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Yomiuri Giants vs Seibu Lions
(Giants win series 4-0)

TOKOROZAWA, Japan (AP) - The Yomiuri Giants won the Japan Series on Wednesday, completing a four-game sweep with a 6-2 victory over the Seibu Lions. The Giants won their 20th title, the most in Japan, and their first since 2000. Tomohiro Nioka, who hit a grand slam in Game 3 and had nine hits in four games, was the MVP of the series.

In the final game, Pinch-hitter Koji Goto had a two-run triple in the sixth inning and Takayuki Saito drove in three runs for the Giants. Left-hander Hisanori Takahashi gave up three hits over eight innings for the win and Junichi Kawahara retired the side in the ninth. Tom Evans, formerly of the Texas Rangers, hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth to even the score for the Lions.

Giants 4, Lions 1**Game 1 - Tokyo Dome (45,107)****Shimizu, Kiyohara Two Run Homers Down Seibu 4-1**

Deuces were wild, as two fastballs on 2-1 counts from Seibu Lions starter Daiuke Matsuzaka were parlayed into a pair of two run homers by the Yomiuri Giants in the latter's 4-1 victory in the first game of the Japan Series. Giants starter Koji Uehara threw 70 pitches over the initial four innings, but then got into a groove and went all the way, striking out 12 to get the win

Boxscore

Lions 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 1 6 1 Lp: Matsuzaka 3-4-4-4-1-1
Giants 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 4 6 0 Wp: Uehara 9-6-1-1-2-12
2b: Hirao, Nikola, Hr: Cabrera (0 on), Shimizu (1), Kiyohara (1).

Giants 9, Lions 4**Game 2 - Tokyo Dome (45,223)****Giants Destroy Lions to Take Two Game Lead 9-4**

As was unfortunately predictable, the Yomiuri Giants batting order tattooed Seibu Lions starter Takashi Ishii for six runs on seven hits in two plus innings, as the Tokyoites went on to demolish their Saitama rivals Sunday at Tokyo Dome 9-4. Masumi Kuwata started for the victors and had the Lions hitters on their heels all night, limiting the Pacific League's top offense to one run on seven hits in seven innings to grab his first series shiroboshi since game five of the 1994 classic and the third of his career.

Boxscore

Lions 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 1 - 4 9 0 Lp: Ishii 2-7-6-6-0-0
Giants 1 0 6 0 0 0 0 2 0 - 9 13 0 Wp: Kuwata 7-7-1-1-1-3
2b: Miyaji, Tomoa, Sato, McClain; Matsui 2, Nishi 2 Hr: Cabrera (1 on)
Stars: H. Matsui (3-3 2r 3bi)

Giants 10, Lions 2**Game 3 - Seibu Dome (30,933)****Nioka Slams Giants to Verge of 20th Nippon Ichi**

Yomiuri Giants got a grand slam homer from shortstop Tomohiro Nioka in the fourth and then a two run jack from rightfielder Yoshinobu Takahashi in game three of the Japan Series on the way to a 10-2 drubbing of the Tokorozawa contingent Tuesday at Seibu Dome. The Tokyo side are now up 3-0 and are looking for its first ever series sweep.

Boxscore

Giants 0 1 2 4 0 0 1 2 0 - 10 13 0 Wp: Kudo 8-8-2-2-0-8
Lions 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 - 2 8 0 Lp: Chang 3-6-5-5-1-3
2b: Nioka, Matsui, Eto; Cabrera, Hr: Kiyohara (0 on), Nioka (3 on),
Takahashi (1 on), Matsui (1 on)
Stars: Nioka (3-5 3r 4bi)

Giants 6, Lions 2**Game 4 - Seibu Dome (31,072)****Giants Complete Overwhelming Sweep of Seibu 6-2**

The Yomiuri Giants finally did it, sweeping a Japan Series in four games for the first time in their history for their 20th championship, as starter Hisanori Takahashi limited the Lions lineup to two runs on three hits Wednesday at Seibu Dome to cruise to a 6-2 victory, the team's eighth straight series game in which they have emerged on top at the end of the night.

Boxscore

Giants 0 2 0 0 0 3 1 0 0 - 6 6 1 Wp: Takahashi 8-3-2-2-0-7
Lions 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 - 2 4 1 Lp: Matsuzaka 2-3-4-3-1-3
3b: Goto, Hr: Sato (1 on), Evans (1 on)
Stars: Sato (3-4 2r 3bi)

Notes:

Pitching Lines IP-H-R-ER-BB-SO

Central League Final Standings

Teams	Gp	Wn	Ls	Dr	.Pct	Gb	For	Agg	.Avg	Hr	Sb	Era	OAvg	Er
Yomiuri Giants	140	86	52	2	.623	--	691	485	.272	186	69	3.07	.247	68
Yakult Swallows	140	74	62	4	.544	11.0	554	528	.263	142	36	3.39	.245	61
Chunichi Dragons	140	69	66	5	.511	15.5	546	502	.257	125	54	3.19	.256	68
Hanshin Tigers	140	66	70	4	.486	19.0	527	524	.253	122	73	3.41	.248	73
Hiroshima Bay Stars	140	64	72	4	.471	21.0	543	674	.259	154	59	4.36	.281	89
Yokohama Toyo Carp	140	49	86	5	.363	35.5	472	620	.240	97	65	4.09	.267	81

Central League All-Stars: C: Abe (Gnt), 1b: Petagine (Swa), 2b: Imaoka (Swa), 3b: Iwamura (Swa), Ss: Ibata (Drg), Of: Matsui (Gnt), Fukudome (Drg), Shimizu (Gnt)
SP: Uehara (Gnt), **RP:** Gaillard (Drg).

