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Commissioners Corner:

Inter-League time in the FBN. It must be summer time! It's the time of year we get to play our friends from afar. Isn't, NET PLAY grand?

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June 15 1. All-Star selection. Send in players from your team that you think should be included on the All-Star Ballot. Include the position they play

July 01 1. All-Star voting.

TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS

1. Jersey City rec'ed R.Adams from Louisville for J.Towers.
2. Baton Rouge rec'ed PQ#3 from Poquonock for Eli Marrero.

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.

Poquonock: #3 to BR.

Salem: #4 to LV.

Wall Street: #4 to LV

This reports -BP's: MV 3 (missed report).

-BP's YTD: MV 6, LV 5 ½, LW 2, AS 1, AG 1, FS 1/2.

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STANDINGS

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* East *	w	l	pct	gb	home	away	L10	streak	team ba	team era
Poquonock	42	27	.609	—	23-11	19-16	5-5	Lost 1	.294	4.25
Hazardville	42	33	.560	3	22-18	20-15	4-6	Won 2	.276	4.31
Allyn Street	33	36	.478	9	18-17	15-19	4-6	Lost 1	.259	4.55
Burlington	34	39	.466	10	20-19	14-20	6-4	Won 1	.264	4.59
US Jarheads	32	39	.451	11	16-21	16-18	2-8	Lost 2	.272	4.38
Wall Street	27	42	.391	15	12-22	15-20	5-5	Lost 2	.269	5.20

* West *	w	l	pct	gb	home	away	L10	streak	team ba	team era
Jersey City	56	27	.675	—	24-14	32-13	5-5	Won 2	.276	3.59
New England	38	27	.585	9	20-10	18-17	6-4	Lost 2	.282	4.95
Connecticut	39	32	.549	11	21-14	18-18	5-5	Lost 1	.287	4.24
Margaritaville	27	30	.474	16	21-14	6-16	5-5	Lost 2	.262	4.18
Klee's	30	39	.435	19	14-21	16-18	3-7	Lost 1	.258	4.50
Salem	23	58	.284	32	15-33	8-25	1-9	Lost 5	.233	5.14

N. L. BATTING LEADERS

<u>Average (min 3.1 pa/g)</u>			<u>Runs Batted In</u>			<u>Runs Scored</u>		
1	Garciparra,N	NE .355	1	Cabrera,M	PQ 58	1	Freel,R	US 60
2	Hudson,O	PQ .352	2	Rolen,S	HZ 50	2	Kotsay,M	JC 54
3	Winn,R	KK .351	3	Blake,C	JC 48	3	Finley,S	NE 52
4	Monroe,C	PQ .340	4	Beltran,C	HZ 47	4	Bymes,E	SP 51
5	Mora,M	BB .332	5	Kent,J	US 47	5	Drew,JD	PQ 51
6	Cabrera,M	PQ .331	6	Tejada,M	HZ 46	6	Belliard,R	JC 50
7	Hafner,T	CT .329	7	Thomas,F	JC 45	7	Beltran,C	HZ 48
8	Tracy,C	MV .323	8	Koskie,C	NE 44	8	Abreu,B	WS 46
9	Stewart,S	NE .321	9	Bay,J	SP 43	9	Cabrera,M	PQ 46
10	Anderson,G	US .319	10	Martinez,V	BB 43	10	3 tied at	45

<u>Home Runs</u>			<u>Doubles</u>			<u>Triples</u>		
1	Rolen,S	HZ 21	1	Belliard,R	JC 28	1	Beltran,C	HZ 6
2	Cabrera,M	PQ 19	2	Bymes,E	SP 28	2	Kent,J	US 6
3	Blake,C	JC 17	3	Abreu,B	WS 27	3	Furcal,R	AS 5
4	Finley,S	NE 16	4	Hudson,O	PQ 26	4	Guillen,J	NE 5
5	Tejada,M	HZ 16	5	Blake,C	JC 24	5	Berroa,A	KK 4
6	Bay,J	SP 15	6	Jeter,D	WS 22	6	Broussard,B	BB 4
7	Burnitz,J	JC 15	7	Greene,K	PQ 21	7	Castro,J	WS 4
8	Drew,JD	PQ 14	8	Hafner,T	CT 21	8	Garciparra,N	NE 4
9	Thomas,F	JC 14	9	Koskie,C	NE 21	9	Guzman,C	MV 4
10	7 tied at	13	10	Overbay,L	US 21	10	Lane,J	KK 4

