

Beer League Baseball



2016 Draft Report Card

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Introduction

The ninth annual Beer League Baseball draft took place on March 5, 2016. After about 4 hours of drafting (and some technical difficulties) and many, many beers (hopefully nobody ended the draft looking like this guy), the 20 attending owners finally had teams to call their own. After the last eight drafts I did a report card, grading everyone's picks, and I've decided to make it an annual thing, since I enjoy doing it and everyone seems to enjoy reading it.



What I've done is copied each team's draft results (for this year only) into the report card. Then I evaluate each team's draft based on a number of factors: Did this team overpay for anyone? Did they get good value picks? Did they make the right decision with the direction of their draft (ie attempt to contend vs rebuild)? Did they spend all their money (or did they seem to have good reason not to spend)? Did they apportion their money smartly? Finally, after all that, I assign a grade and summarize my overall thoughts on the team.

Sadly, this year I didn't have time to do the WAR season previews that I've done in year's past. So, there won't be any predictions on playoff teams this year (I'll throw one out there now: Edmonton will finish 5th in our division!). Look for the WAR previews to return in 2017! I do have a write-up on how WAR did last season though in case anyone is curious. Also, my time limitations and not worrying about the WAR preview has led me to try out a new format for the write-ups – let me know what you guys think of that.

I should say that all these grades and team breakdowns are only my opinions. I didn't set out to do this to ruffle any feathers, or insult any owners, and if I do end up offending anybody with my grades, I apologize. I merely intend this to be a fun read, and something to get everyone psyched up for Opening Day.

With that said, I hope everyone enjoys this document and has a fun time reading it, and I welcome any complaints and arguments about my grades! Bring it on, and Play Ball!

ALC LEAGUE

IIA DIVISION

Brooklyn Sorachi Aces

Owner: Peter Oh

2014 Draft Grade: A-

2015 Draft Grade: B+

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Street, Huston (P LAA)	\$14	C+	JAM but issues against lefties and struggled down the stretch in 2015
Gibson, Kyle (P MIN)	\$16	B	Solid pitcher in his prime at a solid price
Lamb, Jake (3B ARI)	\$1	A	Steal at a buck. Good defense and should show more power.
Romine, Andrew (3B DET)	\$13	D	Nice utility guy but at least double what I'd have paid
Ramirez, Alexei (SS SD)	\$1	C+	Nice flier type for a buck, could bounce back
OVERALL GRADE:		B-	Solid, safe draft. Romine pick drags the grade down, but no major issues with the rest of the picks.

Newcastle 24 Horsemen

Owner: Ron Erdmann

2008 Draft Grade: B

2009 Draft Grade: B+

2010 Draft Grade: C+

2011 Draft Grade: B

2012 Draft Grade: B+

2013 Draft Grade: A-

2014 Draft Grade: A-

2015 Draft Grade: A-

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Hendriks, Liam (P OAK)	\$8	B-	Solid long man, issues vs LHB. Slight overpay
Lagares, Juan (OF NYM)	\$8	B	Would love this more if he was guaranteed PT in NY
Blanco, Andres (3B PHI)	\$2	A	Probably a 1 year guy but great value for the bat at only \$2
Jeffress, Jeremy (P MIL)	\$5	B	Solid middle relief card at a reasonable price
Salas, Fernando (P LAA)	\$1	C	Meh card but only a buck
Infante, Omar (2B KC)	\$1	C	Meh.
Cahill, Trevor (P CHC)	\$1	B	Better peripherals than his ERA last year; nice sleeper
Robles, Hansel (P NYM)	\$1	A	Love this pick for \$1. ON mitigates all the DD. Young, lots of K's
Ynoa, Rafael (OF COL)	\$1	C	Also, meh.
Romo, Sergio (P SF)	\$1	B	Major ROOGY but used in the right spots he'll be worth the \$1
OVERALL GRADE:		B	Ron didn't have much to spend, but he got some nice pickups on the margins to help for this year and sleepers for next year too.

