



The Leroy Star

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Photo of the Week:

Big thanks to Alex Guiliani! She gets photo cred for all pictures in our newsletters.

This week features Flyin' Hawaiians owner Austin Warner hanging with Super Fans (And Backups) Alex Clark and Chris Koutavas.



Caleb goes 9 for 9 with 7 Homers in Duster Beatdown.

The (10-3) Lake County Liners defeated the (7-6) Diamond Dusters 23-4 in the most lopsided defeat of the season to date.



Make it Yours

By: Tim Wiltjer

In the last few years the league has made huge strides in becoming the best league in the country. This has happened because of the help of many players who decided to be a part of the inner workings of LWA. I want to start off by giving some examples of how many have made this league their own.

Sam Staal and Jared Jonkman have dedicated hours and many Saturday's to upgrading the complex this past offseason. Some upgrades include: Painting the conex, building back nets, building a wiffle trailer, adding stone, and cleaning out the barn. They had some help throughout the offseason from many guys, but they lead the charge and continue to lead the charge making sure the grass gets mowed and everything is ready to go every single Wednesday. (Continued)

2018 INDIANA WIFFLE CLASSIC

REGISTER IS NOW OPEN!

THE INDIANA WIFFLE CLASSIC WILL BE A 2 DAY EVENT WITH A FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL ON JULY 20.













THE TOURNAMENT GAMES WILL BEGIN SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM, EACH TEAM GETS 3 POOL PLAY GAMES AND GUARANTEED ONE TOURNAMENT GAME.

TOURNAMENT PRICE WILL BE \$15/PLAYER WITH THE WINNING TEAM RECEIVING \$120. WE ARE SETTING A CAP OF ONLY 12 TEAMS.

TEAMS WILL CONSIST OF 2 LEROY PLAYERS THAT WILL SIGN UP INDIVIDUALLY AND 2 NON LEROY PLAYERS WHO SIGN UP AS A PAIR.



CURRENT LEAGUE STANDINGS

#		TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	RS	RA	DIF
1		LAKE COUNTY LINERS	10	3	0.769	-	109	66	43
2		SULTANS OF SOY	10	3	0.769	-	103	85	18
3		BUSHLEAGUE BADGERS	7	5	0.583	2.5	94	60	34
4		SQUINTS SLUGGERS	7	5	0.583	2.5	76	55	21
5		DIAMOND DUSTERS	7	6	0.538	3	83	93	-10
6		CORN BOMBERS	6	7	0.462	4	79	65	14
7		BACKDOOR SLIDERS	5	7	0.417	4.5	81	94	-13
8		LEROY CLAMS	5	8	0.385	5	88	97	-9
9		LEROY TRUCKERS	5	8	0.385	5	67	82	-15
10		FLYIN' HAWAIIANS	5	8	0.385	5	55	81	-26
11		NOBLE NARWHALS	3	10	0.231	7	89	146	-57

Lake County Liners

(10-3) LAKE COUNTY LINERS – Caleb Jonkman got some disappointing news when James Haworth called him Wednesday morning to inform him of an injury. Haworth still played and the Liners pulled out the sweep, but will the injury impact their chances moving forward.

The wind was howling out of Wrigley on Wednesday and that's all Caleb needed to finally get the ball rolling from the plate this year. He had 7 of his 21 Homers this season in the matchup against the Dusters. It included 15 RBI's and a 1.000 batting average going 9 for 9. It seems to happen every year, a couple guys look to take over as MVP then he has a game like this and seems to remind everyone how he has won 3 straight year. His 2018 Salary Performance jumped \$6 dollars this week and he sits at \$59.99 with Jackson Buzea at \$51.30 in 2nd place.

Not only has he shined, but his roster has shined. Alec Gerlach came on to the scene early in the season and seems to improve each week. He has increased \$4 since his signing and is solidifying himself as a true #2. James Haworth has had an up and down year but sits \$7 over his signing salary. Finally, Justin Deckinga has doubled his salary from last year improving \$14, a steal for the Liners.