<u>Stolen Bases</u>			<u>Strikeouts</u>			<u>Walks</u>		
1	Freel,R	US 24	1	Patterson,C	SP 80	1	Drew,JD	PQ 61
2	Posednik,S	KK 24	2	Bay,J	SP 75	2	Abreu,B	WS 52
3	Harris,W	MV 22	3	Wilkerson,B	AS 73	3	Bagwell,J	HZ 48
4	Patterson,C	SP 20	4	Burnitz,J	JC 72	4	Berkman,L	AS 46
5	Clark,B	HZ 15	5	Bymes,E	SP 70	5	Beltran,C	HZ 44
6	Winn,R	KK 15	6	Bagwell,J	HZ 69	6	Castillo,L	KK 44
7	Berroa,A	KK 13	7	Blake,C	JC 63	7	Freel,R	US 42
8	Abreu,B	WS 12	8	Beltran,C	HZ 59	8	Broussard,B	BB 39
9	Beltran,C	HZ 12	9	Guillen,J	NE 59	9	Ford,L	US 39
10	Chavez,E	US 12	10	Cabrera,M	PQ 58	10	Overbay,L	US 39

N. L. PITCHING LEADERS

<u>ERA (min 1 ip/team game)</u>			<u>Most Innings Pitched</u>			<u>Relief Appearances</u>		
1	Hudson,T	HZ 2.57	1	Schmidt,J	JC 132.0	1	Perisho,M	SP 39
2	Oswalt,R	HZ 2.93	2	Oswalt,R	HZ 122.2	2	Gordon,T	JC 34
3	Wright,Jt	JC 3.19	3	Jennings,J	SP 115.2	3	Mota,G	CT 32
4	Halladay,R	AS 3.28	4	Pavano,C	CT 108.0	4	Linebrink,S	US 31
5	Sheets,B	NE 3.39	5	Wright,Jt	JC 105.1	5	Baez,D	PQ 29
6	Hendrickson,M	WS 3.51	6	Buehrle,M	HZ 104.1	6	Smoltz,J	NE 29
7	Schmidt,J	JC 3.67	7	Arroyo,B	BB 102.0	7	5 tied at	28
8	Arroyo,B	BB 4.03	8	Rueter,K	SP 99.1	8		
9	Wood,M	US 4.09	9	Webb,B	US 99.1	9		
10	Zito,B	WS 4.23	10	Sheets,B	NE 98.0	10		

<u>Most Wins</u>			<u>Most Strikeouts</u>			<u>Most Walks</u>		
1	Wright,Jt	JC 13	1	Schmidt,J	JC 138	1	Webb,B	US 58
2	Sheets,B	NE 10	2	Sheets,B	NE 126	2	Zambrano,V	WS 56
3	Arroyo,B	BB 9	3	Oswalt,R	HZ 103	3	Ortiz,Ru	NE 52
4	Hudson,T	HZ 9	4	Bonderman,J	JC 96	4	Cabrera,D	PQ 51
5	Schmidt,J	JC 9	5	Wright,Jt	JC 88	5	Day,Z	SP 49
6	Lidle,C	HZ 8	6	Webb,B	US 84	6	Lilly,T	KK 47
7	Oswalt,R	HZ 8	7	Lilly,T	KK 81	7	Marquis	BB 47
8	Pavano,C	CT 8	8	Beckett,J	SP 78	8	Jennings,J	SP 46
9	4 tied at	7	9	Lidge,B	US 76	9	Zito,B	WS 44
10			10	Vazquez,J	BB 72	10	Beckett,J	SP 43

<u>Fireman Award</u>				<u>Winning % (min 7 decisions)</u>			
		pts	w-l-s				
1	Gordon,T	JC 48	4-2-24	1	Wright,Jt	JC 13-0	1.000
2	Rivera,M	PQ 40	0-0-20	2	Suppan,J	JC 7-0	1.000
3	Benitez,A	CT 31	3-2-16	3	Hudson,T	HZ 9-1	.900
4	Nathan,J	NE 30	2-3-17	4	Carrara,G	PQ 7-1	.875
5	Wagner,B	AS 28	2-0-13	5	Wood,K	PQ 6-1	.857
6	Lidge,B	US 26	2-4-16	6	Sheets,B	NE 10-2	.833
7	Rodriguez,F	WS 26	0-3-16	7	Lidle,C	HZ 8-3	.727
8	Gagne,E	HZ 23	1-3-14	8	Buehrle,M	HZ 7-3	.700
9	Gonzalez,M	MV 14	2-1-7	9	Linebrink,S	US 6-3	.667
10	Takatsu,S	NE 10	4-0-3	10	Schmidt,J	JC 9-5	.643

US JARHEAD SCUTTLEBUTT

Jarhead of the Week
David Riske with a mediocre card leads the team in ERA with a 2.79

