

INSIDE THE FLY BY NIGHT

2009

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

Projected Finish

Milford

US

Allyn Street

Wall Street

Burlington

Norwich

Well, he's done it again. GM Boucher has blown up a team and rebuilt it into a power house through masterful drafting and shrewd trades. Can you say "Farmington Valley Hawks II". In just three years he has built a team that will be favored to win it's division....an we ain't seen the best of this team yet. The team is loaded with young talent that hasn't reached their potential yet like Justin Upton, Bruce, and a slew of pitchers like Buchholz and Hughes. I foresee a big run starting next year. That's not to say they couldn't win it all this year. With a rotation headed up by Sabathia and Lincecum and an offense so good that Braun doesn't have a full time job, this team is already loaded. I just think the teams coming out of the West will be tough to get by this year. The Dogfish pen is ok, but not great and the 4 and 5 guys in the rotation are just ok. So while I think Milford will win this division I think we will most likely get to wait until at least next year before we are obligated to give Glen a collective bow and cry of "we are not worthy".

Guthrey and Litsh were definitely two of the better picks made in last year's draft. At the time I tough Bill selected Litsh too high....goes to show what I know. Add those two to Webb and you have a solid rotation in spite of a down year by Young. Picking up Span and Tatis in the draft helped bolster a dreary offensive squad that still will not frighten anyone. Young getting a 2 at SS helps the D....ironically he finally gets a 2 then they move him to 3B. Seems like the Jarheads always have a deep pen and this year is no different. They are missing a stud closer, but depth will be a nice asset.

I'm starting to think that this business of Rob asking if guys like J Bruce are pitchers or fielders when they get drafted is a rouse; because for a guy that doesn't know one player from the next he seems to annually pick the right guys and field a contender. He's a diabolical master mind!! LOL. He probably asked if Roy Halliday was a catcher the year he drafted him in the first round. Well, wether he's scamming us or not Rob has put together another contender. Tough lineup with Puljols and Bradley leading the way. A substandard infield with Barmes the weak link getting significant time at SS as a 4. Halliday is a monster, and Cain and Unit are pretty good, but the rest of the rotation and most of the pen is pedestrian.

I asked Joe at the draft what he thought of his team and he said it was not quite there yet. That may be true but it's still not a bad team. If it were my team I'd have made some trades to acquire some starting pitching and gone for it this year....but Joe is more patient than I am. Actually just about everyone is more patient than me. In any case, the Barons have a very good offense led by Holliday, Jeter, Gonzalez and a lot of nice bit cards like Prado and Nick Johnson. The defense is solid as well. Even the pitching is pretty good....with Burnett and Ducherwhatshisname anchoring the rotation and Balfour closing. The pen is probably the weak link though. This team will cause some damage and is a dark horse for the wildcard.

Burlington really caught lightening in a bottle last year.....just some tremendous cards and career years. They've come back to earth this year. There'll be no repeat champion this year. The rotation has tanked a bit this year with the backend of Arroyo, Bannister and Marquis not impressive at all. The pen has fallen down as well with guys like Broxton and Pena not as good as last year. The offense is potent with Huff and Ethier having great years to supplement Ordonez and Ramirez. The offense will cause opponents fits, but the pitching isn't good enough for a return to the playoffs.

Speaking of patience, Don's will be tested this year as his team gets pummeled mercilessly. Obviously the Navigators are looking to the future with a rough rotation but one with some future upside in Cueto, Jackson, Olsen and maybe Ballester. Aside from closer Arrendondo the pen is a mess, as is typical for rebuilding teams. Offensively there is little to like, except for a lot of diamonds vs. LHP. Bud will want to pull his lefties back when playing at home vs. this team. Other than that it's pretty gloomy and will be an uphill battle for a few years.

