

SWBL SEASON 20 PREVIEW

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Preamble:

If you listened to any of the podcasts or dissected the preseason front office rankings, you will understand why there has been so much controversy and drama leading up to Season 20. *Unbiased favoritism by captains towards their own teams. Votes for players that have no business being voted for in certain award categories. Uneducated voters who prefer to rely on one or two memories from six years ago vs. recent, fact-based statistical analysis. Extreme outlier voting activity that did not have internal controls in place to remove blasphemous data points.* You name it, it happened. Have no fear, Pete is here to set the record straight. You might like it. You might hate it. But I'll be darned if you don't respect it.

Before I begin, it is necessary that I thank a few people. *Kevin and Kaye Skibbe (for welcoming us and allowing our shenanigans for the 20th year running). Sam Skibbe (for steering the ship straight for 20 years). The front office and captains (for helping corral things when needed). And every spouse/parent/child that contributes to what makes this league special. Season 20 is guaranteed to be the best one yet.*



Tier 5: Marlins – The fish had an incredible year last year, far surpassing expectations with a 3-7 finish and a respectable -11 run differential. On a rather impressive note, the three victories came against teams that played for the championship during the previous two seasons (Yankees, Expos, Brewers). I wouldn't put too much stock in the Marlins this year though. I think a 3-7 record is 100% their ceiling and thus, would not lead to a playoff spot.



On the optimistic side, the Marlins opted to add free agent and former Athletic Jordan Smith late in the offseason. Those who know Jordan, know what the Marlins are getting. He is a 3-tool guy who could rival any Marlin player in each category outside of Luke Bakula. Even with Jordan, however, I fear that this team will flounder (*I promised my son I'd make a Little Mermaid reference in here*). Don't worry about my opinion though as I have a history of being pretty far off on preseason rankings despite my logical, fact-based assumptions. In the SWBL, everyone deserves a chance and has a realistic shot at a title (refer to 2016 Athletics, 2020 Expos and 2021 Astros as evidence).

The Marlins will continue to be led by *America's Guy Next Door*, Luke Bakula, who comes in HOT as the #2 "Top 20" player snub on my list. Luke led the Marlins in AVG/HR/RBI last year and finds himself ranked 14th in AVG & 13th HR/AB during the past five years while being a Top 5 left fielder. Amongst active players, Sam Rudnick is 16th in AVG and has hit a very consistent .450 with 6 HR in each of his first two seasons. He fits well at the top of the lineup with Luke in preparation for the "go big or go home" likes of Josh Anthony (8th HR/AB, 22nd in AVG), Eli Erickson (10th HR/AB, 34th AVG) and Trent Davis (18th HR/AB, 46th in AVG). The unfortunate part for the Marlins is that the last three guys have strikeout rates in the 23-33% range. It likely won't be Corey Pohle (.091 AVG, 9% HR/AB, 41% K/AB) carrying the load for this team so it begs the question of not if, but *when*, Jordan Smith steps in and attempts to save this team. *J-Money* will get plenty of shots against the numerous teams that failed to sign him early in the offseason...and he will make them pay. Money. *J-Money*. Anyways, I'm fairly certain the offense will finish 9th but hopefully the Marlins exceed their historical 4.3 runs per game average.



On the mound, it's got to be Trent Davis (6.67 ERA in 2021, 12th K/IP) and Josh Anthony (5.00 ERA, 13th K/IP in 2021) carrying the load. The third time could be a charm for these guys as their SWBL pitching experience continues to grow. If you're looking for fantasy SWBL pitching value, look no further than Tall Guy and Fat-J at their \$3.50 price tags.

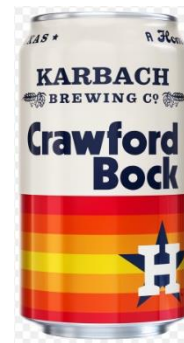
The front office rankings appeared unanimous against the Marlins in all facets. Hence, the #9 ranking in what will be a very competitive season 20. I know team captain Eli Erickson fairly well. He is like a brother to me. He is passionate and loves to win. After tasting victory an incredible three times last year, I predict that he will introduce Jordan Smith early and often to play the role of spoiler and grow the franchise's credibility.

