

1991 Half Way Home vs Pre-Season Prediction – by Prose Perpetrator a.k.a. Beet Righter.

The write-ups will have the following flow:

League – Division

Team Name – Manager

1991 Pythagorean Theory Win Prediction[wins, based on PT] – Position Prediction – **Record after 80 games**

BLUFF -- My .02 on the team.

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Numbers Here will also offer up some hidden insight or outright plain view see for yourself kinda stuff.

American League – East:

East Kenosha Lemurs – Dave Lauer

1991: 108 wins – 1st Place **40-40 5th Place - With 82 games remaining EKL would have to finish 62-14 – ain't gonna happen.**

Lemur Island has great expectations. Same thing was written last year. Numbers Here sez “it will happen again!” **Numberz B Lying!**

HITTERS: .274 (**.268**) AVE .341 (**.326**) OBP .392 (**.378**) SPC 1071 (**327**) RUNS 144 (**43**) HRS 218/102 (**39/19**)SBS/CS

First baseman Rafeal Palmeiro leads the charge playing daily .300/.361/.445 7 HRs 43 RBIs – hardly HOF slightly All-Star worthy. Boggs is doing his thang .336/.380/.486 79 games leads the team in games and Abs 298. Supporting cast of Finley and Kelly in OF are respectable with the later leading the team with 12 HRs. Infield logjam at second has Juan Samuel .319/.366/.435 44 games 191 Abs being the sybermateric favorite however, Chuck Knoblauch is the manager favorite getting home cooking in 36 games .238/.317/.259 Twenty one position players have seen playing time.

PITCHERS: 3.73(**3.65**) ERA 1646(**720**) INNINGS 1563(**713**) HITS 599(**262**) BBs 1084(**482**) Ks 1.31 (**1.35**) WHIP 162(**67**) HRs 146(**78**) DPs

Tom Glavine 2.53 9-4 is the ace. Mark Langston 2.90 9-9 needs run support. Steve Olin 2.76 4-2 10 saves in 24 games needs more work. Nine blown saves has the Lemur faithful thinking what could be. Would be nice to not see Jose Mesa 6.29 2-5 in 14 starts, not start so much. Then guess which dugout your sitting in, you might want to see him more.

Frankfort Firebugs - Gary Plunkitt

1991: 87 wins – 2nd Place **40-40 5th Place – With 82 games remaining Firebugs would have to finish 47-35 – doubtful.**

Scratching and clawing their way to the top. Gary's Bugs may very well pester their way to the top if Lemurs lag a little. **Firebugs were declawed during Spring Training.**

HITTERS: .251(**.249**) AVE .317(**.314**) OBP .416(**.417**) SPC 949(**332**) RUNS 248(**92**) HRS 134/80(**37/23**)
SBS/CS

Backstop Brian Harper .325/.358/.481 30 runs and RBIs, Larry Walker .308/.352/.456 33 runs 30 RBIs fair well at getting on so "This is" Howard Johnson, second sacker Robby "Shot Heard Around the World's Little Cousin" Thompson [yes, Bobby Thomson 1954 – it's almost the same ☺], Jack Clark – have 12 HRs each and 40,32 & 30 RBIs respectively. No need to "Fear the Deer" hitting .151 29K in 73 Abs with 4 HRs unless you LHP

When 1 out of 10 ABs goes for HR.

PITCHERS: 3.81(**3.58**) ERA 1878(**704**) INNINGS **1781 (641)** HITS 731(**269**) BBs 1200(**466**) Ks 1.34
(**1.29**)WHIP 181(**62**) HRs 147(**64**) DPs

Frank Tanana 2.20 7-4 16 starts, Bret Saberhagen 2.81 7-5 13 starts and Black Jack McDowell 3.76 6-6 17 starts carry the work load. No real closer here, six pitchers get saves with Larry Andersne getting 8 out of the teams 15. 15 is also the number of complete games. Gary has lost his trust in the bullpen. How else could you explain Bob Welch 6.53 1-9 13 starts and 3 CGs. Those games must have been close and not trust in the pen. Jim Austin 13.50 appears in one game 2/3 of an inning 2 BBs 2 hits both HRs gave up 5 runs and only 1 was earned. Tuff luck or just a bum? No trust.

Worcester Grays – Hugh McElaney

1991: 83 wins – 3rd Place **46-34 1st place -**

Grays getting on base and once there moving 90 feet closer to home will be key to many a victory. Sure that could be said about every team. Hugh as a record for getting more out of his hitters than Numbers sez he should. **Currently Hugh is doing just that, aligning the stars and mixing the players and getting the correct results.**

HITTERS: .261(**.255**) AVE .338(**.336**) OBP .398(**.391**) SPC 736 (**358**) RUNS 142(**66**) HRS 99/58 (**22/12**)
SBS/CS

Lou Whitaker .292/.412/.545 14 HRs 52 runs and 38 RBIs, "Strawman" .275/.376/.512 13 HRs 48 RBIs lead the team. Nothing surprising there. The supporting cast is doing a fine job of getting things done. Eric Davis .273/.339/.473 9 HRs 11/1 SB/CS has thrown out runners from 2 each CF & LF.

