

RedHawks and T-Bones Maintain Second Half Leads Down the Stretch

With only two weeks remaining in the 2007 regular season, the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks and the Kansas City T-Bones inch closer to joining the first half division champion Calgary Vipers and Gary SouthShore RailCats into the post-season.

After streaking out to a 9-2 start in the second half, the RedHawks have played at the same level as Winnipeg maintaining their advantage over the Goldeyes. Since July 22nd, Fargo-Moorhead is 15-9 while Winnipeg has gone 14-10. With 13 games remaining, the RedHawks magic number sat at eight on the Goldeyes to clinch the North Division Second Half Title. They have eight games remaining versus Calgary and five versus Edmonton. F-M Manager Doug Simunic is trying to lead a team into the Northern League post-season for the fourteenth time in 15 seasons.

In the South Division, the Kansas City T-Bones magic number sits at 10. However, their road to the post-season may be a little more difficult as they play each team in their division over the final two weeks of play (see South Division remaining schedules below). T-Bones Manager Andy McCauley is trying to lead a team to the Northern League post-season for the fourth time in five seasons.



Kansas City
joliet (3)
schaumburg (5)



Joliet
KANSAS CITY (3)
gary (5)
GARY (1)



Gary SouthShore
schaumburg (3)
JOLIET (5)
joliet (1)



Schaumburg
GARY (3)
KANSAS CITY (3)
joliet (5)

Wild Card Entrant if Calgary or Gary Win the Second Half Title

While the chances of Calgary coming back to win the North Division Second Half Title are slim, the possibility of Gary SouthShore coming back from four and half games down to win the South Division Second Half Title are a little more likely. In the case of one team winning both halves, a wild card entrant will receive the playoff berth.

In this case, Winnipeg holds a six and a half game lead over Kansas City for the next best overall record of playoff non-qualifiers. So even if the Goldeyes cannot catch the RedHawks for the division crown, their playoffs chance will remain alive hinging on the RailCats winning the South Division Second Half.

Jimmy Hurst Belts 250th Career Home Run

Three weeks after Edmonton Cracker-Cats' outfielder Ryan Radmanovich hit his 250th career home run in the minor leagues, Schaumburg Flyers veteran designated hitter Jimmy Hurst (pictured below) hit his 250th career round-tripper on Sunday, August 19th.



Originally drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the 12th round of the 1990 draft, he spent the first nine seasons of his career playing for the Chicago, Detroit, Boston, and Toronto organizations. In all, Hurst hit 51 bombs in Class A ball, 32 more in AA, another 42 in AAA, and five with Hiroshima in the Japanese League. Since coming to independent leagues in 2001, he has hit 119 homers in various independent leagues (Atlantic, Northeast, and Northern). Hurst also hit one home run in the major leagues for the Detroit Tigers in 1997.



Alumni Notes: Brandon Villafuerte (pictured left), who had his player contract purchased from Schaumburg by the Florida Marlins on August 8th, has a 1.83 ERA (1 ER/7.1 IP) after his first six appearances for the Carolina Mudcats (Southern League)...Brian Myrow is second in the Pacific Coast League with .351 batting average...In 29 games with the Phillies, Chris Coste is batting .342 with two home runs and 13

RBI...Since being acquired by the Blue Jays, Chad Blackwell has only allowed one run to score after 10 appearances with Dunedin (Florida State League). Pitching out of the bullpen he is 2-0 with a 0.49 ERA (1 ER/18.1 IP)...Brad Correll continues to hit for the Lancaster JetHawks (California League). He is batting .354 with 22 home runs and 66 RBI in only 46 games played...Pitching for the Batavia Muckdogs (NY-Penn League), Justin Fiske is 0-0 with a 1.76 ERA (3ER/15.1 IP) in 10 games.

For all the current Northern League alumni updates, [click here](#) for a detailed list.