Player of the Year: Hideki Matsui, Yomiuri Giants

Rookie of the Year: Masanori Ishikawa, Yakult Swallows

Batting Leaders (min 350AB)

Rnk.	Players	Team	.Avg	Gp	Ab	Rn	Ht	2b	3b	Hr	Rbi	Bb	So	Sb	.Slg	.Oba
1.	K. Fukudome	Dragons	.343	140	542	85	186	42	3	19	65	56	96	4	.537	.406
2.	H. Matsui	Giants	.334	140	500	112	167	27	1	50	107	114	104	3	.692	.461
3.	R. Petagine	Swallows	.322	131	453	90	146	23	1	41	94	85	106	0	.649	.438
4.	A. Iwamura	Swallows	.320	140	510	67	163	35	2	23	71	58	114	5	.531	.390
5.	M. Imaoka	Tigers	.317	122	505	46	160	40	0	15	56	28	62	0	.485	.355
6.	T. Shimizu	Giants	.314	139	609	92	191	26	5	14	58	31	69	12	.442	.346
7.	T. Maeda	Carp	.308	123	422	50	130	11	1	20	59	37	38	0	.481	.364
8.	Y. Takahashi	Giants	.306	105	409	63	125	18	0	17	53	27	70	1	.474	.365
9.	K. Tatsunami	Dragons	.302	137	506	62	153	34	2	16	92	45	55	4	.472	.364

Runs		Hits		Doubles		Triples		
1.	Matsui Gnt	112	Shimizu Gnt	191	Fukudome Drg	42	Shimizu Gnt	5
2.	Shimizu Gnt	92	Fukudome Drg	186	Imoka Tgr	40	Akahoshi Tgr	4
3.	Petagine Swa	90	Matsui Gnt	167	Iwamura Swa	35	4 players with	3

Home Runs		Runs Batted In		Base on Balls		Stolen Bases		
1.	Matsui Gnt	50	Matsui Gnt	107	Matsui Gnt	114	Akahoshi Tgr	26
2.	Petagine Swa	41	Petagine Swa	94	Petagine Swa	85	Nishi Gnt	22
3.	Arias Tgr	32	2 player with	92	Kanemoto Crp	60	Ishii ByS	19

Pitching Leaders (135Ip)

Rnk.	Pitchers	Team	Wn	Ls	ERA	Gp	Gs	Cg	So	Sv	Ip	Ht	Rn	Er	Hr	Bb	So
1.	M. Kuwata	Giants	12	6	2.22	23	23	3	1	0	158	138	51	39	13	38	108
2.	K. Kawakami	Dragons	12	6	2.35	27	27	3	3	0	188	170	54	49	13	34	149
3.	K. Igawa	Tigers	14	9	2.49	31	29	8	4	1	210	163	63	58	15	53	206
4.	K. Uehara	Giants	17	5	2.60	26	26	8	3	0	204	173	65	59	18	23	182
5.	K. Asakura	Dragons	11	11	2.61	31	30	7	1	0	200	193	71	58	10	63	149
6.	K. Kudo	Giants	9	8	2.91	24	24	1	1	0	170	157	61	55	21	26	151
7.	S. Fujii	Swallows	10	9	3.08	28	28	5	1	0	196	167	72	67	25	44	171
8.	H. Takahashi	Giants	10	4	3.09	24	23	2	0	0	163	143	58	56	16	39	145
9.	T. Moore	Tigers	10	11	3.33	27	27	4	2	0	181	165	76	67	19	60	116
10.	M. Ishikawa	Swallows	12	9	3.33	29	28	2	0	0	178	183	76	66	20	29	104

Wins		Loses		Games Pitched		Complete Games		
1.	Uehara Gnt	17	Takahashi Crp	14	Ishii Swa	69	Igawa Tgr	8
2.	Hodges Swa	17	Asakura Drg	11	Igarashi Swa	64	Uehara Gnt	8
3.	Igawa Tgr	14	Moore Tgr	11	2 players with	57	Kuroda Crp	8

Shutouts		Saves		Inning Pitch		Strikeouts		
1.	Igawa Tgr	4	Gaillard Dra	34	Igawa Tgr	209	Igawa Tgr	206
2.	3 players with	3	Takatsu Swa	32	Uehara Gnt	204	Uehara Gnt	182
3.			Oyamada Crp	30	Hodges Swa	201	Fujii Swa	171

Team Statistics (Continued...)

Hiroshima Toyo Carp

Player	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pitcher	W	L	ERA	GP	GS	CG	Sv	IP	H	BB	SO									
Asai	.321	134	19	43	6	1	3	18	1	Amano	0	0	1.32	11	0	0	0	14	9	3	13									
KKimura	.314	258	25	81	11	1	5	28	0	Oyamada	2	1	2.36	43	0	0	29	42	40	13	33									
Maeda	.313	415	50	130	11	1	20	59	0	K.Kobayshi	4	5	3.18	52	0	0	0	68	60	24	64									
Fukuchi	.303	76	16	23	3	1	0	5	14	Sasaoka	8	8	3.27	24	24	2	0	149	161	31	124									
Ogata	.297	461	76	137	23	0	24	71	4	Tamaki	6	1	3.54	50	0	0	2	53	50	16	42									
Arai	.291	492	61	143	27	2	26	72	1	Kuroda	10	9	3.72	22	22	8	0	157	160	32	137									
Diaz	.280	353	36	99	16	0	17	51	2	Takahashi	9	13	3.86	25	24	5	0	165	192	35	133									
Kanemoto	.280	522	78	146	30	2	28	81	8	Hasegawa	12	10	3.88	29	29	5	0	192	211	42	151									
Hirose	.273	22	3	6	1	0	0	2	1	Hiroike	1	0	4.57	42	0	0	0	45	47	21	32									
Okagami	.250	12	17	3	0	0	0	0	5	Tomabechi	4	3	4.71	20	5	1	0	57	52	26	56									
Lopez	.245	265	12	65	11	1	5	33	0	Stanifer	0	0	4.74	15	0	0	0	19	28	6	15									
Higashide	.237	363	41	86	7	1	1	16	12	Kawauchi	1	7	5.98	12	8	0	0	47	55	19	39									
TKimura	.234	406	46	95	18	1	5	27	6	Tsuruta	4	6	6.07	17	17	0	0	73	95	29	54									
Nomura	.214	173	14	37	4	0	3	11	1	Kawano	0	0	6.33	20	0	0	0	27	37	10	30									
Machida	.207	92	10	19	3	0	6	11	1	Yokoyama	1	4	8.60	6	6	0	0	30	44	7	24									
Nishiyama	.199	166	12	33	4	0	4	11	1	Beltran	0	1	9.15	25	0	0	0	20	33	4	20									
Hasegawa	.172	58	2	10	1	0	0	3	0	Sakai	0	1	10.8	25	0	0	0	27	34	16	17									
Takahashi	.111	54	0	6	0	0	0	0	0																					
Kuroda	.100	50	3	5	1	0	0	0	0																					
Sasaoka	.070	43	1	3	2	0	0	0	0																					
Vs Opponents																														
											Chunichi	11-15-2			Hanshin			13-15												
											Yakult	11-16-1			Yomiuri			12-14-2												
											Yokohama	14-13-1																		
Home Record											32-37-1			Road Record			32-35-3													

