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Rob Bruno - Presidents - American League Ed Griffin - National League Bob Figella

Commissioners Corner:

Congratulations to Maine, California, Poquonock and Jersey City for coming in first in their respected divisions. Also, congratulations to the wild card teams Louisville, Arsenal, Hazardville and New England. Have FUN!

Voting items for review are in this newsletter. These are only for review. We will be voting on them in November. The last for a voting item is October 31st.

2006 Tentative Draft Order – Check it out for any mistakes.

TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS TRANSACTIONS

1. Hart Street rec'ed Hotlanta's #4 from Hotlanta for Joe Mays and Obermueller.
2. Salem rec'ed Joe Randa from Burlington for Salem's 2007 #2DP.
3. Salem rec'ed Terry Mulholland from Allyn Street for Nate Bump and SP#7.
4. Poquonock rec'ed Jay Gibbons from California for Shea Hillenbrand.
5. Hotlanta rec'ed CH Park from Lake Wobegon for HT#5 DP.
6. Wall Street rec'ed J.Duchscherer and IL#4 from Allyn Street for C.Vargas, C.Hardville and WS#2.
7. Wall Street rec'ed J.Piedra from Allyn Street for AG#4 and WS#4(2007).
8. Maine rec'ed Xavier Nady from Salem for Kevin Youkilis.
9. Hart Street rec'ed A.Rowand from Urpaign for A.Evertt.
10. Hart Street then sends A.Rowand to Illinois for Bobby Crosby.

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.

Connecticut:#4 to NE.

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.

Hotlanta: #4 to HS, #5 to LW.

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. #6 to CT.

Poquonock: #3 to BR.

Salem: #4 to LV. #7 to AS. Also, NE#2 to IL.

Urpaign: #2 to HS.

Wall Street: #2 to AS, #4 to LV. Also AG#4 to AS.

2007 TRADED DRAFT PICKS

California: #5 to HS.

Hart Street: #1 to CD.

Jersey City: #1 to AS

New England: #1 to AS

Salem: #2 to BB.

Urpaign: #2 to HS.

Wall Street: #4 to AS.

This reports –BP's: LV 1 ½. Over use: MV 2, CT 1, US 1.

Final –BP's:

-BP's YTD: MV 17, LV 9

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.

Voting Items as of October 10, 2005

Commissioner - Rob Bruno

AL President - Ed Griffin

NL President - Bob Figella

1. Brawl Rule - Three situations trigger a potential brawl. Once a triggering event occurs, a split die is rolled to see if the batter charges the mound. 1-5 for the first occurrence in a series, 1-10 for the second occurrence, etc.

1. HBP next batter after a HR.
2. HBP when that player homered in his previous plate appearance.
3. 3 HBP in game.

2. Expand the league to 26 teams in 2008.

If this proposal is agreed, a committee consisting of the Commissioner, League Presidents, plus at least one other manager from each league (to be appointed by the Commissioner and Presidents) will be charged to work out the details of the league alignment, expansion draft, and schedule. The details will be due to be presented to the League by July 1, 2006.

3. Bring up a player from the minors to replace each an injured player if the injury is for current game plus 2. This is available in the first two games of a 4 game series.

4. Maximum overuse of At Bats without -BP's will be 3. If a batter is overused by 4 AB's one -BP's will be charge for every At Bat that has been overused. (In this example the -BP's would be 4.)

4a. At Bats over usage charge. 1-BP for every 5 team At Bats overused. (Example: If a team overused three players by 3, 3 and 4 AB's that would be 2 -BP's.)

5. Add a third Wildcard team in each league. The 2nd and 3rd best record wild card teams would play, then the winner would play the division winner with the best record. The other wild card team would play the division winner with the second best record.

6. Allow outfielders to play out of position according to the Strat-O-Matic outfielder out of position chart rules.

7. Allow any player to play out of position exactly according to the Strat-O-Matic rules.

8. If the out of position player vote passes, 2 carded players at each position are not required, Yes - No. If voted yes, at the minimum consider all outfielders as able to play all 3 OF positions with regard to having 2 players at each position.

9. Ball parks - Using our last years numbers a ball park can be any size and differential to any field. The maximum that a ballpark can be changed in one year is up or down 3.