Ok, so Milford is the clear favorite here. They have a great offense, excellent top of the rotation and enough in the pen to take it. After that it's going to be good battle. I think any of US, Allyn Street or Wall Street could take second. Even Burlington with their great offense is a dark horse. I'm going with a surprise pick and taking the Jarheads to shock us. I like their combination of decent starting pitching, defense and a deep pen. I think the lack of a real SS (you could have had Bartlett Rob. LOL) and a shallow pen will hurt Allyn St and I can't go with Wall Street because his "wait til next" year attitude is bad karma. Should be a fun division and a couple of in-season moves could swing the balance of power.

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MILFORD DOGFISH

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
			<u>VS LHP</u>				<u>VS RHP</u>			
1B) YOUKILIS	592	1e6	1 LORETTA-2B	51	73	W	BJ UPTON-CF	46	55	0
2B) JOHNSON	602	3e17	2 BJ UPTON-CF	49	64	W	ROLLINS-SS	34	50	0
			3 YOUKILIS-1B	49	81	8	YOUKILIS-1B	42	65	8
SS) ROLLINS	612	1e8	4 GARCAPARA-3B	41	72	8	RAMIREZ-LF	52	83	8
3B) GORDON	542	3e20	5 KEMP-RF	49	67	4	BRUCE	28	47	7
			6 BRAUN-LF	30	53	7	ORTIZ-DH	37	64	8
GARCAPARA	179	3e10	7 RAMIREZ-DH	35	50	5	IANNETTA-C	45	62	4
C) IANNETTA	366	3(0)e0,T-1(pb-1)	8 IANNETTA-C	40	58	8	GORDON-3B	38	55	6
			9 ROLLINS-SS	32	45	0	JOHNSON-2B	32	48	3
SCHNEIDER	369	3(-1)e2,T-8(pb-0)		41.8	62.6	4.4		39.3	58.8	4.9
LF) RAMIREZ	607	4(-1)e3								
			<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
BRAUN	--	4(-1)e0	JOHNSON-2B	42	57	W	BRAUN-DH	32	61	8
CF) BJ UPTON	584	2(-2)e8					SCHNEIDER	35	42	4
KEMP	--	3(-3)e3								
RF) KEMP	667	3(-3)e4								
BRUCE	454	2(-2)e17								
DH) ORTIZ	458									
BRAUN	672									

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>Hold</u>	<u>VS LHH:</u>			<u>VS RHP:</u>		
			<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SABATHIA*	278	-1	14	21	1	20	26	1
LINCECUM	250	+3	21	25	0	21	26	0
VERLANDER	221	-1	29	36	1	23	32	2
GARZA	202	-1	23	36	3	24	28	1
KERSHAW*	119	0	33	53	4	30	38	1

<u>BULLPEN:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>Hold</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SHELL	55	-2	19	31	2	16	22	2
CHAMBERLAIN	110	+2	26	29	0	19	19	0
GREGG	76	+2	25	28	0	18	18	0
MARTE*	72	0	30	38	0	13	17	2
BYRDAK*	61	+2	17	24	1	30	52	8
LOE	33	-2	53	78	4	8	12	0

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US JARHEADS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) OVERBAY	598	2e5								
KENT	484	4e19	1 BLOOMQUIST-RF	51	51	w	SPAN-CF	42	57	w
2B) CABRERA	387	2e6	2 CABRERA-2B	54	71	1	YOUNG-SS	35	48	w
EASLEY	348	3e14	3 YOUNG-SS	39	52	3	OVERBAY-1B	43	58	3
SS) YOUNG	710	2e12	4 ENCARNANCN-3B	46	62	4	TATIS-RF	35	56	8
3B) ENCARNANCION	557	4e27	5 DOUMIT-DH	36	54	8	ENCARNANCN-3B	30	46	5
BLOOMQUIST	--	4e6	6 MATHER-LF	25	36	7	MILLEDGE-DH	37	47	2
C) NAVARRO	470	2(-2)e1,T-8(pb-2)	7 FREEL-CF	40	53	w	ANDERSON-IF	27	40	4
DOUMIT	474	4(+2)e3,T-9(pb-2)	8 KENT-1B	35	47	1	NAVARRO-C	39	54	w
LF) ANDERSON	613	3(+1)e3	9 NAVARRO-C	29	42	2	EASLEY-2B	33	39	0
MATHER	146	3(-1)e6		39	52	3		36	49	2
CF) SPAN	382	2(0)e7								
FREEL	144	3(-1)e5	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
RF) TATIS	300	4(+1)e5	TATIS	42	55	w	SMITH-RF	40	57	4
BLOOMQUIST	182	3(0)e17					DOUMIT	33	51	3
SMITH	119	rf-3(-1)e10					MATHER	27	62	8
DH) MILLEDGE	575									