Yakult Swallows

Player	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pitcher	W	L	ERA	GP	GS	CG	Sv	IP	H	BB	SO									
Iwamura	.323	489	65	158	32	2	22	70	5	Matsuda	0	2	0.61	16	0	0	0	15	12	5	9									
Petagine	.322	444	89	143	23	1	40	90	0	HiShii	6	2	1.48	65	0	0	2	85	60	12	100									
Furuta	.300	420	49	126	24	1	9	60	3	Rigarashi	8	2	2.13	61	0	0	4	76	48	17	94									
Noguchi	.300	30	5	9	2	1	1	3	0	Kawabata	3	2	2.53	40	0	0	0	43	42	13	38									
Ramirez	.299	519	65	155	24	0	24	91	0	Fujii	10	9	3.08	28	28	5	0	196	167	44	171									
SMiyamoto	.291	464	53	135	21	1	5	25	6	Hodges	16	8	3.33	31	31	0	0	192	174	65	125									
Inaba	.261	433	56	113	16	1	10	38	3	Ishikawa	10	9	3.46	27	26	2	0	166	169	26	99									
Manaka	.248	367	39	91	13	0	4	25	2	Newman	2	3	3.52	42	4	0	0	72	55	30	58									
Miki	.240	100	9	24	3	0	0	7	7	Sakamoto	3	9	3.68	29	18	1	0	108	93	28	100									
Shiroishi	.238	214	21	51	11	0	6	25	1	Kamada	3	2	3.78	11	9	0	0	50	46	14	31									
SSato	.235	213	20	50	7	1	4	20	1	Takatsu	0	2	3.92	43	0	0	32	41	37	11	28									
Dobashi	.226	164	7	37	4	0	1	10	0	Teramura	0	0	4.30	17	0	0	0	23	23	8	25									
Watarai	.215	79	6	17	4	0	2	9	0	Maeda	3	1	4.45	14	3	0	0	30	38	8	25									
Hamana	.211	90	7	19	3	0	1	5	1	Hanada	1	0	4.61	20	0	0	0	27	24	12	27									
Ikeyama	.211	38	1	8	0	0	1	6	0	Hagiwara	0	2	5.02	8	2	0	0	14	20	1	12									
Ono	.208	72	9	15	3	0	3	9	0	Yamamoto	0	0	5.23	11	0	0	0	10	13	2	8									
Shida	.203	59	7	12	2	0	1	3	1	Yamabe	5	3	5.53	10	9	0	0	41	51	9	29									
Yoneno	.200	45	4	9	0	0	1	2	0	Siriki	1	3	6.66	6	5	0	0	26	33	6	11									
Ishikawa	.173	52	2	9	0	0	0	2	0																					
Ida	.170	53	8	9	1	0	0	2	1																					
Vs Opponents																														
											Chunichi	16-11-1			Hanshin			17-11												
											Hiroshima	14-12-2			Yomiuri			10-18												
											Yokohama	17-10-1																		
Home Record											37-30-3			Road Record			37-32-1													

Team Statistics (Continued...)

Yomiuri Giants Tokyo

Player	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pitcher	W	L	ERA	GP	GS	CG	Sv	IP	H	BB	SO
Matsui	.337	495	112	167	27	1	50	107	3	Almonte	0	0	1.50	27	0	0	1	24	18	7	18
Kiyohara	.318	148	24	47	1	0	12	33	0	Kuwata	12	6	2.22	23	23	3	0	158	138	38	108
Shimizu	.314	605	92	190	26	5	14	56	12	Cho	2	0	2.31	6	1	0	0	12	12	2	5
TSaito	.311	235	37	73	13	1	5	37	4	Uehara	17	5	2.60	26	26	8	0	204	173	23	182
YTakahashi	.306	409	63	125	18	0	17	53	1	Kawahara	5	3	2.70	49	0	0	28	50	44	6	61
Abe	.297	441	61	131	25	0	17	69	4	Maeda	4	4	2.74	53	0	0	1	46	47	6	43
Kuwata	.294	51	4	15	5	1	1	9	0	Kudo	9	8	2.91	24	24	1	0	170	157	26	151
Nioka	.282	394	64	111	21	1	24	67	3	YIriki	5	4	3.05	21	18	1	0	133	120	26	115
Kawanaka	.279	111	22	31	4	1	1	7	6	HTakahashi	10	4	3.09	24	23	2	0	163	143	39	145
Miyazaki	.261	23	5	6	0	0	0	2	0	Jobe	2	3	3.25	46	0	0	0	36	33	20	38
Motoki	.257	343	39	88	12	1	6	52	1	Okajima	6	3	3.40	52	0	0	0	56	42	22	58
Nishi	.244	365	45	89	19	2	8	42	21	Sanada	5	3	3.95	11	11	0	0	66	72	13	39
Eto	.242	414	53	100	12	1	18	56	5	Sakai	1	2	4.19	12	1	0	0	19	19	11	13
Y.Murata	.228	57	5	13	0	1	1	6	0	Takeda	2	1	4.22	7	4	0	0	21	26	3	16
Yoshinaga	.227	22	2	5	0	0	2	3	0	Wasdin	1	4	4.54	10	7	0	0	38	55	9	31
Goto	.222	117	11	26	3	0	1	8	1	YKawamoto	3	1	4.70	25	0	0	0	23	22	14	21
Kawai	.221	113	11	25	5	0	1	8	0	Chung	0	1	6.41	17	0	0	0	20	24	7	14
Fukui	.220	59	9	13	2	0	4	11	1												
Uehara	.188	69	2	13	6	0	0	8	0												
Kudo	.093	54	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	Vs Opponents											
HTakahashi	.091	55	1	5	0	0	0	2	0	Chunichi			16-12				Hanshin			15-12-1	
										Hiroshima			16-11-1				Yakult			18-10	
										Yokohama			21-7								
										Home Record			42-25-1				Road Record			42-27-1	

