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Commissioners Corner:

Hurricane Katrina caused a mess this past week. I'm so glad everyone made it out safely.

TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS

1. New England rec'd B.Wagner and AS#4 from Allyn Street for C.Shelton, Russ Ortiz and NE #1 (2007).
2. Hart Street rec'd Jason Michaels from Allyn Street for Humberto Cota and IL#4.
3. End of the year trade: California will rec R.Rincon and LV#2 and HS 2007 #1 from Hart Street for H.Ramirez, C.Gomez and CD 2007 #5.

2006 TRADED DRAFT PICKS

Allyn Street: #4 to NE.
Arsenal: #3 to HS. #4 to WS.
California: #1 to BR. #3 & #5 to Hart Street.
Florida: #3 & #5 to KK.
Hart Street: #1 to IL. #2 to MV. #3 to MV. Also, CD#3 to MV. IL#4 to AS. LV#2 to CD.
Illinois: #3 to SP. #4 to HS.
Jersey City: #1 to US. #2 to US. #4 to FS. #5 to LV.
Louisville: #1 to WS. #2 to HS. #3 to AS(6-BP's). #4 to HT(6-BP's). #5 to HS(6-BP's).
Maine: #2 to CT. #5 to YA. #6 to HZ.
Margaritaville: #1 to SP. #3 to SP(9-BP's).
New England: #1 to WS. #2 to SP. #4 to SP.
Poquonock: #3 to BR.
Salem: #4 to LV.
Wall Street: #4 to LV

2007 TRADED DRAFT PICKS

California: #5 to HS.
Hart Street: #1 to CD.
Jersey City: #1 to AS
New England: #1 to AS

This reports -BP's: Margaritavill 3, Burlington ½.

-BP's YTD: MV 12, LV 5 ½, BB 2, LW 2, FS 1 ½, AS 1, AG 1, WS ½, SP ½.

2005 – DATES TO REMEMBER:

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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STANDINGS

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* East *	w	l	pct	gb	home	away	L10	streak	team ba	team era
Poquonock	79	50	.612	—	42-24	37-26	7-3	Won 1	.286	4.02
Hazardville	83	54	.606	—	42-24	41-30	8-2	Won 1	.276	4.07
Allyn Street	63	70	.474	18	34-37	29-33	6-4	Won 1	.256	4.59
US Jarheads	64	73	.467	19	35-36	29-37	6-4	Won 2	.281	4.51
Burlington	60	69	.465	19	36-35	24-34	4-6	Lost 2	.258	4.12
Wall Street	57	72	.442	22	28-34	29-38	7-3	Won 6	.273	4.97

* West *	w	l	pct	gb	home	away	L10	streak	team ba	team era
Jersey City	87	50	.635	—	46-20	41-30	5-5	Lost 1	.281	3.80
New England	78	55	.586	7	47-23	31-32	5-5	Won 1	.281	4.48
Connecticut	68	69	.496	19	37-34	31-35	6-4	Lost 2	.260	4.10
Klee's	54	79	.406	31	24-43	30-36	4-6	Won 3	.258	4.82
Margaritaville	43	70	.381	32	25-34	18-36	5-5	Lost 1	.264	4.61
Salem	47	90	.343	40	25-41	22-49	5-5	Lost 1	.235	5.33

N. L. BATTING LEADERS

<u>Average (min 3.1 pa/g)</u>			<u>Runs Batted In</u>			<u>Runs Scored</u>		
1	Winn,R	KK .333	1	Rolen,S	HZ 115	1	Freel,R	US 103
2	Mora,M	BB .325	2	Kent,J	US 102	2	Finley,S	NE 101
3	Anderson,G	US .324	3	Konerko,P	NE 93	3	Kotsay,M	JC 94
4	Abreu,B	WS .319	4	Cabrera,M	PQ 92	4	Beltran,C	HZ 92
5	Rolen,S	HZ .319	5	Lowell,M	AS 91	5	Drew,JD	PQ 91
6	Cabrera,M	PQ .312	6	Tejada,M	HZ 91	6	Rolen,S	HZ 90
7	Tracy,C	MV .311	7	Beltran,C	HZ 90	7	Ford,L	US 89
8	Hafner,T	CT .307	8	Finley,S	NE 89	8	Mora,M	BB 89
9	Ford,L	US .302	9	Martinez,V	BB 87	9	Abreu,B	WS 88
10	2 tied at	.300	10	Blake,C	JC 84	10	Jeter,D	WS 86