10. Expand rosters to 40. If a trade for odd number of players is made (example 2 for 1) to bring a team over 40 players that team must announce with the trade a player that will be cut from his roster immediately.

11. When a game is in extra innings, allow any player to play out of position exactly according to the Strat-O-Matic rules.

12. Limit the number of starts for asterisk pitchers to 1.10% of the number of games actually started (round up or down to the nearest start. .5 would round up). So an * pitcher with 34 starts would only be able to start 37 games.

13. If the 40 man roster passes, limit usage to 100% instead of 110%. That would be a good way to force usage of some more of the marginal players, and thus make managing teams a little more challenging.

14. Do not to use the "optional" clutch hitting rule.

15. Adopt the SOM official rules in its entirety as our official rule book.

**The Fly-By-Night Baseball Association
2005 LEAGUE AWARDS BALLOT**

Vote for players, Manager's and General Manager's from your League only.

Check of League affiliation:

AMERICAN LEAGUE _____

NATIONAL LEAGUE _____

LEAGUE AWARDS

MVP & CY Young voting. 1st = 10pts, 2nd = 6pts, 3rd = 4pts and 4th = 3pts.

MVP:#1 _____ MVP:#3 _____

MVP:#2 _____ MVP:#4 _____

CY YOUNG:#1 _____ CY YOUNG:#3 _____

CY YOUNG:#2 _____ CY YOUNG:#4 _____

ROOKIE: _____ ROOKIE: _____

MGR: _____ MGR: _____

GM: _____ GM: _____

2006 – Draft Day February 26th!

2006 – Draft Order

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	ROUND 5	ROUND 6	ROUND 7
1. SP	25. SP	49. SP	73. SP-LV	97. SP	121. SP	145. YA
2. YA	26. YA	50. YA	74. YA	98. YA	122. YA	146. LV#6
3. MV-SP	27. IL	51. IL-SP	75. IL-WS	99. IL	123. IL	147. IL
4. IL	28. KK	52. KK	76. KK	100. KK	124. KK	148. KK
5. KK	29. WS-AS	53. WS	77. WS-LV	101. WS	125. WS	149. WS
6. WS	30. US	54. US	78. US	102. US	126. US	150. US
7. US	31. BR	55. BR	79. BR	103. BR	127. BR	151. BR
8. BR	32. AS	56. AS	80. AS-NE	104. AS	128. AS	152. AS
9. AS	33. HT	57. HT	81. HT-HS	105. HT-LW	129. HT	153. HT
10. HT	34. BB	58. BB	82. BB	106. BB	130. BB	154. BB
11. BB	35. CT	59. CT	83. CT-NE	107. CT	131. CT	155. CT
12. CT	36. HS-MV	60. MV-SP	84. HS	108. HS	132. HS	156. HS
13. HS-IL	37. UR-HS	61. HS-MV	85. UR	109. UR	133. UR	157. UR
14. UR	38. LW	62. UR	86. LW	110. LW	134. LW	158. LW
15. LW	39. FS	63. LW	87. FS	111. FS-KK	135. FS	159. FS
16. FS	40. LV-CD	64. FS-KK	88. AG-AS	112. AG	136. AG	160. AG
17. LV-WS	41. AG	65. AG-HS	89. MY	113. MY-YA	137. MY-HZ	161. MY
18. AG	42. MY-CT	66. MY	90. NE-SP	114. NE	138. NE	162. NE
19. MY	43. NE-IL	67. NE-CT	91. HZ	115. HZ	139. HZ	163. HZ
20. NE-WS	44. MV	68. HZ	92. MV	116. MV	140. MV	164. MV
21. HZ	45. HZ	69. PQ-BR	93. PQ	117. PQ	141. PQ	165. PQ
22. PQ	46. PQ	70. JC	94. JC-FS	118. JC-LV	142. JC	166. JC
23. JC-US	47. JC-US	71. LV-AS	95. LV-HT	119. LV-HS	143. CD	167. CD
24. CD-BR	48. CD	72. CD-MV	96. CD	120. CD-HS	144. SP#7-AS	168. SP#8

LV#7 is #170 in row 8.

