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Commissioners Corner: Happy New Year to all.

2005 – Thirty-second season of the Fly-By-Night Baseball Association!! WOW!!! From the eight member face to face league started by 17 year old David Smith from Hutchinson, MN that almost collapsed in 1977-78 when David Smith did his first disappearing act to the 24 member FTF/PBM league of “well mature” men that we are today. The league has had its growing pains. From the childish squabbles of yesteryear to the fun and games we play on each other today. Last week was a good example on how we have “mature”. Our league reporter, Roland “where’s my cards” Klee, had a column on the web site that brought out some fun. Here is part of it...

OUT IN LEFT FIELD

By Roland Klee

December 20, 2004:

In theFly-By-Night Baseball Association, there is no ...formal Winter Meeting. ...our winter meetings happen over many months in cyberspace between the end of the season and Draft Day. And hot the (trade)sheets have been in our virtual hotel. Since October 1, no less than 31 deals have been consummated involving dozens of players and draft picks. I’ve looked through all of them thoroughly (OK, for the past five minutes) ... a list of five that seem to be the most lopsided ... a long- term basis. ...short term view, somebody got shortchanged....

5. Salem gets two #1 picks from Lake Wobegon for Jake Westbrook and a #3.
4. US Jarheads get a #1 and a #2 from Jersey City for Jeromy Burnitz.
3. Arsenal gets a #1 selection from Illinois for Aaron Harang.
2. Wall Street gets a #1 pick from Louisville for Tony Batista and a #4 slot.

And the #1 most lopsided deal of the season has New England receiving a #2 selection from Illinois for the legendary Doug Waechter. An all points bulletin has been issued for Bruce Fogg and he’ll be featured on a future episode of “America’s Most Wanted”. Look for a middle aged man with bad knees and a mustache. After this deal, his most noticeable identifying mark will be the smirk on his face.

I think this was the funniest.

Rolie:

With regard to your column, while you are sitting home in October harvesting this year's bumper crop of mushrooms and assorted other fungi from the top of your Klees Klubbers' cap, if JC is in the playoff hunt remember that it's probably in large part due to the 4th-most "one-sided" deal of the off-season that landed me Jeromy Burnitz. In my 11 years in the FBN I have used exactly 2 first-round draft picks. Although we are apparently allergic to game 7s, I think my teams have done OK with 6 playoff appearances.

In that regard, has your own lack of trade activity helped or hurt the Klub this year? You'll never dance on Broadway if you don't take some chances....

-Dom

Like I said, we have matured ☺

I have finished the 2000 season and I'm working on the 2003 and 2004. I need your help. I can not find the 2003 Manager or GM of the AL or NL. Does anyone have that information?

It's great to see that Dave Sanborn and his family are finally all together again after they sold their home in California. His new address is 5285 W. Mohawk LN., Glendale, AZ. He is back to the old email address: PLYBATS@AOL.COM

Please review the draft order and let me know of any mistakes.

Wishing everyone had a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and that you will have a safe and happy New Year.
Rob

2005 DRAFT ORDER
UPDATED 12/31/04

1. HS-SP	25. HS-NE	49. HS-UR	73. HS-CT	97. HS	121. HS-MV
2. IL	26. IL	50. IL	74. IL	98. IL	122. IL
3. PQ	27. CD-MY	51. CD	75. CD	99. CD-AS	123. CD
4. CD-SP	28. SP	52. SP-LW	76. WS-KK	100. SP-AS	124. SP
5. WS	29. MV-SP	53. MV-FS	77. SP-CT	101. LW	125. LW
6. SP-CD	30. LW	54. LW	78. MV-AG	102. NE	126. NE -PQ
7. MV-LV	31. NE-AS	55. NE-WS	79. LW	103. HT-HS	127. HT
8. LW-CT	32. HT-NE	56. HT-US	80. NE	104. MY-UR	128. MY
9. NE -SP	33. MY-HS	57. MY-CT	81. HT	105. FS	129. FS
10. HT-HS	34. FS-MV	58. FS	82. MY	106. KK	130. KK
11. MY-CT	35. WS	59. WS	83. FS	107. WS	131. WS
12. FS	36. PQ	60. PQ	84. PQ	108. PQ-NE	132. PQ
13. KK	37. KK	61. KK	85. KK	109. AG	133. AG
14. AG-MV	38. AG-MV	62. AG-HS	86. AG-US	110. US	134. US
15. US-SP	39. US-HS	63. US-JC	87. US	111. UR	135. UR
16. BB	40. UR-LW	64. UR	88. UR-LW	112. AS	136. AS
17. UR	41. AS-SP	65. AS-FS	89. AS	113. LV	137. LV
18. AS-SP	42. LV-MY	66. LV-LW	90. LV-HS	114. BR	138. BR
19. LV-SP	43. BR	67. BR	91. BR	115. YA	139. YA
20. BR-PQ	44. YA	68. YA-CD	92. YA	116. HZ	140. HZ
21. YA-NE	45. HZ-CT	69. HZ	93. HZ	117. CT-SP	141. CT
22. HZ	46. BB	70. BB	94. BB	118. BB	142. BB
23. CT-LV	47. CT	71. CT-MY	95. CT	119. JC-HS	143. JC
24. JC-AG	48. JC-IL	72. JC	96. JC	120. MV	144. MV

