Beer League Baseball

2017 Draft Report Card

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Introduction

The 10th annual Beer League Baseball draft took place on February 25, 2017. After about 3.5 hours of drafting 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 nine 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.

After a one year absence due to life intervening (ie me having twins) resulting in a lack of time, the WAR season preview returns this year! A few years back I developed a methodology to calculate the Wins Above Replacement (WAR) for each DLB **card**, and I've included a team preview at the end of the report card including a prediction of what the standings will be. I've tinkered with the formula a bit this few offseasons (including trying to capture recent rule changes), and in the next section I will summarize some of the changes and what my WAR now captures (I'm not re-hashing the details of the calculations, as anyone that's interested can read the 2013 report card on the website).

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!

WAR: What is it good for?

As many of you no doubt know or can tell, I'm a bit of a stats nerd. Ok, remove the phrase "a bit of" from the previous sentence and it'll be more accurate. Anyway, because that's where my interest lies I'm big into reading baseball saber sites such as Fangraphs and baseball prospectus, and those sites tout their versions of Wins Above Replacement (WAR). The concept itself isn't difficult to understand: You add up all of the things that a baseball player does on the field that helps his team win games (such as fielding, hitting and baserunning for hitters, and run prevention for pitchers) and compare the number (in runs produced or runs prevented) to a theoretical "replacement" player.

I started wondering a few years ago if it would be possible figure out the runs saved due to each fielder's range/error ratings, and I was able to come up with an estimation for that. As mentioned in the introduction, last year ago I decided to try to expand upon my work with range/error ratings and take on the challenge of quantifying everything else required to figure out a DLB player's card WAR value. My WAR values take into account the following aspects of a player's card (new features from last year are noted):

<u>Position Players</u>

- Ranges for each on base event on their card
- Ranges for each non-"normal" out, ie hard ground outs (which lead to double plays) and strikeouts
- Lead/steal ratings
- Baserunning
- Range/error ratings
- Arm rating
- Power rating
- Clutch rating
- Hit and run rating *(new – updated to reflect the lack of ability to hit and run more than once in an at bat)*
- Catcher handling/passed ball ratings *(new – updated for chart edits to factor in framing)*
- Durability rating
- Use rating

<u>Pitchers</u>

- Ranges for each on base event on their card
- Ranges for each non-"normal" out, ie hard ground outs (which lead to double plays) and strikeouts
- Hold/lead adjustment ratings
- Pickoff rating
- Wild pitch rating
- Jam/on/off ratings
- Pitcher fielding ratings
- Endurance

- Durability
- Use rating

For context below are tables outlining some of the average card WARs for each position, based on a sample of fulltime (ie not limited) players. For position players, I included a guy if he's carded at a position and not limited, even if that isn't his "best" position. This sample is meant to measure all of the possibilities for each position. For pitchers, a pitcher is classified as a starting pitcher if he's got an endurance rating of a starter and is not limited by the spot rating; if he has both starting and relief endurance ratings AND the spot rating, he's classified as a reliever. WARs are per 650 PA for position players, 220 IP for starters, and 70 IP for relievers:

	POSITION PLAYERS				
	ALL	TOP 30	TOP 10	Top Player	WAR
C	1.3	2.9	5.0	Jonathan Lucroy	6.9
1B	1.4	3.8	5.1	Anthony Rizzo	6.2
2B	1.2	3.7	5.1	Jose Altuve	6.1
SS	1.4	3.6	4.7	Jonathan Villar	5.6
3B	1.2	3.9	5.4	Nolan Arenado	6.6
LF	1.4	3.8	5.0	Starling Marte	6.6
CF	2.2	4.5	5.7	Mike Trout	7.6
RF	1.9	4.1	5.3	Mookie Betts	8.1
DH	1.3	4.4	5.1	Mike Trout	5.9
OVERALL	2.1	5.9	6.7	Mookie Betts	8.1

PITCHING					
	ALL	Top 30	Top 100	Top Player	WAR
SP	2.5	5.0	3.6	Clayton Kershaw	7.3
RP	0.4	1.4	0.9	Andrew Miller	2.3

As you can see from the above charts, the league averages vary by position, with CF for some reason having by far the highest WAR. One theory is that there are simply a lot of good CF right now and also their value on defense (a missed play is usually a double) means they grade out well. The overall average position player WAR is about 2, and if you read about WAR discussed on Fangraphs I believe they talk about 2.0 WAR being an average player so that seems to jive. As you can also see from the above chart, Mookie Betts narrowly edges out Mike Trout for the top overall player, while Clayton Kershaw and Andrew Miller are the top SP and RP, respectively.

Team Depth Charts

As mentioned this year I'm trying to estimate the standings using WAR and an estimation of playing time for each team. Some of you have sent in your projected lineups, etc and that was helpful and for those that didn't I estimated as best I could what you would do for rotations, lineups, injury subs, etc. Note that the rosters are as of Thursday, March 2nd, 2017.

As a rule of thumb for C durability guys I assume 1 DL stint (so a C SP will get around 200 IP from me, less if he's a C and likely to get pulled from games early, more if he's an elite SP and thus will stay in games longer). F durability starters get a projection of 150 IP. I don't worry too much about durability concerns for RP or DHs (F's are the exception); for C position players I assume usually 50-70 lost PA; D's and F's I ballpark an even greater playing time reduction depending on position. Even A durability catchers I have assumed will be rested on occasion so the backup catcher for each team will, at minimum, receive 50-60 PA.

One other note is that closers and set up men pitch in important (ie high leverage) situations, and as such their WAR is multiplied by 1.5 to reflect the fact that their innings are more important than the average RP and have a greater impact on winning games.

ALE LEAGUE

IPA DIVISION

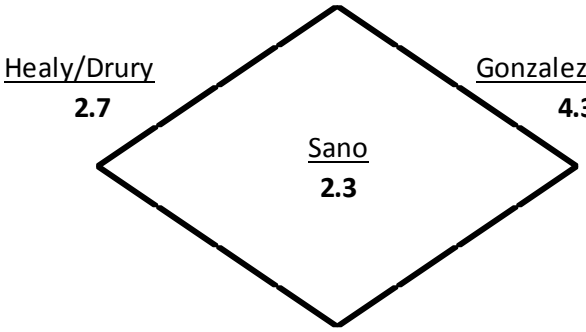
Rubber City Rebels

Owner: Joe Pryweller

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Lester, Jon	$34	B	One of the best SP in the auction. Not a bargain but no overpay either
Diaz, Edwin	$23	C+	Pricey for a RP given the risk but he has electric stuff and a great card
Finnegan, Brandon	$12	A-	Lots of DD vs RHB, but a 24 year old jam lefty for $12 is solid
Castillo, Welington	$14	B+	Top C behind Posey/Ramos. Solid and underrated.
Desmond, Ian	$13	B-	OK price for the card; if he goes off in Colorado this will be a steal
Gonzalez, Adrian	$10	B+	Good price for the large side of a 1B platoon
Joseph, Tommy	$8	B+	Forms the other half of an effective 1B platoon, and has upside
Healy, Ryon	$8	B+	Good 50% card for this year and some upside for the future
Thames, Eric	$2	A-	Potential steal for 2 bucks. Projections love him for this year.
Montgomery, Mike	$6	C+	Ok price for a long LHP/spot starter. Could start for the Cubs this year
Rodney, Fernando	$2	B	Got the JAM but not a great card otherwise. Still, $2 is a slight bargain
Drury, Brandon	$6	B	Plays all over (though not well) and has pop. Only 24 so has upside
OVERALL GRADE:		**B+**	Overall I think Joe had a pretty good first auction. I don't know that Joe has a strong enough roster to compete, but he mixed in upside picks for next year with good cards that he can flip at the deadline.

Rubber City Rebels

Team WAR: 47	*Projected Record:*	**71 - 91**



Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Lester	230	**5.6**
2	Koehler	200	**1.9**
3	Finnegan	220	**3.3**
4	Shoemaker	150	**2.2**
5	Kazmir	160	**1.0**
6	Montgome	30	**0.5**
7	Buchholtz	30	**0.3**

Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Diaz	70	**1.4**
SU	Clippard	70	**0.7**
RP	Buchholtz	50	**0.3**
RP	Diekman	60	**1.0**
RP	Barnes	80	**0.2**
RP	Rodney	70	**0.4**
RP	Montgome	30	**0.3**
RP			

Rubber City is projected to win 71 games. This team has an Ace in Lester and a solid #2 in Finnegan but not much else in the rotation. Joe's getting average-ish production from most positions but nothing stands out.

