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## A Year in Review



*Paul Goldschmidt and Power Rangers take the crown*

Coach Brake took on all comers this season, and had what it took to prevail. [Power Rangers](#) finished off 2015 with a 246 to 123.5 victory over Spivey's Corner Knockouts, giving them an 18 - 7 final record. Their good standing can be attributed, in part, to their starting pitchers, who ranked 2nd in the league.

When it came to starting pitchers however, nobody had a better group than Fostoria Screwballs, who got 60 points per game out of the position. [Jake Arrieta](#) was the key member of that stalwart corps, scoring 507.8 points for Fostoria

Screwballs this season. Meanwhile, Coach Lipps could only dream about good starting pitcher play this year, as Raleigh Middle Fingers' starting pitchers were the worst in the league, coming up with only 30.24 points per game.

Ball Hawks had lots of positional problems, which drove them into the ditch at 8 - 15. That was the worst mark in the league. Ball Hawks can place a good chunk of blame on [Corey Dickerson](#), who fell a collective 172 points short of the league average hitter while in the starting lineup, doing more damage than any other hitter this year.

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## Exceedingly Average

### Key Stat:

Average Team Points per Game (reg. season): 183.1

Durham Indians Points (reg. season): 183.9

No team had a more 'ho-hum' season than Durham Indians. They ended up with 183.9 points per game for the regular season, which was the closest to average of any team in the league. Not surprisingly, that average point total led to a very average 12 - 11 record.

## Stacked

### Key Stat:

Average SP Points/Week: 41.3

Fostoria Screwballs SP Points/Week: 60

Fostoria Screwballs got big efforts from their starting pitchers, who put up a best-in-the-league 60 points per game. Jake Arrieta was the leader of that pack, scoring 507.8 points for Fostoria Screwballs this season. The strong starting pitcher group helps explain why Fostoria Screwballs wrapped up the regular season tied for having the 3rd best record at 15 - 8.

## It Couldn't Be Worse

**Key Stat:**

Average Team Points per Game (reg. season): 183.1

[Fuquay Nine](#) Points (reg. season): 170.4

There's always next year for Coach Blue. Fuquay Nine wound up tied with Ball Hawks and Raleigh Middle Fingers for last place with a record of 8 - 15. The unimpressive finish was partially due to their 9th ranked starting pitchers.

## Got Our Number

**Key Stat:**

Raleigh Middle Fingers: 849.7 points

Power Rangers: 1176.2 points

Raleigh Middle Fingers didn't have a great year, and part of that can be blamed on Power Rangers. Raleigh Middle Fingers faced Power Rangers five times, and Power Rangers ended up winning each game. The cumulative margin of defeat, at 326.5 points, represents the largest spread between any two teams this year.

## Hot Streak

**Key Stat:**

Ellicott City Black Sox Regular Season Wins: 15

Ellicott City Black Sox Wins During weeks 7-16: 9

As Coach Kiel looks back on the season, he will no doubt fondly remember weeks 7 to 16 when Ellicott City Black Sox looked like world-beaters. They went 9 - 1 over that happy stretch. [Buster Posey](#) was the key, going 93 points over his positional average during that span. Ellicott City Black Sox finished up tied for the 3rd best regular season record in the league at 15 - 8.

## Second Fiddle

**Key Stat:**

[Spivey's Corner Knockouts](#): 123.5

Power Rangers: 246

Spivey's Corner Knockouts came so close and yet were so far, winding up in second place. Their season closed with the sour note of a playoff loss to Power Rangers, but overall they did well enough to end up with a 17 - 8 record. Although they did good, Spivey's Corner Knockouts also benefited from the 2nd easiest schedule this year (measured by points against).

## **Worst In Show**

### **Key Stat:**

Average Starting Pitcher Points Per Game: 12.4

Dan Haren Points Per Game Started: 6.9

Hickory Scorpions were held back by [Dan Haren](#), who did more to damage his team's chances than any other starting pitcher. While in Hickory Scorpions' starting lineup, Haren fell 94.9 points short of the average starting pitcher. Haren's worst game came in week six, when he couldn't do any better than -3.2 points in a losing effort versus Raleigh Middle Fingers. The bad performance of Haren helps explain why Hickory Scorpions wound up tied for 7th place during the regular season with a 10 - 13 record.

## **Nobody Does It Better**

### **Key Stat:**

[Power Rangers](#): 246

Spivey's Corner Knockouts: 123.5

When it is all said and done, Coach Brake will have the bragging rights for this entire offseason. Power Rangers finished off 2015 with a 246 to 123.5 victory over Spivey's Corner Knockouts, giving them an 18 - 7 final record. They were led by [Paul Goldschmidt](#), [David Price](#), and [Nelson Cruz](#), who collectively finished 335.8 points above their positional averages while in the starting lineup.

## **Roster Hole**

### **Key Stat:**

Average RP Points/Week: 23.5

West Raleigh Moundchargers RP Points/Week: 14.1

West Raleigh Moundchargers struggled to find the right mix with their relief pitchers, who averaged only 14.1 points per game. That was worse than any other team this year. [Joakim Soria](#) shares a big part of the blame for that lackluster group's performance, averaging 12.2 points in his 18 starts for West Raleigh Moundchargers this year. Those relief pitcher problems go a long way towards explaining why West Raleigh Moundchargers finished the regular season with an 11 - 12 record.

## Lopsided

### Key Stat:

Ball Hawks Top 3 Players PPA: 416.9

Ball Hawks 4-6 Players PPA: 42.1

Ball Hawks were the most top-heavy squad in the league this year, with a huge gap between their top three players and their next three best starters. The group of [Clayton Kershaw](#), [Mark Melancon](#), and [Michael Brantley](#) wound up at +416.9 Points Vs Positional Average (PPA) while in the starting lineup this year. Their next three best players, [Aroldis Chapman](#), [Ben Revere](#), and [DJ LeMahieu](#), finished up well behind at +42! .1 PPA.

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