<u>Home Runs</u>			<u>Doubles</u>			<u>Triples</u>		
1	Rolen,S	HZ 39	1	Abreu,B	WS 46	1	Beltran,C	HZ 13
2	Blake,C	JC 32	2	Belliard,R	JC 45	2	Kent,J	US 10
3	Finley,S	NE 32	3	Jeter,D	WS 44	3	Guzman,C	MV 9
4	Konerko,P	NE 32	4	Overbay,L	US 43	4	Ordonez,M	BB 9
5	Cabrera,M	PQ 29	5	Bymes,E	SP 39	5	Tucker,M	US 8
6	Koskie,C	NE 29	6	Hudson,O	PQ 39	6	Young,M	US 8
7	Lowell,M	AS 29	7	Matsui,K	SP 38	7	Berroa,A	KK 7
8	Tejada,M	HZ 29	8	Tejada,M	HZ 38	8	Green,N	NE 7
9	Wilkerson,B	AS 25	9	Ford,L	US 35	9	Rios,A	CT 7
10	Wilson,CA	US 25	10	5 tied at	34	10	Sanders,R	HZ 7

<u>Stolen Bases</u>			<u>Strikeouts</u>			<u>Walks</u>		
1	Posednik,S	KK 46	1	Wilkerson,B	AS 125	1	Drew,JD	PQ 104
2	Freel,R	US 45	2	Bagwell,J	HZ 123	2	Berkman,L	AS 95
3	Harris,W	MV 44	3	Wilson,CA	US 120	3	Bagwell,J	HZ 91
4	Patterson,C	NE 27	4	Bay,J	SP 119	4	Abreu,B	WS 88
5	Clark,B	HZ 24	5	Blake,C	JC 119	5	Beltran,C	HZ 81
6	Castillo,L	KK 22	6	Bymes,E	SP 118	6	Castillo,L	KK 75
7	5 tied at	21	7	Burnitz,J	JC 112	7	Overbay,L	US 73
8			8	Patterson,C	NE 109	8	Freel,R	US 71
9			9	Cabrera,M	PQ 108	9	Hafner,T	CT 69
10			10	Jeter,D	WS 108	10	Harris,W	MV 64

N. L. PITCHING LEADERS

<u>ERA (min 1 ip/team game)</u>			<u>Most Innings Pitched</u>			<u>Relief Appearances</u>		
1	Halladay,R	AS 3.13	1	Sheets,B	NE 219.0	1	Mota,G	CT 63
2	Oswalt,R	HZ 3.15	2	Schmidt,J	JC 217.1	2	Gregg,K	CT 60
3	Wright,Jt	JC 3.18	3	Oswalt,R	HZ 205.2	3	Gordon,T	JC 59
4	Sheets,B	NE 3.49	4	Pavano,C	CT 201.0	4	King,R	CT 59
5	Arroyo,B	BB 3.74	5	Buehrle,M	HZ 194.1	5	Nathan,J	NE 55
6	Williams,W	BB 3.79	6	Lilly,T	KK 192.1	6	Duchscherer	AS 54
7	Schmidt,J	JC 3.97	7	Zito,B	WS 190.2	7	Looper,B	AS 54
8	Pavano,C	CT 3.99	8	Williams,W	BB 190.0	8	Perisho,M	NE 54
9	Hudson,T	HZ 4.01	9	Webb,B	US 188.1	9	Lidge,B	US 53
10	Penny,B	JC 4.07	10	Traschel,S	AS 185.1	10	Parrish,J	PQ 53

<u>Most Wins</u>			<u>Most Strikeouts</u>			<u>Most Walks</u>		
1	Wright,Jt	JC 20	1	Sheets,B	NE 246	1	Webb,B	US 114
2	Sheets,B	NE 19	2	Schmidt,J	JC 240	2	Ortiz,Ru	NE 104
3	Oswalt,R	HZ 17	3	Oswalt,R	HZ 185	3	Zambrano,V	WS 97
4	Hudson,T	HZ 15	4	Bonderman,J	JC 156	4	Lilly,T	KK 94
5	Lidle,C	HZ 15	5	Webb,B	US 156	5	Zito,B	WS 88
6	Schmidt,J	JC 15	6	Lilly,T	KK 153	6	Cabrera,D	PQ 81
7	Williams,W	BB 15	7	Wright,Jt	JC 146	7	Jennings,J	SP 77
8	Buehrle,M	HZ 14	8	Zito,B	WS 137	8	Schmidt,J	JC 75
9	Suppan,J	JC 14	9	Pavano,C	CT 133	9	Suppan,J	JC 73
10	2 tied at	13	10	Eaton,A	BB 130	10	Traschel,S	AS 70