2022 Team MVP Prediction:

Luke Bakula

Player	AB	Hits	HR/AB	AVG	OBP	SLUG	OPS	K/AB	Team
Sam Rudnick	80	36	15.0%	0.450	0.470	0.913	1.382	17.5%	Marlins
Luke Bakula	152	73	25.0%	0.480	0.524	1.237	1.761	12.5%	Marlins
Jordan Smith	22	11	4.5%	0.500	0.500	0.682	1.182	27.3%	Marlins
Josh Anthony	22	7	22.7%	0.318	0.464	1.000	1.464	22.7%	Marlins
Eli Erickson	67	22	17.9%	0.328	0.375	0.881	1.256	23.9%	Marlins
Trent Davis	36	7	11.1%	0.194	0.256	0.528	0.784	33.3%	Marlins
Corey Pohle	22	2	9.1%	0.091	0.130	0.364	0.494	40.9%	Marlins

Tier 4: Astros – The next tier up features an Astro team that is likely still riding high after coming off their first playoff berth in six years of existence. This was in large part due to captain Bryan Benware’s adept negotiation skills and the fruitful 1-year lease of John Calloway. John led the Astros in triple crown categories while finishing 6th in AVG, 5th in OPS and 2nd in K/AB. It was truly a great short-term investment that now becomes tough to replace after John’s departure to lead the White Sox. Clearly, the front office/captains believe that Benware has the depth to piece it together given the overall #5 front office preseason ranking. I’m a little less certain.



For me, Astro success starts with newcomer Jimmy Stout who returns to the league fully healthy (or maybe not) for the first time in four years. During the 2021 Summer League, Jimmy hit .600 (T-4th) and finished T-1st runs while playing the most innings of all players. However, the early May injury reports note that a hockey injury has his recovery timeline bumping up against Friday May 27th. What worries me most about this team is the offense. Aside from Benware’s 2/2, 2 HR, 5 RBI performance last year, the highest AVG and OBP for current Astro players belonged to David Olderman (9 for 21 with 0 HRs). That is incredibly surprising for a team that made the playoffs last year. Aside from Calloway, the bulk of the at bats last year were handled by the trio of Keaton, Cole and Cam who all sported averages below .400 and ranked outside the Top 20. It can’t get much worse offensively for this team and it’s likely that the entire trio exceeds their metrics from last year (i.e., fantasy wiffleball value).

The offense may not be top tier, but the pitching is expected to be more of a strength for this team given a balanced, three-headed monster rotation. David served as the ace last year and earned the playoff start on the mound after having one of his best years ever: 4-1 with 25.5 IP (3rd), 5.10 ERA (9th) and 12 K (T-11th). Cam Smith finished T-5th in K with an 8.05 ERA (20th). On paper, this duo didn’t live up to the hype from last season. But here is where it gets exciting if you are a fan of small (but arguably big enough) sample sizes. Through Jimmy Stout’s 20.5 IP in the first pitch strike era, he ranks 1st in ERA & Win % and 5th in WHIP & K/5. So, in pitching as well, I have to presume that this team is going to outperform their pitching results from 2021 assuming Benware utilizes Jimmy to some degree. I know Jimmy fairly well. He is like a brother to me. He seems ripe for a relief pitching role. Many think the Astros pitching was disrespected in the pre-season rankings, however, if you dissect key numbers like ERA, WHIP, HR/IP and BB/IP, Cam and Dave tend to rank closer to 13th among active pitchers.

I’m confident that Benware has a blueprint and a clipboard ready to go. I also think that with this team, no job is safe and the lineup and pitching decisions will remain fluid throughout the weekend. Yes, this team has great potential like most of the others. We’ve heard all about it this past offseason and saw the results last season (with John Calloway*). But it is tough for me to overlook the historical statistics and the showing in last year’s playoff game. The competition for a wild card spot will be fierce this year and I see teams like the Rockies and divisional rivals (Athletics and Orioles) making it tough for the Astros to end up in the final five.

