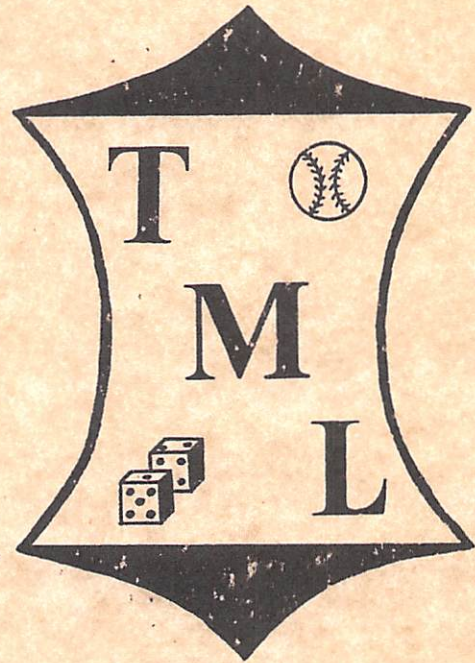
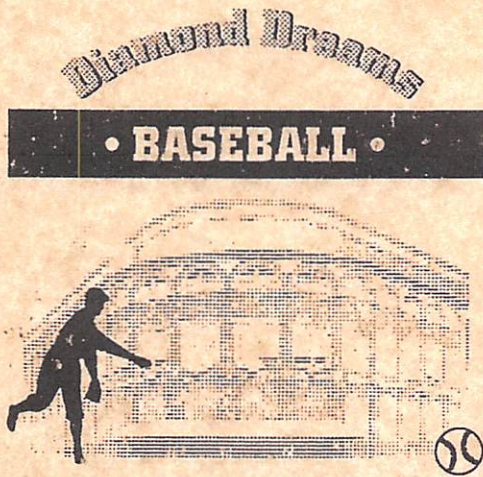




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The Major League

TML 1997

By Mike Landin

Our 19th season ran like clockwork. The "TML Central BBS" was flawless and ever ready to accept auto-managers and completed series stats. The TML BBS continues to make life very easy for your Statistician and Commissioner. The TML Web Page, which was updated nearly every day throughout the TML season, provided a lot of enjoyment to all in following the day-to-day action.

In keeping with tradition, here are the members with at least 10 years of membership in the TML: Mike Landin(19), Mark Hetterich(18), Joe Steinmetz(17), Mike/Tom Kopp(16), Bob Weisman(16), Larry Rumsey(15), Eric Rogers(14), Mike Short(13), Bryan Sakolsky(13) and Bill Graham(12). The Rumseys and Mark Hetterich regret that this was their last season. Best of luck!

The Year In Review

TML97 saw the Albany Avalanche franchise record its 3rd TML Championship and became only the 3rd team to record back-to-back TML Championships. The previous two repeat Champs were Sherlock (1988,1989) and Walla Walla (1990,1991). Albany joins Crimea, Walla Walla and Toxic Waste with three TML Titles. Albany Manager Pat Barry will attempt an unprecedented 3rd straight title in TML98 and would become the first manager with three titles. In the opening round of the playoffs, the Albany Avalanche, down 3 games to 2, fought back to defeat Midwest in 7 games. In similar fashion to last season, the Avalanche then snowballed their way past both Crimea and Mordor, both in just 5 games, to successfully defend their TML Championship. Congratulations, Pat! Congrats also go out to Phil Schumacher for being the first expansion team to make it to the TML World Series!

