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CAROLINA REMAINS CLOSEST RACE

As SABA passes the halfway point in the 2000 season, the closest race remains in the Carolina Division. While it is too early to say that the other three division races are over, the leaders in each of them have taken substantial leads.

Lawrenceville continues to lead the Carolina Division, but is getting pressure from Cleveland and Carmel. Cleveland, last month's big winner, dropped back a bit during January, with a 7-9 record. It was Carmel that made its move this month. The Cascades had the league's top January record at 11-5. Despite hitting only .239 as a team, Carmel managed to beat up on American Conference tailenders Evanston and Platte Valley. Aaron Sele went 4-0 on the mound with a 2.70 ERA and the offense was led by Mike Sweeney, who hit .297 with 12 RBI.

Other January winners included Galveston and Summit. Both of these teams finished 10-6. The Grey Sox managed to tie Dixie for second place in the Cornhusker Division, but they both are still well behind the Antelope.

Outstanding individual performances were registered by Walled Lake's Jorge Posada, who hit .305 with 5 homeruns and 21 RBI, Charleston's Todd Helton, who hit .373 with 7 HR and 18 RBI, Dixie's Trot Nixon, who hit .333 with 7 HR and 18 RBI, Galveston's Michael Tucker, who hit .341 with 6 HR and 16 RBI, and Red Hook's Troy Glaus, who hit .274 with 8 HR and 19 RBI.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE CAPITOL CONFER							
GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB	CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Walled Lake	48-33	.593		Charleston	54-32	.628	
Green Bay	41-45	.477	$9\frac{1}{2}$	Red Hook	45-41	.523	9
Zukey Lake	35-51	.407	15½	Mudville	43-43	.500	11
Evanston	33-53	.384	171/2	San Diego	41-45	.477	13
CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB	CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Summit	60-26	.698		Lawrenceville	46-40	.535	
Dixie	47-39	.547	13	Cleveland	42-44	.488	4
Galveston	47-39	.547	13	Carmel	39-47	.453	7
Greenville	45-41	.523	15	Houghton	36-50	.419	10
Platte Valley	37-49	.430	23	Oregon	33-53	.384	13
PLAYER OF THE M	MONTH: L	ANCE B	ERKM.	AN, GREEN BAY	.467	5 HR 16	RBI
PITCHER OF THE N	MONTH: F	KEVIN B	ROWN	I, GREEN BAY	4-0	1.25 ERA	1 SHC

JANUARY MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Trot Nixon	.333	7	18	Randy Wolf	2-1	3.91	0
GR	Mark McGwire	.290	5	13	Mike Mussina	4-0	3.25	1
GA	Michael Tucker	.341	6	16	Willie Blair	3-0	2.96	1
PL	Tony Clark	.355	4	12	Pete Harnisch	2-2	4.09	0
SU	Darrin Erstad	.314	3	15	Danny Graves	2-0	3.00	2 SV
EV	Preston Wilson	.317	3	12	Steve Trachsel	2-0	2.65	0
GB	Lance Berkman	.467	5	16	Kevin Brown	4-0	1.25	1
WA	Jorge Posada	.305	5	21	James Baldwin	3-0	4.50	0
ZU	Ellis Burks	.269	5	9	Keith Foulke	0-0	0.00	4 SV
CA	Mike Sweeney	.297	3.	12	Aaron Sele	4-0	2.70	0
CL	Andruw Jones	.314	4	10	Kelvim Escobar	2-0	0.94	1
НО	Vladimir Guerrero	.351	3	13	Gabe White	1-2	4.14	3 SV
LA	Edgar Martinez	.322	3	13	Ray King	0-0	0.00	6 SV
OR	Eric Chavez	.255	3	14	Barry Zito	2-0	1.12	0
CR	Todd Helton	.373	7	18	Robb Nen	0-1	3.37	6 SV
MV	Chris Stynes	.431	3	13	Jeff Suppan	2-0	3.92	1
RH	Troy Glaus	.274	8	19	Brian Anderson	3-0	3.52	0
SD	Jeffrey Hammonds	.358	4	15	Paul Abbott	3-0	1.17	1