

STATE OF THE RACE

AL EAST

This looks like a lock for Black Swamp for the sport a 7 game league over old nemesis Quigley. On the 8th they roll in to Quigley for a 7 game series which could change the race dramatically, but if the Salamanders can win only 2 of those games they should lock the title.

AL CENTRAL

Baltimore sports a 5 game lead over Lafayette, a good but not commanding lead. One drawback for Lafayette is that their head to head matchups are over for the season.

AL WEST

Brooklyn is in with an insurmountable 12 game lead.

WILDCARD

Lafayette has a 2 ½ game lead over Chicago and 3 ½ game lead over Quigley. Chicago and Quigley meet early for a 5 game set. Chicago also has a tough 7 game home series versus Brooklyn and meets divisional rivals Pandora and Pitcairn for another 14 games. Lafayette plays a good Kansas team for 4, a disappointing but still dangerous Carolina for 7 and divisional rivals Frankfort and Indianapolis for another 14 games. Quigley has the 5 versus Chicago, a tough 7 versus Black Swamp and 14 versus weaker divisional rivals Dexter and Canton.

AL EAST

Birmingham should win the least, or rather east, with an 8 game lead. The only suspense here is whether or not they'll reach .500.

AL CENTRAL

Kansas had an insurmountable 8 game lead and being the only plus .500 team should walk this one in.

AL WEST and WILDCARD

Two of the four playoff slots will be decided in September. Kitsilano and Gray's Harbor sit tied on top of the division, but Red Bluff and Frisco both sit tied at only 1 game back. All teams play each other 7 times and any domination a series may eliminate an opponent. Outside the division all matchups are with the NL East. Gray's Harbor gets the luck of the draw here with a matchup against weak Atlantic City (47-89). Kitsilano gets weak Niskayuna (51-85). Red Bluff gets New Jersey (59-77) and Frisco gets division leader Birmingham (67-69). It's going to be a real nail biter.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 1993

8/28-Leadoff hitter Mike Greenwell went 6 for 6 and scored 4 times for Frisco, but they lost 13-10 to Niskayuna. Mickey Morandini had 5 hits from the second spot scoring and driving in 3.

Pedro Munoz (Boxers), Dave Justice (Orange Growers) and Ken Griffey (Storm) all had three 2 homer games during July and August.

8/2-Redbirds CF Barry Bonds went 5 for 5 with a double and 2 homeruns and drove in an incredible 9 runs in a 16-4 shellacking of the Mood Dogs.

7/28-Cyclones 1B Rafael Palmeiro went 5 for 5, hitting 3 doubles and 2 homers and drove in 7 runs in a 15-4 thrashing of the Storm.

Mark Whiten (Red Sox), Chris Sabo (Storm) and Barry Bonds (Redbirds) all had 2 games with 5 or more RBI.

Chuck Carr of the Red Sox had 3 games in which he stole 3 bases.

8/10-Hot Dogs catcher Bob Boone had 3 rbi sac flys in 14-1 rout of the Islanders.

Three Hedgehog pitchers, Mark Langston, John Burkett and Jimmy Key all had 1 hit victories. Langston and Key tossed shutouts and Burkett gave up only 1 unearned run in his win.

8/16-Redbird's Pete Harnisch tossed a 3 hit shutout and struck out 15 Boxers.

Randy Johnson twice struck out more than 10 batters in a game.

Ray Lankford (Cows), Len Dykstra (Islanders) and Mickey Morandini (Sky Sox) all hit for the cycle in games.

Kent Hrbek, Arrows 1B, smacked 3 grand slams, all in Arrow wins. One was a walkoff!