PITCHERS: 3.77(**3.31**) ERA 1538(**714**) INNINGS 1465(**679**) HITS 557(**220**) BBs 981(**475**) Ks 1.31(**1.26**)
WHIP 128(**51**) HRs 128(**74**) DPs

Spinning more DPs than HRs has the team doing well. Jack Morris 2.53 10-2 17 starts is also doing his part, as expected. Swingman Mark Leiter 3.46 5-1 21 games 7 starts. Bryan Harvey 2.39 2-5 14 SVs in 34 games has 3 of the teams 10 blown saves. Melido Perez leads the team with that distinction, 5.68 7-5 2 SVs 31 games and 1 start. If the R-Factor kicks in, things will get much better in Melido's life. Erick King 2.70 4-4 in 13 starts would like to know where his run support has been. Hugh's Huddles appear to be getting the job done, lowering team ERA and WHIP.

Carolina Game Sox – Steve Eury

1991: 71 wins – 4th Place **41-39 4th place – on pace for above .500 season and 80+ wins**

Team building exercise or is it an exercise building the team? Getting the most out of his lineup is what Steve had done. **And that is what he has done.**

HITTERS: .257 **(.238)** AVE .320 **(300)** OBP .363 **(.321)** SPC 727 **(271)** RUNS 103 **(38)** HRS 138/73 **(64/16)** SBS/CS

Kevin Mitchell's .241/.307/.437 won't strike fear to opponents however, his 9 HRs and 30 RBIs lead the team. Otis Nixon's 34/8 SB/CS has him scoring 26 times and Alex Cole 15/4 SB/CS has him cross the plate 34 times. Getting on base and timely hitting is the magic that goes beyond the numbers.

PITCHERS: 4.56**(3.30)** ERA 1456**(723)** INNINGS 1490**(655)** HITS 565**(272)** BBs 903 **(449)**Ks 1.41**(1.28)** WHIP 150**(46)** HRs 117**(61)** DPs

Greg Maddux 2.89 8-5 19 starts and Mike Boddicker 3.02 6-5 in 17 starts are the only above .500 starters. John Franco 2.90 2-1 14 SVs in 29 games , has 2 BS. Allan Anderson 3.19 2-7 in 13 starts would like to know why he only gets about 2 runs per game from his teammates, unlike Greg Maddux who gets 4. Steve "BedRock" Bedrosian 2.30 6-3 2 SVs in 39 games shows why he and Al Osuna 2.91 2-4 in 37 games can be counted on when called upon. Pitchers performing as they should and better has the Game Sox 2 above .500 and the second half might be better.

San Diego Vaqueros – Steve Lehman –

1991: 66 wins – 5th Place **45-35 2nd Place – to finish as prognosticated Vaqueros will have to finish 21-61 – ain't gonna happen.**

Vaqueros can add Numbers Slayer to their resume. Last year's 2nd Place finish had them winning 40 more games than the previous year and 19 more than their projected win total. Once again, Steve will spur his players to do better than their best. **Numberz Slayer Steve –Spurmaster Steve – he gets production.**

HITTERS: .261 **(268)** AVE .320 **(.324)** OBP .382**(.306)** SPC 679 **(370)** RUNS 103**(57)** HRS 108/58**(21/8)**
SBS/CS

Edgar Martinez .338/.411/.486 53 runs 49 RBIs, John Olerud .290/.381/.509 15HRs 45 runs 47 RBIs, Mell Hall 11 HRs 48 runs 49 RBIs high lite the team effort that has five players with 39+ runs and four players with 40+ RBIs. Nothing to see here, just move along. That is what the team does, no superstar grabbing all the attention as they currently sit one game out of first at the half way point.

PITCHERS: 4.13 **(3.51)**ERA 1611**(713)** INNINGS 1603**(661)** HITS 628**(218)** BBs 1009**(435)** Ks 1.38**(1.23)**
WHIP 148**(48)** HRs 140**(67)** DPs

Seventeen complete games, 17 saves spread out between six pitchers with Eric Bell 1.80 0-1 7 SVs 1 BS in 9 games, shows the bullpen can be counted on – most all of them. Marvin Freeman 0.87 5-0 1 SV in 25 games, Luis Aquino 2.88 4-4 4 SVs in 35 games do the heavy lifting in the pen. Steve gets the most out of the likes of Wally Whitehurst 1.29 1-1 1 SV in 12 games. He could start 20 games and with those numbers !! Efran Valdez 7.20 0-2 2 SVs 6 games and Steve Searcy 19.06 0-1 in 5 games prove all is not perfect in San Diego. R-Factor or not, getting this output will have the Vaqueros doing well in the second half.

Ottawa Rough Riders – Stan Barkun

1991: 65 wins – 6th Place **42-36 3rd place – another team that would have to go 23-59 to finish as prognosticated, laughs at Numberz Here.**

Rough Riders will be in for a rough ride, again. Those words worked last year so why change? Stan is spending time gardening, making sure the pitcher's mound is in great shape. **Stan spent his summer working on other things.**

HITTERS: .233 **(.238)** AVE .309 **(.315)** OBP .341 **(.358)** SPC 546 **(306)** RUNS 83**(57)** HRS 131/63 **(46/23)**
SBS/CS

How does Kevin Mass hit .213/.316/.419 lead the team with 52 runs? Hitting 17 HRs helps, as does playing every game. Cuyler 22/11 SB/CS and Lankford's 19/5 SB/CS wreck just enough havoc on that basepaths to allow Candy Maldonado to garner 50 RBIs. Another team that doesn't have Star Power just guys that git-r-done. Word on the street is Stan used secret tests to find the right mix and match of personalities that will play well together. It must have worked as seven players have 150+ Abs.