Robinson Division

The Albany Avalanche were in first place at the end of April and then trailed the Crimea River for the rest of the season, finishing 4 games out. Crimea tallied 119 victories, just two shy of the TML record held by Pensacola(1994). The rest of the division was out of the playoff picture by the end of April! 'Skayuna and Colonial flip-flopped between 3rd & 4th, while Thunder Bay and Cooch's settled to the cellar, over 55 games out. Crimea led the TML in both team batting (.286, 251 HRs) and pitching (3.14), and *shattered* the TML record for strikeouts (1432, 8.9 K/9 IP). Crimea's Randy Johnson (21-3, 2.27) was voted the "Pitcher of the Year." Crimea's David Cone(21-4) also joined the 20-win Club. Crimea's Craig Biggio tied the TML record for runs scored with 171. Albany scored over 1000 Runs and was led by "Player of the Year" Larry Walker who made a bid for the "Triple Crown". Walker (.375, 53 HRs, 182 RBIs) ended up leading the TML in most offensive categories (AVG,SLG,OBP,H,RBI,2B,TB,IBB,RC, RC/27), most impressively setting the TML record for Runs Created with an incredible 201. Albany's Mike Remlinger tossed a no-hitter in October. Colonial's Sammy Sosa approached the TML Record for whiffs with 190. Cooch's Matt Beech chased his own TML Record of 63 HRs allowed, giving up 54 more long balls this season! Colonial's Wade Boggs is just 147 hits shy of 3000 career hits. In addition to Philadelphia's Paul Molitor (see below), the most likely inaugural entrant into the "TML 3000 Hit Club" will be Cooch's Tony Gwynn, who is just 17 hits shy of the milestone.

Ruth Division

After a rather slow start, the **Midwest Mad Dogs** took over first place in May, opened up a 7 game lead in the Summer Stretch and never looked back. The **Philadelphia Blue Jays**, once as low as 5th place, really put it all together in the final two months to finish over a dozen games ahead of **Southern Cal** and **Walla Walla**. **Pensacola** and **Coldwater** remained near the cellar all season long. **Midwest** was led by 20-game winners **Justin Thompson**(22-6) and **Alex Fernandez**(20-7). The team offensive leader was **Moises Alou**.(327, 23, 92). **Midwest** did set a team TML Record of 1178 whiffs by their hitters. **Philadelphia** made the playoffs for the first time in 10 years, thanks to two franchise veterans, **Molitor** and **Roger Clemens**. **Molitor**.(363, 13, 80) led the Jays offensively and is just 31 hits shy of 3000 for his career! **Clemens**(20-9, 2.50) took over the TML career lead in Victories(207), Complete Games(154) and Innings Pitched(3332). He will likely pass **Nolan Ryan** in Strikeouts and Games Started in TML98.

Gatto Division

After trading places all season, the **Ghostwood Pine Weasels** and the **Mordor Marauders** ended up tied for first, with 94 wins! The remainder of the division remained in exact order of finish all season long, that is **Mansion Hill**, **Tasmania**, **Beverly** and **Worcester**, the latter setting TML Records for *futility* with 129 losses, lowest team batting average(.216), fewest walks drawn(306), highest ERA(6.27), least complete games(2), least shutouts(1) and most runs allowed(1079). **Ghostwood** was led offensively by its own "Big Three", **Jim Thome** (.259,32,79), **Juan Gonzalez**.(307,46,114) and HR Champ, **Ken Griffey, Jr.**.(314,60,168). **Ghostwood** had 5 pitchers with 12+ wins. **Mordor's** offense was led by **Raul Mondesi**.(292,31,132) and **Eric Karros**.(283,32,122), while **Denny Neagle**(21-6) and **Andy Pettitte**(18-11) anchored the pitching. **Mordor** also led the TML in Fielding(.985). **Beverly's** **Desi Relaford** set a TML Record for Triples(30) and **Beverly** set a TML Record for most games relieved(358), set last season by **St. Cloud**. **Mansion Hill's** **Brad Radke** tossed a no-hitter.

