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## Commissioners Corner:

My sister in-law gave me Glen Guzzo's book for my birthday. I just finished it. It gives great insight on how Hal developed the game as a child. How the company almost did not make it. And why he made some decision that he did. One thing for sure, Hal's Dad was SOB. And I don't mean Same Old Bruno here.

Our first in season All-Star game is coming up in July. It's time for each manager to send in his players that he would like to see on the ballot. June 15<sup>th</sup> is the dead line see info below.

Rob

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### 2006 TRADED DRAFT PICKS

Arsenal: #3 to HS. #4 to WS.

California: #3 & #5 to Hart Street.

Florida: #3 & #5 to KK.

Hart Street: #3 to MV

Jersey City: #1 to US. #2 to US. #4 to FS. #5 to LV.

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

Maine: #2 to CT. #5 to YA. #6 to HZ.

Margaritaville: #1 to SP.

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

Salem: #4 to LV.

Wall Street: #4 to LV

**This reports -BP's:** LV 5, (for late game results block 2).

-BP's YTD: LV 5 ½, MV 3, LW 2, AS 1, AG 1, FS 1/2.

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- 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.

## **2006 Dates to Remember:**

- Jan. 21. 1. Winter Meetings close Sunday at 6PM EST. All trades from today to be announced on draft day.
- Jan. 22 1. GM's **e-mail** protected rosters & draft picks owned to the commissioner by 6PM and CC to all 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. 25 1. Commissioner emails out protected rosters.
- Jan. 27 1. Opening Day at SOM. (Estimated)
- Feb. 01 1 Commissioner emails out final draft order to GM's.
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- Feb. 07 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. 19 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. 20 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. 22 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. 25 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

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 2006.**
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## STANDINGS

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<b>* East *</b>	w	l	pct	gb	home	away	L10	streak	team ba	team era
Poquonock	38	23	.623	—	20-10	18-13	6-4	Won 1	.294	4.39
Hazardville	38	27	.585	2	18-12	21-15	5-5	Lost 1	.277	4.10
Allyn Street	30	31	.492	8	16-15	14-16	4-6	Won 1	.265	4.53
US Jarheads	28	33	.459	10	12-15	16-18	2-8	Won 2	.274	4.41
Burlington	27	34	.443	11	15-16	12-18	5-5	Won 1	.258	4.68
Wall Street	27	42	.391	15	12-22	15-20	5-5	Lost 2	.269	5.20

  

<b>* West *</b>	w	l	pct	gb	home	away	L10	streak	team ba	team era
Jersey City	45	20	.692	—	18-12	27-8	5-5	Won 1	.279	3.28
New England	36	25	.590	7	20-10	16-15	8-2	Won 6	.279	4.98
Connecticut	33	28	.541	10	16-11	17-17	5-5	Lost 4	.276	4.27
Margaritaville	27	30	.474	14	21-14	6-16	5-5	Lost 2	.262	4.18
Klee's	28	37	.431	17	14-21	14-16	3-7	Lost 1	.258	4.60
Salem	16	41	.281	25	10-20	6-21	3-7	Won 1	.228	5.06

## N. L. BATTING LEADERS

<u>Average (min 3.1 pa/g)</u>			<u>Runs Batted In</u>			<u>Runs Scored</u>		
1	Larkin,B	JC .386	1	Cabrera,M	PQ 54	1	Freel,R	US 52
2	Garciparra,N	NE .358	2	Rolen,S	HZ 45	2	Abreu,B	WS 46
3	Hudson,O	PQ .358	3	Thomas,F	JC 45	3	Belliard,R	JC 44
4	Winn,R	KK .347	4	Beltran,C	HZ 44	4	Beltran,C	HZ 44
5	Anderson,G	US .335	5	Kent,J	US 43	5	Drew,JD	PQ 44
6	Greene,K	PQ .333	6	Tejada,M	HZ 43	6	Green,S	HZ 43
7	Monroe,C	PQ .333	7	Koskie,C	NE 42	7	Jeter,D	WS 43
8	Hafner,T	CT .331	8	Blake,C	JC 41	8	Kotsay,M	JC 43
9	Stewart,S	NE .329	9	Belliard,R	JC 40	9	Winn,R	KK 42
10	2 tied at	.326	10	Young,M	US 40	10	2 tied at	41

  

