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The dice have been a rolling. The season is underway! It's nice to see some different teams doing well this year. I'm back each morning getting a cup of coffee and the next thing I do is go to the website to check the "sports page" and look up the standings. Isn't Spring wonderful? GO FBN!

Reporting stats to your league president. Remember, it is the 1st and 15th of each month. Also, remember to report your Won/Lost record to Ed for the website. Try to not pile on the -BP's.

AL West

Team	Wins	Losses	Win %	GB	Home	Road
HART STREET	9	3	.750	--	3-1	6-2
FLORIDA	3	1	.750	2	0-0	3-1
YORK TOWN	8	8	.500	3	4-4	4-4
HOTLANTA	8	8	.500	3	4-4	3-1
CALIFORNIA	3	5	.375	4	1-3	2-2
ARIZONA	5	11	.313	6	3-5	1-3

AL East

Team	Wins	Losses	Win %	GB	Home	Road
SALEM	10	2	.833	--	7-1	3-1
ILLINOIS	10	6	.625	2	9-3	1-3
BATON ROUGE	7	5	.583	3	5-3	2-2
LAKE WOBBERGON	0	0	.000	4	0-0	0-0
URPAIGN	0	0	.000	4	0-0	0-0
MAINE	2	6	.250	6	2-2	0-4

NL East

Team	Wins	Losses	Win %	GB	Home	Road
BURLINGTON	11	5	.688	--	8-4	3-1
ALLYN STREET	9	7	.563	2	4-4	5-3
US	10	10	.500	3	2-6	8-4
WALL STREET	9	11	.450	4	3-5	6-6
EASTERN	5	7	.417	4	2-2	3-5
MILFORD	4	8	.333	5	3-5	1-3

NL West

Team	Wins	Losses	Win %	GB	Home	Road
Klee's	11	5	.688	--	5-3	6-2
Connecticut	9	3	.750	--	4-0	5-3
Taxachusetts	11	5	.688	--	7-1	4-4
Hazardville	8	12	.400	5	3-5	5-7
New England	7	13	.350	6	2-6	5-7
Middlesex	4	12	.250	7	1-7	3-5

**I could not cut and paste the League Leaders to the newsletter.
They are included by attachment.**

Team Notes:

Hotlanta

Through the first 4 series we have gone 3-1 twice and 1-3 twice and are 8-8 overall. The season is young and there is a long way to go, but our first report card is: pitching A, hitting C, defense F. We have a 3.56 team ERA which is better than expected, although we doubt that will stand up all year. Team hitting has been adequate with .265 BA and 19 HR's. The defense has been awful. We have committed 14 errors which have produced 9 unearned runs in 16 games. The defensive lapses have come at critical times and have cost us a few games.

DEVIL DOODLES

The Blue Devils have gotten off to a hot start in their 22nd season of play in the FBN League. After dropping their first game of the season vs. Hazardville on the road, Connecticut won 8 straight games taking 3 from the Powderkegs and sweeping 4 games from the NE Angels at home along with the first game vs. Klees before splitting the series and currently stand at 9-3. The Blue Devil bullpen, expected to be the strength of the team, has lived up to its billing allowing just 7 runs in 36 innings so far. The starting pitchers, however, are averaging less than 6 IP/start so they need to deliver a little more length in their starts or the bullpen will be depleted by yearend.

CT management continues to struggle with finding a solid starting rotation. Injuries and inconsistency has plagued the staff. Carl Pavano was acquired three years ago and was expected to be a top starter but his injury woes continue. Ben Sheets was acquired during the Blue Devils surprising World Series run a couple years ago and was expected to be the ace but since then – it's been one injury after another limiting his innings. Brandon McCarthy was a high 1st rd draft pick but hasn't lived up to his potential and has nagging injuries. Noah Lowry was a high draft pick but has been inconsistent. This year, the team drafted John Danks with the hope that he will develop into a consistent, solid starter. With these problems, Blue Devil management has been forced to fill the holes in the rotation with aging, grizzled veterans like Roger Clemens and David Wells who are probably in their final seasons.

Franchise Milestone – The Blue Devils need to win just 14 more games to reach 2,000 wins as a franchise. Connecticut has averaged 94 wins per season over their 21 seasons.