Gehrig Division

The **Cheticamp Micmas** surfaced from a tense battle with 2nd place finisher **Toxic Waste** and 3rd place finisher **Oklahoma**. This three-way battle came down to the final games. **Cheticamp** was led by **Ace Darryl Kile**(26-3, 2.75), **Tom Glavine**(18-9, 3.30) and "Fireman of the Year" **Doug Jones**(1-3-50-51), who set a TML Record for Saves(50). **Kile** ended up 1 win short of the TML Record. Leading the Micmacs offensively were **Frank Thomas**.(325,36,129) and **Dante Bichette**.(311,33,133). **Toxin** pitching **Ace Greg Maddux**(20-5, 2.60) notched his TML Record 6th consecutive 20-win season! **Toxin** offensive leader for the 2nd straight year was **Vinny Castilla**.(320,45,123), while teammate **Mark McGwire's** 50 HRs (367 career) moved him up to #6 on the career HR list and #2 active (17 behind #3, **Rockford's** **Barry Bonds**). **Toxin** **Brian Hunter** led the league in stolen bases(57), including a league-leading 4 steals of home. **Oklahoma's** **Curt Schilling** won the TML Strikeout Crown with 332. **Rockford** now holds the TML Record for Most 1-Run Games (73/TML82) and now, Least 1-Run Games (32).

TML98

Next season will a TML milestone, our 20th season! We will be watching the **Gwynn**, **Molitor**, **Boggs** trio approach the career 3000 hit mark ... **Bonds** and **McGwire** move up the career HR ladder toward **Eddie Murray** ... **Clemens** add to his career-leading TML pitching records ... and, the big question, will the **Albany Avalanche** make it a "Three-peat"?

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Final Standings

Oceanic Conference

	Ruth					Robinson			
	W-L	Pct.	GB			W-L	Pct.	GB	
Midwest	95-65	.594	--		Crimea	119-41	.744	--	
Philadelphia	88-72	.550	7		Albany	115-45	.719	4	
Southern Cal	75-85	.469	20		'Skayuna	85-75	.531	34	
Walla Walla	74-86	.463	21		Colonial	80-80	.500	39	
Pensacola	71-89	.444	24		Thunder Bay	63-97	.394	56	
Coldwater	66-94	.412	28		Cooch's	53-107	.331	66	

Atmospheric Conference

	Gatto					Gehrig			
	W-L	Pct.	GB			W-L	Pct.	GB	
Ghostwood	94-66	.587	--		Cheticamp	94-66	.587	--	
Mordor	94-66	.587	--		Toxic Waste	93-67	.581	1	
Mansion Hill	72-88	.450	22		Oklahoma	91-69	.569	3	
Tasmania	70-90	.438	24		St. Cloud	85-75	.531	9	
Beverly	64-96	.400	30		Rocky Mtn.	76-84	.475	18	
Worcester	31-129	.194	63		Rockford	72-88	.450	22	

American Playoff Results

Semi-Finals: CRIMEA defeated PHILADELPHIA 4 games to 0

ALBANY defeated MIDWEST 4 games to 3

MORDOR defeated CHETICAMP 4 games to 2

GHOSTWOOD defeated TOXIC WASTE 4 games to 1

Conference Finals: ALBANY defeated CRIMEA 4 games to 1

MORDOR defeated GHOSTWOOD 4 games to 1

World Series: ALBANY defeated MORDOR 4 games to 1

TML World Series

Albany Avalanche vs. Mordor Marauders

1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
	AV	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	1	4	2
	MD	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	-	10	13	0
		AV starter: Jeff Fassero						MD starter: Denny Neagle						
		W: Denny Neagle						L: Jeff Fassero						

2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
	AV	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	-	3	8	0
	MD	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	5	2
		AV starter: Pedro Martinez						MD starter: Andy Pettitte						
		W: Pedro Martinez						L: Andy Pettitte S: Jeff Shaw						

3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
	MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	7	0
	AV	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	X	-	4	8	2
		MD starter: Jimmy Key						AV starter: Ben McDonald						
		W: Ben McDonald						L: Jimmy Key						

4		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
	MD	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	-	5	8	0
	AV	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	-	6	7	1
		MD starter: Denny Neagle						AV starter: Jeff Fassero						
		W: Jeff Shaw						L: Jose Mesa						

5		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
	MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	2	12	0
	AV	1	4	0	2	2	0	2	0	X	-	11	10	0
		MD starter: Andy Pettitte						AV starter: Brett Tomko						
		W: Brett Tomko						L: Andy Pettitte						