<u>Home Runs</u>			<u>Doubles</u>			<u>Triples</u>		
1	Rolen,S	HZ 20	1	Abreu,B	WS 27	1	Beltran,C	HZ 5
2	Cabrera,M	PQ 17	2	Belliard,R	JC 25	2	Kent,J	US 5
3	Finley,S	NE 16	3	Blake,C	JC 23	3	Berroa,A	KK 4
4	Tejada,M	HZ 14	4	Hudson,O	PQ 23	4	Broussard,B	BB 4
5	Thomas,F	JC 14	5	Jeter,D	WS 22	5	Castro,J	WS 4
6	Burnitz,J	JC 13	6	Holliday,M	WS 20	6	Furcal,R	AS 4
7	8 tied at	12	7	Greene,K	PQ 19	7	Guillen,J	NE 4
8			8	Hafner,T	CT 19	8	Guzman,C	MV 4
9			9	Koskie,C	NE 19	9	many tied with	3
10			10	3 tied at	18	10		

  

<u>Stolen Bases</u>			<u>Strikeouts</u>			<u>Walks</u>		
1	Freel,R	US 23	1	Burnitz,J	JC 64	1	Drew,JD	PQ 55
2	Posednik,S	KK 23	2	Bagwell,J	HZ 62	2	Abreu,B	WS 52
3	Harris,W	MV 22	3	Wilkerson,B	AS 62	3	Bagwell,J	HZ 43
4	Winn,R	KK 14	4	Patterson,C	SP 59	4	Berkman,L	AS 42
5	Berroa,A	KK 13	5	Bay,J	SP 56	5	Beltran,C	HZ 41
6	Clark,B	HZ 13	6	Guillen,J	NE 55	6	Castillo,L	KK 39
7	Patterson,C	SP 13	7	Jeter,D	WS 54	7	Freel,R	US 39
8	Abreu,B	WS 12	8	Wilson,CA	US 53	8	Ford,L	US 35
9	Chavez,E	US 11	9	Bymes,E	SP 52	9	Hafner,T	CT 35
10	Roberts,D	BB 11	10	Cabrera,M	PQ 52	10	Broussard,B	BB 32

# N. L. PITCHING LEADERS

<u>ERA</u> (min 1 ip/team game)			<u>Most Innings Pitched</u>			<u>Relief Appearances</u>		
1	Oswalt,R	HZ 2.53	1	Schmidt,J	JC 111.0	1	Linebrink,S	US 28
2	Hudson,T	HZ 2.70	2	Oswalt,R	HZ 99.2	2	Mota,G	CT 28
3	Wright,Jt	JC 3.25	3	Zito,B	WS 95.2	3	Duchscherer	AS 27
4	Sheets,B	NE 3.47	4	Hendrickson,M	WS 95.0	4	Gordon,T	JC 27
5	Hendrickson,M	WS 3.51	5	Pavano,C	CT 93.2	5	Parrish,J	PQ 27
6	Bonderman,J	JC 3.53	6	Arroyo,B	BB 93.0	6	Perisho,M	SP 27
7	Schmidt,J	JC 3.56	7	Washburn,J	HZ 92.0	7	Smoltz,J	NE 27
8	Halladay,R	AS 3.64	8	Tomko,B	WS 91.1	8	Almanzar,C	KK 26
9	Day,Z	SP 3.73	9	Sheets,B	NE 91.0	9	Nathan,J	NE 26
10	Penny,B	JC 3.80	10	Buehrle,M	HZ 90.2	10	Shields,S	MV 25

  

<u>Most Wins</u>			<u>Most Strikeouts</u>			<u>Most Walks</u>		
1	Wright,Jt	JC 10	1	Schmidt,J	JC 120	1	Zambrano,V	WS 56
2	Sheets,B	NE 9	2	Sheets,B	NE 116	2	Webb,B	US 52
3	Arroyo,B	BB 8	3	Oswalt,R	HZ 82	3	Ortiz,Ru	NE 50
4	Hudson,T	HZ 8	4	Bonderman,J	JC 77	4	Lilly,T	KK 45
5	Schmidt,J	JC 8	5	Webb,B	US 75	5	Zito,B	WS 44
6	Lidle,C	HZ 7	6	Lilly,T	KK 71	6	Cabrera,D	PQ 42
7	Oswalt,R	HZ 7	7	Zambrano,V	WS 70	7	Day,Z	SP 39
8	Pavano,C	CT 7	8	Wright,Jt	JC 69	8	Contreras,J	KK 37
9	Suppan,J	JC 7	9	Zito,B	WS 69	9	Eaton,A	BB 37
10	Zito,B	WS 7	10	Vazquez,J	BB 68	10	Batista,M	NE 36