Yokohama BayStars

Player	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pitcher	W	L	ERA	GP	GS	CG	Sv	IP	H	BB	SO
Uchikawa	.333	66	11	22	4	1	2	7	0	TSaito	1	2	2.45	39	0	0	20	48	37	15	46
Furuki	.317	82	13	26	5	0	9	20	2	Guzman	5	4	2.81	18	12	4	0	90	78	30	64
Saeki	.292	202	13	59	10	0	2	21	4	Fukumori	2	3	3.09	31	2	0	2	47	45	14	45
TkSuzuki	.282	380	34	107	19	0	9	42	3	Miura	4	10	3.23	19	18	4	0	120	108	28	100
TIshii	.272	555	74	151	27	2	6	46	19	Hata	1	0	3.38	3	2	0	0	13	11	3	12
Ogawa	.261	345	27	90	14	2	7	44	1	Yoshimi	11	7	3.49	26	24	4	0	178	185	45	130
K.Tanaka	.261	161	22	42	3	0	1	8	6	Hosomi	0	1	3.55	27	0	0	0	38	33	7	29
Rodriguez	.258	434	54	112	24	2	17	55	10	Holt	6	10	3.57	19	17	4	0	111	107	11	77
Fukumoto	.254	63	8	16	0	0	0	7	2	Bowers	4	8	3.77	24	21	2	0	131	130	41	90
Taneda	.253	391	47	99	18	0	5	28	5	Kizuka	1	3	3.95	35	0	0	2	41	41	9	39
Koike	.250	104	10	26	4	0	2	11	1	Taniguchi	1	5	4.29	14	7	0	0	50	52	23	37
YIshii	.250	20	2	5	1	0	0	1	0	Yokoyama	1	2	4.38	13	0	0	1	12	10	8	13
Tamura	.238	181	23	43	8	0	5	16	3	YSugimoto	1	3	4.53	20	7	0	0	54	54	19	44
Gulan	.226	248	20	56	16	0	10	34	1	HYamada	2	4	4.54	7	7	0	0	36	38	13	26
Nakane	.221	86	6	19	5	0	3	12	0	Takeshita	2	3	4.81	44	0	0	0	39	43	15	43
Yoshimi	.220	59	7	13	2	0	0	5	0	Morinaka	2	5	4.85	27	6	0	0	59	61	17	43
Aikawa	.212	170	15	36	6	0	1	11	0	Kawahara	1	1	6.06	34	0	0	0	16	23	12	21
HIshii	.208	77	3	16	3	0	0	2	0	Turman	0	2	6.16	9	2	0	0	19	23	7	13
Nakamura	.206	277	22	57	8	0	5	19	0	Inamine	0	2	6.23	19	1	0	0	22	32	10	22
Manei	.190	42	3	8	1	0	0	3	2	Kawamura	0	1	6.97	3	3	0	0	10	15	5	6
Kinjo	.179	212	12	38	8	1	0	13	4	Azuma	1	0	7.56	28	0	0	0	25	32	12	12
Young	.173	110	15	19	3	0	8	16	0	Goto	1	1	8.71	7	5	0	0	21	33	12	18
Guzman	.125	24	1	3	1	0	0	1	1												
Bowers	.116	43	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	Vs Opponents											
Holt	.088	34	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	Chunichi			9-17-2				Hanshin			10-17-1	
Shichino	.071	28	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	Hiroshima			13-14-1				Yakult			10-17-1	
Miura	.056	36	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	Yomiuri			7-21								
										Home Record			27-40-3				Road Record			22-46-2	

Pacific League Final Standings

Teams	Gp	Wn	Ls	Dr	.Pct	Gb	For	Agg	.Avg	Hr	Sb	Era	OAvg	Er
Seibu Lions	140	90	49	1	.647	--	672	492	.278	183	107	3.20	.239	65
Osaka Kitetsu B.	140	73	65	2	.529	16.5	598	592	.258	177	32	3.93	.262	78
Fukuta Daiei Hawks	140	73	65	2	.529	16.5	630	578	.267	160	72	3.86	.261	73
Chibba Lotte Marines	140	67	72	1	.482	23.0	500	565	.247	101	57	3.72	.262	82
Nippon Ham Fighters	140	61	76	3	.445	28.0	506	570	.247	146	72	3.86	.253	64
Orix Blue Wave	140	50	87	3	.365	39.0	438	547	.235	102	86	3.58	.256	64

Pacific League All-Stars: C: Ito (Lns), 1b: Cabrera (Lns), 2b: Takagi (Lns), 3b: Nakamura (Buf), Ss: Matsui (Lns), Of: Tani (BlW), Rhodes (Buf), Ozeki (Lns), DH: Wada (Lns), SP: Powell (Buf), RP: Toyoda (Lns).

Player of the Year: Alex Cabrera, Seibu Lions

Rookie of the Year: Itsuki Shoda, Nippon Ham Fighters

Batting Leaders (min 350AB)

Rnk.	Players	Team	.Avg	Gp	Ab	Rn	Ht	2b	3b	Hr	Rbi	Bb	So	Sb	.Slg	.Oba
1.	M. Ogasawara	Fighters	.340	135	486	77	165	27	2	32	81	76	77	8	.601	.430
2.	A. Cabrera	Lions	.336	128	447	105	150	23	0	55	115	100	117	4	.756	.467
3.	K. Matsui	Lions	.332	140	582	119	193	46	6	36	87	53	112	33	.617	.389
4.	Y. Tani	BlueWave	.326	138	524	49	171	31	1	5	39	47	44	41	.418	.383
5.	K. Wada	Lions	.319	115	439	64	140	25	2	33	81	27	74	5	.610	.357
6.	T. Ozeki	Lions	.314	135	487	59	153	35	1	4	50	25	59	15	.415	.357
7.	P. Valdes	Hawks	.303	121	446	65	135	32	2	21	76	52	82	2	.525	.378
8.	K. Fukuura	Marines	.300	135	493	48	148	40	0	9	66	52	73	2	.436	.384
9.	N. Nakamura	Buffaloes	.294	140	511	87	150	27	1	42	115	86	136	2	.597	.400
10.	K. Jojima	Hawks	.293	115	416	60	122	18	0	25	74	30	41	8	.517	.348

