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MARINERS WIN

Hall of Fame

Kevin Reed, Dodgers



Ian Clark, Blue Jays



Kevin Gibson, Mets



Mike Sim, Rangers



Alan Molloy, Giants



Simon Greener



Nigel Beck



In one of the best World Series for some years the Seattle Mariners overcame the New York Mets in a 7-game thriller. The action went something like this:-

Game 1 - New York were first on the scoreboard with Matsui scoring on a Wiggington single to CF in the 1st but in the bottom of the frame the Mariners scored 3 and took control. Three more in the 4th on a Gene Kingsale homer finished the game as a spectacle, homers by Lopez in the 7th and a 3 run shot by Everett in the 8th applied the gloss on a comfortable series opener. Starter Leskanic took the win for the Mariners, Percival the loss for the Mets and Leskanic was named MVP following 7 2/3 solid work.

Game 2 - Mlicki started for the Mariners and like game 1 was tagged early as a Piazza single scored both Cameron and Reyes. Trachsel for the Mets was solid through the first 2 inning but 3 homers in the 3rd to Everett, Bichette and Griffey gave Seattle a 3-run lead. Reyes singled in Cameron in the 8th and Perez repeated the dose for Piazza in the 9th but it was too little too late as the Mariners held on for the win. Mlicki had a complete game for the win and another MVP for the pitchers with Trachsel taking the loss leaving the Mets trailing by 2 as they returned home.

Game 3 - Glavine and Brooks started game 3 and it turned out to be a real pitchers duel. Glavine scattered 4 hits, 4 walks striking out 8 over 7 1/3 inning but the 2 runs he was charged with in the 8th was the difference between the sides as the Mariners duo of Brooks and Lieber gave up only 3 hits and 5 walks, Brooks taking MVP honours with 1 hit over 6 inning.

Game 4 - New York had to win this one and they were first on the scoreboard as Wiggington singled in Cameron in the bottom of the 1st off Seattle starter Roker. Heilman was going along fine for the Mets until the 5th when Kingsale doubled home Sanchez and then scored himself on an Everett single to CF. The Mets were level in the bottom of the frame thanks to a Piazza homer and they edged ahead when Blake doubled in Wiggington three batters later. A Griffey homer leading off the 7th knotted the scores and took the game into extra innings. Piazza won the game for the Mets in the bottom of the 12th (with only 1 out though) securing himself the MVP in the process.

Game 5 - Seattle were stung by that loss and jumped all over Percival in the top of the 1st, a Griffey 3-run shot straight back over the pitchers head the highlight of a 4 run inning. The Mets got a foothold back into the game in the bottom of the frame as Matsui doubled home Cameron and then scored himself on a Piazza double. Perez with a solo shot in the 4th reduced the lead to 1 and a Wiggington double in the 5th scored Reyes and Piazza to give the Mets their first lead of the day. A 2 run shot in the 6th saw off starter Steve Shearer and a 3-run bases clearing double by Matsui in the 8th saw the Mets home. Matsui took the MVP with Percival the win and Shearer the loss.

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Game 6 - Game 1 MVP Leskanic started for Seattle and it was really a case of not tonight Josephine as he was tagged for 16 runs on 22 hits as the Mets dormant batters exploded into life. Trachsel was the beneficiary of the run fest pitching 5 innings for 4 earned runs. Jose Reyes picked up MVP going 5 for 7 with 4 doubles and 6 RBI's in the Mets 20-13 demolition of the Mariners and it was at this point when the New York fans really thought they had a chance.