2006 TRADEDRAFT PICKS

Hart Street: #3 to MV

Jersey Cith: #1 to US. #2 to US. #5 to LV.

Louisville: #1 to WS. #2 to HS.

Maine: #2 to CT.

Margaritaville: #1 to SP.

New England: #1 to WS. #2 to SP.

Salem: #4 to LV.

Wall Street: #4 to LV

Yorktown: #5 to CD.

Changes for 2005 -

1. All-Star voting will be moved from post-season to in season. Teams will send in players from their own team that they want to be listed on the ballot, including position. The ballot will be mailed out along with the 80 game player stats report. The ballot will be due back to me by the next reporting date.
2. All minus bonus points will be reported after each block. This will give each manager a timely manner in reviewing any -BP's accessed.

2005 – DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan. 23. 1. Winter Meetings close Sunday at 6PM EST. All trades from today to be announced on draft day.
2. GM's **e-mail** protected rosters & draft picks owned to the commissioner and cc to all members. Include the ML team that is on the player's card. List the batters and pitchers **separately and in alphabetical order**.
- Jan. 26 1. Commissioner emails out protected rosters.
- Jan. 28 1. Opening Day at SOM. (Estimated)
- Feb. 01 1 Commissioner emails out final draft order to GM's.
- Feb. 08 1 GM's **mail or email** draft instructions and the phone number that they will be at on draft day to the commissioner. Mark on the outside of the envelope "DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS". This envelope will only be opened at the draft if for some reason we can not reach you. Mail in written instructions even if you plan on being at the draft in person.
- Feb. 20 1. **DRAFT DAY**. The draft will start at 11:00AM EST. We hope to be on line. If we are not on line I will call you and let the phone ring twice then I hang up. PLEASE DO NOT PICK UP THE PHONE. You have two minutes to call back at 1-860-889-3811 ext. 203. Backup: 1-860-889-3811 ext. 216 & 217. I will read off the players taken in front of you and you will have one minute to make your selection. We will use the buddy system if we can not get on line.
2. Preseason Trading period begins.
3. Commissioner **hands out seasonal package** including Manager's Directory, Team Schedule and Constitution to the members at the draft.
- Feb. 21 1. Non drafted Player Selection. AKA: "Waiver Wire". Players not drafted that have a card become available. For each player selected a player must be cut. Newly cut players are available for selection.
- Feb. 23 1. Commissioner emails out the draft results to the GM's (if needed).
2. Commissioner mails out seasonal package to the members who were not at the draft.
- Feb. 27 1. Waiver Wire ends at 6:00PM EST. Call or email the commissioner to verify your player selection.
- Mar. 06 1. Preseason Trading Period ends at 6:00PM EST. All trades not reported by 6PM will become effective with the first game of series #6.
- Mar. 07 1. GM's email in their 500AB's and 1325IP to their league president. List batters by position with the ML team on the card. List the max. AB's for each batter for the FBN season. Next, list pitchers the ML team on the card and the max IP for the FBN.
2. GM's email complete rosters to the commissioner. List the batters first in alphabetical order with the ML team on the card. Next list pitchers just like the batters.
3 GM's email/mail in their ballpark ratings to the commissioner
4. GM's email/mail opening day rosters(active & inactive)and their planned pitching rotation for block one to the Commissioner. **This must be none by all members for the first two blocks.**
- Mar. 11 1. The Commissioner emails out the league rosters.
- Mar. 13 1. Opening Day of 2005.
- June 15 1. All-Star selection. Send in players from your team and the position they play to be listed on the All-Star Ballot.
- July 01 1. All-Star voting.
2. Dues Month. League fee \$20.00 is due by July 31st to keep member active.
- Sept. 01 1. Send in voting items for review.
- Oct. 01 1. Send in Rookie of Year candidates from your team.
- Nov. 01 1. Voting Month. League items plus Commissioner and Presidents.
- Dec. 18 1. Order the cards for SOM.

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