

Scoresheet Baseball October 1st, 2007

Hello again: Here are the final regular season games of the season. I do hope that playing *Scoresheet* made this a more fun baseball season for you. And for all of you who made the post-season I wish you the best of luck in the playoffs!

Scoresheet playoff results will be sent out early next week (Monday afternoon). The complete playoff results, including any tiebreaker series, all wild card series, and the league championship series, will all be included in next week's mailing. Even if you did not make the playoffs we'll send you a full print-out of all of your league's series - after playing against these guys for an entire season I'd think you'd be interested in the final results. And we will send **all** owners (even if your league has no playoffs) a final complete league roster, along with a copy of next week's newsletter, which will include final overall leaders from throughout *Scoresheet*.

TIES: As gone over in the notes that came with the games two weeks ago, if 2 or more teams are tied at the end of the season, **but the tie only matters for playoff seeding**, then we'll use head to head records to break the tie, and if those are tied we'll go to overall run differential. If two or more teams are tied and a playoff **berth** is at stake then a 7 game playoff will be played to break the tie. That tie-breaking series will use the same rules as our normal playoff series, and will be played (and results included) with the normal playoff results sent out next week.

One productive way to pass some time this winter is to look over the final 2007 season's stats, either gloating over your great picks, or planning on how to do better next season. This is also a great time of year to make out a list of players you want in next year's draft. After all, with the season just ending we all have a pretty good idea of which players did what - come next spring when you go to draft your memory of various players and what they did this season will not be nearly as fresh.

You may also want to take a look at the rosters of the teams that did well in your league, and see if there is something in the kind of team they put together that maybe you overlooked. Things such as having strong middle relievers, or solid defense, or good team speed, aren't as glamorous as hitting a lot of HRs, but can help you win ballgames. For instance, these days most starting pitchers are lucky to go 6 innings - you can't just have a starter and closer and expect to hold a lead. After all, if you give up too many runs in the 6th thru 8th innings you never get to your closer! And having a slow team often leads to a lot of men left on base. In

Scoresheet, slow guys do not score from second base on a single nearly as often as faster guys do. ('Speed' is measured by a combination of a player's major league steals and runs scored.) Having big name stars such as Pujols or ARod is a great thing, but having lesser known players that fill vital roles also contributes to a winning team. And best of all is to pick players who go on to have career years (guys like Carmona, Rollins, Dmitri Young, etc.) But unless you have a crystal ball, making picks like those back in March is hard to do!

Player positions next year: During the season, a player qualifies at a new position once he plays ten games there. But to automatically qualify at a second position in the draft packet at the start of the year, a player must have played at least **twenty** games in the majors at that position during the previous year. If a player **qualifies** at more than one position we do try and list him at what we feel is his most 'valuable' position to a *Scoresheet* owner, even if he played less games there.

Here are updated leaders for wins from throughout *Scoresheet*. **Remember, the wins listed below are thru last week's games (games thru 9/23/07 only.)** We will be printing the final leaders in all the various categories we track (including the final *Scoresheet* win leaders) in next week's newsletter.

Have Fun, and Play Ball! - Jeff Barton

AL Team Wins: Soxers (Stephen DuBois) 107;
Ground N Pound (Paul Miramonti) 107;
Texas Rangers (Ben Chapman) 106;
Diceros Bicornises (Ryan Wong) 105;
Athens Copperheads (Tony Mollica) 104.

NL Team Wins: Horseshoes (Herb Poole) 110;
Yellowstone Yogis (Steve Daughney) 108;
Diamond Dogs (Rick Osborne) 106;
Armed Forces (Mark Hanchey) 106; 3 tied with 105.

BL Tm Wins: Goers (Jim Elliott) 108;
Maybe this year? (Keith Fish) 103;
Axemen (Monte Milburn) 103;
Chien Ming Wang With a Side of Zito (Michael Mann) 101; 3 tied with 100.