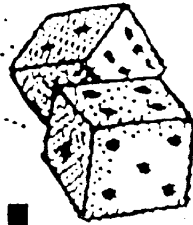


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Jarheads



DRAGONS



Galactic

PAWCATUCK



PEQUOTS



TEEM

Lake

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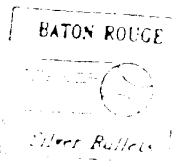
Klee's



YORKTOWN



89ers



Warriors



CHIEFS



HAZARDVILLE



LEGGINS

INSIDE THE F-B-NIGHT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

THERE BACKKKKKK! That's right. By the time you read this newsletter you should have the new cards. SOM annouced that they mailed most of the cards on January 19th and the remaining on the 22nd. 1990 is here!

I'll just update a few things and I'll ask all of you to vote on the new changes to the game. Should we us them in the FBN? I say all the changes should be used in our league. What do you say?

I talked with Bruce Fogg (01/22/90) he went to Opening Day at SOM. He said with the cards you will get a four page explanation of the changes. At first he said "Oh my God!" but after taking the time and reading the changes and thinking about how the changes will effect the game, HE IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE CHANGES. I asked Bruce if I could quote him. "Rob, after taking the time and leisurely reading through the material I'm very excited about the game. Some of the changes are subtle others are not but they all bring realism to the game that it didn't have before. I recommend that everyone take the time to read the changes carefully. Yes, I recommend that we include all the changes in the FBN."

After you read about the changes think them over. Write and tell me what you think about them. I will put this to vote on draft day.

Galactic -1 BP. Overused M. Moore by 1.1 IP. GG -7BP changes the draft order for the even rounds. (Baton Rouge players overused were Leiper & McCaskill.)

- ***** Dates to remember for 1990: *****
- 02/05/90 = 1. Winter Meetings close. Trading ended on 02/04 at 9PM EST.
 - 2. GM's mail protected roster, CUTS, draft picks owned and TRADED to commissioner.
 - 02/12/90 = 1. Commissioner mails protected rosters to all GM's.
 - 2. Commissioner mails offical draft order to all GM's.
 - 3. Commissioner mails "seasonal package" to all members.
 - 02/19/90 = 1. GM's mail their written draft instructions & their phone number for the telephone draft to the commissioner.
 - 02/25/90 = 1. ~~DRAFT DAY~~ *****
 - 2. Preseason Trading Begins. [ends 03/11]
 - 02/26/90 = 1. Undrafted players become available to all GM's. Call the commissioner if you're interested in claiming anyone.
 - 03/05/90 = 1. Commissioner mails out the draft results to all GM's.
 - 03/11/90 = 1. Undrafted player selection ends at 6PM EST. Any calls after 6PM EST will be disallowed. Call the commissioner to see if you picked up your player.
 - 03/12/90 = 1. GM's mail their 1325IP & 500AB rosters to their respected league president and a copy to the commissioner.[List IP & AB's before the extra 10% rule.]
 - 2. First seasonal trading period begins.
 - 3. Trades made from 03/12/90 become effective 1st game of series 5.
 - 03/19/90 = 1. Presidents mail out the opening day rosters to all GM's.
 - 03/26/90 = 1. **** OPENING DAY FOR THE FBNBA'S 16TH SEASON.

TRANSACTIONS: Effective 01/01/90

- 1. Salem recieved Crews from Florida. Florida recieved Gedman from Salem.
- 2. Dragons re'ed Fermin form Poquonock. PC re'ed Andre Thomas from the Dragons.
- 3. Dragons re'ed WH #1DP, PP #2DP & Thomas from WH. WH re'ed Ripken, Robinson & Tolleson from the Dragons.
- 4. Dragons re'ed PC 2DP, Young, Brock & Velarde. PC re'ed Carter, Ruffin & Forsch.
- 5. LW re'ed G.Larkin & Finley from NE. NE re'ed B.Ripken, Key & LW # 5DP.

If you made an earlier trade that included a player to be named later and that player was a choice from your cut players please call the team you made the trade with before OR on Feb 1st with a list of the cut players. Report these trades to the commissioner with your protected rosters.

Please contact Mike Holbrook's street address to 5030 for help in getting my e-mail account set up. Rob

December 18, 1989

Notes from the Florida File

It's that time of the year for the New Year Predictions.

For the FBNBA AL West in 1990. 1-Galactic. 2-Lake W. 3-Florida.
4-Yorktown. 5-Topeka.

