

BRASSball Newsletter

October 2007

2007 Playoff Tree

AL Wildcard Series

Plaza (AL Wildcard - 92w) at Cook County (AL Wildcard - 106w)

NL Wildcard Series

Springfield (NL Wildcard - 96w) at Fleetwood (NL Wildcard - 98w)

AL Divisional Series

Hessville 2 (AL East - 90w) at **Box City 4** (AL Central - 118w)
AL Wildcard at Toledo (AL West - 96w)

NL Divisional Series

NL Wildcard at Bloomington (NL Central - 110w)
Glen Allen (NL East - 102w) at Ocala (NL West - 108w)

AL Championship Series

TBD at Box City (AL Central - 118w)

NL Championship Series

BRASSball World Series

September Newsletter Article Incentive Program:

- Σ Bloomington earned a \$3,300,000 credit for their 11 news articles.
- Σ Hessville earned a \$300,000 credit for hosting the All-Star game and writing a summary.
- Σ Louisville earned a \$600,000 credit for writing two articles as the AL Reporter. (The full AL Reporter salary was not credited since all 9 articles were not delivered).

Closing 2007 Bank Accounts

Fleetwood	\$67,603,415
Santa Barbara	\$52,968,433
Bloomington	\$48,982,688
Springfield	\$38,300,251
Glen Allen	\$38,148,937
Hessville	\$35,179,273
Plaza	\$33,568,189
Cook County	\$28,998,022
Box City	\$24,652,395
Toledo	\$23,922,311

Port Richey	\$23,904,444
Camby	\$21,141,877
Superior	\$20,786,437
Texas	\$17,702,746
Las Vegas	\$17,206,148
Metropolis	\$10,955,796
Windy City	\$8,772,342
Charm City	\$6,734,698
Maine	\$5,630,683
Brooklyn	\$3,762,902
Ocala	\$3,505,317
North Georgia	\$2,663,242
Tinley	\$2,384,970
Louisville	\$-1,272,213

In-Season Standings Incentive Program

The following teams received a cash bonus for the **In-Season Standings Incentive Program** (Constitution Section XVIII):

Bloomington	\$300,000
Box City	\$300,000
Brooklyn	\$110,000
Camby	\$300,000
Charm City	\$300,000
Cook County	\$300,000
Fleetwood	\$300,000
Glen Allen	\$300,000
Hessville	\$300,000
Las Vegas	\$300,000
Louisville	\$300,000
Maine	\$110,000
Metropolis	\$190,000
North Georgia	\$300,000
Ocala	\$300,000
Plaza	\$300,000
Port Richey	\$300,000
Santa Barbara	\$300,000
Springfield	\$300,000
Texas	\$300,000
Tinley	\$300,000
Toledo	\$300,000
Windy City	\$300,000

On-Time Mailing Record

The following teams had a perfect **On-Time Mailing Record** for the entire season, and therefore earned a Bonus Round Draft Pick (Constitution Section XV):

Bloomington
Box City
Brooklyn
Fleetwood
Hessville
Metropolis
North Georgia
Ocala
Plaza
Santa Barbara
Springfield
Texas
Tinley
Windy City

Home/Road Discrepancy Program

The following teams have earned a cash bonus from the **Home/Road Discrepancy Program** (Constitution Section XVI):

Home/Away games differential = **-0.583**

The average BRASSball team lost 0.583 more games at home than on the road in the 2007 BRASSball season.

Those teams whose home/road discrepancy was lower than this average:

Ocala (-12), Charm City (-12), Maine (-7), Hessville (-6), Santa Barbara (-6), Texas (-6), Camby (-5), Port Richey (-2), Cook County (-2), Springfield (-2), Metropolis (-1), Superior (-1)

The smallest discrepancy = -12 games

The range over which awards are given = 11.417

Dividing the award range into fifths = 2.2834 per range

The award ranges are therefore:

Award Range #1: -12.00 to -9.72 games:
Award Range #2: -9.71 to -7.43 games:
Award Range #3: -7.42 to -5.15 games:
Award Range #4: -5.14 to -2.87 games:
Award Range #5: -2.86 to -0.58 games:

The teams who fall in the award ranges are therefore:

Ocala (-12), Charm City (-12)
none
Maine (-7), Hessville (-6), Santa Barbara (-6), Texas (-6)
Camby (-5)
Port Richey (-2), Cook County (-2), Springfield (-2),
Metropolis (-1), Superior (-1)

Therefore, the bonus awards are:

Ocala	\$3,000,000
Charm City	\$3,000,000
Maine	\$2,000,000
Hessville	\$2,000,000
Santa Barbara	\$2,000,000
Texas	\$2,000,000
Camby	\$1,500,000
Port Richey	\$1,000,000
Cook County	\$1,000,000
Springfield	\$1,000,000
Metropolis	\$1,000,000
Superior	\$1,000,000

Player Usage

The following players were utilized beyond their allowable **Player Usage** during the 2007 season (Constitution Section X):

The fine for exceeding player usage limits is:

Each plate appearance over the buffer will cost \$250,000.