Albany vs. Crimea

Oceanic Conference - Finals

Albany Avalanche (AV) vs. Crimea River (CR)

1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
AV	0	3	4	0	0	3	0	2	0	- 12	10	0
CR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	- 1	7	2
AV starter: Jeff Fassero						CR starter: Randy Johnson						
W: Jeff Fassero						L: Randy Johnson						

2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
AV	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	3	0
CR	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	X	-	2	3	1

AV starter: Pedro Martinez CR starter: Mike Mussina
W: Mike Mussina L: Pedro Martinez S: Trevor Hoffman

3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
CR	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-	3	5	1
AV	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	X	-	6	13	0

CR starter: David Cone AV starter: Ben McDonald
W: Ben McDonald L: David Cone

4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
CR	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	4	12	0
AV	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	X	-	5	9	0
CR starter: Shawn Estes							AV starter: Jeff Fassero						
W: Jeff Fassero				L: Shawn Estes				S: Pedro Martinez					

5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
CR	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	3	3
AV	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	X	-	2	3	0
CR starter: Randy Johnson AV starter: Mike Remlinger													
W: Mike Remlinger L: Randy Johnson S: Jeff Shaw													

Philadelphia vs. Crimea

Oceanic Conference - Semi-finals

Philadelphia Blue Jays (PA) vs. Crimea River (CR)

1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
PA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	1	3	0
CR	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	-	2	6	1
PA starter: Roger Clemens							CR starter: Randy Johnson						
W: Randy Johnson				L: Roger Clemens				S: Michael Jackson					

2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
PA	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	7	1
CR	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	X	-	3	8	1
PA starter: Ismael Valdes							CR starter: Mike Mussina						
W: Mike Mussina				L: Ismael Valdes				S: Trevor Hoffman					

3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
CR	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-	4	6	0
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	2	4	0
CR starter: David Cone							PA starter: Andy Benes						
W: David Cone				L: Andy Benes				S: Michael Jackson					

4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
CR	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	-	5	11	1
PA	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	9	1
CR starter: Randy Johnson							PA starter: Roger Clemens						
W: Randy Johnson				L: Roger Clemens				S: Michael Jackson					

Mordor vs. Cheticamp

Atmospheric Conference - Semi-finals

Mordor Marauders (MD) vs. Cheticamp Micmacs (CH)

1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		R	H	E
MD	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-	3	10	1
CH	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	11	1

MD starter: Denny Neagle CH starter: Darryl Kile
W: Cory Lidle L: Mike Timlin S: Jose Mesa

2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
MD	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	-	7	11	1
CH	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	X	-	8	7	2

MD starter: Andy Pettitte CH starter: Tom Glavine
W: Anthony Telford L: Andy Pettitte S: Doug Jones

3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
CH	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	3	5	2
MD	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	-	4	8	0

CH starter: Woody Williams MD starter: Livan Hernandez
W: Livan Hernandez L: Woody Williams S: Jose Mesa

4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
CH	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	-	7	14	0
MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	5	1

CH starter: Darryl Kile MD starter: Denny Neagle
W: Darryl Kile L: Denny Neagle

5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
CH	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	1	7	1
MD	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	X	-	2	7	1

CH starter: Tom Glavine MD starter: Andy Pettitte
W: Andy Pettitte L: Tom Glavine S: Jose Mesa

6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
MD	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	6	15	0
CH	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	-	5	9	0

MD starter: Jimmy Key CH starter: Woody Williams
W: Jimmy Key L: Woody Williams S: Jose Mesa

TML American No-Hitters

Series: 4 Game: 1 Mansion Hill at Rocky Mountain

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
MX	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	8	0
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0

W: Radke

L: Burkett

Series: 14 Game: 4 Thunder Bay at Albany

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
TB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
AV	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	-	2	8	0