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<u>Fireman Award</u>				<u>Winning % (min 12 decisions)</u>			
	pts	w-l-s					
1	Gordon,T	JC 79	5-3-40	1	Wright,Jt	JC 20-2	. 909
2	Rivera,M	PQ 79	1-0-39	2	Wood,K	PQ 12-3	. 800
3	Nathan,J	NE 72	4-3-37	3	Hudson,T	HZ 15-4	. 789
4	Benitez,A	CT 51	3-5-29	4	Suppan,J	JC 14-4	. 778
5	Rodriguez,F	WS 49	5-5-27	5	Lidle,C	HZ 15-6	. 714
6	Lidge,B	US 47	3-8-30	6	Oswalt,R	HZ 17-7	. 708
7	Wagner,B	AS 45	3-0-21	7	Sheets,B	NE 19-9	. 679
8	Howry,B	BB 37	1-4-22	8	Kennedy	PQ 12-6	. 667
9	Gagne,E	HZ 34	4-5-30	9	Schmidt,J	JC 15-10	. 600
10	Mesa,J	NE 19	3-3-11	10	Ortiz,Ru	NE 10-7	. 588

89ER NUMBERS

Allyn Street has been hot against the NL West going 13-7. Only games remaining are with Margaritaville.

Rookie Ryan Vogelsong in his first four games is 4-0, 4CG, 24K and 2.25 ERA.

JARHEAD SCUTTLEBUTT

The Jarheads finished the NLW block with a 14 -10 record, a stunning turn around, largely attributed to the teams one week stint with Motivation Platoon at Parris Island.

Milestones.... With 25 games to go.

Jeff Kent has 103 RBI. (1096 career). Kent had 120 RBI in ' 95 that was finally surpassed by Garret Anderson 154 RBI in ' 04. Kent has 23 HRs giving him 297 for his career. Kent has 10 triples. Fryman twice had 13 in a season ' 95 & ' 01. Ryan Freel has scored 103 runs. Team record is 124 (Jaha ' 97, Fryman ' 01). Freel has 45 SB. Steve Sax has the record with 58 in ' 91. Freel's 35 errors ties O Cabrera ' 03 for team record. Yikes ! 25 Games to go!

Promoted to Lance Corporal. J Benoit 7 - 4, 3.76 in 14 starts. He has team leading 3 CG including a 3 - 0 shutout of the Chiefs. Lyle Overbay started hitting(up to .290) and hitting doubles (43). Overbay finally hit his 3rd HR in Game # 134. Ryan Freel (W) is now up to 6 HRs.

With 25 games left, Tom Gordon has already established a new franchise record for saves with 40, breaking the 38 he had recorded last year.

Jaret Wright became the franchise's 12th 20-game winner, still an incredible 20-2, with a recent win over Hazardville.

Looking ahead to the playoffs, JC is unsure what to expect. While our pitching has been great all year, our hitting is Jekyll & Hyde. Capable of putting up 15 runs one game against a team's ace, we are just as capable of scoring 1 run in the next game against the same team's 5th starter. As we've learned in the past, unless you can avoid the cold streak at playoff time, you're not going anywhere.

DEVIL DOODLES

With 25 games left in the season and a 68-69 record, the Blue Devils main goal in the last block is to finish over .500. With only one losing season (2002) in 18 years of play in the FBN, CT management would like to keep that the only losing season. Unfortunately, the recent trade of David Wells to New England creates a hole in the starting rotation that will hurt in the last block. Although Wells' performance wasn't stellar (8-11 4.80), his replacement Josh Hancock has struggled a lot. (2-2 6.40)

Rookie southpaw Noah Lowry, a 1st round pick in the draft (#11) has had a solid start to his Blue Devil career going 6-6 4.25 in 18 starts. He's allowed just 109 hits and 19 walks in 95 innings with 71 K's but has hurt himself allowing 13 HR's. The future looks bright for Lowry as he projects as a very good #3 type starter.

Veteran Geoff Jenkins has had a power outage this season with just 17 doubles and only 9 HR's in 400 at bats. But somehow he has managed to get 68 RBI –not too bad. However, with a .243 average, it's been a disappointing season from Jenkins.

