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 December was another great month for reporting results in CGL. All games were played and reported by the 24th which allows me to get timely CGL Standings, League Leaders and more to each of you.

**TWO NO-HITTERS THIS MONTH!! Matt Moore of Mechanicsburg** had a very unusual No-Hitter at Waikiki Beach**. Moore fanned 10 batters and walked an alarming 9 hitters** en route to a 2-0 win over Max Scherzer (CG, 14 K’s) and the host Barking Ducks**. Hisashi Iwakuma of Saginaw** tossed his No-Hitter in a 5-0 win at Naples**. Iwakuma walked one and hit a batter while striking out 6 en route to his gem.** That gives us three No-Hitters already this season and that doesn’t include the 11 Inning No-Hit, No-Decision performance by Alex Cobb (BH) last month!

 The Central Division race continues to be the tightest in CGL History. Firetower has taken over the top spot this month but only three games separate first and last. Brook Hollow has a six game lead over Westwind in the East while Allouez holds a six game edge over Dodge in the Midwest. Elyria is on top in the South by five games over Naples. It promises to be an exciting final two months as there is still a lot to be decided in the final 62 games of the 2014-15 CGL Regular Season.

 Dodge leads the CGL with a .256 Team Batting Average and Elyria has scored a League-high 529 runs. Naples paces CGL with a team ERA of 3.03 and 14 of our 16 teams have ERA’s under 4.00. On the individual side of the Stats we have only one .300 hitter. Alan Craig (BH) leads CGL hitting .323 with Alex Rios (ELY) second at .298. Chris Davis (ELY) leads the League by wide margins in several categories through 100 games. Davis leads CGL in HR (37), RBI (94) and Slugging Pct. (.608). Mike Trout (WW) paces CGL in Runs Scored (94) and Stolen Bases (38). Max Scherzer (CHA) tops CGL Starters with an era of 1.58 and also leads CGL with 221 Strikeouts. Jose Quintana (NAP) leads with 13 wins while teammate Tony Watson’s 30 Saves leads the CGL. Five pitchers who have thrown four Shutouts and seven more have tossed three whitewashes each in this pitching-dominated Season.

 Tom Rosenberger has sent me a list of available players for the 2015 CGL Draft. I will check it for errors and forward a copy to you along with the 2015 CGL ROOKIE DRAFT date (either April 4th or April 18th). I will let everyone know the exact date shortly after the New Year.

 That’s it for this month. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous 2015!

Rob