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>Hold</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
WEBB	249	+5	31	36	0	15	21	0
GUTHRIE	209	0	22	33	3	18	27	3
LITSH	194	-4	23	34	1	20	35	3
PINEIERO	163	+1	29	52	5	32	52	5
VILLANUEVA	119	0	15	23	3	30	48	8
YOUNG,C.	112	+7	32	51	6	14	21	3
GIESE	47	+9	20	28	1	20	28	0

BULLPEN:

FUENTES *	69	+1	9	9	0	16	21	0
QUALLS	81	-1	13	15	0	18	29	1
LINEBRINK	51	-2	8	19	4	18	34	5
LIDGE	76	+5	30	36	0	20	20	0
JOHNSON	76	-3	24	24	0	18	18	0
ZIEGLER	66	-3	32	42	0	17	19	0

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ALLYN STREET 89ERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) PUJOLS	576	1e7		50	61	3	VICTORINO-CF	39	53	w
2B) CANO	657	3e14	1 DEWITT	54	83	8	BRADLEY-DH	50	66	4
SS) BARMES	432	4e16	2 BRADLEY-DH	51	75	8	PUJOLS-1B	51	83	8
MCDONALD	205	2e27	3 FURCAL-SS	63	96	8	GERUT-RF	38	53	7
FURCAL	157	2e20	4 PUJOLS-1B	37	81	8	SORIANO-LF	28	44	6
3B) DOBBS	249	3e12	5 SORIANO-LF	33	46	3	DOBBS-3B	31	49	4
DEWITT	405	3e16	6 CANO-2B	31	55	5	INGE-C	29	37	3
C) INGE	382	3(-1)e2,T-3(pb-8)	7 VICTORINO-CF	24	48	1	CANO-2B	26	35	2
REDMOND	142	2(+1)e1,T-1(pb-0)	8 INGE-C	36	46	w	BARMES-SS	29	40	0
PAULINO	130	3(+2)e6,T-4(pb-0)	9 MORGAN-RF	42	66	5		36	51	4
LF) SORIANO	498	4(-2)e8								
ERSTAD	354	2(+2)e3								
CF) VICTORINO	627	1(-3)e2	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
RF) GERUT	361	3(0)e4					FURCAL	56	74	1
MORGAN	176	2(0)e5					REDMOND	36	40	w
DH) BRADLEY	455						ERSTAD	28	40	w
SORIANO	--						MORGAN	37	47	w

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>Hold</u>	<u>VS LHH:</u>			<u>VS RHP:</u>		
			<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
HALLADAY	271	0	16	20	1	14	23	0
CAIN	239	0	29	41	2	23	36	1
R JOHNSON*	202	+6	16	32	0	20	34	4
MAINE	154	0	33	46	4	24	30	1
WANG	105	+3	35	37	0	25	35	0
J JOHNSON	96	-1	27	32	0	22	31	4

BULLPEN:

WAGNER *	52	-3	18	21	0	10	17	3
PERCIVAL	51	+9	24	34	6	29	43	8
SHERILL*	58	-1	17	21	0	30	41	2
CAMP	43	+1	35	63	0	19	19	0
COLOME	78	+4	26	35	4	37	31	0