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EAST

	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	L 10	Strk	Avg	ERA
MAINE YAKS	84	53	0.613	---	37-29	47-24	9-1	8W	.261	3.92
LOUISVILLE RIVER BANDITS	73	60	0.549	12	37-29	36-31	6-4	4L	.306	4.66
LAKE WOBEGON WHIPPETS	67	66	0.504	18	37-34	30-32	7-3	1W	.260	4.52
URPAIGN DRAGONS	65	68	0.489	20	32-34	33-34	7-3	3W	.272	5.13
BATON ROUGE SILVER BULLETS	54	67	0.446	27	28-35	26-32	4-6	1L	.274	4.83
ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DOGS	55	78	0.414	32	28-39	27-39	5-5	1L	.272	5.89

WEST

	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	L 10	Strk	Avg	ERA
CALIFORNIA DREAMERS	86	51	0.628	---	50-21	36-30	5-5	2W	.282	3.53
ARSENAL GUNNERS	79	58	0.577	7	43-23	33-34	8-2	6W	.266	4.14
FLORIDA SUN	69	56	0.552	11	33-22	36-34	6-4	1W	.276	4.81
HART STREET HOGS	68	69	0.496	18	30-41	38-28	5-5	4W	.275	4.73
HOTLANTA POSSUMS	64	69	0.481	20	33-33	31-36	4-6	1W	.267	5.51
YORKTOWN ADMIRALS	51	86	0.372	35	30-41	21-45	5-5	3W	.251	5.62

A.L. HITTING LEADERS

AVERAGE (MIN 3.1P.A/GM)

1) Suzuki	LV	.393
2) Bonds	AG	.371
3) Pierre	HS	.360
4) Pujols	LV	.347
5) Guerrero	IL	.343
6) Beltre	HT	.335
7) Renteria	CD	.333
8) Edmonds	UR	.324
9) Helton	LV	.315
10) Casey	CD	.309

RUNS BATTED IN

1) Bonds	AG	133
2) Pujols	LV	126
3) Guerrero	IL	125
4) Ramirez	YT	116
5) Batista	LV	112
6) Ortiz	IL	111
7) Beltre	HT	110
8) Dunn	HS	109
9) Edmonds	UR	105
10) Matsui	LW	103

RUNS SCORED

1) Suzuki	LV	124
2) Bonds	AG	114
3) Pierre	HS	106
4) Dunn	HS	106
5) Pujols	LV	104
6) Crawford	IL	102
7) Arod	MY	99
8) Guerrero	IL	98
9) Beltre	HT	97
10) Figgins	CD	95

HOME RUNS

1) Bonds	AG	53
2) Ramirez	YT	43
3) Pujols	LV	40
4) Beltre	HT	40
5) Dunn	HS	39
6) Ortiz	IL	39
7) Guerrero	IL	36
8) Edmonds	UR	31
9) Valentin	UR	30
10) Cameron	MY	30

DOUBLES

1) Casey	CD	51
2) Edmonds	UR	50
3) Pujols	LV	46
4) Helton	LV	46
5) Bell	CD	44
6) Clayton	MY	41
7) Castilla	FS	37
8) Gonzalez	CD	35
9) three @		34
10)		

TRIPLES

1) Pierre	HS	15
2) Infante	LV	13
3) Itzuris	AG	12
4) Crawford	IL	12
5) Wilson	HT	10
6) Figgins	CD	9
7) Feliz	BR	8
8) Guillen	BR	8
9) four @		7
10)		

STOLEN BASES

1) Pierre	HS	107
2) Suzuki	LV	56
3) Crawford	IL	36
4) Figgins	CD	36
5) Rollins	YT	26
6) Cameron	MY	23
7) Crisp	HT	21
8) Damon	CD	20
9) Renteria	CD	20
10) Logan	BR	19

STRIKEOUTS

1) Dunn	HS	174
2) A Jones	HT	141
3) Bellhorn	LW	139
4) Cameron	MY	138
5) Blalock	AG	137
6) Edmonds	UR	137
7) Clayton	MY	129
8) Ramirez	YT	118
9) Varitek	HT	117
10) Ortiz	IL	114

WALKS

1) Bonds	AG	165
2) Dunn	HS	92
3) Helton	LV	84
4) Matsui	LW	82
5) Arod	MY	81
6) Pujols	LV	74
7) Bellhorn	LW	74
8) Edmonds	UR	66
9) Sheffield	BR	63
10) Damon	CD	61

A.L. PITCHING LEADERS

ERA (min 1inning/team gm)

1) Johnson	CD	2.38
2) Clemens	AG	2.69
3) Robertson	AG	2.93
4) Schilling	CD	3.00
5) Radke	MY	3.43
6) Santana	LW	3.61
7) Hernandez	CD	3.64
8) Garland	FS	3.64
9) Harden	MY	3.78
10) Maddux	FS	3.91

