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With only 30 games to go the Playoff picture is starting to take shape. Westwind has a hefty 19 game lead in the East and Port Orange is seven games up on Waikiki Beach. Elyria rode a sizzling 24-8 January to take a five game lead in the South but Naples is only five games back while Ipanema is eight games out and still in the Playoff hunt. The tightest race is in the North where Duluth has a one game edge over Italian as we head into the final month of the 2016-17 CGL Season.

There were **FOUR NO-HITTERS IN JANUARY!** Seems the CGL bats were as cold as the Minnesota temps this month. **Ipanema's Jake Arrieta** fanned 13 and walked 3 in his gem against Firetower in a 5-0 Cariocas home win. **Jason Hammel of Elyria** whiffed 8 and allowed 4 free passes at home against the Barking Ducks of Waikiki Beach in a 6-0 Pirates win. **Charlotte had TWO No-Hitters** tossed at his Sharks this month. Both of them at Home! **Adam Warren (Dodge)** struck out 9 and walked 4 in a 9-0 road win for the Bullets. **Duluth's Dallas Keuchel** whiffed six Sharks and walked only one in a 3-0 Sled Dogs win despite FOUR errors by his defense. Four No-Hitters in one month and two in the same month against the home team are CGL Records that may never be broken. Files are attached for 3 of the gems.

Miguel Cabrera (DOD) has taken over the lead in CGL with a .303 Batting Average. Francisco Lindor (WW) and Dee Gordon (WAI) are the only other hitters above the .300 mark. Bryce Harper (WW) leads CGL with 98 runs scored. Paul Goldschmidt leads the League in HR (42) and RBI (107) with teammate Yoenis Cespedes leading CGL in doubles (51). Joey Votto (BH) has already drawn 106 walks.

Gerritt Cole has taken over the CGL ERA lead at 2.32 with Jake Arrieta (IPA) on his heels at 2.36. Cole also paces CGL with 18 wins. Zack Greinke (IT) still leads CGL with Six Shutouts. Tony Watson (NAP) leads Relievers with 34 Saves. Jake Arrieta tops CGL hurlers with 304 K's with Clayton Kershaw (CAN) second at 284.

Brook Hollow has taken the lead in Team Hitting by one point over Duluth (.254-.253) while Westwind leads the League in Runs Scored with 631. Italian is only two HR's away from the 200 mark while three other teams have a real shot at 200 Round Trippers. Duluth paces CGL in Team ERA's at 2.93 with only three teams having ERA's over 4.00.

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

The CGL Draft is set for Saturday, April 22nd in Elyria, Ohio at Kerry and Joyce Donato's house. I will be booking my flight soon and hope to see you at Draft HQ in a few short months!

Please get your instructions out early so we can wrap up the 2016-17 CGL Season and get the Playoffs underway as soon as possible.

Trading is allowed starting February 15th. I need to hear from both Managers to make a deal official.

Rob