

AL WEST (BY JASON YOUNGER)

PIZZA/PASTA FACTORY - Carlin

Not hard to put a good team together when you start with 3 of the top 20 players in league. Showing no pressure Captain Carlin strolled into the draft 15 minutes late and began to put together another division winner. Taking full advantage of his lenient (understatement) penalty Carlin made one solid pick after another. While many captains leave the draft second guessing themselves, Ronnie should have no regrets especially since he stole Lehman in the 5th and Kaplow in the 8th. This team will be solid both offensively and defensively; lack of speed is their only weakness. Bomb hitter Goldstein back after a 1 year hiatus should be all this team needs to help Carlin capture another division winner.

Prediction 13-9

OFF A-

DEF B+

Pitching A

Speed C

NONNA'S - Lapine

When he first arrived Captain Lapine looked completely sober. Once the draft began the Marlboro Police were called and asked to administer a breathalyzer on the 2010 league champ Captain. Captain Lapine started where he left off in 2010 and grabbed the guy who led him to his championship - Roland. After that every other pick left the crowd scratching their heads although getting Perloff in the 4th was a gift. If Lipomi is the stud many are expecting this team will have a nice balance of speed, offense and defense plus with Drapkin on the mound you can't go wrong. Unfortunately though for this team a very tough division will leave them in 4th place in the AL West.

Prediction 8 & 14

Off C+

Defense B

Speed C+

Pitching A+

CK BASEBALL - Harris

While Captain Harris didn't draw the first pick that many predicted, he did get a lottery pick and choose reigning MVP and commissioner JZ. In the 2nd he grabbed Petrosino and this team looked like they were off to average 15 runs per game. Everything changed at 12:15pm when Harris and Randell pulled off a blockbuster trade sending Bobby's top picks to Randell. When all the trade dust settled the Harris squad looked eerily similar to his 2011 underachieving team. Bobby brought back rookie of the year and stud LCF Callow plus the always solid Paladino brothers. Perhaps this is Captain Bobby's attempt to correct whatever went wrong last season and prove this group has what it takes to win the division (like they were projected to last season) and make a serious run in the post season. Captain Bobby also acquired dear friend and possible Co-captain Skippy Walker from rookie Captain Mamone. The one big question – will newbie Kastner be able to pitch. The author is predicting that the division will come down to the final game of the season leaving Harris one game short but expect them to make serious noise in the post season.

Prediction 13 & 9

Off B+

Defense B+

Speed C+

Pitching ?

MESSAGE ENVY - Sarcona

Panic set in for Captain Sarcona the minute he heard Captain Jacoby yell out "Fradkin" with the 4th open pick in the draft. Lenny dazed and confused stumbled over to the Yenta in training table begging Jacoby for Fradkin – he even went so far as to say "how am I going to explain this to Ed in the gym tomorrow?" Always the gentleman Jacoby calmly and politely told Captain Sarcona to buzz off as he was now on the clock. And so began the Sarcona draft and draft he did. Lenny did everything right starting with the Priess pick followed by Golden and KP. He even made the Tilker/Bolton couple ecstatic when he got them back to back in the 7th & 8th. The only thing that will prevent this team from winning the division and the 1 seed in the AL is the numerous missed games from the Priess combo. But as many say "who caazz about the regular season". Prediction – this team faces Team Granese in the 2012 Finals.

Prediction 11 & 11

Off A-

Defense A-

Speed C

Pitching B

Sarcona

Def infield – J. Priess

Carlin

CY young – Carlin

Offensive – b gold

Harris

MVP – Callow

Def out – callow

Lapine

Rookie of the year – Lipomi

AL EAST (BY RONNIE CARLIN)