INNINGS PITCHED

1) Hernandez	CD	242
2) Johnson	CD	231
3) Cemens	AG	217
4) Schilling	CD	213
5) Weaver	HS	208
6) Maddux	FS	207
7) Westbrook	LW	200
8) Radke	MY	199
9) Santana	LW	199
10) Garcia	AG	191

RELIEF APPEARANCES

1) Knotts	CD	71
2) Koplove	HT	68
3) Rusch	HT	67
4) Cordero	HS	67
5) Robertson	AG	66
6) Cerda	HS	63
7) Foulke	LV	61
8) Tavaréz	MY	60
9) Eyre	MY	59
10) Hawkins	CD	59

WINS

1) Clemens	AG	24
2) Johnson	CD	21
3) Hernandez	CD	19
4) Maddux	FS	18
5) Schilling	CD	17
6) Radke	MY	15
7) Weaver	HS	15
8) Carpenter	LV	15
9) Three @		14
10)		

STRIKEOUTS

1) Johnson	CD	278
2) Santana	LW	234
3) Clemens	AG	207
4) Martinez	UR	183
5) Peavy	HS	180
6) Schilling	CD	178
7) Garcia	AG	178
8) Escobar	LV	178
9) Zambrano	BR	168
10) Perez	BR	165

WALKS

1) Leiter	UR	114
2) Estes	HT	111
3) Ishii	HT	89
4) Hernandez	CD	85
5) Perez	BR	82
6) Zambrano	BR	77
7) Mulder	YT	76
8) Clement	MY	75
9) Benson	LV	75
10) Garcia	AG	74

FIREMAN AWARD

	pts	W-L-S
1) Hawkins	CD	71 5-5-38
2) Madson	MY	62 4-3-32
3) Foulke	LV	53 3-2-27
4) Isringhsn	LW	53 9-9-31
5) Hoffman	FS	40 4-3-21
6) Otsuka	IL	35 5-2-17
7) Francisco	YT	35 3-7-23
8) Rusch	HT	22 12-5-10
9) Cormier	AG	21 1-1-12
10) Moreno	CD	15 1-3-10

WINNING % (min 13 decisions)

1) Clemens	AG	24-3	.889
2) Johnson	CD	21-7	.750
3) Hernandez	CD	19-7	.731
4) Carpenter	LV	15-6	.714
5) Rusch	HT	12-5	.706
6) Rogers	CD	14-7	.667
7) Maddux	FS	18-9	.667
8) Garcia	AG	14-7	.667
9) Schilling	CD	17-9	.654
10) Radke	MY	15-9	.625

TEAM NOTES:

York Town:

Admiral Notes: There have been a few bright spots in an otherwise dull season for Yorktown. Michael Barrett continues to put up the best Admiral offensive numbers for a catcher in franchise history. After 137 games, Barrett is hitting .282, with 27-6-19 in the power department. Eric Chavez' average is not up to snuff, but he does have 34 bombs. And of course Manny Ramirez' 43 HRs and 116 ribbies means the game is always interesting when he's in the lineup. Jimmy Rollins continues to be adequate at the plate, at .262 but with some extra base power and 26 SBs, and his fielding has been excellent, with only 11 boots to go along with countless DPs turned (the only salvation for an abhorrent pitching staff).

Not much to crow about on the hill, but Paul Wilson threw a 1 hit, 4-1 CG victory at Illinois, and followed that up in his next start with a shutout of Louisville at Nimitz Stadium. Frank Francisco continues to throw baseballs better than chairs, as he has a much-better-than-expected 23 saves to go along with a 3.06 ERA out of the pen. With an eye toward next year, Garrett Atkins is available for trade. We're looking for a position flop, since we also have Chavez at 3B and we need a 2B-man. If you have a 2B available to trade, give me a ring. Also, we may be interested in trading down if it nets us some good cards. As of this writing, Yorktown is sitting at the #2 overall pick in what looks to be a good draft shaping up.

California:

Dreamer Weavings - The Dreamers go into the last block trying to win their third division title, and trying to avoid anything similar to the monumental collapse of 2000 - where we blew a 5 game division lead and missed the playoffs.

Johnny Damon leads the Dreamers with 16 HR - making it entirely possible that the Dreamers will make the playoffs without a 20 HR hitter. Would this be a first? I figure our top 3 hitters combined might meet the HR total of Barry (Bail) Bonds.

California opens the final block with games against Florida and Arsenal. The rotation is set so that Johnson and Schilling can pitch 6 of the games. Could be a tough road.

Dream On...