

## C.G.L. NEWSLETTER 12-26-16

Through 100 games things couldn't be much tighter in the South. With only 62 games to go Ipanema holds a one game lead over Naples and Elyria! In the North Italian rode a 16-8 month to pull within two games of Duluth. Waikiki Beach got a late month sweep to move within 5 games of Port Orange in the Central. In the East Westwind has opened up a comfortable 12 game lead over Brook Hollow after a sizzling 17-7 December.

Paul Goldschmidt (Port Orange) leads CGL with a .317 Batting Average and HR's with 35. His teammate, Yoenis Cespedes, paces the League in Hits (122) and RBI (91). He is also second in Runs Scored and 3<sup>rd</sup> in HR through 100 games. Mike Trout (WW) leads CGL with 75 runs scored and is also in the Top Ten in Batting Average, Hits, Slugging Pct., On Base Pct., HR's and RBI. Should be a great race for 2016-17 MVP!

Zack Greinke (Italian) leads CGL with a stellar 1.85 ERA and Six Shutouts. Gerritt Cole (Duluth) sits atop the leaderboard with 15 wins while Roberto Osuna (DOD) leads Relievers with 27 Saves. Jacob deGrom (ELY) leads CGL hurlers with 215 K's with Jake Arrieta (IPA) a close second with 210.

Duluth and Italian both hold Team ERA's under 3.00 and are two of five teams with ERA's under 3.50. Duluth also leads the league with a .255 Team Batting Average while Westwind's offensive machine tops CGL with 483 runs scored.

I have attached the CGL Standings, League Leaders and Team Hitting and Pitching through December. All Managers should have a copy of their YTD Stats through December. If you did not get a copy please let me know ASAP and I'll send another copy to you right away.

I urge everyone to keep playing your best players, using your bullpens and playing your best lineups while trying to win for the remainder of the season. If I suspect anyone is bagging it for a higher Draft Pick you will be hearing from me.

**START PLANNING YOUR TRIP TO ELYRIA, OHIO FOR THE 2017 CGL DRAFT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>!** Kerry and Joyce have been kind enough to agree to host the draft at their house. The Draft will start at 9:00 AM Central (10:00 Eastern) Time. As always, a chat room will be set up prior to the Draft for those who cannot attend. I will be flying to Cleveland solo for the weekend since Sherry has to work. The Indians are not in town that weekend but I'd like to take a trip to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>. If anyone is interested in seeing that with me let me know.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and safe travels. Happy 2017 and keep up the great work!

Rob