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## **Robber Barons ‘Steal’ a Title!**

**Palo Alto upends 112 win Metz; Win in Seven**

Grady Sizemore smacked two homers in the Game Seven clincher while Series MVP Carlos Marmol secured the final four outs to bring the title to California.

Barons, while a 99-win team, were decided underdogs to one of the stronger BW teams in recent memory. But taking full advantage of the home field advantage accorded to the Barons thanks to the NL All Star game victory, the Barons won the last two at home to claim the league hardware.

Sizemore’s Game Seven power display were typical of the Robber Barons’ playoff attack as the club truly slugged its way to the title, outhomering their opponents over twenty-four games, 39-15. Wow!

In Game Seven the Barons got out to a four run lead but then watched staff ace Justin Verlander wobble, yielding three runs on three hits. Dr. Dick called upon unheralded Eric O’Flaherty to retire the dangerous Justin Morneau on a topped inside fastball that limped weakly to Mark Teixeira. O’Flaherty, remembering his PIP training from Spring, hustled over to take the underhanded toss and stop the hemorrhaging.

### **PAST CHAMPIONS**

**2003: Syracuse SkyChiefs (John Feola)**  
**2004: Portland Grays (Stefan Feurherdt)**  
**2005: Northwoods Moose (Corey Weisser)**  
**2006: Montreal MacGaffigans (Jonah Keri)**  
**2007: Montreal MacGaffigans**  
**2008: Silver Sluggers (Lenny Luchtefeld)**  
**2009: Alaska Hot Stoves (Chris Blake)**

Erick Aybar singled in the Eighth, but it was too late. Carlos Marmol was called at just this whiff of danger and proceeded to close out the game. With a comebacker to the mound in the ninth, Marmol recorded the final out with an easy toss to Teixeira. Following the easy arc of the ball, Marmol leapt into the arms of his sure-handed first baseman, the champions p theirs to celebrate.

BRASSWORLD WORLD SERIES, GAME 7									
New York	AB	R	H	BI	Palo Alto	AB	R	H	BI
Abreu, lf	5	1	1	0	Suzuki, rf	3	0	0	0
Beltran, cf	5	1	2	2	A.Rodriguez, 3b	0	0	0	0
J. Drew, rf	5	0	1	0	Velez, pr-2b	2	1	1	0
Longoria, 3b	3	0	1	1	Ruiz, ph	1	0	0	0
Morneau, 1b	4	0	1	0	Vizquel, 3b-2b	0	0	0	0
Posada, c	3	0	1	0	Mauer, c	4	0	0	0
A.Cabrera, 2b	4	0	1	0	Teixeira, 1b	3	0	2	1
E.Aybar, ss	3	1	1	0	Bay,lf	4	0	1	0
Vazquez, p	2	0	0	0	Sizemore, cf	4	2	3	2
Blanks, ph	1	0	0	0	S. Drew, ss	4	1	2	1
Adams, p	0	0	0	0	Valbuena, 2b,3b,2b	3	0	0	0
Iannetta, ph	1	0	0	0	Baker, ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Papelbon, p	0	0	0	0	Verlander, p	3	0	0	0
Burnett, p	0	0	0	0	O'Flaherty, p	0	0	0	0
					Marmol, p	0	0	0	0
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New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Att: 47,430		
Vazquez, L	6	7	4	4	2	4	2B: Abreu, Drew, Morneau, Teixeira		
Adams	1	0	0	0	0	2	3B: None		
Papelbon	0.2	2	0	0	0	1	HR: Sizemore-2, S. Drew		
Burnett	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	SB: None		
							S: None		
							GIDP: Mauer		
							LOB: NYM-9, PAL-7		
							DP: NYM-1, PAL-1		
							E: Aybar		
Palo Alto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Verlander, W	6.2	8	3	3	3	5			
O'Flaherty	1	1	0	0	0	0			
Marmol, S	1.1	0	0	0	0	0			

For the Metz in the Series, Randy Wolf continued his amazing season doing his part by winning both his World Series starts (4 wins in postseason). Carlos Beltran paced the hitters, going 9 for 28 with 6 rbi. Of final note was the interesting fact that the Drew brothers squared off in the Series.