Team MVP Prediction: Cam Smith

Player	AB	Hits	HR/AB	AVG	OBP	SLUG	OPS	K/AB	Team
Cameron Smith	115	54	23.5%	0.470	0.492	1.191	1.683	11.3%	Astros
Jim Stout	65	31	24.6%	0.477	0.493	1.247	1.739	9.2%	Astros
Keaton Adams	100	43	32.0%	0.430	0.467	1.390	1.857	20.0%	Astros
Cole Layton	80	29	12.5%	0.363	0.420	0.763	1.183	8.8%	Astros
Bryan Benware	139	56	19.4%	0.403	0.443	1.021	1.464	23.0%	Astros
David Olderman	24	11	4.2%	0.458	0.536	0.583	1.119	29.2%	Astros

Tier 3: Rockies – Rule 101 of SWBL Beat Writing: *Never Bet Against the Rockies Missing the Playoffs Until They Actually Do*. Some lessons I have learned the hard way. An early playoff exit last year seemed to send ripples through the Rockie organization evidenced by Kyle Breda, 2-time champion and franchise cornerstone, announcing his retirement very early in the offseason. Additionally, there was ongoing speculation of Blake Spencer testing free agency and leaving the reigns to Brian Kenney. Nonetheless, the #8 SWBL player 3x running returns as team captain and adds significant depth to his team. The Rockies made two rookie draft picks, both with significant wiffleball experience. Adam North (#1 ROTY candidate) was drafted by Blake after appearing on the 2021 Summer League championship team alongside, you guessed it, Blake Spencer (2020 and 2021 Summer League Champion). As a physical specimen, Blake clearly peaks in the summer. North finished Top 5 in AB while leading the league in batting strikeouts. Although the Rockies draw walks at a high rate, strikeouts have been known to plague them as well with Blake, Grant and Brian sitting outside the Top 20 in K/AB.



Adam is expected to play more of a role on the mound as he compliments their ace, Chad Young, who saw great success in his rookie year last year (26 IP, 3-3, 5 CG, 18 K, 5.38 ERA). Chad was *rocked* in the playoffs by the Royals in a 13-4 opening round loss, but he remains high on my fantasy SWBL radar with tremendous upside. His one year of pitching (21 IP) is a small sample size, but it gives him first-pitch strike era ranks of 1st in K/IP (0.81) and 3rd in ERA (4.76). He will remain the ace for this team, and I expect similar success in his sophomore campaign. I mean, look at that picture. I wouldn't want to mess with him. And don't forget about Blake, who sports a respectable 5.80 ERA (8th) and has stepped up time and time again to lead this team into the playoffs.



I expect Jason Worstenholm, the other SWBL rookie by way of the MO WIFF league, to display a hot bat early and subsequently earn significant at bats. He is a high risk, high upside fantasy pick for those looking to gamble. I expect varying Rockie lineups game to game depending on who is hitting the best. Like the Astros, I think the Rockies will shuffle things often and early to identify and ride the hot hand. I expect Blake to be one of the more active, decision-making captains given the depth he has.

The Rockies on paper may not stand out, especially with two rookies, resulting in a disrespectful #6 preseason ranking from the front office. But the Rockies thrive on this, and history has proven that they can piece together success more often than not. Two franchise titles and constant playoff appearances have been the ultimate proof of that. It's likely that this team experiences that Rocky Mountain High for the 11th year in a row and secures a wild card berth.