PITCHERS: 4.21**(4.07)** ERA 1287**(746)** INNINGS 1274**(736)** HITS 539**(302)** BBs 888**(550)** Ks 1.41**(1.39)**
WHIP 108**(67)** HRs 117**(55)** DPs

What does it say about a team where the leader in wins is also the leader in saves?? Bill Swift 1.35 9-1 13 SVs in 33 games. Kevin Appier 3.49 7-8 21 starts and Jimmy Jones 4.18 6-3 15 starts are treading water with their numbers and will they: continue, move up and out or drown? Seven CGs reflects reliance on the pen that has 11 BS. Dave Johnson 11.38 1-3 2 SVs in 23 games is counting on the R-Factor to get down to his fighting weight ERA of 7.07. If the second half plays out like the first and the pitchers improve slightly – another team will be laughing at Numberz.

American League - West:

Lafayette Aviators – Steve Ehresman

1991: 100 wins – 1st Place **54-26 1st place – on pace for 108 wins**

HITTERS: .262 **(260)** AVE .324**(319)** OBP .403**(.394)** SPC 778 **(333)** RUNS 161 **(65)** HRS 229/112 **(54/39)**
SBS/CS

Eight players with 70+ games played, two with 66 & 68. Three with double digit HRs 11 twice and 10. Three players with double digit SBs, 13,11,10. RBI leaders 47 three with 34 and two with 33. Plate crossers, or runs scored: 45, 43, 40

[The mix of power and speed will have the Aviators taking off via the long ball or driving defenses mad with all the running.]

Felix Jose, Ivan Calderon are doing the heavy lifting and secret supporters Darrin Jackson, Wally Joyner and others do enough to just win the game.

PITCHERS: 3.05**(2.48)** ERA 1590**(739)** INNINGS 1418**(575)** HITS 545**(247)** BBs 989**(439)** Ks 1.23**(1.11)**
WHIP 113**(47)** HRs 138**(64)** DPs

Dennis Martinez 1.99 10-2 18 starts 3 CG 2 SHOs and Bill Wegman 1.91 7-3 17 starts 4 CGs 2 SHOs for a great 1-2 punch with ERAs under 2. What team wouldn't want that? Bob Ojeda 3.14 11-5 18 starts and Brian Holman 2.42 6-4 13 starts and 3 CGs 2 SHOs reveal why the Aviators have 54 wins. When shutouts 15 are more than complete games 14 something is going right. Rick Aguilera 2.96 2-3 11 SVs 2 BSs in 25 games does a fine job when handed the ball. Four pitchers with 20 appearances form steady legs in the pen and part time pitchers don't do bad either.

Toledo Mud Hens – Rich Applegate

1991: 96 wins – 2nd Place **46-34 3rd place – pacing themselves to make a move**

HITTERS: .267 (**.272**) AVE .331(**.326**) OBP .401(**.386**) SPC 866 (**341**) RUNS 159(**47**) HRS 152/80(**42/21**)
SBS/CS

Barry Larkin .305/.382/.509 13 HRs lead the team, 63 runs lead the team, 42 RBIs are second as is .305 ave. Going out on a limb, SS Barry Larkin is the team leader. Tony Gwynn .346/.383/.446 46 runs 43 RBIs, like Barry Larkin, Luis Polonia and Carlos Baerga have played in all 80 games. Joe Carter is chomping at the bit to get in the lineup more regularly and show what he can do. When that happens, his projected production should have a positive effect on others, similar to what Larkin is currently doing. With those two, mix in Gwynn and you have a marathon runner about to kick it up a notch and run sub four minute miles for the last half of the marathon.

PITCHERS: 4.07(**3.30**) ERA 1444(**723**) INNINGS 1421(**670**) HITS 578(**268**) BBs 935(**469**) Ks 1.38(**1.30**)
WHIP 110(**40**) HRs 130(**69**) DPs

Only giving up 40 HRs and turning 69 DPs has been helpful in their 46-34 record. Not a double digit winner in the group. Randy Tomlin 2.98 8-5 and Greg Harris 3.62 8-7 in 19 starts lead the team in wins. Jamie Navarro 20 game starter 3.88 6-7 have 9 CGs forming a decent trio of starters. Too bad Matt Young 2.35 6-3 in 13 starts only has a handful remaining. Roose Gossage 15 of 18 in saves is getting it done on reputation posting 5.10 ERA in 29 games. Jesse Orosco has 8 SVs is 4-4 in 24 games with a 4.91 ERA. Rich must be carrying a foreign substance with him on his mound visits. Five pitchers have appeared in 20+ games out of the pen and the other three have wonderful numbers going 8-4. Magic, simply magic on the mound from the Mud Hens. Will they keep it up in the second half?

Rossville Rockets – Rick Ryan

1991: 96 wins – 2nd Place **47-33 2nd place – Numbers likes what he sees.**

HITTERS: .243(**.267**) AVE .308 (**320**) OBP .377 (**423**) SPC 835(**380**) RUNS 199(**95**) HRS 124/64(**34/13**)
SBS/CS

Seven games back. [*Defending WS Champions find themselves being written off before the season starts. Can't get no respect. Numbers Here has them under achieving. Guess Rick might have something to say about that.*] Rick is doing his best and appears to be watching his prey and poised for attack. Could be another marathon runner, waiting to make his move. Dave Henderson .300/.365/.485 12 HR 54 runs, Ryne Sandberg .322/.387/.538 16 HRs 68 runs 48 RBIs, Tim Wallach 12 HRs, 45 RBIs, Andre Dawson 16 HRs 61 RBIs do the heavy lifting and the other players carry their fair share. Six player have logged in 70+ games four were previously mentioned. Eddie Murry and Lance Parrish are doing what is expected albeit Murray's power appears to be lacking, maybe waiting to kick it into gear in the second half.

