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## **BRASSball League Newsletter**

November 2006

### ***2006 Post Season***

An update on the post season progress:

#### Wildcard Series:

AL Wildcard Series: Plaza Lions (1) @ Santa Barbara Outlaws (4)

NL Wildcard Series: Ocala Ocelots (4) @ Maine Black Flies (2)

#### Divisional Playoff Series:

AL Divisional Series: Windy City Slickers (4) @ Toledo Mudhens (3)

AL Divisional Series: Santa Barbara Outlaws (1) @ Cook County Maulers (4)

NL Divisional Series: Glen Allen Mets (2) @ Fleetwood Walkers (4)

NL Divisional Series: Ocala Ocelots (3) @ Metropolis Avengers (4)

#### League Championship Series:

**ALCS: Windy City Slickers ( ) @ Cook County Maulers ( )**

**NLCS: Metropolis Avengers ( ) @ Fleetwood Walkers ( )**

#### BRASSball World Series:

To Be Determined

### ***League Dues***

League Dues are \$15 this season, and are now past due. Please send \$15 check to:

Brian Budzyn

255 Gazania Court

Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

I can also receive funds through Paypal, ask for details.

After this year's collection, our Treasury will be at \$500 and be healthy enough to last the next 3 seasons. Hopefully longer... depending on our website provider's cost.

I need to collect dues from: Kevin Kolb, Brook Hoffman, Vaughn Nuest, Bob Loose, Brian Curran

### ***BRASSball Website***

Jon and Henry are investigating new Service Providers for our website. Our current provider contract ends in November, plus they have had a few issues recently. Jon and Henry are looking for a more reliable and cost effective solution for us. Thanks gentlemen!

### ***Team Openings***

The Cincinnati Royals franchise is in search of a new owner. If you know of anyone that would be a good fit for our league, please have them get in touch with me as soon as possible. Free Agency will be upon us soon... and I'm sure the new league member would love to be on-board to participate.

If no new league member is found quickly, the League Director will conduct Cincinnati's Free Agency.

### ***New Stadium***

The Las Vegas Stars will be playing in Yankee Stadium.

### ***2007 Rosters***

The 2007 BRASSball Roster file has been updated with all player signings and cuts. You should have received this file on October 26.

### ***2006 Free Agency***

The 2006 BRASSball Free Agency file has been distributed. You should have received this email and file on October 26. Please refer to the League Constitution and my email for detailed instructions. As always, please submit your contract bids to the League Director sooner than later so that I can import and sort bids in a timely manner. I'd like to continue our tradition of kicking off Free Agency on Thanksgiving Day. Your help is required!

## **Rule Proposals**

Your rule proposal votes for the 2007 season were submitted to me on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The following proposals have passed and will be included in the next revision of our League Constitution.

### **PASS - ITEM #4: ANNUAL DRAFT – TIME SLOTTED ROUND 1**

#### **Proposal:**

Use a time slotted draft week for the first round of the annual draft leading up to the annual draft day for rounds 2 through X. For example, starting on the weekend prior to the Annual Draft Day, a 2-hour timeslot would be allocated for each team to make their first round selection. The two-hour timeslots would begin at 8AM and continue until 8PM for a total of 6 picks per day leading up to the Annual Draft. The actual implementation shall be determined by the Draft Conductor and League Director.

### **PASS - ITEM #7: ALLOW UNIQUE SEPTEMBER HOME & AWAY ROSTERS**

#### **Proposal:**

Alter Section VIII (Roster), Paragraph G of current Constitution to allow teams to make changes to their active roster DURING SEPTEMBER GAME-PLAY ONLY. This will allow a team to use all available playing time for player(s) near their usage limits (plate appearances\*105% for hitters; innings\*105% for pitchers). Specifically, a team can make a player INACTIVE for its September road games (games out of the owner's direct control), but ACTIVE for its September home games (games in the owner's direct control).

*LEAGUE DIRECTOR NOTE: This was allowed to occur during September 2006 to help teams avoid over-usage.*

### **PASS - ITEM #8: ALLOW PITCHER TO USE BATTING CARD, if required to bat**

#### **Proposal:**

Alter Section IX (Rules of Play), Paragraph I to read as follows. It eliminates any mention of player injury (which no longer can occur in BRASSball) and allows a pitcher to always use the batting card they earned during the last MLB season.

