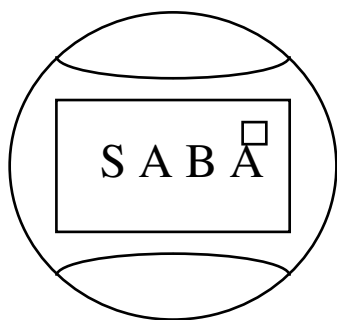
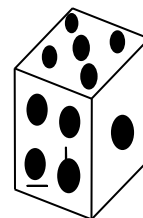




# PASTIMES

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## CHARLESTON HANGS ON

The Charleston Riverdogs, in first place in the Continental Division for most of the season, were hard pressed by the fast-closing Red Hook Turtles, but managed to hang on by a single game to win their first title since 1995. It was a total turnaround for the Dogs, who had the league's worst record, 53-109, last season. Charleston received plenty of offense from its big three – Barry Bonds (.404, 11 HR, 34 RBI), Todd Helton (.369, 6 HR, 26 RBI), and Alex Rodriguez (.417, 2 HR, 20 RBI).

Red Hook applied the pressure by going 15-7 during May. The Turtles led the league in homeruns with 313. Forty-six of these came in the final month, with Richard Hidalgo (.319, 6 HR, 22 RBI) and Troy Glaus (.253, 8 HR, and 27 RBI) leading the way.

The Carolina Division finish was equally exciting. Lawrenceville, the previous leader, collapsed during May, going 8-14. This allowed Cleveland to vault past them and take the title. Carmel also finished strong, but finished third, three games back.

Summit finished the year with the league's best record, 114-48. Dixie had a great month, 17-5, allowing them to pass Galveston for the first wild card. The Chiefs had five players with 20 or more RBI -- Richie Sexson (.405, 9 HR, 27 RBI), Ken Griffey, Jr. (.299, 8 HR, 24 RBI), Carlos Delgado (.284, 6 HR, 21 RBI), John Vander Wal (.317, 6 HR, 20 RBI), and Scott Rolen (.278, 3 HR, 20 RBI). Pitchers Bartolo Colon and Eric Milton each won five games for Dixie.

## SABA STANDINGS

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| GREAT LAKES | W-L    | PCT  | GB |
|-------------|--------|------|----|
| Walled Lake | 93-69  | .574 | -- |
| Green Bay   | 79-83  | .488 | 14 |
| Zukey Lake  | 67-95  | .414 | 26 |
| Evanston    | 58-104 | .358 | 35 |

| CORNHUSKER    | W-L    | PCT  | GB |
|---------------|--------|------|----|
| Summit        | 114-48 | .704 | -- |
| Dixie         | 95-67  | .586 | 19 |
| Galveston     | 92-70  | .568 | 22 |
| Greenville    | 77-85  | .475 | 37 |
| Platte Valley | 60-102 | .370 | 54 |

### CAPITOL CONFERENCE

| CONTINENTAL | W-L   | PCT  | GB |
|-------------|-------|------|----|
| Charleston  | 95-67 | .586 | -- |
| Red Hook    | 94-68 | .580 | 1  |
| Mudville    | 80-82 | .494 | 15 |
| San Diego   | 70-92 | .432 | 25 |

| CAROLINA      | W-L    | PCT  | GB |
|---------------|--------|------|----|
| Cleveland     | 86-76  | .531 | -- |
| Lawrenceville | 84-78  | .519 | 2  |
| Carmel        | 83-79  | .512 | 3  |
| Houghton      | 71-91  | .438 | 15 |
| Oregon        | 60-102 | .370 | 26 |

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: BARRY BONDS, CHARLESTON  
PITCHER OF THE MONTH: BARTOLO COLON, DIXIE

.404 11 HR 34 RBI  
5-0 2.48 ERA

## PLAYOFF MATCHUPS

Summit (Seed 1) vs. Lawrenceville (Seed 8)  
Cleveland (Seed 4) vs. Dixie (Seed 5)

Charleston (Seed 2) vs. Galveston (Seed 7)  
Walled Lake (Seed 3) vs. Red Hook (Seed 6)

All playoff series are best-of-seven with a 2-3-2 format. Teams with the lesser seed in the above matchups should send instructions for the first two games to their opponents or make arrangements for face-to-face play.

## ROOKIE DRAFT ORDER

- |                  |                   |                 |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Evanston      | 7. Greenville     | 13. Galveston   |
| 2. Oregon *      | 8. Green Bay      | 14. Walled Lake |
| 3. Platte Valley | 9. Mudville       | 15. Red Hook    |
| 4. Zukey Lake    | 10. Carmel        | 16. Dixie +     |
| 5. San Diego     | 11. Lawrenceville | 17. Charleston  |
| 6. Houghton      | 12. Cleveland     | 18. Summit      |

- Won tiebreaker with PL because of 4-6 head-to-head record.
- + Won roll off tiebreaker with CR. Head-to-head record was 4-4.

