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Block one is over. Now each division is playing the other division in its league. It's time to size each team to see who is really a contender and who is a pretender!

I could not cut and paste the NL leaders or articles. I have attached them to the email.

TRANSACTIONS: TRANSACTIONS: TRANSACTIONS: TRANSACTIONS

None

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.

Urpaigh: #1 to MD.

Wall Street: #4 to SP.

Yorktown: #5 to CT.

THIS REPORT'S –BP'S:

NONE!

YTD –BP'S:

Eastern 4, Florida 3, Urpaigh 3.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

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.

AL West

Team	Wins	Losses	Win %	GB	Home	Road	
FLORIDA	16	8	.667	--	8-4	8-4	4/15
CALIFORNIA	17	11	.607	1	13-7	4-4	4/15
HOTLANTA	16	12	.571	2	8-8	8-4	4/15
HART STREET	19	17	.528	3	10-10	9-7	4/15
YORK TOWN	8	12	.400	6	4-4	4-4	4/15
ARIZONA	6	14	.300	8	3-5	3-9	4/15

AL East

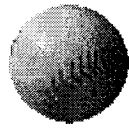
Team	Wins	Losses	Win %	GB	Home	Road	
SALEM	17	11	.607	--	11-5	6-6	4/15
ILLINOIS	15	9	.625	--	9-3	6-6	4/15
BATON ROUGE	14	10	.583	1	5-3	9-7	4/15
LAKE WOBEGON	10	10	.500	3	6-6	4-4	4/15
URPAIGN	7	17	.292	8	4-4	3-13	4/15
MAINE	8	20	.286	9	4-8	4-12	4/15

NL East

Team	Wins	Losses	Win %	GB	Home	Road	
BURLINGTON	21	7	.750	--	10-6	7-1	4/15
US	15	13	.536	6	4-8	11-5	4/15
ALLYN STREET	12	12	.500	7	4-4	8-8	4/15
WALL STREET	10	14	.417	9	4-8	6-6	4/15
MILFORD	8	12	.400	9	6-6	2-6	4/15
EASTERN	5	11	.313	10	2-6	3-5	4/15

NL West

Team	Wins	Losses	Win %	GB	Home	Road	
Connecticut	14	6	.700	--	7-1	7-5	4/15
Klee's	20	12	.625	--	11-9	9-3	4/15
Taxachusetts	13	7	.650	1	9-3	4-4	4/15
Hazardville	12	16	.429	6	3-5	9-11	4/15
New England	9	15	.375	7	4-8	5-7	4/15
Middlesex	5	19	.208	11	1-11	3-5	4/15



Welcome to the FBNBA



Welcome to the new Fly By Night Baseball Association WebSite. Take a look around. Let me know all problems that you find while navigating the site. If you have any ideas on how to make the site better, please feel free to drop me a line.
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Out in Left Field

by Roland Klee

April 10, 2008

This is my twentieth year in the Fly-by-Night Baseball Association, who'd a thunk it? I haven't made the playoffs in fifteen years but there's still the hope that comes every spring, a delusional though it may appear at times.

During those twenty years, I've seen a lot. We used to be young men but now we're older, wider waistlines, less hair, and the laugh lines are deeper and more noticeable as they crack our faces like cracks on a windshield. I've seen your babies become toddlers, pass through childhood and adolescent years. And now some of those kids are responsible adults taking rightful places in society.

And still their old men are busy playing with dice.

Some of those children became Klubber nemeses. It always struck horror in my heart when I allow one of them, usually a pre-schooler, to take the dice into their sticky little hands and play with you. Inevitably, that narrow late inning lead I'd be nursing would disappear into a tumbling, twenty sided fiasco as the devil child grinned proudly at your approval. Harry Nieman was one of the Klubber killers, ruining an untold number of series with miracle homers and improbable eye singles. Through clenched teeth, I had to take it all without exploding. Until I hit the roof, it was another long evening.

So now, through the miracle of modern biochemistry and a very cozy little petry dish, I've been allowed to reproduce.

Say what?

