

C.G.L. NEWSLETTER 12-26-17

TWO MORE NO-HITTERS IN DECEMBER!!! Elyria's David Price tossed a No-Hitter at Brook Hollow in a 3-0 Pirates win. Price allowed No Walks and fanned 9 in his gem on the road. The only two baserunners for the Bandits reached on two Elyria errors. This is the 3rd month in a row that an Elyria starter has thrown a No-Hitter!. Cole Hamels threw No-Hitters in October and December for Elyria!

Even more impressive was **PERFECT GAME tossed by CLAYTON KERSHAW in a 6-0 win at Ipanema!** Kershaw struck out 13 in his Perfecto. The Cariocas were also the victim of a No-Hitter at the hand of the aforementioned Hamels in November at home!

In two other games of note...Daniel Norris (Firetower) tossed a one-hitter at home against Duluth with no walks and 8 K's in a 6-0 Phantoms win so we almost had three No-No's in one month. Waikiki Beach nipped Allouez 5-4 in a 20 inning affair that saw 24 hitters and 16 pitchers used at the Diamond Roughs home park.

With 2017 closing we find ourselves at the 100 game mark in the 2017 CGL Season. Westwind has opened a five game lead over Charlotte in the East while Naples rode a strong December to pull within four games of Elyria in the South. Saginaw was a sizzling 19-5 this month and now leads the Central by a dozen games. Allouez has reclaimed the lead in the North by a game over Italian despite being only two games over .500 at 51-49!

Italian paces CGL with a .256 Team Avg. and the Stallions also top the League with 220 doubles and 153 HR's but are second to Westwind in Runs Scored (525-478). Waikiki Beach paces the Circuit by a wide margin in Triples (35) and Stolen Bases (79). Saginaw has taken over the CGL team ERA lead (2.88) and the Bears starters have tossed 17 Shutouts with a League Leading 43 Complete Games while also allowing the fewest Walks (270). Charlotte has won 59 of 92 games but has only 11 Saves.

Jose Altuve (Elyria) still leads CGL hitters with a .333 Average with only four hitters above the .300 mark. David Ortiz (Italian) has taken over the HR lead with 28 while Miguel Cabrera (Dodge) leads CGL with 73 RBI. Jonathan Villat (Italian) leads the League in Runs Scored (79) and Stolen Bases (31). David Price (Elyria) and Jon Lester (Charlotte) top CGL hurlers with 14 Victories while Kyle Hendricks of Saginaw sports a 1.42 ERA to lead Starters. Lester leads the League in Complete Games (13) while Max Scherzer (Waikiki Beach) tops pitchers with 205 Strikeouts. Johnny Cueto has SIX Shutouts to lead teammate Hendricks (5 Shutouts) by one. Wade Davis (Firetower) still leads CGL with 28 saves.

The 2018 CGL Rookie Draft will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2018 here in Duluth. All are welcome to attend. We have room at our house for at least a couple of adventurous CGLers if you decide to visit us in Duluth in April!

Everyone should have Year-To-Date stats in hand as of this writing. If you have not received them please let me know and I'll get them to you right away.

You may notice that Elyria and Charlotte have only 92 games played. I have given Kerry and Andy permission to play their December games in mid-January when they get together to celebrate the Holidays. All teams will be caught up at 132 games at the end of January.

Happy 2018 to everyone and thanks for your efforts in making CGL a great APBA League!

Rob