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2005 FINAL STANDINGS

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* East *	w	l	pct	gb	home	away	L10	streak	team ba	team era
Poquonock	102	60	. 630	—	53-28	49-32	6-4	Won 3	.283	3.93
Hazardville	96	66	. 593	6	48-33	48-33	4-6	Lost 3	.275	4.09
Burlington	77	85	. 475	25	39-42	38-43	7-3	Won 3	.263	4.23
Allyn Street	76	86	. 469	26	38-43	38-43	6-4	Won 2	.260	4.62
US Jarheads	73	89	. 451	29	38-43	35-46	3-7	Lost 4	.279	4.69
Wall Street	72	90	. 444	30	38-43	34-47	4-6	Lost 1	.271	5.15

* West *	w	l	pct	gb	home	away	L10	streak	team ba	team era
Jersey City	103	59	. 636	—	55-26	48-33	8-2	Lost 1	.277	3.80
New England	95	67	. 586	8	59-26	36-41	5-5	Lost 2	.280	4.54
Connecticut	78	84	. 481	25	42-39	36-45	4-6	Lost 1	.257	4.19
Klee's	69	93	. 426	34	33-48	36-45	4-6	Won 1	.261	4.59
Margaritaville	62	100	. 383	41	35-46	27-54	3-7	Lost 3	.267	4.59
Salem	56	106	. 346	47	32-49	24-57	4-6	Won 1	.236	5.18

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 . 343	1	Rolen,S	HZ 125	1	Abreu,B	WS 117
2	Mora,M	BB . 337	2	Kent,J	US 124	2	Finley,S	NE 115
3	Abreu,B	WS . 327	3	Cabrera,M	PQ 119	3	Freel,R	US 112
4	Rolen,S	HZ . 312	4	Lowell,M	AS 111	3	Jeter,D	WS 112
5	Ford,L	US . 310	5	Tejada,M	HZ 109	5	Mora,M	BB 111
6	Anderson,G	US . 308	6	Beltran,C	HZ 108	6	Kotsay,M	JC 109
7	Lowell,M	AS . 307	6	Finley,S	NE 108	7	Beltran,C	HZ 108
8	Cabrera,M	PQ . 304	8	Konerko,P	NE 105	8	Drew,JD	PQ 106
9	Tracy,C	MV . 303	9	Abreu,B	WS 103	8	Rolen,S	HZ 106
10	Greene,K	PQ . 300	10	Martinez,V	BB 101	10	Lowell,M	AS 105

<u>Home Runs</u>			<u>Doubles</u>			<u>Triples</u>		
1	Rolen,S	HZ 44	1	Abreu,B	WS 59	1	Beltran,C	HZ 17
2	Cabrera,M	PQ 42	2	Jeter,D	WS 56	2	Guzman,C	MV 10
3	Finley,S	NE 37	3	Bymes,E	SP 50	2	Kent,J	US 10
3	Konerko,P	NE 37	3	Lowell,M	AS 50	4	Green,N	NE 9
3	Lowell,M	AS 37	5	Overbay,L	US 49	4	Ordonez,M	BB 9
6	Blake,C	JC 36	6	Belliard,R	JC 47	4	Rios,A	CT 9
7	Tejada,M	HZ 35	7	Hudson,O	PQ 46	4	Roberts,B	BB 9
8	Wilson,CA	US 33	8	4 tied at	42	8	Tucker,M	US 8
9	Koskie,C	NE 32	9			8	Young,M	US 8
10	Abreu,B	WS 31	10			10	3 tied at	7

<u>Stolen Bases</u>			<u>Strikeouts</u>			<u>Walks</u>		
1	Harris,W	MV 55	1	Wilkerson,B	AS 154	1	Drew,JD	PQ 128
2	Posednik,S	KK 52	2	Bagwell,J	HZ 147	2	Abreu,B	WS 114
3	Freel,R	US 51	3	Bay,J	SP 142	3	Bagwell,J	HZ 112
4	Roberts,D	BB 33	3	Wilson,CA	US 142	3	Berkman,L	AS 112
5	Clark,B	HZ 29	5	Blake,C	JC 140	5	Castillo,L	KK 98
5	Furcal,R	AS 29	6	Cabrera,M	PQ 138	6	Beltran,C	HZ 95
7	Castillo,L	KK 28	7	Drew,JD	PQ 137	7	Overbay,L	US 87
8	Patterson,C	NE 27	8	Jeter,D	WS 136	8	Hafner,T	CT 82
9	Chavez,E	US 26	9	Bymes,E	SP 134	9	Freel,R	US 80
10	Winn,R	KK 25	10	Nix,L	MV 131	10	Rolen,S	HZ 76