Team MVP Prediction: Blake Spencer

Player	AB	Hits	HR/AB	AVG	OBP	SLUG	OPS	K/AB	Team
Brian Kenney	196	89	20.4%	0.454	0.526	1.117	1.644	15.8%	Rockies
Blake Spencer	208	107	27.4%	0.514	0.545	1.375	1.920	12.0%	Rockies
Grant Boyd	142	66	14.1%	0.465	0.506	0.929	1.436	15.5%	Rockies
Jason Worstenholm									Rockies
Adam North									Rockies
Chad Young	3	0	0.0%	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	66.7%	Rockies

Tier 2: White Sox – I don't typically get aroused when it comes to wiffleball. Actually, who am I kidding, yes I do. This might be the *soxiest* team that we've ever had. This squad is brand new and led by a quartet of "younger" (but arguably too old to be playing wiffleball) studs who have proven skill and experience. *John Calloway. Jackson Crosley. Ty Butler. Derek Cornell.* In the first pitch strike era, all four are Top 12 in AVG but their average rank in HR/AB is 23rd. Sure, they'll complain about the pine trees in right field but that means they will lead the league in doubles and triples.



Jackson is coming off 1st team NWLA pitching and 3rd team NWLA hitting honors. The year off in 2020 did not affect John Calloway who is coming off two of his best seasons ever (25% HR/AB in each). Derek Cornell has found himself quite a solid floor (.500 AVG, 20% HR/AB) with much more room to grow and experience to gain in the field and on the mound. When you play your entire 7-year career with the Skibbe brothers, it's easy to fly under the radar like Ty Butler has. In addition to being 7th in AVG and Hits in the past five seasons, his OPS is higher than Paul Castellano, Peter Leicht, John Calloway, Edloe Donnan and Sam Bakula. He is a silent assassin and is about as close as you can get to Derek Thompson of the 2012–2014 SWBL Rays. Early indications are Ty manning left field but no matter who it is in left or right field, this team should have no problems reducing errors.



Jackson Crosley, the 2017 and 2021 Cy-Wiffle winner, is expected to receive the spotlight this year. Although he is tough to reach via cell phone 360 days out of the year, rumors indicate that John Calloway rented a double sleeping bag and a pair of handcuffs in order to keep Jackson from disappearing to the golf course. If I have to search for an area of concern for this team, it's going to be the pitching given the inconsistency we've seen from Jackson. Of the 90 qualifying pitching performances (10+ IP) during the past five seasons, Jackson was Top 18 in ERA during '17, '19 and '21 but finished 74th and 85th in '18 and '20. In his last four seasons, his K/IP each season sits outside the Top 50 individual performances. If Jackson can't compete for Cy Wiffle, this team is guaranteed to run into trouble. I suspect Derek Cornell will fill the

#2 pitching role behind Jackson after surprising many on the mound last year with 10 IP (2 CG), 3.50 ERA and 5 K (including a win over the Yankees). Ty was an effective pitcher in 2013 and 2014 but he hasn't appeared since. Derek is hot a fantasy pitching sleeper for those that still haven't signed up.

John Calloway will bring a methodical and collaborative approach to managing for the first time. This team will be scrappy, balanced and clutch. There is no way they miss out on the playoffs. Leon Cherry is waiting in the wings as the fifth man, but it's hard to imagine how much playing time he can take from a group of this caliber.

Team MVP Prediction: Jackson Crosley

Player	AB	Hits	HR/AB	AVG	OBP	SLUG	OPS	K/AB	Team
John Calloway	190	103	21.1%	0.542	0.559	1.269	1.827	6.3%	White Sox
Jackson Crosley	123	68	26.8%	0.553	0.570	1.390	1.961	7.3%	White Sox
Ty Butler	196	112	21.9%	0.571	0.584	1.286	1.870	16.8%	White Sox
Derek Cornell	121	63	21.5%	0.521	0.557	1.174	1.731	10.7%	White Sox
Leon Cherry	34	11	20.6%	0.324	0.378	0.941	1.320	17.6%	White Sox

Tier 2: Yankees – The last time Gus Skibbe & Scott Pohle teamed up in 2007 they ended up SWBL champions in the two-man era. Oddly enough, they were pre-ranked 7th and finished the regular season in 4th. A lot has changed in the past 14 years, most notably, the level of competition and additional SWBL talent that came out of the woodwork. The Yanks are the only team of four players which makes figuring out the roster pretty easy.



