C.G.L. NEWSLETTER 12-26-19

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and was able to spend some quality time with family and that all of you who travelled had no issues on your trips. We had a white Christmas with warmer than average temps and clear roads here in northern Minnesota.

We had our second NO-HITTER of the 2019-20 Season in December! Allouez starter Rich Hill tossed his No-No at home vs. Saginaw in a 4-0 Diamond Roughs win. Hill fanned nine and allowed only two free passes in his gem. Congrats to Hill and Manager Ed Bozinski! The boxscore is attached.

At the 100 game mark in the 2019-20 CGL Season every Division is still hotly contested. The East sports the tightest race with Westwind holding a slim one game lead over Margaritaville and Charlotte only two games back. Saginaw surged to the top of the Central Division standings with a 16-8 December and has a four game edge over Waikiki Beach with Port Orange just five back. Italian holds a four game lead over Allouez in the North with Duluth lurking at seven games out. Elyria boasts CGL's best record but is only five games on Naples who has the 2nd best record in the League.

Port Orange still leads the CGL with a .250 Team Batting Average and also leads the League with 528 Runs Scored and 177 Homeruns! Westwind's 88 Stolen bases are tops in CGL while Naples has only seven thefts.

Elyria's 3.13 Team ERA is the best in the League with four teams at 3.48 or lower. Saginaw and Westwind each have nine Shutouts while Brook Hollow is now at the other end of the ERA list with a 4.81 team mark and only one Shutout.

Mookie Betts (ITA) leads CGL with a .343 Average. Jose Martinez (WAI) is 2nd with a .321 mark and paces CGL Hitters with 129 Hits and 74 RBI. Other CGL League Leaders are Mike Trout (WW) 74 runs scored, Trevor Story (PO) 41 2B's, AJ Pollock (TOL) 10 3B's and Jesus Aguilar (WAI) 29 HR's, Trea Turner (CHA) 45 SB and Bryce Harper (WW) and Alex Bregman (SB) are tied with 70 Bases on Balls.

Blake Snell of Firetower has the most wins in CGL (15-5) and also leads the League with 19 Complete Games and 211 Strikeouts. Jacob de Grom (ELY) paces CGL starters with an ERA of 1.73 and is second in K's with 197. Snell and Kyle Hendricks (SAG) each have a CGL best five Shutouts. Sean Doolittle (WW) and Blake Treinen (ALL) are tied atop the CGL Leaderboard with 21 Saves while Saginaw's Ryan Brasier's 0.91 ERA is the lowest among Relievers.

I have attached Team Batting and Pitching and League Leaders through December as well as the current Standings. Note that Elyria and Charlotte are both at 92 games. I have given Kerry and Andy the ok to play their December series in January when they get together for their family Christmas celebration.

If you do not have your YTD stats yet please let me know and I'll send them right away. Instructions for next month are due to your opponents by January 5th.

Great job by everyone in December with all results reported by the 25th and a Happy 2020 to ALL!!!

Rob