ELITE FITNESS - Team Mamone

The American League East should be led by rookie captain Joe Mamone. Although a rookie captain, I did not see many rookie mistakes at the draft, and I was watching. When you start your team with a stud, power-hitting, lightning quick left centerfielder, which Joe is, why wouldn't your first pick be a stud, power-hitting shortstop who is one of the all around best players in this league? That is precisely what he got in Mike Conti and he will take the old man that comes along with him (Rich Conti) who has proven himself to be one of the better pitchers in this league. Very good value in the ninth round when all other starting pitchers are gone 2-3 rounds before that. The Conti pick also brings young Brian Conti who we welcome back to the league. Still trying to find himself on both ends of the ball, Brian has shown himself to be one of the fastest guys in the league and I look for Brian to give good value to Joe as a tenth rounder. One question mark for Joe is taking two of the league's best second basemen in Polguy and Long and I was impressed with how Joe was working the phones post-draft to ensure there would not be any conflict. Moreover, as if Mike and Joe do not provide enough power, Joe picked up Jeff Turner in the 4th round (look for him to play with a bit of a chip on his shoulder and have a big year) and Tommy Tvrdik, who exploded on the scene last year after several years of less than mediocre play.

Tommy turned himself into one of the most feared hitters in the league last year and a 2-5 of Joe, Mike, Jeff and Tommy are as scary as you will see. Add to the above the many rings of Mr. Good Karma Bobby Frey, Joe's brother (second year player Paul Mamone who I predict will have an excellent sophomore season) and most importantly, a very strong bottom three in Foster (great value at 11), Adler (one of the better catches and by no means an easy out), and Gary Shaw (who continues to go in the 13th round yet out-hits many of the players taken before him. Foster, Adler and Shaw will get on base and turn it over to the top and when they do, look out. Having said the above, Joe is a rookie captain who will need to stay on top of the different personalities on this team if they get out of the gate slow. If there is one question mark on this team it will be whether Turner, Frey and Paul Mamone can adequately support Joe in the outfield. Not a lot of speed in the outfield besides Joe but he will make up for that lack of speed with his own superhuman legs the best he can. It is a wedding year for Joe (congrats) and I expect all good things for him including his first division title with 13 wins.

Predicted Record: 13-9

Offense: A-

Defense: B

Speed: A

Pitching: B+

Potential End of the year Award Nominees

MVP – Joe Mamone and/or Mike Conti

Cy Young – Rich Conti

Mr. Nice Guy – Bobby Frey, Scott Adler, Paul Mamone

Offensive Player of the Year: Tommy Tvrdik

ACE ALUMINUM - Team Wallman

There are some people in this league that know how to win and over the last five years, nobody has walked off the field with a smile on their face more than Justin and Bob Bykofsky. Justin is an excellent outfielder and although his bat has been inconsistent at times, when he hits, he wreaks havoc. Bobby is the only person on the planet that has no knees but can dominate each and every game without running five feet. As a pitcher myself, I often wonder what in the world Bobby does. What makes him so successful? I still do not know the answer. What I do know is year after year Bobby's teams win and they are at the top of the league in defense which, notwithstanding what Team Pollock did last year, is still the key to winning in this league. One question I had was whether Todd ever considered taking a shortstop with his first pick as Conti, Martino and Pereguine were all available? All three clearly more dynamic at the position and that is certainly no knock on Todd who has proven to be a steady and reliable shortstop in this league. But what a ss/2b combo Todd and any of those three would make. Knowing Todd as I do, I am sure he considered it but in the end, wanted to lock a true left centerfielder up and while doing so, why not lock perennial Cy Young Candidate (and former winner) Bob Bybofsky (who also chips in with a .550 - .600 batting average). I also loved Todd's next three picks in Russ Krauss (one of the more undervalued players in this league) and the Silbermans (look for Jerry to continue to hit for a high average and more importantly, look for Greg to play like he did three years ago and begin to show this league just how good of a talent he is). Definitely like the Jaeger pick as Gary can play everywhere on the field (even though he is a lefty) and he will get on base (a la Scott Hatteberg). Not a lot of pop in the first seven picks which does not make the lineup scary per se, but if they all hit, they can rally, take the extra base, and still have some big innings. If there is a bat in this lineup that can do some damage it is that of Elliot Kreppel who rejoins the league after a few years off. Elliot can take over a game and may find himself hitting higher in this lineup than his draft slot shows. Add Weinstein, Tierney

(slowly becoming a steady player in this league on both ends), new guy Pugliese and the Slanders (very good value with Scott at 12 and we welcome little Sandler to the league) and you have a team of 13 guys that know how to play this game correctly and they should be successful. Although I like Mamone to win the division, it is not by much and if a few things go right on this team, Todd and company will be right there at the end.

