## **C.G.L. NEWSLETTER 11-28-17**

Cole Hamels of Elyria became the first pitcher in CGL History to toss No-Hitters in consecutive months in a 1-0 win at Westwind! The Pirates lefty allowed two walks and struck out six in his gem on the road. The only run of the game came in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning when Danny Valencia's Sacrifice Fly plated Jose Altuve. Hard luck losing pitcher Drew Pomeranz allowed only six hits while walking three and fanning 14.

Charlotte owns the best record in CGL (53-23) through 76 games and has a slim two game lead over Westwind in the East. Saginaw's lead in the Central has shrunk to four games over Waikiki Beach while Elyria has a six game edge on Naples in the South. In the North, the Division has nearly flipped from October. Italian won 23 games in November to move into first place and holds a two game lead over Allouez heading into December.

Italian leads the CGL with a .256 Team Batting Average while Toledo sits with a .206 Team mark through 76 games. Elyria paces CGL with 403 runs scored with Westwind just six runs back at 397. Six teams have hit over 100 Homeruns paced by Italian with 122. Waikiki Beach hitters have been plunked an amazing 68 times in 76 games while Duluth has but three SB almost halfway through the season. Westwind's 2.86 Team ERA leads Saginaw (2.88) by just .02. Saginaw already notched 12 Shutouts with Westwind just behind the Bears with 10 whitewashings. Charlotte pitchers have completed 34 games this season while Duluth has 7 Complete Games.

Jose Altuve (Elyria) still leads CGL hitters with a .320 Average with only four other batters above the .300 mark. Evan Gattis (Charlotte) paces the league with 23 HR's while Trevor Story (Port Orange) leads CGL with 61 RBI. Jonathan Villar (Italian) has scored 63 runs while On Base leader Matt Joyce of Elyria (.421) is just a run behind Villar and also has a league leading 69 Walks. David Price (Elyria) and Jon Lester (Charlotte) top CGL hurlers with 12-1 records heading into December. Lester also leads the League in Complete Games (13) and Strikeouts (166). Kyle Hendricks (Saginaw) leads CGL with a sparkling 1.59 ERA while he and teammate Johnny Cueto each have four Shutouts to sit atop the leaderboard in that category. Wade Davis (Firetower) has taken over the League Lead in Saves with 22.

The 2018 CGL Rookie Draft List was sent out a couple of weeks ago. If you spot any errors please let me know ASAP so I can make corrections. The 2018 CGL Rookie Draft will be held in Duluth and I will announce the Draft Date in the next couple of weeks. As always, we will be using Chatzy for the Draft Day Chatroom if you are not able to attend in person.

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. Feel free to get your December instructions out early. With the Christmas Holiday coming up and only three series/12 home games next month it would be appreciated if everyone could get their games played and reported a day or two early.

Rob