

# FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview

## American League

### **Hotlanta Possums:**

Team Power Rating: 9.72

#### **Overview:**

Team is solid with above average in every important category except starting pitching against right handed batters (ranked 14) and relief pitching against left handed batters (rank 11).

#### **Prognosis:**

2nd place in American League.

1st round loser against Hart Street.

---

### **California Dreamers:**

Team Power Rating: 9.52

#### **Overview:**

Solid team but Achilles' Heal may be starting pitching against right handed batters (ranked 22). Very consistent hitting lineup vs. both left & right handed pitching (ranked 4 for both).

#### **Prognosis:**

1st place in American League.

1st round winner against Silver Bullets.

American League Pennant series loser against Hart Street.

---

### **Hart Street Hogs:**

Team Power Rating: 8.28

#### **Overview:**

Above average in most categories, will be a force to be reckoned with in American League. Below average starting (ranked 17) & relievers (ranked 14) against right handed batters may pose problems with consistency as the season wears on.

#### **Prognosis:**

3rd place finish in American League.

This GM finds a way.. 1st round winner against defending champion Hotlanta Possums.

American League Pennant Winner against the California Dreamers in 7.

Loser in FBNBA World Series against Taxachusetts.

---

## **FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview**

### **Florida Sun:**

Team Power Rating: 7.46

#### **Overview:**

Slightly above average starting pitching from both sides of the mound should keep Florida in contention all year long however the leave of absence will hurt despite best efforts from the de facto management team. Relief pitching (ranked 22) vs. left handed batters will pose a problem.

#### **Prognosis:**

Middling and out of playoffs despite the potential.

---

### **Arsenal Gunners:**

Team Power Rating: 6.93

#### **Overview:**

Above average indicators in most categories will give this team a shot at the playoff however I think they may fall a little short as the starting (ranked 22) & relief (ranked 19) pitching against left handed batters will leave them short of the mark unless an upgrade can be realized during the season.

#### **Prognosis:**

Wildcard Recipient in 4th in the American League.  
Wildcard loser vs. the Silver Bullets.

---

### **Baton Rouge Silver Bullets:**

Team Power Rating: 6.82

#### **Overview:**

This team should be in the chase for most of the year however the deficiencies at hitting vs. left handed pitching (ranked 19) and relievers vs. right handed batters (ranked 21) may prove to be too much to overcome for a playoff position.

#### **Prognosis:**

Last Dance Card gets punched by Bullets in 5th in the American League.  
Wildcard winner beating Arsenal.  
Loses next series against the California Dreamers.

---

## FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview

### **Louisville River Bandits:**

Team Power Rating: 6.87

#### **Overview:**

Quite the mix of strengths and weaknesses categorically will provide an interesting mix for the 2014 season. Although a playoff push is a possibility I think this team may not live up to its potential when it is all said and done. Of course, I don't know much so this is probably a good sign! Starting pitching vs right handed batters (ranked 18) and relief pitching vs. left handed batters (ranked 22) could be this teams downfall.

#### **Prognosis:**

Just outside the strike zone.. maybe next year. Oh wait.. or was that just over the corner..??

---

### **Milford Dogfish:**

Team Power Rating: 6.57

#### **Overview:**

Middling numbers across the board with the exception of superior starting pitching vs. left handed batters (ranked 2) will keep this team competitive and in the mix. Starting (ranked 19) and relief (ranked 23) pitching against right handed batters offer a significant challenge to this above average GM.

#### **Prognosis:**

Can't count them out in any season but the number would lend to a winning but middling team bar major trades which is a almost a given.

---

### **Yorktown Admirals:**

Team Power Rating: 3.46

#### **Overview:**

This underdog team will have its hands full as all the indicators are that the team is below average across the board with the exception of hitting against left handed batters (ranked 11th).

#### **Prognosis:**

This team will set its sights on playing the spoiler come the dog days of August.

---

## **FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview**

### **Urpaigh Dragons:**

Team Power Rating: 2.69

#### **Overview**

This team rates below average in some categories while it grades out as average in a few such as starting pitching (ranked 15 vs. LHB & 13 vs. RHB). Hitting from both sides of the plate is well below average (ranked 17 vs. LHP & 24 vs. RHP) while power is near the bottom of the league.

#### **Prognosis:**

With all that said I think this team will play much higher than the indicators and stay in the race much longer than expected. I really like this teams makeup and I am not sure but feel they could make an unexpected run.. Just missing the playoffs...

---

### **Johns Creek Cracker Jacks:**

Team Power Rating: 1.85

#### **Overview:**

This teams ranks in the bottom 5 in just about every category across the board flexing their futility for all to see. This team encompasses the very definition of bottom feeder. The only bright spot is the starting pitching against right handed batters (ranked 2) which is surprisingly strong.