The Liners signed Jeremy Ratajczyk this weekend and it spurred a huge debate in the owners chat. Austin Warner went off the rails saying Caleb has an unfair advantage recruiting players and can sway high talent to come play for him rather than other teams. Ratajczyk was signed to the Hawaiians earlier in the season and said he would be unable to make it due to being a pussy and playing softball on Wednesday's. The Griffleball Commissioner was kicked off the team and many thought would never play Leroy this year. With the recent owners decision to play on Tuesday, July 3 instead of July 4, Caleb texted Jeremy if he could make it and made the signing.

This led to utter chaos as Warner claims he is going to get a job with the White Sox and get Tim Anderson and Matt Davidson to play for the Hawaiians. Jordan Mosel called dibs on Kopech. After a lot of talk and no action Matt Dykstra ended the conversation with a Peter Griffin Gif of Peter snapping his own neck. This Gif was in response to learning he will be facing the Liners July 3.

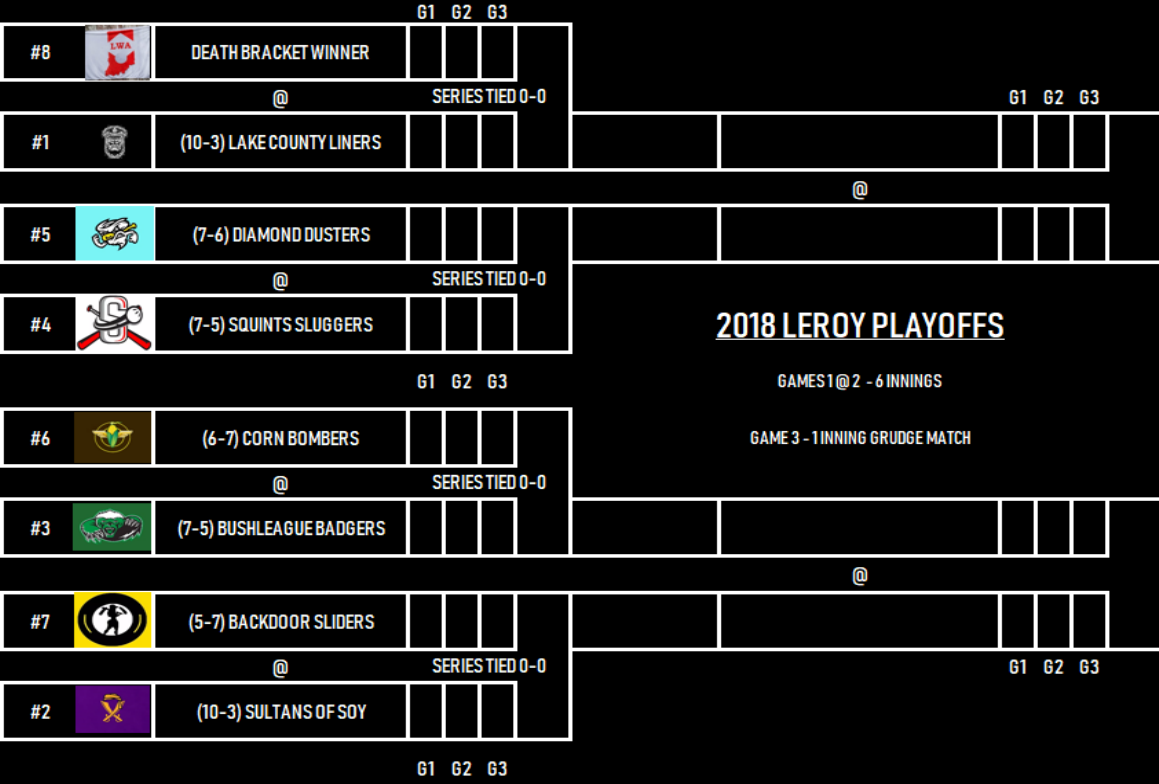
CURRENT PLAYOFF PICTURE

2018 DEATH BRACKET

SEEDS 8-11

ONE GAME SINGLE ELIMINATION BRACKET

WINNER ADVANCES TO 8 SEED IN PLAYOFFS



2018 LEROY PLAYOFFS

GAMES 1 @ 2 - 6 INNINGS

GAME 3 - 1INNING GRUDGE MATCH

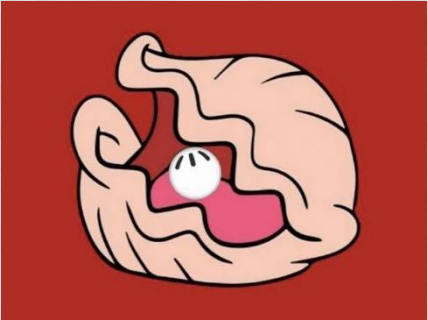
DEATH BRACKET CHAMPION #9

2018 LEROY CHAMPION

LEROY

WIFFLE

Leroy Clams



(5-8) LEROY CLAMS – Lets go back to Memorial Day, the first Holiday in quite some time. Matt Dykstra was happy as a clam as his team sat tied for 1st at (5-1). He puzzled together roster's as Lauren Asbhy, Andrew Sitter, and Austin Gibson all found ways to hurt the Clams salary cap. He had no choice, decisions had to be made.

All 3 players drafted by the Clams are off the main roster. Another injury to Austin Gibson and work issues with Sitter gave way to Matt opening the flood gates. This past weekend he made what looks to be the final move for the Clams with a fresh new look. The Clams signed ORWBL Commissioner, Alex Friedman, to play along Lucas Miedema and Kevin Vroegh.

