

Street & Schmoody's Final 1985 Regular Season Power Rankings: ( ) indicates previous month's ranking.

22. (22.) Daytona Triangles (AL East 47-115). With their second poorest month and averaging less than eight wins per month, the Triangles nailed the crown for least successful SPB1 team by a margin of six games. Did we forget to mention a season ending ten game losing streak? Felipe or Pete or Barry?...That is if they get the #1 pick in next season's draft.

21. (21.) Beast Coast Brushbacks (NL East 53-109). If the Triangles were in the National League, the Brushbacks would have some competition sweeping the cellar. It is rumored that GM Chris Longo is salivating at the prospect of uber two-way player, Felipe Patata with the Brushback's top pick.

20. (20.) Preble Zorros (AL East 57-105). The Zorros are one of three teams with a century worth of losses. Nowhere but up from here. Rumor has it they may be in for a name change. Churros would be a sweet alternative.

19. (19.) Fairfax Peppers (NL East 65-97). The Peppers came close but they managed to avoid losing 100 games. They did go 38-37 in the second half. Could this be a trend for next season?

18. (18.) Ottawa Lynx (NL West 66-96). Three consecutive 90+ losses topping out with this season's 100. At least Lynx fans have Jimmy Key to watch.

17. (15.) Collierstown Highlanders (AL East 72-90). Highlanders failed to win a third consecutive ninety win season. Instead they put the ninety in the loss column. A surprise flip that could trend into next season.

16. (14.) Kenosha Eagles (AL West 76-86). From last season's seven game improvement to a twelve game improvement this season. With the trend upwards, these Eagles may reach the summit, but probably not any time soon.

15. (16.) Spirit Mountain Volcanoes (NL West 78-84). A September six game winning streak followed by a six game losing streak. These Volcanoes were consistent. A twenty game drop from last season's win column has Volcano fans ready to erupt. Hovering near .500 for most of the season, may portend positive results for next season. Or maybe not.

14. (17.) Evanston Black Sox (AL West 78-84). Their best month of the season (17-7) almost got the Black Sox back to .500. The Black Sox consecutive winning seasons streak ends at ten, which ties the Cleveland Spiders (71-80) for fourth most on the all-time SPB1 list. The Las Vegas Thunder I/Cleveland Buckeyes (69-83) hold the SPB1 record with fifteen consecutive winning seasons (14 by GM Mike See) and that one looks safe as the next active streak belongs to Marc Robinson's Cuyahoga River Flames (78-85) with eight.

13. (10.) Milwaukee Road (NL West 80-82). A brutal September road record (5-13) took the Road right off the path to a wild card and stretched their

losing seasons streak to eight. Road fans were so disappointed with the lineups for the last three series (the Road managed to use only three players from their opening day lineup) that very few bothered to go to opposing team stadiums, except for the Road fans in spotted cow costumes. This may be an indication of some mighty big changes coming down the tracks.

12. (12.) Asheville Tourists (NL East 80-82). The Tourists came very close to ending their consecutive losing seasons streak (now at five) and they look in better shape to end it next season. A blend of youth on offense and on the pitching staff has this team possibly visiting the playoffs next season as a dark horse pick.

11. (11.) Flushing Rats (NL East 80-82). With their poor September (12-18) perhaps last season's 88 wins was a mirage and these Rats may be flushing themselves further down the drain if they can not upright the commode handle.

10. (13.) Las Vegas Thunder (NL West 83-79). Using a division best (17-13) September record hurled the Thunder into the playoffs. There is nobody over 30 on this team, so get used to hearing some loud booms in the upcoming seasons as the Thunder will be making contender noises.

9. (6.) Cuyahoga River Flames (AL East 88-74). Another bridesmaid's divisional finish and an eighth consecutive winning season. And another season on missing out on the wild card, this time by four games. If the Flames were a National League team, they would have won the second wild card by five games. As the saying goes, if 'if' and 'buts' were candy and nuts, we would all have a merry christmas.

8. (8.) Bolton Hill Scotties (NL West 90-72). The Scotties have a young powerful offense with only an aging Mike Schmidt (.281 38 104). Can anyone say three division titles in a row? (OK, the Spiders can say that, also.) One of only two teams to score more than 900 runs (927), these Scotties should have little trouble repeating their division title next season if they can acquire the pitching to improve over this season's edition. Ninth in the NL in team pitching. The other NL playoff teams rank one, two, three. Says something about the Scotties playoff chances this year.

7. (7.) Indy Alley Cats (AL West 92-71). Again, the AL leading home run hitting team in September (42), along with runs scored (175), doubles (66) and strikeouts (193). A one game playoff loss to the Tigers for the last AL wild card has got to be disappointing. This team needs to improve their pitching in order to get past finishing as bridesmaids. Outslugged every other team by sixty home runs.

6. (9.) Frankfort Tigers (AL West 93-70). Led AL in September batting (.292) and had the AL best second half of the season. Winning a one game playoff to capture the second wild card points to a hungry Tiger on the prowl. Plus this team led the SPB1 in stolen bases (164). Cy Young candidate Dwight Gooden's 25 wins topped the SPB1 and AL batting champ and MVP candidate 3B George Brett

(.361 27 99) might have the Tigers snarling their way to a championship, "they're grrrrreeeeeeaaaattttt."

5. (4.) Cleveland Spiders (AL East 90-72). Winning a division counts for something. Surviving an early September nine game losing streak by ending the season with a six game sweep of the Triangles may just give the Spiders the mojo to make it to the SPB1 Championship. The Spiders last won the SPB1 championship in the 1979 season. Will this pitching staff spin a web of championship form?