### AL AWARDS

MVP	PTS	WALTER JOHNSON	PTS	ROOKIE	PTS
Prince Fielder	95	Randy Wolf	107	Colby Rasmus	88
Albert Pujols	61	Tim Lincecum	67	Chris Coghlan	55
Ryan Howard	35	Edwin Jackson	37	Dexter Fowler	33
Pablo Sandoval	26	Mariano Rivera	21	Randy Wells	26
Ryan Braun	26	Roy Oswalt	18	Nolan Reimold	26
Derek Jeter	24	Dan Haren	18	Juan Gutierrez	24
Michael Young	8	Ricky Nolasco	13	Brian Anderson	11
Evan Longoria	5	Jon Lester	5	Tommy Hanson	9
Adam Dunn	4			Jeff Niemann	9
Mark Reynolds	2			Jose Mijares	2
				Luke Gregerson	1

### NL AWARDS

MVP	PTS	CHRISTY MATHEWSON	PTS	ROOKIE	PTS
Adrian Gonzalez	104	Chris Carpenter	88	Garrett Jones	94
Joe Mauer	67	Josh Beckett	56	Andrew McCutchen	77
Ben Zobrist	53	Justin Verlander	50	Andrew Bailey	62
Aaron Hill	21	Zack Greinke	45	Matt Wieters	38
Ichiro	15	Roy Halladay	32	Casey McGhee	14
Mark Teixeira	12	Felix Hernandez	22	Jordan Zimmermann	10
Justin Upton	10	Joel Pineiro	8	Jason Bulger	7
Matt Holliday	9	Trevor Hoffman	7	David Price	6
Jason Werth	8	Barry Zito	4	Gerardo Parra	3
Jason Bay	7			Dan Meyer	1
Matt Kemp	3				
David Wright	3				

### PAST AWARD WINNERS

YEAR	AL MVP	NL MVP	JOHNSON	MATHEWSON	AL ROY	NL ROY
2003	Barry Bonds	Vlad Guerrero	Randy Johnson	Tim Hudson	Not awarded	Not awarded
2004	Javy Lopez	Albert Pujols	Carlos Zambrano	Bartolo Colon	???	???
2005	Barry Bonds	Albert Pujols	Randy Johnson	Ben Sheets	David Wright	Khalil Greene
2006	Alex Rodriguez	Albert Pujols	Carlos Zambrano	Roger Clemens	Gustavo Chacin	Huston Street
2007	David Ortiz	Albert Pujols	John Lackey	Chris Carpenter	Prince Fielder	Hanley Ramirez
2008	Chipper Jones	Alex Rodriguez	Carlos Zambrano	Justin Verlander	Ryan Braun	Jack Cust

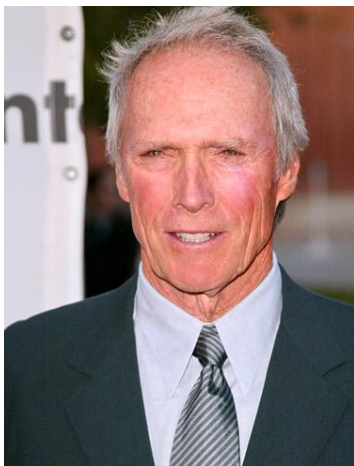
2009	Chipper Jones	Albert Pujols	Aaron Cook	Derek Lowe	Mike Aviles	Geovanny Soto
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## Introducing the LA Outlaws!

Brian Budzyn

Los Angeles finally has a Brassworld team. In late July, the Montreal McGaffigans were sold to Hollywood icon Clint Eastwood. Perhaps best known for his portrayal of the character ‘Dirty Harry’, Eastwood has brought professional Brassworld baseball back to the city of Angels.



“When I first heard about the opportunity to invest in this franchise, I thought to myself, ‘Go Ahead’. And after all the negotiations were completed, it really made my day.”

Bringing the Montreal franchise to Los Angeles took more than just a fistful of dollars. Eastwood’s dedication and passion for baseball have been well documented. He is also the majority owner of BRASSball’s Santa Barbara Outlaws. Los Angeles will certainly enjoy Clint’s commitment to

putting a winning team on the field year in and year out.

The Montreal franchise had a celebrated past having won two Brassworld Championships. The winning tradition will be a difficult to match, but the challenge of rebuilding a baseball franchise is something that new General Manager Brian Budzyn is excited to take on.

“Mr. Eastwood understands what it takes to build and sustain a winning franchise. And I am looking forward to



partnering with him again to bring a championship team to Los Angeles”.

Brian said his wife and three kids were thrilled that he has decided to devote more of his free time to fantasy baseball.

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## Reflections on the Giants' title run

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Dave Silverberg

I have to confess, my favorite part of these dynasty netplay leagues is putting together a team, fitting together the jigsaw pieces and hopefully coming up with a contender. I love playing the games as well, but if I have to choose, I like the roster construction part best. Sometimes this happens through careful planning, sometimes through dumb luck, and sometimes it's the right combo of both.