On paper this team looks dominate, but all 4 players have played below their average Career Salary Ranking. Matt Dykstra and Kevin Vroegh are playing just above league average, and Lucas Miedema is just under. Friedman is playing like a 4 this year leaving a huge spot open for the #1 of this team. With the cap hits the team has faced he is \$7 dollars under the original \$126 spread. He can only hope to gain chemistry rolling into playoffs and try to get everyone back to 2015 and 2016 form. I think everyone is cheering for the Clams who are on a 7 Game Skid.



Player of Week

57.89 CALEB JONKMAN – Caleb was a machine going 12-13 (0.923) with a 2.538 Slugging Percentage. He hit 7 Homers, 16 RBI's and 10 Runs Scored. He pitched 3 Shut Out Innings with 9 k's allowing 2 hits getting a save and a win. This is his 2nd Player of the Week this season.

Week 1: 43.89 – Matt Dykstra

Week 2: 42.64 – Caleb Jonkman

Week 3: 47.48 – Erik Detmar

Week 4: 43.57 – Jack Hillegonds

Week 5: 49.65 – Erik Detmar

Week 6: 43.42 – John Eenigenburg



Batter of Week

66.61 ROBBY ZANDSTRA – Robby had a typical week for himself and he finally got his first Batter of Week. He posted 5 Homers, 8 RBI's, and 7 Runs with no strikeouts from the plate. He went 7 for 13 (0.538) with a 1.692 Slugging Percentage.

Week 1: 50.74 – Jim Tucker

Week 2: 58.87 – Erik Detmar

Week 3: 59.22 – Jackson Buzea

Week 4: 72.73 – Jon Gibson

Week 5: 65.02 – Wes Ellis

Week 6: 62.51 – Quinn Cloghessy



Pitcher of Week

48.10 COLIN LAUTENBACH – When Colin's name comes to mind you think of batting. He is arguably the best fast pitch hitter in the league, but he took a different approach this week. He pitched 3 shutout innings giving up 2 hits and striking out 8 of the 11 batters he faced, getting a save as well.

Week 1: 52.06 – Caleb Jonkman

Week 2: 50.11 – Jackson Buzea

Week 3: 60.62 – Caleb Jonkman

Week 4: 56.04 – Brett Detmar

Week 5: 46.87 – Caleb Jonkman

Week 6: 46.47 – Sam Staal

CAREER AT BATS:

- 600 – Brett Detmar (2nd)
- 400 – Jake Van Vuren (14th)
- 200 – Austin Warner (27th)

CAREER RUNS SCORED:

- 50 – Lucas Miedema (27th)

CAREER HITS:

