



# *BRASSball League News*

## *June 2004*

[www.brassball.org](http://www.brassball.org)

---

### **AL Report**

(AL Reporter – Robert Smith)

### **AL Notes**

<b>AL EAST Expanded Standings</b>						
	<b>W-L</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ROAD</b>	<b>Vs LH</b>	<b>1-RUN</b>
Bakersfield Rattlers	47-37	---	26-16	21-21	20-12	17-11
Moline Cutters	39-45	8	21-21	18-24	18-15	13-15
Minnesota Mudcats	33-51	14	18-24	15-27	16-20	7-18
Hessville Everreadys	29-55	18	18-24	11-31	10-22	14-9

The Rattlers had a big month going 19-9 in June to open up an 8 game lead in the East. Bakersfield hit .274 as a team with a league leading 52 homeruns. The offense was led by Derek Lee who batted .366 with 10 homeruns and 27 RBI. Andruw Jones chipped in with a .333 batting average and 9 homeruns. The pitching staff was just as effective. Tim Hudson once again led the way with a 4-1 record and 2.22 era. Freddy Garcia helped out with a 3-0 record and a 2.68 era.

---

**AL BATTING: Anderson, OUT .363, Phillips, MAU .355, Thome, NWH .347**

---

The Cutters had a solid month going 16-12 but still trail in the East by 8 games. Offensively the Cutters were led by Edgardo Alfonzo who hit .324 with 5 homeruns and 17 RBI. Rocco Baldelli chipped in with a .315 batting average 5 homers and 14 RBI. The pitching was the Cutters strength in June as the team pitched to a 3.22 era led by Carlos Zambrano. Zambrano went 4-1 with a 2.56 era. Kelvim Escobar helped out with a 4-2 record and a 2.89 era.

---

**AL RBI: M. Ramirez, BOS 84, Thome, NWH 79, Anderson, OUT 76**

---

The Mudcats had a terrific month going 18-10 to jump into 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the East. The Mudcats scalded the ball in June hitting .301 as a team. They were led by offensive player of the month, Alex Rodriguez who hit .346 with 14 homeruns and 33 RBI. Eric Young contributed with a .333 average, 5 homeruns and 19 RBI. The pitching was led by two rookies. Jason Davis went 3-2 with a 2.86 era while Jerome Williams was 3-1 with a 3.16 era. The Mudcats had some late inning victories as well as reliever Scott Sauerbeck was 4-0 with a 2.57 era.

---

**AL OBP: Thome, NWH .449, J. Phillips, MAU .427, D. Lee, RAT .409**

---

Hessville had a tough month going 11-17 to fall into last place in the East. Offensively the Everreadys hit .299 as a team but hit only 20 homeruns. In only 52 at bats, Eric Karros led the team with 21 RBI and a .481 batting average. Craig Biggio had another solid month hitting .336 with 10 doubles and 15 RBI. The Everreadys pitching staff struggled with a team era of 6.41. Brian Anderson was 2-4 with an 8.50 era.

---

**AL HITS: M. Young, PAR 129, Anderson, OUT 120, Ibanez, PAR 118**

---

<b>AL CENTRAL Expanded Standings</b>						
	<b>W-L</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ROAD</b>	<b>Vs LH</b>	<b>1-RUN</b>
New Hampshire	48-36	---	30-12	18-24	14-10	15-19
Cook County	40-44	8	17-25	23-19	11-14	7-12
Box City Parcelman	36-48	12	22-20	14-28	9-15	8-9
Plaza Lions	29-55	19	16-26	13-29	8-13	6-11

New Hampshire went 15-13 for the month to increase their lead in the Central to 8 games. The offense was led by MVP candidate Jim Thome who hit .347 with 12 homeruns and 24 RBI. Magglio Ordonez chipped in with a .343 average and 16 doubles. Ordonez hit only 1 homer for the month. The Derry Heifers staff was led by John Thomson, who went 3-3 with a solid 3.06 era. Jeff D'Amico was 3-0 with a robust 4.91 era.

---

**AL HR'S: M. Ramirez, BOS 35, A. Rodriguez, MUD 31, Thome, NWH 30**

---

Cook County went 13-15 in June as they continue to hover around the 500 mark. The young Maulers were led offensively by Josh Phelps, who hit .347 with 10 homeruns in 72 at bats. Jason Phillips continued to swing a hot bat hitting .338 with 4 homeruns. The pitching staff had its problems though, posting a 4.61 era. Jeremi Gonzalez was 2-1 with a 2.97 era. Jon Garland pitched in tough luck as he went 1-4 with a solid 3.33 era.