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WALL STREET BARONS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS LHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u> <u>VS RHP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) GONZALEZ	678	1e6								
JOHNSON	120	3e15	1 ABREU-RF	42	60	3	ABREU-RF	40	53	2
2B) GRUDZLNK	364	2e8	2 GRUDZLNK-2B	48	66	W	GRUDZLNK-2B	34	47	W
PRADO	251	3e30	3 JETER-SS	44	52	1	JETER-SS	40	45	0
SS) JETER	656	2e14	4 SEXSON-DH	50	72	8	LONGORIA-3B	38	62	8
3B) LONGORIA	493	2e17	5 HOLLIDAY-LF	45	59	3	GONZALEZ-1B	42	71	8
CREDE	--	2e35	6 WELLS-CF	45	54	0	HOLLIDAY-LF	48	68	4
C) LAIRD	378	2(-1)e4,T-11(pb-2)	7 PRADO-3B	43	72	W	WELLS-CF	31	50	7
SALTALAMACCHIA	218	4(+2)e5,T-20(pb-3)	8 LAIRD-C	36	51	0	CREDE-DH	33	55	8
LF) HOLLIDAY	593	3(0)e4	9 GONZALEZ-1B	21	36	8	SALTALAMACCHIA-C	49	58	4
CHAVEZ	--	2(-2)e2		42	58	3		39	57	5
CF) WELLS	470	2(-1)e5								
CHAVEZ	297	2(-2)e4	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
RF) ABREU	670	4(-1)e2	DILLON	59	77	2	PRADO	44	58	W
DH) CREDE	369		CASEY	39	61	w	LAIRD-C	34	43	0
SEXSON	308						JOHNSON	54	70	7
CASEY	219						CASEY	41	46	w
DILLON	83									

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			<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
BURNETT,AJ.	243	+3	28	40	1	23	31	1
MYERS	209	+2	23	38	2	30	47	5
ZITO*	198	-2	25	30	0	36	49	2
DUCHSCHERER	156	-2	19	32	4	12	16	0
SAMPSON	129	-3	21	35	2	21	36	0
BENNETT	107	0	32	35	0	26	30	0

BULLPEN:

BALFOUR	64	-1	7	7	0	22	24	0
STREET	77	+3	17	31	7	22	37	0
RODRIGUEZ	75	+5	27	33	0	17	21	0
HENDRICKSON*	147	-4	26	35	4	27	42	3
RODNEY	44	+4	29	48	1	31	32	0
SCHERZER	62	-4	40	45	0	9	13	2

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BURLINGTON BUCKANEERS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
			<u>VS LHP</u>				<u>VS RHP</u>			
1B) HUFF	658	4e8								
2B) ELLIS	486	2e6								
			1 JOHNSON-LF	46	62	W	ESCABAR-SS	45	53	1
SS) ESCABAR	565	2e21	2 MILES-2B	41	47	W	ETHIERLF	43	65	5
			3 ORDONEZ-DH	47	55	2	HUFF-1B	39	68	8
RAMIREZ	--	3e24	4 RAMIREZ-SS	44	53	1	RAMIREZ-SS	48	73	8
3B) MORA	564	3e19	5 MORA-3B	33	63	8	ORDONEZ-RF	41	57	5
			6 MARTINEZ-C	46	61	0	ELLIS-2B	31	45	4
MILES	--	4e18	7 HUFF-1B	31	49	4	MORA-3B	33	44	2
C) MARTINEZ	293	4(0)e6,T-4(pb-0)	8 ETHIER-RF	32	42	1	JOHNSON-CF	32	40	1
LO DUCA	190	4(+3)e7,T-7(pb-0)	9 PIERRE-CF	37	39	W	BAKER-C	48	61	2
BAKER	217	3(+1)e3,T-8(pb-1)		40	52	2		40	56	4
LF) ETHIER	578	3(-2)e2								
PIERRE	--	3(+3)e6								
CF) PIERRE	413	3(+3)e6								
JOHNSON,R	366	3(-1)e2	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
RF) ORDONEZ	617	4(0)e6	ESCABAR	31	40	W	MILES	36	38	0
MURPHY	457	3(-1)e3	ELLIS	32	37	W				
DH) RAMIREZ	648									