Sam Bakula will serve as extra hitter and continue doing what he does best (6th in Runs/RBIs, 9th in HR/AB). When you add in Gus Skibbe (1st in AVG, HR, OPS, Runs) and Scott Pohle (3rd in Hits, Runs, RBI; 4th in AVG, HR; 5th in OPS), this creates one of the best three-man hitting attacks in the league, likely only surpassed by the Twins. Kevin Pohle (2020 RF Golf Hands) will man right field while Scott and Gus alternate between the mound and left field. Kevin is coming off his worst year ever (.262 AVG, 10% HR/AB, 19% K/AB) which bring his five year ranks down to 29th (AVG), 26th (OPS) and 20th (K/AB). It seems likely Kevin’s offensive performance is a make-or-break factor for the Yanks. But batting around the other three will make it easy for Kevin to find his stroke and send his metrics upwards this year.

The offseason loss of Jackson Crosley to the Sox would normally be crippling for any team. But with Gus as his replacement, the Yankees maintain a slight upgrade for their roster overall. It is still tough to lose a 2-time Cy Wiffle winner. While Gus was selected as the #2 Preseason Cy Wiffle favorite from the front office (behind Jackson), his recent performance suggests that might be a generous spot (9th ERA, 11th WHIP, 18th K/IP). While Gus has big shoes to fill on the mound, it also means that Scott will be required to pitch roughly 20 innings as the #2 pitcher. Scott’s ERA (10.18) and WHIP (2.79) in the past three seasons rank second to last among all active players with at least 10 IP. He’s shown flashes of brilliance on the mound throughout his career (2011 Cy Wiffle in the 3-man era immediately preceding the franchise era), but clearly his Jimmy Nelson Off-Brand knuckleball remains saw Scott finish T-2nd worst in HR allowed (20) and BB (9) last season. Pitching is clearly my area of concern with this team. Gus used to have Sam to bail him out. Scott used to have Jackson for the same. Now what? Their playoff pitching experience is surprisingly limited.

When I look at this team, I can’t help but sense some arrogance. A 4-man roster? Don’t you realize we are in our thirties and one misstep away from a career ending injury? If there were to be a midseason injury for this team, I’m sure there are plenty of existing players who would love the chance at a midseason trade to the Yankees. And while a 4-man roster may bring natural risk, it has never proven to ruin a team’s chances at winning a title in the past ten years. So, I guess I’m okay with it. Overall, I see the Yankees landing securely in the #2-5 range across hitting, pitching and fielding. Clearly, that’s enough to get in the playoffs, but it puts much more pressure on each player’s shoulders, namely the pitching, to keep them on track for a title.

Team MVP Prediction: Gus Skibbe

Player	AB	Hits	HR/AB	AVG	OBP	SLUG	OPS	K/AB	Team
Gus Skibbe	254	157	35.4%	0.618	0.643	1.697	2.340	9.1%	Yankees
Scott Pohle	265	153	30.2%	0.577	0.593	1.502	2.095	7.5%	Yankees
Sam Bakula	256	111	30.1%	0.434	0.457	1.336	1.793	12.9%	Yankees
Kevin Pohle	202	88	23.3%	0.436	0.460	1.139	1.598	13.9%	Yankees

Tier 2: Orioles – Speaking of being older and a misstep away from injury, let's talk about the Orioles team featuring three franchise era veterans without a franchise era championship. The O's have some of the league's most seasoned players (14.3 seasons played per player) and are led by another first-time captain, John Leicht.