---

**AL RUNS SCORED: Thome, NWH 76, M. Ramirez, BOS 73, A. Rodriguez, MUD 64**

---

Box City enjoyed a 14-14 month to jump into 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Central division. The Parcelman smacked the ball as a team hitting a whopping .307. They were led by Raul Ibanez who batted .347 with 20 RBI, Michael Young who hit .344 with 11 extra base hits and Miguel Tejada who hit .336 with 4 homeruns and 15 RBI. As good as the hitting was, the pitching was as bad as the Parcelman had a team era of 5.95. Rookie Jason Stanford did his part with a 1-2 record and impressive 1.91 era. Mark Hendrickson took his lumps as he was shelled to the tune of a 9.17 era.

---

**AL STEALS: Pierre, BUL 40, Crawford, MAU 29, D. Roberts, TOL 26**

---

The Plaza Lions had another tough month going 6-22 to fall into the basement in the Central. The main reason was the Lions .227 team batting average. Kevin Witt at .299 and Preston Wilson who hit 10 homeruns while driving in 23 led the anemic offense. The lions pitching staff didn't fare any better as they posted a 7.03 era. Nate Cornejo was 1-4 with a 4.08 era. Rookie Oliver Perez was also hit very hard posting a 1-4 record with a 9.39 era.

<b>AL WEST Expanded Standings</b>						
	<b>W-L</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ROAD</b>	<b>Vs LH</b>	<b>1-RUN</b>
Toledo Mudhens	51-33	---	30-12	21-21	17-13	10-15
Santa Barbara	49-35	2	26-16	23-19	16-12	12-16
Boston Rust	36-48	15	19-23	17-25	12-19	9-10
Brooklyn Bulldogs	31-53	20	17-25	14-28	13-18	16-13

The Toledo Mudhens grabbed the lead in the western division with a 19-9 record. The Mudhens hit .287 as a team in June. They were led by David Ortiz who hit 357 with 10 doubles and 15 RBI in only 56 at bats. Shannon Stewart contributed a .353 batting average with 16 runs scored. Toledo's pitching staff was solid as well as they pitched to a 3.71 team era. Mike Mussina earned pitcher of the month honors as he went 5-2 with a 1.72 era. Eddie Guardado contributed in the pen with a 3-0 record and 5 saves.

---

**AL SAVES: Kim, OUT 20, Foulke, RAT 18, Guardado, TOL 12, R. Soriano, EVE 12**

---

Santa Barbara had a 16-12 month to fall 2 games back in the West. The Outlaws enjoyed a power surge as they hit 47 homeruns while batting .272. The offense was once again led by Garret Anderson who hit .383 with 13 doubles, 7 homers and 24 RBI. Raul Mondesi contributed 8 homeruns while batting .277. The Outlaws once again pitched well in June. The staff was led by Roy Halladay who went 4-0 with a 2.18 era. Matt Clement was also 4-0 with a 2.65 era.

---

**AL APPS: Fuentes, MAU 47, Westbrook, LIO 40, Farnsworth, TOL 39**

---

Boston went 13-15 in June. Offensively, the Rust were led by Johnny Damon who hit .316 with 6 stolen bases. Manny Ramirez once again contributed a solid month at the plate hitting .286 with 11 homers and 23 RBI. The Rust pitching staff struggled to a 5.45 team era. Carl Pavano wasn't the problem though going 4-0 with a 2.47 era. Matt Kinney had a rough month going 0-4 with a 10.07 era.

---

**AL OPP BA: Wood, BUL .154, Halladay, OUT .196, Colon, OUT, .208**

---

The Bulldogs went 12-16 in June. Offense continues to be the problem as Brooklyn hit only .233 as a team with a league low 18 homeruns. Eric Owens hit .330 for the month. Rookie Alex Cintron also contributed with a .277 average 4 homers and 15 RBI. The pitching wasn't as bad. Kerry Wood had another solid month going 3-1 with a 3.06 era. Javier Vazquez had a disappointing month going 1-3 with a 9.49 era.

**American League Player of the Month: Alex Rodriguez**

**American League Pitcher of the Month: Mike Mussina**

# NL Report

(NL Reporter – Ray Martin)

