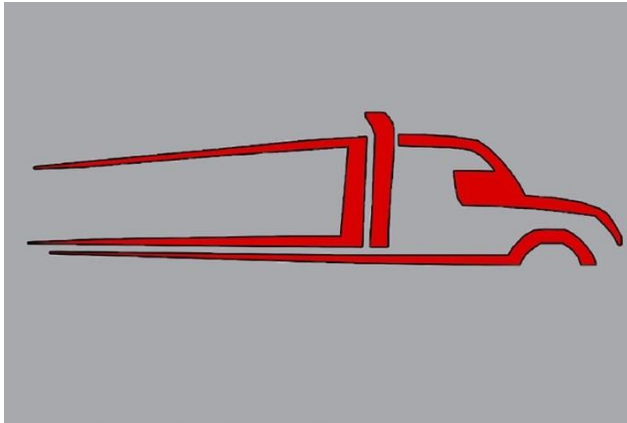


## 2018 LEROY WIFFLE DEATH BRACKET



### #9 (7-13) LEROY TRUCKERS

#### LINEUP

#5 KYLE GAGLIARDI

#31 TIM WILTJER

#9 GEOFFREY KOZLOWSKI

#25 RYAN VOGES



The Truckers came off the worst season in Leroy's history last year with a 2-21 record. They were much improved this year even with the huge struggles from Jack Hillegonds the #1 pick in the draft. All 3 players drafted from the team have been moved and other than Tim is full of 3 players who are playing their first playoff game this week. Although they are rookies to Leroy both Ryan and Kyle have had wiffle experience before and both skillsets have slowly transferred over nicely into corn country.

The Truckers were suppose to be the most dominant hitting team the league has ever saw with both Neil Krooswyk and Jack Hillegonds leading the squad. To start the year the opposite happened, the Truckers were lights out from the mound and dead last in batting average. The hitting has stuck as the Truckers are dead last at 0.363 in hitting on the year and 0.681 Slugging line. The 10<sup>th</sup> place team is the Hawaiians who sit at 0.729. It's been embarrassing and much of it has to do with the inability to hit lob pitching. They hit just 45 Homers this year with Caleb himself almost hitting more than that. The pitching numbers have dipped as well as they claim a 7.75 ERA and a 2.07 WHIP. The Truckers lost 8 of their 13 games by 3 runs or less. Coming down the stretch they lost to the Badgers by 1, Sluggers by 1, and lost to the Narwhals by 3 in extras that if all went the other way could have seen this team in a whole different situation.

They face a Narwhal team they just played a week ago, but with 2 major differences. Last week the Narwhals had Vince Carullo and Mike Fiene. Vince won player of the week last week, this week Greg and Alex Friedman are in the lineup. The game went to extras last week and it looks to be in the Truckers favor to pull this game out. Tim set his lineup early Monday morning with the thoughts of go big or go home. He set up the pitching to be ready for the Championship in hopes of sneaking out a win against the Narwhals. I don't see anyway the Truckers don't cut the tusk off the Narwhals. Projection: Truckers 13, Narwhals 4

I see them going to the death bracket championship that will be played on Harambe in front of Facebook in a game that could go either way. It will be the battle of Leroy

**#5 Kyle Gagliardi – The passion Gags has had for Leroy and the Truckers has been electric this past few weeks. The Truckers currently have 15 dollars in cap space and could have made a big splash signing high talent for Gags but his energy has kept him on the squad. He played for the Narwhals his first few games and can't wait to take on Greg and Jackson in a win or go home matchup. He has played 11 games in his Leroy debut season with a 0.406 batting average to go with 6 Homers and 17 RBI's. He has struck out just 15 times in 11 games forcing good counts and working off pitches. His pitching numbers are not gorgeous but has had games where he mowed down 3 straight batters and walked off the field. Recently his pitching has been a struggle including the game against the Narwhals last week when he gave up 3 runs late. The one upside has been his 21 k's in just 13 innings this year, he has to find away to limit runs. It seems every time he gets runners on they seem to find a way in.**

**#31 Tim Wiltjer – I had one of the worst years in Leroy history last year so anything I could have done would have been a positive this year. Pitching numbers started out good this year going 5 innings to start the year with out giving up a run. They the body started taking a toll. A 7.80 ERA has been good for a #4 player but the 27 k's in 20 innings has been a low point from the mound this year. A 0.274 Batting average is by far a career low with only 3 Homers 10 RBI's and 9 Runs also all career lows. This was the first year I took a couple week's off and hopefully the extra weeks can get the juices going for Playoff T. Be ready for 3 shut out innings tomo boys.**

**#9 Geoffrey Kozlowski – With Jack shipped to the Sultans, Koz becomes the ace of the squad for the Truckers. With only 6 games played this year and late in the year he has been a huge upside for the league. New guys coming in that can pick up the game like Koz has been a bright side as we look to see what his career will hold in his first full season next year. He sits with a 5.33 ERA and has plowed 16 guys down from the plate in just 9 innings. It doesn't end there, his 0.537/1.146 Stat line has been very impressive with 8 Homers in just those 6 games. Expect to see big things from this dude in the future, especially if he dislocates his shoulder mid game.**

**#25 Ryan Voges – For as dominant as a fast pitch batter he is, he makes it up for how trashy he is in hitting slow pitch. Ryan has been a huge bright spot for the league this year. The GBL Vice Commissioner has played the most games on the team with 19 and has a .400/0.765 slash line to go with a team leading 12 Homers and 24 RBI's. His pitching has been on the rise and his ERA has been on the decline. He sits with a 8.77 ERA and looks to be the guy to close the door for the Truckers with 3 saves already on the year. If things go as planned Ryan will be pitching the Truckers into the playoffs.**

**This team has gelled nicely the past few weeks, but needs to find ways to scratch out wins. They get behind in games and find a way to get back in to run out of gas and give it all up.**