Lowlife Scumbag Maggots:
Lyle Overbay has hit 1 HR in 222 ABs and yet Brad Lidge has been touched 5 HRs.
O Cabrera hitting .205
G Blum hitting .205
Endy Chavez hitting .217
Farnsworth 6.55, Fuentes 6.60, Lehr 6.24
Ryan Freel 18 errors

89ER NUMBERS

Lowell 700th game, 318th R to pass Paul Molitor for 10th ALL-TIME. 364 RBI to pass Jose Vizcaino for 9th. 137 Double to pass Bill Buckner for 9th. Berkman 2353 game to pass Bill Buckner for 9th. 416th BB to pass Daryl Hamilton for 4th. Vizcaino 900th Hit.

Pitching: Quantrill 460G to pass Steve Farr for 3rd. Ortiz 115GS to pass Greg Hibbard for 10th, 54W to pass Jim Deshaies for 9th. Halladay 584IP to pass Deshaies for 8th.

THE G-SPOT

JC has hit a bit of a rough patch thus far against the AL, going 9-5 after the first 14 games. Injuries have hindered the team's progress, as Frank Thomas, Brad Penny, Kiko Calero, and Marcus Thames have all gone on the DL with various injuries. Barry Larkin has also been nursing a nagging groin injury (I guess that's what happens when you hit your 40s but I'll know for sure next year :!) which has limited his playing time. While he is still hitting an astounding .385, he no longer has enough ABs to qualify for the batting title.

Jaret Wright continues to mystify opposing batters, and although his ERA has begun to climb, he remains unbeaten at 13-0. Jeff Suppan also is unbeaten at 7-0.

PSYCHIC VIBES

All-stars. Well, in the great tradition of Tampa Bay getting a guy on the all-star team, I'll send you a couple of suspects:

RF. Eric Byrnes: .268, 28 2B, 12 HR, 51 runs, 37 RBI.

LF. Jason Bay: .267, 15 HR 43 RBI.

Pretty dismal!

FLY BY NIGHT AMERICAN LEAGUE

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EAST

	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	L 10	Strk	Avg	ERA
MAINE YAKS	43	26	0.623	---	20-14	23-12	7-3	1W	.258	3.63
LOUISVILLE RIVER BANDITS	37	32	0.536	6	19-15	18-17	9-1	4W	.313	4.97
LAKE WOBEGON WHIPPETS	39	36	0.520	7	22-17	17-19	5-5	1W	.254	4.20
ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DOGS	27	34	0.443	12	15-20	12-14	5-5	1L	.281	5.67
URPAIGN DRAGONS	30	39	0.435	13	13-21	17-18	3-7	1L	.269	5.39
BATON ROUGE SILVER BULLETS	30	39	0.435	13	15-20	15-19	3-7	5L	.279	4.84

WEST

	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	L 10	Strk	Avg	ERA
CALIFORNIA DREAMERS	49	26	0.653	---	27-12	22-14	8-2	1W	.284	3.56
ARSENAL GUNNERS	44	33	0.571	6	28-15	16-18	4-6	1L	.270	4.24
FLORIDA SUN	31	30	0.508	11	21-15	10-15	4-6	2W	.262	4.69
HART STREET HOGS	38	43	0.469	14	20-23	18-20	5-5	2L	.275	4.75
HOTLANTA POSSUMS	34	39	0.466	14	15-21	19-18	5-5	2W	.256	5.36
YORKTOWN ADMIRALS	27	38	0.415	17	15-20	12-18	5-5	2L	.243	5.62

A.L. HITTING LEADERS

AVERAGE (MIN 3.1P.A/GM)

1) Suzuki	LV	.415
2) Guerrero	IL	.389
3) Pierre	HS	.387
4) Bonds	AG	.379
5) Edmonds	UR	.347
6) Durham	LV	.341
7) Helton	LV	.339
8) Renteria	CD	.334
9) Ortiz	IL	.316
10) Figgins	CD	.315

RUNS BATTED IN

1) Bonds	AG	71
2) Dunn	HS	67
3) Edmonds	UR	64
4) Pujols	LV	60
5) Blalock	AG	57
6) Guerrero	IL	54
7) Batista	LV	54
8) Matsui	LW	54
9) Lee	MY	53
10) Lopez	AG	53

RUNS SCORED

1) Bonds	AG	70
2) Suzuki	LV	68
3) Pierre	HS	66
4) Dunn	HS	66
5) Figgins	CD	59
6) Arod	MY	56
7) Helton	LV	52
8) Casey	CD	52
9) Matsui	LW	50
10) Durham	LV	48