Game 7 - I for one knew that if there was to be a game 7 I wanted Tom Glavine to pitch and he faced Dave Mlicki for Seattle. Matsui singled in Reyes in the 1st to set the Mets off on a flyer. A Jackson 2-run homer in the 3rd gave the lead back to Seattle but in the 5th Piazza doubled in Reyes to knot the scores. Bottom of the 6th and a solo shot from Lopez restored the lead and a 2-run shot by Griffey later in the frame gave the Mariners a 3-run cushion. Kelly took over from Mlicki in the 7th and was immediately pounced on by the top of the Mets batting order as first Reyes, then Matsui and finally a 2-run blast from Perez established a 1-run lead for the Mets. Fogg took over from Kelly and Stanton replaced the flagging Glavine and he couldn't stop Kingsale from scoring the tying run. In the 8th a Griffey double knocked in Sanchez and Kingsale banged home Griffey to give the Mariners a 2 run lead going into the 9th. Josh Fogg had little trouble getting the final 3 outs and the Seattle faithful went mad. Ken Griffey took the MVP for the game and **the MVP of the series went to the entire Seattle Mariners staff who showed how to win by playing as a team.**

Overview

That was probably the best series I've ever played in. Disappointed, of course, but at one point we looked like we were going to do a Boston. In fairness the Mets probably out-hit and out-scored the Mariners but when it came down to the crunch, the Seattle players knew how to win. Heartfelt congratulations to Troy, the best team won and Seattle deserve to be called **WORLD CHAMPIONS**.

Hall of Fame

As you can see by the front of this newsletter the Hall of Fame has two new inductees this year. After mulling over the stats and records of all the coaches I found it almost impossible to separate these two. Nigel Beck arrived in Pittsburgh in season 1 and since that opening season the Pirates have only had a losing record once. He has 3 divisional titles and of course the season 9 World Series to boast and is a more than worthy entrant into the Hall.

Coach Greener started in MLB6 in season 1 and although he doesn't appear on any statistical records he was a major part of establishing the New York Mets as the team they are today. Yes you did read right, he was my partner at the Mets for a couple of seasons until he was offered the top job at the Yankees. He has played in arguably the most difficult division in MLB6 for almost 9 seasons and he has yet to post a sub 90 win season. The fact the Mets won the World Series the season he left has nothing to do with the selection as Coach Greener has 3 division titles and an almost .600 win percentage as coach of the Yankees.

I can't see any more worthy inductees than these two and it is with great pleasure I welcome them to the MLB6 Hall of Fame.