In watching the Giants' run this year from a catbird seat in the Bay Area, the same logic applies. There have been a lot of articles analyzing the job Brian Sabean has done in San Francisco, so let me chip in a few observations:

- 1) Sabean has to take a lot of responsibility for limiting the range of options for the team from a financial standpoint. The Zito contract can (to some degree) be forgiven because Magowan was forcing his hand at the time (though bidding against yourself is never justifiable) but the Rowand contract was panned at the time by nearly everyone, and has been disastrous. In his column yesterday Jerry Crasnick of ESPN claims that the Giants have 2 sabermetric analysts that give an opinion on every transaction, but I find it hard to believe that a thorough analysis was done or given any weight when Rowand was signed 3 years ago. It was clear a large part of his offense was park generated (Chicago then Philadelphia, two of the most notorious bandboxes in all of MLB).
- 2) Sabean got many many trades wrong over the years, most notably dealing Liriano, Nathan (and Bonser) for Pierzynski. There were several others over the past few years that were pretty dismal but that one leads the pack.

That said, I have to give him full credit for 4 things that went right & led to success this year:

- 1) Dealing for Freddy Sanchez. He is hurt a lot, can't hit righties, but he plays D and kills lefties, and all Sabean gave up was a control pitcher who lost his good fastball and may never make it. Good job selling high, and this move (because it happened prior to the 2009 season) is not mentioned often.

- 2) Signing Aubrey Huff. I think this signing may be where the influence of the saber-guys may have started to come into play, and it's my belief they did not contribute as much weight previously in discussions. Huff had a spike in his numbers this year, but his career peripherals (walk rate, SLG vs RHP) would have given him something like a 20% shot at a season like this. That was worth a \$3M roll of the dice and it panned out perfectly. Also give the Giants credit for realizing that Huff was not as bad an athlete/defender as he was made out to be. He played a good 1B and an adequate corner OF when he was sent out there.
- 3) Resisting the urge to deal 1 of their young pitchers. We had Lincecum linked to Rios a while back, Cain linked to Fielder, and Sanchez linked to just about everyone, but holding on to them was the right move. Like the Sanchez deal, this decision has its roots a few years back so not as noticed, but sometimes the best deal is the one you don't make.
- 4) Stockpiling any available talent at the trade deadline. I give Sabean 100% credit for saying "We need depth, we have a lot of roster spots with no clear owner, let's see what we can reel in." I don't believe for a minute that the Cody Ross move was ONLY about blocking San Diego's claim, as has been reported. A "character" GM like Sabean would have know all about Jose Guillen's up & down attitude, so I think getting Ross was calculated both to block SD but also as a failsafe on Guillen. And getting Ramon Ramirez and more critically Javier Lopez for peanuts was simply huge. Without Lopez I think the Giants don't get past Philly.

All in all a great year for the Giants, this was a fun team to watch all year, especially in September onward when the sense of momentum building around the club was palpable. It will be fun to see if they can make another run next year.

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## Pythagorean Performance 2010

year	team	division	rs	ra	pythag%	exp wins	BWwins	delta w
2010	Mequon	Cobb	888	805	.546	88.49	96	7.51
2010	Gotham City	Ruth	807	722	.552	89.49	96	6.51
2010	Palm Harbor	Aaron	648	851	.374	60.59	66	5.41
2010	Alaska	Cobb	893	726	.597	96.65	102	5.35
2010	Taggart	Aaron	764	637	.585	94.78	100	5.22
2010	Aspen	Mays	736	735	.501	81.10	86	4.90
2010	Virginia	Aaron	705	592	.582	94.25	97	2.75
2010	Plum Island	Ruth	657	840	.386	62.52	65	2.48
2010	Waikiki	Cobb	631	817	.380	61.61	64	2.39
2010	Bloomington	Mays	797	763	.521	84.34	86	1.66
2010	Silver	Cobb	702	736	.478	77.38	79	1.62
2010	Dublin	Ruth	743	831	.447	72.46	73	0.54
2010	Northwoods	Mays	762	829	.460	74.56	74	-0.56
2010	West Oakland	Mays	941	675	.652	105.63	105	-0.63
2010	Greenville	Cobb	795	747	.529	85.76	84	-1.76
2010	Williamsburg	Ruth	848	691	.596	96.48	94	-2.48
2010	Exeter	Aaron	644	878	.358	57.93	55	-2.93
2010	San Jose	Aaron	879	650	.639	103.50	100	-3.50
2010	Annadale	Aaron	631	762	.412	66.71	63	-3.71
2010	Hoboken	Ruth	761	917	.413	66.87	62	-4.87
2010	Palo Alto	Mays	911	669	.642	103.99	99	-4.99
2010	Montreal	Mays	605	982	.286	46.31	41	-5.31
2010	South Range	Cobb	594	900	.313	50.73	45	-5.73
2010	New York	Ruth	948	535	.747	120.97	112	-8.97