#### **Prognosis:**

This team will fight to improve their view from the FBNBA basement this year. The path to respectability will be measured not so much by wins and losses as it will be by one run and extra inning affairs.

---

### **Lake Wobegon Whippets:**

Team Power Rating: 1.00

#### **Overview:**

This team ranks 18 or lower in every category and appears to have an uphill climb back to playoff contention. The 23rd ranked starting pitching vs. right handed batters will be a huge hurdle to overcome and the relief staff (ranked 21 vs. left handed batters and 22 vs. right handed batters) will offer little solace when they take the ball.

#### **Prognosis:**

Very little on offense and defense however they still should be able to find their way over Johns Creek to vacate the FBNBA basement before all is said and done.

---

# FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview

## National League

### **Norwich Navigators:**

Team Power Rating: 14.87

#### **Overview:**

The team that has it all once again well, has it all.. Combining the best starting pitching vs. right handed batters with the best hitting vs. right handed pitching and you have a hard combination to beat. Sprinkle in the #1 ranked hitting power just for good measure and opponents will be very wary of facing this FBNBA juggernaut! The only chink in the armor appears to be the 13th ranked hitting vs. left handed pitching.

#### **Prognosis:**

1st place finish barring an incredible "Stratcastrophy" in the National League!  
1st round upset Loser to Taxachusetts.

---

### **Hazardville Powderkegs:**

Team Power Rating: 12.07

#### **Overview:**

Powderkegs, Powderkegs, Powderkegs! Similar to Beetlejuice calls of the past this team seem to have supernatural elements to their hitting makeup. Hazardville brings the 1st ranked hitting vs. left handed pitching and the 3rd ranked hitting vs. right handed pitching to the FBNBA party. Lets not forget the 2nd rated hitting power as well. Wall Street and California are the only team that can approach this kind of dominance at the plate. The pitching vs. right handed batters is better than average which bodes well indeed. The pitching vs. left handed batters is just below average and may give an opening to teams with a stacked lefty hitting lineup.

#### **Prognosis:**

2nd place finish with 1st place being a good possibility in the National League.  
1st round winner barely eking out a series win vs. the Barons.

---

## FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview

### **Wall Street Barons:**

Team Power Rating: 11.46

#### **Overview:**

Lets go Barons, Lets go Barons! A very formidable lineup brings offensive firepower against right handed pitching (ranked 5th) and Southpaw pitching (ranked 2nd) alike. Wall Street checks in with the 3rd ranked hitting power in the FBNBA and is not afraid to flex their muscle. The starting pitching is middling ranking 20th vs. left handed batters and 12th vs. right handed batters. Should the starters falter, a saving grace for Baron Nation will be the relief pitching checking at rank 5 vs. left handed batters and ranked an impressive 1st vs. right handed batters. Do not let them have a lead after 7 innings!

#### **Prognosis:**

National League 3rd place finish.  
1st round loser but barely to Hazardville.

---

### **Taxachusetts Chiefs:**

Team Power Rating: 9.03

#### **Overview:**

Taxachusetts brings top tier talent across the board with the exception of starting pitching vs. left handed batters (ranked 20th) and hitting vs. right handed pitching (ranked 12th). The 5th ranked hitting vs. left handed pitching and 6th ranked hitting power will definitely do some damage in the coming months. The relief staff rivals the leagues' best as the Chiefs can boast of the 3rd ranked relief pitching vs. left handed batters and 5th ranked relief pitching vs. right handed batters. Much like Wall Street, do no trail late!

#### **Prognosis:**

National League 4th place Wildcard finish.  
Wildcard winner vs. the Jarheads.  
Upset Special taking down Hotlanta in 7.  
Cinderella Story continues beating Hazardville in 6.  
Taxachusetts beats Hart Street in 5 to finish an unlikely season.  
Say it with me: Now introducing the "Fly By Night Baseball Association" 2014 Champions...  
The Taxachusetts Chiefs!

---

## **FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview**

### **U.S. Jarheads:**

Team Power Rating: 8.52

#### **Overview:**

This team is above average in most categories highlighted by the 2nd ranked hitting vs. right handed pitching, 7th ranked hitting power and a relief staff ranked 2nd vs. right handed batters and ranked 4th vs. left handed batters, very formidable indeed! The glaring soft spot is the starting pitching checking in at rank 21 vs right handed batters and a Johns Creek level rank 24 vs. left handed batters. I think a trade or two may be in the Jarheads 2014 crystal ball.. or was it a Magic 8 ball...?!

#### **Prognosis:**

This GM finds a way to lead the Jarheads into the Wildcard in spite of the starting pitching. If starting pitching can be improved, if so the sky is the limit!  
Wildcard loser to Taxachusetts.