Runs			Hits			Doubles			Triples			
1.	Matsui	Lns	119	Matsui	Lns	193	Matsui	Lns	46	Matsui	Lns	6
2.	Cabrera	Lns	105	Tani	BlW	171	Fukuura	Mar	40	Kosaka	Mar	6
3.	Rhodes	Buf	94	Ogasawara	Ftr	165	Yoshioka	Buf	40	Kawasaki	Hwk	5\

Home Runs			Runs Batted In			Base on Balls			Stolen Bases			
1.	Cabrera	Lns	55	Rhodes	Buf	117	Cabrera	Lns	100	Tani	BlW	41
2.	Rhodes	Buf	46	Cabrera	Lns	115	Nakamura	Buf	86	Matsui	Lns	33
3.	Nakamura	Buf	42	Nakamura	Buf	115	Ogasawara	Ftr	76	Iguchi	Hwk	21

Pitching Leaders (135Ip)

Rnk.	Pitchers	Team	Wn	Ls	ERA	Gp	Gs	Cg	So	Sv	Ip	Ht	Rn	Er	Hr	Bb	So
1.	M. Kaneda	BlueWave	4	9	2.50	23	23	1	1	0	141	135	48	39	12	31	85
2.	D. Koo	BlueWave	5	7	2.52	22	22	1	0	0	146	122	45	41	13	47	144
3.	N. Minchey	Marines	15	14	2.85	32	32	7	2	0	230	222	85	73	18	43	132
4.	K. Wakatabe	Hawks	10	8	2.99	26	20	7	1	0	147	152	59	49	10	36	96
5.	K. Mitsui	Lions	10	2	3.15	41	17	1	1	0	140	128	51	49	17	34	94
6.	S. Kanemura	Fighters	10	6	3.17	32	23	2	1	0	168	153	65	59	19	53	143
7.	I. Shoda	Fighters	9	11	3.45	23	23	5	2	0	157	145	66	60	12	37	90
8.	F. Nishiguchi	Lions	15	10	3.51	29	29	3	2	0	182	166	76	71	25	51	180
9.	C. Seelbach	Fighters	8	7	3.60	22	22	2	0	0	140	138	61	56	9	66	75
10.	E. Yarnall	BlueWave	6	13	3.61	25	25	1	1	0	164	149	70	66	13	62	120

Wins			Loses			Games Pitched			Complete Games			
1.	Powell	Buf	17	Kato	Mar	15	Mori	Lns	71	Minchey	Mar	7
2.	Minchey	Mar	15	Kawagoe	BlW	15	Okamoto	Buf	65	Wakatabe	Hwk	7
3.	Nishiguchi	Lns	15	Minchey	Mar	15	Yoshida	Hwk	62	2 with		6

Shutouts			Saves			Inning Pitch			Strikeouts			
1.	Powell	Buf	4	Toyoda	Lns	38	Minchey	Mar	230	Powell	Buf	182
2.	6 players with		2	Kobayashi	Mar	37	Powell	Buf	217	Nishiguchi	Lns	180
3.				Otsuka	Buf	22	Nishiguchi	Lns	182	Kato	Mar	148

Team Statistics

Chiba Lotte Marines

Player	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pitcher	W	L	ERA	GP	GS	CG	Sv	IP	H	BB	SO								
Fukuura	.297	475	47	141	39	0	9	64	2	MKobayashi	2	1	0.88	40	0	0	35	41	24	5	39								
SOMURA	.289	432	66	125	33	2	8	42	13	HKobayashi	7	4	2.66	53	1	0	0	74	64	26	73								
May	.273	472	53	129	25	1	22	86	2	Kawai	4	1	2.78	49	4	0	0	78	73	28	74								
Sakai	.261	188	20	49	11	0	1	17	0	Minchey	15	14	2.85	32	32	7	0	230	222	43	132								
Morozumi	.256	305	39	78	16	2	2	16	17	Takagi	3	2	3.32	16	5	1	0	38	41	11	21								
MShimizu	.254	240	13	61	14	0	1	22	0	Sikorski	4	6	3.44	47	7	0	2	97	76	20	102								
Hori	.250	368	54	92	18	2	13	33	4	Yoshida	0	0	3.57	38	0	0	0	40	41	18	20								
Sato	.250	100	8	25	6	1	1	6	0	Ono	4	8	3.61	18	18	2	0	102	103	26	68								
Kosaka	.245	330	34	81	13	6	1	14	10	Fujita	0	2	4.29	47	0	0	0	21	27	3	14								
Hatsushiba	.226	389	37	88	14	0	17	54	0	JKuroki	0	0	4.50	6	0	0	0	12	16	2	6								
Tachikawa	.226	252	25	57	12	1	6	30	3	NShimizu	14	10	4.57	30	28	2	0	171	192	56	119								
Yoshitsuru	.219	32	3	7	1	0	0	2	0	Kato	9	15	4.68	30	25	1	0	146	155	49	132								
Tsuji	.207	82	6	17	4	0	1	8	0	KYamasaki	0	0	5.00	40	0	0	0	45	44	14	35								
Bolick	.204	211	27	43	11	0	6	24	0	Nagasaki	0	2	6.30	2	2	0	0	10	11	6	4								
MWatanabe	.202	129	16	26	3	2	2	10	2	SWatanabe	0	3	6.35	8	8	0	0	34	41	12	26								
Iyoda	.200	35	7	7	3	0	1	3	0	TTanaka	0	0	6.75	18	1	0	0	20	21	6	9								
Shigi	.194	62	3	12	4	0	0	3	0	Yabuta	1	2	8.74	3	3	0	0	11	16	4	8								
Otsuka	.186	86	6	16	5	1	1	6	2																				
Hashimoto	.176	34	3	6	1	0	1	3	0																				
Kita	.174	46	3	8	1	1	0	3	0																				
Sawai	.169	65	4	11	2	0	2	5	0																				
Heiuchi	.120	25	2	3	0	0	1	4	0																				
Vs Opponents																													
										Daiei			10-18					Nippon			18-10								
										Orix			15-13					Osaka			16-12								
										Seibu			8-19-1																
										Home Record			36-33-1					Road Record			31-39								