Yes, the little Klubber, whose gender is as yet unknown, is due in mid-October, right about now. I expect to wrap up my first World Series title. With any luck, the child will be lefthanded. There are many things to think about and I'll be asking all you experienced fathers for advice. Your wives can help, too, as I still remember the useful advice that Debbie Gerack gave me when she became engaged to the fair Jennifer. She hasn't thrown me out of the house yet, so it must be good.

worked.

One of the big things will be a name. If it's a boy, I've already come up with Henry Aaron Klee. The "Nathan" is just in there to complete the acronym, "HANK", but that idea was q vetoed by my wife so we're still out there mining for something suitable.

It also appears that my ability to travel the state to play games will be at least somewhat I devote time to the care of my progeny. Maybe I'll actually break down and finally buy the game, though that thought fills me with trepidation.

But let it be known here and now that the kid will be learning how to throw dice and may I into service if perchance I'm in desperate need of a key hit.

Bombs away!

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DEVIL DOODLES

The Blue Devils completed a surprising Block 1 at 14-6 + alone in 1st place in the NL West. A strong bullpen and balanced hitting throughout the lineup helped Connecticut with its fast start. But the powerful Chiefs and talented Klubbers are right behind with 13-7 records.

Grady Sizemore has been red hot leading the team in most offensive categories. Sizemore is batting .392 with 26 runs, 21 RBI, 10 doubles, 4 HR's and 6 stolen bases. Almost everyone on the roster has contributed. 11 players are batting over .280, 8 players have at least 10 RBI and the team has stolen 29 bases in 34 attempts. Wilson Betemit, with just 35 AB's has been on a power tear blasting 7 HR's and 16 RBI to go with a .314 BA.

As expected, the pitching leaders have been Ben Sheets and Roger Clemens. Both starters are 3-0 in 4 starts. Sheets has been excellent with a 2.52 ERA allowing just 17 hits and 6 walks in 25 innings. Clemens has struggled a bit with a 4.88 ERA but has found a way to win. Clemens will have to rest next block vs. the NL East with his limited innings. The bullpen has been outstanding as new closer Manny Corpas has gone 8 for 8 in save situations allowing just 3 hits and 2 walks in 9 innings pitched.

ALLYN STREET

West Broad Street "school yard": "When we hit we don't pitch. When we pitch we don't hit, said the old professor. Casey, what's the solution? More hits from our batters and more outs from our pitchers. It's not Rocket Science. It's throwing and catching. It's hitting and running. How simpler can it be? Wow, Casey is brilliant!

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NATIONAL LEAGUE HITTING LEADERS

AVERAGE (MIN 3.1P./A/GM)

1) Escobar, Y	BB	.463
2) Sosa, S	NE	.458
3) Sizemore, G	CT	.392
4) Cano, R	AS	.371
5) Polanco, P	EP	.368
6) Iwamura, A	MC	.361
7) Ramirez, H	BB	.361
8) Jeter, D	WS	.357
9) Cabrera, M	TX	.355
10) Cabrera, O	NE	.353

RUNS BATTED IN

1) Posada, J	KK	27
2) Markakis, N	KK	24
3) Beltran, C	HZ	21
4) Sizemore, G	CT	21
5) Ordonez, M	BB	20
6) Teixeira, M	HZ	20
7) Looney, J	US	19
8) Phillips, B	NE	18
9) Berkman, L	KK	17
10) 3 tied with		16

RUNS SCORED

1) Sizemore, G	CT	26
2) Berkman, L	KK	24
3) Cust, J	KK	21
4) Markakis, N	KK	21
5) Teixeira, M	HZ	21
6) Braun, R	MD	19
7) Kent, J	US	19
8) Ramirez, H	BB	19
9) 3 tied with		18
10)		

HOME RUNS

1) Posada, J	KK	10
2) Teixeira, M	HZ	10
3) Cust, J	KK	9
4) Markakis, N	KK	8
5) Betemit, W	CT	7
6) Beltran, C	HZ	6
7) Braun, R	MD	6
8) Pujols, A	AS	6
9) Wright, D	TX	6
10) 4 tied with		5

