

Way late as 1990 seems like forever ago. Finally got around to working this up.

1990 Pre-Season Prediction – Post Season Review by Prose Perpetrator a.k.a. Beet Righter.

1990 is over! Faaagitaboutit time to move on and get ready for the draft! Not so fast my friends. I'll recap on my past ramblings and in the next issue, gamble on the greatness that could be had. HA HA HA.

The write-ups will have the following flow:

"something I typed before the season began" [my two cents] other ramblings of a mad man.

League – Division

Team Name – Manager – Position Prediction – Wins, based on PT – Actual Wins – Actual Finish – Write-Up Ramblings a.k.a my 2 cents. 48 more will get U fiddy.....

American League – East:

East Kenosha Lemurs – Dave Lauer

1989 - 75-87 - 4th place

1990 – 100 PT wins – 1st place **ACTUAL: 75-87** 5th Place

All the other Kenosha towns; *"West, North and South will flock to see the Lemurs. Expectations are high for 1990. Fleet of foot these Lemurs will steal their fans hearts with their flashy kicks."* [only thing the really stole – money from the fans. After a few weeks, the smart fans stayed away.] 93 stolen bases and they were caught 36 times. Wade Boggs only hit .280 with a .358 OBP Roberto Kelly and his 11 HRs were team leading. Tony Fernandez and his 72 RBIs aint nothing to brag about however, his 16 triples are something to brag about.

"Lefties Langston, Guthrie and Glavine are joined by righties Mark Portugal and Dave Johnson. Giving up 131 HRS won't be that scary in Comiskey compared to the 130 DPs their pitchers will induce." [gave up 114 HRs turned 100 DPs – total] Mark Portugal 12-11 3.03 ERA, Tom Glavine 12-16 4.41 ERA, Mark Langston 11-14 4.04 ERA bullpen help from GW Harris 7-2 2.24 ERA with 22 SVs in 67 games and Mitch Williams 2-7 3.32 ERA 20 saves in 55 games. *"No MVP type player on the team however, they have enough talent for the All-Star Team and more importantly, make a playoff run.* [NO MVP, hardly All-Star worthy] This can be said about EKL – they had fun.

Carolina Game Sox – Steve Eury

1989 - 95-67 - 2nd place

1990 – 88 PT wins – 2nd place **ACTUAL: 82-80** 4th Place

“High hopes. Kevin Mitchell will be a one man wrecking crew.” [yes he was .295/.361/.552 36HRs 105 RBIs] *Dave Parker will add additional power from first base.* [.304/.344/.470 20 HRs 84 RBIs] *Otis Nixon and Alex Cole will be tracking down balls in the outfield and swiping bases and running amuck on the base paths.* [Otis 34 runs, 25 SBs 14 CS][Alex Cole; 50 runs, 37 SBs and 8 CS] *Three frontline starters; Dave Stewart, Greg Maddux and Mike Boddicker will carry the team.* [Dave Stewart 18-10 1.88 ERA (how did he lose 10?!?!) 36 starts 9 CGs and 4 SHUT OUTS [Greg Maddux 17-6 2.80 ERA] [Mike Boddicker 3.01 8-10] *“The bullpen is still fragile and will have to be monitored closely as to not be overused. Getting to closers John Franco will be the responsibility of Schatzeder and Burns.”* [Franco 5-7 3.15 ERA and 29 SVs in 61 games. Schatzeder 3-10 4.21 ERA 50 games, Burns 3-1 3.51 ERA 45 games.] *The rotation will carry the team to 2nd for they could fall to 4th.* [and they did fall to 4th]

Worcester Grays – Hugh McElaney

1989 - 98-64 - 1st place

1990 – 81 PT wins - 3rd place **ACTUAL: 99-63** 1st Place

Darryl “Straw That Stirs the Drink” should relish in cracking HRs in Jack Murphy Stadium. [.249/.333/.412 24HRs 82 RBIs & 139 Ks] *Solid infield and outfielders will support Strawman.* [Robin Yount .291/.346/.428 92 Runs, 83 RBIs & Tony Phillips .243/.360/.340 81 Runs, Eric Davis .295/.376/.560 31 HRs 70 Runs 88 RBIs]] *Lefties and righties in the rotation with ERAs over 4.50 will put pressure on the offense to produce. Team ERA of 4.07 [3.59] 577 BBs [471] and 1016 Ks [929] a defense with 167 DPs [137] might be the right mix to keep the Grays in the game. Leads in the 8th should be a lock when Hugh calls for one of his closers; Bryan Harvey[3.70 5-6 33 SVs 59 games] and Tim Burke [1.68 6-2 9 SVs 65 games & Jerry Gleaton 3.15 11-3 3 SVs 62 games] should slam many a door when they get the chance. Easily a team that can crunch the numbers or the numbers can crunch them. [Numbers they did CRUNCH!. Hibbard 18-7 2.79 ERA, Perez 16-6 3.53 ERA. TOTAL TEAM ERA 3.59 they gave up 94 HRS and turned 137 DPs. Saves totaled 51 with Mat Harvey 5-6 3.70 ERA and 33 SVs in 59 games] [29 team triples 147HRs made the team the winner of the division]*

