

By Jason Younger:

Team Bykofsky (Bensi)

Rookie Captain Justin Bykofsky received an early gift in the 2013 draft when shortstop sensation Lipomi fell to him late in round 2. Having 3 key positions filled with the first 3 picks should have made JB's first draft pretty simple. In the 4th round with lots of big bats and solid gloves on the board JB shocked the world when he selected 2012 finals MVP Kastner. While nobody could argue Kastner is a stud in this league, why would JB decide to take a pitcher so early when Papa Bykofsky has proven to be among the league's best hurlers for the past decade? After that pick JB seemed dazed and confused for the remainder of the draft making one questionable selection after another. Most baffling was that the rookie captain needed his allotted 3 minutes for each and every pick. (Folks are lucky draft is not televised) On paper this team seems to lack offensive fire power which would be fine if the defense was lock down but that seems doubtful. Expect JB's rookie season as a captain to be a long one. Even the great father/son Bykofsky combo will not be able to carry this team. When was the last time the Byko combo was on a sub .500 squad? Answer 2013

Record 7 & 15

DEFENSE C

OFFENSE C

SPEED B-

PITCHING A-

Team Wallman (Wallman Law)

Feldy Flames proved in 2012 that even he couldn't screw up a draft if you could get the great Brock combo. In 2013 Captain Wallman had the advantage/luxury of drafting the most dangerous sibling combo in the league. After selecting the Brocks, Captain TW was off and running making all the right moves. In the 4th, 5th and 6th he grabbed 2 great outfielders and the bomb lefty bat of Papa Yockel. TW was also able to lock up cell mate Uncle Leo to give TW a very solid infield. If Gellis or Greenblatt can man the hot corner this team has no weakness. They are most balanced team in the league and Captain TW made every pick look easy. This team has no excuse not to go deep into the post season.

Record 15 & 7

DEFENSE A-

OFFENSE A-

SPEED B+

PITCHING B-

Team Marrone (Nonna's)

Rookie Captain Marrone seemed to be much more relaxed and prepared than the other rookie captain in the room. Captain Marrone was stunned early on when his BFF Doc was snagged 1 pick earlier but Glen didn't panic or buckle. (amazing considering his tablemate and Consigliere was Feldy) Glen simply took the big hitting SS M Carlin and 2 picks later he followed up with the Mesmer combo. In the 3rd he took the Newman/Gelman combo giving him a fantastic start. Marrone was either incredibly prepared or his other tablemate Marty B was feeding him solid information. Most of us know Marty B enough to know Marrone was very

prepared. This team has tremendous offense and with the Captain on the mound should be a contender. Great draft on paper by this rookie captain.

RECORD 14 & 8

DEFENSE B
OFFENSE A
SPPEED C
PITCHING A

Team Beilis (Elite Fitness)

With Feldy 5 inches to his right the entire draft Captain Marty B was determined to put together a good squad after an awful 2012 season. Long time Captain Marty got things going early when selected 2012 Rookie of the year Taub in Round 1. That was the first of 2 father/son combos he would select in the first 2 rounds when he followed up with the Contis. The next 2 open picks were used on rookies but both looked great at tryouts so Marty B should be very happy with his team. The day was made entirely perfect when Marty selected his long-time lover and boy toy Mitchy S in the 11th. No shame in reaching a little early for love and expect these 2 to do a lot of cuddling after numerous victories. 2 questions remain – if Zim missed 7 games for his pal MG 2012 how many will he miss in 2013 for his new Captain? Will Conti and Vader be able to cover the outfield missing Zim for half the season? All and all this team is solid – good blend of power, offense and defense plus Marty is already laying the groundwork for sitting himself in the playoffs as he continues to gallivant around town in a walking boot.

