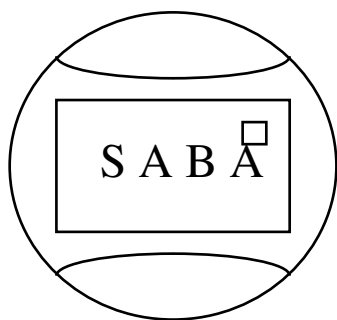
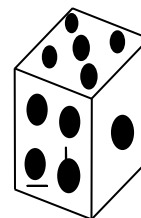




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TOP CLUBS FINISH STRONG ... WALLED LAKE TAKES GREAT LAKES DIVISION

SABA's top teams left no room for doubt, finishing with strong records in the season's final month. Charleston, with the league's best record for the season, went 18-4 during May to once again lead the league. Dixie, which has been stalking the Riverdogs all season, finished a solid 14-8.

Walled Lake went 16-6 to pass Zukey Lake and win the Great Lakes Division, which was the most highly disputed division race. Platte Valley and Zukey Lake earned the two American Conference wildcard spots. The Walleyes flaunted their offensive prowess by hitting .318. They were led by Jeff Bagwell (.379, 9 HR, 31 RBI), Derek Jeter (.347, 8 HR, 24 RBI), J. D. Drew (.310, 6 HR, 23 RBI), and Bret Boone (.322, 8 HR, 16 RBI).

Charleston's Barry Bonds and Dixie's Larry Walker put on a tremendous battle for the league batting title. Bonds entered the final month with the lead, but only by .001. Both players had terrific months with Bonds hitting .411 with 15 homers and 34 RBI while Walker hit .417 with 7 HR and 27 RBI. When the final totals were tallied, Walker won the crown .340 to .336. Bonds led the league with 86 homers, although he missed the record of 88 that was set by Oregon's Sammy Sosa in 1998.

The two Capitol Conference wildcards went to Mudville and Red Hook. Summit, which won the league title the last three years, suffered a rare off-season and had their consecutive 8-year streak of making the playoffs snapped.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Walled Lake	91-71	.562	--
Zukey Lake	89-73	.549	2
Green Bay	86-76	.531	5
Evanston	82-80	.506	9

CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Dixie	104-58	.642	--
Platte Valley	91-71	.562	13
Summit	78-84	.481	26
Greenville	62-100	.383	42
Galveston	55-107	.340	49

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	116-46	.716	--
Mudville	89-73	.549	27
Red Hook	83-79	.512	33
San Diego	70-92	.432	46

CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Riverside	86-76	.531	--
Oregon	81-81	.500	5
Carmel	75-87	.463	11
Cleveland	69-93	.426	17
Houghton	51-111	.315	35

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: BARRY BONDS, CHARLESTON

.411 15 HR 34 RBI

PITCHER OF THE MONTH: CHAN HO PARK, ZUKEY LAKE

4-0 1.36 ERA

2002 ROOKIE DRAFT SET FOR AUGUST 13TH

The 2002 SABA Rookie Draft will be held on Saturday August 13th. None of the managers who responded had a conflict for that day. The draft will again be set up by Mike Landin and will start at 1:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time. If you do have a conflict come up, you should send Bob a list of your proposed draft order prior to the draft or get another manager to draft for you.

2001 SABA PLAYOFF MATCHUPS

Charleston (Seed 1) vs. Red Hook (Seed 8)
Riverside (Seed 4) vs. Platte Valley (Seed 5)

Dixie (Seed 2) vs. Zukey Lake (Seed 7)
Walled Lake (Seed 3) vs. Mudville (Seed 6)

Mudville and Zukey Lake had identical records, 89-73, but the Monarchs earned the higher seed because they went 6-2 against the Boll Weevils in head-to-head play.

All playoff series are best-of-seven with the 2-3-2 format for determining the home team. Teams with the inferior records in the matchups should send instructions to their opponents for the first two games or make arrangements for face-to-face play.

SABA LOSES ANOTHER MANAGER

Walled Lake manager Dennis Debol has informed me he will be leaving the league at the end of the playoffs. Dennis recently had an operation on his neck and has found it too painful to play the game.

This leaves us with three openings – San Diego, Greenville, and Walled Lake. If anyone knows of prospective managers, please encourage them to join our group.

BONDS JUST MISSES TRIPLE CROWN

Charleston slugger Barry Bonds made a good run at the triple crown in 2001, but fell just short. Bonds belted 86 homeruns and drove in 191 runs, leading the league in both categories. He entered May also leading the league in batting average, but was edged out in that race by Dixie's Larry Walker, .340 to .336. The RBI mark was a new SABA record, replacing Ken Griffey Jr.'s mark of 173 in 1994. Bonds also set a new record for slugging percentage, .912, besting George Brett's .825 mark in 1980.

Two team records were also set. Charleston's slugging percentage of .528 eked past the former record of .527 set by Dixie in 1994. Zukey Lake set a new record for games pitched, 556, replacing the record of 535 set by Dixie in 1995.

2002 ROOKIE DRAFT ORDER

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

2002 CARDS

Sharp-eyed Dave Wassermann found another card that I missed in my last e-mail to you. While I was sorting the cards I found another teamless player. While neither of these players is likely to excite you to much, I am giving their card numbers to you for completion's sake.

JESSE GARCIA

2002	F *	0(0)-7-7-8-8-8-9-9-18-24	.197	39	2B6-21, SS7-5, OF1-4
2003		NO CARD			
2004	F *	0-0(5)-7-7-8-8-8-9-9-10-21-22-24	.252	50	SS7-25, 2B6-11, 3B3-3

GARRETT STEPHENSON

2002	2003
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(3)	(4)
12-10	32-27
45	174

I have finished the taxing process of taking the 2001 cards out of their holders and sorting them back into their MLB team sacks. I have all the 2002 cards sorted and back into the holders except for the rookie pitchers. With all the talk about inflation, I suppose the cost will go up. However, I will accept \$30 again for league dues. You can send that to me any time.

MAY MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Larry Walker	.417	7	27	Norm Charlton	4-0	2.35	0
GA	Moises Alou	.313	6	20	Jason Bere	2-2	7.16	1
GR	Kevin Young	.264	6	16	Alan Levine	1-0	0.00	4 SV
PL	Aramis Ramirez	.233	6	16	Wade Miller	3-1	2.25	1
SU	Jeff Kent	.265	4	10	Omar Daal	3-1	2.88	0
EV	Paul Konerko	.278	4	17	Livan Hernandez	2-1	2.57	1
GB	Lance Berkman	.337	4	20	Kevin Brown	4-1	3.21	0
WA	Jeff Bagwell	.379	9	31	Paul Byrd	3-0	2.45	0
ZU	Phil Nevin	.356	5	17	Chan Ho Park	4-0	1.36	0
CA	Miguel Tejada	.317	7	20	Aaron Sele	4-3	2.07	2
CL	Derrek Lee	.322	4	18	Jon Lieber	3-1	3.26	0
HO	Rafael Palmeiro	.260	7	20	Bryan Rekar	1-1	4.15	0
OR	Garret Anderson	.338	6	14	Barry Zito	3-2	3.92	0
RI	Luis Gonzalez	.270	6	18	Curt Schilling	3-0	3.38	0
CR	Barry Bonds	.411	15	34	Chris Carpenter	3-0	1.71	0
MV	Shawn Green	.356	8	28	Russ Ortiz	3-1	3.62	1
RH	Matt Stairs	.355	6	20	Mark Mulder	3-1	2.95	1
SD	Vinny Castilla	.308	4	13	Jeff Nelson	0-0	0.00	4 SV