ALLYN STREET

The 89ERS started the season losing the first two games to "hated" Warriors, oops, Buccaneers. (It's all the same :) The team is 9-7 with only Robinson Cano .418, 4HR, 7D, 12RBI and Albert Pujols 5HR, 12RBI supplying any offense. John Maine and Randy Johnson have been excellent 2.39ERA and 1.71ERA respectively. But, the other starters are 2-7 with a 5.25ERA. There was no bullpen before the draft so it was assumed by management to be the "weakest link" on the team. Well, the bullpen has been anything up the "weakest link" It has been outstanding. Choo-Choo Coleman the new bullpen coach has been given the credit. The "pen: is 5-0, 3.55ERA with each member getting into at least 7 games. New Closer, Troy Percival has 5 saves. "I was the starting catcher on the '62 Mets, and Casey always told me that "you need a catcher or you'll have a lot of passballs. He was right. That's all I've told the pen."

TRANSACTIONS: TRANSACTIONS: TRANSACTIONS: TRANSACTIONS

1. Milford rec'd MC#1, HS#2, KK#3, JRTowles and B.Bonser from Klee's for C.Hamels and MY#5.
2. Taxachusetts rec'd Timo Perez from Hart Street for Raul Casanova.
3. Illinois received Paul Bako from Hart Street for IL#4.
4. Taxachusetts rec'd Cordero and Spurling from Eastern Pointers for Padilla and Lopez.

2009 TRADED DRAFT PICKS

FYI – All Arizona DP's EXCEPT #1 to MO for 2009 have 23 –BP's.

Arizona: #1 to MD. #2 to CD(-23BP's). #3HS(-23BP's). #4CT(-23BP's).

California: #2 to MD. #5 to UR. Also, CT#4 to TX. CT#5 to IL.

Connecticut: #4 to CD. #5 to CD.

Eastern: #5 to SP.

Hart Street: #1 to MC. #2 to KK. #3 to IL. #4 to IL. Also, NE#3 to WS.

Illinois: #2 to MC. #3 to USJ. #4 to HS.

Klee's: #3 to MD. Also, MC#1 & HS#2 to MD.

Maine: #5 to MD.

Middlesex: #1 to KK. #2 SP. #4 to HS. Also, SP#2 to FS. HS#1 to IL.

Milford: #1 to MC. #3 to AB. #4 to IL.

New England: #1 to IL. #3 to HS.

Salem: #2 to MC. #3 to KK. #4 to FS.

Taxachusetts: #1 to BR. #3 LW.

Urpaign: #1 to MD.

Wall Street: #4 to SP.

Yorktown: #5 to CT.

THIS REPORTS –BP'S:

Urpaign 3, Eastern 3.

YTD –BP'S:

Eastern 4, Florida 3, Urpaign 3.

2008 –CALENDAR

July 01 1. Dues Month. League fee of \$20.00 is due by July 31st to keep active member active.

July 15 1. Send in All-Star ballot.

Oct. 01 1. Send in voting items for review.

2. Send in Rookie of Year candidates from your team.

Oct. 15 1. Playoffs start.

Nov. 01 1. Voting Month. League items plus Commissioner and Presidents.

Nov. 12 1. World Series Ends.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE HITTING LEADERS

AVERAGE (MIN 3.1P./GM)

	HT	.378
1) Alou	HT	.378
2) Cuddyer	HT	.378
3) Eckstein	IL	.372
4) Guerrero	SP	.372
5) Bartlett	HS	.371
6) Suzuki	SP	.365
7) Barton	YT	.357
8) DeRosa	HS	.351
9) Degado	AB	.339
10) Rollins	YT	.338

RUNS BATTED IN

1) Thomas	SP	17
2) Barton	YT	14
3) Ortiz	IL	13
4) Martin	BR	12
5) Hill	IL	12
6) Delgado	AB	12
7) Varitek	YT	11
8) Patterson	IL	11
9) Guerrero	SP	10
10) C Lee	HT	10

RUNS SCORED

1) Barton	YT	13
2) Thomas	SP	11
3) Cuddyer	HT	11
4) Ortiz	IL	11
5) Blake	IL	11
6) Eckstein	IL	10
7) Rollins	YT	10
8) Patterson	IL	10
9) Martin	BR	9
10) Sheffield	BR	9

