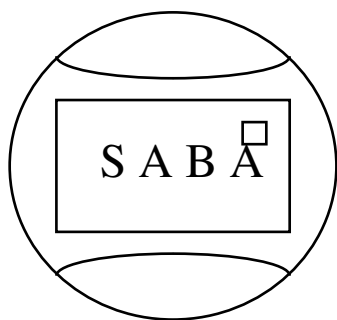
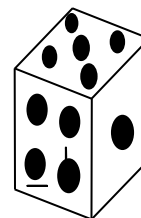




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STALLIONS KNOT CAROLINA DIVISION RACE

The Ocala Stallions took advantage of SABA's longest month, posting a 21-5 record, and tying the Houghton Hosers for the lead in the Carolina Division. Ocala was sustained by its pitching. Stallion pitchers had an ERA of 3.49 compared to the league ERA of 4.83. Only one team had a better November ERA than Ocala (Carolina). Kelvim Escobar (4-0, 2.83 ERA) and Johan Santana (3-1, 3.42 ERA) were the top Stallion starters. Relief ace Mariano Rivera was 4-0 with an 0.51 ERA and nine saves.

Houghton did not fall apart, finishing 16-10. Only two teams, including Ocala, had better November records. Vladimir Guerrero (.306, 6 HR, 29 RBI) and Jimmy Rollins (.340, 3 HR, 21 RBI) were the leading Hoser hitteers. The team hit .250, which was well under the league average of .262.

Houghton's 3.76 ERA exceeded the league ERA of 4.83 by more than a run. Starters Jose Lima and Jake Peavy went 6-1, but the most effective hurler was closer John Smoltz, who went 1-2 with a 1.12 ERA and 11 saves.

The other three division leaders maintained solid leads. Charleston continues to have the League's best overall record at 34-14, followed by Galveston at 33-15.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Chapel Hill	27-21	.562	--
Walled Lake	22-26	.458	5
Evanston	19-29	.396	8
Green Bay	18-30	.375	9

CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Galveston	33-15	.687	--
Platte Valley	25-23	.521	8
Dixie	23-25	.479	10
Summit	23-25	.479	10
Greenville	16-32	.333	17

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	34-14	.708	--
Red Hook	27-21	.562	7
Bayou	23-25	.479	11
Mudville	20-28	.417	14

CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Ocala	30-18	.625	--
Houghton	30-18	.625	--
Carolina	24-24	.500	6
Oregon	19-29	.396	11
Carmel	19-29	.396	11

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: TRAVIS HAFNER, CHAPEL HILL
PITCHER OF THE MONTH: MARK BUEHRLE, CHARLESTON

.376 11 HR 35 RBI
7-1 2.84 ERA 2 SHO

2003 SABA ALL-STAR TEAM

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

*Albert Pujols (Evanston)
 Jeff Kent (Summit)
 *Scott Rolen (Dixie)
 Nomar Garciaparra (Galveston)
 *Javy Lopez (Greenville)
 *Carlos Delgado (Dixie)
 *Preston Wilson (Evanston)
 Richard Hidalgo (Walled Lake)
 Trot Nixon (Dixie)
 *Pedro Martinez (Evanston)
 *Billy Wagner (Dixie)

POS

1B
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CAPITOL CONFERENCE

Todd Helton (Charleston)
 *Alfonso Soriano (Carmel)
 Eric Chavez (Oregon)
 *Alex Rodriguez (Charleston)
 Greg Myers (Houghton)
 Aubrey Huff (Charleston)
 *Jim Edmonds (Red Hook)
 *Barry Bonds (Charleston)
 Vlad Guerrero (Houghton)
 Mark Prior (Carmel)
 Guillermo Mota (Carmel)

*Consensus Choice

AWARDS

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR -- Mark Teixeira (Mudville)
 PLAYER OF THE YEAR – Albert Pujols (Evanston)
 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER – Albert Pujols (Evanston)
 CY YOUNG AWARD – Pedro Martinez (Evanston)
 MANAGER OF THE YEAR – Chris/Al Manning (Evanston)