New Glarus Spotted Cows

Owner: Dan Trueden

2010 Draft Grade: C+

2011 Draft Grade: B

2012 Draft Grade: B+

2013 Draft Grade: B+

2014 Draft Grade: B+

2015 Draft Grade: C

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Sale, Chris (P CHW)	\$30	B+	Given what other pitchers went for, a slight bargain
Seager, Corey (SS LAD)	\$16	A-	Love the pick. Seager seems ready and has huge upside
Perez, Salvador (C KC)	\$26	C	Some assets but I can't get past the .280 OBP
Revere, Ben (OF WAS)	\$22	B+	Great card for this year, not so sure beyond that
Severino, Luis (P NYY)	\$26	B	Little pricey for an unproven guy but he's got youth and talent
Wieters, Matt (C BAL)	\$10	A-	Nice sleeper at a nice price. Has to breakout one year, right?
Buxton, Byron (OF MIN)	\$20	C+	Buxton was rushed; could be a risk for Dan. Talented though
Givens, Mychal (P BAL)	\$7	B+	Great card. 45% but he's FT in the playoffs if Dan makes it
Davies, Zach (P MIL)	\$1	B-	Young Brewer I know nothing about. For a buck, why not?
Piscotty, Stephen (OF STL)	\$7	A	Man, great bargain here. Nice 50% card and young
Moreland, Mitch (1B TEX)	\$4	B+	Platoony type but mashes righties and has done so for years
Jungmann, Taylor (P MIL)	\$8	B	Decent card and he's entering his prime too. Nice price
Avilan, Luis (P LAD)	\$1	C-	Feels like a minors guy
Johnson, Chris (1B MIA)	\$1	B-	Platoon guy for a buck sounds about right
Blanton, Joe (P LAD)	\$1	A-	Great value here. Issues vs LHB but long, OFF, spot 4 are nice
OVERALL GRADE:		A-	Dan had a great draft, mixing in futures plays with veterans that can help his team this year.

Payette Outlaw IPAs

Owner: Craig Paprocki
2008 Draft Grade: B+
2009 Draft Grade: C+
2010 Draft Grade: B
2011 Draft Grade: B-
2012 Draft Grade: A-
2013 Draft Grade: A
2014 Draft Grade: A
2015 Draft Grade: A-

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Grimm, Justin (P CHC)	\$6	B	This pick isn't Grimm. In fact, it's a solid price for a good MR
Fields, Josh (P HOU)	\$5	B-	Few bucks more than I'd have liked for a decent middle RP
Spangenberg, Cory (2B SD)	\$6	B+	Solid 2B/3B card, good upside, good value
Wheeler, Zack (P NYM)	\$1	B+	He'll miss half the year but will return value by year 3 if not 2
OVERALL GRADE:		B	Craig did most of his good work pre-draft, but I don't have any major issues with any of his picks.

Edmonton Trappers

Owner: Mike Jackson

2008 Draft Grade: A-

2009 Draft Grade: B+

2010 Draft Grade: C

2011 Draft Grade: B

2012 Draft Grade: B+

2013 Draft Grade: A-

2014 Draft Grade: A-

2015 Draft Grade: B

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Gallo, Joey (OF TEX)	\$6	B	Risky player (K's, PT, etc) but big power upside if it clicks
Hoover, J.J. (P CIN)	\$2	B	Could be Cincy's closer; either way, solid RP card for cheap
Valbuena, Luis (3B HOU)	\$1	B	Cheap power but limited otherwise
Carter, Chris (1B MIL)	\$2	B-	See Valbuena, Luis
Bolsinger, Mike (P LAD)	\$2	B+	Nice SP card w/ platoon issues, should be in LAD rotation now
Papelbon, Jonathan (P WAS)	\$3	B+	Decent card and is usually a bet for a JAM. Some risk (age, etc)
Kennedy, Ian (P KC)	\$2	B+	Pretty bad last year but fluky bad HR/FB; KC good for pitchers
Ray, Robbie (P ARI)	\$1	B	Lefty w/bad control so thin margin in DLB but he's young/cheap
Porcello, Rick (P BOS)	\$1	B	One of these years...
Velasquez, Vincent (P PHI)	\$1	A-	Big upside and he'll get chances on Philly's shitty team
Ramirez, Hanley (OF BOS)	\$1	B+	Hit well before wrecking his shoulder; if healthy he'll mash
OVERALL GRADE:		B	Boring/safe draft in a way. B+ for the players I got, B overall factoring in the money I left on the table.