4. (5.) Blue Ridge Mountaineers (NL East 96-66). Matching the Mets with a 20-10 September, these Mountaineers cruised into the wild card by thirteen games. This may be the Mountaineers do or die scaling to the summit. With an aging rotation this franchise may have reached their crest. Give their staff some credit, they led the SPB1 in team ERA. Might count for something in the playoffs.

3. (3.) Rockford Forest Citys (AL West 104-58). Winning 104 games and finishing five games back shows how strong this division is. A 22-8 September should throw some fear into Forest Citys playoff opponents. AL HR leader Darrell Evans (43) along with Goose Gossage (36Sv) to close out games will provide the veteran presence necessary to capture a SPB1 Championship trophy, last done by the Forest Citys in 1981.

2. (1.) New York Mets (NL East 106-56). Led SPB1 in season team batting average (.286), hits (1698), and doubles (31). The Mets last appearance in the playoffs was in 1979. They lost a championship in 1978 and they won it all in 1976. Of all the playoff teams, only the Spiders and the Mets were in the top four in giving up the least amount of homeruns.

1. (2.) Bloomington Hoosiers (AL West 109-53). Only team to hit .300 (.316) in September. Not only did the Hoosiers have the best September record with a 20-4 record they also ended up with the best record in the SPB1. All Hail the Hoosiers. A top tier hitting and pitching team, the Hoosiers will be the prohibitive favorites in this year's playoffs.

#### SPB1 League Batting Leaders:

AL Batting Leader:	.361	George Brett, Tigers
NL Batting Leader:	.373	Wade Boggs, Scotties
AL OB Leader:	.447	George Brett, Tigers
NL OB Leader:	.457	Wade Boggs, Scotties
AL SLG Leader:	.594	Pedro Guerrero, Flames
NL SLG Leader:	.569	Dave Parker, Mets
AL OPS Leader:	1.024	George Brett, Tigers

NL OPS Leader:	.947	Wade Boggs, Tigers
AL Home Run Champ:	43	Darrell Evans, Forest Citys
NL Home Run Champ:	38	Mike Schmidt, Scotties
AL RBI Champion:	132	Keith Hernandez, Tigers
NL RBI Champion:	145	Mike Schmidt, Scotties
AL Games Leader:	162	4 players tied w/
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AL PA Leader:	730	Phil Bradley, Forest Citys
AN PA Leader:	769	Don Mattingly, Mets
AL AB Leader:	685	Steve Garvey, Black Sox
NL AB Leader:	706	Don Mattingly, Mets
AL Hits Leader:	232	Tony Gwynn, Hoosiers
NL Hits Leader:	236	Wade Boggs, Scotties
AL Runs Leader:	123	Brett Butler, Hoosiers
NL Runs Leader:	121	Willie McGee, Tourists
AL Doubles Leader:	46	Jose Cruz, Spiders
NL Doubles Leader:	59	Don Mattingly, Mets
AL Triples Leader:	15	Willie Wilson, Tigers
NL Triples Leader:	18	Kirby Puckett, Thunder
AL ExtraBase Hits:	70	Andre Dawson, Cats/Phil Bradley, Forest Citys
NL ExtraBase Hits:	93	Don Mattingly, Mets
AL Stolen Bases Leader:	71	Vince Coleman, Eagles
NL Stolen Bases Leader:	74	Tim Lincecum, Scotties
AL Walks Leader:	112	Rickey Henderson, Highlanders
NL Walks Leader:	105	Dwight Evans, Scotties
AL Strikeout Leader:	159	Steve Balboni, Zorros
NL Strikeout Leader:	155	Jesse Barfield, Scotties
AL Total Bases Leader:	328	George Brett, Tigers
NL Total Bases Leader:	397	Dave Parker, Mets
AL GIDP Leader:	38	Steve Garvey, Black Sox
NL GIDP Leader:	36	Julio Franco, Brushbacks
AL SacFly Leader:	11	Mike Marshall, Alley Cats
NL SacFly Leader:	15	Mike Schmidt, Scotties

AL HBP Leader: 14 Carlton Fisk, Alley Cats  
NL HBP Leader: 17 Don Baylor, Brushbacks

SPB1 League Pitching Leaders:

AL ERA Champ: 1.45 John Tudor, Spiders  
NL ERA Champ: 2.07 Sid Fernandez, Mets

AL Wins Leader: 25 Dwight Gooden, Tigers  
NL Wins Leader: 18 Dave Stieb, Tourists

AL Loss Leader: 19 Jay Tibbs, Highlanders  
NL Loss Leader: 17 Floyd Bannister, Volcanoes

AL IP Leader: 292.2 John Tudor, Spiders  
NL IP Leader: 250.1 Oil Can Boyd, Mets

AL Strikeout Leader: 274 Dwight Gooden, Tigers  
NL Strikeout Leader: 185 Floyd Bannister, Volcanoes

AL Saves Leader: 36 Rich Gossage, Forest Citys  
NL Saves Leader: 27 Donnie Moore, Mets

AL Shutout Leader: 8 John Tudor, Spiders  
NL Shutout Leader: 6 Orel Hershiser, Thunder

AL Appearance Leader: 73 Dan Spillner, Eagles  
NL Appearance Leader: 77 Rick Camp, Volcanoes

AL GS Leader: 36 John Tudor, Spiders/Dwight Gooden, Tigers  
NL GS Leader: 34 3 tied w/

AL Walks Leader: 105 Mario Soto, Flames  
NL Walks Leader: 91 Nolan Ryan, Scotties