At the plate, the offense is one of only three teams with two legitimate and proven MVP contenders (Twins and Yankees being the others, of course). Sam Skibbe's last five seasons were consistently powerful (9th AVG, 2nd HR/AB, 3rd OPS) though he really hasn't contended for MVP since 2018. Patrick Gatti's ranks are similarly strong (14th AVG, 6th HR/AB, 6th OPS) as he finished 2nd in MVP in 2020. Speaking of aged talent, 2015 MVP and former Brewers captain Peter Leicht's recent performances have rectified his nickname from *MVPete* to just *VPete*. Sure, he still brings value, but it's been a different story since the beginning of the first pitch strike era as he ranks 13th in AVG and 21st in HR/AB. Brett Spencer is 17th in AVG and 31st in HR/AB and much like Pete, has seen a bit of a drop off in offense during the past five years after being one to fear in the early years. But Brett's largest contributions to Oriole success are likely to come on the mound and in the field. The lineup should work itself out with John, similarly to Bryan Benware of the Astros, finding ways to insert himself while making magic happen behind the scenes.

Having two MVP contenders is nice. But being the only team to also have two Cy Wiffle contenders makes this team stand out to me. The Orioles two aces (Brett and Sam) are Top 8 in every meaningful pitching category imaginable (IP, CG, SO, Win %, ERA, WHIP, K/IP and HR/IP). They've each claimed a Cy Wiffle award in the past four seasons. While individually you may not consider them the best pitcher in the league, there is no doubt that this is the best 2-man pitching rotation. I'd also say this is the best 3-man rotation when you factor in Patrick Gatti (10th in ERA & K/IP with 36.5 IP the past five seasons). Managing the pitching rotation should be an easy task for John Leicht.



I have to say, I have heard a lot of unfortunate and harmful comments made towards this team. Pointing them out as the oldest team in the league (narrowly edging the Expos) seems uncalled for. Making references to the 2021-2022 Los Angeles Lakers and Brooklyn Nets team of aged veterans also cuts deep. Sam and Brett may have finally gotten the supporting cast they needed during their 2012-2015 stint with the Cardinals. You might say the same about Pete and PG of the Brewers. If this team of five would have teamed up in the much less competitive early years of the franchise era, I would have expected at least 1 or 2 championships. In the current era, that is still possible, but it will be a much tougher battle in Season 20. I know John Leicht pretty well. He is like a brother to me. I'm confident he will manage this roster appropriately and put them in position to win every game and make a deep playoff run. For as much twitter bashing as this team has received, nobody is going to enjoy facing them in a dark alley on Monday.

Team MVP Prediction: Sam Skibbe

Player	AB	Hits	HR/AB	AVG	OBP	SLUG	OPS	K/AB	Team
Peter Leicht	240	124	22.9%	0.517	0.556	1.233	1.789	12.9%	Orioles
Sam Skibbe	240	130	36.7%	0.542	0.579	1.646	2.224	9.2%	Orioles
Patrick Gatti	186	96	31.2%	0.516	0.554	1.494	2.049	9.7%	Orioles
Brett Spencer	182	88	20.3%	0.484	0.535	1.143	1.678	15.4%	Orioles
John Leicht	121	45	14.9%	0.372	0.411	0.835	1.245	19.0%	Orioles

Tier 1: Twins – You can't argue with this one. The Twins are the only upper tier team with a returning roster fully intact, while every other team is welcoming at least one or two new full-time starters. The Twinkies are not the team you want to face in the playoffs or in a meaningful must-win regular season game. Since I mentioned the Brewers so often as it relates to the Expos, I might as well take this time to sarcastically thank the Royals (RIP) for allowing this gargantuan roster to form itself over the years. The four Twins on the roster (outside of team captain Chris Meador) spent a combined nine years with the Royals prior to being politely shoved out the back door to the eventual Twins. This team is loaded with depth at every position and has remained the unanimous favorite to win the championship by all.



For the first time in what seems like a while, a fresh face was crowned MVP as Cory McCarthy led the team in triple crown categories and finished with an incredible stat line: 609 AVG (4th); 17 HR (1st); 29 RBI (1st); 23 Runs (2nd); 2.401 OPS (2nd). Putting Cory aside for a moment, prior MVP Spencer Bogard is 1st HR/AB, 2nd OPS, 5th AVG in the past five seasons. Edloe is 10th AVG and 27th HR/AB. Chris Meador is 3rd OBP and 14th OPS. Collectively, the Twins have four players who are Top 10 in HR/AB (all 30%+), Top 11 in AVG (all >.540) and Top 7 in K/AB (all <8%). The offense seems fine, clearly.