ALÉ LEAGUE

Sous Division

Shiner Bock Rams

Owner: Brad Pike
2008 Draft Grade: C+
2009 Draft Grade: C-
2010 Draft Grade: B+
2011 Draft Grade: B
2012 Draft Grade: A-
2013 Draft Grade: B-
2014 Draft Grade: B
2015 Draft Grade: B

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Duda, Lucas (1B NYM)	\$10	A	Unreal value here. Consistent masher for only \$10
Manship, Jeff (P CLE)	\$8	B+	Killer card for 65% of the year and FT in playoffs
Darvish, Yu (P TEX)	\$6	B+	Back at the start of season. Risky but high reward here
Beltran, Carlos (OF NYY)	\$5	B+	Very underrated offensive card. Bad D and old, but solid at \$5
Marte, Ketel (SS SEA)	\$6	A-	Could be a steal as Marte seems like an exciting young player
Ross, Joe (P WAS)	\$15	B+	Issues w/LHB but 23 year old has upside. Good value
Realmuto, J.T. (C MIA)	\$13	A-	Solid card and young with upside. Great pick
Andrus, Elvis (SS TEX)	\$5	B	Bit of a bounceback year for Andrus. Still just 27. OK value
Bassitt, Chris (P OAK)	\$17	C-	Reverse RHP are nice but not a fan at this price at all
Colome, Alex (P TB)	\$1	B	Hittable but a solid swingman card for a buck
Ethier, Andre (OF LAD)	\$3	B-	Not my type of player, but \$3 is a nice price for the bat
OVERALL GRADE:		A-	A few iffy picks shouldn't overshadow a great draft by Brad that had quite a few "home runs" (Duda, Marte, Realmuto).

Vermont Catamounts

Owner: Walt Rayta

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Correa, Carlos (SS HOU)	\$45	B	Love the player, so-so about the price. Young guys are risky
Osuna, Roberto (P TOR)	\$25	B	Arguably top RP card in deck. Overpay if he's not SP in 2016 MLB
Anderson, Brett (P LAD)	\$7	B+	Discount on solid jam card due to back injury
Mesoraco, Devin (C CIN)	\$3	B+	Hip injuries scary for catchers but low risk/high reward at \$3
Rodon, Carlos (P CHW)	\$9	B+	Nice upside SP at a good price
McCann, James (C DET)	\$10	A	Young -2 arm catcher w/solid bat is a bloody steal at \$10
Travis, Devon (2B TOR)	\$12	B	Nice card but injury risk in DLB/MLB. High risk/reward
OVERALL GRADE:		B+	Walt did great in his first auction with us. Overpays on talented players (Correa, Osuna) made up for by other bargains.