Predicted Record: 12:12

Offense: B

Defense: B+

Speed: B+

Pitching: A+

Potential End of the year Award Nominees

Cy Young: Bob Bykofsky

Defensive Outfielder: Justin Bykofsky

Manager of the Year: Todd Wallman

Mr. Nice Guy: Jim Tierney and Gary Jaeger

EXPRESS IMPRINTS - Team Pollock

Matt was like a mad scientist at this year's draft, attempting to draft himself another winner while trying to ensure the Ferrarese's and Rosencweig's of the world ended up on his team. Matt was making trades within his trades and somehow, picked a competitive team while taking care of all friends and family business. Last year Pollock won the title without a true shortstop. This year he definitely has one in Jared Goldberg. He did have a stud in left centerfield in JZ and Adam Greenspan will have big shoes to fill to try to duplicate JZ's efforts. The outfield of Pollock, Greenspan, Messinger and Lombardi is not one of the league's strongest and if any of those guys miss a game, there could be a problem. The infield on Kamras, Goldberg, Ferrase/Rosencweig and Pollock also do not rank among the scariest in the league. As such, Pollock will attempt to win another championship playing Moneyball, hoping his bats will lead him to victory in a bunch of 16-15 games. What gives this team a chance, in addition to again having a very nice offense led by Greenspan, Goldberg, Pollock and Pollock, is the same X factor that helped Pollock go all the way last year and that is pitcher Herm Suarez. It is time that we consider Herm one of the better pitchers in this league and I think another good season from Herm could result in his name being called earlier in the draft in the future. That being said, there is a lot of pressure on the top of the lineup unless Pollock can get assistance from Rozencweig, Lombardi and Sicurella at the bottom. If everything goes right, and the Bykofsky and Conti families are banned from the league for some reason before the All Star break, this team could compete for the division. Otherwise, I predict a 9-13 season with potential to make noise in the playoffs as there are lots of rings on this team which show that these guys can play in October.

Predicted Record: 9-13

Offense: B+

Defense: C+

Speed: B-

Pitching: A

Potential End of the year Award Nominees

Cy Young: Herm Suarez

Mr. Nice Guy: Paul Lombardi

Team Beilis:

Marty is coming off two seasons where, in my opinion, he had two sub-par drafts yet, two years in a row, he made it to the finals. How did he do that? I will give you a hint. It rhymes with the mother of all curse words. It appears that if there is one thing Marty has learned, it is that a stud shortstop can take you all of the way; and if can't be Noel Gluck, who better than second year stud Nick Martino. Nick is a tremendous shortstop and an excellent 8th overall pick. Moreover (although Marty will never admit this), the fact that Sean Vader (who admittedly has not progressed offensively as of yet but is still a young stud that can play any position and play it at a high level) is protected as a 3rd rounder instead of a 2nd rounder, allows Marty to pass on the likes of Andy Pargament in the second round as he does not need a left centerfielder, and take a huge bat in James Dell Alba. Add Clammfer and Senss and you have a nice top of the lineup with some speed and some pop. Question I have is while I am a big fan of Clampfer, I love him in the third round as a pitcher as he is one of the best. Once he steps off the mound, I am not sure if his bat warrants a fourth round pick when you still have very good and proven outfielders and second basemen on the board, positions that Dave has not played full time in years. So Marty ends up with Leo and Clampfer, two of the better pitchers in this league, but how does that help other than to have the strongest bullpen in the history of the league? The fact that this team boasts two father/son combos in Vader/Vader and Senss/Senss (welcome to the league little Senss), combined with Marty's general calm demeanor, will allow this team to have good Karma and weather any early storms that it may hit as it tries to figure out the best way to win games. I love Marty and hope for better, but right now, I have this team winning eight games during the regular season and do not see any issue with his team booking plane tickets for vacations in mid-September and beyond.

