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Several Zs Could Be September Call-Ups

Foli's Zephyrs Hustling to Finish Strong

By Bill Catalanello

The New Orleans Zephyrs started August by completing a tough road trip to the Far West with a 5-3 record for the trip to Tacoma and Portland. In early August the Zs were 57-54. New Orleans was 30-22 at home and 27-32 on the road through the first 111 games.

The Zephyrs continued providing ready talent to the Washington Nationals. As this issue goes to press former Zs Ryan Church, Brandon Harper, Bernie Castro, Roy Corcoran, Travis Hughes, Micah Bowie, and Ryan Wagner were all on the Washington roster.

Manager Tim Foli shaped his ever-changing roster of players into a winning unit thanks to strong pitching and a solid middle of the lineup. Tyrell Godwin, Larry Broadway and Brandon Larson have been run producers for Foli. Any or all could be September call-ups for the Nationals when the rosters expand for the major league season's final month.

Streaks, both good and bad, have been commonplace for the 2006 Zephyrs, but the month of July was the team's most consistent month so far. Foli's Zs won 14 and lost 13 in July and avoided long losing streaks. The team has consistently played hard and showed lots of hustle and resilience, regardless of the score or their place in the standings. With only two homestands left in the 2006 season, time is getting short, so let's get out and support the home team.

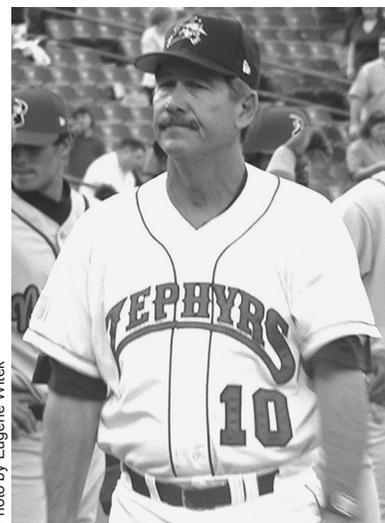


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Tim Foli

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