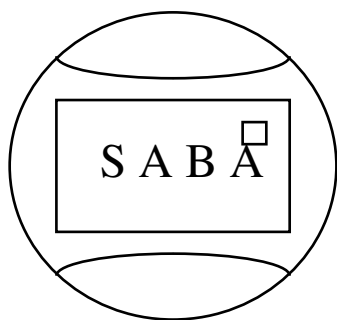
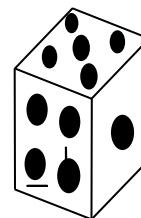




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EXPRESS, 'DOGS CONTINUE TO PULL AWAY

While the rest of the league has been mostly treading water, the Evanston Express and the Charleston Riverdogs have continued to separate themselves from their opponents. During December Evanston went 18-4 to open up a 22-game lead in the Great Lakes Division and Charleston went 16-6, giving them an 11-game lead in the Continental Division.

Both teams excelled at the plate and on the mound. Evanston led the league with a .294 December average with Charleston tied for second with a .280 mark. Charleston pitchers had a league-leading 3.12 ERA while Evanston was third at 3.76.

Pedro Martinez and Kevin Brown both went 4-0 for the Express and their top four starters were 14-0. Raul Mondesi (.368, 6 HR, 22 RBI) and Albert Pujols (.356, 6 HR, 19 RBI) led the Evanston hitters.

Charleston had both the Player and the Pitcher of the Month. Todd Helton hit .432 with seven homeruns and 23 RBI. Jason Schmidt went 4-0 with a 0.53 ERA and 2 shutouts.

The Carolina Division remained the closest race, with Riverside taking the lead, but Houghton only one game behind. Dixie went only 11-11, but maintained their lead in the Cornhusker Division.

Other notable performances included Vernon Wells of Green Bay (.378, 5 HR, 28 RBI) and Jim Thome of Chapel Hill (.270, 11 HR, 30 RBI) for the hitters, and Brett Tomko of Galveston (4-0, 1.41. 1 shutout) and Curt Schilling of Riverside (4-0, 2.32. 1 shutout) for the pitchers.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Evanston	56-14	.800	--
Chapel Hill	34-36	.486	22
Green Bay	.31-39	.443	25
Walled Lake	29-41	.414	27

CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Dixie	41-29	.586	--
Galveston	38-32	.543	3
Platte Valley	37-33	.529	4
Greenville	31-39	.443	10
Summit	29-41	.414	12

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	44-26	.629	--
Mudville	33-37	.471	11
Red Hook	32-38	.457	12
Bayou	28-42	.400	16

CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Riverside	37-33	.529	--
Houghton	36-34	.514	1
Oregon	33-37	.471	4
Ocala	32-38	.457	5
Carmel	29-41	.414	8

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: TODD HELTON, CHARLESTON
PITCHER OF THE MONTH: JASON SCHMIDT, CHARLESTON

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DECEMBER MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Carlos Delgado	.231	6	23	Esteban Loaiza	2-0	2.18	0
GA	Nomar Garciaparra	.253	9	23	Brett Tomko	4-0	1.41	1
GR	Dmitri Young	.276	3	12	Dontrelle Willis	3-0	3.82	1
PL	Geoff Jenkins	.277	8	20	C. C. Sabathia	3-1	4.36	0
SU	Mike Lowell	.348	7	13	Randy Johnson	2-1	2.57	0
EV	Raul Mondesi	.368	6	22	Pedro Martinez	4-0	1.41	1
GB	Vernon Wells	.378	5	28	Tom Glavine	3-0	3.56	0
WA	Jeff Bagwell	.321	8	14	Tomo Ohka	2-2	3.94	1
CH	Jim Thome	.270	11	30	Tim Wakefield	2-1	1.73	2
CA	Alfonso Soriano	.238	4	16	Guillermo Mota	0-0	2.89	6 SV
OC	Gary Sheffield	.348	6	17	Kelvim Escobar	2-1	2.70	1
HO	Chipper Jones	.317	7	23	Brandon Webb	3-0	3.00	0
OR	Eric Chavez	.241	5	17	Barry Zito	2-1	2.52	1
RI	Luis Gonzalez	.300	4	23	Curt Schilling	4-0	2.32	1
CR	Todd Helton	.432	7	23	Jason Schmidt	4-0	0.53	2
MV	Magglio Ordonez	.283	3	15	Kip Wells	3-1	2.76	0
RH	Brian Giles	.302	6	15	Ron Mahay	0-1	2.00	4 SV
BA	Vinny Castilla	.342	6	16	Carlos Zambrano	3-2	4.44	0