HOME RUNS

1) Thomas	SP	7
2) Barton	YT	6
3) Fielder	HT	6
4) Delgado	AB	4
5) Sheffield	BR	3
6) Hawpe	HS	3
7)		
8)		
9)		
10)		

DOUBLES

1) Ortiz	IL	7
2) Barton	YT	6
3) Delgado	AB	6
4) Betancourt	BR	5
5) Guerrero	SP	5
6) Rollins	YT	5
7) Alou	HT	5
8) Hill	IL	5
9) Francour	IL	5
10)		

TRIPLES

1) Griffey	YT	2
2) Byrd	YT	2

STOLEN BASES

1) Patterson	IL	5
2) Rollins	YT	4
3) Suzuki	SP	3
4) Gwynn	YT	3
5)		
6)		
7)		
8)		
9)		
10)		

STRIKEOUTS

1) Ortiz	IL	17
2) Howard	SP	16
3) Hill	IL	14
4) Byrnes	IL	14
5) Delgado	AB	14
6) Beltre	HT	13
7) Zimmerman	BR	12
8) Cuddyer	HT	12
9) A Jones	HT	12
10)		

WALKS

1) Sheffield	IL	17
2) Hudson	SP	16
3) Iguchi	IL	14
4) Cuddyer	IL	14
5) Lofton	AB	14
6)	HT	13
7)	BR	12
8)	HT	12
9)	HT	12
10)		

TEAM AVERAGE

1) Illinois	BR	10	.296
2) Salem	SP	9	.292
3) Baton Rouge	HS	9	.286
4) Hart Street	HT	8	.284
5) York Town	BR	7	.282
6) Hotlanta			.277
7) Florida			.265
8) Maine			.260
9) Arizona			.243
10) California			.216
11) Urpaign			.000
12) Lake Wobegon			.000

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AMERICAN LEAGUE PITCHING LEADERS

<u>ERA (min 1inning/team gm)</u>		<u>INNINGS PITCHED</u>		<u>RELIEF APPEARANCES</u>	
1) Maddux	SP .57	1) Ownings	HT 25.1	1) S Rivera	AB 11
2) Carmona	SP 1.10	2) Penny	HS 24.2	2) Bell	YT 8
3) Cook	HT 1.71	3) Blanton	HT 24	3) Shearn	HT 7
4) Bedard	BR 1.88	4) Escobar	HT 23.1	4) Marmal	YT 7
5) Penny	HS 2.19	5) Snell	YT 23	5) Weathers	HS 6
6) Thompson	BR 2.70	6) Peavy	HS 21	6) Seay	HS 6
7) Zambrano	BR 2.75	7) Ownings		7) Oliver	HT 6
8) Peavy	HS 3.00	8) Ownings		8) Linstom	SP 6
9) Snell	YT 3.52	9) Ownings		9) Ownings	
10) Ownings	HT 3.55	10) Ownings		10) Ownings	

<u>WINS</u>		<u>STRIKEOUTS</u>		<u>WALKS</u>	
1) Bell	YT 3	1) Snell	YT 31	1) Penny	HS 11
2) Marcum	SP 3	2) Harang	IL 28	2) Blanton	HT 10
3) Ownings		3) Francis	IL 26	3) Bedard	BR 9
4) Ownings		4) Peavy	HS 22	4) Zambrano	BR 9
5) Ownings		5) Bedard	BR 21	5) Peavy	HS 9
6) Ownings		6) Marmal	YT 21	6) Ownings	
7) Ownings		7) Baker	IL 21	7) Ownings	
8) Ownings		8) Ownings		8) Ownings	
9) Ownings		9) Ownings		9) Ownings	
10) Ownings		10) Ownings		10) Ownings	

<u>FIREMAN AWARD</u>		<u>WINNING % (min 3 decisions)</u>		<u>Team ERA</u>	
1) Papelbon	SP 8	1) Markum	SP 3-0 1.000	1) Illinois	3.21
2) Springer	BR 7	2) Bell	YT 3-1 .750	2) Salem	3.53
3) Otsuka	HS 5	3) Ownings		3) Florida	3.60
4) Betancourt	YT 4	4) Ownings		4) Hart Street	3.74
5) Ownings		5) Ownings		5) Hotlanta	3.94
6) Ownings		6) Ownings		6) York Town	4.03
7) Ownings		7) Ownings		7) Baton Rouge	4.43
8) Ownings		8) Ownings		8) Arizona	5.24
9) Ownings		9) Ownings		9) California	5.27
10) Ownings		10) Ownings		10) Maine	5.38
				11) Urpaig	0.00
				12) Lake Wobegon	0.00