<u>1B</u>		<u>C</u>		<u>SP</u>		<u>Player</u>	
Pujols	38	Lopez	35	Martinez	47	Pujols	33
Helton	26	Varitek	12	K. Brown	33	Bonds	7
F. Thomas	6	Myers	6	Hudson	29	Helton	6
		E. Perez	3	L. Hernandez	23	Edmonds	6
<u>2B</u>				Prior	20	Thome	3
Soriano	35	<u>DH</u>		Schmidt	15	Delgado	3
Kent	19	Delgado	40	Halladay	12		
Vidro	9	F. Thomas	17	Mulder	4	<u>MVP</u>	
B. Boone	3	Huff	11	Schilling	3	Pujols	28
M. Young	3	Ch. Jones	3			Helton	8
				<u>RP</u>		Bonds	5
<u>3B</u>		<u>OF</u>		Wagner	31	Edmonds	4
Rolen	25	Edmonds	40	Ayala	13	P. Martinez	4
Mueller	22	Bonds	35	Mota	11		
Chavez	14	P. Wilson	28	Gagne	5	<u>Cy Young</u>	
Blalock	5	Hidalgo	27	Hawkins	4	Martinez	35
		Nixon	24	Betancourt	3	K. Brown	18
<u>SS</u>		Payton	23	Riske	3	Hudson	6
A. Rodriguez	38	V. Guerrero	11				
Garciaparra	24	L. Walker	8	<u>Rookie</u>			
Cintron	4	B. Giles	8	Teixeira	28		
O. Cabrera	3	G. Anderson	7	Ayala	27		
		J. Guillen	6	Podsednik	13		
		Sheffield	5	Betancourt	5		
		L. Gonzalez	5	Baldelli	3		
		Beltran	5	Figgins	3		

HALL OF FAME ADDS TWO MEMBERS

Two new players were elected to the SABA Hall of Fame as the result of recent voting, Wade Boggs and Cal Ripken, Jr. Boggs received 87% of the vote and Ripken received 75%.

Boggs, a thirdbaseman, played 17 SABA seasons, all with Zukey Lake. He hit .328 with 116 homers, 1,296 RBI, and 1,370 runs scored. He had 2,960 hits and collected 585 doubles.

Ripken, a shortstop, played 19 SABA seasons, 15 with Dixie and four with Mudville. He hit .260 with 453 home runs, 1,757 RBI, and 1,582 runs scored. During his first 15 seasons, Ripken Played every game for his team and finished with 2,849 games played.

NOVEMBER MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Scott Rolen	.320	10	25	Paul Wilson	4-3	4.22	2
GA	Paul Konerko	.280	8	21	Bronson Arroyo	7-2	3.09	2
GR	Ben Broussard	.318	5	19	Kenny Rogers	6-3	3.08	0
PL	Aramis Ramirez	.361	8	17	Doug Davis	5-5	3.72	3
SU	Mike Lowell	.346	9	24	Randy Johnson	7-2	3.93	0
EV	Corey Patterson	.286	8	23	Jon Garland	4-5	5.40	0
GB	Lance Berkman	.357	7	17	Darren Oliver	3-1	3.41	0
WA	Derek Jeter	.342	5	25	Carl Pavano	4-4	4.26	0
CH	Travis Hafner	.376	11	35	Joe Kennedy	4-1	2.59	1
CA	Hideki Matsui	.294	8	28	B. J. Ryan	3-1	2.70	5 SV
OC	Adrian Beltre	.343	9	34	Johan Santana	6-2	2.35	1
HO	Vlad Guerrero	.306	6	29	John Smoltz	1-3	2.53	17 SV
OR	Sammy Sosa	.306	8	20	Roger Clemens	7-3	3.71	0
CU	Luis A. Gonzalez	.317	5	25	Brad Radke	5-3	1.09	0
BA	Jeromy Burnitz	.296	8	23	Ben Sheets	6-1	3.69	0
CR	Barry Bonds	.329	12	27	Mark Buehrle	7-1	2.84	2
MV	Mark Teixeira	.297	7	27	Jeff Suppan	5-2	3.81	1
RH	Jim Edmonds	.340	8	30	Jeff Weaver	6-2	3.26	1