**C.G.L. NEWSLETTER 1-27-2022**

 The Playoff picture is starting to come into focus with just 30 games left in the 2021-22 CGL Season. Westwind and Margaritaville own the two best records in CGL and are in a tight battle for the East Division crown and likely 1st top seed with the Warriors two games up on the Wasters as we head into Divisional play in February. Santa Barbara has overtakenToledo in the South and holds a slight two game going into the final month of play. Allouez increased their lead over Duluth to 9 games in the North while Port Orange has all but sown up the Central with a whopping 18 game lead over Firetower. At the 132 game mark Charlotte and Margaritaville would hold the two Wild Card spots. On the other end of the Standings Italian ‘followed up’ a 3-21 December with a 2-30 January and has 107 losses with 30 games yet to be played. The Stallions have a 20 game ‘edge’ on Waikiki Beach for the #1 overall pick in the 2022 CGL Draft.

 Last month Trevor Bauer (Charlotte) had 20 Strikeouts in a game at home against Port Orange in a 7-5 loss vs. Port Orange. This month Toledo’s LUCAS GIOLITO FANNED 21 BEARS in a 6-0 Complete Game Shutout at Saginaw. Giolito faced 35 batters and allowed four hits and walked four in his gem.

 Margaritaville leads CGL Pitching staffs with a 2.80 ERA and 21 Shutouts. The Wasters have also surrendered the fewest Hits (883), Walks (311) and Homeruns (174). Brook Hollow and Elyria have the most Complete Games (50) while Westwind has a League high 44 Saves.

 Port Orange still tops the CGL with a .256 Team Batting Average and 1173 Hits while Duluth has taken over the Team Homerun lead with 277. Westwind’s big month has the Warriors scoring the most runs so far at 726 with Allouez leading teams with 303 Doubles. Brook Hollow’s 30 Triples top CGL. Westwind has drawn the most walks (553) while Firetower has whiffed the most (1310). Six CGL teams still have more HR’s than Doubles! Westwind has the most +5 wins (35) while Italian is 5-51 in five run games.

 D.J. LeMahieu (MARG) has a solid hold on the CGL Batting Title CGL with a .354 Batting Average with Travis d’Arnaud (TOL) second at .337. Other leaders include Jose Abreu (MARG) 169 Hits, Trea Turner (MARG) 122 Runs Scored, Freddie Freeman (ALL) 99 Walks and a .434 OB%. Luke Voit (PO) slowed down a bit in January but is still far ahead of the pack with 69 HR’s, 149 RBI and a Slugging Pct. Of .696. Whit Merrifield (PO) has taken the CGL Stolen Base lead with 35 swipes.

 Tony Gonsolin (SAG) still paces CGL pitchers with a 1.77 ERA with Clayton Kershaw (MARG) still second a 2.10. Lance Lynn (MARG) and Blake Snell (FIR) top CGL pitchers with 17 wins. Framber Valdez (MARG) and Jacob de Grom (ELY) lead CGL pitchers with FIVE Shutouts. Shane Bieber (BH) leads CGL with 26 CG and 246 Innings Pitched while Jacob de Grom (ELY) leads hurlers with 285 K’s. Darren O’Day (PO) still leads CGL relievers with 37 Saves. Nick Anderson (MARG) is next with 33. Devin Williams (WW) is the new relief ERA leader at 1.03.

 I’ve attached CGL Standings through January along with Team Hitting and Pitching and CGL Leaders in Hitting and Pitching.

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

Rob