PITCHERS: 3.71(**3.61**) ERA 1505(**732**) INNINGS 1409(**681**) HITS 531(**263**) BBs 924(**437**) Ks 1.29(**1.29**) WHIP 130(**68**) HRs 115(**58**) DPs

47 team wins and Charlie Leibrandt leads with 10-4 3.79 in 18 starts. Chris Bosio 2.65 and swingman John Cerutti 3.95 have 6 wins each. Mark Eichorn 1.46 5-4 2 SVs in 38 games hands the ball over to Bobby Thigpen 4.00 0-4 13 SVs in 17 chances. Wild Thing Williams is just that 6.75 3-2 converting 7 out of 12 saves. Add another 5 games to their win total and the Rockets are ready to take off. The R-Factor must be living in Rossville at least on the pitcher's mound as their totals are in the ballpark. Another team staging for a second half push.

Beast Coast Brushbacks – Chris Longo

1991: 89 wins – 4th Place **35-45 4th place** – **running a slower pace for the long season**

HITTERS: .254 (**.255**) AVE .348(**340**) OBP .401(**407**) SPC 848(**365**) RUNS 190(**92**) HRS 93/48(**15/8**) SBS/CS

Hope in Home Runs! Albert Belle 23 HRs, Frank Thomas 19 HRs, Steve Buechele & Chili Davis with 13 each delight fans however, need to produce more wins to really win their hearts. 70 RBIs from Belle and 66 runs from Thomas create a great 1-2 punch and the efforts of Chili Davis and Steve Buechele form a solid base of four. Waiting for the 5th or 6th player to step up and support the team might take some time. Could it be Krik Gibson? [*Kirk Gibson will provide leadership for the Brushbacks as their lofty offensive numbers have them eager to get their motors running.*]

PITCHERS: 3.71(**3.95**) ERA 1674(**711**) INNINGS 1563(**731**) HITS 591(**255**) BBs 1183(**490**) Ks 1.29(**1.39**) WHIP 151(**65**) HRs 114(**45**) DPs

No double digit winners, losers or saves. Three pitchers with 19 starts: Tommy Greene 3.18 8-7, Terry Mullholand 3.40 7-6 and John Smoltz 3.52 6-5 each have 2 CGs. Four pitchers out of the pen 24 times or more and Bill Sampen 9.00 0-0 in 24 games 31 innings must do this in a mop-up role. John Habyan has unclosers like numbers 4.68 0-2 7 out of 11 in saves need a boost from the R-Factor in the second half. If they and others receive a vitamin R shot Beast Coasters will rejoice and the brushback pitch will have more effect.

New York Metropolitanans – Don Rahn

1991: 68 wins – 5th Place **34-46 5th place** – **½ way there and at the perfect pace to finish as Numbez Here sez he would.**

HITTERS: .232(**236**) AVE .296 (**.304**) OBP .345(**.358**) SPC 580(**282**) RUNS 105(**67**) HRS 77/61 (**35/17**) SBS/CS

[Mike Devereaux is the team leader; – as DevROX goes so goes da Mets!] Problem Devereaux .263/.323/.397 32 runs 10 HRs 43 RBIs is solid however not much support. Dean Palmer's 14 HRs 30 RBIs comes with .178/.287/.427 and Brian Downing's 10 HRs 29 runs and 22 RBIs hardly cause opposing managers any angst when using the bullpen or pitching around DevRox. [One more time for Mike Devereaux, when your hope rides on him, you have little hope.]

PITCHERS: 3.64(**4.17**) ERA 1496(**725**) INNINGS 1424(**746**) HITS 523(**239**) BBs 1070(**505**) Ks 1.31(**1.36**) WHIP 109(**62**) HRs 98(**54**) DPs

David Cone 4.34 7-10 in 20 starts, Scott Sanderson 3.57 8-9 1 SV in 19 starts 6 CGs is what the Mets have going for them. Mark Wholers is lights out 1.96 1-1 7 of 8 in SVO. Ryan Bowen 4.50 0-0 2 for 2 in SVO fares better than Roy Smith 6.39 2-7 in 12 starts. Chris Haney 9.15 1-3 in 4 starts how he won one is amazing.

Hartford Yard Goats – Sean Comerford

1991: 37 wins – 6th Place **28-52 6th place – 9 more wins to crush Numbers – easy enough**

HITTERS: .228 (**.208**) AVE .298(**.273**) OBP .347 (**.310**) SPC 513(**218**) RUNS 102(**52**) HRS 61/37 (**22/12**)SBS/CS

Sam Horn & Glen Davis power the team with 10 HRs each driving in 19 and 23 respectively. Joel Skinner catches and has the highest AVG .280. Bernie Williams .268/.351/.407 is a shining light on the team. 15 position players have seen action and only one has less than 100 Abs. Sean is making sure nobody gets burnt out for the stretch run.

PITCHERS: 4.51(**4.06**) ERA 1729(**717**) INNINGS 1808(**750**) HITS 656(**289**) BBs 958(**375**) Ks 1.43(**1.45**) WHIP 173(**45**) HRs 175(**77**) DPs

Walt Terrell 3.92 7-8 in 19 starts, Bruce Hurst 4.62 4-8 in 17 starts represent Goats starters well. Jeff Montgomery 2.27 2-2 15 for 15 in SVOs represents the bullpen. Too bad more of the pitchers don't follow along. Mike Bielecki has been amazing 2.84 3-7 in 12 starts and 10 trips from the bullpen. The entire team suffers from lack of run support 2.7 and Bielecki's 2.1 were equal to Terrell and Hurst team high 3.0 his record might be different.

