**C.G.L. NEWSLETTER 12-27-2021**

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and that you were able to spend some time with your families this year! It’s been a difficult past couple of years for many of us but I’m hoping in 2022 we can finally turn the corner toward ‘normal’.

At the 100 game point in the 2021-22 CGL Season Westwind owns the best record (72-28) and leads the East by five games over Margaritaville who has the second best record in the League. Toledo has a slim three game edge over Santa Barbara in the South while Allouez is up five games on Duluth in the North. Port Orange is a dozen games ahead of Firetower and pulling away with the Central.

In what may be a first in CGL History Trevor Bauer (Charlotte) had 20 Strikeouts in a game at home against Port Orange but took the loss in a 7-5 final as the Falcons clobbered five Homeruns off the Sharks ace to account for all seven runs. Another rarity happened at Saginaw with Austin Hays (Brook Hollow) belting FOUR HR’s in a 15-2 Bandits win. It was the only game Hays started in the series!

Margaritaville leads CGL Pitching staffs with a 2.82 ERA and 16 Shutouts. The Wasters have also surrendered the fewest Hits (687), Walks (239) and Homeruns (134). Westwind has a League high 35 Saves while Northville has only eight. Northville did record their first shutout in team history this month with a 1-0 win at home over Duluth.

Port Orange still leads the CGL with a .258 Team Batting Average and 211 Homeruns. Duluth is the only other team over 200 HR’s at the 100 game mark of the season with 201. Allouez leads CGL with 908 Hits, 567 Runs and 221 Doubles. Toledo’s 23 Triples top CGL. Westwind has drawn the most walks (418) while Firetower has whiffed the most (953). There are now seven CGL teams who have hit more HR’s than Doubles! Westwind has the most +5 wins (25) and has also won the most 1-Run games (21).

D.J. LeMahieu is currently on a 23-game hitting streak and now leads CGL with a .370 Batting Average with Travis d’Arnaud (TOL) second at .344. Freddie Freeman (ALL) leads with 127 Hits and a .443 OB%. Luke Voit (PO) continues to crush the ball and has a mind blowing 58 Homeruns, 124 RBI and a Slugging Pct. Of .728 in just 100 games! Juan Soto (PO) has scored 95 Runs to top CGL hitters while Starling Marte (ELY) tops CGL with 27 Stolen Bases. Joey Gallo (FIR) has already whiffed 150 times.

Tony Gonsolin (SAG) still paces CGL pitchers with a 1.44 ERA with Clayton Kershaw (MARG) now second at 1.93. Blake Snell (FIR) tops CGL with 13 wins. Framber Valdez (MARG) and Jacob de Grom (ELY) lead CGL pitchers with four Shutouts. Shane Bieber (BH) leads CGL with 21 CG and 194.2 Innings Pitched while Trevor Bauer (CHA) leads hurlers with 235 K’s. Darren O’Day (PO) still leads CGL relievers with 31 Saves. Nick Anderson (MARG) is next with 25. Diego Castillo (ELY) ERA ‘rose’ to 0.38 with Devin Williams (WW) next at 1.03.

I’ve attached CGL Standings through December along with League Leaders in Hitting and Pitching.

Instructions for January are due to your opponents by the 5th.  Results are due the 26th.

Rob