DOUBLES

1) Winn, R	KK	12
2) Rios, A	CT	10
3) Sizemore, G	CT	10
4) Swisher, N	NE	10
5) Cabrera, M	TX	9
6) Hafner, T	CT	9
7) Kent, J	US	9
8) Ramirez, H	BB	9
9) 7 tied with		8
10)		

TRIPLES

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

STOLEN BASES

1) Reyes, J	CT	12
2) Ramirez, H	BB	9
3) Victorino, A	AS	8
4) Upton, B	WS	7
5) Sizemore, G	CT	6
6) Amezaga, A	EP	5
7) Freier, R	US	5
8) Pierre, J	BB	5
9) Rios, A	CT	5
10) 6 tied with		4

STRIKEOUTS

1) Cust, J	KK	34
2) Markakis, N	KK	33
3) Posada, J	KK	33
4) Bay, J	MC	31
5) Holliday, M	WS	30
6) Gomes, J	US	29
7) Upton, B	WS	26
8) Diaz, M	US	23
9) Looney, J	US	22
10) 4 tied with		21

WALKS

1) Cust, J	KK	29
2) Bonds, B	AS	26
3) Berkman, L	KK	23
4) Pujols, A	AS	19
5) Castillo, L	KK	17
6) Burrell, P	CT	15
7) Sizemore, G	CT	15
8) Hafner, T	CT	14
9) Ordonez, M	BB	14
10) Willits, R	NE	14

TEAM AVERAGE

1) Connecticut	.300
2) US Jarheads	.276
3) Klee's	.274
4) Burlington	.267
5) New England	.265
6) Wall Street	.264
7) Milford	.261
8) Allyn Street	.259
9) Middlesex	.252
10) Eastern	.251
11) Hazardville	.248
12) Taxachusetts	.243

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ERA (min 1inning/team gm)		INNINGS PITCHED		RELIEF APPEARANCES	
1) Johnson,R	AS 1.71	1) Lackey,J	KK 55.0	1) Lidge,B	US 16
2) Suppan,J	EP 1.80	2) Webb,B	US 51.0	2) Gardner,L	AS 14
3) Burnett,AJ	WS 2.28	3) Hudson,T	HZ 50.0	3) Seanez,R	WS 13
4) Washburn,J	HZ 2.49	4) Guthrie,J	US 48.1	4) Shields,S	NE 13
5) Robertson,N	EP 2.51	5) Oswalt,R	HZ 44.0	5) Riske,D	AS 12
6) Sheets,B	CT 2.52	6) Vazquez,J	BB 43.0	6) Saito,T	KK 12
7) Hernandez,O	TX 2.60	7) Young,C	US 41.2	7) Wagner,B	AS 12
8) Young,C	US 2.81	8) Kazmir,S	KK 38.2	8) 4 tied with	11
9) Guthrie,J	US 2.98	9) Smoltz,J	WS 38.2	9)	
10) Webb,B	US 3.00	10) 2 tied with	38.1	10)	

WINS		STRIKEOUTS		WALKS	
1) Shields,J	BB 5	1) Lackey,J	KK 57	1) Jackson,E	MC 24
2) Guthrie,J	US 4	2) Kazmir,S	KK 48	2) Lowry,N	CT 20
3) Lilly,T	KK 4	3) Vazquez,J	BB 42	3) Webb,B	US 19
4) Pena,T	BB 4	4) Webb,B	US 42	4) Kazmir,S	KK 18
5) 14 tied with	3	5) Young,C	US 41	5) Contreras,J	EP 16
6)		6) Hamels,C	MD 35	6) Davis,D	TX 16
7)		7) Maine,J	AS 34	7) Verlander,J	MD 16
8)		8) Shields,J	BB 34	8) Correia,K	BB 15
9)		9) Lilly,T	KK 33	9) James,C	MC 15
10)		10) Smoltz,J	WS 32	10) Moyer,J	NE 15