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NATIONAL LEAGUE HITTING LEADERS

AVERAGE (MIN 3.1P./GM)	RUNS BATTED IN	RUNS SCORED	CT	RUNS SCORED
1) Sosa, S	NE .450	1) Sizemore, G	CT 15	1) Sizemore, G
2) Cano, R	AS .404	2) Teixeira, M	HZ 15	2) Teixeira, M
3) Sizemore, G	CT .391	3) Crawford, C	NE 13	3) Crawford, C
4) Braun, R	MD .390	4) Kent, J	US 13	4) Kent, J
5) Teixeira, M	HZ .377	5) Berkman, L	KK 12	5) Berkman, L
6) Ramirez, H	BB .373	6) Cano, R	AS 12	6) Cano, R
7) Cabrera, O	NE .358	7) Jeter, D	WS 12	7) Jeter, D
8) Iwamura, A	MC .346	8) Looney, J	US 12	8) Looney, J
9) Markakis, N	KK .333	9) Young, M	US 11	9) Young, M
10) Winn, R	KK .323	10) 9 tied with	US 10	10) 9 tied with

HOME RUNS

1) Teixeira, M	HZ 6	1) German, E	AS 3
2) 10 tied with	4	2) Braun, R	MD 2
3)		3) Cabrera, Mk	KK 2
4)		4) Crawford, C	NE 2
5)		5) Pierre, J	BB 2
6)		6) Rolen, S	HZ 2
7)		7) many tied with	1
8)		8)	
9)		9)	
10)		10)	

DOUBLES

1) Cabrera, O	HZ 6	1) Bonds, B	AS 15
2) Phillips, B	4	2) Berkman, L	KK 13
3) Swisher, N		3) Cust, J	KK 13
4) Jeter, D		4) Gonzalez, A	WS 11
5) Kent, J		5) LaRoche, A	NE 10
6) Winn, R		6) Sizemore, G	CT 10
7) 6 tied with		7) Willits, R	NE 10
8)		8) Cameron, M	TX 9
9)		9) Castillo, L	KK 9
10)		10) many tied with	8

STOLEN BASES

1) Reyes, J	CT 7	1) Holliday, M	WS 26
2) Ramirez, H	BB 6	2) Bay, J	MC 24
3) Pierre, J	BB 5	3) Gomes, J	US 23
4) Upton, BJ	WS 5	4) Looney, J	US 20
5) Crawford, C	NE 4	5) Upton, BJ	WS 20
6) Freel, R	US 4	6) Posada, J	KK 18
7) Victorino, A	AS 4	7) Cust, J	KK 17
8) Young, M	US 4	8) Diaz, M	US 17
9) 4 tied with	3	9) Markakis, N	KK 17
10)		10) 3 tied with	15

STRIKEOUTS

1) Bonds, B	AS 15
2) Berkman, L	KK 13
3) Cust, J	KK 13
4) Gonzalez, A	WS 11
5) LaRoche, A	NE 10
6) Sizemore, G	CT 10
7) Willits, R	NE 10
8) Cameron, M	TX 9
9) Castillo, L	KK 9
10) many tied with	8

WALKS

1) Bonds, B	AS 15
2) Berkman, L	KK 13
3) Cust, J	KK 13
4) Gonzalez, A	WS 11
5) LaRoche, A	NE 10
6) Sizemore, G	CT 10
7) Willits, R	NE 10
8) Cameron, M	TX 9
9) Castillo, L	KK 9
10) many tied with	8

TEAM AVERAGE

1) Eastern	.281
2) US Jarheads	.268
3) Middlesex	.266
4) Klee's	.263
5) New England	.263
6) Wall Street	.261
7) Allyn Street	.258
8) Burlington	.254
9) Connecticut	.251
10) Hazardville	.249
11) Milford	.239
12) Taxachusetts	.219