Predicted Record: 8-14

Offense: B-

Defense: B+

Speed: B

Pitching: B

Potential End of the year Award Nominees

Defensive Infielder of the Year: Nick Martino

Offensive Player of the Year: James Dell Alba

Mr. Nice Guy: David Senss

NL WEST (BY Todd Wallman)

BAGEL WORLD - Goldfarb....Predicted record 13-9 division champ

Some idiot rookie captain was thrilled to be in GG's (the original btw) division in 2010 based upon his history of losing teams. Boy have times changed!!! Guy has captured 2 straight divisions the past two years with the Bykofsky-formula, and now is seen as a draft-day guru. 2012 appears to be headed in the same direction as nobody can argue that they have a better 1-4 in the league. Taking advantage of his exceptional spot in the draft and a monster 2-4 pick available of The Legend and The Legacy...aka The Mesmer's was a no-brainer and fit "like a glove" after starting with Noel with the second overall pick of the draft. Add in the gentle-one Ricky "Mabelheim" Schindels to solidify the lineup and all the pieces seem to be in place. Certainly not the youth movement that had been in place in 10' and 11', so maybe not 15-16 wins as some age might catch up with this squad in July and August, but this experienced

group is made for the playoffs. Guy solidified division favorite status when he drafted Marty S who should again be a top hurler with the increase to 12 feet.

Offense.....A-

Defense.....B

Speed.....B

Pitching.....A-

Nominees....Gluck-Def Inf, D. Mesmer-comeback, Ari Mesmer-MVP, Marty S-Cy Young

JIFFY LUBE - Feldman.....Predicted record 12-10 (YES FOLKS, THAT'S "OVER THE FELDY LINE")

Not even Glen could screw up the coveted TEAM #1 slot and first pick overall! Our league is seeing a changing of the guard with the Brock brothers being the #1 picks in 2012, but nobody can argue that it was the right choice. Power, speed, defense, etc.....Amazingly, Glen had two more chances to justify his "draft day" reputation at 3 and 4 and managed to avoid some of the picks that will go down in Marlboro history. Arguably a top 5 hitter with Dave Polzer at 3 and a solid 2b leadoff hitter with Raucher (I've learned since my Jeff Paul days) at the end of 4 and Glen did what some thought was "impossible" and made all the right picks! This team is locked and loaded for a big season. However, until Glen can go out and prove it there are many that refuse to believe he has one of the best teams in the league. Only time will tell, but the horses are in place for Feldy to prove most of us wrong in 2012.

Offense.....A-

Defense.....B

Speed.....A-

Pitching.....B

Nominees.....Justin Brock-MVP, Dave Polzer-OPY

LAWCASH - Younger.....Predicted record 11-11

Captains JY and TW almost passed out when the numbers were delivered by Roland at the draft. (Glen, don't think I didn't notice you head-faked me at #3 and #5). The questions for JY at the Yentah In Training table started early and often..... At #9 do you grab a SS or a LCF? Would JY select "good friend" AP at #1 or wait for him to drop to #2 due to "missed games"??? The answer was grab Joe Peragine who is a top 5 choice at either position and wait to see what's available in round 2. Low and behold the SS-magician DK was there to make JY really sweat out his #2 selection. In the end "AP's missed games" truly scared the be-jesus out of JY and the DK pick puts Joey P in the outfield where he vows to win the defensive outfielder award in November. Add Barth "I'm clearly a rookie board-member and have no say yet" Frank and Team JY has the best up the middle defense in the league. However, this team will clearly be offensively challenged at times and won't pose much of a threat to the fences at Union Hill this season. JY will be looking to win alot of 7-4 type games, but maybe Goldy 10' and 11' has it right. This group sure hopes so.....

Offense.....C+

Defense.....A-

Speed.....B

Pitching.....B

Nominees.....DK-DIF-nom, Joe P-Def-OF

SPORTS ZONE BAR & GRILL - Randell.....Predicted record 10-12

It is truly crazy to pick a Randell team that starts with the best overall player and defending MVP of the league to finish UNDER THE FELDY LINE, but I'm just going on what JZ thinks. Brad's reputation as a top draft day captain took a small hit in 2011, but nobody doubts his ability in the draft room. This year he

and Bobito pulled off a monster trade of some of the biggest names in the league. Knowing the two captains involved I'm sure that each of them believe they got the better of the deal.....The key to the season here is with his new-founded #4 rating, Brad felt he served his team best by moving to SS. Last year when he moved to another new position on the mound his team got off to a slow start and was very dangerous by the end of the year. We predict a similiar fate for 2012. The middle of this lineup is loaded with bats and Brad will be in the top 5 in runs scored if he hits in front of JZ and Petro for sure. Familiar Randellette's Kessler and Rappy will provide Brad support for his 3rd position in 3 years. Some around the league hope he has great success as a solid fielding, .500 hitter rated a 4....just saying!