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-
2016 Draft Grade: B

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Freeman, Freddie	$34	A-	Top 1B card in the auction at a reasonable price
Posey, Buster	$42	B+	Posey was expensive but is a top 2-3 catcher in all of MLB
Morales, Kendrys	$10	B-	Somewhat one-dimensional but is a solid lefty masher at worst
Pillar, Kevin	$11	B+	Good price here as his defense makes up for the so-so bat
Law, Derek	$8	A-	Excellent setup card for a reasonable price
Stripling, Ross	$9	C+	Few bucks more than I'd have gone, but Stripling is ok I guess
Harrison, Josh	$10	B	Hits LHP well, solid defense and speed, has bounce back potential
Severino, Luis	$1	B-	Decent sleeper pick
Gordon, Alex	$1	B	Had a rough year and is 33 now, but could bounce back
Grilli, Jason	$3	C+	Solid roogy, lots of deeps against lefties though
Shipley, Braden	$1	C-	D'backs pitchers don't excite me, don't see much upside here
Uehara, Koji	$1	B	Good price for an oppo RP to pair with Grilli in the mid-innings
Rondon, Bruce	$2	B-	Opposite RH RP, similar to Uehara
Marisnick, Jake	$1	B	Decent price for a good defensive 4th OF who can hit LHP a bit
Headley, Chase	$1	B	Had a down year but has good defense and an ok bat for a buck
OVERALL GRADE:		**B+**	Ron got the top players at C and 1B in the auction (which bumped his grade from a B to a B+ in my mind), then filled out his roster with some decent players at decent prices. He's added a great setup man (Law) to keeper closer Betances and built an ok middle RP mostly on the cheap.

Newcastle 24 Horsemen

Team WAR: 58	*Projected Record:*	**82 - 80**

Pillar/Marisnick
3.6

Davis
3.6

Gordon/Lagares
2.9

Lindor
5.6

Harrison/Colon
3.1

Solarte/Headley
3.1

Freeman
6.3

Morales
2.1

Posey/Maxwell
6.2

	Rotation	**IP**	**WAR**
1	Arrieta	220	**4.9**
2	deGrom	220	**3.2**
3	Nova	210	**2.3**
4	Stripling	200	**3.1**
5	Chacin	180	**1.9**
6			
7			

	Bullpen	**IP**	**WAR**
CL	Betances	70	**1.2**
SU	Law	70	**2.2**
RP	Uehara	70	**0.7**
RP	Grilli	70	**0.9**
RP	Hendricks	80	**0.7**
RP	Claudio	60	**0.6**
RP			
RP			

This is a borderline playoff team. Ron's got a good top 2 in the rotation as well as the bullpen, though the depth falls off from there. He's solid across the board in the field too with star turns by Posey, Freeman and Lindor.

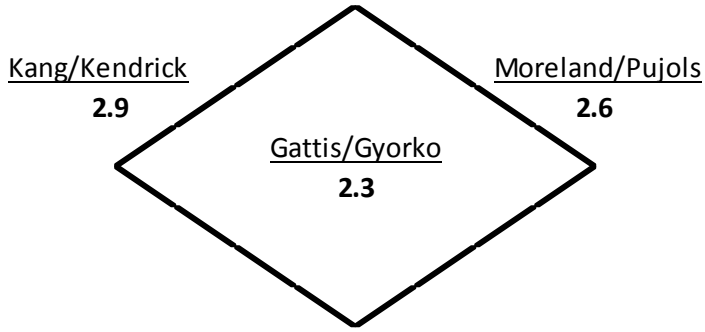
New Glarus Spotted Cows

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
2016 Draft Grade: A-

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Herrera, Kelvin	$15	C+	I like Herrera but the price is a tad high for a non-jam RP
Strickland, Hunter	$6	B	Bit of a roogy but has the on/off and is a solid pick for $6
Robertson, David	$6	B+	Lots of BB and a poor hold but otherwise a jam RP for $6 is nice
Pujols, Albert	$5	C	At $1-2 I'd have liked this more, as I think Albert is close to done
Feliz, Neftali	$2	B	Lots of deeps but the card has its uses for only $2
Fiers, Mike	$6	B	Despite the jam, Fiers does not have a great card. Price is ok though.
Kendrick, Howie	$1	B	Utility guy and bounceback candidate for a buck
OVERALL GRADE:		**B**	Relatively unexciting draft for Dan. I like Herrera and wanted him myself but didn't want to past $9-11. The rest of the auction was about filling out Dan's bullpen and bench, and he did ok there with some decent pickups.

New Glarus Spotted Cows

Team WAR: 57	*Projected Record:*	**81 - 81**



	Rotation	IP	WAR
1	Sale	250	**6.6**
2	Santana	200	**3.6**
3	Davies	200	**2.7**
4	Fiers	200	**1.8**
5	Nelson	180	**1.2**
6	Miley	30	**0.2**
7			

	Bullpen	IP	WAR
CL	Herrera	70	**1.7**
SU	Strickland	70	**1.2**
RP	Feliz	70	**0.6**
RP	Avilan	30	**0.5**
RP	Robertson	60	**0.4**
RP	Ramirez	60	**0.3**
RP	Ramos	30	**0.2**
RP			

Dan's projected to have a near .500 team this year, giving him a shot at his first winning record (sorry, couldn't resist ☺). Kidding aside, Dan's rotation is anchored by Sale, with solid turns expected by Santana and Davies. Fiers/Nelson have jams, but uh, they'll need them. WAR isn't a fan. Herrera and Strickland form a good 1-2 punch in the bullpen, and Dan's got a solid team in the field as well led by Seager, Piscotty, Gyorko and Buxton.

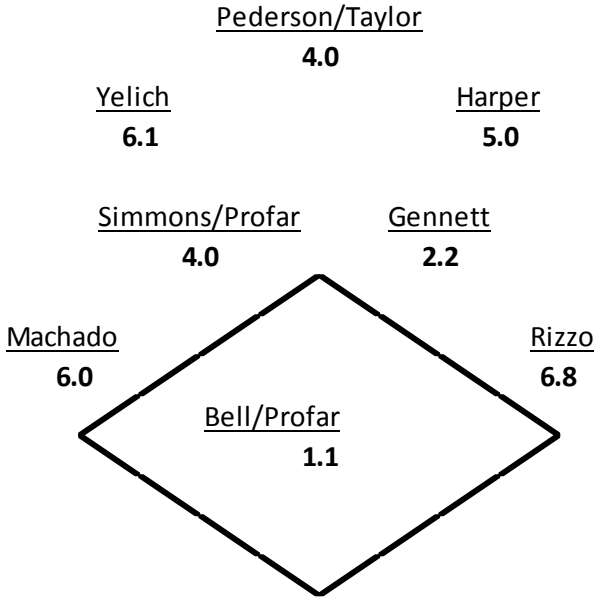
Payette Outlaw IPAs

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-
2016 Draft Grade: B

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Bedrosian, Cam	$11	B	Great card and has some upside, though he wasn't cheap
Pollock, A.J.	$7	B+	Good bounceback candidate on a reasonable deal
Simmons, Andrelton	$11	B+	I'm an Andrelton fan so I like this deal a lot.
Maurer, Brandon	$7	C+	He could close in SD but I'd have liked this more as a $2-3 deal
Barraclough, Kyle	$7	B+	Crazy K's (14 per 9 IP). If he can get some command, watch out
Gray, Sonny	$4	A-	If healthy he'll bounce back. Great price.
Profar, Jurickson	$2	A-	Crazy he's only 24, but finally healthy and could have a nice 2017
Andriese, Matt	$9	C	Solid card but as a pick for next year I'm not a fan of the price
Foltynewicz, Mike	$15	C+	Upside but he didn't come cheap
Quinn, Roman	$1	C+	$1 sleepers are nice but Quinn is hardly a top prospect
Gsellman, Robert	$5	B+	I think Gsellman will have a nice year so I'm a fan of this pick
Tapia, Raimel	$1	B	COL hitters are always nice, but where does he play this year?
OVERALL GRADE:		**B**	Craig has his eye on 2018 and I think he added some nice bounceback and high upside players to help out next year. A few of his picks I wasn't a fan of but for the most part I liked the sleepers and young guys he targeted.