HOME RUNS

1) Bonds	AG	30
2) Dunn	HS	21
3) Ramirez	YT	21
4) Guerrero	IL	21
5) Lee	MY	18
6) Beltre	HT	18
7) Ortiz	IL	18
8) Cameron	MY	17
9) Edmonds	UR	17
10) Sheffield	BR	16

DOUBLES

1) Edmonds	UR	31
2) Pujols	LV	29
3) Helton	LV	28
4) Bell	CD	28
5) Casey	CD	25
6) Bonds	AG	25
7) D Lee	MY	22
8) Rivera	HS	21
9) Dunn	HS	21
10) Clayton	MY	21

TRIPLES

1) Pierre	HS	9
2) Infante	LV	8
3) Itzuris	AG	8
4) Figgins	CD	6
5) Durham	LV	6
6) Feliz	BR	6
7) Alou	FS	6
8) Crawford	IL	6
9) Guillen	BR	5
10) Molina	CD	5

STOLEN BASES

1) Pierre	HS	69
2) Suzuki	LV	36
3) Figgins	CD	21
4) Crisp	HT	16
5) Logan	BR	14
6) Crawford	IL	14
7) Damon	CD	13
8) Cameron	MY	12
9) Lugo	LW	12
10) Vizquel	FS	12

STRIKEOUTS

1) Dunn	HS	91
2) Bellhorn	LW	82
3) Cameron	MY	79
4) Blalock	AG	79
5) A Jones	HT	77
6) Edmonds	UR	73
7) Clayton	MY	70
8) Teixeira	HS	67
9) Ramirez	YT	64
10) Jones	HS	62

WALKS

1) Bonds	AG	91
2) Dunn	HS	55
3) Bellhorn	LW	46
4) Pujols	LV	45
5) Jones	HS	43
6) Helton	LV	42
7) Arod	MY	39
8) Chavez	YT	38
9) Matsui	LW	37
10) Damon	CD	35

A.L. PITCHING LEADERS

<u>ERA (min 1inning/team gm)</u>			<u>INNINGS PITCHED</u>			<u>RELIEF APPEARANCES</u>		
1) Schilling	BR	2.15	1) Johnson	CD	139	1) Robertson	AG	46
2) Johnson	CD	2.65	2) Santana	LW	138	2) Knotts	HS	44
3) Rusch	HT	2.79	3) Hernandez	CD	135	3) Leicester	HS	42
4) Radke	MY	2.80	4) Weaver	HS	123	4) Cordero	HS	40
5) Clemens	AG	2.80	5) Schilling	BR	108	5) Cerda	HS	38
6) Robertson	AG	3.13	6) Westbrook	LW	108	6) Rusch	HT	36
7) Santana	LW	3.33	7) Clemens	AG	107	7) Ryan	LV	36
8) Harden	MY	3.56	8) Peavy	HS	107	8) Tavaraz	MY	35
9) Carpenter	LV	3.78	9) Radke	MY	106	9) Isringhausen	LW	34
10) Rogers	CD	3.86	10) Benson	LV	100	10) Foulke	LV	33

<u>WINS</u>			<u>STRIKEOUTS</u>			<u>WALKS</u>		
1) Clemens	AG	15	1) Santana	LW	164	1) Estes	HT	63
2) Hernandez	CD	12	2) Johnson	CD	163	2) Perez	BR	63
3) Johnson	CD	11	3) Clemens	AG	124	3) Ishii	HT	53
4) Rusch	HT	9	4) Peavy	HS	110	4) Leiter	UR	52
5) Drese	AG	9	5) Escobar	LV	105	5) Clemens	AG	51
6) Radke	MY	8	6) Perez	BR	97	6) Weaver	HS	50
7) Carpenter	LV	8	7) Zambrano	BR	97	7) Reyes	BR	49
8) Escobar	LV	8	8) Hernandez	CD	97	8) Zambrano	BR	48
9) Schilling	BR	8	9) Garcia	AG	96	9) Hernandez	CD	48
10) Maddux	FS	8	10) Weaver	HS	92	10) Peavy	HS	47
Santana	LW	8						

<u>FIREMAN AWARD</u>				<u>WINNING % (min 7 decisions)</u>			
		pts	W-L-S				
1) Hawkins	CD	40	2-3-22	1) Clemens	AG	15-2	.882
2) Madson	MY	31	1-1-16	2) Rusch	HT	9-2	.818
3) Foulke	LV	31	3-1-15	3) Hernandez	CD	12-3	.800
4) Francisco	YT	23	1-1-12	4) Carpenter	LV	8-2	.800
5) Isringhsn	LW	22	4-8-17	5) Garland	FS	6-2	.750
6) Rusch	HT	19	9-2-7	6) Schilling	BR	8-3	.727
7) Hoffman	FS	19	3-2-10	7) Rogers	CD	8-3	.727
8) Otsuka	IL	18	4-0-7	8) Leiter	UR	5-2	.714
9) Moreno	HS	13	1-1-7	9) Wakefield	MY	7-3	.700
10) Cormier	AG	12	0-0-6	10) Johnson	CD	11-5	.688

