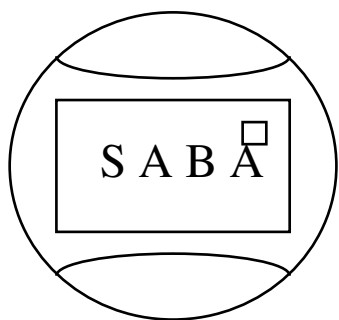
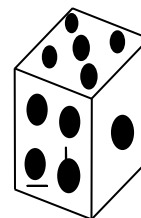




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THREE DIVISIONS VIRTUALLY SEWN UP

As SABA enters the final month of the 2002 season, three of the four divisions are all but clinched. Although not mathematically won, Charleston in the Continental Division, Summit in the Cornhusker Division, and Walled Lake in the Great Lakes Division seem to be certain champions.

The only close race is in the Carolina Division where Oregon and Riverside are battling. The Ducks May schedule seems slightly tougher than Riverside's. Both teams face Red Hook and Mudville while the Redbirds draw Carmel and Houghton and Oregon plays Cleveland and Capitol Conference powerhouse Charleston. Both are likely playoff teams.

It was a bad month for Platte Valley and Mudville. Both had 5-11 April records, putting their wildcard status in jeopardy. A 10-6 month brought Galveston into the wildcard picture. The Barons played two of the top Continental Conference clubs – Charleston and Riverside (both home and away). They also got beat up by lowly Houghton. Platte Valley batters hit a miserable .205 for the month.

Meanwhile, the league's top two teams, Charleston and Summit, just kept rolling. They both had 12-4 April records. The Riverdogs' Barry Bonds and Alex Rodriguez had sizzling bats. Bonds hit .373 with 8 HR and 19 RBI. A-Rod hit .328 with 8 HR and 18 RBI. Starting pitchers Odalis Perez, Jarrod Washburn, and Mark Buehrle went a combined 8-0.

As usual, Summit relied heavily on the strong right arm of Randy Johnson, who went 3-0 with a 1.64 ERA and 2 shutouts. Brad Fullmer, .328 6 HR 12 RBI, led the Antelope hitters and was joined by Jacque Jones who also hit six home runs.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Walled Lake	73-67	.521	--
Evanston	65-75	.464	8
Green Bay	62-78	.443	11
Zukey Lake	50-90	.357	23

CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Summit	91-49	.650	--
Dixie	82-58	.586	9
Galveston	70-70	.500	21
Platte Valley	70-70	.500	21
Greenville	53-87	.379	38

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	92-48	.657	--
Red Hook	81-59	.579	11
Mudville	71-69	.507	21
San Diego	60-80	.429	32

CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Oregon	80-60	.571	--
Riverside	77-63	.550	4
Carmel	67-73	.479	13
Cleveland	63-77	.450	17
Houghton	53-87	.379	27

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: LARRY WALKER, DIXIE
PITCHER OF THE MONTH: TIM HUDSON, EVANSTON

.462 8 HR 21 RBI
4-0 2.56 ERA 2 SHO

APRIL MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Larry Walker	.462	8	21	Tim Wakefield	3-1	2.61	1
GA	Nomar Garciaparra	.328	4	13	Dan Wright	3-0	2.35	1
GR	Timo Perez	.412	3	13	Brian Lawrence	2-0	3.00	1
PL	Mike Bordick	.250	4	10	Kevin Millwood	2-2	3.98	2
SU	Brad Fullmer	.328	6	12	Randy Johnson	3-0	1.64	2
EV	Preston Wilson	.302	3	13	Tim Hudson	4-0	2.56	2
GB	Mike Lieberthal	.327	3	13	Peter Munro	2-0	2.84	0
WA	Daryle Ward	.395	2	12	Oliver Perez	2-0	1.69	1
ZU	Carl Everett	.353	5	13	Jason Isringhausen	5-1	5.02	1 SV
CA	Cliff Floyd	.263	4	13	Jamie Walker	1-0	0.00	2 SV
CL	Mike Piazza	.241	3	10	Josh Beckett	2-2	4.44	1
HO	Chipper Jones	.368	4	14	Mike Hampton	3-1	4.45	0
OR	Eric Chavez	.306	5	20	Octavio Dotel	1-2	1.35	4 SV
RI	Alex Gonzalez	.186	5	16	Derek Lowe	3-0	2.08	0
CR	Barry Bonds	.373	8	19	Odalis Perez	3-0	3.37	0
MV	Bernie Williams	.362	2	10	Russ Ortiz	2-1	3.38	0
RH	Brian Giles	.197	7	20	Chris Reitsma	2-0	1.80	1
SD	David Justice	.263	3	9	Brett Tomko	2-0	5.23	0