Bridgeport Blue Heron

Owner: Chris Schenk

2013 Draft Grade: B

2014 Draft Grade: B

2015 Draft Grade: B+

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Lindor, Francisco (SS CLE)	\$40	B	Sweet card, not sure he maintains that level of offense. \$ a tad high
Davis, Wade (P KC)	\$23	B	One of the top closers in the game
Russell, Addison (2B CHC)	\$24	B+	Like, don't love, Russell at this price
Melancon, Mark (P PIT)	\$20	B+	Another top closer, deadly reverse RHP w/jam/off and -4 hold
Fien, Casey (P MIN)	\$2	B	Decent long RP for cheap
Schoop, Jonathan (2B BAL)	\$3	A-	Big power 2B. Bit risky in terms of health/performance
Chisenhall, Lonnie (OF CLE)	\$1	B	Declined w/bat but defensive metrics liked him last year
Canha, Mark (1B OAK)	\$2	B	Nice player for \$2, reverse platoon RHB who plays a few positions
Soto, Geovany (C LAA)	\$1	B+	Has always had power, nice backup C for a buck
Pham, Thomas (OF STL)	\$1	B+	Nice limited/F durability card for a buck
Elias, Roenis (P BOS)	\$2	B+	ON will mitigate DD vs RHB. Good value at that price
Paulsen, Ben (1B COL)	\$1	B	Solid card but kind of redundant w/Cahna around
Parker, Jarrett (OF SF)	\$1	C	Eh. Ringer bat for September I suppose.
OVERALL GRADE:		B+	Solid draft for Chris as he added two of the top middle infielders in the game and 2 top closers, as well as solid pickups on the cheap.

Rahr Ugly Pugs

Owner: Jon Barnes
2008 Draft Grade: B-
2009 Draft Grade: B
2010 Draft Grade: A-
2011 Draft Grade: A-
2012 Draft Grade: N/A (computer draft)
2013 Draft Grade: A-
2014 Draft Grade: B+
2015 Draft Grade: A-

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Zobrist, Ben (2B CHC)	\$16	A-	Nice price on a solid player who should rebound with health
Wainwright, Adam (P STL)	\$10	B	Good RP card for this year and good rebound candidate
McCullers, Lance (P HOU)	\$34	B-	Young and lots of potential, but a tad pricey
Rodriguez, Fernando (P OAK)	\$9	B	Nice long RP card for this year
Nola, Aaron (P PHI)	\$8	B+	Great price on a young SP with ace potential
Young, Chris (P KC)	\$17	C+	Decent price for the card but high odds this is a buyout next year
Cashner, Andrew (P SD)	\$5	A-	Great price for a rebound guy with good peripherals last year
OVERALL GRADE:		B	Jon had a solid draft, getting some nice sleepers and young guys as well as some good cards for this year.

Cincinnati Steel Reserves

Owner: Jon Buneta

2008 Draft Grade (for Buneta): A- (was computer drafted)

2013 Draft Grade: B+

2014 Draft Grade: A

2015 Draft Grade: B+

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Bumgarner, Madison (P SF)	\$38	B+	Pricey but as consistent as they come and just what Jon needed
Burns, Billy (OF OAK)	\$17	B+	Unsure about his bat long term; good value given prices for others
Flores, Wilmer (SS NYM)	\$8	B	Lefty masher 2B/DH for now and young. Solid buy
Soria, Joakim (P KC)	\$15	A-	Great value considering what other jams went for
Ramirez, Erasmo (P TB)	\$18	B	Big Erasmo fan but would have liked him in the \$12-15 range better
Gutierrez, Franklin (OF SEA)	\$7	A-	Great value for this 4th OF/PH who mashes
Lowe, Mark (P DET)	\$5	C+	Good card but a bit of a ROOGY
OVERALL GRADE:		A-	Jon had a plan to get a top lefty SP and a CF and executed it, picking up other good values along the way too.

LAGER LEAGUE

BOCK DIVISION

Granite City Chronic

Owner: Ron Wright

2008 Draft Grade: B+

2009 Draft Grade: A-

2010 Draft Grade: A

2011 Draft Grade: B+

2012 Draft Grade: A-

2013 Draft Grade: B-

2014 Draft Grade: B

2015 Draft Grade: A-

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Price, David (P BOS)	\$38	B+	Same as MadBum: Pricey but as consistent as they come
Encarnacion, Edwin (1B TOR)	\$30	B-	Top line bat but a bit pricey for a bat only guy in his 30's
Ramos, A.J. (P MIA)	\$17	B+	Few too many BB but otherwise great card at reasonable \$
Perez, Carlos (C LAA)	\$7	B+	Good value on a young catcher with a minus arm
Caminero, Arquimedes (P PIT)	\$3	A-	I'm a fan of Caminero, nice card for the hard throwing RHP
Blazek, Michael (P MIL)	\$7	C+	\$ consistent with similar long RP cards; no discount for F dura
Smith, Will (P MIL)	\$3	B+	Getting' Jiggy wit all those K's
Santana, Domingo (OF MIL)	\$3	B	Nice limited bench pickup for this year and a futures play
OVERALL GRADE:		B+	Good draft for Ron as he paid market or better prices to pick up some nice cards.