Fukuoka Daiei Hawks

Player	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pitcher	W	L	ERA	GP	GS	CG	Sv	IP	H	BB	SO									
Takahashi	.320	50	7	16	4	0	0	3	1	Shinohara	0	0	0.83	19	0	0	0	22	10	7	20									
Valdes	.303	446	65	135	32	2	21	76	2	Okamoto	4	1	1.40	47	0	0	8	51	37	8	62									
Omichi	.295	298	33	88	18	0	6	35	1	Mizuta	3	0	2.41	5	5	2	0	34	28	10	25									
Jojima	.291	412	60	120	17	0	25	74	8	KSaito	4	1	2.67	9	9	0	0	64	49	19	61									
Kokubo	.286	503	86	144	23	0	31	87	8	MWatanabe	1	1	2.72	56	0	0	1	40	37	21	23									
Tsuji	.273	33	1	9	1	0	0	3	0	Wakatabe	10	8	2.99	26	20	7	0	148	152	36	96									
Deguchi	.270	152	25	41	7	1	6	24	1	Yoshida	7	5	3.16	61	0	0	3	77	71	28	66									
Shibahara	.269	505	72	136	32	2	4	43	5	Matsumoto	0	2	3.21	11	0	0	0	14	15	5	8									
Matsunaka	.262	481	75	126	23	1	28	82	1	Pedraza	1	2	3.30	34	0	0	21	30	36	5	16									
Muramatsu	.261	188	21	49	13	1	0	14	7	Terahara	6	2	3.59	14	7	0	1	58	53	15	41									
Iguchi	.259	428	64	111	14	1	18	53	21	Hoshino	9	10	3.76	33	21	2	0	139	133	35	68									
Torigoe	.254	327	34	83	10	3	4	25	6	Ijima	3	3	3.89	24	1	0	1	35	30	17	26									
Akiyama	.249	229	14	57	7	0	5	24	0	Tanoue	6	9	3.93	26	24	4	0	149	154	30	83									
Okoshi	.241	79	16	19	5	1	1	14	3	Sakumoto	0	0	4.91	7	0	0	0	11	16	5	8									
Taguchi	.230	87	10	20	4	0	1	7	1	Nagai	3	5	5.05	17	12	1	0	71	67	27	64									
Kawasaki	.226	106	11	24	3	5	0	7	3	Matsu	0	1	5.11	7	0	0	0	12	11	3	4									
Burkhart	.214	126	14	27	1	0	9	18	0	Yamada	5	6	5.24	18	15	1	0	91	92	39	82									
Bonishi	.190	63	2	12	2	1	0	5	0	TSuzuki	1	1	5.25	12	0	0	0	12	11	4	11									
Homma	.175	57	7	10	2	0	0	3	2	Raggio	6	5	5.44	15	15	0	0	83	95	20	49									
Nonogaki	.172	58	5	10	1	0	0	0	1	Sugiuchi	2	2	5.93	11	9	0	0	44	48	23	46									
										Ogura	0	1	6.55	7	1	0	0	11	13	5	9									
Vs Opponents																														
										Chibba			18-10					Nippon			15-12-1									
										Orix			15-13					Osaka			13-14-1									
										Home Record			43-26-1					Road Record			30-39-1									

Team Statistics (Continued...)

Nippon Ham Fighters

Player	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pitcher	W	L	ERA	GP	GS	CG	Sv	IP	H	BB	SO	
Ogasawara	.340	486	77	165	27	2	32	81	8	Tateyama	3	2	2.37	44	0	0	3	57	40	12	36	
Kaneko	.286	391	46	112	19	3	6	29	9	Kanemura	9	6	3.19	31	22	2	0	161	145	50	137	
YTanaka	.272	456	53	124	30	3	17	53	0	Mirabal	9	6	3.37	18	18	4	0	126	111	42	77	
Obando	.263	441	49	116	18	1	26	68	3	Flury	0	0	3.46	10	0	0	0	13	9	5	19	
Hayashi	.261	153	16	40	6	1	6	27	0	Shibakusa	4	3	3.58	55	0	0	11	60	62	13	50	
KTanaka	.255	149	17	38	7	3	0	9	3	Seelbach	8	7	3.60	22	22	2	0	140	138	66	75	
Akune	.245	49	5	12	1	0	2	3	0	Shoda	8	11	3.66	22	22	5	0	148	140	36	84	
Cromer	.245	478	49	117	27	3	20	54	5	Iba	1	2	3.77	45	0	0	11	45	37	11	60	
Ishimoto	.242	91	13	22	2	1	2	6	10	Sekine	3	4	3.94	12	10	1	0	62	51	16	55	
Kimoto	.234	235	20	55	10	1	7	25	1	HNakamura	7	10	4.28	20	20	1	0	128	125	46	80	
Nishiura	.229	35	2	8	0	0	1	2	0	Shimizu	2	4	4.28	18	7	2	1	48	47	11	32	
Fujishima	.228	127	15	29	3	0	5	23	3	Muto	0	1	4.62	25	0	0	0	39	41	18	39	
Noguchi	.228	285	28	65	9	2	5	31	3	Kato	0	4	4.89	33	3	1	0	39	44	12	29	
Ide	.226	376	44	85	22	1	13	38	5	Sasaki	2	4	5.14	39	0	0	1	42	32	28	44	
Shimada	.205	44	5	9	3	0	0	1	0	Shimoyangi	2	7	5.75	17	9	0	0	52	49	25	44	
Narahara	.199	312	22	62	6	0	1	14	12	Tateishi	0	2	6.30	8	0	0	0	10	12	1	10	
YNakamura	.188	112	7	21	8	0	1	4	1	Iwamoto	1	2	6.88	4	4	0	0	17	25	10	12	
Morimoto	.180	50	6	9	3	0	1	5	5													
Furuiki	.151	53	10	8	1	0	0	0	3	Vs Opponents												
Sanematsu	.128	164	7	21	5	0	1	2	0	Chiba			10-18				Daiei			12-15-1		
Ueda	.036	28	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	Orix			16-10-2				Osaka			13-15		
										Seibu			10-18									
										Home Record			32-36-2				Road Record			29-40-1		