- 200 – Erik Detmar (10th)
- 150 – Kevin Vroegh (14th)
- 50 – Brad Kamstra (36th)

CAREER HOME RUNS:

- 25 – Lucas Miedema (23rd)

CAREER RBI's

- 100 – Marty Rasala (10th)

CAREER GAMES PLAYED:

- 25 – Lucas Miedema (31ST)

CAREER INNINGS PITCHED:

- 150.00 – Caleb Jonkman (1st)
- 75.00 – Marty Rasala (16th)
- 50.00 – Colin Lautenbach (22nd)

CAREER STRIKEOUTS:

- 350 – Caleb Jonkman – (1st)
- 150 – Tim Wiltjer (8th)
- 75 – Colin Lautenbach (19th)
- 50 – Garret Lytle (23rd)
- 25 – John Eenigenburg (39th)

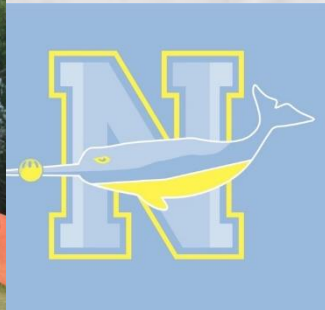
Squint's Sluggers

(7-5) SQUINTS SLUGGERS – The Sluggers decided to blow the smoke off the lid this week and make more moves. They released Andrew Felde and signed Neil Krooswyk and immediately traded him and Robert Warren to the Dusters for Samantha Gromala and Jason Hillegonds.

The Sluggers AKA Bitchfits have made some puzzling moves. Just two weeks ago they looked set and one of the few teams with a finished roster. Recent rumors speculate Luke Prince's commitment is not where Erik wants it to be and that led to a move in signing Andrew Felde. Another week with no hitting scoring just 3 runs in 2 games was a cause for concern for the Sluggers. They are 2nd in the league in batting average at 0.419 but 9th in runs scored. They have been dominant from the mound, a league leading 5.82 ERA, which makes these moves interesting. We see pitching win championships and he traded for Jason Hillegonds, a guy who just gave up 9 runs in 1 1/3 innings pitched this past week. Obviously, Samantha Gromola will be moved by season's end, but the question's remain who will fill the roster as they look for home field in playoffs.



Garret Lytle



(3-10) NOBLE NARWHALS

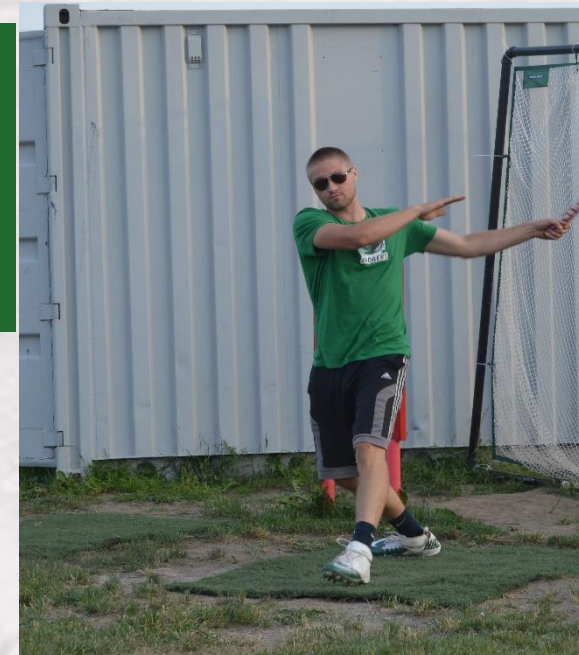
AT

(7-5) BUSHLEAGUE BADGERS

BADGERS LEAD ALL TIME (1-0)



The Narwhals recently signed Grant Reynhout and he will look to make his debut against the Badgers this week. The Narwhals have been competitive as of late and there is rumors of Greg sitting himself this game allowing Kyle Gagliardi to be in the roster. Things could get interesting if that's the case as Jared has gone on record saying this will be the team he brings into the playoffs. Mitchell Gerlach needs to become the #2 this Narhwals team needs as they play the best 1-2 punch in Jared Jonkman and Wes Ellis. Both players on pace to be All Stars this year. Be sure to tune in as Brett Detmar and Jake Van Vuren will be on the mic for this one.