Payette Outlaw IPAs

Team WAR: 63	*Projected Record:*	**87 - 75**



	Rotation	IP	WAR
1	Scherzer	230	**5.3**
2	Odorizzi	220	**5.0**
3	Archer	230	**4.5**
4	Andriese	200	**2.8**
5	Foltynewic	150	**1.7**
6	Harvey	30	**0.1**
7			

	Bullpen	IP	WAR
CL	Barraclough	70	**1.1**
SU	Bedrosian	70	**1.0**
RP	Maurer	70	**0.6**
RP	Grimm	70	**0.5**
RP	Kelly	60	**-0.2**
RP	MINORS	50	**0.1**
RP			
RP			

This projection surprised me quite a bit, only because I thought Craig was rebuilding. In any event even though some of his guys had down years, he's still got all stars at many positions leading to the 87 win projection. He's basically punted the bullpen which could be the difference in him making the postseason vs missing out.

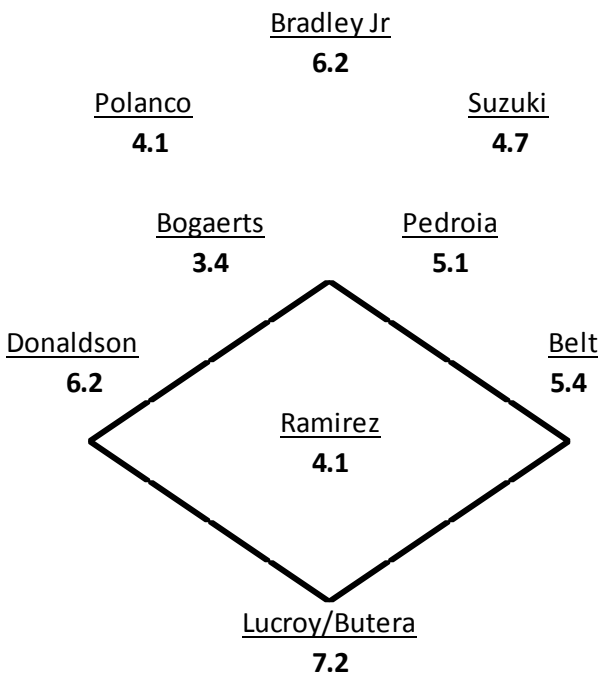
Edmonton Trappers

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
2016 Draft Grade: B

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Donaldson, Josh	$33	B+	Thrilled with Josh at this price, had him pegged for $38-40
Pedroia, Dustin	$26	A-	Consistent as they come; a slight bargain at $26. Card fits my needs
Belt, Brandon	$28	B+	A few more $ than I wanted to spend but is the #2 1B in the auction
Thornburg, Tyler	$19	B	One of my RH RP targets, great card but I wanted him for ~$17
Phelps, David	$9	B	Good long RP and the 5 spot starts is nice too.
Martin, Leonys	$4	B-	Needed a 4th OF and missed on Gardner/Pillar, so he's the fallback
Reyes, Jose	$1	A-	Ringer card vs LHP and a PR, great bench piece
Treinen, Blake	$2	B+	Good card, slight ROOGY; could be in closer mix in WAS too
Butera, Drew	$1	A-	Great backup C card against RHP
Goins, Ryan	$1	A-	I needed a defensive SS, thought Goins would go for a few $ more
Schimpf, Ryan	$3	B	Nice PH option for me but his 2017 screams fluke
OVERALL GRADE:		**A-**	I'm very happy with my auction. I wanted one of Freeman/Belt for 1B, Pedroia for 2B, and one of Beltre/Donaldson for 3B. Beltre going for $18 a few picks later was crazy but doesn't change my feelings on Donaldson's price. I also wanted a jam RH RP and with the savings on the above trio I was able to stretch for Thornburg and Phelps (who I wanted for a few bucks less). After that it was about filling out my bench and bullpen and I'm happy with the prices paid for the guys I got.

Edmonton Trappers

Team WAR: 76	*Projected Record:*	**100 - 62**



	Rotation	IP	WAR
1	Sanchez	220	**4.8**
2	Porcello	230	**5.3**
3	Pomeranz	210	**3.9**
4	Kennedy	190	**3.0**
5	Stroman	160	**2.1**
6			
7			

	Bullpen	IP	WAR
CL	Miller	70	**3.5**
SU	Thornburg	70	**1.9**
RP	Chapman	70	**1.6**
RP	Phelps	80	**1.2**
RP	Treinen	60	**0.7**
RP	Bowman	60	**0.8**
RP	Gearrin	30	**0.3**
RP			

I'm quite excited to play this team to be honest, as this is the best group I've had in years. The rotation is good 1-4 (and Stroman is fine as a #5), the bullpen is arguably tops in the league, and my weakest position is SS and I've got Bogaerts there so I'm ok with it.

ALE LEAGUE

STOUT 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
2016 Draft Grade: A-

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Happ, J.A.	$19	A-	Very good price for a borderline Ace SP card
Guerra, Junior	$21	B	Very good card at a solid price
Freese, David	$7	C+	Nice lefty masher corner infielder
Manaea, Sean	$9	C+	He'll get lit up as a LHP w/poor splits, but I like his future
Granderson, Curtis	$6	B+	Still has pop and ok defense, nice buy here.
Gardner, Brett	$10	B	He's been in a slow decline but his card is still solid/good this year
Devenski, Chris	$24	D	Don't get this at all. I like Devenski which saves this from an F
Perez, Hernan	$8	A-	Real nice utility player with pop and speed.
Smith, Mallex	$7	B	Good 4th OF and should start in Tampa this year
OVERALL GRADE:		**B**	Brad had a good draft marred by the price paid for Devenski, who I like a lot as a player but who pretty much has to have a good year in the rotation to return the investment in 2018. Still, Brad added 2 of the top available SP cards for $40, a couple of solid OF in Gardner and Granderson, and a great utility player in Hernan Perez.

Shiner Bock Rams

Team WAR: 64	*Projected Record:*	**88 - 74**

Hamilton/Smith
5.6

Gardner/Ozuna
5.2

Granderson/Perez
4.3

Andrus
3.9

Phillips
1.8

Turner/Freese
6.4

Votto
4.5

Beltran
3.4

Realmuto/Iannetta
3.5

Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Martinez	220	**4.2**
2	Quintana	230	**3.9**
3	Guerra	200	**4.0**
4	Happ	220	**4.9**
5	Tillman	160	**1.9**
6	Manaea	30	**0.5**
7			

Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Colome	70	**2.0**
SU	Devenski	70	**2.0**
RP	Manaea	40	**0.4**
RP	Roe	40	**0.7**
RP	Hembree	70	**0.1**
RP	Rogers	40	**0.1**
RP	Cervenka	60	**0.7**
RP			

Brad is projected to win his division on the strength of a very good rotation (4 4+ WAR guys is awesome), two aces at the back of the bullpen in Colome/Devenski, and solid to good production out of all spots except 2B.

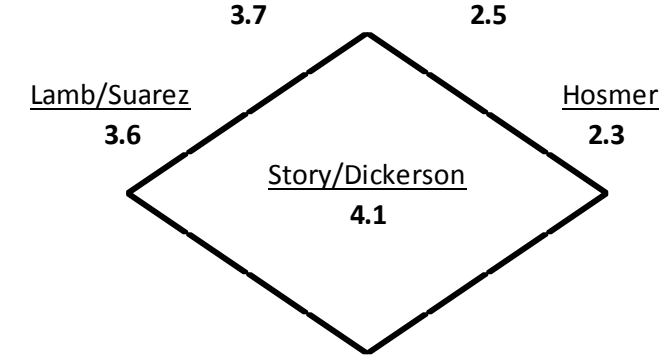
Granite City Chronic

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-
2016 Draft Grade: B+

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Stanton, Giancarlo	$31	B	High risk (health)/high reward (40+ bombs)
Urias, Julio	$13	A-	Good price for one of the top young SP prospects in the game
Fowler, Dexter	$20	B	Market price for a solid player
Greinke, Zack	$32	C	Bit of an overpay for the card and betting on a bounceback
Wright, Steven	$23	B+	Good price for a real nice card that can be sold if Wright was a fluke
Gregerson, Luke	$11	B+	Bit of a ROOGY but a good price for a jam closer
Dahl, David	$13	B	Decent price for a top bat, but he'll have to fight for playing time
Renfroe, Hunter	$2	A	He's a bit one dimensional but has big power. A steal at 2 bucks
Hand, Brad	$6	B	Re-invented himself as a long RP, good card for a reasonable price
Brantley, Michael	$2	C+	Low risk considering the cost but I'm skeptical Brantley can recover
Toles, Andrew	$1	A	Another cheap high upside OF in line for playing time this year
Dayton, Grant	$4	B+	Killer lefty card and a nice mid-season trade chip
Feliz, Michael	$1	A-	Lots of k's, nice power RP arm for a buck
Dickerson, Alex	$1	B+	Another cheap OF, less upside than the others but still a nice buy
Cabrera, Mauricio	$1	B+	Flamethrowing RP prospect, nice sleeper
OVERALL GRADE:		**A**	Ron had a great draft as he looks to rebuild his team for next year. About the only pick I didn't like was Greinke (more for the price paid than not liking the player). He got a ton of high upside talent at cheap prices.