RECORD 12 & 11

DEFENSE B
OFFENSE B+
SPPEED C
PITCHING B

By Todd Wallman:

Team Granese (Jiffy Lube)

Captain MG finally found himself in double-digit #'s (Team 10) for the first time as a captain. After another one and done in the playoffs and dinner bet loss in 2012, all bets were off as to what MG might do come draft day. Well, his first major decision came with his 2nd round pick trying to decide between "good friends" Murph and AP. After much deliberation, Murphy became Robin to MG's Batman for 2013. Andrew landing with fellow YIT JY saved MG alot of grief.....trust me. When MG's 3rd pick came along he probably never imagined he would be able to grab one of the best hitters in the league in Mr Polzer. The rest of the draft seemed to flow nicely and predictable with love interests Barbesh, Rosenthal and Jaeger donning the DOUF jersey once again. This squad seems relatively balanced and should score some runs. Someone needs to step up at 2b, but that seems to be their only glaring weakness. If this wasn't MG, I'd predict 12-10, but it is and the Feldy line always loom large in Douf-land.....

PREDICTION 10-12

OFFENSE B
DEFENSE C+
SPEED B
PITCHING B+

OPY-MG
CY YOUNG-Polzer

Team Feldman (Pizza/Pasta Factory)

Glen had another Glen on his mind in Round 1, but the master Feldy plan was foiled by Mr Pollock and Glen needed to regroup. Selecting the leagues all time best SS isn't a bad backup plan, and Mr Gluck was welcomed back with another "Hello my brotha" phone call from Feldy on Sunday afternoon.....Now that Glen had his SS, you know he's taking an LCF in round 2 right????? Not so much.....Feldy shocks the world and takes last year's playoff MVP (in my mind) Paladino to play 2b? LCF? Either way the defense on this team should be tremendous. If newcomer Lazzarro is the stick in the middle of the lineup that Feldy hopes he will be, Glen will be ok. However, we see this team struggling to score runs. We are concerned with double-digit missed games between the top two guys, and that the bottom of the lineup will struggle to turn the lineup most Sunday's. The up the middle defense will keep these guys in every game, and defense wins. Based upon the roster, we would predict 11-11, but based upon history we can't predict at or ABOVE THE LINE.....

PREDICTION 10-12
OFFENSE C
DEFENSE B
SPEED B-
PITCHING B-
DIF-Gluck
ROY-Lazzarro

Team Randell (Express Imprints)

Brad's draft was amazingly predictable. There was never a thought of passing on BFF Commish JZ, and that can also be said for Randellette's "nice ball James" Delalba and "Matrix" Rothchild. There is no question that these guys will have a powerful lineup with a middle of JZ, James, Adam and Papa Senss.....however, the questions for this squad are on the defensive side. Who will pitch? Who will play SS? Who will get between Papa Z and Brad when they start to fight again? All fair questions. If Brad can't find solutions for the two most important positions on the field, they will have to outscore teams every Sunday, which generally doesn't happen in our league. Brad has had 2 losing seasons in a row, and is starting to feel the pressure from other captains (ie Guy Goldfarb) who feel that a 3rd straight losing season could put his captain-ship in some trouble. We see an up and down year for this squad, struggling on defense some weeks, but putting up some huge days with the bats.....

PREDICTION 11-11
OFFENSE A-

DEFENSE C
SPEED C+
PITCHING C

OPY-JZ
DOF-JZ
MVP-JZ

Team Harris (CK Baseball)

Where do we begin? Bobby was in Vegas drafting his team via Skype. Anyone that has spoken to Bobito has heard the "I'm playing with house money in 2013" line several times. Those same folks also heard Bobby vow to take a SS with his first round selection. Well, with the 7th overall pick in the 2013 draft Bobito passed on his championship SS from 2012, Mr Gluck, Mr Silverberg, Young Preiss, we could go on and on. Taking Vaccarro is a great pick as long as you grab a SS in the later rounds....any round? Certainly Bobby wouldn't pass on golf buddy and future HOF'er Schef when he dropped to him in the 2nd round? Certainly, Bobby would take a pitcher coming off of knee replacement surgery only a year or so ago? Rubin? Mel? Hello, McFly???? Bobby has loaded up on 3b'men and 1b'men like nobody in the history of the draft. Hopefully one of these 3b's can step up and play SS. Is the best 2b on this squad pitching? Nobody turns a DP like Howie, but it sounds like he will be on the mound. Even Bobby might admit he didn't execute his gameplan quite like he's done in the past. Unfortunately for him and this team on paper "what happened in Vegas should have stayed in Vegas".....

