

C.G.L. NEWSLETTER 1-27-16

Another CGL Season is nearly over and with a mere 30 games to play there are still two Division titles up for grabs. Elyria, on the strength of a 23-9 January, has overtaken Naples for the top spot in the South and holds a slight two-game lead over Naples. Waikiki Beach holds a slim one game lead over Saginaw after the Barking Ducks 13-19 month. Canterbury has an 11 game lead over Brook Hollow in the East while Italian has a Magic Number of ONE in the North with a 30 game 'edge' over Duluth with 30 to play. Congrats to the Stallions for wrapping up the North Division title and securing a spot in the Playoffs!

I have attached the CGL Standings, League Leaders and Team Hitting and Pitching through January. I have previously sent YTD stats to all Managers. If you did not get a copy please let me know ASAP and I'll send another copy to you right away.

Pitching, pitching and more pitching continues to be the theme of the 2015-16 CGL Season. Canterbury's pitching staff has 20 Shutouts this season while Charlotte is right behind the Tales with 19 shutouts. There are seven teams with ERA's of 3.06 or lower and only three team at 4.00 or higher. Italian leads the League in hitting (.246), Runs Scored (595), Doubles (278) and HR (200) while Duluth is the only squad with less than 100 HR (89).

Victor Martinez of Waikiki Beach paces the League with a .312 average. Buster Posey (SAG) and Michael Brantley (CAN) are both hitting .306 and are the only two other hitters above .300. Mike Trout paces CGL with 83 runs scored. This may be the first time in the history of our League where no hitter scored 100 runs! Anthony Rendon (CHA) tops CGL with 89 RBI and David Ortiz (ITA) has taken over the HR lead with 38, leading Kyle Seager (NAP) by one. Jose Reyes (ITA) has stolen 46 bases in 46 attempts to lead the League in that category.

Clayton Kershaw (CAN) sits atop the ERA Leaderboard at 1.66 while Felix Hernandez (ITA) and David Price (CHA) each own 19 wins heading into February. Kershaw, Tim Hudson (TEM) and Julio Teheran (IPA) have each tossed six shutouts and Price (CHA) also tops the hurlers with 316 K's.

THE 2016 CGL ROOKIE DRAFT is quickly approaching . It will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2016 AT KERRY DONATO'S IN ELYRIA, OHIO at 9:00 AM CENTRAL TIME. I recently bought airline tickets for Sherry and I to fly in to Cleveland on Thursday, April 14th. Tom Rosenberger (Deb) and Larry Bond (Cheryl) will be in Ohio for Draft weekend for sure. A trip to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is on Friday's docket for some of us as is dinner Saturday night as a group. I'm hoping a few more decide to join us in Elyria for Draft Weekend.

One addition to the CGL Draft List. Please add Nick Swisher to your list. I will send out one more copy of the draft list prior to the end of February.

CGL TRADING SEASON OPENS FEBRUARY 15TH. I need to hear from both managers involved in a trade to make the deal official.

Try to get your instructions out early, if possible, so we can wrap up the 2015-16 Regular Season and get the Playoffs underway and completed prior to the Draft. Updates coming as results arrive!

Rob