Granite City Chronic

Team WAR: 49	*Projected Record:*	**73 - 89**



Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Wright	210	**3.9**
2	Greinke	200	**3.2**
3	Smyly	200	**2.2**
4	Velasquez	180	**1.6**
5	Urias	160	**0.9**
6	MINORS	30	**0.2**
7	MINORS	30	**0.1**

Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Gregerson	70	**2.1**
SU	Broxton	70	**0.7**
RP	Hand	90	**1.2**
RP	Feliz	90	**0.9**
RP	Dayton	40	**0.7**
RP	Cabrera	50	**0.1**
RP	Wood	30	**0.1**
RP			

Ron's in a retooling year, as the 73 win projection shows. Wright and Greinke will win some games for him but the rotation falls off beyond that. His outfield is good though full of a bit of mixing and matching.

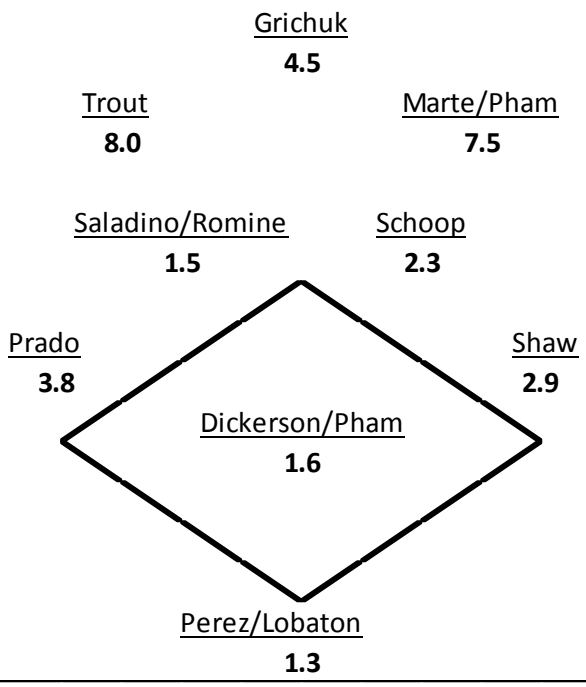
Bridgeport Blue Heron

Owner: Chris Schenk
2013 Draft Grade: B
2014 Draft Grade: B
2015 Draft Grade: B+
2016 Draft Grade: B+

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Griffin, A.J.	$7	B	Interesting strategy with the big DD window and the ON
Saladino, Tyler	$7	B-	Saladino's ok but unexciting as a utility/platoon guy
Grichuk, Randal	$15	B-	Pop and clutch but no OBP, still only 25
Boyd, Matt	$3	B+	He's a lefty so he has that against him but a solid card w/the ON
OVERALL GRADE:		**B-**	Chris didn't have many holes to fill but he picked up some "ON" gambles with Griffin and Boyd, and a solid utility man in Saladino. Grichuk's card is devoid of OBP but he'll hit some homers for Chris this year and is still young.

Bridgeport Blue Heron

Team WAR: 54	*Projected Record:*	**78 - 84**



Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Teheran	210	**5.0**
2	McHugh	200	**2.7**
3	Paxton	200	**2.4**
4	Griffin	180	**1.9**
5	Boyd	200	**2.9**
6	Rusin	35	**0.4**
7			

Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Melancon	70	**2.4**
SU	Roark	70	**1.5**
RP	Davis	60	**0.8**
RP	Jeffress	70	**0.4**
RP	May	70	**0.0**
RP	Putnam	65	**0.1**
RP	Fein	20	**-0.1**
RP			

I know Chris won't be happy with this projection, so let's dive in. Teheran is an ace but his rotation is middling beyond that. WAR may undersell Griffin a bit if Schenk's plan is to make sure the ON is almost always in play (though the tradeoff there with more IBB is more baserunners). He's mentioned he's using Roark in the bullpen which I think is a mistake, unless he can really leverage him and get 120+ IP out of him. On offense, Trout/Marte carry much of the load and Grichuk is good too but he's got holes at SS, DH, and C with only ok production at 1B and 2B. I just don't see this as a playoff team barring some trades.

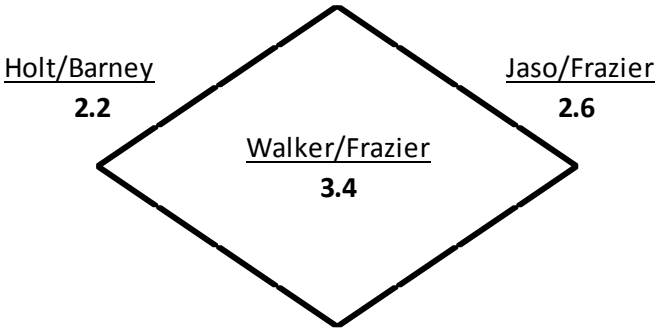
Narragansett Big Mamies

Owner: Rich Lebaron

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Straily, Dan	$25	B	Solid price paid for Straily, who could repeat in Miami this year
Dull, Ryan	$8	B	On par with what similar long RH RP went for
Diaz, Aledmys	$10	A	Steal of a price for his card this year and the possibility of a repeat
McCullers, Lance	$6	B+	Risky (health) but tremendous upside if healthy
Frazier, Todd	$9	C+	Low OBP slugger on the wrong side of 30, but the cost is reasonable
Gomez, Carlos	$2	B-	Good price to see if his hot finish means a bounceback is in the cards
Anderson, Tim	$4	A-	Nice rookie season, love the price here
Gonzalez, Miguel	$5	B-	Gonzalez actually has a decent card so this is a good price
Barney, Darwin	$3	B+	Thought he'd go for more, great utility card and can hit LHP a bit
Margot, Manuel	$2	A	Another steal I think
Lorenzen, Michael	$1	B+	Good RP card (despite the F durability) and only 25
Lyons, Tyler	$1	C	Meh long LOOGY with an F durability
Johnson, Jim	$1	B+	Solid opposite split RH RP card
OVERALL GRADE:		**A-**	Rich did very well in his first auction with us. It's always tough coming in with a lot of money and spots to fill and he did a great job, mixing in nice cards for this year and some high upside picks on the cheap.

Narragansett Big Mamies

Team WAR: 59	*Projected Record:*	**83 - 79**



	Rotation	IP	WAR
1	Straily	220	**4.3**
2	Hamels	230	**3.5**
3	Gonzalez	190	**2.3**
4	Pineda	190	**1.8**
5	Nola	150	**2.3**
6	McCullers	30	**0.2**
7	Snell	30	**0.2**

	Bullpen	IP	WAR
CL	Rondon	70	**2.3**
SU	Dull	70	**1.6**
RP	Johnson	70	**0.7**
RP	Liberatore	70	**0.3**
RP	Lorenzen	60	**0.7**
RP	Lyons	40	**0.2**
RP	Abad	30	**0.2**
RP			

WAR has Rich's team as just squeaking into the playoffs in the 2nd wildcard spot. His rotation has a couple of good pitchers up top but drops off after that. The bullpen is solid, while on offense Betts and Yadi will carry the team but he should be looking for upgrades at the infield corners and CF.

