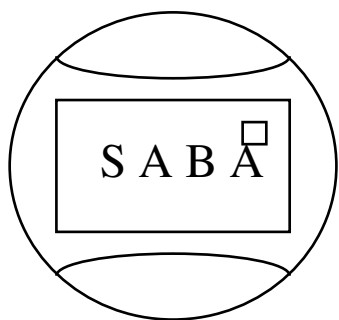
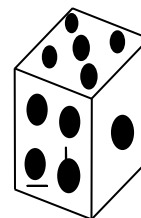




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EXPRESS RACES TO EARLY LEAD

They've stumbled around in most recent seasons, but the Evanston Express has taken off this year like they intend to win the SABA championship. An expansion team formed in 1969, the club managed for its entire existence by Al Manning, last won a Great Lakes Division title in 1994. So far in 2003, they lead the league in batting, pitching, and homeruns.

The Express is hitting .299 with 86 homers. The league average is .260 with Dixie second at .283. The league average in homeruns is 64.5, with Red Hook second with 84. Leading the way for Evanston is veteran Carlos Baerga at .365, Albert Pujols at .361, Jay Payton at .354, Preston Wilson at .324, Rafael Furcal at .320, and Luis Castillo at .309. Wilson and Pujols lead the team in homeruns, at 20 and 18 respectively.

Evanston's pitchers lead the league with a 2.41 ERA, compared to a 4.74 league average. Ocala is in second place with a 4.29 ERA. Livan Hernandez is the top winner for the Express, at 10-1 with a 1.73 ERA. Other supporting starters include Tim Hudson (6-1, 1.97), Kevin Brown (7-1, 2.59), and Pedro Martinez (7-2, 2.65).

Two-time defending league champion Charleston has taken the early lead in the Continental Division and Dixie has done the same in the Cornhusker Division. The Carolina Division race may be the most interesting. Ocala holds the division lead, but with only a .500 record. Houghton, Oregon, and Riverside are only one game back with last place Carmel only four games behind.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Evanston	38-10	.792	--
Chapel Hill	24-24	.500	14
Walled Lake	23-25	.479	15
Green Bay	22-26	.458	16
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CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Dixie	30-18	.625	--
Platte Valley	26-22	.542	4
Galveston	25-23	.521	5
Summit	22-26	.458	8
Greenville	17-31	.354	13

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	28-20	.583	--
Red Hook	22-26	.458	6
Bayou	21-27	.437	7
Mudville	21-27	.437	7
CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Ocala	24-24	.500	--
Houghton	23-25	.479	1
Oregon	23-25	.479	1
Riverside	23-25	.479	1
Carmel	20-28	.417	4

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: CARLOS DELGADO, DIXIE
PITCHER OF THE MONTH: TIM HUDSON, EVANSTON

.340 8 HR 34 RBI
5-0 1.32 ERA 2 SHO

NOVEMBER MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Carlos Delgado	.340	8	34	Randy Wolf	2-0	2.21	0
GA	Nomar Garciaparra	.262	5	19	Jerome Robertson	4-1	3.77	0
GR	Javy Lopez	.291	6	17	Dontrelle Willis	2-2	2.31	0
PL	Jose Guillen	.319	5	16	Kerry Wood	4-1	3.89	0
SU	Jeff Kent	.348	8	26	Kaz Ishii	4-2	5.17	0
EV	Albert Pujols	.357	8	22	Tim Hudson	5-0	1.32	2
GB	Steve Finley	.318	6	18	Hideo Nomo	2-1	1.97	1
WA	Bret Boone	.283	8	23	Felix Rodriguez	2-2	2.38	5 SV
CH	Jim Thome	.320	12	26	Tim Wakefield	4-2	4.53	0
CA	Shannon Stewart	.380	4	13	Mark Prior	2-2	3.97	1
OC	Orlando Cabrera	.327	4	22	Roy Halladay	5-0	3.40	0
HO	Vladimir Guerrero	.358	5	15	John Smoltz	0-1	2.52	7 SV
OR	Marcus Giles	.309	5	12	Barry Zito	2-3	5.27	0
RI	Manny Ramirez	.258	3	17	Curt Schilling	3-1	3.77	0
CR	Todd Helton	.312	7	18	Javier Vazquez	4-1	2.75	0
MV	Mark Teixeira	.260	5	16	Vicente Padilla	5-0	2.44	2
RH	Carlos Beltran	.307	7	26	Mark Mulder	2-0	3.60	0
BA	Jeromy Burnitz	.321	8	13	Brad Radke	2-1	2.45	0