TEAM NOTES:

York Town:

Admiral Notes: Yorktown is off to a far more typical start than last year's division winning team showed. However, given a .243 team BA and 5.62 team ERA, the 27-38 record is actually not too bad. 86 HR and 259 walks in 65 games is responsible for making Earl Weaver smile in his grave, and for keeping the record somewhat respectable.....On the bright side, catcher Michael Barrett is finally showing the potential that made him a one time high FBN draft pick, and merited the trading of a solid starting pitcher for him a couple of years ago. Barrett is hitting .279, with 14 HR and 30 RBIs, the best Admiral numbers for a catcher in many moons. On the comical side, Carlos Silva sports a nifty 6-5 record despite giving up 132 knocks in 79 2/3 innings, and crafting a 7.12 ERA. Could he really win 15 games and still set the FBN record for hits given up?....."Real life" is also treating the Admirals poorly, what with several season ending injuries, horrible pitching, and the possible career ending patheticness of Austin Kearns.

Hotlanta:

After a very slow start the Possums bats have come to life in recent series. Over the last 16 games the team has hit .297 and banged out 37 HR's. Our record in that span was only 9-7 because our pitching stinks, but at least we are putting a scare into our opponents. Beltre led the offense over these games batting .456 with 9 HR and 12 RBI (solo HR king?). Right behind him were C.Lee .333, 6 HR, 9 RBI and J.Wilson .314, 2 HR, 13 RBI.

Possum pitcher of the week is Shawn Estes. The Big E is on a hot streak. Using hot streak and Shawn Estes in the same sentence is just not right! But the Big E has won 3 consecutive starts over Arsenal, Florida, and Hazardville compiling a 3.00 ERA along the way. This has lowered his ERA to 7.65 and makes him 3-9 on the year.

Baton Rouge:

The Bullets sink further into the sub-500 hole as our record drops to 30-39. With about 40% of the season in the books one can make some full season predictions. Oliver Perez continues to amaze as he is projected to give up 336 baserunners in his full season 216 innings and lose 20 games. Whine Jim Thome is projected to hit 14 home runs. Whine, whine Troy Percival is projected to lose 15 games.

More whine The team is projected to score only 801 runs, the fewest since 1993. This from "One of the best offensive teams in the league" according to our preseason prognosticator. Most whine. On the bright side - both Aaron Hill and Ricky Weeks, from LSU and Southern respectively are up and doing well. Maybe have a shot at one or the other as we sink, sink, stink.

Hart Street:

Midseason evaluation:

-Record about where I expected....hoped I might get lucky and contend. Early Season 0-5 at Arsenal was a back breaker. Hogs have outscored opponents 444-418.

-Hitters: Pierre has been fantastic, Dunn has done as expected. Teixeira (.248 Avg, 9 HR and 34 RBI) and Chipper Jones (.214 with 39 RBI) have been big disappointments.

They should have tons of RBI since Pierre has been on base in front of them 172 times and the Spivey/Kennedy combo in the two hole has done fine.

-Pitchers: The pen has done quite well in spite of the fact that the closer was traded. Cordero (2.84 ERA), Reitsma (2.89 ERA) and Cerda (3.47 ERA) have all done when called on.

The only starter doing well is Wolf (5-3 3.96 ERA). Peavy has underachieved some at 6-8 with a 3.97 ERA and Weaver has been generally awful with a 7-7 record but an ERA of 6.16. No big surprise, Elarton has stunk at 2-9 with a 7.17 ERA.

California:

Dreamer Weavings - California has played extremely well lately, moving to 49-26 overall after a sweep of Arsenal at Arsenal. California held the Gunners to 10 runs and 2 HR in 4 games. Dreamers also managed to sweep 2 game sets against both NL division leaders (Hazardville and Jersey City).

The only hiccup in a great season is the 1-8 record against the Florida Sun.

Luck has definitely been on our side lately...

Leading the Dreamers is the big 3 of Livan Hernandez (12-3), Randy Johnson (11-5, 2.64) and Kenny Rogers (8-3). California continues to be successful without the home-run ball - only 56 HR in 75 games.

We can just hope it keeps up...

Dream On...