C.G.L. NEWSLETTER 12-26-20

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas in this very difficult year for gathering with family and friends. I know I'm really looking forward to turning the page on 2020 and welcoming 2021!

Elyria and Toledo are now tied atop the Southern Division with Naples only three games back. Three of the four Division races have opened up after the 24 game December schedule was completed. Westwind now has an eight game lead over Margaritaville in the East while Duluth now holds a six game edge over Italian in the North. Saginaw leads Port Orange and Firetower by six games in the Central as the Bears were the only team in the Division to play .500 ball this month.

NOTE: Elyria and Charlotte will be playing their Scheduled November games in the next few days but I wanted to get the Newsletter out while things are still current for everyone else.

Westwind now leads the CGL with a .265 Team Batting Average. The Warriors also lead CGL in Runs Scored (612), Homeruns (213) and Stolen Bases (95). Westwind is only 15-14 in one run games but is an eye popping 26-8 in 5+ games. Thirteen teams are averaging 1.5 HR/Game or higher as we hit the 100 game mark. Toledo is still the only team not to be shut out this season!

Westwind also owns CGL's lowest Team ERA at 3.84 with only two other teams under the 4.00 mark. Port Orange now has 10 Shutouts to lead CGL Pitching staffs while Allouez has posted just one so far. Waikiki Beach has allowed a League low 146 HR's through December while Dodge hurlers have surrendered a CGL high 181 gopher balls.

Anthony Rendon (CHA) continues to pace CGL hitters with a .341 Average with Ketel Marte (DOD) ten points back at .331. Mike Trout (WW) exploded in December to grab the HR lead with 44. Trout also leads CGL hitters in Runs Scored (93), Slugging Pct. (780) and On-Base Pct. (.434). Jorge Soler (SB) has 42 HR's and his 100 RBI are tied with Nolan Arrenado (TOL). Brook Hollow Shortstop Xander Bogaerts leads the League with 125 Hits and his teammate Rafael Devers (BH) paces CGL Hitters with 47 Doubles. Trea Turner (CHA) is now 35/35 in Stolen Base Attempts to lead CGL base thieves.

Lucas Giolito (TOL) still leads CGL Pitchers with a 2.44 ERA and his 13 wins are tied with Gerrit Cole (DUL). Shane Bieber (BH) leads CGL Pitchers with 179.2 IP and 14 Complete Games while Justin Verlander (SAG) tops pitchers with 210 K's. Alex Colome (FIR) is the current CGL Saves Leader with 27.

I have attached the Hitting and Pitching Leaders through December as well as the December Standings and Team Hitting and Pitching.

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

My thanks for keeping CGL moving so smoothly from month to month and best wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year!!

Rob