Offense....B+
Defense....B-
Speed.....B-
Pitching... B
Nominees.....JZ-MVP

NL EAST (BY BOBBY HARRIS)

MAIN ELECTRIC - APPLEBAUM 10-12

Most captains come to the draft with draft charts, depth charts, grids.....Brian came to the draft with a 3X5 note card which he taped to his draft table with his draft mantra...."NO NEW PLAYERS OR HAIR STYLISTS".....and true to his word , Brian went "chalk" all day. And when Jessie , arguably one of the three best players in this league, fell to him at the back end of the draft , Brian scooped him up and then came back with the ever versatile Jimmy Murphy...FOR SHORSTOP! Jimmy has vowed to win a gold glove at SS to go with his OF award....and we don't doubt it. Up the middle Defense for this team will be strong , and that was solidified with a very underrated and versatile Evan Steinberg for 2B who can swing over to short when Jimmy goes back to the OF , when Jessie is absent. And there ultimately will be Team Apple's biggest challenge , attendance. But Brian thought of everything in this draft by getting versatile players and even factored in Howie Rosenblum's wish to play 3B on UH Left and 2B on UH right to maximize the 1000-1100AM sun angles. Steinberg , again, can swing between those positions , and doesn't mind playing in the shadows. Versatility aside , the defense of this team will be solid in both the IF and the OF with Truzz, Jessie , Pingaro, and the defensively underrated Applebaum in the OF and the aforementioned Murphy, Steinberg ,and Rosenblum in the IF. Mel "I am the best plus 60 LF in the league" Greenblatt will don the Applebaum mound and should provide a steady veteran presence. But should Mel and his balky knee go down, where is the back up?, Unless you go Rosenblum , and then a mighty hole in the IF. And there along with the attendance issues will be the biggest challenge for Team Apple, a thin bench. And given that the offense is also top heavy , and will score runs only when everyone is there , attendance will dictate the fortunes of this team . All of that said, though, we can safely predict , that Team Applebaum 2012 will have a better record than 2011, but not enough to go north of "The Feldman Line".

OFFENSE...C+
DEFENSE...B+
PITCHING...B-
SPEED.....C+

POTENTIAL AWARD CANDIDATES

Offensive Player of the Year.....Jessie Cytryn
Defensive OFJessie Cytryn

PACO'S TACOS - GRANESE 11-11

When the Granese alarm went off at 730AM Sunday morning, MG woke up, rubbed his eyes , stretched his arms out, then showered, brushed his teeth , grabbed his draft grid off the kitchen table , went to Wawa for his coffee roll and kona....never imagining that at 830AM, when he entered the Morganville Firehouse, Rod Serling would be greeting him at the door instead of JZ. MG was about to enter "THE TWILIGHT ZONE". There wasn't a mock draft , this side of Jacoby's 98 mock drafts , that had MVPargament falling to the back end of the second round. No way , fat chance....but to everyone's amazement, Pargy went Brady Quinn and dropped out of the first round all the way back to Matt , and MG "gladly" swooped him up....talk about draft value. Also a good thing MG has unlimited texting, as MG will be sending lots of in game texts to AP with updates...AP slated to miss 6-7 games (and no doubt Lapine will be keeping tabs on each one of those games). After the Pargy gift , Matt went new, and took the hot new prospect Paul Ritchie , who looked real good at tryouts. MG then went "chalk" and veteran, with EZ Eddie Johnson , Glen Marrone , and traded for another vastly underrated player in Steve Barbesh . On paper the defense looks solid with MG at SS , Pargy in LCF , one of the best 3B in the league in Eddie J, Marrone up the middle , and steady performers like Barbesh and Zim in the OF. But here again , attendance could undermine a potentially good record into a 500 record , and only if new players Ritchie and Geillis are better than anticipated, MG will go into the playoffs playing a tough first round opponent . And then it is likely he will keep his .100 lifetime playoff record unchanged. The other thing that remains unchanged is MG drafting a Yee.....