Frankfort Firebugs - Gary Plunkitt

1989 83-79 - 3rd place –

1990 79 PT wins – 4th place **ACTUAL 83-79** 3rd Place

Howard Johnson should lead the team in steals and HRS, playing someplace. [124 games @ SS & 22 games @ 3B – 18 HRs tied for 3rd 29 SBs were four better than upstart Larry Walker] Decent supporting cast:
Jack Clark [.263/.445/.503 21 HRs 47 RBIs he walked 111 times in 126 games, scoring 63 times] Hubie Brooks [.234/.274/.399 15HRs, 60 RBIs], Rob Deer [.219/.312/.479 22 HRs 51 Runs 55 RBIs] and youngster Larry Walker [.279/.361/.499 18 HRs 66 Runs 53 RBIs 25 stolen bases caught 9 times] could combine for an explosive offense. [667 runs] *Just how often they explode will be the question.* [offensive production was not up to expectations] *Marching Frank Tanana to the mound 30 times will give Gary something to*

talk about. [3.73 9-8 30 GS 4 CGs 2 SHO] Team ERA 3.97 [3.55] in spite of Frank's 5.31 ERA *sez something of his other pitching mates.* [Jack McDowell 4.09 8-12 33 GS, Mark Knudson 4.08 10-9 26 GS Bret Saberhagen 3.06 11-7 22 GS] *Bullpen is deep and crowded. Musical Closer has the organist playing the childhood "pop goes the weasel" when Gary strolls to the mound. Who will "pop" up for the role of closer?* [Greg Nelson 2.47 5-4 15 SVs in 53 games, Alejandro Pena 3.63 9-7 7 SVs in 46 games, Lefty Wayne Edwards was lights out VS LHB 3.90 2-6 6 SVs in 49 games, Steve Olin 2.75 3-6 5 SVs in 52 games team total of 73 SVO blowing 24 saves locking down 40 total SVs Pitchers gave up 124 HRS turning 118 DPs

San Diego Vaqueros – Steve Lehman –

1989 53-109 - 5th place

1990 74 PT wins – 5th place – **ACTUAL 93-69** 2nd Place 40 game jump in the win column from 1989 – just a bit off on my guesstimate by 19 games for 1990

Skinny Sammy will steal more bases than homers this year. [Sammy stole 8 and hit 14 HRs] *Lance Johnson will show off his speed in the outfield and on the bases.* [31 SBs, 8 3Bs of the teams 39 total 3B] *Cast of characters support these two.* [John Olerud .288/.380/.462 16HRs and 65 Runs were team highs, Mell Hall .311/.329/.530 15 HRs team best 66 RBIs. *Edgar Martinez is a worthy 3rd baseman and perennial all-star.* [.306/.387/.391 58 Runs, 52 RBIs] *Lefties R Us – could be the nickname for the rotation.* Chuck Finley [3.05 12-9 35 GS 10 CGs 4 SHOs] and Zane Smith [2.62 16-7 34 GS 11 CGs 2 SHOs] are solid, Pat Combs [3.02 11-9 34GS], Steve Searcy [2.56 4-7 12 GS 2 CGs] and young Jamie Moyer [4.88 8-9 20 GS] are adequate. Alex Fernandez [3.56 6-3 14 GS] will easily find his glove "one of these things is not like the other" in the bullpen. Team ERA of 3.72 WHIP of 1.35 and 147 DPs might keep the team in a few games. Deciding what music to play when the closer walks to the mound, sadly won't be a decision the organist will have to make too often. Sports Fans all over the nation can't wait to see Mike Capel take the mound. [alas, Mike Capel never did get a chance to take the mound ☹️] Steve worked bullpen magic the teams 45 SVs total team effort, Aquino 1.80 2-1 12 SVs 25 games, Carman 1.85 4-3 8 SVs 32 games, Blair 2.62 3-6 8 SVs 28 games and EIGHT other pitchers picked up at least one SV. Team ERA of 3.10 27 CGs 13 SHOs 7 were CG and the other 6 were team effort. Guess the mix match of music really got the team to produce. The X-Factor was Steve's ability to get the most out of what he put on the field.

Ottawa Rough Riders – Stan Barkun

1989 50-112 - 4th place

1990 50 PT wins – 6th place – **ACTUAL 53-109** 6th place

Rough Riders will be in for a rough ride, again. Power and speed are balanced 116 HRS to 111 SBs. [120 HRS 51 SBs 22 CS] *Candy Maldonado* [.271/.329/.461 25 HRs 72 Runs 79 RBIs] *and Juan Samuel* [.237/.314/.376 15 HRs 69 Runs, 49 RBIs 27 SBs] *lead the team respectively with their talents. Another long season for the Rough Rider faithful. If Randy Johnson* [3.97 7-14 33GS 103 BB 194 Ks 213 INN 15 HRs], *John Burkett* [4.10 8-13 33 GS], *Bill Gullickson* [4.71 5-21 34 GS 208 INN 128 RUNS on 109 ER – tuff

luck pitcher] and Bob Walk[5.23 3-11 26 GS] keep the other team's offense guessing, it will be a fun season. Giving up 155HRS [159] and 130 DPs [96 – guess the gloves behind the mound weren't working or the grounds crew weren't being paid enough] and a 1.39 WHIP, team ERA 3.83 [4.24] could be a highlight for the RRs. Ottawa residents endured a long winter and hope this summer will be worth the wait. Spell check did not replace "wait" with hibernate until next year.

