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MAKE IT FOUR MONTHS IN A ROW WITH A NO-HITTER IN CGL! Saginaw's Kyle Hendricks hurled a No-Hitter at Brook Hollow in a 2-0 Bears win. Hendricks allowed four Free Passes and Whiffed a dozen in his gem. This is the second month in a row the Bandits have been No-Hit at Home.

With only 30 games to go in the 2017-18 CGL Season there are five teams that look like guaranteed Playoff teams. Westwind now leads Charlotte by seven games in the East despite a 22-11 month for the Sharks who have a four game edge over Naples for the #5 seed in the Playoffs. Saginaw has all but clinched the Central with a 16 game bulge over Waikiki Beach. Elyria holds a solid 11 edge over Naples in the South though the O's have all but secured a Wildcard spot. The big question is in the North where Allouez and Italian are both sitting two games UNDER .500 yet are tied for the Division lead!

At the other end of the Standings there are four teams within three games of each other for the first overall pick in the upcoming Draft. As always, I expect ALL CGL Managers to play their best players and pitchers in February as we close out the 2017-18 CGL Season.

Westwind now leads the CGL with a .250 Team Avg. to go along with a CGL best 2.89 Team ERA! The Warriors have scored a League leading 691 Runs to pace them to 90 Wins heading into February. Italian is only three HR's away from 200 while Waikiki Beach paces the Circuit in Triples (41) and HBP (102!). Kyle Hendricks No-Hitter keeps Saginaw in the lead with 18 Shutouts while Charlotte's 57 CG tops CGL teams. Charlotte has 83 wins and only 18 Saves. Brook Hollow has 53 wins and 18 Saves.

We're down to three CGL Hitters above the increasingly magical .300 mark. Jose Altuve (Elyria) still leads CGL hitters at .345 while Yadier Molina (Port Orange) is second at .313 and DJ LeMahieu (Margaritaville) is third at .309. Altuve also leads CGL with 191 hits and in Slugging Pct. at .561! Freddie Freeman (Allouez) hit 10 dingers in January to take over the CGL lead with 35 HR's. Carlos Beltran surged to the top of the RBI leaderboard with 97. Matt Joyce (Elyria) leads CGL in Runs Scored (107) and Walks (117). David Price (Elyria) hit the 20 win mark in January (20-2) while at least five other pitchers have a legitimate shot at 20 wins this year. Kyle Hendricks' (Saginaw) 1.98 ERA leads Starters and is tied with teammate Johnny Cueto with Six Shutouts to top the League. Max Scherzer (Waikiki Beach) tops pitchers with 279 K's and 231 IP. Joe Blanton (Naples) has taken over the CGL lead with 28 saves while Kenley Jansen (Margaritaville) tops the Relievers ERA with a stingy 1.23 mark.

The 2018 CGL Rookie Draft will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2018 here in Duluth starting at 9:00 AM Central Time. Trading Season starts February 15th and runs until Spetember 15th. I will send out more Draft related information next month.

Everyone should have Year-To-Date stats in hand as of this writing. If you have not received them please let me know and I'll get them to you right away.

A huge thanks to everyone for getting all games played and reported BEFORE the Deadline!

Rob