National League East –

Fog City Phantoms - Mike See

1991: 95 wins – 1st Place **54-26 1st place – on pace for 108 wins**

HITTERS: .282(**.274**) AVE .354(**.349**) OBP .433(**.412**) SPC 764(**419**) RUNS 171(**76**) HRS 143/59(**77/33**) SBS/CS

Four double digit HR hitters: McGriff 16, Bonds 13, Griffey 12, Plantier 10(in 100 abs) and Spuds has 9. Griffey 61 RBIs, Bonds 57 RBIs, Spuds 54 RBIs. To say they can score runs is an understatement. Barry "Pet Store" Bonds .314/.429/.542 64 runs 34/14 SB/CS is protected in the lineup with Crime Dog and Jr. Many an opposing pitcher has come down with symptoms of the Fog City Flu and ask, beg, plead to skip a start in order to "get better" for their next assignment. Tough outs. Willie Randolph ain't hit a HR however, .341/.455/.396 293 Abs 53 runs does what he needs to do for the team.

PITCHERS: 3.04(**2.52**) ERA 1744(**726**) INNINGS 1495(**566**) HITS 504(**154**) BBs 1348(**540**) Ks 1.15(**0.99**) WHIP 142(**65**) HRs 96(**32**) DPs

Not a single double digit winner. Roger Clemens 2.09 8-4 in 19 starts 6 CGs and 4 SHO. Andy Benes 2.01 8-1 in 17 starts. Kevin Tapani 3.15 9-2 in 15 starts 2 CG and 2 SHO. Ramon Martinez 2.57 9-3 in 15 starts. Pete Harnisch 2.56 7-3 in 14 starts is the slacker of the bunch. Who wouldn't want him as your 5th starter? Dennis Eckersley is a pedestrian 2.53 6-2 1 SV in 35 games. Jeff Gray has appeared in 38 games has 21 SVs out of 26 posting a 3.05 going 2-6. Mike has marched 11 pitchers to the mound and only Paul Assenmacher 6.75 3-2 1 SV in 9 games and Curt Schilling 5.52 no record in 11 games are the black sheep of the staff. Once again, who wouldn't mind them on your team? If there is a market correction of the R-Factor – they still ain't bad. Now even hitters might have the Fog City Flu – and my team plays them this month.

Baltimore SpaceMen – Mace Matayc

1991: 81 wins – 2nd Place **27-53 5th place – SpaceMen posed to take off going 54-28 in the 2nd half – not. Numberz must have been high.**

HITTERS: .262 (**.241**)AVE .321(**.302**) OBP .383(**.336**) SPC 701(**288**) RUNS 124(**47**) HRS 67/53(**15/10**) SBS/CS

Matt Williams .262/.314/.466 13 HRs 46 RBIs and Hal Morris .270/.323/.444 10 HRs 37 RBIs power the team and Bobby Bo .277.379/.422 8 HRs 37 RBIs is getting ready to rocket his stats upward.

PITCHERS: 3.94(**3.92**) ERA 1420(**719**) INNINGS 1476(**761**) HITS 476(**248**) BBs 870(**469**) Ks 1.37(**1.40**) WHIP 133(**73**) HRs 119(**64**) DPs

Bill Gullickson 2.81 6-7 in 18 starts, Steve Avery 3.13 6-6 in 18 starts, Doug Drabek 4.63 2-10 in 17 games, John Burkett 5.20 3-9 in 17 games don't strike fear in opposing teams however, they ain't that bad either. Jim Gott 5.01 1-8 9 SVs and 6 BS is slightly over 50-50 when it comes to saving games. When Mace makes the call most fans are seen flipping coins. Mark Petkovsek 16.88 0-1 in one start ain't far from his real numbers. 2.2 innings 3 Ks, 5 hits 1 of them a HR gave up 5 runs. Starters get 3.7 runs of support per game. Problem is the team as a 3.92 era. R-Factor is real in Baltimore.

Edmonton Magpies – Chris Williams

1991: 75 wins – 3rd Place **32-48 4th place - winning 13 more games in the second half, going 45-37 could be possible.**

HITTERS: .245(**.266**)AVE .308(**.324**) OBP .354(**.369**) SPC 658(**310**) RUNS 119 (**47**) HRS 85/46 (**13/15**)
SBS/CS

As predicted "Danny Tartabull .316(**.355**)/.397(**.439**)/.593(**645**) 557 (**264**)ABS 31(**16**) HRs is the Daddy Mac of the offense. Throw in his 50 RBIs and 37 runs he is pretty much the threat. Bip Roberts .346/.428/.431 31 runs helps, Chico Lind is tied with Mac Daddy scoring 37 runs. Kal Daniels .297/.360/.439 9 HRs and 26 runs and RBIs is also productive. Getting help from Gaetti and others in the second half will be key in getting going 45-37.

PITCHERS: 3.77(**3.94**) ERA 1532(**720**) INNINGS 1434(**690**) HITS 623(**267**) BBs 1025(**504**) Ks 1.34(**1.33**)
WHIP 138(**72**) HRs 135(**47**) DPs

Mike Moore 3.3 4-9 in 18 starts, Ron Darling 3.77 6-10 in 18 games and Chris Nabholz 2.73 3-3 in 10 games highlight a starting staff with 5 CGs and 2 SHOs. Six pitchers with saves Joe Hesketh 5.14 2-8 6 out of 10 in saves needs vitamin R shots real fast. Darren Holmes gets half the saves he goes out for with four 2.96 1-4 is moving right along as expected.

