

# THE PRESSBOX

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## NL News



## Box City Does It Again

The Box City Parcelmen run the table again this year for the Brassball title. Box City defeated the Glen Allen Mets in 5 games. The Parcelmen win again from the Wildcard spot, marking the 2<sup>nd</sup> time they have accomplished that feat. Albert Belle posted MVP numbers during the series as he hit .333 with 2 homers and 9 RBI's.

Game 1 The AL Champion Box City visited the NL Champion Glen Allen. Parcelmen's starter Andy Ashby and Mets starter Eric Milton matched up well in their first of three possible meetings in this series. Milton gave up homers to Kent and Buhner but was aided by three double plays to limit the damage. The Mets tied the score in the sixth on a two run double by Tom Lampkin off reliever Lou Pote. Each team tallied a single run in the seventh. John Frascatore and Jeff Shaw each pitched three scoreless innings allowing one hit. In the bottom of tenth Trevor Hoffman allowed a leadoff single the Shawon Dunston, who stole second and went to third when the throw sailed into centerfield. Two walks loaded the bases and brought in Ugueth Urbina to face Lance Johnson who forced out Dunston at the plate. Omar Vizquel with two outs and bases loaded worked out a walk to drive home Karros with the winning run. Final 5-4 Glen Allen.

Game 2 Somebody came out for a little early batting practice today after being 0/4 in game #1, and continued all night long. Unfortunately for the hometown fans it was not a member of their Mets. Albert Belle drove in two runs in the first on a wicked double into the gap, then concluded the night with a grand slam in the ninth, which sent the crowd home. Parcelmen starter Alex Fernandez allowed only a RBI double to Tom

Lampkin for the Mets only score, pitching 6.1, 4 H. Box City relievers Shaw and Urbina held the Mets hitless. Final score 9-1 Box City.

#### Game 3

Kevin Tapani pitched a complete game, scattering 9 hits and Albert Belle went deep and had 3 RBI as the Box City Parcelmen out scored the Glen Allen Mets 7 to 1.

The game started off with Box City taking the lead in the first scoring 2 runs on 4 hits. After an out was recorded, Reggie Sanders keyed the rally when he tripled. Will Clark stepped up next and he would ground out resulting in a run. Belle then stroked an extra base hit. Eddie Taubensee was up next and he belted a single. Jeff Kent stepped into the box and doubled scoring the final run of the inning. That early scoring was all that Tapani needed. Box City finished with 10 hits in the victory.

#### Game 4

At the Center the Glen Allen Mets were battered 11 to 4 by the Box City Parcelmen. Andy Ashby had a steady outing. He allowed 11 hits and 1 walk in 7 and 2/3 innings. Box City had 13 hits for the afternoon. This was a tie game (3-3) until the bottom of the 6th when the Parcelmen erupted for 6 runs, sent 12 men to the plate and saw 3 pitching changes in the inning. It included 4 singles 4 walks and a double by Clark. Ashby got help from Pote and Whisenant to finish off the Mets.

#### Game 5

First baseman Will Clark had 2 base hits at The Center as the Box City Parcelmen beat the Glen Allen Mets 2 to 1. Box City claimed the early lead in the first inning as they scored 2 runs on 3 base hits. That early scoring was all that Francisco Cordova needed. Glen Allen made it exciting in the 9th, but they were unable to push the needed runs across. Trevor Hoffman gained credit for the save. It took 5 Box City pitchers to shut down the Mets in this game.

Congratulations go out to all of the playoff teams but especially to the Glen Allen Mets for making it to the finals. The Mets have an excellent team with a good mixture of speed, power, defense, on base percentage and pitching. They had to defeat the powerful Stanley Sioux and the speedy Ocala Ocelots to get here. Both were tough series' for the Mets and it may have taken a little out of them when finally getting to the World Series.

The Parcelmen had to defeat the other Wildcard entrant, the Plaza Lions, the East Division winners the Minnesota Mudcats and the West Division winners the Santa Barbara Outlaws to get to the finals. It was quite a road trip again this year as every series but one was on the road. Box City has now won 3 titles in the first 6 years of the league.

# Trades



**Ocala** acquires Derek Jeter from **North Georgia** for Edgar Renteria, Joe Nathan, Eric Gagne and Ocala's 1st Round pick.

**Minnesota** sends Jeff Hammonds to **Fleetwood** for Wascar Serrano.

**Minnesota** sends Catalanotto, Perisho, Minnesota's #3 and \$2,000,000 to **Toledo** for David Segui.

**Columbus** sends A. Everett, M. Lowell, G. Lombard, G. Norton, W. Guerrero and O.Cabrerra to **Toledo** for S. Rolen, C. Brock, and R. Gutierrez.

## Trading Freeze and Free Agency

As has been the case in previous seasons, there will be a trade freeze in effect beginning November 22 (the deadline for submitting bids) through the close of free agency. Once the bids are "opened" and tabulated by our FA Conductor, players are locked into their current rosters until the final signing is complete.

Looking for that cleanup hitter, that number one starter or that one piece to the puzzle that is missing? This could be your year. You have received a list of all the free agents from Mark Lentz. Mark did an outstanding job with free agency last year. Mark did a quick and efficient job of keeping track of all the free agents and their contracts. Free agent bids were due to be returned to Mark by the 22nd of November.

This is an exiting and yet nervous time for all of us. We might all be asking ourselves, will I be able to keep that franchise player who has been with my team since the beginning? Will I be able to snatch that one player that will put my team into the playoffs? Out of the free agents I have which ones will go and which ones will stay? All of these questions will be answered soon enough.

## Raw Draft Order

Ties were broken by 1) on time mailing record and 2) head to head play.

1	Metropolis		13	Long Island
2	Toledo		14	Florida
3	Iowa		15	Bloomington
4	Brooklyn		16	Gem City
5	Wauwatosa		17	Stanley
6	St.Croix		18	Plaza
7	Columbus		19	Minnesota
8	Milwaukee		20	Cook County
9	Racine		21	Santa Barbara
10	Fleetwood		22	Ocala

11	Hessville		23	Glen Allen
12	North Georgia		24	Box City

## Around the Horn

The league is full again and just in time for free agency. We have the 2nd vacancy filled for the Morris team. The new owner is Renee Martin. He has played SOM for the past 22 years in some fashion. His FTF league turned into a true play by mail league when they all left CA after getting jobs after college in 1989. Sounds a lot like how this league got started. He is currently involved in one other PBM league.

Renee's current address is 1661 Fairlawn St. Defiance Oh 43512. Phone 419-782-3769.

E-Mail is [rrmartin564@earthlink.net](mailto:rrmartin564@earthlink.net) He will be moving to Toledo at the end of this month and will get us the new info then. He will be changing the team name from Morris to Toledo and the Mudhens will be the new nickname.

If you get a chance, please welcome Renee to the league. I hope Renee has fun, success and a lengthy stay with us here in Brassball.

## Upcoming Deadlines



**Dec. 15** - free agent signing report sent out by Free Agency Conductor (Mark Lentz).

**Jan. 25** - your 30-man protected list due to Draft Conductor (Corey Weisser).

**Feb. 1** - 30-man protected lists sent out by Draft Conductor (Corey Weisser).