(through August 19th) Second Half Standings				
North Division	W	L	GB	Pct.
Fargo-Moorhead	24	11	---	.686
Winnipeg	18	17	6.0	.514
Calgary	16	19	8.0	.457
Edmonton	12	23	12.0	.343
South Division	W	L	GB	Pct.
Kansas City	21	14	---	.600
Joliet	16	18	4.5	.471
Gary	16	18	4.5	.471
Schaumburg	16	19	5.0	.457
Overall Standings				
	W	L	GB	Pct.
Fargo-Moorhead	50	32	---	.610
Gary	46	36	4.0	.561
Winnipeg	45	37	5.0	.549
Calgary	45	38	5.5	.542
Kansas City	39	44	11.5	.470
Joliet	38	44	12.0	.463
Schaumburg	36	47	14.5	.434
Edmonton	31	52	19.5	.373
Attendance				
	Total	Openings	Avg.	
Winnipeg	244,678	38	6,439	
Kansas City	258,277	43	6,006	
Schaumburg	177,390	39	4,548	
Joliet	152,484	40	3,812	
Gary	148,714	42	3,541	
Fargo-Moorhead	148,269	42	3,530	
Edmonton	74,496	41	1,817	
Calgary	61,396	38	1,616	
Team Batting				
	AVG	R	HR	SB
Calgary	.307	537	63	84
Kansas City	.305	550	72	79
Fargo-Moorhead	.291	504	83	67
Joliet	.288	466	88	38
Winnipeg	.287	473	95	103
Edmonton	.285	468	58	44
Schaumburg	.275	433	66	117
Gary	.273	401	31	95
Team Pitching				
	ERA	ER	BB	SO
Gary	4.10	334	287	524
Fargo-Moorhead	4.19	336	321	468
Joliet	4.85	392	341	524
Winnipeg	4.88	388	325	531
Schaumburg	5.47	441	335	507
Calgary	5.89	478	293	486
Kansas City	6.09	492	368	503
Edmonton	6.28	492	300	480
Team Fielding				
	%	G	E	TC
Fargo-Moorhead	.979	82	68	3,214
Gary	.978	82	70	3,144
Calgary	.976	83	77	3,193
Winnipeg	.974	82	80	3,066
Joliet	.968	82	99	3,129
Edmonton	.964	83	111	3,095
Kansas City	.961	83	124	3,181
Schaumburg	.961	83	124	3,179
Power Rankings				
	Rank	Pts	Previously	
Fargo-Moorhead	1	37	1	
Gary	2	29	2	
Winnipeg	3	27	5	
Calgary	4	26	3	
Joliet	5	23	4	
Kansas City	6	18	6	
Schaumburg	7	11	7t	
Edmonton	8	9	7t	

Note: Power Rankings compiled by cumulative league rank in win pct, avg, run differential, era, and fldg pct.



Calgary Vipers –Record Breaking Offense update...the Vipers are still on pace to break the Northern League Runs Scored record of 612 set by the 1997 Goldeyes (83 games), but they have fallen off pace for the Team Hits record of 1,043 set by the Lincoln Salt Dogs in 2005 (on pace for 1,041)... Calgary continues to have the best road record in the league at 25-18 (.581), but they only have a 20-20 (.500) record at home...Leading the league with a .307 team batting average, the Vipers have three players in the top five in runs batted in: Jason Colson (1st – 76 RBI), Darryl Brinkley (2nd – 73 RBI), and Carlos Duncan (5th – 70 RBI).



Edmonton Cracker-Cats – Since the departure of former manger Frank Reberger on July 24th, the Cracker-Cats are 9-14 (.391)...Edmonton’s final 19 games of the season are against Winnipeg (11 games) and Fargo-Moorhead (eight games), they have a combined winning percentage of .579 (95-69)... With five home games remaining, the ‘Cats are one of only two teams with a sub-.500 record at home (20-23, .465)...Despite having only the sixth best team batting average (.285), Edmonton has the third best team on-base percentage (.371).



Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks – The RedHawks need to reach 28 wins in the second half for manager Doug Simunic (796-503, .613) to reach 800 career wins in the Northern League... The RedHawks have the top run differential in the league at +130 runs scored. The next best team is Winnipeg at +39...The ‘Hawks continue to have the best home record in the league at 29-14 (.674)... F-M leads the league at throwing out potential base stealers (38.2%)...Catcher Adam Shorsher has thrown out a league best 34 base runners.



Gary SouthShore RailCats – The RailCats have beat up on the bottom three teams in the league. They are 13-6 (.684) vs. Joliet, 10-6 (.625) vs. Schaumburg, and 6-1 (.857) vs. Edmonton. The ‘Cats are a combined 17-23 (.425) versus the rest of the league...Gary has allowed the fewest runs to score in the league (372), but have also scored the fewest runs in the league (401)...The RailCats are one of only three teams in the league with a winning record on the road (22-18, .550)...The RailCats will be traveling to Joliet on August 28th to make-up a rainout from August 19th.



Joliet JackHammers – Joliet (258-292, .469) maintains a 5.5 game lead on Gary (253-298, .459) in the franchises’ all-time standings. Both teams entered the Northern League in 2002...The ‘Hammers are 0-5 in extra-inning affairs this year...Joliet has the fewest stolen bases (38) and has grounded into the most double plays (80)...On August 18th Nate Sevier tossed the 11th no-hitter in league history...Juan Diaz continues to lead the league in home runs (19), the JackHammers have not had a home run champ in team history.



Kansas City T-Bones –Rob Watson has reached base safely in every home game this season, a 43-game consecutive on-base streak...Calvin Pickering has an active consecutive games on-base streak of 33, the third longest during the ‘07 season...The T-Bones are on pace to break the Northern League Runs Scored record of 612 by the 1997 Goldeyes (83 games)...Kansas City has the best record in the league during the month of August, 12-6 (.667)...The T-Bones franchise has never finished a season with a record over .500. With 13 games remaining they are 39-44 (.470).



Schaumburg Flyers –Since being acquired by the Flyers from the Camden River Sharks (Atlantic League) on June 30th, Jimmy Hurst is batting .402 with 29 RBI in 32 games... Schaumburg continues to lead the league with 117 stolen bases. The league record is 156 set by Winnipeg (1997). The Flyers would need to average three stolen bases a game to eclipse the record... The Flyers are one of two teams with a sub-.500 home record (19-21, .475)...Schaumburg has played in the most extra inning contests (8) this season and has the most wins (6).



Winnipeg Goldeyes –The Goldeyes are 35-0 when they lead after eight innings. Closer Matt Davis is tied for second in the league with 18 saves...Outfielder Fehlandt Lentini leads the league with 34 stolen bases. He led the league with 57 steals in 2006...Winnipeg has the third best record in the league (only half a game behind second), but it is currently on the outside looking in of the playoff picture...Winnipeg leads the league with 95 team home runs. Brent Metheny (19) and Walter Young (18) rank second and third in the league in home runs.

League Leaders - through August 19th

	AVG Darryl BRINKLEY .399
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2	Juan Diaz	JOL	.360
3	Rob Watson	KC	.359
4	Carlos Duncan	CAL	.354
5	Mario Delgado	KC	.345

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2	Brent Metheny	WIN	19
3	Walter Young	WIN	18
4t	several players at		15

	RBI Jason COLSON 76
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2t	Darryl Brinkley	CAL	73
2t	Calvin Pickering	KC	73
4	Mario Delgado	KC	72
5	Carlos Duncan	CAL	70

WINS Dane RENKERT 11	
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1t	Nate Sevier	JOL	11
3t	Scott Richmond	EDM	10
3t	Willie Glen	GAR	10
5t	several players at		9

	ERA Willie GLEN 3.23
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2	Josh Habel	GAR	3.48
3	Evan Greusel	CAL	3.58
4	Lou Pote	EDM	3.61
5	Dane Renkert	F-M	3.73

STRIKEOUTS Willie GLEN 143	
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2	Scott Richmond	EDM	94
3	Benjamin Moore	WIN	84
4	Dan Grybash	SCH	83
5	Josh Habel	GAR	82