Minneapolis Millers – Terry Baxter

1991: 67 wins – 4th Place **37-43 2nd place - on pace for 74 wins looking good for Millers**

HITTERS: .253 (**.249**)AVE .317(**.315**) OBP .386 (**.391**)SPC 615 (**347**)RUNS 131(**68**) HRS
144/72(**62/19**) SBS/CS

Will Clark delivers .329/.382/.606 17 HRs 58 runs and 56 RBIs Dave Justice has been IW 12 times to go with his 12 HRs and 48 RBIs. Marquis Grissom .258/.303/.349 42 runs and 42 SBs would be higher if he could get on base more often. Both Clark and Grissom have played 80 games and six other players have played 66+ keeping a solid core for the Millers.

PITCHERS:4.32(**4.46**) ERA 1399(**726**) INNINGS 1383(**746**) HITS 736(**379**) BBs 901(**452**) Ks 1.51(**1.55**)
WHIP 116(**71**) HRs 138(**79**) DPs

Jose DeJesus 3.59 11-3 in 19 starts his one CG is a SHO. and his 3.42 ERA is the only 30 game starter. Fellow 19 game starter Brian Barnes 5.79 5-11 doesn't fare as well. Mike Henneman 2.29 2-3 18 SVs out of 22 ain't too shabby. Mike Timlin 1.70 3-1 in 31 games 58 innings is a bright spot for the team. When he comes in they have a chance. Too bad that same can't be said of others. 14 pitchers have been used and 7 have ERAs above 4.50. It helps when your team scores 4.3 runs per game.

Los Angeles Kingsmen – Jonathan Dalton

1991: 60 wins – 5th Place **26-54 6th place – almost on pace**

HITTERS: .247(**.235**) AVE .311(**.302**) OBP .348 (**339**)SPC 621(**286**) RUNS 86 HRS(**47**) 101/55
(**25/14**)SBS/CS

20 players seeing action and 13 playing in more than 35 games. Dave Winfield .233/.313/.392 10 HRs 41 RBIs is the power and Barry Larkin .324/.376/.437 38 runs is the spark. As a team they've been IW 13 times, one more than Millers David Justice.

PITCHERS: 3.81(**4.30**) ERA 1694(**731**) INNINGS 1615(**763**) HITS 599(**225**) BBs 1028(**411**) Ks 1.31(**1.35**) WHIP 158(**65**) HRs 129(**65**) DPs

Spinning 65 DPs and serving up 65 HRs is a good thing for the Kingsmen. David Wells 5.20 4-10 in 20 starts is joined by John Smiley 4.13 4-10 in 22 starts have run support of 3.5 and 3.1 respectively. Scoring less than you give up will get you double digit losses. Jeff Russell 3.74 1-6 and 9 out of 15 save chances gives the team hope. A van full of pitchers 15 to be exact vary from good, decent and bonus and seven the later. Bob Scanlan 3.21 5-7 in 13 starts and 5 bullpen appearances join Heathcliff Slocum 3.23 2-2 in 30 games as two of the good. Second half should be about the same as the first.

Asgard Guardians – Mel Schwarz

1991: 53 wins – 6th Place **37-43 2nd place – on pace to win 20 more than projected. Numberz left his guard down as Guardian protect Asgaard.**

HITTERS: .251(**235**) AVE .317(**.300**) OBP .373(**347**) SPC 582(**281**) RUNS 114 (**47**)HRS 67/42(**28/12**) SBS/CS

Julio Franco .329/.402/.453 54 runs 14/2 SB/CS is the spark with 316 Abs sees only three other teammates with 200+ Abs. A cast of characters making up the other 17 players to see time on the field. Jeff Blausner leads the team with 7 HRs is only one ahead of three with six. RBI leader with 31 George Brett one ahead of Jesse Barfield. If Barfield picks up the second half and improves on: .200/.273/.381 he could take the lead in HRs & RBIs. Mel will continue to mix and match to get the most out of his charges for the second half.

PITCHERS: 3.91(**3.17**) ERA 1646(**708**) INNINGS 1599(**629**) HITS 574(**210**) BBs 990(**417**) Ks 1.32(**1.18**) WHIP 147(**59**) HRs 132(**67**) DPs

Bud Black 3.52 9-5 in 20 starts and Carlie Hough 2.90 8-10 in 18 starts have been treading water and Greg Swindell 5-10 in 17 starts needs to right his ship. Jay Howell is a lock-down closer 1.50 1-0 14 saves only 3 BS. Kenny Rogers has been "hold-N-em" in 24 games as the 3.5 runs per game the offense musters has been detrimental to the pitchers psyche. Flash Gordon 3.74 2-3 3 saves in 23 games shows he is more than a flash in the pan, he is solid in the pen. If the offense gets offensive Mel has the staff than can guard leads and garner momentum in the second half.

National League West –

Wright-Patt Plainsmen – John Turnbull

1991: 114 wins – 1st Place **54-26 1st place – on pace for 108 wins is pretty darn good and Numberz said they would do better.**

HITTERS: .281(**.266**) AVE .354(**.339**) OBP .438(**.419**) SPC 936(**393**) RUNS 194(**96**) HRS 219/84 (**66/44**) SBS/CS

Routine is something the Plainsmen have established. With 15 players seeing action, counting Fred Manrique Enrique 14 games, 14 PA and Vern Law 22 games 22 PA is stretching the routine part. Playing 80 games: Puckett, Sax & Ozzie Smith have contributed as expected. Kirby's 49 RBIs lead the team and his / lines are well under expectations. The R-Factor could very well kick in and he could challenge current HR leaders: Canseco 17, Tettleton 15, Henderson 13, Grubber 12. Rickey and his 51 runs and 25/19 SB/CS appear safe as being the team leader, something he is very proud to have. At the beginning of the season, Numberz referred to Steve Sax as the weak link .321/.370/.458 8 HRs 48 runs 46 RBIs 14/10 SB/CS. No doubt many a team would like to have this weak link on their team.

