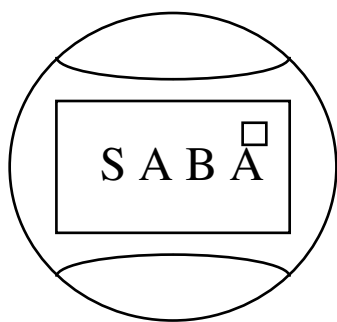
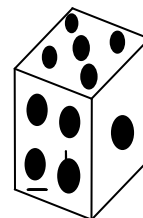




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LAWRENCEVILLE JUMPS TO EARLY CAROLINA LEAD

Several clubs have jumped to sizeable leads in their divisions after two months of play, none greater than the Lawrenceville Leatherbacks. The Leatherbacks opened a 7-game lead over second place Carmel-on-the-Sea with a 16-10 month. Lawrenceville is playing at a .625 clip for the season, trailing only Summit and Charleston in the league, while all the other Carolina Division squads are playing less than .500 ball. The Leatherbacks displayed a potent middle-of-the-order led by Manny Ramirez, who hit .307 with nine homers and 23 RBI. Other key bats were Edgar Martinez (.250, 8 HR, 25 RBI), Ryan Klesko (.315, 5 HR, 18 RBI), and Luis Gonzalez (.290, 5 HR, 17 RBI).

Summit maintained a solid lead in the Cornhusker Division, going 18-8 during November. The Antelope got their usual good pitching, led by Randy Johnson, who included two shutouts in his 4-1 month with a 2.37 ERA. Summit also got better than usual slugging behind Player of the Month Darin Erstad (.388, 11 HR, 33 RBI), Jeff Kent (.293, 10 HR, 26 RBI), and Frank Thomas (.307, 9 HR, 21 RBI).

Greenville appears to be the Antelope's number one challenger, although Dixie and Galveston are not far behind. The Spinners had a 17-9 month, due in part to the pitching of Kenny Rogers (4-1, 2.23) and Josias Manzanilo (7 saves, 2.34).

One performance that should also be noted was the 10 saves and 1.59 ERA of Charleston closer, Robb Nen.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Walled Lake	16-14	.533	--
Zukey Lake	22-26	.458	3
Green Bay	21-27	.437	4
Evanston	19-29	.396	6

CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Summit	34-14	.708	--
Greenville	28-20	.583	6
Dixie	26-22	.542	8
Galveston	26-22	.542	8
Platte Valley	20-28	.417	14

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	31-17	.646	--
Red Hook	26-22	.542	5
San Diego	21-22	.488	7½
Mudville	19-29	.396	12

CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Lawrenceville	30-18	.625	--
Carmel on the Sea	23-25	.479	7
Houghton	19-25	.432	9
Cleveland	19-29	.396	11
Oregon	17-27	.386	11

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: DARIN ERSTAD, SUMMIT

PITCHER OF THE MONTH: BRIAN MOEHLER, HOUGHTON

.388 11 HR 33 RBI

5-0 1.41 ERA 1 SHO

HEALTH ISSUE GROUNDS WES WEILAND

I received a phone message from Wes Weiland Monday informing me of a health issue he is fighting. Wes had emergency heart surgery last week and it has seriously affected his vision. He can't see at all out of one eye and is required to wear a patch over the other one.

Wes has battled a number of serious health problems over the time he has been in the league. Fortunately, he has bounced back fairly quickly from these. He has sent out instructions for the upcoming month, but has been unable to play any games. For the time being, we will not change the way we deal with San Diego and will wait as Wes' situation further develops. In the meantime, I'm sure we all wish Wes well and hope he has a quick recovery

NOVEMBER MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Jose Vidro	.309	7	25	Eric Milton	2-0	3.07	0
GR	Mark McGwire	.347	10	19	Jimmy Haynes	4-1	3.47	1
GA	Travis Fryman	.433	7	27	Kenny Rogers	4-1	2.23	0
PL	Mike Bordick	.302	6	16	Brad Penny	3-2	3.82	1
SU	Darin Erstad	.388	11	33	Randy Johnson	4-2	2.37	2
EV	Preston Wilson	.282	6	20	Greg Maddux	5-0	1.70	1
GB	Lance Berkman	.403	10	28	Kevin Brown	4-1	4.40	1
WA	Jeff Bagwell	.303	2	9	Julian Tavarez	1-0	0.00	1
ZU	Jim Thome	.320	5	14	Chan Ho Park	4-0	3.33	1
CA	Miguel Tejada	.245	8	20	Kirk Rueter	2-0	2.25	1
CL	Mike Piazza	.346	8	26	Mariano Rivera	0-0	2.57	4 SV
HO	Rafael Palmeiro	.224	9	16	Brian Moehler	5-0	1.41	1
LA	Manny Ramirez	.307	9	23	Ray King	0-0	0.00	6 SV
OR	Sammy Sosa	.267	7	16	Barry Zito	2-0	1.52	0
CR	David Segui	.364	3	13	Robb Nen	0-0	1.59	10 SV
MV	Bernie Williams	.303	4	14	Justin Speier	0-1	1.64	7 SV
RH	Will Clark	.338	6	19	Jeff Weaver	3-1	4.78	0
SD	John Olerud	.333	3	15	Brad Radke	4-1	2.68	0