## JUNE NL POWER RATINGS

Rank	Team (LM/PR)	Record	Home	Away	BA	ERA	June	BA	ERA	Notes/Highlights for June:
#1	Ocala (#1/#2)	63-21	36-6	27-15	0.296	3.36	18-10	.294	3.93	Holds on to the #1 slot barely. Truly a shame that only one of them can be in the world series. Boone hits .379 8 HR and 19 RBI.
#2	Metropolis (#2/#1)	62-22	32-10	30-12	0.264	2.70	20-8	.273	3.01	Closes the gap with Ocala to within one game. Bonds hits .330 with 11 HR and 26 RBI. Everything in place for a battle to the finish with Ocala.
#3	Stanley (#4/#3)	52-32	25-17	27-15	0.268	4.48	15-13	.243	4.65	Resumes the #3 spot by edging out Glen Allen with a 15-13 record. Schilling goes 3-1 in six starts with 3.46 ERA and 41 K's.
#4	Glen Allen (#3/#4)	52-32	28-14	24-18	0.281	4.10	14-14	.241	4.20	Falls a spot with .500 record, will need to get help for Pujols if they are to compete. Albert hits .427 with 14 HR, 30 RBI and 23 Runs in June.
#5	Charlevoix (#5/#11)	54-30	30-12	24-18	0.303	4.33	16-12	.288	4.17	Continues surprising run with super hitting, but pitching will decide their fate. Plesac goes 2-0 with 2 saves and a sparkling 0.67 ERA in 10 games.
#6	Springfield (#6/#5)	49-35	27-15	22-20	0.274	4.17	14-14	.256	3.93	Will have to make moves to improve from third in own division. Luis Gonzalez leads the way in June batting .337 with 4 HR, 17 RBI, 19 Runs and 20 Walks.
#7	Gem City (#7/#9)	46-38	25-17	21-21	0.281	4.16	15-13	.299	4.75	Looking for a change of address card; should be able to take advantage in trade. Delgado was devastating hitting .381, 8 HR and 31 RBI.
#8	N. Georgia (#9/#7)	40-44	21-21	19-23	0.286	4.64	18-10	.318	4.27	Gets to play spoiler the rest of the way, but has some valuable commodities to trade. Smoltz was awesome with a 0.00 ERA and 8 saves in 11 games.
#9	Bloomington(#8/#6)	38-46	19-23	19-23	0.276	5.02	10-18	.265	5.22	Valuable commodities should be moved elsewhere to enhance future efforts, as a sellers market is looking likely. Borowski had a 1.37 ERA in 11 games.

Rank	Team (LM/PR)	Record	Home	Away	BA	ERA	June	BA	ERA	Notes/Highlights for June:
#10	Maine (#10/#8)	34-50	18-24	16-26	0.236	4.84	11-17	.241	5.75	Should be a player with trades and act as a spoiler down the stretch. By default, Fogg at 3-1 in four starts with a 3.94 ERA is the sole standout.
#11	Port Richey (#11/#12)	30-54	17-25	13-29	0.269	5.11	8-20	.250	6.00	Looking to next year and thankful for Fleetwood. Should be able to make some deals now for the future. Palmeiro hit .318, 1 HR and 10 RBI.
#12	Fleetwood (#12/#10)	20-64	11-31	9-33	0.247	6.49	5-23	.229	6.61	Hard to find a highlight most months, but Seo was the finest player in the NL in June. As in 6 starts he went 3-0 with a respectable ERA of 4.35

Note: LM-Last months ranking  
PR-Preseason Ranking

### National League Player of the Month: Albert Pujols

### National League Pitcher of the Month: Jason Schmidt

## All-Star Festivities

The BRASSball All-Star Game is quickly approaching. This year's game will be played in Mudhens Stadium in Toledo. This is an exciting time for the Mudhen faithful. Not only do they have the All-Star game in their town this year, but they also have a very good team to follow all season long. This will go along ways towards securing more season ticket holders.

The ballots to determine the starters (and guide the backup selection) have been included with the June Newsletter mailing. If you are an AL manager, you only fill out the AL ballot. If you are an NL manager, you only fill out the NL ballot.

Your ballots are due to me by July 15. This will allow enough time for determining rosters and playing the game prior to the July newsletter. As always, voting is not an option, rather it is mandatory.

## Trades

74. New Hampshire trades Eric Milton and \$2,408,833 to Glen Allen for Adam Johnson.
75. New Hampshire trades Jose Cruz to Santa Barbara for Kazuhisa Ishii, Esteban German and Taggart Bozied.
76. Toledo trades Rafael Palmeiro to Charlevoix for Charlevoix's 2006 3<sup>rd</sup> round draft choice.
77. Moline trades Mike DiFelice to North Georgia for Shane Spencer.
78. Hessville trades John Mabry to Cook County for \$161,000.
79. Gem City trades Jason Isringhausen and Gem City's 2005 5<sup>th</sup> round draft choice to Springfield for Miguel Asencio and Springfield's 2005 3<sup>rd</sup> round draft choice.

## **Upcoming League Deadlines**

### **July 15**

#### July Home Series Results deadline

Series results for July are due to home opponents, League Statistician and Backup Statistician.

#### All-Star Ballot deadline.

All-Star ballots are due to the LD.

### **July 17**

#### August Trade deadline.

Trades must be reported to the LD by this date to be effective for August.

### **July 25**

#### August Rotation deadline.

Starting pitcher rotations for August games due to the LD.

#### August Road Instructions deadline.

Instructions (HAL) for August games are due to road opponents.

## **League Membership Articles**

None.