PITCHERS: 3.46(**2.87**) ERA 1465(**725**) INNINGS 1384(**615**) HITS 422(**176**) BBs 1085(**519**) Ks 1.23(**1.09**) WHIP 110(**66**) HRs 117(**55**) DPs

Nolan Ryan, 44 years young, 12-3 2.40 in 17 starts 7 CGs 3 SHOs is showing the young guns how it's done. Mike Morgan 2.24 8-3 in 19 starts 5 CGs Orel Hershiser 2.22 6-6 18 starts 5 CGs 3 SHOs make up most of the 19 CGs and 9 SHOs for the starters. Lights Out Henke 1.38 4-1 17 of 19 in SVs and is the only one on the team with saves. Not to worry, Steve "not suspended this year" Howe 1.27 2-1 23 games and Steve Farr 3.89 5-6 in 34 games are more than capable, given the chance. 4.9 run support would make any pitcher happy. Doc Gooden is rested for a second half run. Keeping him and Howe separated might be a good thing.

Astoria Zoo Crew – Joe Dezarlo

1991: 94 wins – 2nd Place **43-37 3rd place – on pace for 86 wins making 94 could be doable.**

HITTERS: .258(**.247**) AVE .328(**.309**) OBP .386(**.351**) SPC 686(**317**) RUNS 123(**46**) HRS 139/56(**37/26**) SBS/CS

Cal Ripken .308/.364/.532 14 HRs 58 runs 60 RBIs lead the team. NO surprise there. 38 runs and 31 RBIs by two different players hold second place, Cal should easiely lead the team and possibly garner the teams Triple Crown. With that typed, being over .500 is purely magical for the Zoo Crew. Numberz ain't sure how he is doing this, Joe D. is getting the most out of the boyz.

PITCHERS: 4.18(**3.66**) ERA 1148(**718**) INNINGS 1119(**704**) HITS 400(**253**) BBs 677(**446**) Ks 1.32(**1.33**) WHIP 125(**62**) HRs 82(**64**) DPs

Nightmare 3.53 8-3 in 16 starts is joined by Big Ben McDonald 4.22 8-4 in 15 starts and Omar Olivares 4.38 8-5 1 SV 3 CGs 2 SHOs. Surprising two 4+ era will get you 8 wins. That happens when your team averages 4 runs per game. Bearded one, Jeff Reardon 2.88 3-3 24 saves in 39 games is joined by Mike Jackson 2.14 3-3 4 SVs in 39 games and Wally Ritchie 1.15 2-1 1 SV in 29 games form a secure bullpen. Joe is not too worried when he strolls to the mound the game will remain in hand. Rosario Rodriguez in

NOT K-Rod 5.87 in 5 games 3 HRS in 7.2 innings. Things keep going this way, Zoo Crew will be happy in the second half.

Anok Island Gnomes – Steve Brunner

1991: 88 wins – 3rd Place **51-29 on pace for 100 win season.**

HITTERS: .263 **(.277)** AVE .238**(.332)** OBP .386**(.408)** SPC 859**(382)** RUNS 141**(60)** HRS 183/80**(41/24)**
SBS/CS

Smoke and mirrors is how this magic is being done. Will the R-Factor come crashing down on the Gnomes? John Kruk 12 HRs is followed by Juan Gonzalez and his 10 and team leading 53 RBIs. Roberto Alomar .361/.397/.560 53 runs 21/8 SB/CS is the table setter for those two. Travis Fryman .327/.381/.504 is playing above his numbers and a second half crash could be crushing for the Gnomes. Bit players playing large. Is reflected in the other 19 players that have seen action in the first half.

PITCHERS: 3.59**(3.34)** ERA 1761**(795)** INNINGS 1702**(756)** HITS 556**(219)** BBs 1141**(499)** Ks 1.28**(1.23)**
WHIP 140**(61)** HRs 122**(59)** DPs

Scott Erickson 2.93 13-3 in 16 starts, Tom Candiotti 3.74 11-2 in 17 starts have a surprising record. They rejoice in the 5.4 & 5.6 runs scored per game and are joined by Jack Armstrong's 5.1 a Rule 5 pick up 3.11 4-3 in 12 starts 3 CGs to prove that if your team can score more runs than the other, don't matter how many runs you give up. Rob Dibble still gives the crowd worries 3.23 0-3 20 of 23 in SVO fanning 46 in 30 innings. Mix Match bullpen has been doing fine. Can they keep it up? If the offense stays the course things should be fun in the second half. [last month Gnomes went 23-4, this month 4-5 at home and play the Phantoms on the road. R-Factor is real! As dreams can be broken]

Punxsutawney Pachyderms - John Lippincott

1991: 84 wins – 4th Place **31-49 6th place – on pace to finish 20 under prediction**

HITTERS: .261**(.237)** AVE .322**(.299)** OBP .387**(.322)** SPC 989**(262)** RUNS 154**(24)** HRS
174/76**(40/21)** SBS/CS

Cecil Fielder .339/.427/.732 11 HRs 19 runs 27 RBIs 112 Abs has played in 65 games should be well rested for the second half. Harold Reynolds has 35 runs Billy Hatcher has 31 RBIs to lead the team. Betting more offensive production might require players playing more. Harold Reynolds leads the team with 284 Abs. John, like a good marathon runner, might be about ready to kick it into that finishing gear.