Jared Jonkman

Greg Gierling, Mitchell Gerlach, Jackson Buzea



Marty Rasala



(7-6) DIAMOND DUSTERS

AT

(5-8) FLYIN' HAWAIIANS

DUSTERS LEAD ALL TIME (1-0)



The Dusters finally pulled the plug on Alex Friedman and had a blockbuster trade creating a completely knew roster coming into this week. Friedman, Hillegonds, and Gromola all out, Williams, Krooswyk, and Warren all in. The new roster is obviously much better, but time will tell how committed Neil and Austin are moving forward. Trade rumors have been swirling as Austin Warner was "looking to trade him on his birthday", but no deals were made. Jim Tucker has slowly fallen from his high pedestal he set at the beginning of the year. The Hawaiians need to take advantage of the chemistry issues the Dusters could face this week. Tim Wiltjer and Jack Hillegonds will be on the mic for this one.



Austin Warner

TRANSACTIONS FROM JUNE 18 TO JUNE 25 –

June 19 – Squints Sluggers sign Andrew Felde to Kermit Roster and release Kyle Van Kalker

June 20 – Squints Sluggers sign Andrew Felde to Main Roster and move Luke Prince to Kermit Roster.

June 20 – Backdoor Sliders sign Josh Smits to Kermit Roster

June 21 – Lake County Liners sign Grant Reynhout to Kermit Roster.

June 21 – Lake County Liners sign Jeremy Ratazyck to Kermit roster and release Kyle Jansma.

June 23 – Leroy Truckers sign Kyle Jansma to Kermit Roster and release David Buczek.

June 24 – Diamond Dusters sign Austin Williams to main roster and release Alex Friedman

June 24 – Noble Narwhals sign Grant Reynhout to main roster from Lake County Liners and release Zach Wisniewski.

June 24 – Leroy Clams sign Alex Friedman to main roster and release Kyle Reynhout.

June 24 – Squint Sluggers sign Neil Krooswyk to main roster from Leroy Truckers and release Andrew Felde.

June 24 – Squint Sluggers trade Neil Krooswyk and Robert Warren to the Diamond Dusters for Samantha Gromala and Jason Hillegonds.

June 24 – Squint Sluggers sign Ethan Beezhold to the Kermit Roster and release Lucas Oletti.

Sultans of Soy



Kyle Schaaf

(10-3) SULTANS OF SOY – This team somehow keeps winning, this time with their full team present. They beat both Leroy Teams, the Clams and Truckers. Those wins kept them tied on the top and sent the Clams and Truckers to the Death Bracket. Kyle Schaaf and John Eenigenburg are having stellar seasons and the Sultans currently have 3 players in the top 12 in ranking, meaning they would have 3 All Stars if the season ended today. Robby has put a lot of faith in Micah and will need him to come and be present for them to not get hit with any more penalties.

(5-8) LEROY TRUCKERS – Things were starting to look up for the Truckers as the roster was slowly being put together. This week proved they still needed Jack's presence for them to be an elite team. Recent signings Ryan Voges and Brian Travis look to be huge moves that could play out big late in the year. They seem to either be dominant from the mound or dominant from the plate and have struggled to find consistency. With a bye week coming up, they need to focus on the final 3 weeks after to get chemistry moving into the playoffs.

Leroy Truckers



Make it Yours

Caleb Jonkman and Greg Gierling have led the charge in the events department. They put on a great show for the draft this past December at Stardust bowl with 50 attending the event. Currently they are in the works of the "Indiana Wiffle Classic". A tournament that will showcase all of Indiana's talent to the National Scene playing Leroy Style in an effort to bring slow pitch and fast pitch together. They have also produced many "Going Corn" shows this year, the main show of the Leroy Podcast Network.



Next is Erik and Brett Detmar. Erik lead the charge in outreach and making sure we had enough guys for each team to have 3 players each week. They decided to do better and every team has brought 4 guys each week and unfortunately have had to turn down players this year.

