

C.G.L. NEWSLETTER 11-27-15

We have had our first NO-HITTER of the 2015-16 Season! Canterbury's Jared Cosart tossed his gem in a face-to-face matchup against Mechanicsburg in an 11-0 win. Cosart walked one and hit one while fanning six. Congrats to Manager Landucci and his Tales on the first No-No of the season. The boxscore is attached.

There were two other pitching performances in November that are worthy of mention. Adam Wainwright, Max Scherzer and Ian Kennedy of Waikiki Beach tossed back-to-back-to-back 3-Hit Shutouts at home vs. Duluth. Jon Lester of Firetower faced the minimum 27 batters in a sterling one-hit performance at Duluth. Lester fanned 11 and did not walk a batter in the 5-0 Phantom win.

After 76 games Italian has opened up a 14 game lead in the North while Waikiki Beach has jumped out to a 9 game advantage in the Central. Canterbury holds a four game edge over Brook Hollow in the very tough Eastern Division while Naples, despite a .206 team batting average, sits atop the South with Elyria and Ipanema close behind.

The dominance of pitching is apparent with only three teams having an ERA over 4.00. Half of CGL's 16 teams already have at least six Shutouts. Only on the offensive side we have only three teams hitting above .240 while four teams are hitting under .220. Italian leads CGL with 105 HR's and 329 Runs.

Victor Martinez (WAI) is leading the League with a .344 average with only five other hitters above .300. Giancarlo Stanton (BH) leads the CGL in HR's (21) and runs scored (53) while Andrew McCutchen leads with 96 hits. Freddie Freeman is tied for the CGL lead with 40 RBI and leads the League in Walks and On Base Percentage.

Matt Shoemaker (ELY) sits atop the ERA Leaderboard with a sparkling 1.71 ERA while Tyson Ross (BH) and Yordano Ventura have already reached the 10 win plateau. Cory Kluber (IPA) paces the pitchers with 155 K's and three pitchers- Teheran (IPA), Wainwright (WAI) and Scherzer (WAI) – already have four Shutouts.

I have attached the CGL Standings, League Leaders and Team Hitting and Pitching through November as well as a copy of Cosart's No-Hitter. I 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.

THE 2016 CGL ROOKIE DRAFT DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH AT KERRY DONATO'S IN ELYRIA, OHIO. I will be sending out the 2016 CGL Rookie Draft List within the next week in a separate mailing. As of this date it looks like Larry Bond, Tom Rosenberger, Fred Landucci and yours truly will be attending. Please do your best to attend this centrally located CGL Draft. Sherry has said she'll come with me this year and we're hoping other wives/girlfriends will agree to make the trip as well. I am planning on arriving in Cleveland on Thursday, April 14th and making a trip to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on Friday (4/15). The New York Mets are in town that weekend and, if possible, perhaps we can take in a ballgame. A group dinner Saturday is a possibility as well. We always have a great time at our CGL gatherings and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We have a great group of guys who do their best to make this an APBA League we can all be very proud to be a part of. Thanks to all of you for your time, efforts and friendship.

Rob