American League West:

Rossville Rockets – Rick Ryan

1989 – 90-72 - 1st place – WS Winner –

1990 - 95 PT wins – 1st place - **ACTUAL 101-61 1st Place WS Champs**

Getting back to the playoff after winning the WS shouldn't be a challenge. [it wasn't and they did] MVP candidate "Ryno" Sandberg leads the team with power and speed. [.276 36 DBs 40 HRs 118 Runs 96 RBIs 25 SBs] With other boppers on the team, his speed won't be needed. Rockets slug a combined 240 HRS. [216 HRs] C Lance Parrish 26 [17HRs], 1B Eddie Murray 26 [27HRs], 2B Ryno 40[40HRs], 3B Tim Wallach 21[18HRs], OFers; Bo Jackson 28 [21HRs], Andre Dawson 27[37HRs], Dale Murphy 24[12HRs], Dave Henderson 20[21HRs]. This team will get on base and score runs. Starting rotation might be suspect. Ed Whitson is legit at the top.[21-3 9 CGs 1.95 ERA Team ERA 3.46 [3.16] 1.31 WHIP giving up 147 HRS[131] and only 108 DPs 117]might be an issue for other teams however, Rockets offense make up for these offensive pitching numbers. Rockets played well and total team effort.

Huston Colt 45's – Scott Saxon

1989 – 90-72 – 1st place

1990 – 85 PT wins – 2nd place – **ACTUAL 64-98 6th Place**

A fine mix of power and speed; 153 HRS [109] and 146 SBs[63]. Even keel is Chris "Spuds" Sabo at third with 25 each[14HRs 9 SBs]. Glen Davis hits 22HRS [16] in 381 Pas[366]. Inky gets 24 [21]and plays every day in the outfield, thanks to .233 AVE[.214 533 Abs]. 99 Starts between Bruce Hurst, Tim Leary and Mike Scott[96 starts 8 of 13 CGs came from these three]. Getting the ball to everyday closer, 73 games Jeff Montgomery will be exciting[6-7 record 25 SVO 17 SVs in 49 appearances]. Team ERA 3.85 [3.78] WHIP 1.34 152 HRS [103HRs] 124 DPs[119DPs] could be another team with a fine balance between success and almost.

New York Metropolitan – Don Rahn

1989 – 82-80 - 4th place

1990 – 84 PT wins – 3rd place – **ACTUAL** 69-93 5th Place

Steve Howe taking this year off for the Mets does not bode well for 1990. Don's bench is full of players however, Steve Sax and his 680 PAs [623ab .254 69 runs 27 SBs] is joined by Charlie Hayes[.278 460 Abs 16 HRs] as everyday players. No MVP and only fan voting will get his hitters into the All-Star Game[Devereaus .292 ave 373 Abs 18 HRs 60 runs 55 RBIs as a part-time player was the offensive highlight for the offensive offense]. Starting rotation will see some variety as only two have 33 games; Joe DeLeon [35 GS 10-14 3.12 ERA]and David Cone[34 GS 12-16 3.02 ERA 9 CGs]. Team ERA 3.88 [3.73] WHIP 1.36 130 HRS [124]to 98 DPs[99] bode fair for a team that walks 552 [565]and Ks 1,030 [1237]in 1,339 [1469]innings. A fine mix and match. Get hits, score runs and hold the lead. If that happens more than; don't score and give up runs, the Mets will rejoice in 1990. Not nearly as much as they'd like.

Winnipeg Goldeyess – Don Hunt

1989 – 73-89 – 6th place –

1990 - 79 PT wins – 4th place - **ACTUAL** - 91-71 2nd Place

Waiting on "Big Hurt"[.311 .467 OBP 225 Abs 17 HRs] to learn the ropes. Goldeyess Groupies or Guppies will see more "base 2 base" baseball than "bloop & blast" [103 HRs] Randy Milligan[.247 376 Abs 20 HRs 74 Runs 63 RBIs] will be the offensive star and that alone could be construed as offensive. Pitching staff that has FOUR pitchers with 33 starts apiece and not an ERA above 3.89 from a one of them! A combined ERA of 3.55 WHIP 1.28 sees the Goldeyess corp giving up 604 BBs and 1,095 Ks. Oil Can Boyd[30 GS 16-8 3.18 ERA], Dennis Martinez[33 GS 19-9 3.09 ERA], Scott Sanderson[30 GS 7-7 3.81 ERA] all in their 30s will show youngster John Smoltz[35 GS 12-14 3.58 ERA] a thing or three. An adequate bullpen will bridge the gap from starter to closer Gregg Olson[34 SV 8-5 2.75 ERA in 65 games]. Scoring runs might not be as big as an issue, as long as the pitching gets their job done. Don will be shuffling players around each position save second where Gov. Jerry Browne [132 games 568 Abs team leader – 100 more than next player] holds court. Aside from Daulton, not a single player with more than 500 Pas. Almost like a carney or street hustler saying "round and round she goes, who is in the starting lineup, nobody knows". [14 players played in more than 70 games]