ROTATION:

	<u>IP</u>	<u>Hold</u>	<u>VS LHH:</u>			<u>VS RHP:</u>		
			<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
SHIELDS	237	-1	21	35	3	20	28	3
VASQUEZ	229	-2	25	45	2	23	37	2
ARROYO	220	-3	33	59	4	27	35	2
BANNISTER	201	-1	33	50	6	25	39	5
MARQUIS	184	+1	30	36	0	31	44	2

BULLPEN:

PEREZ *	84	-2	23	26	0	14	23	5
PENA	80	-2	28	49	0	23	33	1
ROMERO*	65	+9	13	13	0	38	51	2
BROXTON	76	+9	37	48	0	4	5	0
RAMIREZ	61	-1	24	36	3	14	24	4
SPRINGER	55	0	29	49	7	13	13	0

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NORWICH NAVIGATORS

KEY POSITION PLAYERS:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>DEF</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>LINEUP</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
1B) MILLAR	584	3e8	<u>VS LHP</u>				<u>VS RHP</u>			
BLALOCH	284	3e5								
2B) LOPEZ, F	529	4e21	1 LOPEZ-2B	37	47	w	SWEENEY-CF	41	48	0
VELEZ			2 FRANCISCO-RF	37	48	5	FRANCISCO-RF	34	50	3
SS) AMEZEGA	342	3e7	3 CANTU-3B	35	52	8	CHOO-LF	45	71	5
CASTILLO	469	4e21	4 VARITEC-C	32	46	8	CANTU-3B	30	49	6
3B) CANTU	691	4e27	5 BLALOCH-DH	32	64	8	MILLAR-1B	30	41	3
C) VARITEC	465	1(0)e1,T-6(pb-1)	6 BROWN-LF	31	45	8	LOPEZ-2B	33	39	0
HANIGAN	94	c-3(+1)e1,T-5(pb-0)	7 MILLAR-1B	33	43	2	VARITEC-C	25	32	2
LF) CHOO	349	4(-2)e5	8 CASTILLO-SS	25	35	1	ALMEZEGA-SS	28	42	w
REED	315	2(+1)e7	9 SWEENEY-CF	25	25	w	BROWN-DH	24	30	1
CF) SWEENEY	422	3(-2)e2		31.9	45.0	4.4		32.2	44.7	2.2
AMEZEGA	342	2(+1)e3								
RF) FRANCISCO	492	3(-1)e7	<u>Key Reserves:</u>				<u>Key Reserves:</u>			
BROWN	--	4(+1)e7	CHOO	33	48	5	BLALOCH	33	52	3
DH) BROWN	442						HANIGAN	48	51	0
SCHIERHOLTZ	83						SCHIERHOLTZ	44	66	1
							REED	33	46	w

VS LHH:

VS RHP:

<u>ROTATION:</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>Hold</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>HR</u>
OLSEN	221	-2	13	17	1	20	39	5
JACKSON	201	+2	38	44	1	27	43	5
CUETO	191	-1	30	44	3	25	44	4
BURRIS	142	0	42	52	2	32	47	3
BATISTA	127	+9	43	64	5	36	53	4
BALESTER	88	-2	27	45	8	32	47	2

BULLPEN:

ARRENDONDO	67	-1	7	7	0	25	30	0
RYAN*	64	0	31	42	3	18	23	0
SAMARDZIJA	31	+9	19	21	0	34	38	0
LEDEZMA*	64	+9	35	43	0	32	40	0
MCCLELLAN	84	0	23	35	2	32	39	2