The AL East 1-Salem. 2-Team. 3-Dragons. 4-Baton Rouge. 5-Hazardville

Here's what to expect from the AL this year:

Galactic--Drafted pitching in '89, and will continue with a solid everyday lineup for '90. Several players had off years [Gibson, Dawson, Lind], but after winning 122 games the base is there to come back in '90. The pitching has vast quality.

Lake Wobegon--A good hitting team, with a solid everyday lineup. A Key [?] trade improved the pitching, but overall the staff looks below average. A potent offense may be wasted without a good bullpen.

Florida--I pick them third because they are my team, and we have moved up 1 place last year. The offense is there, speed, some power besides Canseco, for a change, and quality players at each position [for a change]. The pitching has 2 starters and a host of trade throw-ins for spots 3-4-5. The bullpen is strong. 11 players on the roster were from the '89 draft. A young squad with only 5 players over 30.

Yorktown--Several question marks will hover over this team. Will Larkin, Perry, Sveum, Nokes, and McDowell return to form? The pitching has a good starting rotation and great stoppers with Crim and Jones. This is a team that will be taken as far as it's pitching.

Topeka--A new-comer to the division. A delightful mix of prospects and suspects. Several established players at key positions, plus a pitching staff that has some depth as well as a good closer in Franco. The draft may fill in the needed spots to move up in the division.

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Salem--I talk to Rich quite often and I still don't see how he does it. His team last year was a bunch of misfits that he fit together and won over 100 games. How did he do it? Can the secret be Blue Jay power? Getting Trammell last year made his team solid defensively. The pitching is solid and the hitting is orchestrated with a platoon of left-right players that will drive you crazy trying to stop.

Team--Some good pitchers and some real good pitchers. Overall the pitching can carry this team. But it has a good 3-4-5 punch with Strawberry, Mitchell, Mattingly. A little help in the draft could push this team past Salem.

Dragons--After having a list of untouchables this team will be revamped in the draft. Trading Ripken and others has given this team a new look. Will this new look include a shortstop? A pitching staff that is long in the tooth may carry the team to respectability.

Baton Rouge--This team has decent pitching to go with a suspect lineup. After Hrbek, Palmeiro, and Barfield, the situation darkens. How far much can the likes of Thon, Slaughter, Buhner, and Aldrete help the team?

Hazardville--the Dukes of Hazard[ville]? With no Dukes available, this will prove to be a truly hazardous season. The draft here is all important. There are a few blue-chip players that either could be traded for future picks or kept to rebuild the team. Surprisingly this team is strong up the middle [Karkovice, Elster, Anderson]. An excellent starting point for building. The pitching is non-existent and will make for an interesting season of 10-6 games.

How about the draft? Isn't it exciting? Last year was the year of the infielder, and this is the year of the outfielder [Griffey, Walton, Dw. Smith, et. all]. Is Brad Komminsk in the draft? He may have found a home in Cleveland.

Rookies to watch next year--Seattle's Visquel at shortstop. If he keeps the job his defense will improve. A possible rookie of the year player.

Derek Lilliquist will have a lousy card this year, but may be worth a look. Perhaps the Braves should have played him at 1b and let him hit. [He led his college team in hitting].

Daugherty at Texas.

Chris Gwynn at LA--if he is really Tony's brother you can't fault his genes.

Take any Atlanta pitcher in the draft. With their number of pitchers you may pick the one that gets traded to a contender and has a great year.

Goose Gozzo--a real question mark to me, but he came up and won every game. Rich Hamel would take him in the first round if he could.

Thrill Hill at St Louis--he had a good year after not doing anything in AAA. He will be valuable pitcher.

Guthrie from Minnesota--since he is a player from the high school team that I coach, I would say don't pick him, I will.

Last year I picked the wrong teams for the World Series. This year will be different. You can take these to the bank: Baltimore over Oakland, St. Louis over LA, with Baltimore winning the series.

On the lighter side of baseball--I still am looking for '59 Topps baseball cards. I will even take '60 or '61 cards.

Bob Uecker has been invited to the opener for the Sun in 1990. I even have a Uke baseball card.

I didn't like Pete Rose before or after baseball. But I think he got shafted. It's 4-1 that he gets reinstated.

Teams that so far have not made the proper off-season trades--Boston, Atlanta, Yankees. Boston got Gene, but should have gotten some pitching and Henry from Atlanta. The Yankees think that you can throw money at a problem and solve it. That made America great, but not the current Yankees. They now lead the major leagues in #3 pitchers. Atlanta has so many possibilities, that one wonders why they haven't made a trade. The Cleve-SD trade was bad for both teams. LA is waiting for their players to come back from injuries. Where are the Mets? Strawman to LA for a pitcher?

Sincerely

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Florida Sun