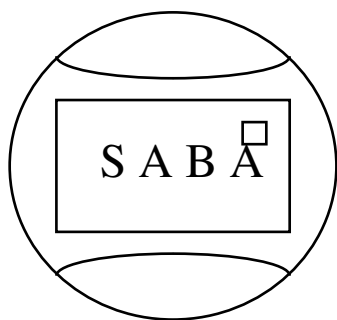
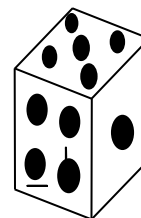




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DIVISION LEADERS HOLD SERVE

There was no late season excitement in SABA this year, as all four division leaders entering the final month of the season finished strong and retained their advantages. Two teams, Evanston and Dixie, won over 100 games. Only one team, Bayou, lost 100 games and they were exactly on that number. One surprise was that two-time defending league champion Charleston slipped to the third playoff seed. Nevertheless, they should be a strong playoff contender.

The season saw some outstanding offensive performances. Evanston's Albert Pujols led the league in four key categories -- runs, hits, rbi, and doubles -- and tied for second in batting average. After playing second fiddle for most of his career to teammates Barry Bonds and Alex Rodriguez, Todd Helton broke loose and won the batting title with a .366 average.

Houghton returned to the league's elite after a few mediocre campaigns. The Hosers swept to the Carolina Division title, holding off a late charge by Carmel. Houghton had five players with 20 or more homeruns, led by Rafael Palmeiro with 39 and Vlad Guerrero, despite missing 50 games due to injuries, with 34.

Mudville qualified for the playoffs despite a losing record. The Monarchs get the booby prize -- they draw 124-game winner Evanston in the first round.

Four of Evanston's starting pitchers were 20-game winners. Livan Hernandez led the group with 24 victories. The only other pitcher fitting into that crew was Ocala's Roy Halladay with 22 wins. Quite an achievement for a pitcher on a team that had 47 fewer wins than Evanston.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Evanston	124-38	.765	--
Walled Lake	74-88	.457	50
Green Bay	73-89	.451	51
Chapel Hill	63-99	.389	61

CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Dixie	101-61	.623	--
Platte Valley	98-64	.605aa	3
Galveston	86-76	.531	15
Greenville	64-98	.395	37
Summit	63-99	.389	38

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	99-63	.611	--
Mudville	77-85	.475	22
Red Hook	75-87	.463	24
Bayou	62-100	.383	37

CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Houghton	90-72	.556	--
Carmel	87-75	.537	3
Ocala	77-85	.475	13
Oregon	74-88	.457	16
Riverside	71-91	.438	19

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: GARRET ANDERSON, OREGON
PITCHER OF THE MONTH: JASON JENNINGS, GALVESTON

.340 9 HR 31 RBI
3-1 1.12 ERA 2 SHO

PLAYOFF MATCHUPS

All SABA playoff series are best of seven in a 2-3-2 format. The team with the better seed is the home team for the first two games. Visiting teams should send instructions to their opponent or arrange for face-to-face play. Mudville and Ocala tied for the final playoff spot. Mudville was awarded the 8th seed because they finished 8-4 against Ocala during the regular season.

Evanston (Seed 1) vs. Mudville (Seed 8)
Houghton (Seed 4) vs, Platte Valley (Seed 5)

Dixie (Seed 2) vs. Galveston (Seed 7)
Charleston (Seed 3) vs. Carmel (Seed 6)

MAY MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Trot Nixon	.274	8	25	Joel Pineiro	4-0	3.90	0
GA	Moises Alou	.276	4	15	Jason Jennings	3-1	1.12	2
GR	Javier Lopez	.352	8	21	Mike Mussina	2-2	3.58	0
PL	Jose Guillen	.270	6	19	Brad Penny	3-0	2.13	1
SU	Jeff Kent	.320	6	18	Scot Shields	2-1	3.65	0
EV	Albert Pujols	.359	4	20	Pedro Martinez	3-0	1.97	1
GB	Bill Mueller	.356	4	18	Wayne Franklin	3-1	5.57	0
WA	Richard Hidalgo	.280	5	19	Miguel Batista	3-2	4.50	0
CH	Ichiro Suzuki	.312	2	12	Jamie Moyer	2-2	3.86	0
CA	Alfonso Soriano	.321	6	23	Mark Prior	4-0	1.36	0
OC	Marquis Grissom	.287	3	20	Roy Halladay	3-0	1.60	0
HO	Vladimir Guerrero	.371	9	19	Paul Wilson	2-2	2.61	0
OR	Garret Anderson	.340	9	31	Roy Oswalt	3-1	5.51	0
RI	Manny Ramirez	.337	6	19	Woody Williams	2-1	2.51	0
CR	Aaron Boone	.333	6	20	Jason Schmidt	3-1	2.45	1
MV	Shawn Green	.304	4	14	Vicente Padilla	4-1	3.77	0
RH	Jim Edmonds	.267	9	26	Jake Westbrook	3-0	3.27	0
BA	Andres Galarraga	.303	5	14	Byung-Hyun Kim	2-1	3.48	1

DAVE FIGNER LEAVING

Dave Figner (Riverside) has informed me he will not be returning to SABA next season. With another team open, it is important to find some new managers. Please make an effort to recruit new managers.

ADD ANOTHER ROOKIE

Add pitcher Dave Bush to your rookie list.

SETTING DRAFT DATE

It's time to set a date for the rookie draft. We will continue our practice of a Saturday draft unless someone has a better idea. Let me know your preference for a draft date from the list of choices, and especially let me know any days you will not be available. I am behind in creating the cards, so there will be no July choices.

August 3, August 10, August 17, August 24

ROOKIE DRAFT ORDER

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|----|---------------|-----|---------------|
| 1. | Bayou | 6. | Green Bay |
| 2. | Summit * | 7. | Walled Lake + |
| 3. | Chapel Hill * | 8. | Oregon + |
| 4. | Greenville | 9. | Red Hook |
| 5. | Riverside | 10. | Ocala |

Playoff teams order, 11-18, yet to be determined

* Summit and Chapel Hill tied. They went 6-6 against each other. Summit won coin flip.

+ Walled Lake and Oregon tied. Oregon went 5-3 in head-to-head matchups.

PLAYER OVERUSE

There will be no penalties assessed for player overuse on this list. It gives managers a chance to see where they can improve. Relief pitcher games and innings seems to still be the biggest problems. Congratulations to CR, GR, GB, HO, and OR – they all had no overuse.

DX -- Ken Griffey, Jr. +1 G, Joel Pineiro +1 GS.

GA -- Al Reyes +6 G.

PL -- Paul Shuey +5 IP, Luis Ayala +2 IP.

SU -- Danny Bautista +4 G, Kiko Calero +9 G, + 21 IP, Brian Shouse +1 IP, Randy Johnson +1 GS, Kaz Ishii +1 GS, Scot Shields +1 GS.

CH -- Aaron Harang +2 GS

EV -- Morgan Ensberg +1 G.

WA -- J. D. Drew +1 G, Chone Figgins +3G, Richard Hidalgo +3 G, Miguel Batista +1 G, Kyle Lohse +2 GS, Scott Strickland +8 G, +11 IP.

CA -- Bengie Molina +2 G, Darrell May +1 GS, Ryan Franklin +1 GS.

OC -- Pedro Feliciano +5 G.

RI -- Milton Bradley +1 G, Ray Durham +1 G.

MV -- John Franco +3 G, Rafael Soriano +6 G.

RH -- Yorvit Torrealba +2 G, Pat Hentgen +14 G.

BA -- Byung-Hyun Kim +1 GS, +8 IP.