I. A pitcher cannot be used as a starting designated hitter and cannot be used as a pinch hitter. A pitcher cannot bat unless the DH was needed for a defensive replacement in the late innings (7th or later). A pitcher can be inserted as a position player, and take an at bat, if the last player at a given position was pinch hit for. But the pitcher may be inserted only if there are no other position players available. Both AL and NL pitchers use the pitcher's hitting cards they earned during the most recent MLB season.

*LEAGUE DIRECTOR NOTE: This should already occur in the Computer based game. This proposal would be to acknowledge how the Computer game operates. Only in rare instances is a pitcher allowed to bat.*

### **PASS - ITEM #9: PROHIBIT STATISTICIAN from SCALING USAGE PA and IP**

#### **Proposal:**

Alter Section X (Player Usage), Paragraphs A & B as follows. This will insure that the League Statistician NEVER adjusts any player's season statistics from his actual MLB totals. By doing so, it removes any possible ambiguity or confusion by the league's members in knowing each player's usage limit...it will always be 105% of the AB+BB or IP listed on the card).

A. To determine the plate appearance limit on any position player, add the player's at-bats and walks, from the previous MLB season, together and multiply the total by 105%. The resulting total is his plate appearance usage limit for the season. NOTE: The BRASSball league game structure, sent out by the League Statistician, will not include adjusted statistics. As such, each BRASSball owner knows confidently that each position player is allowed 105% of the at-bats plus walks total listed on his card. The only exception to this rule is when the most recent MLB season played less than a full schedule of games (currently 162 per team) due to a player strike, owner lock-out, act of God, or any other reason. In such a case, the League Statistician may choose to multiply the partial season's statistics to a full 162-game BRASSball equivalent.

B. To determine the innings pitched limit on any pitcher, multiple the player's innings pitched, from the previous MLB season, by 105%. The resulting total is his innings pitched usage limit for the season.

NOTE: The BRASSball league game structure, sent out by the League Statistician, will not include adjusted statistics. As such, each BRASSball owner knows confidently that each pitcher is allowed 105% of the innings pitched total listed on his card. The only exception to this rule is when the most recent MLB season played less than a full schedule of games (currently 162 per team) due to a player strike, owner lock-out, act of God, or any other reason. In such a case, the League Statistician may choose to multiply the partial season's statistics to a full 162-game BRASSball equivalent.

**The following initiatives did NOT pass approval:**

ITEM 1: MLB RETIREMENT OF BRASSBALL PLAYERS

ITEM #3: SOM CLOSER RULE

ITEM #5: ALLOW DRAFT DAY COLLABORATION FOR TRADE PURPOSES

ITEM #6: ELIMINATE Y3 CONTRACTS

ITEM #10: MID-SEASON SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT

***Player Award Ballots – MVP, Cy Young, Rookie of the Year***

Your player award votes for the 2006 regular season were submitted to me on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Here are the voting results.

**AL MVP: Gary Sheffield (Toledo)**

**AL Cy Young: John Lackey (Cook County)**

**AL Rookie of the Year: Jeff Francoeur (Moline)**

**NL MVP: Derrek Lee (Fleetwood)**

**NL Cy Young: Roger Clemens (Metropolis)**

**NL Rookie of the Year: Joe Mauer (Ocala)**

Detailed results and the other players who received votes:

### AL Most Valuable Player

	C.Crawford	A.Rodriguez	M.Tejada	J.Bay	T.Hafner	M.Ramirez	A.Jones	C.Delgado	G.Sheffield	D.Ortiz	P.Polanco	M.Young	T.Glaus	M.Ellis	J.Peralta
				7	3	1		10					5		
	10	7	5	3	1										
	3			1		10	7	5							
	10		5		1			7	3						
					10			3					5	7	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			1	3		7	10		5						
	1				3	7			10	5					
	10			1		5			7	3					
						1			3	10		5	7		
					3	5	7				10	1			
		3		5				7	10	1					
TOTAL	34	10	11	20	21	36	24	32	38	19	10	6	17	7	1

### AL Cy Young

	J.Lackey	C.Zambrano	B.Penny	T.Jones	S.Eyre	B.Webb	D.Lowe	J.Garland	R.Halladay
	10	7	3			1	5		
	10	7	5	3	1				
	10	7		3		5	1		
	10	7	1			3		5	
	5	7	3			1			10
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	7	10		1		5			3
	10	7		3		5			1
	7	10		3		1			5
	7	10				3		1	5
	1	3		7	10	5			
	10	7	5			3		1	
TOTAL	87	82	17	20	11	32	6	7	24