I could add many more instances of players like Grant Reynhout building bad ass strike zones, Lauren Ashby making a sweet hype video. Matt Dykstra putting out a drone video in the next couple weeks... etc. This league has skilled and talented people who use their talents to make each week an enjoyable event.

With all the progress being made I sometimes forget to stop and appreciate what this league is and where it came from. From the beginning of just one field backed up to a row of corn, a couple kids trying to see how many rows deep we could shoot a plastic ball out of. It's been a great journey and have met a lot of great people through the league.

The best part of this league for me is seeing someone buy into what we are building. For someone to add their personal touch to something that, if you tell someone, sounds ridiculous. I don't know how many times I have told people about the league and they look at me like I am an idiot. The people, the journey, the memories, the progress, the team work, that's what makes this league great. I know some guys just enjoy playing and by all means stay that way. This is a league for everyone, but if you want to add your touch we encourage it. Reach out to Caleb, Brett or I and brainstorm ideas to make things more entertaining, more efficient, and an overall better experience for everyone. MAKE IT YOURS.

Corn Bombers



Brett Detmar

(6-7) CORN BOMBERS— Just when you start to doubt Brett he comes through with a late push. This year seems to be different, for one Jake Van Vuren is still on the team. Kyle Zuidema was the only move to be made and they seem to be gelling at just the right time. They have won 5 straight games and with Colin's surgency from the mound could be a tough out come playoff time. He is the only team in the league that does not have any Kermit players signed, a risky move. Come playoff time it will be crucial to have subs, with it being mandatory to field a four-man team. Time will tell when Brett finally pulls the plug.

GBL wastes time in Indy.

If the games were timed they could have beat every team by 40 in a 5-inning game. Besides Rat's pitching this was a perfect regional that saw our neighbor league go 4-0. Of the 8 man roster, 6 have played in Leroy this year as ORWBL, GBL, and LWA continue to work together in building Indiana Wiffle. Griffleball looks to compete in Nationals in the a couple weeks and pool play has already been announced.

They will play Kalamazoo, Ridley Park, and Greater Auburn. Depending on who Kalamazoo pitches this could be a 3-0 pool play for the GBL. Ridley Park Landfill League will be an easy win without Loftus, Greater Auburn also went 4-0 in Regionals, but will get a first hand experience who would have been the Regional Champ if the 2 squared off.



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New Show to TWD.



Mike Vannostrand will host a "unscripted" show on the NWLA podcast and it has taken off right away. Caleb and Tim joined Mike and Carl for episode 2 and it featured everything you need in a wiffle podcast. Trash talk, croutons, hot mom's, regional tournament recap, and so much more.

You can check it out on any site other than spotify, or go to Podomatic.com and follow Two Wiffle Dudes!

Upcoming:

INAGURAL INDIANA WIFFLE CLASSIC – This event will be held on Friday night (social event) and run through Saturday July 21. For more information contact Caleb Jonkman or Greg Gierling.

Sign up and register now!

GOLF OUTING AND ALLSTAR EVENT – Save the date! August 11, 2018. We will be combining the golf outing and all star event into one fun packed day that you will not want to miss. Be sure to stay tuned for more details.

Be sure to check out leroywiffle.com!

All stats are located at mystatsonline.com/leroywiffle

Check out pictures from each week at our Flickr account! Big thanks again to Alex Guiliani.

See ya next week!!

For any suggestions or ideas for the newsletter please contact Tim Wiltjer.

Backdoor Sliders

(5-7) BACKDOOR SLIDERS – Jon Gibson shocked the wiffle world and returned to Leroy for his 5th game of the season. The team is currently 4-1 with him in the lineup and 1-6 without him. The Sliders have been hit with penalties it seems like every week the past month. Players bail last minute costing the Sliders precious salary cap and have Jordan in a position that it will be very tough to field his current roster in the playoffs. The Sliders sit nearly \$4 over cap and with everyone on the Sliders producing things could get interesting in the coming weeks. They for sure have the best jerseys in Leroy this year though, **CHECK THEM OUT!**



Brad Kamstra and Jon Gibson