PREDICTION 9-13
OFFENSE B
DEFENSE C
SPEED C
PITCHING C

OPY-Vaccarro
ROY-Perez

By Bobby Harris:

TEAM APPLEBAUM (Main Electric)

In what must amount to a Marlboro Softball League record, "Apples" drafted a team consisting of three former captains (Schef, Lenny, Joe P). No one will outfox this team, too much brain trust here. And they will likely need that brain trust to gain a run here and an out there, and to win what we see as lots of close games for this team. Team Defense is strong anchored by last years defensive outfielder of the year Joey P. Only this year it will be back to SS and the wily, aging former 1A (now back end 2) "Schef" manning LCF. Surrounded by Jeff "Guns" Lehman and a very under rated OF in team captain "Apples" in RCF, this OF is strong and any infield with Joe is also strong. The big question mark will be can Lenny "I told the board I am NOT a 2" Sarcona pitch consistently and after the top 5 in the lineup, can the rest of the lineup get a run here and a run there to get to the top of the order more than three times a game. Of course in

Mike Seidel there is versatility and if needed take a corner OF position , second base , and if Lenny falters , take over the mound. There is also IF versatility with Mike Censoplano who can go to a couple of different IF positions, so "Apples" has versatility and defense , and come playoff time those two ingredients mean the most. So we predict an average below "The Feldman Line" regular season , but a very dangerous playoff team

PREDICTION: 10-12

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

POTENTIAL AWARD CANDIDATES

Defensive IF....Peragine
Offensive POY....Applebaum
Manager of the Year....Shefkind

TEAM JACOBY (Ace Aluminum)

Lesson Learned! No more brother combo picks , heavy offense , no defense , "Geej" threw out the 2012 mock draft playbook and went back to basics. BASIC DEFENSE that is . And with the third pick in the draft took the perennial second rounder , always a defensive IF of the year candidate Darren "DK" Kay to anchor the Team Jacoby 2013 IF defense , and in the fourth round Barth Frank for LCF , who spent all winter at the Justin "Charlie Lau" Jacoby hitting academy learning how to beat a RF shift. And with Jacoby in RCF , Golden in LF the OF is solid. Eric Lurie will team again with DK on the left side of the IF , and the only question mark would be at second base with newbie Vega. Then again any new player is a question mark , so feast or famine TBD. What makes this team a potential championship team is Dave "if its not a 15 ft limit , I am not pitching" Clampferrer. Dave is not only a top pitcher , he is a steady fielder on the mound , allowing DK to squeeze the hole , and a lethal bat. And speaking of bats this team is loaded with Schindelheim , Golden , Clampf , DK , Bolton , and a very under rated bat in Lurie. Even the "bottom" with Adler and Wasserman will get their share of hits , and if you can turn that lineup an extra time or two , huge advantage. So with 2012 in the rear view mirror for Jacoby , the train rides in 2013 with Bobito will be a much more pleasant experience for "Geej".

PREDICTION 14-8

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

POTENTIAL AWARD CANDIDATES

Offensive Player of the Year.....Schindelheim
Defensive IF..... DK
MVP....Clampf and DK
Cy Young....Clampf
Manager of the Year....Jacoby
Most Improved ...Jacoby
MR Nice Guy.....Jacoby

TEAM MAMONE (Paco's Taco's)

