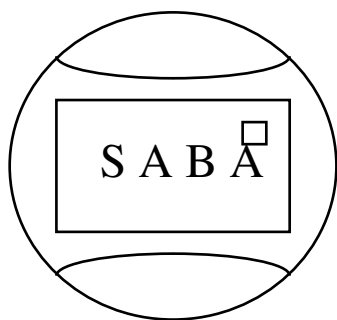
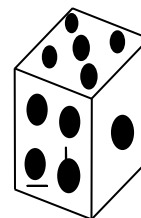




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REDBIRDS EDGE DUCKS FOR CAROLINA CROWN

The Carolina Division race, which has been back-and-forth over the last few months, took an unusual turn during May play. Oregon, which entered the final month with a four-game lead, collapsed with a 7-15 record, tying for the league's worst record. This allowed Riverside to take the division crown despite managing only a .500 record itself. The Ducks went 3-8 on the road and 1-5 at home against Mudville, the best team that missed the playoffs.

Walled Lake also sputtered down the stretch, going 8-14, but still won the Great Lakes Division, although with only a .500 record. The Walleyes' flop allowed Evanston to make a late run at the title, but they fell three games short.

Galveston and Platte Valley entered the month tied for the last wildcard spot. The Grey Sox won their head-to-head series with the Barons 3-2, but stumbled elsewhere, allowing Platte Valley to edge them out by one game, despite a mere .500 record. The Barons' reward? A first round playoff meeting with top seed Charleston.

The Riverdogs maintained their slim one-game lead over Summit for the first seed. Charleston's 108 wins was the best record in the league. The Riverdogs were all over the batting leader boards. Barry Bonds was first in the league in batting average (.346), slugging percentage (.807), and on-base average (.502). He was second to teammate Alex Rodriguez in homeruns and runs scored, and third to teammates Rodriguez and Todd Helton in RBI.

SABA STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GREAT LAKES	W-L	PCT	GB
Walled Lake	81-81	.500	--
Evanston	78-84	.481	3
Green Bay	72-90	.444	9
Zukey Lake	57-105	.352	24

CORNHUSKER	W-L	PCT	GB
Summit	107-55	.660	--
Dixie	97-65	.599	10
Platte Valley	81-81	.500	26
Galveston	80-82	.494	27
Greenville	62-100	.383	45

CAPITOL CONFERENCE

CONTINENTAL	W-L	PCT	GB
Charleston	108-54	.667	--
Red Hook	97-65	.599	11
Mudville	84-78	.519	24
San Diego	67-95	.414	41

CAROLINA	W-L	PCT	GB
Riverside	88-74	.543	--
Oregon	87-75	.537	1
Carmel	80-82	.494	8
Cleveland	71-91	.438	17
Houghton	61-101	.377	27

PLAYER OF THE MONTH: BRIAN GILES, RED HOOK

.318 11 HR 29 RBI

PITCHER OF THE MONTH: KEVIN MILLWOOD, PLATTE VALLEY

4-0 1.85 ERA 1 SHO

PLAYOFF MATCHUPS SET

Charleston Riverdogs (1st Seed) vs. Platte Valley Barons (8th Seed)
Walled Lake Walleyes (4th Seed) vs. Dixie Chiefs (5th Seed)

Summit Antelope (2nd Seed) vs. Oregon Ducks (7th Seed)
Riverside Redbirds (3rd Seed) vs. Red Hook Turtles (6th Seed)

Dixie and Red Hook finished in a tie. The two teams went 4-4 during the season. Dixie won the tiebreaker.

All playoff series are best-of-seven, played 2-3-2, with the better seed having the first home games. Road managers should quickly send instructions for the first two games to their opponent or make arrangements for face-to-face play.

2003 ROOKIE DRAFT ORDER

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

There were 3 ties. Carmel went 5-3 against Galveston. Red Hook and Platte Valley won tiebreakers.

SCHEDULING THE DRAFT

We'll hold the draft on a Saturday afternoon in late July or August. Look at these potential dates and let me know your preference. Be sure to tell me any of these dates when you will not be available. I'll set the draft for the date when the most managers will be there. If you can't make the draft date you can send me a list or get another SABA manager to draft for you.

July 29
August 5
August 12
August 19
August 26

I will ask Mike Landin to set up the draft again.

TWO MANAGERS DEPART

George Kilmer (Summit) and Lee Fenner (Cleveland) have resigned from the league. Their teams are now available.