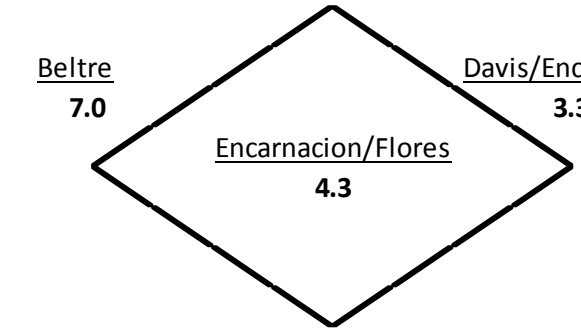
Cincinnati Steel Reserves

Owner: Jon Buneta
2008 Draft Grade (for Buneta): A- (was computer drafted)
2013 Draft Grade: B+
2014 Draft Grade: A
2015 Draft Grade: B+
2016 Draft Grade: A-

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Beltre, Adrian	$18	A+	Stupid good value here for the best 3B card in the auction
Davis, Chris	$14	B	Card isn't much this year but good bounceback potential if healthy
McCutchen, Andrew	$13	B+	Is he in decline or was 2016 an aberration? Solid price to find out
McCann, Brian	$7	B+	Solid price for the veteran catcher
Valencia, Danny	$5	B	Lefty masher with poor defense at a reasonable price
Familia, Jeurys	$13	B+	DV investigation clouds future but good price for card this year
Upton, Justin	$8	A-	Hit well after horrible start, nice buy here
Iwakuma, Hisashi	$5	B+	Cheap price for a solid starter
Reyes, Alex	$5	C-	Earliest return will be in year 3 thanks to TJS
OVERALL GRADE:		**A-**	Buneta had a very good draft. Beltre was the steal of the draft but he picked up other nice buys as well including McCutchen, Familia, and Upton. Only pick I don't like is Alex Reyes, because the TJS wipes out his year 2 card for Buneta so he needs to bank on a quick recovery in year 3 (and health/performance beyond) to return value.

Cincinnati Steel Reserves

Team WAR: 52	*Projected Record:*	**76 - 86**



Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Price	250	**4.9**
2	Darvish	150	**3.1**
3	Iwakuma	210	**2.6**
4	Bundy	200	**2.1**
5	Ventura	210	**2.6**
6	Garcia	40	**0.2**
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Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Familia	70	**1.1**
SU	Hudson	70	**0.3**
RP	Reyes	30	**0.3**
RP	Smith	50	**0.6**
RP	Collmenter	50	**0.5**
RP	Barnette	80	**0.7**
RP	Garcia	40	**0.0**
RP			

I think Buneta is building for next year but his team won't be horrible this year either. Price and Darvish are a good 1-2 for as long as Yu is healthy. Familia is a solid closer. On offence he's getting solid production out of RF, 3B, 1B and DH.

LAGER LEAGUE

BOCK DIVISION

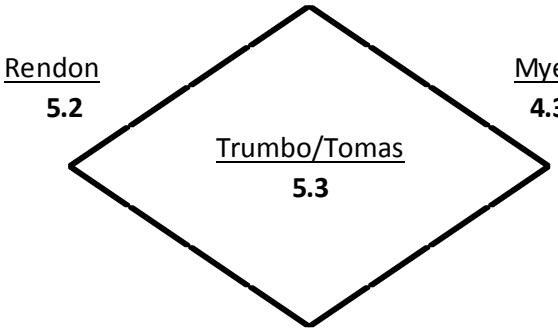
Vermont Catamounts

Owner: Walt Rayta
2016 Draft Grade: B+

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Jones, Adam	$15	C+	Slight overpay for Jones who I feel is overrated (no D, OBP, etc)
Leon, Sandy	$8	B+	Wicked catcher card for ½ season at a very good price
Neris, Hector	$7	B+	Good price for a really nice setup RH RP
Chatwood, Tyler	$9	B	Averagish starter at a reasonable price
Almora Jr., Albert	$7	B-	Not 100% sure Almora starts, but the price isn't too bad
OVERALL GRADE:		**B**	Walt had a solid draft. He picked up a player (Jones) that I'm not a huge fan of, but got slight bargains on Leon and Neris and added a decent starter and young OF at reasonable prices.

Vermont Catamounts

Team WAR: 53	*Projected Record:*	**77 - 85**



Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Gausman	220	**3.8**
2	Hellickson	210	**3.3**
3	Rodon	190	**2.2**
4	Ray	160	**0.9**
5	Chatwood	180	**2.2**
6	Norris	30	**0.2**
7	Triggs	30	**0.3**

Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Dyson	70	**1.1**
SU	Neris	70	**1.4**
RP	Barrett	70	**0.6**
RP	Siegrist	70	**0.8**
RP	Triggs	40	**0.3**
RP	Quackenbu	70	**0.4**
RP	Nicasio	40	**0.1**
RP			

WAR projects Walt to finish with 77 wins. The rotation could use upgrades beyond the top 2, though he does have a good bullpen. On offense he'll get good production out of his infield and DH but the OF is a weakness across the board.

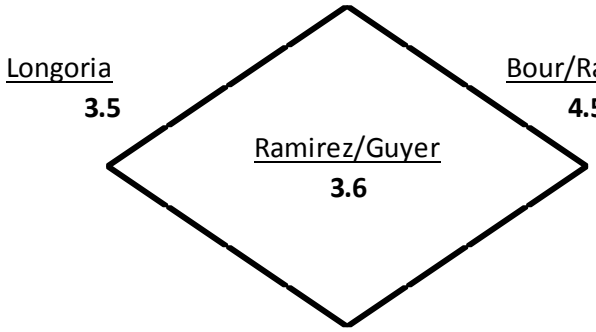
Rome Hilltoppers

Owner: Archie Scott

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Hernandez, Felix	$29	C	Don’t like this price for Felix (who showed signs of decline)
Brach, Brad	$8	B-	I think the card is a bit overrated (slight ROOGY) but price is ok
Benintendi, Andrew	$18	B	Love the player, price is a bit more than I’d pay but I’m risk averse
Swanson, Dansby	$14	A-	This could be a huge steal next year, surprised he didn’t cost more
Wood, Alex	$8	B+	Good price for Wood’s card, even factoring in the F durability
Zimmermann, Jordan	$13	C+	Betting on a bounceback but I’d have liked the price under $10
Ottavino, Adam	$11	C-	Hardcore ROOGY with F durability for $11, not a fan of that
Cole, Gerrit	$16	B+	If he’s healthy he’ll be worth $16 next year, easy
Judge, Aaron	$5	A-	Great price for Judge who should start this year in NY
O'Day, Darren	$12	D	Another ROOGY for over $10
Tomlin, Josh	$21	C-	SP was scarce but this was an overbid
Cishek, Steve	$13	B	Good price for Cishek, whose ON rating will help with the DDs
Herrmann, Chris	$4	B	Limited but the price is solid
Leake, Mike	$5	B	Good price for Leake’s card and a bet on a bit of a bounceback
Cobb, Alex	$1	C+	After a few years off, can Cobb come back? Decent flier pick
OVERALL GRADE:		**B-**	Tough to grade an auction with this many picks but I also have to cut Archie a bit of slack here. One, he joined our league right before the keeper deadline and had to get up to speed on the rules and players very quickly; two, he was drafting from his phone and missed part of the auction. Anyway, as you can see above I’m a bit mixed on his picks. He added some great young talent at decent to good prices, but overpaid for a pitchers in order to fill his staff this year. I feel he should have focused more on the future and chalked this year up to rebuilding. A “B-” grade feels about right and is a solid first showing for Archie in the BLB all things considered!

Rome Hilltoppers

Team WAR: 41	*Projected Record:*	**65 - 97**



	Rotation	IP	WAR
1	Hernandez	200	**2.3**
2	Tomlin	210	**2.7**
3	Leake	200	**1.9**
4	Zimmermann	170	**2.0**
5	Cole	140	**-0.2**
6	LeBlanc	50	**0.4**
7	Wood	80	**1.3**

	Bullpen	IP	WAR
CL	Cischek	70	**2.1**
SU	O'Day	70	**0.5**
RP	Ottavino	50	**0.6**
RP	Brach	90	**1.5**
RP	Strahm	40	**0.5**
RP	Wood	40	**0.4**
RP	Perez	40	**0.0**
RP			

Rome is projected to have the worst record in the BLB. The rotation lacks an ace card or even a #2. The bullpen is good but getting leads to them will be the challenge. The right side of the infield is above average but beyond that Archie's getting bad to below average production at most other spots.