How can you go wrong taking the Preiss Boyz ? You cant , Jordan arguably one of the best SS in this league , and Papa Scott arguably one of the best 3B. So if “The Boyz” are present they will give Joey as good a left side as there is in the league...but that’s the problem , attendance. Without Jordan and Scott this team is thin , not a lot of depth and it is hard to imagine a team that will be hard pressed to score runs with a full team, scoring runs when their top players are missing. Rizzo at second does give this team an all star IF and Joey in LCF is turning into one of the best all around players in the league. In Mark Karp , fresh off his Cy Young year , they have one of the leagues top pitchers , and he is used to keeping games close from last years record setting year , but this team lacks depth and other than Joe in the OF , a questionable OF foursome. The offense will really need for newbie Matt King to be a force and for someone from the father /son combos of the Conklins and Bickoffs to have a substantially bigger year than they have previously. In Bryan Jackson , Joe has a versatile young player who can fill in for Jordan at SS , but then who plays the fourth OF spot? There are many top players on this team and when everyone is there they will be pesky , but is so thin , that attendance is key to this teams record. So here is my question , with all the mock drafts Joe (and Justin) had with Wallman and Jacoby was there a little YIT subterfuge? Just asking....

PREDICTION 8-14

Offense...D
Defense....C+
Pitching....B
Speed.....A

POTENTIAL AWARD CANDIDATES

Defensive IF.....Jordan Preiss
Rookie of the Year.... Matt King
Most Improved.....Bryan Jackson
CPA of the Year.... Steve Sewald

TEAM POLLOCK (Gastro of Ocean)

I am not sure who was more shocked to be drafted by “The Pollocks” , Glen Roland himself or Glen Feldy. Feldman had the name “ Glen Roland” written down ready to make the pick when Matt P , made that pick. And there is no denying that Roland has become one of the top OFs in this league but with all the great Shortstops available and a clear need at SS , The Pollacks went

Roland. Ok , you cant argue taking a top player , need or otherwise (see my team) , but followup picks didn't seem to address need. Even with Mitch and Ross to build around , and there is no denying that Mitch has leapfrogged into the upper echelon of players in this league, it is hard to imagine a sturdy defense alignment or a lengthy potent offense that we have come to expect from a Team Pollack. And no Herm Suarez either , and while Alan Rubin is a very under rated pitcher and very steady , there is only one Herminator. The Offense will be led by the aforementioned Roland , Mitch , Ross , and Matt (when he comes back) and Darren Freeman, who had a sensational 2012 , but can he repeat? He will have to for a team that we don't see turning over the bottom of the lineup too often , so if the top doesn't hit , and with a lean defense , Rubin will have to hope Team Pollack has many games at East Frances on a sunny day and he can work the high screwball out of the sun! There is one silver lining for Team Pollack circa 2013 , two board members. And maybe a case in 2014 to get the rating back to 3-4-5.

PREDICTION: 7-15

Offense...C

Defense....C-

Pitching....C

Speed.....D

POTENTIAL AWARD CANDIDATES

Offensive Player of the Year...Mitch Pollock

By Matt Granese:

Team Goldfarb (Café Spezio)

Picking #2 for the second consecutive year, Guy Goldfarb was seeking to embark on a 4th consecutive season at or above the Feldman (.500) line. His modern day draft strategy, which rejects anyone born before 1985, has translated into an impressive 42-24 run over the past 3 years. Sticking with that plan, he grabbed hot young SS and Alex G buddy Nick Martino. Remaining quiet and focused throughout this year's 7am draft, Guy would get indoor league all-star KP to play LCF and then an unanticipated break with longtime 1st rounder Adam Greenspan falling to round 3 due to his uncertain Sunday morning coaching schedule. In the 5th, it was slugger Tommy Tvrdik, but unfortunately for Guy, this would be his only other "young" pick. G.Long and Wayne Sherman would round out the infield and 2012 pitching ace Marty Safchik returns for another run with the "Nation." This squad should have a solid defense and it appears to be a return to the days of low scoring Nation games. Will be interesting to see if Adam helps anchor the infield at 3b or will he grab a spot in the outfield? Either way, if Adam misses 5+ games as was expected, this squad could face a slow start like the 2012 version of Team Goldfarb.

Predictions: 10-12.

