

2013 Day 1 Power Rankings

Overall Rank. Team - Record (League Rank) (Previous Rank)

1. Cardinals – 1-0 (NL1) (1) – Jeff Bertram returns to the SWBL and goes 8-9 with 4 RBIs, while Sam and Brett combined for 18 RBIs. Brett also pitched a Complete Game despite a game-record 8 walks and leads the league in Strikeouts after Game 1. Craig joins the new-uniformed Cardinals tomorrow and looks to add some fielding depth and contact at the plate.
2. Rays – 1-0 (AL1) (3) – The defending Champion Rays trounce their division rival, Royals, not needing the bottom of the 5th inning to put them away. All three Rays pitched and held the high-powered Royals duo to just 9 runs. Paul is tied for the home run lead and again is on pace to hit 40 for the second straight year. Chris only batted .500 in the first game and may need to place the ball a bit better for the Rays to stay hot.
3. Brewers – 1-0 (NL2) (2) – With darkness looming after two games full of walks the Brewers fought for a win against the Giants. They walked away feeling like without that darkness, they could have put on a better show. Well they will have their chance tomorrow as they won't have to worry about darkness at all. All three Brewers pitchers took the mound and will all be eligible to pitch against the Cardinals tomorrow for the Game of the Day.
4. Yankees – 1-0 (AL2) (4) – The Bash Brothers returned to face off against the AL Expansion Franchise, Athletics in their opening day game, winning just 14-11. Sam Bakula and Jackson Crosley pitched well to keep the game just out of the A's reach, while Calloway added 7 RBIs on offense with his new team. Scott batted just 4-10 in his first game of 2012 and looks to bounce back tomorrow, bright and early against the defending champion Rays.
5. Royals – 0-1 (AL3) (5) – A disappointing start to the Royals season as Will gives up 16 runs on the bump and the dynamic duo of Gus and Edloe only knocked in 8 runs combined to help out their teammate on offense. Will needs to step up on offense and Gus needs to pitch lights out tomorrow when he takes the mound for his first start and get his team their first win.
6. Rockies – 0-1 (NL3) (6) – 2012 MVP Blake Spencer took the field today, questionable with his wrist injury and it showed hitting only one home run with his monstrous swing. The real struggle though, came from Brian Kenney who batted .222. Grant Boyd led the team in offense hitting 2 home runs and knocking in almost half of their runs in a losing effort to the Cardinals.
7. Athletics – 0-1 (AL4) (8) – The Athletics definitely showed some talent today and almost stole a win from the Yankees in their first game as a Franchise. Interim Captain, Matt Boeding showed he can be the offensive catalyst his team needs hitting 3 home runs with 6 RBIs. Rookies Raymond McGrew and Steve Hays both had great first outings and take the lead in the Rookie of the Year race.
8. Giants – 0-1 (NL4) (7) – The Giants made a great run and had the chance to knock of the Brewers in their first Opening Day as a franchise. Captain Rob Walters had one of the best games of his career leading his team with 3 HR and 7 RBIs on the day. Rookies Dave Menne and Cam Branson threw in an RBI each but have yet to hit their first Home Run.