Orix BlueWave

Player	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pitcher	W	L	ERA	GP	GS	CG	Sv	IP	H	BB	SO	
Tani	.324	516	49	167	31	1	5	39	41	Tanaka	7	1	2.00	12	10	3	0	77	60	31	68	
Tamaki	.302	43	6	13	1	0	0	5	0	Kawaguchi	0	1	2.45	7	1	0	0	11	12	7	12	
Takamizawa	.275	153	20	42	8	1	4	25	0	Kaneda	4	9	2.50	23	23	1	0	141	135	31	85	
Satake	.273	132	11	36	7	2	0	9	0	Yamaguchi	2	3	2.50	41	0	0	6	54	40	13	49	
Soejima	.257	101	9	26	3	0	1	6	1	Koo	5	7	2.52	22	22	1	0	146	122	47	144	
Sheldon	.256	450	65	115	28	1	26	59	4	Hagiwara	3	4	2.64	48	0	0	10	65	42	26	55	
Goshima	.251	211	21	53	11	0	7	30	1	Yamamoto	0	2	3.21	27	0	0	0	14	6	8	14	
Goto	.245	94	11	23	4	3	2	8	1	Tokumoto	1	3	3.39	28	5	1	0	61	61	23	26	
Shiotani	.231	273	22	63	13	1	5	20	2	Ogura	7	4	3.50	17	15	1	0	100	112	17	60	
Oshima	.230	374	32	86	12	0	1	25	13	Kase	0	2	3.50	33	0	0	0	18	16	6	6	
Shindo	.224	352	35	79	14	0	5	29	4	Yarnall	6	13	3.61	25	25	1	0	164	149	62	120	
Katsuragi	.218	216	18	47	8	1	1	12	0	Ebisu	1	1	3.78	6	1	0	1	17	16	8	10	
Aikawa	.216	162	11	35	10	0	5	23	3	Okubo	1	5	3.95	28	0	0	10	27	27	13	30	
Tsuji	.214	42	1	9	3	0	0	2	1	Tokano	3	3	4.01	12	8	0	0	49	48	11	46	
Shiozaki	.206	384	26	79	13	0	2	20	3	Kitagawa	0	3	4.22	4	4	0	0	21	20	10	14	
Seguignol	.204	280	39	57	8	0	23	47	1	Kobayashi	3	1	4.35	15	0	0	0	21	15	8	12	
Hidaka	.193	331	34	64	14	2	12	36	1	Kawagoe	3	15	4.92	34	15	0	0	117	148	36	71	
Miwa	.184	125	9	23	5	0	2	8	1	Aiki	2	4	5.05	14	7	2	0	46	47	16	25	
Hayakawa	.177	113	8	20	4	0	0	1	6	Imamura	2	3	5.40	24	0	0	2	27	28	12	21	
Fujii	.152	105	1	16	3	0	1	6	0	Motoyanagi	0	1	7.62	4	2	0	0	13	18	2	16	
										Kubota	0	0	9.58	7	0	0	0	10	15	4	5	
										Vs Opponents												
										Chibba			13-15				Daiei			13-15		
										Seibu			6-22									
										Nippon			10-16-2				Osaka			8-19-1		
										Home Record			24-45-1				Road Record			26-42-2		

Going to the Yankees!

The New York Yankees have signed on Hideki Matsui for the next three years to help the team get back to the World Series. Matsui signed the US\$21 million contract with the Yankees last month after playing 10 years for the Yomiuri Giants of Japan's Central League.

"To be able to come to this beautiful city of New York and to be able to play for the Yankees, the most beloved team in the city, I am very honored and very happy to be here," said Matsui.

Yankee supporters seem to be happy to have Matsui join the team, even though they have to speak to him through a translator. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Yankees manager Joe Torre, Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens and several members of the team's top executives were on hand to see the legend put on his new pin stripe uniform.

Matsui is a three-time Japanese league Most Valuable Player. He played centre field in Japan but will play either left or right field for the Yankees. Matsui hit 50 home runs and drove in 107 runs last year for his team Yomiuri, winning his third MVP award. And he says he hopes to achieve similar results playing for the Yankees.

"I would like to try as hard as possible to be one of the team members of the New York Yankees and to be accepted in the city as a New York Yankee baseball player," he said.

Hideki Matsui

Born: June 12, 1974	10th pro season	Position: Outfielder													
Height: 186 cm	Weight: 95 kg	Bats: Left													
		Throws: Right													
<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Slg</u>	<u>Oba</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SB</u>
1993	Yomiuri	.223	.451	.296	57	184	27	41	9	0	11	27	17	50	1
1994	Yomiuri	.294	.475	.368	130	503	70	148	23	4	20	66	57	101	6
1995	Yomiuri	.283	.481	.363	131	501	76	142	31	1	22	80	62	93	9
1996	Yomiuri	.314	.622	.401	130	487	97	153	34	1	38	99	71	98	7
1997	Yomiuri	.298	.564	.419	135	484	93	144	18	0	37	103	100	84	9
1998	Yomiuri	.292	.563	.421	135	487	103	142	24	3	34	100	104	101	3
1999	Yomiuri	.304	.631	.416	135	471	100	143	24	2	42	95	93	99	0
2000	Yomiuri	.316	.654	.438	135	474	116	150	32	1	42	108	106	108	5
2001	Yomiuri	.333	.617	.463	140	481	107	160	23	3	36	104	120	96	3
2002	Yomiuri	.337	.699	.467	139	495	112	167	27	1	50	107	114	101	3

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CHUNICHI DRAGONS

Club's Info

Stadium: Nagoyo Dome (Cap: 40,500) Nagoyo

Manager: Hisashi Yamada

Strengths: The Dragons have a strong enough pitching staff to survive a few speedbumps, and they're showing some progress at the plate. Kosuke Fukudome will be looking to prove last year's batting title was no fluke.