Team Younger (LawCash)

The 2012 Manager of the Year and near Finals MVP had his plans set on a number of SS options for his first round pick. And landing draft slot #7, his draft fortune continued to soar when he

secured one of the league's best young hitters in Jared Goldberg. Jared, whose draft stock has soared every year since 2006, is known for his lightning fast wrists and big power and his captain hopes this year will be the year that the "JewFro" catches on around the league. The Goldberg duo (Steve a stud hitter for the 8th round- just ask him) returns to join forces with Younger and 2nd round pick Andrew Pargament (incredible hair with these first two picks). This "Core 4" won a division together in 2011. AP, after an unsuccessful run as the potential "Savior" for the Granese franchise, returns to captain the Younger OF, which for the first time ever, does not include JYBFF Barth Frank. Replacements in the OF come in the form of Gene Conselyea and Dave Schwartz alongside "Rappy" and newbie Adam Lipsky. Back in the saddle on the mound is yet another JY favorite, Eric Bohm, who makes his return to team LawCash for the first time since the 2010 playoffs, where a rear end job (I'm talking car accident here) knocked him out of the semifinals with a stiff neck. Rounding out the infield on this squad is longtime gold glove 3b Eddie "Kosherpork" Johnson and the "Mayor"....literally, in Jon Hornik. This squad has solid talent up and down the roster but could have some attendance issues. Besides the core 4, could be some issues scoring runs on a regular basis. The Captain might have to finally put together that stud year that makes him a 2nd round talent for this team to cross .500.

Predictions: 10-12

Team Carlin (Tuscanyrose)

Double whammy for Ronnie as not only did he have to arrive on time to the draft b/c he had a 2nd round pick for the first time in years, but then news that the festivities were beginning at 7am. Has Ronnie ever gotten up before 7? The Ronald went to work with a tricky mid second rounder needing a SS. He went for the veteran professional hitter in Brock Hor and probably figured his chances of drafting a prototype SS were gone. However, in round 4, Evan Steinberg fell to him mid-4 to fill that role. Well played, Maier. After grabbing the gritty Drapkin to be his pitcher, Ron went back to the Carlin Alumni rolodex and dialed up Yigdal, Gary Cohen, Feingold, and Sobel. Jay Katz was also added to the mix and most think he was doing cartwheels on draft day to be finding a new home. This squad has a couple injured players heading into the season and it appears Ronnie could be returning to help the OF which will be needed on this club. The lineup appears to fall off after the top 4-5, and doesn't appear to have a top notch defense. However, this could be a close bunch that plays better than it performs on paper. That being said, we're thinking a second straight season under .500 for Ron.

Prediction 9-13.

Team Lapine (LaRocca Law)

Dennis always seems to grab a prime draft number at the back end of the draft. This year was no different and he waited and prayed (well, maybe who knows for sure) that old friend Doc Silverberg would fall to him. With rookie Marrone boxed out from grabbing Doc before Dennis, Lapine would grab the power hitting SS despite the fact that he could potentially miss a significant number of games. In round 2, he paired up Doc with the fleet footed, big armed, young gazelle Callow who's coming off a Championship season. Seems backwards, no? Clearly having insiders watching in Manalapan or during the CK Sports Indoor scrimmages, Dennis grabbed athletic lefty newcomer Mark Goddard in round 3. The fella can play OF or even pick it

at 3b. A surprise choice (and a new trend it seems) was grabbing a pitcher real early and Dennis nabbed Herm Suarez, who's made a name for himself pitching squads deep into October in recent years. With Dimarco in the 5th, he grabbed a solid OF and followed it up with newbie Spoto, a Murphy BFF. Although he tried out in the infield, he's a solid OF they say, but I guess we won't find out his place on this squad until Opening day. Questions on this squad begin in round 7, as the steady 2b from Team Granese, councilman LaRocca, was grabbed 4 rounds earlier than in his rookie year. Olivencia and his ever improving bat were followed by Pugliese, Gilly, and Gershman. Silverberg and Goddard will have to be huge at the plate to jumpstart this squad. But with a solid hurler like last year, Lapine has often been able to outperform the expectations. That being said, this squad tops out with a .500 record.

Prediction 11-11.