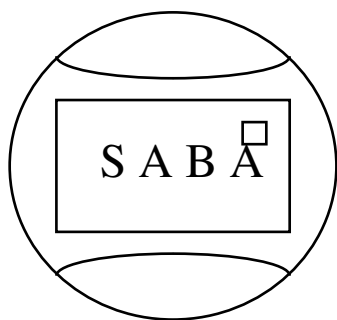
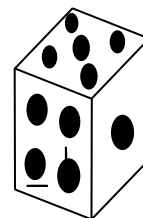




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GREY SOX BURST INTO EARLY LEAD

When SABA opened its 2004 season, it was the Galveston Grey Sox that exploded from the starting gate and posted the league's best record at 18-4. The Sox had an especially strong offense, leading the league in hitting at .314 and runs scored with 152. Several players paced the Galveston attack, led by Michael Young who hit .379 with 5 homers and 28 RBI. Young had plenty of support from his teammates including A. J. Pierzynski (.338, 8 HR, 21 RBI) and Paul Konerko (.341, 6 HR, 19 RBI). Steve Finley and Moises Alou chipped in with 19 RBI apiece. The pitching was solid as well, led by Bronson Arroyo at 4-0 with a 2.40 ERA.

Following right behind the Sox was last year's Continental Division champ, Charleston. The Riverdogs are anxious to get back to the World Series after being upset in an earlier playoff round last year. Their .288 team batting average was second to Galveston's and they led the league in homeruns with 43. Veteran slugger Barry Bonds and Adam Dunn led the homerun hitters, with 20 and 21 respectively. Bonds also hit .379 to lead all Dog batters. Charleston pitchers had a 3.45 ERA, ranking third in the league. Leading the pitchers were Jason Schmidt at 4-0 and Mark Buehrle at 4-1.

The other division leaders were Chapel Hill and Houghton, both with a 4-game lead over their closest opponent. The Hosers got big months from Vlad Guerrero (.303, 8 HR, 25 RBI) and Melvin Mora (.333, 5 HR, 20 RBI). The Monks depended on Jim Thome (.284, 8 HR, 24 RBI) for power.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Chapel Hill	15-7	.682	--
Evanston	11-11	.500	4
Walled Lake	10-12	.455	5
Green Bay	8-14	.364	7

CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Galveston	18-4	.818	--
Dixie	11-11	.500	7
Platte Valley	11-11	.500	7
Summit	9-13	.409	9
Greenville	6-16	.273	12

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	17-5	.773	--
Bayou	12-10	.545	5
Red Hook	12-10	.545	5
Mudville	9-13	.409	8

CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Houghton	14-8	.636	--
Carolina	10-12	.455	4
Ocala	9-13	.409	5
Carmel	8-14	.364	6
Oregon	8-14	.364	6

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: ALBERT PUJOLS, EVANSTON

PITCHER OF THE MONTH: BRONSON ARROYO, GALVESTON

.344 11 HR 29 RBI

4-0 2.40 ERA 1 SHO

OCTOBER MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Juan Rivera	.309	4	14	Billy Wagner	0-0	0.82	5 SV
GA	Michael Young	.379	5	28	Bronson Arroyo	4-0	2.40	1
GR	Javy Lopez	.279	4	13	Kenny Rogers	3-1	4.46	0
PL	Aramis Ramirez	.329	6	12	Doug Davis	2-2	3.06	2
SU	Ivan Rodriguez	.467	3	17	Randy Johnson	3-1	5.25	0
EV	Albert Pujols	.344	11	29	Jon Garland	2-2	5.64	0
GB	Brandon Inge	.296	5	20	Mark Hendrickson	2-2	6.15	0
WA	J.D. Drew	.303	7	19	Oliver Perez	2-1	2.45	0
CH	Jim Thome	.284	8	24	Joe Kennedy	2-0	1.93	0
CA	Corey Koskie	.302	5	15	Mark Prior	2-1	2.88	0
OC	Adrian Beltre	.400	9	17	Johan Santana	3-1	1.54	1
HO	Vlad Guerrero	.303	8	25	Jose Lima	3-0	1.55	1
OR	Sean Casey	.321	2	16	Roger Clemens	3-1	3.45	0
CU	Casey Blake	.300	5	16	Woody Williams	2-1	2.25	0
BA	Brian Giles	.400	6	17	Ben Sheets	3-1	3.98	0
CR	Barry Bonds	.379	8	20	Mark Buehrle	4-1	3.18	1
MV	Mark Teixeira	.218	7	20	Freddy Garcia	3-1	2.91	0
RH	David Ortiz	.289	6	13	Mark Mulder	4-1	3.86	0