W: Remlinger

L: Cordova, F

TML American 1-Hitters

Series: 1 Game: 2	MD at CH	Neagle (MD)	Won	4-0
Series: 4 Game: 5	TD at CH	Reynoso (TD)	Won	6-0
Series: 9 Game: 1	MD at AV	Fassero (AV)	Won	6-0
Series: 11 Game: 4	GW at CR	Estes (CR)	Won	8-0
Series: 13 Game: 5	RO at OS	Schilling (OS)	Won	2-1
Series: 13 Game: 6	BV at GW	Belcher (GW)	Won	5-1
Series: 14 Game: 4	SS at CK	Benes, Al (SS)	Won	11-0

Combined 1-Hitters:

Series: 5 Game: 3	RM at GW	Batista, M. (RM)		
		Gordon (RM)	Won	3-1
Series: 7 Game: 3	OS at GW	Hasegawa (GW)		
		Myers, Ra. (GW)	Won	4-2
Series: 8 Game: 3	MW at PA	Fernandez, A. (MW)		
		Wagner, B. (MW)	Won	3-0
Series: 12 Game: 1	BV at MX	Cloude (BV)		
		Adams, T. (BV)	Won	3-1

TML American

Player of the Year Larry Walker (AV)

	Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1.	Larry Walker	24										312
2.	Tino Martinez		8	10	1	2	2					181
3.	Ken Griffey, Jr.		11	3	5		4			1		180
4.	David Justice		3	4	8	5	2		1			158
5.	Craig Biggio		2	3	5	3	1	2		2	1	113
6.	Nomar Garciaparra			1	1	5	3	3		2	2	78
7.	Edgar Martinez				3	4	3	2	1		3	74
8.	Jeff Bagwell			1			1	8	2			51
9.	Tony Gwynn			2			2		2	1		34
10.	Vinny Castilla					1	1		3	6		32
11.	Frank Thomas						1		7	3		32
12.	Paul Molitor				1		2	2		1	2	29
13.	Rusty Greer						1			6	3	20
14.	Raul Mondesi					1		2	2			20
15.	Barry Bonds					1		1	1	1	1	16
16.	Mark McGwire					1	1		1		1	15
17.	Juan Gonzalez					1		2				14
18.	Mike Piazza							1	2		3	13
19.	Moises Alou							1		1		6
20.	Manny Ramirez								1		1	4
21.	John Olerud								1			3
22.	Edgardo Alfonzo										1	1
23.	Chipper Jones										1	1
24.	Tim Salmon										1	1
25.	Alex Gonzalez										1	1
26.	Geronimo Berroa										1	1
27.	Travis Fryman										1	1
28.	Desi Relaford										1	1

Pitcher of the Year Randy Johnson (CR)

	Player	1	2	3	Total
1.	Randy Johnson	7	14	1	78
2.	Daryl Kile	10	3	5	64
3.	Pedro Martinez	6	6	4	52
4.	Greg Maddux	1		5	10
5.	Roger Clemens		1	3	6
6.	Doug Jones			3	3
7.	Denny Neagle			1	1
8.	David Cone			1	1
9.	Andy Pettitte			1	1

Stat Key

Below you will find some explanations on a few stat categories:

RC: runs created ($RC = [A \text{ times } B] \text{ divided by } C$), where,

$$A = H + W + HBP - CS - GDP$$

$$B = TB + .26 \times (TBB - IBB + HBP) + .52 \times (SH + SF + SB)$$

$$C = AB + TBB + HBP + SH + SF$$

RC / 27 outs: runs created per 27 outs; in other words, the number of runs a player would create if he were to bat in all nine positions in the batting order.

QS: quality starts; the number of starts in which a pitcher pitches six (6) innings or more and gives up three (3) runs or less.

OAVG: the batting percentage against each pitcher.

Batting & Pitching Leaders: the following symbols were used to denote individual accomplishments that were record-breakers:

🏆 - TML Record

🏆 - Tied TML Record

Team Stats: an asterisk (*) preceding any stat indicates that the player or pitcher led his Association in that stat category; a dot (•) indicates that the player or pitcher tied for the lead in his Association in that stat category.