



#11 (6-14) FLYIN' HAWAIIANS

LINEUP

#91 SAM STAAL

#23 AUSTIN WARNER

#34 JIM TUCKER

#21 CAMERON VARLAN



The Flyin' Hawaiians were the #1 power ranked team based on last year's stats to start the year and things looked to be going alright till Austin flipped the Leroy world releasing his buddy Kyle Reynhout and Shane Anderson to sign newcomers Jim Tucker and Cameron Varlan. It was a move that set a tone for every team in the league with no players thinking they were safe. In the weeks following Austin was literally making trade offers for players on his team mid game. With Warner missing a whole month to travel Africa and Greenland his team went downhill and fast. The Hawaiians finished the season 1-7 and with Austin recently moving to Chicago the franchise looks to be in jeopardy for the future. This could be the last time we ever see the Hawaiians take the field in Leroy.

The shocking thing about this team is they sit 5th in ERA and 5th in opponents batting average. The team pitches at a decent rate but just can't hit. They have 167 strikeouts from the plate and scored only 88 runs in 20 games this year being one of 2 teams to not crack 100. The only category they led was triples as they finished with 8 total triples and really showed everyone that that stat really doesn't mean shit.

The Hawaiians won't beat the Clams, but if they lose to a team with Greg and Al pitching twice the franchise may go down in talks with the Southside Sluggers and Legends of Leroy as the worst teams the league has ever seen.

#91 Sam Staal – Slamming Sammy actually took a week off this week, but of course it was a week they had a bye. The whole Hawaiians roster has played at least 5 more games than Austin has this year and many claim Sam is the quiet leader of the pack. Sam looks to take another win in the strikeouts in the plate. He leads by 5 k's to James Haworth and looks to be back to back to back champs. Sam seems to make a deep run or be trash. In 2014 he made it to the Championship only to lose, he then finished 5-16 with the One Hit Wonders at times taking a nap in the field. After a Championship run with the Badgers last year, we see Sam fighting for last place yet again. His batting numbers are so-so. He won't see the amount of at bats he did last year with such a deep run. A 0.316 average has been sufficient. Sam has always been known as a pitcher. That hasn't changed, for the 3rd straight year he has dropped his ERA and opponents batting average. He also has struck out 45 in 27 IP for the year.

#23 Austin Warner – When you hear someone has a 0.325 batting average you think they are on the way down, not Austin. He has slowly been raising his average and for the first time has surpassed 0.300. He hit his 10th career homer a few weeks back. Many thought Austin would have a down year from the mound after having Jon Gibson and Caleb in the field all last year for him. That has for sure been the case, a 9.45 ERA and 0.437 opponents batting average says you are not elite. Austin left for a month and it could have potentially screwed up his rhythm but he needs to get things going fast if he wants a chance.

#34 Jim Tucker – I don't know if Austin was waving the white flag to Matt, but you could see that with the lineup they set. Jim has been the ace for the team with a 4.07 ErA and has respected the league and the way we play since the moment he came out here. Jim has been a huge success this year and looks to be a first time all star in his rookie season. His hitting has been on cue as well posting a .435 average with a team leading 17 Homers on the year and 32 RBI's. Jim has won 6 Wiffle ball Championships with Gashouse Gorillas in our partner league GBL. Jim knows how to get ready for big games and could seem confident no matter the situation at hand.

#21 Cameron Varlan – Cameron should be a lead off hitter every game. For the past few weeks he has hit a homer every first at bat. He has posted a .415 batting average with 16 Homers and not only looks to be a big part of the league in the future with his talent I could see him being a part of the inner workings in the next few years as he has brought many faces to the league already. The part Austin struggles with is his pitching. A 9.39 (which is under Austin's by the way) has shown signs of inconsistencies. He only has 15 k's in 23 innings pitched and looks for contact at this point. A 1-5 record leads to wonder if he can find another gear come playoff time.

I think this team finished 10th. They don't have the power and batting to take out the Clams who are ready to prove they belong in the playoffs. It was a good run for the Hawaiians.