### AL Rookie of the Year

	F. Sanchez	F. Hernandez	W. Taveras	J. Francoeur	R. Church	G. Chacin	G. Atkins	H. Carrasco	H. Street	W. Betemit
	3		10	1		5	7			
	10	7	5	3	1					
	3	1		10		7	5			
	7			5		10	3	1		
	1			7		10	3		5	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	7		1	10		5			3	
	5	3				7	10		1	
	3	5		7		10	1			
	5	1		10			3	7		
	7	1	10			3		5		
				10	1		3			7
TOTAL	51	18	26	63	2	57	35	18	9	7

### NL Most Valuable Player

	D. Lee	A. Pujols	D. Wright	M. Cabrera	M. Texiera	R. Furcal	I. Suzuki	J. Edmonds	B. Roberts	V. Guerrero	K. Griffey	E. Chavez	J. Mauer
	10	7	5	3	1								
	10	1	3	5			7						
	10	7	5	3		1							
	3			10			7	1	5				
	7	5		10			1			3			
	10	5	1	7								3	
	10	3		5						7	1		
	5	1	3	7					10				
		1		10			3		5				7
	10	3	1	7								5	
	10	7	5	1			3						
	1	5		10			3		7				
TOTAL	86	45	23	78	1	1	24	1	27	10	1	8	7

NL Cy Young								
	R.Clemens	J.Santana	M.Rivera	AJ Burnett	R.Johnson	J.Peavy	C.Carpenter	P.Martinez
	10	7	5	3	1			
	7		10		5		1	3
	5	3	1	10		7		
	10	7		1			5	3
	10	7		1	5		3	
	7			10	1		5	3
	5	10	7	3			1	
	10	7		5	1			3
	7	10	5		3			1
	10	7		5		1	3	
	10	3			5		1	7
	10	7		1	5		3	
TOTAL	101	68	28	39	26	8	22	20

NL Rookie of the Year											
	T.Iguchi	N.Swisher	R.Howard	J.Mauer	D.Turnbow	R.Cano	V.Diaz	C.Burke	J.Crain	C.Shelton	S.Baker
	10	7	5	3	1						
		3		10	5	7				1	
	10	7	3	1	5						
	7	1	3	10		5					
	10		1			3			5		7
	10	1		5		7	3				
		7	5			10	3	1			
	5	1	3	10					7		
	1			10	5	7				3	
	7	3		10	5				1		
			10	5		7	1			3	
	5	1	3	10		7					
TOTAL	65	31	33	74	21	53	7	1	13	7	7

### Trades – October 2006

- Σ 77 Toledo trades Brad Radke and \$1,187,500 cash to Ocala for Matt Treanor
- Σ 78 Toledo extends Jermaine Dye's contract (1X2-\$10M) for the 2007 season
- Σ 79 Bloomington trades Corey Lidle to Glen Allen for Jose Castillo
- Σ 80 Fleetwood trades Esteban Loaiza to Metropolis for Willy Aybar
- Σ 81 Box City trades Randy Flores and Greg Aquino to Brooklyn for Bob Wickman
- Σ 82 Charm City trades Jason Jennings to Metropolis for Eric Chavez

- Σ 83 Cook County trades Toby Hall to Bloomington for Bloomington's 2007 #3 and \$300k
- Σ 84 Cook County trades Dan Haren, John Lackey, Andruw Jones, Geoff Geary, and Eduardo Perez to Las Vegas for Anibal Sanchez, Cole Hamels, Prince Fielder, Shane Victorino, Jonathon Broxton, and Las Vegas' 2007 #1
- Σ 85 Cook County trades Ronny Paulino, Aaron Hill, Daniel Cabrera, Luke Hochevar, Yovanni Gallardo to Maine for CC Sabathia, Paul Konerko, Pat Burrell
- Σ 86 Las Vegas trades Kevin Millwood and Craig Hansen to Santa Barbara for Chris Volstad, Aaron Boone, and Ryan Langerhans
- Σ 87 Charm City trades \$250k to Box City for Andy Phillips and Tomas Perez

### ***Upcoming League Deadlines***

#### **November 2006**

See Free Agency email for deadlines!

That's all for now...

*Brian Budzyn*

BRASSball League Director