MAY MVPs BY TEAM

Team	Player	BA	HR	RBI	Pitcher	W-L	ERA	SHO
DX	Rich Aurilia	.306	4	25	Joel Pineiro	3-0	2.86	1
GA	Michael Young	.257	2	9	Jimmy Haynes	4-0	2.08	0
GR	Pat Burrell	.244	6	17	Kenny Rogers	3-2	3.41	1
PL	Brad Wilkerson	.265	3	20	Kevin Millwood	4-0	1.85	1
SU	Mike Lowell	.266	4	12	Cory Lidle	4-1	2.23	2
EV	Jay Payton	.400	5	15	Kirk Saarloos	3-0	3.37	0
GB	Greg Colbrunn	.429	4	11	Hideo Nomo	2-0	1.76	1
WA	Bret Boone	.247	4	12	Buddy Groom	0-1	1.54	4 SV
ZU	Jim Thome	.271	10	17	Troy Percival	0-0	1.37	2 SV
CA	Alfonso Soriano	.366	5	19	Mark Prior	3-0	3.50	0
CL	Mike Piazza	.321	7	21	Steve Reed	0-0	0.73	5 SV
HO	Rafael Palmeiro	.266	9	18	John Smoltz	0-0	0.00	3 SV
OR	Tim Salmon	.245	2	9	Octavio Dotel	0-1	4.00	6 SV
RI	Luis Gonzalez	.378	7	21	Derek Lowe	3-0	2.18	0
CR	Barry Bonds	.411	6	21	Jarrod Washburn	3-0	2.03	1
MV	Shawn Green	.259	5	18	Elmer Dessens	2-0	2.01	1
RH	Brian Giles	.318	11	29	Mark Mulder	4-1	4.71	0
SD	Jose Valentin	.254	4	14	Byung-Hyun Kim	2-0	1.80	2 SV

PLAYER OVERUSE

DX -- Walker +2 G, Herges +1 start

GA -- Gryboski +2 G, A. Reyes +8 G, +1.3 IP

PL -- G. Roberts +0.7 IP

EV -- Kielty +2 G, Trachsel +1 start, Heredia +1 G, +6.7 IP, Hernandez +1 start, Saarloos + 4 G

GB -- Nomo +1 start

WA -- Y. Perez + 0.3 IP

CL -- Rivera + 3 G, Urbina +8 G, +8.3 IP, Simontacchi +4 G, Lieber +1 start

OR -- Ainsworth +1 start

MV -- Stairs +1 G, Davis +3 G, Wells +1 start, Padilla +1 start

SD -- Fiore +6 IP, Sheets +1 start

Congratulations to Summit, Carmel, and Houghton who had no overuse.

TRADES

San Diego trades DC1SD03 and Juan Gonzalez to Evanston for DC1EV03, Jeromy Burnitz, Marlon Byrd, Jose Mesa, and Felix Heredia

Galveston trades DC1GA03 to Evanston for Paul Konerko and DC6EV03

Galveston trades Andres Galarraga to San Diego for Jason Jennings

RULES CHANGE PROPOSALS

(This is not a vote, but a chance for SABAns to comment on the proposals, pro and con)

From Mike Landin:

Ignore all injuries. (SABA already forces players to be rested, so injuries are not needed.)

From Parris Foxworthy:

Digital Cards:

I would like to suggest providing the SABA player cards digitally. Via excel, etc. Another interesting side note to this is access to the cards to make copies (from APBAgo) is cheaper than the league fees that are currently charged.

League Constriction:

With several current teams without managers, I would like to suggest eliminating a minimum of two teams with players distributed by a dispersal draft or just added to the 2003 draft list. This would provide a more stable manager base and provide a much more balanced and easier to manage schedule.

Revamp Stat Comp:

I would like to adjust the series stat comp to add additional stats and a stat comparison that would automatically make sure the series stats are balanced. It would be a instant check and make it easier to process seasonal stats.

In addition, I would also like to provide a seasonal stat comp for each team that would provide easier access to seasonal stats, home and away splits and provide an automatic player limit adjustment feature.

Pre-draft cutting process (10-round draft):

At a certain set date before the draft, each team is required to cut to a 22-player roster with released players going into the next rookie / free agent draft. This "22" player limit will automatically adjust to account for the number of draft picks the team holds heading into the draft. For example, if the team has it's own 10 picks, they must adjust the roster to 22 players. If a team trades 3 players for 3 additional draft picks, their roster must be adjusted to 19 players before the draft ($19+10+3=32$), etc.

(Players + number of draft picks) must = 32.

I believe this will provide a bit more balance to the league, keeping teams from 'hoarding' quality players that are then cut after the draft with no chance of other teams claiming such players to fill a possible need.