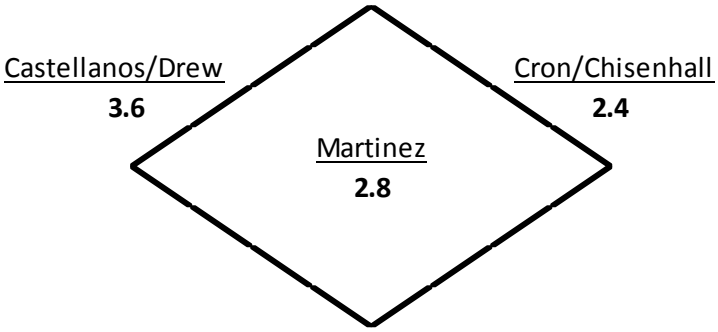
Ottawa Corona Conservatives

Owner: Glen Donald
2013 Draft Grade: A
2014 Draft Grade: B
2015 Draft Grade: C+
2016 Draft Grade: B

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Cueto, Johnny	$39	B	Good card but figured he'd go in the low 30's
Ramos, Wilson	$25	B+	Ramos will get a C or F next year but $25 for his card is a steal
Eaton, Adam	$26	B+	I love Eaton; the price isn't a great bargain, but it's a solid buy
Samardzija, Jeff	$21	B	Solid card, maybe a few bucks high but SP was thin in the auction
Kipnis, Jason	$19	B+	Very good 2B card at a reasonable price
Maldonado, Martin	$4	B	Good backup catcher card
Segura, Jean	$23	B+	I don't think last yr was a fluke, he's recovered from his kid's death
Liriano, Francisco	$5	B+	I personally think he'll have a nice year so I like this pick/price
Buchter, Ryan	$6	B+	Crazy card (lots of K's, almost no hits) for a good price
Schugel, A.J.	$1	B+	Oppo long RP for only a buck. He does have the F but again, only $1
Biagini, Joe	$2	B+	Good price for Biagini who's a slight ROOGY but playable vs LHB
Jay, Jon	$1	B	Good price for a solid card for this year
OVERALL GRADE:		**A-**	I mean, you look at the grades and not a single one starts with a C, D or F. Across the board I think Glen had a very good auction. I can't find big faults with any of his picks, maybe a few more bucks paid here and there but he got some good players and also picked up some bargains along the way.

Ottawa Corona Conservatives

Team WAR: 65	*Projected Record:*	**89 - 73**



	Rotation	IP	WAR
1	Cueto	250	**5.0**
2	Estrada	190	**4.9**
3	Samardzija	210	**3.3**
4	Matz	180	**2.0**
5	Sabathia	180	**2.5**
6	Liriano	40	**0.5**
7			

	Bullpen	IP	WAR
CL	Britton	70	**2.5**
SU	Edwards	70	**2.4**
RP	Schugel	70	**1.1**
RP	Baez	80	**1.1**
RP	Buchter	50	**0.6**
RP	Barnes	30	**0.2**
RP	Biagini	30	**0.1**
RP			

Ottawa is projected to have the best record in the Lager league. Glen's rotation 1-3 is quite good, and I'm sure he'll be looking for upgrades at 4/5. His bullpen is great with a dynamic 1-2 of Britton and Edwards and good 6th/7th inning guys in Schugel, Baez and Buchter. On offense, Ottawa is set at most positions except for 1B and perhaps RF (though Calhoun is solid).

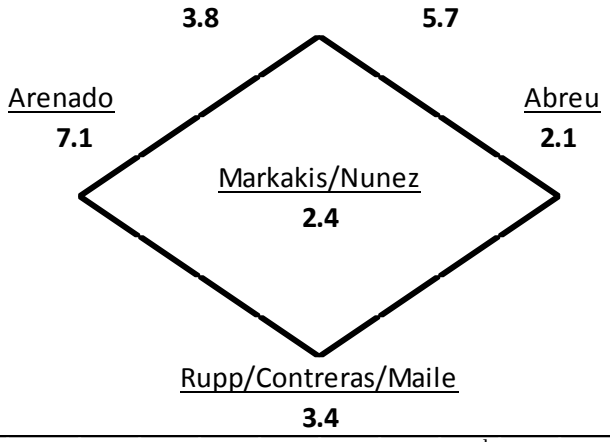
Dakota Nightstalkers

Owner: Stephen Hall
2015 Draft Grade: B-
2016 Draft Grade: B

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Shoemaker, Matt	$6	B	Given what other starters went for this is a good price even w/the F
Doolittle, Sean	$2	B+	Good price for the card and potential for a good card next year
OVERALL GRADE:		**B**	Tough to grade when Stephen only had 2 picks, but I liked them both so I'll give a B.

Dakota Nightstalkers

Team WAR: 59	*Projected Record:*	**83 - 79**



Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Syndergaard	220	**3.6**
2	Strasburg	180	**4.0**
3	Carrasco	180	**2.9**
4	Bauer	200	**2.9**
5	Keuchel	200	**2.9**
6	Colon	30	**0.5**
7	Santiago	20	**0.2**

Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Doolittle	60	**0.7**
SU	Neshek	70	**1.6**
RP	Watson	70	**1.1**
RP	Cahill	80	**0.7**
RP	Wittgren	80	**0.8**
RP	Coulombe	40	**0.4**
RP	Vincent	20	**0.2**
RP			

Dakota is projected to fall just shy of the 2nd wildcard. The rotation is good, led by Syndergaard and Strasburg and followed by 3 solid mid-rotation arms. The bullpen is good too though I think Stephen could be on the hunt for a jam closer that's better than Doolittle. On offense, Stephen's main areas of upgrade should be LF and DH, and perhaps 1B as well.

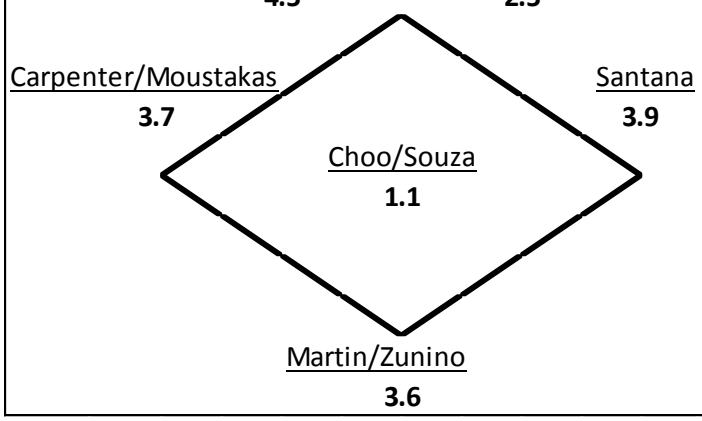
Rolling Rocks of Old Latrobe

Owner: Aaron Peck
2011 Draft Grade: B
2012 Draft Grade: B+
2013 Draft Grade: A+
2014 Draft Grade: A-
2015 Draft Grade: B+
2016 Draft Grade: B-

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Carpenter, Matt	$24	B	Really good card, not really a bargain price but love the card
Martin, Russell	$14	B	I think he'll bounceback if healthy so this is a solid buy
Dyson, Jarrod	$16	C+	Price is a tad high but his card is solid and he's in line to play in SEA
Aoki, Norichika	$1	B	Perennial hit and run guy, solid price here
Lugo, Seth	$1	B+	Looked good at the end of the year, for a buck this is a good flier
Bradley, Archie	$1	B	24 years old, these are the kind of $1 picks you need to do a rebuild
Grossman, Robbie	$3	C+	OK price for a lefty smasher
OVERALL GRADE:		**B**	Solid draft for Peck. Thought he overpaid a touch for Dyson and Grossman doesn't excite me much, but his other picks were solid values and should help him out next year.

Rolling Rocks of Old Latrobe

Team WAR: 56	*Projected Record:*	**80 - 82**



Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Verlander	230	**5.7**
2	Eickhoff	210	**4.2**
3	Fulmer	210	**3.9**
4	Salazar	190	**3.0**
5	Bettis	170	**1.9**
6	Lugo	30	**0.4**
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Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Jansen	70	**3.0**
SU	Reed	70	**1.8**
RP	Warren	90	**0.8**
RP	Guerra	80	**0.6**
RP	Madson	60	**0.3**
RP	Solis	40	**0.2**
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RP			

Rolling Rocks should be around .500 this year. They've got a really good rotation 1-4 and one of the best closers in the game (and a good setup guy too). They've got some good spots on offense too with some holes in RF and DH. This is one of the depth charts I've guessed at so it's possible Aaron does some things differently on offense than I've shown.