Lafayette Aviators – Steve Ehresman

1989 – 83-79 3rd place

1990 – 77 PT wins – 5th place **ACTUAL** -73-89 – 4th Place

"Look at that look at that. There he goes. They call Him the Streak" 239 [210]total steals will see this team off and running. Eric Yelding leads the charge with 64 [36 SB 23 CS] however, hold true to the adage "You can't steal frist" as his .305 OBP [.325]will be the only thing that slows him down. "Speed &

Strength" is personified by Ron Gant and his 32HRs [33]and 33 SBs[27]. Steve will be shuffling the lineups to ensure his players meet the 50% limits as plenty of ABs to go around. Pitching.....See Aviators pitch the ball. See other team hit the ball[3.77 ERA 1453 IPs 1453 Hits]. See the ball fall safely in the field. See the ball fly over the fence[138 HRS 138 DPs]. Not the childhood story the Aviator faithful want to hear. Carrying three starters with ERAs over 4.50 will get you 99 starts [Garrelts 3.57 ERA 34 GS 10-15, Hawkins 4.13 ERA 34 GS 12-10]. Team ERA 4.31[3.77], WHIP 1.43 568 BBs 709 Ks 149 HRS while inducing 157 DPs. Nice mix of lefty/righty in the bullpen will see Steve strolling the mound regularly. Rick Aguilera [3-3 7SVs in 30 games] will be called on to Close The Door[door was closed 32 times with Gutterman saving the most with 9]. Just how many times does he gets called will be the question.

Toledo Mud Hens – Rich Applegate

1989 – 77-85 5th place

1990 - 76 PT wins – 6th place **ACTUAL** - 87-75 3rd Place

"Toledo, we have a problem" Carlton Fisk [130 games 399 Abs]and BJ Surhoff[126 games 343 Abs] have 1,051 PAs at catcher. "No worries. BJ plays third" "Toledo, so does Robin Ventura and his 565 [455]PAs" "No worries, they will bat leadoff" 20/20 man Joe Carter[14 HRs 12 SBs] leads the team in power with 24 HRs and is second behind Barry Larkin's [.318 616 Abs 102 runs 23 SBs] 30 steals with 22. A decent balance of 114 HRs and 145 SBs. [84 HRs 75 SBs] Tony Gwynn[.320 568 Abs] joins Joe Carter in the outfield and the "other guy". Not as bad as Star Trek when Cpt Kirk would say "Bones, Spock, Checkoff and Applegate" Go down to the planet and check out that unexplained happening" Ok, Rich's lineup card will not have the dramatic effect of not seeing his players again. They will be seen, again and again and again. 4.06 ERA [3.81] 1.41 WHIP 144HRs[156] and 143 DPs [119]might be the balance of a .500 season. Another area that will keep fans guessing "What Will Rich Do?" is the traditional closer role. Pick a pitcher, any pitcher will do. GA Harris 15-7 28 GS 3.92, Matt Young 14-8 27 GS 2.47 were team leader. Eye See Nothing Klink – 2-3 23 SVs 3.88 ERA in 50 games. Team totaled 41 SVs 5 pitchers shared the other 18 SVs.

National League East –

Ostego Lake Monsters - Mike See

1989 – 61-101 - 6th place

1990 – 114 PT wins – 1st place **ACTUAL** – 111-51 1st Place

Typed here last year "Little team power, little team speed, little team offense." Oh what a difference a year makes! 216 HRs [189]and 129 SBs. [68] Log jam issue is stuffing 1st base with 1,073 PAs and 72

HRs between Cecil Fielder [46 HRs] and Kevin Maas[12HRs 134 Abs]. Barry Bonds 33 [32]HRs and 52 [38]SBs, Griffey Jr. 22 [16]HRs and 16 [11]SBs. Playing in the Skydome with 116 HR numbers for both LH and RH hitters bodes well for the home team. Monsters are second in league with runs scored with 896[868] (Lemurs 903[663]) and first in the league with runs allowed, 585 [548] giving them 114 [111] projected wins! Worst to First in 1990 has the Monster Landing three 33 game starters, Ramon Martinez[35 GS 19-12 4.54 ERA], Pete Harnisch[28 GS 8-8 5.30 ERA] and Andy Benes [34 GS 18-10 2.97 ERA] will get the majority of pressure to win games. With this offense and decent numbers could have a Monster pitcher dream about a CY Young Trophy[Trevor Wilson 19 GS 11-2 2.65 ERA – just not enough starts] . Dave Smith and Mike Schooler have the title for the closer role however, for whom the bell tolls could see Larry Andersen at 37 [52 games 31 SVs, 5-2 2.42 ERA] use the ole adage of “Age and Treachery Beats Youthful Enthusiasm”. Combined ERA 3.25 WHIP 1.22 487 [452]BBs and 1,133 [1084]Ks does not bode well for the opposing teams. The wait is over. 1990 has the Ostego Lake Monster Maniacs from last year, changing their moniker to Minions this year. Those lake creatures sure can be fickle. No more bottom dwelling as the Monsters should feast till it’s over. Made it to first however, not to the WS – this year.