Each inning pitched over the buffer will cost \$500,000.

Players within 105% plus buffer limits:

Jason Schmidt (BLO) +1 within buffer
Maicer Izturis (BOX) +4 within buffer
Lastings Milledge (DRA) +2 within buffer
Kyle Lohse (DRA) +2 within buffer
John Thomson (DRA) +1 within buffer
JC Romero (DRA) +3 within buffer
Morgan Ensberg (MET) +3 within buffer
Mike Piazza (MET) +2 within buffer
Orlando Palmeiro (MAI) +3 within buffer
Matt Holliday (AVE) +4 within buffer
Corey Hart (YEL) +1 within buffer
Mike Timlin (SUP) +3 within buffer
Chris Duncan (WCS) +4 within buffer

Players beyond 105% plus buffer limits:

Brad Wilkerson (DRA) +23, +18 beyond buffer (\$4.5M)
Choo Freeman (DRA) +26, +21 beyond buffer (\$5.25M)
Yusmeiro Petit (DRA) +15, +12 beyond buffer (\$6M)
Scott Olsen (MAI) +4, +1 beyond buffer (\$500k)
Randy Wolf (MAI) +12, +9 beyond buffer (\$4.5M)
Pete Orr (YEL) +48, +43 beyond buffer (\$10.75M)
Ryan Spilborghs (YEL) +49, +44 beyond buffer (\$11M)
Matt Belisle (YEL) +6, +3 beyond buffer (\$1.5M)

Bryan Sweeney (PRE) +6, +3 beyond buffer (\$1.5M)
Mark Prior (SUP) +10, +7 beyond buffer (\$3.5M)
Lew Ford (TIN) +17, +12 beyond buffer (\$3M)
John Grabow (WCS) +8, +5 beyond buffer (\$2.5M)
Gary Majewski (WCS) +10, +7 beyond buffer (\$3.5M)
Dave Borkowski (WCS) +18, +15 beyond buffer (\$7.5M)

2008 Contract Extensions:

Fleetwood extends the contract of Barry Bonds (1X1-\$5M) for one season.
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Toledo extends the contract of Placido Polanco (1X1-\$5M) for one season.
Las Vegas extends the contract of Andruw Jones (1X3-\$21.41M) for three seasons.
Glen Allen extends the contract of John Smoltz (1X1-\$5M) for one season.
Plaza extends the contract of Derek Lowe (1X1-\$5M) for one season.

New Owner

The franchise formerly known as the Las Vegas Stars has been relocated to California and has been re-named the Thousand Oaks Tigers. Jim Budzyn will take ownership of this team after becoming familiar with their players this past season. Jim helped configure the team's Computer Manager and assisted with wrapping up the 2007 regular season for the Las Vegas Stars during the final two months of the season. Yes, Jim is related to me – he is my father. He can be reached at his preferred email address for BRASSball contact: jbudzyn@yahoo.com.

Open Franchise

The franchise formerly known as the Camby Cubs became available in late September. Please let me know if you have any colleagues interested in joining our league! This franchise has earned the right to draft first overall in the upcoming Annual Draft.

2008 Annual Draft Order

Order	Team	Wins
1	Camby	47
2-T	Texas	50 (wins tie-breaker with On-Time Mailing)
2-T	Charm City	50
4	Port Richey	54
5	Tinley	57
6	Las Vegas	62
7	Superior	65
8	North Georgia	68
9	Louisville	71

10	Windy City	72
11	Maine	73
12	Brooklyn	78
13	Santa Barbara	86
14	Metropolis	95
15	Hessville	90
TBD	Plaza	92
TBD	Toledo	96
TBD	Springfield	96
TBD	Fleetwood	98
TBD	Glen Allen	102
TBD	Cook County	106
TBD	Ocala	108
TBD	Bloomington	110
TBD	Box City	118