



Pennant race fever

For many baseball fans, the end of the All-Star Game marks the coming of that most magical time of year: breakneck postseason races before the drama of October.

But for fans doomed to support poor teams, a 3-year-old website created by New Orleans resident **Christopher Falvey** allows you to relive the glory of postseason races past and present.

Arizona Diamondbacks fans can revel in the drama of their 2001 regular season, and Pittsburgh Pirates supporters can experience the thrill of the 1979 pennant race. Both ended in World Series titles.

At BaseballRace.com, fans can watch a mock-up of league, division and wild-card races dating to 1901 in horse-race style as day-by-day standings are updated at a furious pace. It's sort of like watching those ubiquitous mascot races from minor league baseball parks.

Falvey, a former freelance political opinion writer, got the idea for his website in



2001 AP photo

Group hug: Luis Gonzalez, left, Craig Counsell and Curt Schilling exult at winning it all.

the summer of 2006 using resources from his Web application's business.

"I'm a stat-head, and frankly I did it because it's something I wanted as a resource that no one had done," he said. "People dig it. They like that you can essentially watch an exciting pennant race 'live.'"

— Matt Poms