Guadalajara Crows

Owner: Domingo Cruz
 2012 Draft Grade: B
 2013 Draft Grade: B+
 2014 Draft Grade: B+
 2015 Draft Grade: A

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Lind, Adam (1B SEA)	\$15	B	Clutch bat, decent price for a platoon guy
Anderson, Cody (P CLE)	\$5	A-	Good limited card and young. Nice price
Bour, Justin (1B MIA)	\$10	B	Don't mind the player/price, but a bit redundant w/Lind
Dietrich, Derek (OF MIA)	\$1	B+	Nice platoon card for a buck
Davis, Rajai (OF CLE)	\$4	A-	Good D and speed and hit RHP a bit for once
Anderson, Chase (P MIL)	\$1	C+	Decent \$1 flier but not sure if he makes AZ's rotation
Guyer, Brandon (OF TB)	\$6	C	Bit expensive for short half of a platoon guy
Ruf, Darin (1B PHI)	\$6	B	Monster lefty masher, essential given Lind/Bour
Sogard, Eric (2B OAK)	\$6	C	Don't love this pick, no bat utility guy w/good not great D
Jackson, Edwin (P MIA)	\$3	A-	Great value given what other long RP cards went for
Duffey, Tyler (P MIN)	\$3	A-	Solid limited SP card and a guy with interesting upside
Perez, Oliver (P WAS)	\$1	C+	Meh. \$1 LOOGY.
OVERALL GRADE:		B	Dom's draft was a mixed bag in my mind. Nice picks on pitching and some good platoon guys but a few overpays too.

Ottawa Corona Conservatives

Owner: Glen Donald

2013 Draft Grade: A

2014 Draft Grade: B

2014 Draft Grade: C+

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Capps, Carter (P MIA)	\$10	B+	Killer card, injury risk (DLB & MLB). High risk/reward
Reddick, Josh (OF OAK)	\$19	B	Decent price for a solid but flawed (platoon) clutch card
Marisnick, Jake (OF HOU)	\$12	C+	Good 4th OF card but probably double what I'd have paid
Pena, Brayan (C STL)	\$1	A-	Bad D but a H&R catcher who hits RHP is sweet for a buck
Jennings, Desmond (OF TB)	\$1	B	Always thought Jennings was overrated but \$1 is decent
Baez, Pedro (P LAD)	\$2	B+	Cheap and solid MR option
Upton, Melvin (OF SD)	\$1	B+	Surprisingly decent year for Melvin, solid buy for a buck
May, Trevor (P MIN)	\$2	B+	Cheap flier on a young pitcher
OVERALL GRADE:		B	Glen picked up some nice pitching but I'm not as big a fan of the OF he picked up.

Dakota Nightstalkers

Owner: Stephen Hall
2015 Draft Grade: B-

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Strasburg, Stephen (P WAS)	\$26	B	High risk/reward. If he pitches to his talents this will be good value
Keuchel, Dallas (P HOU)	\$31	B	Non jam LHP are iffy in DLB but Keuchel has a great card otherwise
Rosario, Eddie (OF MIN)	\$19	B+	The -3 arm is huge and the bat is decent enough
Prado, Martin (3B MIA)	\$15	C+	Good D but probably a few bucks overpaid considering the bat
Rupp, Cameron (C PHI)	\$9	B	Decent value for lefty mashing young C with a minus arm
Myers, Wil (OF SD)	\$1	A-	Could be a steal if his wrists are healthy. Solid card regardless
OVERALL GRADE:		B	Solid draft for Stephen. Paid market rates for most of his guys, got a nice bargain on Myers and improved his already solid team.