  

<u>Fireman Award</u>				<u>Winning % (min 6 decisions)</u>			
		pts	w-l-s				
1	Gordon,T	JC 38	4-1-18	1	Wright,Jt	JC 10-0	1.000
2	Rivera,M	PQ 36	0-0-18	2	Suppan,J	JC 7-0	1.000
3	Nathan,J	NE 28	2-3-16	3	Hudson,T	HZ 8-1	. 889
4	Benitez,A	CT 27	3-1-13	4	Carrara,G	PQ 6-1	. 857
5	Rodriguez,F	WS 26	0-3-16	5	Wright,Jm	PQ 6-1	. 857
6	Wagner,B	AS 24	2-0-11	6	Sheets,B	NE 9-2	. 818
7	Gagne,E	HZ 21	1-2-12	7	Lidle,C	HZ 7-2	. 778
8	Lidge,B	US 20	2-4-13	8	Buehrle,M	HZ 6-2	. 750
9	Gonzalez,M	MV 14	2-1-7	9	Schmidt,J	JC 8-4	. 667
10	Takatsu,S	NE 10	4-0-3	10	2 tied at	7-4	. 636

## JARHEAD SCUTTLEBUTT

After reaching a high-water mark of 7 games above .500, the Jarheads have collapsed. Over the last 20 games the team ERA has rocketed from 3.83 to 4.41, resulting in a 5 -15 stretch and a 28 - 33 overall record.

## THE G-SPOT

Pitching, pitching, pitching. JC owes its first place standing to the pitchers. The worst ERA on the JC pitching staff belongs to reliever Erasmo Ramirez at 4.26. The second worst is starter Brad Penny at 3.80. JC starters all have ERAs between 3.25 and 3.80, and their combined record is 36-14. Besides Ramirez, the worst reliever ERA is Justin Speier's 3.70. Next is Tim Worrell at 2.42, followed by Gordon (1.81), Calero (1.75), and Aquino (1.07).

## ***DEVIL DOODLES***

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The Blue Devils moved to a season high 9 games over .500 (33-24) with a surprising 4 game sweep of the high flying rival G-Men in Jersey City. CT pitchers held Jersey City to just 13 runs in the four games (8 in one game). But, continuing their inconsistency this season, the Blue Devils followed that series by traveling to red hot New England and getting swept 4 games there. Although the series was fairly close and competitive, Connecticut mistakes, injuries and lack of clutch hitting & pitching did them in as the Angels moved solidly into 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the NL West ahead of CT by 3 games.

Travis Hafner continues to be the all around offensive team leader batting .331 with 35 runs, 39 RBI, 19 doubles and 12 HR's in 57 games. Geoff Jenkins has produced 33 RBI so far but is batting only .245 and is struggling with his power stroke with just 6 doubles and only 2 HR's in 54 games.

The youngster combo of Jose Reyes and Jose Castillo at 2<sup>nd</sup> base has held their own batting a combined .264 with 25 runs scored and 24 RBI while making just 2 errors. Veteran Roberto Alomar has not yet been recalled from the minors so if any team is looking for some 2<sup>nd</sup> base or DH AB's - Alomar is available cheaply. 188 FBN at bats with 33 on base 45 slugging and +6 in clutch. Contact Blue Devil management with any offers.

## **ANGELS ON HIGH**

After a slow start (10-15 block 1) the New England Angels caught fire against the National league East winning a franchise record 13 consecutive games, and are now in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the NL West. So far in block 3 the Angels have swept Connecticut and Klees and split 2-2 against Salem and now stand at 36-25. We are still waiting to schedule games against Jersey City and Margaritaville. Staff ace Ben Sheets has led the way with a 9-2 record. After Sheets the rotation drops off dramatically, but the NE bullpen, led by the big 3 of Takatsu, Smoltz and Nathan has been outstanding. Steve Finley has led a power surge and is atop the NL HR leaderboard with 16 dingers. Following closely behind, each with 12 HR's are Koskie, Guillen and Konerko. It has been a balanced attack that has propelled the Angels to their loftiest status in the FBN in many years. The Angels had their 13 game winning snapped by the Psychics losing the 1<sup>st</sup> two games of the series. But NE regrouped to win the last 2 games of the series, and then swept 4 from Connecticut and have now won 6 in a row and 19 of their last 21.

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