N. L. PITCHING LEADERS

<u>ERA (min 1 ip/team game)</u>			<u>Most Innings Pitched</u>			<u>Relief Appearances</u>			<u>Winning % (min 14 decisions)</u>		
1	Wright,Jt	JC 2.91	1	Sheets,B	NE 260.0	1	Mota,G	CT 73	1	Wright,Jt	JC 23-2 . 920
2	Oswalt,R	HZ 3.31	2	Oswalt,R	HZ 247.1	2	King,R	CT 71	2	Hudson,T	HZ 16-6 . 727
3	Sheets,B	NE 3.63	3	Schmidt,J	JC 246.0	3	Perisho,M	NE 69	3	Lidle,C	HZ 17-7 . 708
4	Lidle,C	HZ 3.91	4	Pavano,C	CT 236.2	4	Duchscherer	AS 67	4	Wood,K	PQ 14-5 . 700
4	Lilly,T	KK 3.91	5	Zito,B	VS 232.0	4	Gordon,T	JC 67	4	Oswalt,R	HZ 21-9 . 700
6	Arroyo,B	BB 3.95	6	Webb,B	US 230.0	6	Looper,B	AS 64	6	Suppan,J	JC 15-7 . 682
7	Schmidt,J	JC 3.98	7	Maroth,M	MV 229.0	6	Nathan,J	NE 64	7	Kennedy,J	PQ 16-8 . 667
8	Pavano,C	CT 4.07	8	Buehrle,M	HZ 223.2	8	Baez,D	PQ 62	8	Hermanson,D	AS 15-8 . 652
9	Williams,W	BB 4.13	9	Traschel,S	AS 222.2	8	Rivera,M	PQ 62	9	Sheets,B	NE 21-12 . 636
10	2 tied at	4.18	10	2 tied at	219.0	10	Gregg,K	CT 61	10	Schmidt,J	JC 18-11 . 620

<u>Most Wins</u>			<u>Most Strikeouts</u>			<u>Most Walks</u>			<u>Fireman Award</u>			<u>pts</u> <u>w-l-s</u>	
1	Wright,Jt	JC 23	1	Sheets,B	NE 298	1	Webb,B	US 139	1	Rivera,M	PQ 105	105	1-1-53
2	Oswalt,R	HZ 21	2	Schmidt,J	JC 265	2	Ortiz,Ru	AS 122	2	Gordon,T	JC 93	93	7-3-46
2	Sheets,B	NE 21	3	Oswalt,R	HZ 229	3	Zambrano,V	WS 112	3	Nathan,J	NE 86	86	4-3-44
4	Webb,B	US 19	4	Webb,B	US 191	4	Zito,B	WS 109	4	Rodriguez,F	WS 58	58	6-8-34
5	Schmidt,J	JC 18	5	Bonderman,J	JC 172	5	Lilly,T	KK 103	5	Benitez,A	CT 54	54	4-6-31
6	Lidle,C	HZ 17	6	Lilly,T	KK 170	6	Cabrera,D	PQ 94	5	Lidge,B	US 54	54	4-8-33
7	Hudson,T	HZ 16	7	Zito,B	VS 169	7	Jennings,J	SP 90	7	Howry,B	BB 51	51	1-4-29
7	Kennedy,J	PQ 16	8	Wright,Jt	JC 168	8	Maroth,M	MV 85	8	Wagner,B	NE 50	50	4-0-23
9	6 tied at	15	9	Beckett,J	SP 166	8	Marquis,J	BB 85	9	Gagne,E	HZ 36	36	4-6-22
10			10	2 tied at	158	8	Schmidt,J	JC 85	10	Gonzalez,M	MV 28	28	2-6-19