Rolling Rocks of Old Latrobe

Owner: Aaron Peck

2011 Draft Grade: B

2012 Draft Grade: B+

2013 Draft Grade: A+

2014 Draft Grade: A-

2015 Draft Grade: B+

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Ellis, A.J. (C LAD)	\$9	B+	Good price for a -2 armed catcher who can hit LHP too
Herrera, Odubel (OF PHI)	\$32	B-	Sweet card but I'll bet this is a buyout/salary dump in 2017
Jansen, Kenley (P LAD)	\$25	C+	Awesome card but other similar closers went \$7-10 cheaper
Cabrera, Asdrubal (SS NYM)	\$1	B	Peck didn't want him but he's a decent \$1 pick
Shaw, Bryan (P CLE)	\$6	C+	Decent card but feels a few bucks overpriced
OVERALL GRADE:		B-	Peck added some nice cards but not sure he got the best value on some of these guys considering what similar cards went for.

LAKER LEAGUE

PILSNER DIVISION

Nickel City Angry Moose

Owner: David Longe

2011 Draft Grade: B (with another franchise)

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Bryant, Kris (3B CHC)	\$56	C-	I like Bryant but that's a huge price to commit to one guy
Colabello, Chris (OF TOR)	\$14	B+	Great offensive card; he'll regress but still have value in 2016
Dickerson, Corey (OF TB)	\$15	B+	If he stays healthy, he'll hit
Corbin, Patrick (P ARI)	\$5	A-	Like this pick a lot, Corbin's always done well when healthy
Pierzynski, A.J. (C ATL)	\$7	B+	Nice price on a one year catcher with the hit and run rating
Dyson, Sam (P TEX)	\$7	B+	Good relief card, decent price
Casali, Curt (C TB)	\$8	C	Pretty pricey backup, though he may start in TB this year
Smyly, Drew (P TB)	\$7	A-	Same comment as Corbin
Kelly, Joe (P BOS)	\$2	C+	Never been a Joe Kelly fan but the price isn't too high
Miley, Wade (P SEA)	\$4	B	Miley is solid-average and moving to Seattle should help
Suarez, Eugenio (SS CIN)	\$1	A-	Nice bat not much defense. Young and should play in Cincy.
OVERALL GRADE:		B+	David got Bryant but sunk ~20% of his payroll into him which I don't like. Made up for it with several good value picks though.

Toronto Beavers

Owner: Norm Larrett
2009 Draft Grade: C+
2010 Draft Grade: A-
2011 Draft Grade: B+
2012 Draft Grade: C+
2013 Draft Grade: A-
2014 Draft Grade: B
2015 Draft Grade: C+

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Weaver, Jered (P LAA)	\$5	D	Cheap price, but Weaver barely throws 80 anymore
Madson, Ryan (P OAK)	\$14	C-	Nice MR card but some jam closers went for this much
Shields, James (P SD)	\$12	A-	Good price for Shields' card and bounce back potential
Span, Denard (OF SF)	\$10	B	Nice/risky platoon card, and good bounceback guy
Goeddel, Erik (P NYM)	\$7	B-	Good MR but an injury risk
Colon, Bartolo (P NYM)	\$2	B	Solid back of rotation starter on the cheap
Wilson, C.J. (P LAA)	\$1	B	Meh, but can't complain about the price
Bird, Greg (1B NYY)	\$2	B	Out for MLB season but \$2 for his 40% card is nice
Kontos, George (P SF)	\$2	B+	Nice card (aside from DD vs LHB) for cheap
Ruiz, Carlos (C PHI)	\$1	B+	Good value for a buck as Ruiz still hits lefties well
Milone, Tommy (P MIN)	\$3	C-	Soft tossing lefty who gets hammered by RHB. Pass
Collmenter, Josh (P ARI)	\$1	B	Not a bad swingman; the ON mitigates some of his DD
OVERALL GRADE:		C+	Loved the Shields pick but the rest of the draft was kind of "meh" for me.

