

## Scoresheet Baseball October 12th, 2009

Hello Again: Here are your league's *Scoresheet* playoff results. Along with the playoff results there is a list of overall Scoresheet leaders in various categories at the bottom of these notes.

Every playoff team is playing against another very good team - the All-Star effect is quite large in the playoffs since these are the best teams in your league. ('All Star effect' meaning that your player's stats will be somewhat lower than you expect since they are facing such good opponents.) And just as in real life, the team with the best regular season won-loss record does **not** always win a short series. There is some luck involved in any short series, and more importantly, playoffs are not quite the same as the regular season.

For one thing, **depth is not nearly as important** in a short series as over the long haul of 162 games, especially in your starting pitching. In the regular season your 4th and 5th starters get almost as many starts as your #1 and #2 guys. This means that no matter how good your top 2 or 3 starters are, if your 4th and 5th starters have losing records your team's overall record will suffer. Likewise, a team that has 5 solid starters all year may end up with a very good won-loss record, even if they have no Cy Young types on their staff. But in a playoff series your 5th starter may not be used at all, and your 4th guy only pitches once. So, a team with just 2 or 3 really top starting pitchers is not hurt by having weak 4th and 5th starters, and can thus 'outperform' their regular season record. Also, we do weight September stats more heavily than that of the other months, so a team that finishes the

season well will tend to do better in the playoffs. Finally, injuries and last season trades can have a large effect on how well a team does in the playoffs.

NOTE: Each playoff series is played as if it is the only one your team is in. Playing time limits start over each series, and pitching rotations start with each team's #1 pitcher in each series. You can think of it as if we have a 4 day layoff between each series so teams can rest, and get their pitching staff ready for the next series.

Information on the upcoming *Scoresheet Baseball winter game* is now ready. Every off-season we play a 144 game season lasting 12 weeks, using players from a 4 year period. This year team owners will draft players from the 1977-1980 major league seasons. We will be running leagues that will use the web draft system, and also will form a couple of leagues that will draft 'old style' by sending in a ranking list to our office. Drafts will begin in late October, with the season starting in mid-December and going until early March. \$64 is the total cost of this winter's game - there are **\*no\*** charges for trades or lineup. If you would like a free brochure describing the winter game more fully, please let us know to send you one.

Next season's sign up information will be sent to all of you at the end of December. Please let us know if you move - we'd like to stay in touch with you! And lastly, we have printed the final overall leaders from throughout *Scoresheet* (just including teams from leagues with at least 8 teams.)

See ya next season! - Jeff Barton

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**AL Team Wins:** Pale Hosers (Gerry Rothrock) 114; Downeast Beasts (Davis Whitesell) 113; smithlocke (Greg Tavalire) 112; Trading Post (Chad Stenerson / Leon Shahon) 111; 3 tied with 110.  
AL Team Losses: Elohim Ma'uzzi 128; rubber city brawlers 125; Maybee's Babies 125; Encino Oaks 120; The IM Silver Hammer 117.  
AL Team ERA: Pale Hosers 2.98; Grapefruit Moon 3.03; smithlocke 3.31; Marauding CPAs 3.32; Studio 23 3.33.  
AL Tm R.S.: Detroit Dragsters 1018; New Beginnings 996; DC Big Doughnuts 985; Downeast Beasts 982; To Live and Die in Quahog 961  
AL Team HRs: Delbert 286; Frost Heaves 278; 23 Day Physical Cycle 277; Whimsical Wart Hogs 277; 3 tied with 273.  
AL Team Bat Avg: Alaskan War Lords .299; Blue's Bandits .297; Detroit Dragsters .295; Zanti misfits .294; White Heat .292.  
AL Team Slg Avg: Detroit Dragsters .497; New Beginnings .491; Wylie Oilers .488; Delbert .486; Atlas Slugged .484.  
AL Team Stolen Bases: Carefree 100 242; Old Dirty Players 228; fredbirds 223; BigBadBooBooDaddy 219; Mustang Cobras 205.  
AL Team Errors: Corporate Raiders 55; The OCD's 59; Mountain Lions 59; War Damn Eagle 59; Riverboat Gamblers 62.  
**NL Team Wins:** Ground N Pound (Paul Miramonti) 116; Al Asad Avengers (Eric Moyer) 114; Werewolves (Jeff Wong) 111; Young Guns (John Cannon) 110; 4 tied with 109.  
NL Team Losses: Bottom Dwellers 132; Strasburg Sweepstakes Winners 126; Baby Maybee 122; Pimpin' Ain't EZ 120; Team Darrell 117.  
NL Team ERA: Blue Hippos 2.82; Reno Silver Sox 2.82; Stags 3.00; dirtdogs 3.01; San Leandro Sea Dragon's 3.02.  
NL Team Runs Scored: Pugnations 923; Al Asad Avengers 912; Horseshoes 910; Ground N Pound 907; Diamond Dogs 904.  
NL Team HRs: Al Asad Avengers 279; Pray for Rain 264; Dog Days 256; Javelinos 255; 2 tied with 254.  
NL Team Bat Avg: Goose Eggs .288; River City Hardballers .287; Swinging Bluenotes .287; LYNX .287; I traded Reyes? .283.  
NL Team Slg Avg: Al Asad Avengers .483; Pray for Rain .479; Werewolves .474; Dog Days .472; River City Hardballers .472.  
NL Team Stolen Bases: Atlanta Beaneaters 173; GOODFELLAS 170; SJ Switch 169; Hackensack Reds 168; 2 tied with 165.  
NL Team Errors: Bobcats 60; Team 4 61; Moonwolves 62; Bugtussle Goomers 63; 2 tied with 64.  
**BL Team Wins:** Dirty Birds (Michael Turner / JD Wilks) 113; Steingrabbers (Jim O'Donnell) 110; Midwest Lumber Barons (Bobby Clarke) 110; Team Hoss (Richard Little) 110; 3 tied with 107.  
BL Team Losses: Diaper Dandies 148; Steel City 123; YOUNG GUNS 117; Katlyns Krew 115; 2 tied with 114.  
BL Team ERA: DK Goes Yard 3.26; Standard Fantasy Co. 3.26; Dutch Rudders 3.27; Steingrabbers 3.27; Butter Ball Turkey Friars 3.27; Savoy Special 3.27.  
BL Team Runs Scored: Goers 970; resyeK 953; Athletics 951; The Dudes 947; Deep Drive 944; Miles Texas Armadillos 940.  
BL Team HRs: Oz's Wizards 282; Skydogs Scuds 280; The Legend of Rowand 276; Moondaws 272; Tigers 272.  
BL Team Bat Avg: Dirty Birds .290; Ashburners .289; Schumann .289; Deep Drive .287; Niners .287.  
BL Team Slg Avg: Goers .486; Miles Texas Armadillos .482; The Fightin Pacifists .482; Stone Cold Blasters .481; Athletics .481.  
BL Team Stolen Bases: Fighting Whites 190; jarry park 188; Axe Factors 185; Monument Park 179; Eviscerating Chihuahua'z 178.  
BL Team Errors: Grittsburgh Pyrites 61; The Dudes 62; School'en Spartans 63; Niners 63; 2 tied with 64.