Edmonton Magpies – Chris Williams

1989 – 103-59 - 1st place

1990 – 86 PT wins – 2nd place **ACTUAL** - 66-96 6th Place

*Magpies will manufacture runs[690]. Plenty of PAs abound and not a MVP candidate in the bunch[Team Highest .301 15HRs 86 Runs 71 RBIs 29 SBs]. Then how could the team be picked to finish 2nd?? Numbers. Team average is combined .253 [.265].322[.319] OBP and .364 [.386]SLG 106 [113]HRs and 123 [62]SBs does not exactly throw fear into the hearts of opposing pitching. Bip Roberts[.301 AVE .364 OBP 86 RUNS 29 SBs] leads the charge and Gary Gaetti[15], Danny Tartabull[18], Dwight Evans[9] provide power with 16,15, 13 HRs modestly. 4.17 [4.52]ERA, 1.37 WHIP 148 [160] HRs and 121[130] DPs reflects a decent mix. Bob Welch will toe the rubber 35 [35 GS 15-15 3.71 ERA] times and Chris Nabholz 2.83 ERA[4-5 3.30 ERA in 9 starts] and 9.9 runners allowed per 9 innings, will provide the best chance for success. The cast of characters or posing pitchers in the rotation will be “bonus babies”[Mike Moore 35 GS 8-20 5.20 ERA * Pete Harnish of Monsters had a 5.30 ERA and was 8-8 – scoring runs can do that for a pitcher] and not the good kind that show potential and secured \$\$\$\$ in their contracts. Their ERAs are above 4.50 [4.52]. Plenty of arms in the bullpen to keep the game close. Another team picking their closer from a hat[31 SVs and Plunk had 22 in 50 games]. Looking at the Magpies has me scratching my chin and muttering “how can they finish 2nd?” Numbers say the will and no doubt Chris will find a way. Just how close they can keep to the Monsters..... Numbers lie or I hit the wrong keys.*

Minneapolis Millers – Terry Baxter

1989 – 70-92 - 4th place

1990 – 78 PT wins – 3rd place **ACTUAL** – 67-95 5th Place

Dave Justice brings his smooth swing and 28 HRs [.250 .324 .433 420 abs 15HRs 64 runs 71 RBIs] to Minneapolis and provides instant offense in the outfield. Will Clark [16] and Paul O'Neill [14] also hitting LH add 19 and 16 HRs. Balance has the Millers with 125 [113]HRs and 127 [70]SBs. No standout MVP type player has the Millers working on the team concept [Jeff King 18 HRs 69 RBIs]. Bullpen has arms a plenty 4.28 [4.47] [ERA 1.43 WHIP 140 [135] HRs and 128 [163 – what would the ERA have been were it not for at least one DP per game??]DPs. No CY Young [no double digit winner 16 CGs 10 shutouts, Steve Frey 1-8 18 SVs in 49 games 3.36 ERA] type pitchers to be seen. Jeff Robinsin and his 5.96 [5.57 ERA 29 GS 7-14] ERA could start 33 games is joined by another +4.50 mate in Don Robinson [28 GS 5.17 ERA 5-16] to form half the rotation. When your titled closer has an ERA of 4.31 you hold near and dear the adage, “Numbers don’t win games. Players do”. This is why we play the games. They played and didn’t win the games with players or numbers. Did stay below the dreaded 100 loses.

Baltimore SpaceMen – Mace Matayc

1989 – 81-81 - 3rd place

1990 – 69 PT wins – 4th place **ACTUAL** 84-78 3rd Place

Bobby Bonilla 32 and Matt Williams 33 lead the banging and joined by “Big Cat” Galarraga 20 and George Bell 21 in power numbers. Bloop and blast will have Mace mixing up the lineup to get runners own for these four. Doug Drabek is CY Young worthy [33 GS 16-9 2.35 ERA]. Starters after him, well they get to start. John Tudor will spend 24 [22 GS 3.71 6-7] games starting and the rest of his time showing the ropes to upstart Steve Avery [15 GS 4-8 4.15 ERA]. 4.01 [3.59] ERA 1.35 WHIP and 120 [102]HRs 127 [148]DPs has the SpaceMen treading water, or saving air. Hording closers Dan Plesac [2.39 ERA 45 games 5-1 4 SVs] from the left and Mike Henneman [2.71 4-5 29 SVs 68 games] from the right could pitch 135 games. More lefty/righty options abound in the pen. Numbers could be misleading as the SpaceMen could surprise and make a jump in 1990 And Jump they did 15 games better than projected. Tip o the cap to Mellow Mace and the SpaceMen.