Woodbury Governors

Owner: Bryan Richert

2013 Draft Grade: B+

2014 Draft Grade: B+

2015 Draft Grade: A

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Schwarber, Kyle (OF CHC)	\$15	B+	I like Schwarber a lot; if he plays in Chicago, he'll hit
Vogt, Stephen (C OAK)	\$16	B+	Very good price for a catcher with the bat Vogt has
Conforto, Michael (OF NYM)	\$9	A-	Like Schwarber, only playing time (not talent) is in question
DeSclafani, Anthony (P CIN)	\$10	B-	Started strong but faded; solid price
Murphy, Daniel (2B WAS)	\$14	B	Overrated card due to clutch/H&R but \$14 isn't an overpay
Vizcaino, Arodys (P ATL)	\$9	B	Decent price for the card and could close for ATL this year
Harris, Will (P HOU)	\$7	A	One of the best long RP cards; cheaper than others went for
Heston, Chris (P SF)	\$7	C+	Not a fan of Heston but Bryan didn't break the bank
DeShields, Delino (OF TEX)	\$7	B+	I question his chances to repeat but \$7 for this card is nice
Gomes, Yan (C CLE)	\$9	A-	Damn you Bryan, I wanted Gomes! I should have went \$10...
Alvarez, Jose (P LAA)	\$3	B+	Nice long LHRP card for only a few bucks
OVERALL GRADE:		A-	Bryan had a very good draft, got some nice cards and some good high upside plays/bounce back guys.

Sudbury Northern Ales

Owner: Mike Stockhaus

2008 Draft Grade: B+

2009 Draft Grade: B

2010 Draft Grade: A-

2011 Draft Grade: B-

2012 Draft Grade: B+

2013 Draft Grade: B

2014 Draft Grade: B

2015 Draft Grade: B+

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Cain, Lorenzo (OF KC)	\$50	C	Top CF in draft but an overpay
Gordon, Dee (2B MIA)	\$48	C-	Top 2B in draft but also an overpay
Smith, Carson (P BOS)	\$17	C+	Too soon
Seager, Kyle (3B SEA)	\$32	C	Solid, consistent 3B but don't like the price
Rodriguez, Francisco (P DET)	\$17	B+	In line with (or better than) what other jam RP went for
Ahmed, Nick (SS ARI)	\$11	B+	Love the D and bat vs LHP; might lose time to Segura in AZ
Rivero, Felipe (P WAS)	\$6	B+	Not just a LOOGY, nice lefty card and young too
Gilmartin, Sean (P NYM)	\$1	B	Reverse lefty card for only a buck is solid
Geltz, Steven (P TB)	\$1	B+	Nice short RP card with a few spot starts as a bonus
Van Slyke, Scott (OF LAD)	\$1	B+	Nice bench player/platoon guy for only a buck
Schebler, Scott (OF CIN)	\$1	C-	Ringer card I guess? Very limited card and no upside
Gonzalez, Chi Chi (P TEX)	\$1	A	A steal for only a buck given his card and his potential
Murphy, John Ryan (C MIN)	\$1	A-	Nice card for a backup C for a buck. He'll start for the Twins
Hernandez, Enrique (OF LAD)	\$1	A-	Awesome utility/bench card for a buck
OVERALL GRADE:		B	Mike did what he set out to do: Get the best cards. Cain, Seager, Gordon are overpays but rest of auction picks were good value

Naptown Racers

Owner: Chris Minton
2008 Draft Grade: B+
2009 Draft Grade: C+
2012 Draft Grade: A-
2013 Draft Grade: B
2014 Draft Grade: B+
2015 Draft Grade: N/A

Player	\$	Grade	Comments
Turner, Trea (2B WAS)	\$5	A	Could be an absolute steal if Turner wins a job this year
Garcia, Yimi (P LAD)	\$1	B+	Lots of deeps but great card otherwise
Galvis, Freddy (SS PHI)	\$7	C	Don't get this at all, card warranted a buck or a minors pick
Hill, Rich (P OAK)	\$1	B+	Looked good in Sept. For a buck, why not see what he can do?
OVERALL GRADE:		B+	Galvis pick prevents a grade starting with "A", but other 3 picks are good.

