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What a difference a month makes! There have been streaks broken and started. Celebrations in the night sky and decisions behind closed doors. There has been rain and sun, one way or another baseball sure is a lot of fun.

When doing these rankings the 3rd Quarter will really be affected by the new playoff system as a lot of teams will also be affected. It's still a bit of a shock... For those that don't know playoffs are now the division winners and the next 2 best records on that side. Rules like that being changed during the season is, well... unexpected. But, there is a board and they are working hard, and a lot of other people, making this one of the best leagues in the Nation. So as long as these rules get set in stone and don't change every couple years there shouldn't be a problem.

#1 Scorpions 11-1 South

Pre-Season Ranking: 1 Q1 Ranking: 1

Team Leader in; H-3 tied at 15 ,XBH-Redar 7 ,RBI-Frank 19 ,R-Redar 19

In '09 team Scor is putting the competition on tilt. They have scored 10 or more runs in 7 of their 12 games. With their pitching (Bose, Juske, Stockwell and Moody) that is a dangerous combination that has had them looking down on the American League all season. They did drop a game to the Niles Sun and then went right back to a winning streak so that doesn't hurt them in the rankings at all.

Outlook- Victory

#2 Redhawks 7-3 East

Pre-Season Ranking: 2 Q1 Ranking: 2

Team Leader in; H-Stachowiak 18 ,XBH-Lezon 6 ,RBI-Lezon 14 ,R-2 tied at 10

Now gets to be the point in the season where people are going to say I'm using favoritism or some crap. Yes, they have lost 3 games (2 to teams that are in the playoffs if the season ended right now.). No, they don't have the most wins on their side. But, they are currently in the playoffs. Could they not make it in? Sure but, I know they will. "And knowing is half the battle" right kids?

Outlook- They have one of the most intriguing schedules coming up. They play some pretty good teams before they get a 3 game win streak to end the year.

#3 Devils 8-3 South

Pre-Season Ranking: 3 Q1 Ranking: 8

Team Leader in; H-2 tied at 16 ,XBH-Jo Stepniewski 6 ,RBI-Eisenberg 17 ,R-Jo Stepniewski 16

These guys just went 5-1 after being called a bunch of lollygaggers. They are deep enough in pitching and can put up runs. They need to stay fired up and just keep winning.

Outlook- They should win a bunch of these games coming up.

#4 Wildcats 8-3-1 West

Pre-Season Ranking: 5 Q1 Ranking: 10

Team Leader in; H-Monge 26 ,XBH-2 tied at 7 ,RBI-Fletcher 22 ,R-Monge 24

Duff Man says "Oh Yeah", but around the Stray Cats all you can hear is "MEOW!" After the beatings they took all over the place at the beginning they just went on a 7-0-1 tear. It looks like the Monge Warrior and Fletcher are battling for rookie of the year. For a team that wasn't very healthy at the start it looks like they are hitting their stride now Meow.

Outlook- Movin on up, the Stray Cats really just need to play .500 ball not including their 5 W's against the Dbacks and Angry Dragons coming up.

#5 Muddogs 8-4 East

Pre-Season Ranking: 15 Q1 Ranking: 14

Team Leader in; H-2 tied at 16 ,XBH-D Cantu 6 ,RBI-D Cantu 15 ,R-J Cantu 18

They just took the lead in runs scored in the East/West at 128 while going 6-1 since my last ranking. "The Muddy Triangle" Danny, Angel and Ritchie have 47 hits and 13 for extra bases. "At the very least, they have 3 players that will battle for 30 or more hits this summer in Angel, Danny and Richie. That offensive power can win them games." -Mr. Baseball's Pre-Season Ranking '09.

Outlook- If they win 6 more games then Cinderella will have found her glass slipper for sure. They still might be able to get in with 12 or 13 wins, but why chance it?

#6 Rhinos 9-3-1 North

Pre-Season Ranking: 16 Q1 Ranking: 12

Team Leader in; H- ,XBH- ,RBI- ,R-

The Horned Ones pretty much just put themselves into the playoffs as they "have a passion for the game and put

technology to use in a way unlike others." Larry or Len you should pull off a couple of their pictures on the web of Larry raking in the rain for next years MSL ARK coverage! Hey Horned Ones get me access to your stats or put them in for the All-Stars or something. It's like the look but don't touch rule you hear growing up and its frustrating the heck out of me. I know a team actually does stats but yet I can't see. Tear.

Outlook- Last portion was the tougher part of the schedule which they dominated. If they can just play decent to good ball they should win most of these games.

#7 Blue Jays 7-4 South

Pre-Season Ranking: 19 Q1 Ranking: 4

Team Leader in; H-Kause 20 ,XBH-Kause 10 ,RBI-Kruse 14 ,R-2 tied at 17

They get a huge bump up in the rankings and then they go 1-2. 6 of their 7 wins they have scored more then 10 runs.

They need to start keeping the runs down and playing solid D. But, there next couple opponents aren't going to help them out at all.

Outlook- Their stock is going to drop after the next 4 games 2 with Team Scor and then 2 with a surging Rhinos team.

They can't afford going to 7-8 they will need to take at least 1 game to stay alive.

#8 Brewers 6-4 East

Pre-Season Ranking: 6 Q1 Ranking: 5

Team Leader in; H-3 tied at 12 ,XBH-2 tied at 5 ,RBI-Dale 14 ,R-Mette 16

Losing all three games to the Muddy Triangle was a brutal stretch for them that could/ will impact their chances of getting into the dance. All they have to do is win but, they don't have any more mop up games left on the schedule.

Outlook- The rest of their season is pretty tuff, if they make it in they will have deserved it.

