

Oregon had the second-best October record at 15-7. Roy Oswalt and Barry Zito matched the Evanston pair with a 9-0 record. Offensively, the Ducks got plenty of support from Sammy Sosa (.310, 12 HR, 21 RBI), Garret Anderson (.306, 8 HR, 27 RBI), Eric Chavez (.280, 6 HR, 20 RBI), and Marcus Giles (.344, 5 HR, 13 RBI).

No Dixie pitchers won more than two games, but the Chiefs took the Cornhusker Division lead because of their bats. Hitting .294 as a team, Dixie was led by Scott Rolen (.322, 5 HR, 22 RBI), Richie Sexson (.264, 11 HR, 27 RBI), and Carlos Delgado (.265, 6 HR, 20 RBI). Ken Griffey, Jr. hit .448 with 8 home runs in only 8 games played.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Evanston	17-5	.773	--
Chapel Hill	11-11	.500	6
Green Bay	11-11	.500	6
Walled Lake	9-13	.409	8

CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Dixie	14-8	.636	--
Galveston	11-11	.500	3
Summit	11-11	.500	3
Platte Valley	10-12	.455	4
Greenville	5-17	.227	9

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	14-8	.636	--
Mudville	13-9	.591	1
Bayou	8-14	.364	6
Red Hook	8-14	.364	6

CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Oregon	15-7	.682	--
Carmel	12-10	.545	3
Houghton	11-11	.500	4
Riverside	11-11	.500	4
Ocala	7-15	.318	8

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: AUBREY HUFF, CHARLESTON
PITCHER OF THE MONTH: BARRY ZITO, OREGON

.393 8 HR 30 RBI
4-0 0.82 ERA 1 SHO

OCTOBER MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Richie Sexson	.264	11	27	Matt Herges	2-0	1.00	1 SV
GA	Nomar Garciaparra	.301	3	20	Brett Tomko	3-1	3.21	0
GR	Javy Lopez	.280	8	17	Mike Mussina	1-2	3.27	0
PL	Jose Guillen	.264	4	16	Luis Ayala	1-0	2.19	6 SV
SU	Jeff Kent	.310	4	17	LaTroy Hawkins	0-0	0.00	8 SV
EV	Albert Pujols	.366	10	26	Livan Hernandez	5-0	2.19	1
GB	Doug Meintkiewicz	.387	4	22	Joe Borowski	1-1	2.00	4 SV
WA	Jorge Posada	.344	10	22	Tomo Ohka	2-2	4.20	0
CH	Jim Thome	.275	10	26	Jamie Moyer	2-0	2.62	1
CA	Alfonso Soriano	.312	8	18	Mark Prior	4-0	2.70	0
OC	Adrian Beltre	.250	4	13	Roy Halladay	2-2	3.81	0
HO	Rafael Palmeiro	.271	2	18	John Smoltz	1-1	3.71	5 SV
OR	Sammy Sosa	.310	12	21	Barry Zito	4-0	0.82	1
RI	Milton Bradley	.356	3	11	Jerome Williams	3-0	0.26	0
CR	Aubrey Huff	.393	8	30	Jason Schmidt	3-0	2.67	1
MV	Shawn Green	.293	2	13	Russ Ortiz	3-1	2.89	0
RH	Brian Giles	.394	4	19	Mark Mulder	2-2	4.85	0
BA	Jose Valentin	.273	5	18	Matt Morris	3-2	3.37	1