Predictions – 2015 redux:

Below are my predictions of records and playoff seeds from last year's report card, as well as a write up I did:

As mentioned in the introduction, the predictions this year are again based not on my own gut feel/opinions, but rather on the WARs calculated from each team's depth charts (shown above in each team's write-up). First of all, the breakdown of WARs for each team for position players, SP and RP (highlighted values are top 5 in that category):

WAR BREAKDOWN				
Team	Position	SP	RP	TOT
Allegheny	35.2	18.7	6.7	61
Bridgeport	26.3	16.7	8.1	51
Cincinnati	22.8	11.9	4.3	39
Dakota	31.3	19.2	4.1	55
DC	26.1	18.5	6.7	51
Edmonton	45.5	18.5	8.3	72
Fargo	38.1	20.4	7.5	66
Granite City	27.3	15.8	4.9	48
Guadalajara	32.7	17.7	7.1	58
Naptown	24.5	18.9	5.3	49
New Glarus	27.0	17.3	4.5	49
Newcastle	33.7	17.8	7.0	59
Ottawa	34.1	17.2	6.0	57
Payette	37.1	17.3	4.0	58
Rolling Rocks	21.5	19.0	8.3	49
Shiner	35.8	16.7	5.5	58
Sudbury	43.4	15.8	6.9	66
Texas	24.3	18.2	2.8	45
Toronto	32.4	12.5	5.8	51
Woodbury	35.1	17.7	5.1	58
AVERAGE	31.7	17.3	5.9	55

Now I present to you the WAR predicted 2015 standings:

IPA				
Team	W	L	%	GB
Edmonton	98	64	0.605	0
Allegheny	87	75	0.537	11
Newcastle	85	77	0.525	13
Payette	84	78	0.519	14
New Glarus	75	87	0.463	23

Bock				
Team	W	L	%	GB
Guadalajara	84	78	0.519	0
Ottawa	83	79	0.512	1
Dakota	81	81	0.500	3
Rolling Rocks	75	87	0.463	9
Granite City	74	88	0.457	10

Stout				
Team	W	L	%	GB
Fargo	92	70	0.568	0
Shiner	84	78	0.519	8
Bridgeport	77	85	0.475	15
Texas	71	91	0.438	21
Cincinnati	65	97	0.401	27

Pilsner				
Team	W	L	%	GB
Sudbury	92	70	0.568	0
Woodbury	84	78	0.519	8
DC	77	85	0.476	15
Toronto	77	85	0.475	15
Naptown	75	87	0.463	17

Playoff teams are highlighted. In the Ale, Edmonton, Allegheny and Newcastle are expected to survive the brutal IPA division and make the playoffs, while Fargo should be the lone playoff team from the Stout (though Brad's Shiner will be pushing for a wildcard spot all year). In the Lager, Guadalajara should squeak out the division title in the tight Bock ahead of Ottawa, while Sudbury should hold off Woodbury for the Pilsner division.

Now here are the final standings from last season (highlight = predicted correct position):

Ale League		
IPA	W	L
Edmonton*	114	48
Newcastle	86	76
Payette	82	80
Allegheny	78	84
New Glarus	54	108
Stout	W	L
Fargo*	107	55
Shiner*	104	58
Bridgeport*	90	72
Texas	61	101
Cincinnati	58	104

Lager League		
Bock	W	L
Guadalajara*	102	60
Ottawa*	98	64
Dakota	68	94
Granite City	64	98
Rolling Rocks	54	108
Pilsner	W	L
Woodbury*	94	68
Naptown*	84	78
Toronto	82	80
Sudbury	73	89
DC	67	95

* = Playoff team

WAR predicted the correct division winners in 3 of the 4 divisions, got 5/8 playoff teams correct, and nailed 10 out of 20 positions in the division (including the entire Stout Division).