---

### **Burlington Buccaneers:**

Team Power Rating: 7.26

#### **Overview:**

Burlington can really bring the heat with the 1st ranked starting pitching vs. left handed batters and the 6th ranked starting pitching vs. right handed batters. If opponents can chase the starters however the relief pitching may not be up to the task ranking 15th against left handed batters and an FBNBA worst 24th against right handed batters. Bucs hitters are ranked 16th vs. right handed pitchers and 22nd against left handed pitchers which may leave them walking the plank more than is to be desired.

#### **Prognosis:**

Middling team with a Wildcard opportunity on the cusp of their potential.

---

### **Illinois Prairie Dogs:**

Team Power Rating: 6.24

#### **Overview:**

Illinois brings some very good starting pitching to the diamond ranking 3rd vs. right handed batters and 8th vs. left handed batters. This should pace them throughout the 2014 FBNBA campaign while the relief pitching vs. left handed batters should add to their opponents frustration as they are ranked 9th. The relief pitching vs. right handed batters is below average at rank 17, this may pose some problems. The hitting is ranked 16th vs. left handed pitching and 20th vs. right handed pitching with middling power at rank 15.

#### **Prognosis:**

Top half of National League but not by much as the starting pitching carries them.

---

## **FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview**

### **Maine Yaks:**

Team Power Rating: 5.24

#### **Overview:**

Yakamaniacs everywhere are excited to see their team in action after a long Maine Winter slumber! The shining light on this Yak squad is the 5th ranked starting pitching vs. right handed batters, this should spearhead their success in 2014. The relief staff is average checking in at the 12th rank vs. left handed batters and 16th vs. right handed batters. The lower tier hitting is consistent from both sides of the plate as it ranks 18th vs. both left and right handed pitching and ranked 16th in power.

#### **Prognosis:**

Down and out in of the FBNBA playoff picture but very respectable.

---

### **Allyn Street Bombers:**

Team Power Rating: 4.86

#### **Overview:**

This team is a mixed bag in regards to the rankings and are average in many categories across the board. The starting pitching is ranked 24th vs. right handed batters which will limit the team effectiveness and 12th vs. left handed batters which is respectable. The relief pitching vs. left handed batters is second to none as it is ranked 1st while the relief pitching vs. right handed batters is ranked 11th. The hitting is paced by the 7th ranked attack vs. left handed pitching while the hitting vs. right handed pitching checks in at 14.

#### **Prognosis:**

There will some success but not enough to secure a ticket to the dance.

---

### **Connecticut Blue Devils:**

Team Power Rating: 4.41

#### **Overview:**

The starting pitching is middling coming in at rank 14 vs. left handed batters and rank 16 vs. right handed batters while the relief staff is a plus ranked 6th against left handed batters and 8th against right handed batters. Hitting against left handed batter appears solid (rank 12) while the hitting vs. right handed pitching appears to be a weakness ranked at 23.

#### **Prognosis:**

A 2nd division season appears to be in the making.

---

## **FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview**

### **New England Angels:**

Team Power Rating: 3.86

#### **Overview:**

Most categories grade as average while the hitting vs. left handed pitching and starting pitching vs. right handed batters appear to be a deficiency both ranked at 20th. Combined with the 19th ranked hitting power and this is shaping up as a subpar season in New England.

#### **Prognosis:**

Out of the race in the National League.

---

### **Klee's Klubbers:**

Team Power Rating: 3.72

#### **Overview:**

Klee's Klubbers.. the very name brings visions of muscle men bashing dozens of baseballs into the cheap seats.. the reality is much different as KK men rank 21st in hitting against left & right handed pitching and rank a paltry 20th in hitting power. Say it isn't so Klee, say it isn't so... The starting pitching is the strength of this squad ranking 9th in both pitching against right & left handed batting while the relief corps is subpar at best.

#### **Prognosis:**

A long year in a strong National League field, the Klubbers will struggle to break free from being basement bound.

---

## FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview

### **Team Power Ratings Fly By Night Baseball Association**

Norwich Navigators:	14.87
Hazardville Powderkegs:	12.07
Wall Street Barons:	11.46
Hotlanta Possums:	9.72
California Dreamers:	9.52
Taxachusetts Chiefs:	9.03
U.S. Jarheads:	8.52
Hart Street Hogs:	8.28
Florida Sun:	7.46
Burlington Buccaneers:	7.26
Arsenal Gunners:	6.93
Louisville River Bandits:	6.87
Baton Rouge Silver Bullets:	6.82
Milford Dogfish:	6.57
Illinois Prairie Dogs:	6.24
Maine Yaks:	5.24
Allyn Street Bombers:	4.86
Connecticut Blue Devils:	4.41
New England Angels:	3.86
Klee's Klubbers:	3.72
Yorktown Admirals:	3.46
Urpaign Dragons:	2.69
Johns Creek Cracker Jacks:	1.85
Lake Wobegon Whippets:	1.00

## FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview

	American League								
Team	Hitting vs LHP	Hitting vs RHP	Starters vs LHB	Starters vs RHB	Relievers vs LHB	Relievers vs RHB	Power	Average Rank	Team Power Rating
Hotlanta Possums	3	9	6	14	11	7	4	7.7	9.72
California Dreamers	4	4	5	22	9	3	5	7.4	9.52
Hart Street Hogs	9	7	3	17	1	14	8	8.4	8.28
Florida Sun	14	8	10	11	22	4	9	11.1	7.46
Aresenal Gunners	8	11	22	4	19	20	11	13.6	6.93
Louisville River Bandits	15	6	13	18	23	6	12	13.3	6.87
Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	19	10	4	10	14	21	13	13.0	6.82
Milford Dogfish	6	13	2	19	17	23	14	13.4	6.57
Yorktown Admirals	11	19	21	15	16	18	21	17.3	3.46
Urpaigh Dragons	17	24	15	13	7	12	22	15.7	2.69
Johns Creek Cracker Jacks	24	22	19	2	24	19	23	19.0	1.85
Lake Wobegon Whippets	23	17	18	23	21	22	24	21.1	1.00

	National League								
Team	Hitting vs LHP	Hitting vs RHP	Starters vs LHB	Starters vs RHB	Relievers vs LHB	Relievers vs RHB	Power	Average Rank	Team Power Rating
Norwich Navigators	13	1	7	1	2	9	1	4.9	14.87
Hazardville Powderkegs	1	3	16	8	18	10	2	8.3	12.07
Wall Street Barons	2	5	20	12	5	1	3	6.9	11.46
Taxachusetts Chiefs	5	12	23	7	3	5	6	8.7	9.03
U.S. Jarheads	10	2	24	21	4	2	7	10.0	8.52
Burlington Buccaneers	22	16	1	6	15	24	10	13.4	7.26
Illinois Prairie Dogs	16	20	8	3	9	17	15	12.6	6.24
Maine Yaks	18	18	17	5	12	16	16	14.6	5.24
Allyn Street 89ers	7	14	12	24	1	11	17	12.3	4.86
Connecticut Blue Devils	12	23	14	16	6	8	18	13.9	4.41
New England Angels	20	15	11	20	13	13	19	15.9	3.86
Klee's Klubbers	21	21	9	9	20	15	20	16.4	3.72

## FBNBA "Outsider" 2014 League Preview

	Fly By Night Baseball Association								
Team	Hitting vs LHP	Hitting vs RHP	Starters vs LHB	Starters vs RHB	Relievers vs LHB	Relievers vs RHB	Power	Average Rank	Team Power Rating
Norwich Navigators	13	1	7	1	2	9	1	4.9	14.87
Hazardville Powderkegs	1	3	16	8	18	10	2	8.3	12.07
Wall Street Barons	2	5	20	12	5	1	3	6.9	11.46
Hotlanta Possums	3	9	6	14	11	7	4	7.7	9.72
California Dreamers	4	4	5	22	9	3	5	7.4	9.52
Taxachusetts Chiefs	5	12	23	7	3	5	6	8.7	9.03
U.S. Jarheads	10	2	24	21	4	2	7	10.0	8.52
Hart Street Hogs	9	7	3	17	1	14	8	8.4	8.28
Florida Sun	14	8	10	11	22	4	9	11.1	7.46
Burlington Buccaneers	22	16	1	6	15	24	10	13.4	7.26
Arsenal Gunners	8	11	22	4	19	20	11	13.6	6.93
Louisville River Bandits	15	6	13	18	23	6	12	13.3	6.87
Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	19	10	4	10	14	21	13	13.0	6.82
Milford Dogfish	6	13	2	19	17	23	14	13.4	6.57
Illinois Prairie Dogs	16	20	8	3	9	17	15	12.6	6.24
Maine Yaks	18	18	17	5	12	16	16	14.6	5.24
Allyn Street 89ers	7	14	12	24	1	11	17	12.3	4.86
Connecticut Blue Devils	12	23	14	16	6	8	18	13.9	4.41
New England Angels	20	15	11	20	13	13	19	15.9	3.86
Klee's Klubbers	21	21	9	9	20	15	20	16.4	3.72
Yorktown Admirals	11	19	21	15	16	18	21	17.3	3.46
Urpaign Dragons	17	24	15	13	7	12	22	15.7	2.69
Johns Creek Cracker Jacks	24	22	19	2	24	19	23	19.0	1.85
Lake Wobegon Whippets	23	17	18	23	21	22	24	21.1	1.00