## SETTING DRAFT DATE

It's time to determine when the 2001 Rookie Draft will be held. Once again, I will ask Mike Landin to set up the draft software. We have used Saturday afternoons in late summer for many years and, unless someone has a good reason to change the day, I'll expect to use this time again. Available Saturdays are:

**July 31, August 7, August 14, and August 21.**

Let me know your preferences for day and time. We want to get as many SABA managers to take part as possible, so be sure and tell me those days that you could not make.

## SABA DUES GOING UP

Ever since we went to sending out the monthly SABA newsletter by e-mail, I have kept the league dues at \$25 a year. Unfortunately, rising costs are catching up with us as the Post Office has increased the cost of mailing out the envelopes I use for the cards twice recently. Printing costs have also gone up. We operated at a loss last season, Therefore, I am increasing the dues to \$30 per season,

I have already started working on the 2001 cards. We will be going back to the old way of doing it, using the actual APBA cards. This was the season when APBA began printing player statistics on the cards, so the number of things I need to write on them will decline. I will send out the cards as soon as they are ready, but it will probably be at least another month before they are done.

## MAY MVPs BY TEAM

| Team | Player           | BA   | HR | RBI | Pitcher           | W-L | ERA  | SHO  |
|------|------------------|------|----|-----|-------------------|-----|------|------|
| DX   | Richie Sexson    | .405 | 9  | 27  | Bartolo Colon     | 5-0 | 2.48 | 0    |
| GR   | Alex Ochoa       | .409 | 7  | 16  | Josias Manzanillo | 0-0 | 0.00 | 3 SV |
| GA   | Moises Alou      | .270 | 8  | 18  | Armando Benitez   | 0-1 | 4.70 | 7 SV |
| PL   | Geoff Jenkins    | .246 | 4  | 8   | Mike Remlinger    | 2-0 | 3.95 | 0    |
| SU   | Frank Thomas     | .395 | 4  | 20  | Pedro Martinez    | 4-0 | 1.25 | 1    |
| EV   | Preston Wilson   | .250 | 4  | 19  | Greg Maddux       | 3-1 | 4.02 | 1    |
| GB   | Lance Berkman    | .416 | 7  | 27  | Tom Glavine       | 4-1 | 2.41 | 1    |
| WA   | Jeff Bagwell     | .269 | 9  | 22  | Felix Rodriguez   | 0-0 | 1.00 | 7 SV |
| ZU   | Ellis Burks      | .423 | 7  | 12  | Esteban Loaiza    | 3-0 | 4.28 | 0    |
| CA   | Miguel Tejada    | .265 | 6  | 20  | Rick Ankiel       | 3-1 | 3.30 | 1    |
| CL   | Derrek Lee       | .259 | 9  | 22  | Mariano Rivera    | 3-0 | 2.75 | 4 SV |
| HO   | Chipper Jones    | .325 | 5  | 20  | Mark Redman       | 2-2 | 5.97 | 0    |
| LA   | Luis Gonzalez    | .276 | 8  | 18  | Derek Lowe        | 0-0 | 0.00 | 4 SV |
| OR   | Garret Anderson  | .277 | 6  | 22  | Dave Veres        | 1-1 | 2.19 | 5 SV |
| CR   | Barry Bonds      | .404 | 11 | 34  | Javier Vazquez    | 3-1 | 5.34 | 0    |
| MV   | Magglio Ordonez  | .345 | 9  | 25  | Justin Speier     | 1-1 | 1.35 | 2 SV |
| RH   | Richard Hidalgo  | .319 | 6  | 22  | Darren Dreifort   | 3-0 | 5.62 | 0    |
| SD   | Jeffrey Hammonds | .373 | 6  | 19  | Paul Abbott       | 3-0 | 2.45 | 1    |

## SABA 2000 PLAYER OVERUSE

GR -- Ben Petrick +3 games, Royce Clayton +5 games  
 EV -- Livan Hernandez +2 games, Tim Hudson +1 game  
 GB -- Tony Gwynn +2 games  
 WA -- Jon Nunnally +3 games, Lou Pote +4 IP, Kevin Tapani +2 games  
 ZU -- Phil Nevin +3 games, Roosevelt Brown +9 games  
 CL -- Jason LaRue +8 games, Andruw Jones +1 game, Jon Lieber +2 games  
 LA -- Ray Durham +8 games, Alex Gonzalez +10 games, Edgar Martinez +2 games  
 OR -- Roger Clemens +1 game  
 SD -- Matt Morris +7 games