

2014 Day 1 Power Rankings:

Overall Rank. Team (Record) (Last Ranking)

1. Royals (1-0) (3) – The Royals won a big game against the defending champion Rays during the opening game of Season 12 and had their first taste of champagne in 2014. Gus Skibbe pitched a complete game win, striking out 5 Rays, including striking out Rays Captain, Paul Castellano, four times. Gus, Edloe and rookie, Ty Butler provided the offense while new Royal, Spencer Bogad looks to improve in their four games on Saturday.

2. Yankees (1-0) (4) – The Yankees became the first team to institute the mercy rule beating the A's 16-6 in their opening day game. The bash brothers combine for 11 home runs with rookie, Corey Pohle adding another, to make the Yankees ahead of schedule in their campaign to become the first team to hit 100 team home runs. Ace, Jackson Crosley pitched a great complete game win, without striking out a batter. Hopefully John Calloway can find other shoes, or his feet might hurt at the end of the weekend.

3. Rays (1-1) (4) – The Rays are the only team with two games played and finished the day .500, losing to the Royals in their first game and beating the Brewers in a replay of last year's Championship game. Chris is still a beast in the field, Derek is back all season, and Paul added much offense. BUT the biggest surprise was the play of ex-Royal, Will Rath, who hit the game winning 3-run walk off home run against the Brew Crew to give the Rays their first win of the season.

4. Brewers (0-1) (1) – In a strange turn of events, the preseason top ranked Brewers lost their first game on Opening Day. Captain Peter Leicht and rookie, Danny Bell destroyed the Rays pitching, knocking in 4 solo home runs each, falling short just one run, with one out in the last inning. Peter and the reigning Franchise of the Year will have to turn it around as expectations are still high for this talented team.

5. Rockies (1-0) (6) – It only took the Rockies 4 hits to beat the Cardinals as they snuck by with a win on the shoulders of Blake Spencer's pitching. Blake had maybe the best pitching performance of his career as he continues to improve on the mound, boasting the lowest ERA in the league after Day 1. Brian Kenney provided the eventual game winning 3-run home run off reigning CY Young, Brett Spencer to give the Rockies a humble start to their season.

6. Cardinals (0-1) (2) – Reigning CY Young, Brett Spencer, pitched a hell of a game and his pitches were still the best in the league. As for hitting, the only word to describe it is: Disappointment. Brett and reigning National Hitter of the Year, Sam Skibbe hit zero home runs, and combined for just three hits. The only other hit was Nick Lape's two run homer to halt the possible shutout for the Rockies, Blake Spencer.

7. Athletics (0-1) (7) – Despite getting mercy ruled in their opening day loss to the Yankees, there were a few bright spots for the A's franchise. Luke Bakula went 4-5 with two home runs and captain Alex Heck in his return to the wiffleball field added two homers as well. John Helling looks to be a bust as the A's await the return of up and coming prospect, Steve Hays for Saturday's games.

8. Pirates (0-0) (8) – No games played yet, and still no hope to make the playoffs.