Asgard Guardians – Mel Schwarz

1989 – 92-70 - 2nd place

1990 – 66 PT wins – 5th place **ACTUAL** 87-75 2nd Place

141 [138]HRS and 89 [57] SBs. Were last year’s numbers and this year 152 and 82. Jesse Barfield’s 25 [.242 466 Abs 30 HRs 92 runs 70 RBIs] HRS and Julio Franco’s 31 [27]SBs lead the team. Decent support from George Brett [.315 .368 OBP 13 HRs 89 RBIs], Chris James [10RHs 66 RBIs] and Von Hayes [67 runs 52 RBIs] have the Guardians plating some runs. Just how often and putting up crooked numbers in an inning will be the question. Team ERA of 3.97 [3.45] WHIP 1.39 173 [106]HRS 132 [119] DPs has the opposing team wondering, “how do they do it?” Four starters with 33 starts and Greg Swindell, [22GS 8-11 3.87 ERA] swindles one extra, is a fine mix of L / R split. Rightes; Charlie 42 years young [30 GS 15-10 3.27 ERA] Hough and Tom Flash Gordon [31 GS 11-9 4.39 ERA] are VG and the lefties Swindell [22 GS 8-11 3.87 ERA] and Bud Black [23 GS 10-7 2.40 ERA] are just AV. Bullpen is not deep [Rogers 61 games 8-2 3.02

ERA; Jay Howell 2.25 ERA 6-0 12 SBs 56 games; Craig Lefferts 2.69 ERA 1-4 29 SVs 54 games, were the only arms with 50 or more games] . *Lefties dominate the pen; Kenny Rogers 66[61], Rob Murphy 68[21] and Craig Lefferts 66[54] will be called on to be more than lefty specialists. Guardians's bullpen could be protectors of leads or go AWOL and the lead will be lost, only time will tell.* Another team casting spells or giving midnight injections to get the most and more out of what they have. Could be plain ole good coaching from Mel.

Buckhead Crackers – Marc Robinson

1989 – 68-94 - 5th place

1990 – 66 PT wins – 6th place **ACTUAL** 70-92 4th Place

Old Man Dave Winfield is the only double digit HR hitter with 21[20]. Team totals; 78[104] dingers (Monster 1st basemen have 72) 86 [51]SBs will have the faithful Cracker Club wonder how a team that sports a .311 [.319]OBP will score any runs. Gerald Perry, Ricky Jordan [combined 610 Abs 27 DBs 21 HRs 64 runs 89 RBIs] playing first will try. Randy Ready, Billy Ripken from second will try. Characters on the hot spot corner will try. Slick fielding Ozzie Guillen will try and so will the outfield merry-go-round. [15 players had 200 or more Abs and eight of them had between 200-300. That's platoon baseball] Hurling is maxed out bonus baby Fernando Valenzuela[34 GS 6.19 ERA 8-19] that leads a lefty dominated staff[David Wells 13-7 3.68 28 GS and the only double digit winner]. 4.08 ERA 1.38 WHIP ain't all that bad. It's the runs scored that will keep the Crackers down. The bullpen ain't nothing special. A team that has no MVP or CY Young types will still bring joy to Buckhead. Winning four more games than projected with a cast of characters, Marc Robinson knew what buttons to push and when to push them. Numbers don't lie – good managers cans skew the numbers.

National League West –

Wright-Patt Plainsmen – John Turnbull

1989 – 106-56 – 1st place - WS Runner Up

1990 – 97 PT wins – 1st place. **ACTUAL** 102-60 1st Place – WS Runner Up

John Turnbull will get the most out of his starting rotation[Mike Harkey 30 GS 3.12 ERA 21-4 – nuff said] – three are rated VG and have 35, 34 and 33 starts. The other starts ain't that bad. Team ERA 3.27 WHIP 1.22 thanks to starters Frank Viola[35 GS 12 CGs 20-9 2.85 ERA], Dwight Gooden [35 GS 14-16 3.70 ERA]and Nolan Ryan[33 GS 19-6 2.87 ERA]. Mike Harkey [30 GS 3.12 ERA 21-4 just in case you forgot] and Bill Krueger[the Nightmare he is 19 GS 9-6 4.36 ERA] hold a rotation spot as Orel Hershiser[7.31 1-3 3 GS] figures out what to do with his time, only 4 starts. Tom Henke[56 games 2-1 2.37 38 SVs], Lee Smith [60 games 4-3 2.53 ERA 3 SVs] and Doug Jones [55 games 4-5 3.56 ERA 1 SV] will flip a coin to see who gets the chance to save a game. If all goes well, they won't get many chances since Plainsmen

should be ahead by more than 3 in the 9th. Guess this is where all the closers have gone. With this mix going from starter to closer might be a thing. Speed or Strength?? Plainsmen blast 193 [220] dingers and swipe 107 [67]bases. Old Man Ozzie Smith at 35 steals 32 [17]whilst watching Mark McGwire hit 39[56 HRS 106 runs 122 RBI], Jose Canseco has 37[33 85 runs 91 RBIs], Kelly Gruber belt 31[30 HRS 94 runs 84 RBIs], Kevin McReynolds bop 24 [26 HRs 82 runs 86 RBIs]and switchbatter Mickey Tettleton [[20]knock 15 playing almost every day 659 [10 players with 200 or more Abs and nine had more than 300]PAs bonus counted behind the plate. Kirby Puckett[.295 .345 19HRs 85 runs 73 RBIs] roams center getting on base to score a lot, thanks to those knockers. Plainsmen should run roughshod over the NL West.[799 runs] The likes of the Pachyderms, Canaries and Zoo Crew will be lurking, if the Plainsmen become plain, they won't remain #1 in the West. Plainsmen weren't plain far from and far better than the other Western teams by at least 11 games.