OFFENSE.....B+

DEFENSE.....A-

PITCHING....B

SPEED.....C

POTENTIAL AWARD CANDIDATES

MVP....Matt Granese

DEFENSIVE OF..... Andy Pargament

DEFENSIVE IF...Matt Granese

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR....Paul Ritchie

MOST IMPROVED....Adam Yee

FRADKIN LAW - JACOBY 13-9

When you say Planes , Trains , and Automobiles you think of modes of transportation and/or a movie. In Jacoby's case its mock draft venues. No one , I mean no one did more mock drafts than "Jeeg". And when the draft dust settled it looks like it paid off , as the rookie manager had a solid first ever softball draft. Then again , how wrong can you go if you draft your hitting guru , and leagues BEST offensive player Big Ed Fradkin. Jacoby discarded his own 2011 hitting video and got some valuable hitting tips from Fradkin in 2011 , and Jacoby vows 2012 will be the year he cracks 400. If that happens, a potent lineup , gets that much more potent. And what a nice line up it is....Jacoby followed up his Fradkin/Fradkin pick by drafting one of the leagues most underrated players Brock Hor with his second pick, and gets Big Ed some nice protection . Getting Gary Laks in round 4 , ends the Fradkin to shortstop contingency plan 83B (which was actually Jacoby's 98th mock draft) and allows Team Jacoby to have a balanced IF and OF defense. The steal , and I mean the steal of the draft was Bob Feldman at the end of round 8 , a perennial lead off hitter who hits 475.....END OF THE 8th! C'mon Managers , we all blew it.

Solid and steady (on the mound , not the base paths) Eric Bohm claims the hill and will love all the runs this team will score. The "Evil One" lurks in the pen , and will likely be available to Jacoby if he needs some managerial advise. A couple of unknowns Clancy and Walizer will not be counted on for Team Jacoby , but if they provide either a glove or a bat , it will be a bonus. And then the only remaining big question mark will be the manager himself. Matt Pollack and Joe Peragine have set the bar pretty high for this rookie manager. At least at the draft table Jacoby got an A , but managing is something else altogether. Lots of YIT emails will test the mettle of "Jeeg", but we predict Jacoby survives the onslaught of texts and emails , and comes home with the division title. Solid team up and down

OFFENSE.....A
DEFENSE.....B-
PITCHING....B
SPEED.....B

POTENTIAL AWARD CANDIDATES

Offensive Player of the Year.....Ed Fradkin
MVP.....Ed Fradkin
Cy Young....Eric Bohm
Rookie of the Year....Brandon Clancy
MGR of the Year.....Justin Jacoby
Most Improved.....Justin Jacoby
MR Nice Guy.....Mitch Spiegel

TUSCANYROSE - Schef 10-12

When "Schef" told everyone for months before the draft ..."I do not BS...I will take the father/son combo". We didn't realize he meant "The Taubs"as to everyone's surprise, Steve let "The Mesmers" slide and took young stud Shawn Malaysz with his first pick...and THEN followed with his father/son combo..."The Taubs". And what a nice infield Team Schef will have....Taubs and Malaysz. The OF defense will be anchored by the plus 50 Schef , who still patrols LCF pretty well , while the rest of the OF with Messina , Hall , Yigdal , and Bace are all solid but no gold gloves.....so Steve has already instructed his pitcher Alan Rubin to work on his sinker during the exhibition season. The Team Schef offense, like most teams is top heavy , and should it go cold, turning over the lineup will be a problem . Schef showed a lot of loyalty in drafting team stalwarts Bace , Schiffman, and Buckley and hopes that each repays that loyalty with above average offensive years. Team Schef will need it otherwise the pregame Dunkin Donut team meetings will sound more like a Tony Robbins Motivational Seminar. As always , this team will have grit , and will be competitive....but ultimately the true final record will be determined by attendance, and if we knew Shawn and Marcel's attendance record were better than stated on the draft ledger, we could predict a 500 season . Unfortunately that likely wont be the case and we predict a below "The Feldman Line" year , as well as a lost LLC Vegas bet.

Offense.....C
Defense....B
Pitching....C+
Speed.....B-

POTENTIAL AWARD CANDIDATES

Offensive Player of the Year....Shawn Malaysz

Rookie of the Year.....Jason Taub