MLB6 Coaches Record

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Franchise</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>%age</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Franchise</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>%age</u>
Dave Tyrrell	Angels	19	8	0.704	Charles Mayell	Red Sox	8	10	0.444
Kevin Reed	Dodgers	1236	546	0.694	Graeme Odgers	Expos	158	202	0.439
Mike Sim	Rangers	702	432	0.619	Paul Denyer	Brewers	284	364	0.438
Paul Beaumont	Blue Jays	383	247	0.608	Malcolm Lake	Phillies	118	152	0.437
Kevin Gibson	Mets	998	649	0.606	David Kinghorn	Indians	377	487	0.436
Mark Stinton	Indians	158	103	0.605	Stuart Smith	Twins	47	61	0.44
Quentin Jenkinson	White Sox	65	43	0.602	Phil Townend	Orioles	58	77	0.430
Simon Greener	Yankees	797	535	0.598	Maru Nunes-Vas	Mets	27	36	0.429
Allan Molloy	Giants	826	569	0.592	Mick Hankin	Mariners	212	283	0.428
Ian Clark	Blue Jays	679	473	0.589	Adam James	Giants	23	31	0.426
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Alistair Brearley	Reds	579	411	0.585	Scott Porter	Rangers	274	374	0.423
Nigel Beck	Pirates	971	730	0.571	Rob Falconer	Expos	125	172	0.421
Keith Finch	Orioles	297	234	0.559	Austen Hindman	Mariners	87	120	0.420
Dave Hunt	Reds	436	356	0.551	Gary Potts	Brewers	102	141	0.420
Simon Creasey	Orioles	89	73	0.549	Robert Dorman	Rockies	158	220	0.418
James Hoddinott	Angels	79	65	0.549	Ian Sanderson	Phillies	116	163	0.416
Troy Dilworth	Mariners	428	355	0.547	Alaister Pawley	Expos	101	142	0.416
Juan Angel Perez	Cardinals	315	263	0.545	Peter Hale	Cubs	86	121	0.415
Ronald Shreij	Rockies	181	152	0.544	Chris Walker-Smith	Cardinals	26	37	0.413
Mark Cooper	Athletics	136	116	0.540	Colin Dowding	White Sox	74	106	0.411
Ken Hatton	Indians	275	235	0.539	Matthew Parsons	Cubs	114	165	0.409
Alan Clements	Red Sox	421	362	0.538	Mark Wheeler	Braves	467	676	0.409
Paul Valentine	Red Sox	439	398	0.524	Mark Hodson	Braves	44	64	0.407
Martin Willan	Angels	824	787	0.511	Stewart Jones	Rockies	175	257	0.405
Simon Round	Brewers	46	44	0.511	Mark J Hall	Braves	128	188	0.405
Mark Ferris	White Sox	206	199	0.509	Neil Coulson	Astros	29	43	0.403
Richard Godley	Braves	109	107	0.505	Mark Gamble	Tigers	54	81	0.400
Matthew Christie	Cubs	36	36	0.500	Graeme Odgers	Cubs	69	104	0.4
Carl Wright	Athletics	94	95	0.497	Martin Radford	Expos	61	92	0.399
Neil Briggs	Brewers	183	186	0.496	Michael Dutton	Athletics	287	433	0.399
Stephen Montague	Rockies	314	325	0.491	J Thompson-Hill	Phillies	111	168	0.398
Paul Lancaster	Astros	428	445	0.490	Stuart Alger	Royals	167	256	0.395
Scott Fitton	Brewers	79	83	0.488	Mark Hall	Athletics	147	231	0.389
David Stothard	Tigers	156	168	0.481	Robert Bushnell	Brewers	102	168	0.378
Pete Belton	Royals	433	467	0.481	Darren Cousins	Cubs	47	79	0.373
Martin Gregson	Phillies	203	220	0.480	Darren Farman	Phillies	198	333	0.373
Phil Townend	Expos	245	268	0.478	Neil Bassett	Padres	658	1124	0.369
Jordanna Lake	Giants	159	174	0.477	Paul Ingram	Athletics	66	114	0.367
Tony Howe	Mets	34	38	0.472	Geoff Cooksey	Red Sox	52	92	0.361
David Houghton	Devil Rays	409	473	0.464	Paul Scrivens	Pirates	29	52	0.358
Adrian Bunn	Mariners	125	145	0.463	Tobias Graf	Expos	76	140	0.352
Tony Lee	Cubs	62	73	0.459	Mick Hankin	Cubs	63	126	0.333
Robert Crowther	White Sox	288	342	0.457	Rob Byrne	Devil Rays	24	48	0.33
Kenny Reeves	Yankees	204	246	0.453	B & P Henderson	Cubs	68	139	0.329
Daniel Nugent	White Sox	61	74	0.452	Adam Yates	Athletics	20	43	0.317
Tony Howe Haysom	White Sox	146	178	0.451	Eric Van Genderen	Astros	39	87	0.310
Pete Harris	Cubs	209	259	0.447	Simon Campbell	Mariners	7	20	0.259

Apologies

As you are more than aware, the newsletter has been conspicuous by it's absence over the past few weeks. Superstition on my part made me not want to write anything either good or bad about my lot whilst they were still in the running for the World Series. Could have saved myself the bother as Troy kicked my ass, but there you have it. If there had been any contributions I would have published them but as there wasn't I thought it best to keep quiet.

All the best for the new season everyone. To our new coaches, enjoy yourselves and to everyone – send in some stuff for the newsletter ya buggers.

Deadline for Contributions: Saturday 19th March 2005