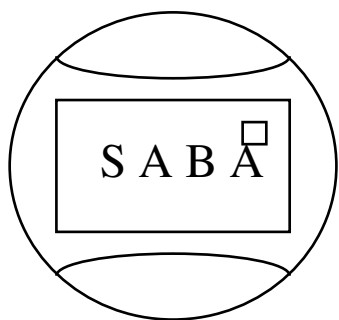
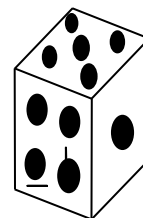




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CHARLESTON – DIXIE LIKELY MATCHUP ?

As SABA rolls into the last quarter of the 2001 season, it appears likely that the World Series will be a matchup between the league's two best teams based on their win-loss records, Charleston and Dixie. The Riverdogs have put together a powerful club that leads the league in almost all the important hitting categories, including batting average, slugging average, on-base average, homeruns, and runs scored. Although not quite as dominant, Charleston has also taken the lead in pitching during the second half of the season with a 3.67 ERA. Dixie has been threatening to capture the league title for several years, but always seemed to be a piece or two short. This may be their year, however, with defending Cornhusker Division champion Summit having a down season.

Veteran slugger Barry Bonds leads a pack of Charleston stars, including Alex Rodriguez and Todd Helton. Bonds is having a spectacular year and is threatening to break some league records. His .859 slugging percentage currently exceeds the league record of .825 set in 1980 by George Brett. He is also setting a pace that would break the record for runs scored, 173 set by Ken Griffey, Jr. in 1994.

In the Carolina Division, Riverside jumped back into first place and now holds a 4-game lead over Oregon and 5 games over Carmel. Evanston increased its lead in the Great Lakes Division to five games, while Green Bay made the biggest move, keeping its hopes alive in the division race and definitely making it a factor in the wild card race.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Evanston	72-52	.581	--
Walled Lake	67-57	.540	5
Zukey Lake	67-57	.540	5
Green Bay	65-59	.524	7

CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Dixie	80-44	.645	--
Platte Valley	67-57	.540	13
Summit	60-64	.484	20
Greenville	48-76	.387	32
Galveston	41-83	.331	39

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	88-36	.710	--
Mudville	69-55	.556	19
Red Hook	62-62	.500	26
San Diego	52-72	.419	36

CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Riverside	66-58	.532	--
Oregon	62-62	.500	4
Carmel	61-63	.492	5
Cleveland	50-74	.403	16
Houghton	39-85	.315	27

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: ALEX RODRIGUEZ, CHARLESTON

PITCHER OF THE MONTH: DARRYL KILE, GREEN BAY

.375 12 HR 25 RBI

5-0 2.30 ERA

SABA SYMPATHIES

Sabans will want to offer their sympathy to Charleston manager Al Monson, whose wife Marya died recently. The couple were married 33 years.

Two other managers suffered disabling injuries. Evanston manager was involved in a traffic crash that put him in the hospital for a time. Green Bay manager Mike Landin suffered a broken hand (his writing hand) while playing senior softball.

JACK DOLAN RESIGNS

Greenville manager Jack Dolan has resigned from SABA. He will complete the current season. Jack has been asked to take over some additional duties in his community and believes he would no longer have time for SABA.

This leaves us with three open franchises in SABA (San Diego, Zukey Lake, and Greenville). I ask all members to help seek new managers. Those of you who have contacted the various APBA list sites (Parris, Dave W. ?) in the past, please try again.

MARCH MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Rich Aurilia	.388	3	18	Shane Reynolds	3-1	3.26	1
GA	Moises Alou	.274	4	12	Jimmy Haynes	2-0	2.82	0
GR	Jose Cruz, Jr.	.360	10	21	Al Levine	0-1	1.70	4 SV
PL	Jeff Liefer	.286	8	15	Wade Miller	3-1	3.34	0
SU	Jeff Kent	.330	3	16	Al Leiter	4-1	2.21	0
EV	Paul LoDuca	.352	4	20	Jose Mesa	3-2	3.63	6 SV
GB	Lance Berkman	.314	11	31	Darryl Kile	5-0	2.30	0
WA	Richard Hidalgo	.246	4	15	Joe Mays	2-2	2.34	0
ZU	Jim Thome	.305	9	23	Jamie Moyer	3-0	1.69	1
CA	Mike Sweeney	.274	5	11	Aaron Sele	3-3	3.82	1
CL	Kevin Millar	.360	6	19	Bud Smith	3-0	1.89	1
HO	Rafael Palmeiro	.247	6	16	Mike Hampton	2-2	6.60	0
OR	Sammy Sosa	.329	10	26	Roger Clemens	2-1	3.72	0
RI	Luis Gonzalez	.330	14	26	Curt Schilling	3-0	2.25	0
CR	Alex Rodriguez	.375	12	25	Mark Buehrle	4-0	2.65	0
MV	Bernie Williams	.318	8	20	Russ Ortiz	2-0	1.47	0
RH	Brian Giles	.275	7	16	Mark Mulder	3-2	2.55	0
SD	John Olerud	.349	6	15	Matt Morris	2-2	3.55	1