PITCHERS: 4.62**4.17** ERA 1690**(713)** INNINGS 1653**(700)** HITS 707**(304)** BBs 1042**(475)** Ks 1.41**(1.41)**
WHIP 184**(61)** HRs 111**(60)** DPs

Three eight game losers in the starting staff and only one 5 game winner. Andy Hawkins 4.02 5-3 in 11 starts receives about the team average of run support of 3.2 runs per game. With 4 being higher than 3 amazing he won 5. If I could have worked in 1 & 2 on that sentence. 3.3 runs per game gets you 31 wins in the first half. Joe Boever has been used 44 times, pitched 60 innings K'd 65 3.13 7-5 with zero saves. Looks like he is the bridge to nowhere – from starter to – Scott Bailes 4.05 1-3 7 of 9 in saves. Mark Davis 2.05 3-2 perfect 8 of 8 in saves is the go-to-closer for a sure thing. Seldom used and very well rested for a second half surge is Jose Guzman in 8 starts 1.55 2-3 2 CGs 2 SHOs – guess that is how he got those 2 wins, has 17 starts remaining. He could make the kinda noise a Pachyderm makes, making it hard to sneak up on opponents. Another team looking for offense to become offensive in the second half.

Thunder Bay Damage – Rob Capizzano

1991: 83 wins – 5th Place **34-46 5th place – getting to 70 wins is likely.**

HITTERS: .266**(.240)** AVE .328**(.301)** OBP .372**(.352)** SPC 705**(284)** RUNS 135**(38)** HRS
125/51**(29/13)** SBS/CS

Playing daily, Don Mattingly .190/.224/.248 306 Abs 1 HR 17 runs 26 RBIs must have Rob screaming “When! Why! What the...!” If the R-Factor wakes up so will Mr. Baseball. Jay Buhner has 8 HRs 34 RBIs to lead the team. Fifteen position players have seen action and only two of those have less than 126 Abs. Another team that has players well rested for the second half surge.

PITCHERS: 4.13**(3.84)** ERA 1670**(728)** INNINGS 1663**(714)** HITS 690**(272)** BBs 1115**(548)** Ks 1.41**(1.35)**
WHIP 154**(45)** HRs 140**(73)** DPs

Kevin Brown 5.65 2-12 in 17 starts is hoping for a shot of vitamin R or a 20 game loser is in his sights. Jose Rijo 2.54 9-1 in 17 starts is gunning for a 20 game winner – with a lot of help from teammates. He is already getting 4.5 runs per game, one run more than team average and compared to Brown's 2.6 you can see why one is 2-12 and the other 9-1. Ok, era of 5.65 and 2.54 might also have something to do with the disparity. Duane Ward 1.98 3-3 11 saves in 38 games has plenty of help in the pen. Rusty Meacham is 0.73 0-1 in 9 games. He gets ink because I saw him pitch with the Fayetteville Generals 1988-89 and was eying him for fifth round pick. A team with a trusty bullpen. Also a team with an untrusty starter in Jason Grimsley 5 starts – needing one more to get to 50% is 0-4 6.58 – vitamin R would do him one run lower and could blemish his record with a win. Numberz did project them in 5th and 5th they are.

Fairfax Canaries – Ron Peterson

1991: 65 wins – 6th Place **36-44 4th place – keeping pace will crush Numberz spirit.**

HITTERS: .241 (**.249**) AVE .312 (**.318**) OBP .372 (**.394**) SPC 705 (**344**) RUNS 135 (**71**) HRS
106/55 (**24/8**) SBS/CS

Ellis Burks .284/.342/.521 12 HRs 33 runs 43 RBIs has him posed to win the teams Triple Crown. Greg Vaughn 11 HRs 38 RBIs in 277 Abs helps a little. 13 players with 100+ Abs and only Burks & Vaughn north of 250 reveals the teamwork concept. Mark McGwire .264/.394/.448 212 Abs 32 runs 9 HRs 29 RBIs doesn't need a shot of vitamin R as it might bring his offensive numbers down. The one number he'd like to see go up HR production. Then that might need another shot of something. Jeff Huson and Geronimo Pena are both 6 for 6 in stolen bases.

PITCHERS: 4.21 (**4.33**) ERA 1654 (**714**) INNINGS 1680 (**756**) HITS 592 (**255**) BBs 1003 (**492**) Ks
1.37 (**1.42**) WHIP 164 (**77**) HRs 132 (**55**) DPs

[Twenty one pitchers on the roster and 10 are Bonus Babies.] Currently 14 pitchers have been used and six have ERAs above 4.50 Francisco Oliveras 5.75 1-4 in 32 games has pitched 40.2 innings 50 hits and 11 of those were HRs. Charles Nagy 5.22 6-11 in 19 starts at least stretches out the game 110 innings to give the pen some rest. Tom Browning in 19 starts is 6-6 4.03 in 118 innings. 3.8 runs per game for Nagy and Browning get 4.7 With a team average of 4.3 other teams would enjoy the luxury of run support. Mike Schooler 3.10 1-1 19 saves out of 22 brings joy to the Canary faithful.

Guess a who is gonna win, here it is: **half way prediction change**

AL – Lemurs	Aviators
NL – Monsters	Monsters
WS – Monsters -	Monsters