Their defense is unanimously the best in the league as Chris Meador regained Platinum Hands last season and seems to have a stranglehold on it going forward despite numerous second tier contenders. You can pretty much do whatever you want with the offense/defense and it will turn out alright. It's not going to be hard for Meador to manage this team.

On the mound, Will Rath has solidified himself as the most consistent Top 5 pitcher. While he might have a lower ceiling than the top tier, his floor is second to none. He narrowly missed out on Preseason Cy Wiffle honors despite impressive ranks on the mound during the past five years: 5.11 ERA (5th), 0.55 K/IP (13th), 18 CG (6th), 3 SO (T-1st) with a 20-4 record. The voters who chose Gus must have forgotten about Will "Feel My" Rath.

If we must identify and exploit a flaw for this team, it's pitching and more specifically, which Spencer Bogard is going to show up and cover 20 IP. Spencer has had some ups and downs on the mound which have resulted in overall pitching ranks at 17th in ERA, 15th in WHIP, 18th in HR/IP and 19th in K/IP. Surprising, I know. On this team, he just needs to be a serviceable pitcher, limit the long ball and field the position... which he's proven he can do in the past.

The target is again on the Twins back as defending champions with this continued dynasty roster. They will get everyone's best shot. And they will secure a playoff spot simply by showing up and will be a prime contender on Monday.

Team MVP Prediction: Chris Meador

Player	AB	Hits	HR/AB	AVG	OBP	SLUG	OPS	K/AB	Team
Chris Meador	266	159	19.9%	0.598	0.616	1.229	1.846	7.1%	Twins
Spencer Bogard	236	136	36.9%	0.576	0.595	1.712	2.307	5.5%	Twins
Cory McCarthy	149	85	32.9%	0.570	0.600	1.591	2.191	8.7%	Twins
Edloe Donnan	212	96	29.7%	0.453	0.478	1.359	1.836	15.6%	Twins
Will Rath	109	59	30.3%	0.541	0.569	1.449	2.018	8.3%	Twins
Chris Oberlohr	48	19	20.8%	0.396	0.408	1.021	1.429	16.7%	Twins

Bold Predictions

MVP

1. Cory McCarthy (Twins)
2. Scott Pohle (Yankees)
3. Sam Skibbe (Orioles)

Cy Wiffle

1. Jackson Crosley (White Sox)
2. Will Rath (Twins)
3. Chad Young (Rockies)

Platinum Hands

1. Chris Meador (Twins)
2. Brian Kenney (Rockies)
3. Luke Bakula (Athletics)

Rookie of the Year

1. Jason Worstenholm (Rockies)
2. Adam North (Rockies)
3. Evan Kuo (Athletics)

Comeback Player of the Year:

1. Patrick Gatti (Orioles)
2. Michael Karl (Athletics)
3. Jimmy Stout (Astros)

Franchise of the Year

1. Marlins
2. Expos
3. Orioles

Most Home Runs - Twins

Most Batting Strikeouts - Marlins

Championship Game – Twins over O's

Healthiest Alcohol Intake

1. Yankees
2. Twins
3. Athletics

Unhealthiest Alcohol Intake:

1. Expos
2. Marlins
3. Rockies

Best Dressed Team:

1. Orioles
2. Marlins
3. Astros

Worst Dressed Teams:

1. Twins

Alumni Game Prediction:

Team Burg over Team Rob (6-3)
**2 home runs, 2 sprained ankles, 1 pulled back, infinite tears of laughter*

Most Likely to be Mistaken for a Hockey Player:

1. Jackson Crosley
2. Derek Cornell
3. Josh Anthony

Most Likely to be Mistaken for a Homeless Person:

1. John Leicht
2. Ty Butler
3. Brian Benware