Weaknesses: After releasing Leo Gomez and trading Takeshi Yamasaki to Orix -- and not getting much production from aging Cuban slugger Omar Linares -- the Dragons are hurting for more power in their lineup.

New faces: Former St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Alex Ochoa is consistent at the plate but, with eight homers in 122 games last year, he may not provide the power the Dragons sorely need. After releasing Mel Bunch, Chunichi filled the gap by signing ex-Hanshin Tiger Marc Valdes, who notched 22 saves with a 1.54 ERA last season. The Dragons also added another former Tiger, Ivan Cruz, who hit .234 with 14 homers in 2001, and acquired Kintetsu relief ace Akinori Otsuka in a trade.

Player to watch: After two shaky seasons, Kenta Asakura made his breakthrough last year, going 11-10 with a 2.61 ERA. If he can keep it up this year, the Dragons could have a devastating starting rotation.

Bottom line: The Dragons finished strong last year and made a few modest gains during the offseason, which is more than can be said for most teams in the league.

Chunichi Dragons' 2003 Roster:

Ps.	Name	Birth	Hgt	Wgt	B-T	2002 Club	.Avg	Ab	Rn	Ht	2b	3b	Hr	BI	Sb
	C. Motonobu Tanishige	21.12.70	1.77	81	R-R	Chunichi	.215	446	53	96	21	0	24	78	4
	C. Eiichi Nakano	16.10.74	1.86	84	R-R	Chunichi	.222	9	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
1B.	Ivan Cruz	03.05.68	1.88	103	L-L	Memphis AAA	.349	461	83	129	27	0	35	100	0
1B.	Hiroyuki Watanabe	29.06.70	1.81	82	R-R	Chunichi	.270	163	19	44	7	0	4	16	0
2B.	Masahiro Araki	13.09.77	1.80	72	S-R	Chunichi	.257	401	43	103	7	1	2	18	16
SS.	Hirokazu Ibata	05.12.75	1.73	72	R-R	Chunichi	.291	530	67	154	25	1	4	25	6
3B.	Kazuyoshi Tatsunami	19.08.69	1.73	68	L-R	Chunichi	.302	506	62	153	34	2	16	92	4
IF.	Junichi Jinno	14.04.70	1.77	78	R-R	Chunichi	.221	77	3	17	4	0	2	10	0
IF.	Masahiko Morino	28.07.78	1.80	78	L-R	Chunichi	.222	189	20	42	12	0	5	14	0
IF.	Tadaharu Sakai	21.06.70	1.76	75	R-R	Chabba Lotte	.261	188	20	49	11	0	1	17	0
LF.	Kosuke Fukudome	26.04.77	1.82	84	L-R	Chunichi	.342	541	85	185	42	3	19	65	4
CF.	Takayuki Onishi	07.02.71	1.76	73	R-R	Chunichi	.310	213	30	66	12	3	2	23	9
RF.	Kazuki Inoue	25.07.71	1.83	80	L-L	Chunichi	.245	257	26	63	18	2	7	23	2
OF.	Hidenori Kuramoto	09.05.76	1.81	72	R-R	Chunichi	.268	112	17	30	5	1	2	13	2
OF.	Shohgo Mori	22.05.79	1.79	78	L-R	Chunichi	.224	67	5	15	3	0	1	5	0
OF.	Alex Ochoa	29.03.72	1.83	90	R-R	Anahiem	.261	280	40	73	16	0	8	31	10
OF.	Koichi Sekikawa	01.04.69	1.77	74	L-R	Chunichi	.212	118	13	25	7	1	0	13	4
DH.	Omar Linares	23.10.67	1.85	102	R-R	Chunichi	.174	46	2	8	0	0	1	5	0
DH.	Mitsunobu Takahashi	07.07.75	1.77	80	R-R	Chunichi	.212	66	7	14	2	0	2	3	1

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Kenshin Kawakami	22.06.75	1.79	90	R-R	Chunichi	12	6	2.35	27	27	3	0	188	170	34	149
Martin Vargas	22.02.77	1.83	77	R-R	Chunichi	2	4	3.33	8	8	0	0	49	41	21	35
Kenta Asakura	11.06.81	1.84	80	R-R	Chunichi	11	10	2.61	30	29	7	0	196	183	61	147
Takashi Ogasawara	29.11.76	1.74	74	L-L	Chunichi	5	5	4.03	30	17	0	0	96	96	26	80
Daisuke Yamai	10.05.78	1.77	75	R-R	Chunichi	6	3	3.93	31	15	0	0	85	92	34	68
Masahiro Yamamoto	11.08.65	1.86	87	L-L	Chunichi	7	6	3.96	21	13	1	0	86	90	9	67
Shigeki Noguchi	13.05.74	1.78	84	L-L	Chunichi	2	1	5.00	5	5	0	0	27	24	13	12
Makoto Kito	12.05.65	1.78	82	R-R	Chunichi	4	4	2.85	30	7	0	1	73	76	12	53
Hitoki Iwase	10.11.74	1.80	74	L-L	Chunichi	4	2	1.06	52	0	0	0	60	38	15	66
Masataka Endo	20.09.72	1.86	85	R-R	Chunichi	4	2	3.14	57	0	0	0	72	61	18	77
Eiji Ochiai	25.07.69	1.80	76	R-R	Chunichi	1	2	2.62	37	0	0	0	34	27	7	21
S. Yamakita	06.01.78	1.91	78	L-L	Chunichi	1	4	4.13	57	0	0	0	61	65	18	47
Marc Valdes	20.12.71	1.83	86	R-R	Hanshin	4	3	1.54	42	0	0	22	53	40	17	39
Akinori Otsuka	13.01.72	1.82	90	R-R	Kintetsu	2	1	1.15	38	0	0	21	39	20	3	52
Eddie Gaillard	13.08.70	1.85	90	R-R	Chunichi	1	1	1.52	47	0	0	34	47	40	12	27