Punxsutawney Pachyderms - John Lippincott

1989 – 75-87 – 6th place

1990 – 91 PT wins – 2nd place **ACTUAL** -62-100 6th Place

Billy Hatcher[11 SBs] and Harold Reynolds [7 SB caught 8 times] steal 30 bases each. Ok, Harold steals 31. Those are the speed guys. Fred McGriff is the main source of power with 35 [22]HRs and his .400[.402] OBP is bested by Dave Magadan's .417 [.417]who also plays first and John is happy Magadan can also play third. Team .337 [.314]OBP ain't bad. Ruben Sierra, McGriff, Reynolds, Jay Bell, Mike Greenwell are daily players making life easier in Punxsutawney. Lineups might look a little like Groundhog Day, same thing over and over and over[five players played 130 or more games] No real stand out offensive player, 91 HRs 597 runs 569 RBI team totals McGriff .297 22 HRs 68 runs 78 RBIs Team Leader. Roger Clemens and his 33 starts 1.93 ERA keep things interesting[30 GS 2.71 ERA 12-13 7 CGs 5 SHOs]. Pachyderm overall pitching looks decent 3.86 4.39]ERA 1.37 ERA 143[129] HRS and 114 [121] DPs to go along with 580[554] BBs and 1,080 [1042]Ks. Bobby Witt keeps things lively with 110 BBs in 222 innings and Ks that total 221[27 GS 4.06 8-12 177 innings 172 hits 68 BBs 158 Ks]. Todd Stottlemire is the other 33 game starter[[29 GS 8-11 3.95 ERA]. Bryn Smith and Jeff Ballard will shore up the rotation. Arms fair in the pen to get the ball over to Automatic Eck and his ERA of 0.61 [Eckersley 48 games 72 innings 36 hits 3 BBs 73 Ks 5-0 14 SVs 0.63 ERA] and 5.5 runners per 9. 63 games worth of "No Soup For YOU!!" granted a smattering of bullpen arms with ERA 6+ will make things interesting for John. Numbers sey the Pachyderms will have a good season and he gotta listen to the numbers. Pssst, Numbers Here. Have I got a deal for you. Come closer, closer.....[never to be seen again] Numbers Here is a big fat liar. 30 games short of their projections or poorly typed numbers. No standouts aside from Eck & McGriff. Winning 62 was magical.

Fairfax Canaries – Ron Peterson

1989 – 89-73 - 3rd place

1990 – 90 PT wins – 3rd place **ACTUAL** 91-71 2nd Place

Another team with balance 172 [171] HRs and 153 [61]SBs Slicky Rick and his .439 [.454] OBP will just do nothing more than rub other teams the wrong way. Not to mention Rickey himself[.361 .454 OBP .704 SLG 41 HRs 124 runs 110 RBIs 35 SBs]. Wanting all the focus on him, he gets what he wants. Not much help from others and he will easily win the team MVP race and challenge the league for the same title. Ellis Burks has 21[30 HRs 112 runs 90 RBIs] HRs and will no doubt drive in Rickey a few times. [Alan Trammell .312 14 HRs 89 runs 98 RBIs] Canaries team ERA 3.76 [4.15]WHIP 1.29 will keep the team in games. Scoring 874 runs and giving up 779 [736]give the Canaries faithful high hopes. Decent rotation of lefty Tom Browning[35 GS 12-15 4.49 ERA], Erik Hanson[35 GS 17-7 3.57 ERA], Brian Holman[30 GS 13-7 5.13 ERA], Jack Armstrong[29 GS 7-11 5.32 ERA] and Mark Gardner[28 GS 8-10 3.80 ERA] for a formable group. Bullpen is righty heavy with standout closer lefty Randy Myers[2.51. 3-3 37 SVs in 66 games] Ron will do some juggling to maintain a 90 win pace. And Juggle Ron did! Bowling balls, bowling pins, football, chainsaw, flaming sticks and knives – all at once – winning 91 games – one more than projected. Numbers Here – telling the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Astoria Zoo Crew – Joe Dezarlo

1989 – 77-85 - 5th place

1990 – 90 PT wins – 4th place **ACTUAL** 84-78 3rd Place

Zoo Crew have four stealing 23 bases or more. Tim Rains 49[55], Lenny Dykstra 33[8 SB 10 CS], Gary Sheffield 25 [10 SB 6 CS] and Mookie Wilson 23 [10 SB 5 CS] will keep things real on the basepaths[617 runs 94 SBs 44 CS] . Team OBP .320 and 21 HR hitter Cal Ripken[.199 AVE 17 HRs 72 RBIs] is the power surge. Harold Bains and his 16[9] dingers will see limited playing time in the OF cause the other fellas can run. Another manager that will get creative with lineups. Starting rotation has three bonus babies with ERAs over 5.00 – Three lefties will make things interesting as the team gives up 137 [137]HRs to 94[92] DPs. [Dave Stieb 35 GS 18-9 2.78; Sid Fernandez 33 GS 16-8 2.44 ERA; David West 30 GS 7-13 5.51 ERA] With the ugliness of the rotation team ERA is still 3.94 [3.58]and WHIP 1.32. Bullpen games near 400 Joe can march out or Mosh Pit out to the mound numerous times per game. [Jeff Reardon 58 games 2-2 37 SVs 1.94 ERA]The organist will get to mix and match for closer music, cause their ain't a great one in the bunch. This just in, organist has been replaced by three long haired tattooed fellas playing guitars. They play them fast and loud! Joe did an outstanding job coming in six games less than projected and one position in the standing higher than odds maker would give them a chance to obtain.