<u>Team Hitting</u>	G	BA	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	HBP	SB	CS	E
1 Poquonock	162	. 283	852	1600	365	24	205	806	527	1098	58	34	9	120
2 New England	162	. 280	863	1568	310	45	235	807	425	962	58	62	32	67
3 US Jarheads	162	. 279	862	1600	337	54	150	792	567	976	97	126	30	152
4 Jersey City	162	. 277	867	1551	332	24	227	831	581	996	63	42	17	89
5 Hazardville	162	. 275	904	1575	322	48	235	832	577	992	83	78	28	104
6 Wall Street	162	. 271	777	1531	373	33	185	743	480	998	69	76	30	101
7 Margaritaville	162	. 267	693	1461	256	35	174	674	476	1125	21	124	44	92
8 Burlington	162	. 263	719	1445	291	39	160	670	453	895	84	75	27	88
9 Klee's	162	. 261	705	1450	297	36	143	667	540	931	81	150	47	72
10 Allyn Street	162	. 260	772	1442	281	30	199	736	603	987	92	86	33	89
11 Connecticut	162	. 257	730	1432	300	37	165	685	574	1134	88	59	24	99
12 Salem	162	. 236	611	1304	344	29	126	564	445	1163	76	77	28	122
League Average	162	. 267	780	1497	317	36	184	734	521	1021	73	82	29	100

<u>Team Pitching</u>	ERA	W	L	SV	GS	CG	ShO	IP	H	R	ER	HRa	BB	K
1 Jersey City	3.80	103	59	67	162	11	3	1471 1/3	1380	673	622	168	466	1173
2 Poquonock	3.93	102	60	64	162	14	7	1449	1339	720	633	146	585	900
3 Hazardville	4.09	96	66	38	162	34	9	1469 1/3	1509	742	667	178	439	1107
4 Connecticut	4.19	78	84	41	162	3	8	1464	1489	742	681	183	471	992
5 Burlington	4.23	77	85	45	162	19	0	1453	1480	747	683	182	500	1028
6 New England	4.54	95	67	55	162	12	3	1413	1395	765	713	190	485	1113
7 Margaritaville	4.59	62	100	26	162	17	1	1431	1551	790	730	144	566	883
8 Klee's	4.59	69	93	32	162	23	7	1462 1/3	1549	816	746	206	525	1000
9 Allyn Street	4.62	76	86	44	162	9	6	1445	1556	801	742	179	490	925
10 US Jarheads	4.69	73	89	41	162	14	2	1456	1504	882	758	196	577	1170
11 Wall Street	5.15	72	90	40	162	11	3	1448 2/3	1529	885	829	189	631	1023
12 Salem	5.18	56	106	28	162	22	4	1438	1654	911	828	198	580	955
League Average	4.47	80	82	43	162	16	4	1450	1495	790	719	180	526	1022

The Blue Devils completed a frustrating season with their second losing season (78-84) in their 19 year franchise history – 3 games better than their worst season in 2002. Management and media had expectations of a 90 win season but those hopes were quickly dashed as they watched the team's offense consistently sputter. The team BA of .257 was the worst in franchise history by far – the previous worst was .265 in 1989. The 730 runs scored were also the lowest by far since 1989.

The pitching, however, was the opposite. The team ERA of 4.19 was the 2nd best ERA in the last 10 years. The bullpen was tremendous with the six main relievers all having ERA's under 4.00 and 2 relievers had ERA's under 2.00 – Benitez (1.77) and Remlinger (1.74). Rookie 1st round pick Noah Lowry improved as the season went along finishing 7-6 4.00 in 19 starts. He will be expected to be a mainstay of the rotation next year. The only real disappointment on the pitching side was Matt Morris. In 37 starts, Morris went 9-16 5.54 allowing 256 hits in 217 innings and an incredibly whopping 52 HR's. Rumors have it that he may be available in the right trade deal.

The MVP of the team was Travis Hafner. Although he didn't have a spectacular season as hoped, he didn't exactly get a whole lot of support. But Hafner did manage to wind up batting .296 with 94 RBI, 90 Runs, 36 doubles and 30 HR's. Tino Martinez and Geoff Jenkins were the next closest offensively driving in only 79 and 78 runs respectively while batting .249 and .243. Bernie Williams had his worst season as a Blue Devil batting just .222 with 5 HR's and 18 RBI getting just 185 AB's.

For next season, CT management hopes to integrate some young players as regulars including Jose Reyes at SS, Grady Sizemore in CF and Jose Castillo at 2B. Newcomer David Bush (in the Wells deal to New England) will join the starting rotation with fellow rookies Noah Lowry and Brad Hennessey. With all their draft picks and an extra 2nd rounder, CT should be able to continue the youth movement.
