

2017 Day 2 Power Rankings:

Overall Rank. Team (Record) (Division Rank)

1. Royals (4-0) (Sandbar 1) – They have the best record in the league, but they didn't get there looking like the best team in the league. They have given up more runs than expected but have the offense to hang with any team. For this team to live up to their potential, the entire roster needs to hit on all cylinders. The only positive of their first four games is that if one person is down in a game, the other three can pick them up and still pull out a win. The Royals have an enormous target on their backs and will continue to be must watch wiffleball throughout this weekend.

2. Yankees (3-0) (Glendale 1) – The Yankees have been pleasantly surprised with their start, especially without Jackson for two games. Scott Pohle is having an incredible year on both sides of the ball, showing shades of 2009 on the mound. Scott is on pace for 30 home runs, which would shatter the single season record and if his team can get on base for him, they will score the most runs in the league. With Jackson slated to return on Sunday, this team gets back their ace, having not lost a game all season.

3. Rockies (2-1) (Sportsbarn 1) – In a rematch of the 2015 SWBL Championship, the Rockies dropped a heartbreaker to the Yankees after they pulled Brett in extra innings for Breda, who gave up 7 runs in the 6th. They have a big day ahead of them tomorrow, playing in AT LEAST five games, but with the depth that they have, this team is an easy lock to make it into the playoffs and can beat any team on their docket.

4. Twins (3-1) (Glendale 2) – The Twins have quietly put together a solid season and I think that's the way they want it, to stay under the radar. Spencer Bogard is not having a typical recent year for him, but Chris Meador is creeping up the MVP conversation and is hitting an astounding .818, even with the new strikeout rule. Derek

did not debut well, but with Will on the backburner they have a solid addition to help guide them through a big day tomorrow. The Yankees, Twins is turning out to be the biggest race for a division title and it might come down to tomorrow's matchup.

5. Brewers (3-2) (Sportsbarn 2) – Every year, it seems like a new face breaks out for the Brew Crew, a testament to just how deep this roster goes. Patrick Gatti is putting up MVP numbers and leads his squad in many offensive categories. On the other side of the ball, David Olderman is pitching lights out and is in the running for 2017 CY Wiffle. If Peter and Kyle can break out on Sunday, this team may become quick favorites and climb these power rankings. 3-2 isn't a bad start to the season, but I am sure they would rather have the 4-1 record if they could have just hit one more in the extra inning, HR Derby game.

6. Athletics (0-3) (Sandbar 2) – Well, they did it again; they shocked the world. Nobody in this league thought that the A's would be 0-3 and the Expos would have two wins under their belt already. Now, the A's have played three very difficult opponents and are probably chomping at the bit to get those games in where they can snag a win for their record and their mindsets. Their 0-3 gift is to play the Royals again at 7:15 AM to wrap up that division series. That is a game the A's are looking to win and be the first to take down the number one team.

7. Expos (2-2) (Sportsbarn 3) – Well, their 2017 slogan is coming true. They are "expos"ing their lower opponents weaknesses and being just slightly better to not just win one, but win two games before Saturday is complete! The Expos defeated the Astros and the Diamondbax and now look to see if they can't play spoiler to someone else who decides to take them lightly. Evan Close is heating up and Matt Germer even got in on the action with his first career home run. This is a team that is on such a high from these wins that there may be no stopping them now.

8. Diamondbax (0-4) (Glendale 3) – I am sure Trent and the gang are frustrated with their performance so far, but they are continuing to grow into the new style of play. Jimmy Cole has been a big surprise, having just two hits in 4 games, both being solo home runs. Runs are at a minimum for this team, but it is possible as evidence from their game against the #1 Royals squad that they can hang with the front runners and give them a scare. If teams aren't careful, this band of misfits from Minnesota could come out and steal some wins, eh. (or is that Canada...close enough, they both like hockey...)

9. Astros (0-4) (Sandbar 3) – I do not want to be in Bryan Benware's head right now. The man loves this game and loves this league and tries it all to provide a competitive product on and off the field. All of the Astros are just great people, but as a team on the field, they have not found a magic run or gotten into any kind of rhythm. They batted 6 for the first few games but ended batting just 4, with the thought of doing that for the future as well. Benware is hitting better than last year and Belles is making his way up the Rookie of the Year leaderboard, with solid rookie play on both sides of the ball. For this team to find success, they need to establish a power game from Worrell, Artim, and/or Walters to have any shot at hanging with the big bats in this league, or they risk going 0-10 if they aren't careful.