Thunder Bay Damage – Rob Capizzano

1989 – 92-70 – 2nd

1990 – 69 PT wins – 5th place **ACTUAL** 77-85 4th Place

5th place – you kidding me!! Thunder Day loyalists are up in arms. Same thing was written last year and they only finished with 92 wins. That's why we play the games. [“Pssst, down here. It me your old friend

Numbers”] *Damage Loyalists are too busy laughing when they read this vice getting mad. 180 [106] SBs with Vince Coleman getting 77[46] has the team off and running 17 dingers for Shawon Dunston [19] and Andy Van Slyke[11] and 15 each for Todd Zeile[8] and Gregg Jefferies[17] highlight the power. Players will set up routines as they will be spelled on rare occasions, [Five players with 140+ games, Zeile .218 400 Abs split between C, 1B & 3B] just to allow some others to reach 50%. The bullpen is crowded with 24 pitchers; 514 [335]relief games(straight, no bonus or .30% added) and 185 real starts. Team ERA 3.73 [3.61]WHIP 1.35 146 [109]HRs 157 [150]DPs 753[574] BBs and 1,151 [847]Ks. Jim Deshaies[When not broadcasting Cub games; 33 GS 8-14 4.22 ERA], Jose Rijo[30 GS 15-7 2.78 ERA], Kirck McCaskill [30 GS 9-10 3.67 ERA]and Kevin Brown[28 GS 9-7 3.92 ERA] do most of the work. Two closers Jeff Brantley 1.56[1.79 ERA 1-2 7 SVs in 39 games] ERA in 64 games is out done by Bobby Thigpen’s 1.83 [1.54 ERA 2-6 14 SVs 35 games]ERA and 77 games. Damage score 748 [733] runs and give up 864[694] projecting their 5th place finish[8 more wins than projected]. Creative bullpen use could see Rob and the Damage stealing more than bases and climbing back to the top.*

Anok Island Gnomes – Steve Brunner

1989 - 81-81 4th place

1990 – 67 PT wins – 6th place **ACTUAL** 73-89 5th Place

One thing is almost a lock, Gnomes won’t make it three years in a row of going 81-81. Scoring 687[607] runs and giving up 815[684] project 67 wins and last place[4 better than projected]. One double digit HR hitter with 23 [23]is Franklin Stubbs. The rest of the team hit 62 [61, rookie Travis Fryman hit 11 HRs in 225 ABs] or 11 more than the Monsters starting first baseman. Brett Butler 732 PAs and 51 [37]steals make his .391 [.371] OBP easy to plug into the leadoff spot. Guess I should have thought about trading him. Jody Reed[.305 .372 OBP 89 runs 72 RBIs], Mark Grace[.284 .361 OBP 49 runs 73 RBIs] do a good job of getting on and moving runners over. Franklin’s power and crooked numbers go on the board. A variety of lineups will be used[six players with 130+ games]. Rotation will vary from home and away[10 starting pitchers Magrane & Candiotti 27 GS each], as 30+ starters are limited to two. Team ERA of 3.78 [3.72]WHIP 1.36 604BBs [468]and 1,020[880] Ks 134 [143]HRs and 160 [115]DPs give the Gnome Nation hope. A team of two pitching staffs; starters vs bullpen. [not a double digit winner on the team. Candiotti 4.56 ERA 7-12 27 GS, Magrane 3.35 ERA 8-10 27 GS, Erickson 4.08 ERA 3-10 21 GS Roger McDowell 9-8 out of the pen and Mike Witt 3.75 ERA 9-4 in 15 starts were bright spots on the staff] No love is lost between the two. Bullpen has challenged the starters to a Strikeout War, as in which set of pitchers get the most strikeouts[Dibble lead the team 108 Ks 84 innings, second Candiotti 107 Ks in 162 innings]. 60+ games; Juan Agosto[56 games 2.05 ERA 5-3], Roger McDowell[56 games 2.66 9-8 9 SVs], Tim Crews [3.22 4-8 57 games] and Rob Dibble [65 games 84 innings 3.52 4-3 22 SVs] all true numbers. On paper, the bullpen will easily win. [bullpen lost 544 to 336] That’s why we play the games.

Guess a who is gonna win, here it is:

AL – Lemurs ACTUAL - Rockets

NL – Monsters ACTUAL - Plainsmen

WS – Monsters - ACTUAL - **Rockets**

FINAL NOTE: Numbers Here B Lying! Play the games.