LAGER LEAGUE

PILSNER DIVISION

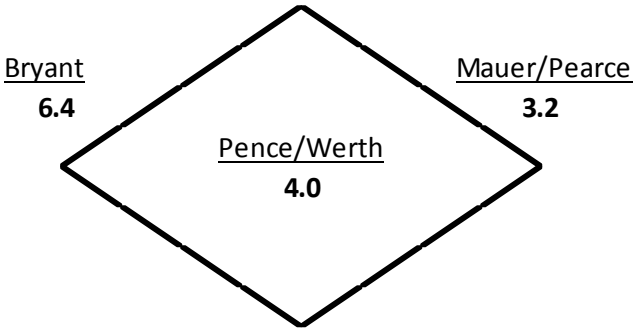
Nickel City Angry Moose

Owner: David Longe
2011 Draft Grade: B (with another franchise)
2016 Draft Grade: B+

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Tulowitzki, Troy	$17	B+	That's about what his card is worth but also a chance for 2017 upside
Pence, Hunter	$19	B	Solid clutch card for about market value
Forsythe, Logan	$8	B+	Good price here for Forsythe
Otero, Dan	$10	A-	Killer one year long RP card at a reasonable price
Wolters, Tony	$4	B	Decent enough card this year and good future potential given Coors
Jankowski, Travis	$3	B+	Real nice 4th OF/PR for only 3 bucks
Saunders, Michael	$3	B-	Good pop on the cheap but not great on D or against RHP
Ziegler, Brad	$6	A-	Jam RH RP whose only real issue is BB vs LHB
Ryan, Kyle	$5	B	Solid lefty who can get RHB out too
Rosales, Adam	$4	B	Good price for the utility and power card of Rosales
Pearce, Steve	$2	B+	Like this pick a lot (I was hoping to get him for a buck)
Werth, Jayson	$1	B	Lefty masher for only a buck
Friedrich, Christian	$1	C+	Depth starter. Meh
Hedges, Austin	$1	C+	Backup catcher/futures play
Gurriel, Yuli	$1	B-	Not sure what to make of Yuli given his age, but nice flier for a buck
OVERALL GRADE:		**A-**	Really strong draft again for David. He spread his dollars around but still brought in some good talent for his lineup (Tulo, Pence, Forsythe) and bullpen (Otero, Ziegler, Ryan) as well as some upside plays. His picks took a team that could have been borderline to miss the playoffs and turned it into the slight division favourite (see below).

Nickel City Angry Moose

Team WAR: 62	*Projected Record:*	**86 - 76**



Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Tanaka	220	**5.1**
2	Maeda	220	**4.5**
3	Lackey	200	**4.2**
4	Taillon	180	**2.7**
5	Friedrich	160	**1.8**
6	Cessa	40	**0.5**
7			

Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Osuna	70	**2.3**
SU	Ziegler	70	**1.4**
RP	Otero	90	**1.9**
RP	Ryan	70	**0.9**
RP	Cessa	40	**0.3**
RP	MINORS	60	**0.4**
RP	MINORS	30	**0.2**
RP			

WAR is projecting Nickel City to just squeak by Sudbury/Woodbury for the division title. He's got a great 1-3 in the rotation in Tanaka, Maeda and Lackey, and Osuna/Zigler/Otero will protect most leads he gets. On offense, there aren't any real black holes though I think he could use an upgrade on the right side of the infield.

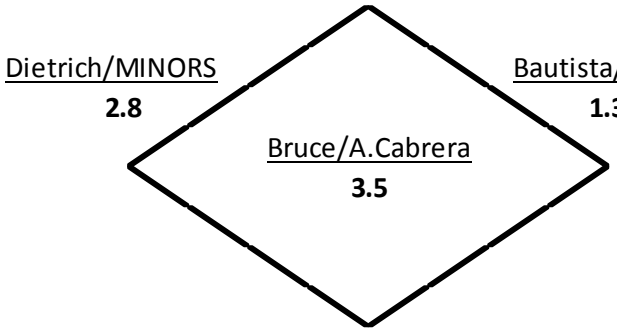
Toronto Beavers

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+
2016 Draft Grade: C+

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Kershaw, Clayton	$39	B+	I don't see a discount for the F, but not an overpay either
Moncada, Yoan	$8	B+	Good price for a top prospect; might wait until yr 3 for value
OVERALL GRADE:		**B+**	Only 2 picks but Norm made the most of them. I pegged Kershaw right around 40 so while Norm didn't get a bargain due to the F, he didn't overpay either. If Kershaw throws 200 IP he'll be worth the contract. As for Moncada, he's raw and unclear if he'll play this year but $8 should be a nice deal in year 3 and beyond. A good B+ draft.

Toronto Beavers

Team WAR: 48	*Projected Record:*	**72 - 90**



Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Kershaw	170	**5.6**
2	Dickey	210	**3.5**
3	Rodriguez	150	**1.3**
4	Wainwright	200	**2.1**
5	Cashner	180	**1.3**
6	Wisler	60	**0.6**
7	Karns	30	**0.0**

Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Ramos	70	**0.6**
SU	Benoit	70	**1.1**
RP	Goeddel	70	**0.1**
RP	Cedeno	70	**0.6**
RP	Shaw	70	**0.8**
RP	Cingrani	60	**0.3**
RP	Morin	40	**0.3**
RP			

Based on his trades and draft I think Norm is going for it this year (hell, Norm goes for it every year!). But I just don't see this as a playoff team. Kershaw could be worth up to 1.5-2 wins more than shown above if he stays healthy, or he could be worth 1 WAR if he goes down early. Hard to say with those "F" guys. After Dickey the rotation gets ugly. The bullpen is just ok. Ramos got the jam but isn't a top end closer. Norm's getting good production out of 2B but not many other places and 1B in particular is a black hole with Jose's down year and poor defense.

Woodbury Governers

Owner: Bryan Richert
2013 Draft Grade: B+
2014 Draft Grade: B+
2015 Draft Grade: A
2016 Draft Grade: A-

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Cespedes, Yoenis	$29	B+	One of the top available bats, at a reasonable price
Wacha, Michael	$6	C+	Injury concerns but if healthy this is a good price
Kimbrel, Craig	$13	B	Good card, tad high on price for a non-jam w/declining peripherals
Bregman, Alex	$15	B-	I like Bregman but Bryan didn't get a discount here
Heyward, Jason	$7	B+	Small bargain. If he hits close to league average he's a 4 WAR guy
Richards, Garrett	$2	B	Obviously hoping for health in 2017, I'm skeptical but price is ok
Bush, Matt	$9	B+	Good value for the long RH RP given what others went for
DeSclafani, Anthony	$3	C+	Another bounceback hope. I've never been a fan but $3 is ok
Musgrove, Joe	$1	B+	24 yr old and had a solid first season, nice pickup at a buck
Conley, Adam	$1	B	Solid young lefty SP for a buck
Duffy, Matt	$1	B	Solid bounceback pick in hopes of another 5 WAR season
OVERALL GRADE:		**B**	Bryan had a solid auction, mixing in cards for this year and bounceback/young guys for next year. Cespedes was the big buy for this year, Bregman is the blue chip prospect, then a bunch of injured/bounceback guys like Richards, Heyward, DeSclafani, etc.

Woodbury Governers

Team WAR: 60	*Projected Record:*	**84 - 78**

Ellsbury/Orlando
3.8

Orlando/Holliday
3.2

Cespedes/Heyward
5.9

Escobar/Gonzalez
1.6

Kinsler
5.6

Gillespie/Marte/Bregman
2.9

Cabrera
4.9

Murphy
5.9

Vogt/Gomes
2.5

Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Kluber	230	**5.5**
2	Gray	200	**3.2**
3	Duffy	210	**3.4**
4	Conley	160	**1.3**
5	Musgrove	80	**1.0**
6	Desclafani	100	**1.5**
7			

Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Allen	70	**2.2**
SU	Bush	70	**2.0**
RP	Kimbrel	70	**0.9**
RP	Harris	70	**0.9**
RP	Torres	90	**1.2**
RP	Ross Jr	60	**0.4**
RP	Duke	40	**0.3**
RP			

This should be a playoff team and could challenge for the division. Bryan's got a good 1-3 in the rotation but it drops off after that. His bullpen is quite good with Allen, Bush and Kimbrel available for the last 3-4 innings. On offense RF and the right side of the infield is great, and Murphy will be an awesome DH, but the left side of the infield and catcher could use upgrades.

