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Hard to believe we are already two months and 76 games into the 2021-22 CGL Season but Thanksgiving is now in the rearview and Christmas is quickly approaching. As the Covid numbers rise in northern Minnesota I hope everyone is staying safe.

FIRETOWER’S BLAKE SNELL twirled the first NO-HITTER of the season in a 2-0 home win over Dodge. The Phantoms lefty walked four and fanned seven in his gem. Byron Buxton’s two run HR in the 8th inning provided the only runs of the game.

Westwind, Margaritaville and Charlotte flexed their muscles in the East as all three teams went 27-11 in November and the Warriors maintained their three game lead. Port Orange leads Firetower by seven games in the Central while Allouez has moved to seven games up on Duluth in the North. Santa Barbara leads Toledo by one game in what looks to be a season long battle in the South.

Firetower has a CGL 14 Shutouts to lead CGL while Northville has yet to record the first shutout in its very brief team history. Westwind has won a League High 15 1-Run games while Port Orange has lost 15 1-Run Games. Port Orange has the most +5 wins (18-5) while Italian has suffered the most blowout losses (5-26).

Port Orange still leads the CGL with a .270 Team Batting Average. The Falcons lead CGL Homeruns (158) with Duluth (151) and Allouez (150) also averaging more than two HR’s per game. Allouez leads CGL with 748 Runs, 170 Doubles and 17 Triples. There are six CGL teams who have hit more HR’s than Doubles! Margaritaville has lowered its team leading ERA to 2.64 while Italian’s 5.70 ERA is more than double that of the Wasters.

Travis d’Arnaud (TOL) has taken over the lead in Batting Average (.345). Freddie Freeman (ALL) leads with a .452 OB% while Luke Voit (PO) has an astounding 47 Homeruns and also leads CGL with 103 RBI and a Slugging Pct. Of .785. Juan Soto (PO) has scored 75 Runs to top CGL hitters.

Tony Gonsolin (SAG) still paces CGL pitchers with a 1.44 ERA with Framber Valdez (MARG) right behind him at 1.63. Blake Snell (FIR) tops CGL with 11 wins and Dallas Keuchel (DUL) is the only other pitcher with double digit victories with 10. Jacob de Grom (ELY) has already fired four Shutouts with six other pitchers at thee whitewashings. Shane Bieber (BH) has 16 Complete Games in 16 starts and leads CGL with 139.2 Innings Pitched while Trevor Bauer (CHA) leads hurlers with 160 K’s. Darren O’Day (PO) paces CGL relievers with 25 Saves. Nick Anderson (MARG) is 2nd with 20 Saves. Diego Castillo (ELY) leads relievers with a 0.32 ERA followed Anderson (0.76) and Port Orange’s Richard Bleier (0.87).

I’ve attached CGL Standings through November along with League Leaders in Hitting and Pitching.

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

Rob