#9 Nationals 7-3 West

Pre-Season Ranking: 9 Q1 Ranking: 11

Team Leader in; H-Love 19 ,XBH-4 tied at 5 ,RBI-2 tied at 15 ,R-Rodriguez 14

"The Nationals are a hard working team, that will compete every week and excepts nothing less then 110%. We as an organization strive to be the best and anything less then a championship is a failure."

Outlook- Beating the Redhawks right now is their only quality win. They have 2 easy games against the DBacks coming up but, the rest is pretty much all against playoff teams. This could be one of the tougher schedules coming up if they keep up the winning ways they will have deserved making it to the dance.

#10 Demons 5-5-1 West

Pre-Season Ranking: 11 Q1 Ranking: 6

Team Leader in; H-Wernecke 16 ,XBH-Wernecke 7 ,RBI-Wernecke 15 ,R-Wernecke 15

Wernecke, Wernecke, Wernecke and Wernecke WHY ARE PEOPLE STILL THROWING TO THIS KID? I'd walk him 4 times a game... They do have the pitching depth to make it in all they have to do is win.

Outlook- Rest of their season is 50/50. I could see it going either way.

#11 CRB 5-4 North

Pre-Season Ranking: 7 Q1 Ranking: 3

Team Leader in; H- ,XBH- ,RBI- ,R-

Bandits.org is perplexing to me. Teams like them and the FBirds prove just how tuff it is between Hi and Low metal. You really have to play good baseball every week up here. I could see dropping the games to a good Rhinos team but, to make it a streak just shows these guys might not have the depth to take down team Scor or the Niles Sun in the second round, if they get in.

Outlook- With all their games in the division this is make or break time.

#12 Firebirds 5-7 West

Pre-Season Ranking: 14 Q1 Ranking: 15

Team Leader in; H-2 tied at 14 ,XBH-2 tied at 4 ,RBI-Franke 11 ,R-2 tied at 10

These guys really aren't used to giving up more runs then they score. But, that's baseball guys. Ship Tip will just have to sail on. The 3 teams currently ahead of them are to deep to go on a slide. They have a good core; just need a couple more pieces to the puzzle.

Outlook- They could win 4 or 5 more games but they won't have the record for playoffs. It's a shame but the Birds of Flame aren't getting an RSVP in the mail.

#13 Angels 4-4 East

Pre-Season Ranking: 8 Q1 Ranking: 7

Team Leader in; H-2 tied with 6 ,XBH-Jo Pagan 3 ,RBI-Jo Pagan 8 ,R-M Chaves 7

They haven't updated their stats so that takes away from a proper ranking. But, they are in what I consider the toughest division in '09. They have been to the playoffs before and they know what it takes to get there.

Outlook- Rest of their season is 50/50. I could see it going either way.

#14 Red Sox 3-5-2 North

Pre-Season Ranking: 4 Q1 Ranking: 9

Team Leader in; H-Goettfert 12 ,XBH-Stallone 7 ,RBI-2 tied at 8 ,R-Stallone 13

Losing all three games to the Rhinos is really going to affect their chances to get into the dance. They were one of the prettiest gals in the off season but what's the difference if she don't put out?!? Listen I'm absolutely not trying to offend the Ready Sox with that analogy but, they have to be the first to admit that this season has been disappointing.

Outlook- With all the history and angst in this next DH (they should sell tickets I'd love to watch those games) and then team Scor, I don't know are you Ready?

#15 Braves 4-7 North

Pre-Season Ranking: 12 Q1 Ranking: 16

Team Leader in; H-Thomas 13 ,XBH-2 tied at 5 ,RBI-Essex 13 ,R-Thomas 13

They have gone a respectable 3-3 to what has to be a disappointing season after having been tops in the leagues in runs scored and runs allowed categories. And they are playing about even this year (-5) and are 3 games under.

Outlook- They could go on a run but who knows...

#16 White Sox 3-9-2 North

Pre-Season Ranking: 17 Q1 Ranking: 17

Team Leader in; H-Martini 29 ,XBH-Garcia 10 ,RBI-Garcia 21 ,R-Martini 20

If you were told that a team is scoring 8.57 runs per game wouldn't you think that they would win some ball games? Yep.

Outlook- Mediocre.

#17 Bears 3-6-1 South

Pre-Season Ranking: 10 Q1 Ranking: 13

Team Leader in; H-Molina 14 ,XBH-Schiller 3 ,RBI-Molina 8 ,R-Molina 11
Bad News hasn't put there stats in for the last couple games but that's ok. Right now they are 6.5 out and may get into the
fives if they sweep the Thunder but they still have a Grisly schedule coming up.
Outlook- They could have another 6 losses coming up against the Niles Sun, Honed Ones and BJ's.

#18 Dragons 1-10 West
Pre-Season Ranking: 13 Q1 Ranking: 19
Team Leader in; H- ,XBH- ,RBI- ,R-
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Outlook- They have a tough second half schedule.

#19 Thunder 1-12 South
Pre-Season Ranking: 18 Q1 Ranking: 18
Team Leader in; H-Butrum 5 ,XBH-Salazar 3 ,RBI-Salazar 6 ,R-2 tied with 5
"Carl Spackler: License to kill gophers by the government of the United Nations. Man, free to kill gophers at will. To kill,
you must know your enemy, and in this case my enemy is a varmint. And a varmint will never quit - ever. They're like the
Viet Cong - Varmint Cong. So you have to fall back on superior intelligence and superior firepower. And that's all she
wrote."
Outlook- Below average.

#20 Diamondbacks 1-9 East
Pre-Season Ranking: 20 Q1 Ranking: 20
Team Leader in; H- ,XBH- ,RBI- ,R-
"Ty Webb: I'm going to give you a little advice. There's a force in the universe that makes things happen. And all you have
to do is get in touch with it, stop thinking, let things happen, and be the ball."
Outlook- Fall Ball?

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