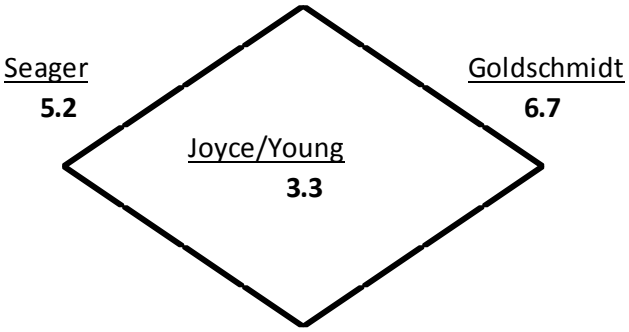
Sudbury Northern Ales

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+
2015 Draft Grade: B

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Casilla, Santiago	$5	C+	Hardcore ROOGY, price is ok though
Nolasco, Ricky	$9	C	Middling starter, feels like more of a $2-3 guy
Wilson, Alex	$4	B	Solid long RP
Anderson, Tyler	$3	B+	Lefty in COL is dicey but his card is decent and it's only $3
Joseph, Caleb	$3	C+	-2 arm but can't hit at all
Flynn, Brian	$4	B+	Really good long LH pitcher
Beckham, Tim	$1	B+	Good price for former top prospect/utility guy
Suarez, Albert	$1	B	Not a bad price for a 5th starter/swing man
Joyce, Matt	$1	B	Nice limited bat for a buck
Rua, Ryan	$1	B-	Solid platoon guy for a buck
OVERALL GRADE:		**C+**	Mike was critical of his own auction, and I can understand why. He mentioned he got shy on bidding early on and had to settle for role players to fill his roster. He did get some decent deals on some of those guys but by the time he started bidding (and given his budget limitations) it was too late to land impact talent for this year or next.

Sudbury Northern Ales

Team WAR: 61	*Projected Record:*	**85 - 77**



	Rotation	IP	WAR
1	Hendricks	220	**5.6**
2	Nolasco	210	**3.1**
3	Moore	200	**2.5**
4	Anderson	200	**2.2**
5	Suarez	140	**1.2**
6	Iglesias	30	**0.5**
7			

	Bullpen	IP	WAR
CL	Casilla	70	**1.4**
SU	Rodriguez	70	**1.2**
RP	Flynn	90	**1.5**
RP	Wilson	80	**1.0**
RP	Rivero	60	**0.4**
RP	Iglesias	50	**0.5**
RP	Holland	30	**-0.1**
RP			

Mike should be happy with this projection as he's projected to take the top wildcard spot and challenge David for the division. His rotation is good anchored by Hendricks and followed by 3 mid-rotation arms. His bullpen is good too with 4 guys projected for more than 1 WAR. On offense this team will be led by a few stars – Braun, Seager, Goldschmidt and Car-Go – with Mike having to manage the "scrubs" – 3 headed catcher monster, Beckham, Joyce/Young – as best he can.

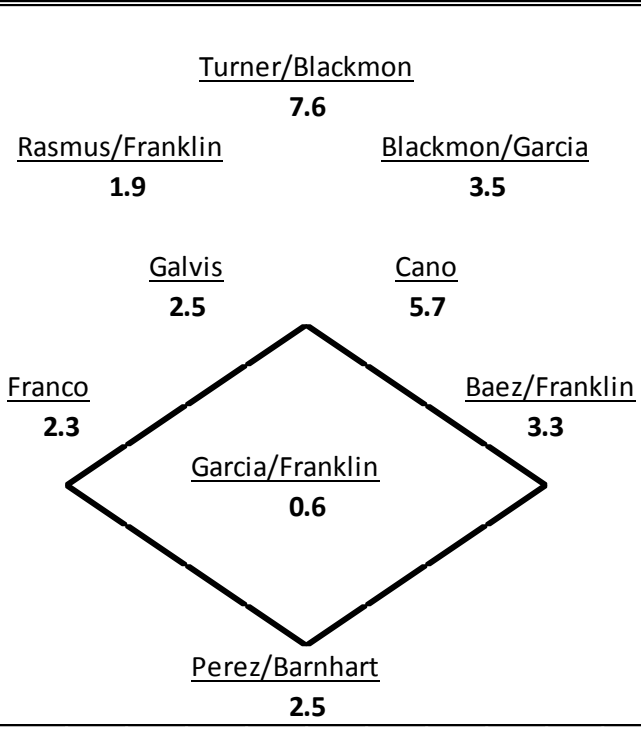
Naptown Racers

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
2016 Draft Grade: B+

Player	Bid	Grade	Comments
Kintzler, Brandon	$13	B+	Good price for this jam closer
Garcia, Avisail	$2	C+	Got the clutch but a poor card otherwise. Only $2 though.
Kelley, Shawn	$12	C-	Overpay given that Kelley's got major DD issues vs LHB
Cotton, Jharel	$5	A-	Nice price on this sleeper SP
Strop, Pedro	$12	B-	I like Strop but this feels like a few bucks overpriced
Jones, Nate	$11	B+	Like Jones a lot, could close if Robertson gets dealt. Wicked card
OVERALL GRADE:		**B**	Minton had an ok draft. I like the Cotton and Jones picks and he added Kintzler and Strop to form an effective bullpen at market or slightly above prices. I think Kelley was an overpay given the issues vs LHB (though WAR likes him) but he'll help as well.

Naptown Red Racers

Team WAR: 56	*Projected Record:*	**80 - 82**



Rotation		IP	WAR
1	Bumgarner	250	**6.2**
2	Hill	190	**4.4**
3	Graveman	210	**3.3**
4	Walker	180	**2.1**
5	Gonzalez	160	**1.4**
6	Cotton	30	**0.8**
7	Glasnow	30	**0.0**

Bullpen		IP	WAR
CL	Oh	70	**2.3**
SU	Kintzler	70	**1.5**
RP	Jones	70	**1.6**
RP	Giles	70	**0.7**
RP	Strop	50	**0.8**
RP	Kelley	70	**1.3**
RP			
RP			

WAR has Naptown on the outside looking in in a tough division. Bumgarner and Hill are a great 1-2 and Graveman is a good #3 starter. His bullpen is great with Oh, Kintzler and Giles getting the jams and Jones, Strop and Kelly providing good middle relief. Cano and Blackmon are stars and Turner is worth about 4 WAR in half a season (what a card, wow) but aside from that he's got holes at LF and DH and below average production elsewhere. Again this is one depth chart I guessed at so it's possible Minton has different plans for his platoons etc.

Predictions – 2017:

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
Rubber City	27.9	14.8	4.3	47
Bridgeport	33.4	15.3	5.1	54
Cincinnati	33.3	15.5	3.5	52
Dakota	36.4	17.0	5.5	59
Nickel City	36.1	18.8	7.4	62
Edmonton	46.4	19.1	10.0	76
Granite City	31.5	12.1	5.8	49
Vermont	35.8	12.9	4.7	53
Rome	24.5	10.4	5.6	41
Naptown	29.9	18.2	8.2	56
New Glarus	35.5	16.1	4.9	57
Newcastle	36.5	15.4	6.3	58
Ottawa	38.3	18.2	8.0	65
Payette	40.5	19.4	3.1	63
Rolling Rocks	30.6	19.1	6.7	56
Shiner	38.6	19.4	6.0	64
Sudbury	39.8	15.1	5.9	61
Texas	37.9	14.6	6.0	59
Toronto	30.2	14.4	3.8	48
Woodbury	36.3	15.9	7.9	60
AVERAGE	**35.0**	**16.1**	**5.9**	**57**

The top group of position players is Edmonton followed by Payette. The top SP WAR is a tie between Shiner and Payette. The top bullpen WAR is Edmonton followed by Naptown.

Now I present to you the WAR predicted 2017 standings:

ALE				
IPA				
Team	W	L	%	GB
Edmonton	100	62	0.617	0
Payette	87	75	0.537	13
Newcastle	82	80	0.506	18
New Glarus	81	81	0.500	19
Rubber City	71	91	0.438	29

LAGER				
Bock				
Team	W	L	%	GB
Ottawa	89	73	0.549	0
Dakota	83	79	0.512	6
Rolling Rocks	80	82	0.494	9
Vermont	77	85	0.475	12
Rome	65	97	0.401	24

Stout				
Team	W	L	%	GB
Shiner	88	74	0.543	0
Narragansett	83	79	0.512	5
Bridgeport	78	84	0.481	10
Cincinnati	76	86	0.469	12
Granite City	73	89	0.451	15

Pilsner				
Team	W	L	%	GB
Nickel City	86	76	0.531	0
Sudbury	85	77	0.525	1
Woodbury	84	78	0.519	2
Naptown	80	82	0.494	6
Toronto	72	90	0.444	14

Playoff teams are highlighted. In the Ale, Edmonton is projected to win 100 games, while Payette is projected to finish in the top wildcard slot. In the Stout, WAR has Shiner winning the division. WAR projects a close race for the 2nd wildcard between Newcastle and Narragansett with Rich narrowly beating out Ron.

In the Bock, Ottawa is projected to win nearly 90 games with Dakota competing for the 2nd wildcard slot. The Pilsner is projected to be a close race as Nickel City is projected to win the division with Sudbury and Woodbury taking the two wildcard spots.