FIREMAN AWARD		W-L-S		WINNING % (min 3 decisions)		TEAM ERA	
1) Saito,T	KK	19	3-0-8	1) Shields,J	BB 5-0	1) US Jarheads	3.24
2) Corpas,M	CT	16	0-0-8	2) Sheets,B	CT 3-0	2) Burlington	3.40
3) Jenks,B	TX	12	2-0-5	3) Clemens,R	CT 3-0	3) Eastern	3.58
4) Percival,T	AS	12	0-0-6	4) Myers,B	WS 3-0	4) Taxachusetts	4.07
5) Istringhausen	BB	10	0-0-5	5) Saito,T	KK 3-0	5) Klee's	4.08
6) Delcarmen	HZ	6	0-1-4	6) Hamels,C	MD 3-1	6) Wall Street	4.16
7) Miner,Z	MC	6	0-0-6	7) Kendrick,K	US 3-1	7) Allyn Street	4.21
8) Vizcaino,L	EP	6	0-0-3	8) Webb,B	US 3-1	8) Hazardville	4.26
9) Nathan,J	NE	5	1-0-2	9) Lowry,N	CT 3-1	9) New England	4.59
10) Street,H	WS	5	1-1-3	10) Maine,J	AS 3-1	10) Connecticut	4.71
						11) Milford	5.21
						12) Middlesex	7.07

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AMERICAN LEAGUE HITTING LEADERS

AVERAGE (MIN 3.1P./GM)

1) Figgins	CD	.364
2) Helton	FS	.361
3) Lee D	MY	.356
4) Alou	HT	.350
5) Guerrero	SP	.347
6) Eckstien	IL	.345
7) Utley	LW	.342
8) Uggla	FS	.338
9) Rollins	YT	.337
10) Suzuki	SP	.337

HOME RUNS

1) Uggla	FS	10
2) Thomas	SP	8
3) Fielder	HT	8
4) Barton	YT	7
5)		
6)		
7)		
8)		
9)		
10)		

DOUBLES

1) Betancourt
2) Utley
3) Granderson
4) Ortiz
5) Uggla
6) Francour
7) Ortiz
8) C Jones
9) Bartlett
10) Tulowitzki

RUNS BATTED IN

1) Uggla
2) Thomas
3) Martin
4) Hill
5) Thomas
6) Ortiz
7) Barton
8) Dunn
9) Delgado
10) Pena

RUNS SCORED

1) Uggla	FS	24
2) Izturis	FS	23
3) Barton	YT	19
4) Utley	LW	19
5) Sheffield	BR	17
6) Ortiz	IL	17
7) Figgins	CD	16
8) Dunn	HS	16
9) Hudson	AB	16
10) Tomas	SP	15

TRIPLES

1) Rollins	YT	3
2) Johnson	FS	3
3)		
4)		
5)		
6)		
7)		
8)		
9)		
10)		

STOLEN BASES

1) Patterson	IL	8
2) Figgins	CD	8
3) Tavaraz	MY	5
4) Rollins	YT	4
5) Punto	AB	4
6) Rodriguez	MY	4
7) Hart	LW	4
8) Byrnes	IL	4
9)		
10)		

STRIKEOUTS

1) Pena
2) Uggla
3) Nady
4) Ortiz
5) Howard
6) Peralta
7) Dunn
8) Zimmerman
9) Rowand
10) Blake

WALKS

1) Pena	CD	25
2) Sheffield	FS	22
3) Iguchi	MY	22
4) Hudson	IL	21
5) Roberts	SP	21
6) Ortiz	MY	19
7) Youkilis	HS	19
8) Matsui	BR	18
9) Byrnes	CD	18
10)	IL	18

TEAM AVERAGE

1) Illinois	CD	18	.289
2) Hart Street	BR	16	.282
3) Salem	HS	16	.281
4) Baton Rouge	SP	14	.276
5) Florida	UR	14	.275
6) York Town	IL	13	.271
7) Lake Wobegon	UR	12	.271
8) Maine	LW	12	.268
9) Hotlanta	IL	11	.262
10) California			.246
11) Arizona			.239
12) Urpaign			.212

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<u>ERA (min 1inning/team gm)</u>		<u>INNINGS PITCHED</u>		<u>RELIEF APPEARANCES</u>	
1) Cook	HT 1.63	1) Harang	IL 40	1) S Rivera	AB 13
2) Lohse	FS 1.82	2) Penny	HS 40	2) Weathers	HS 11
3) Baker	IL 1.85	3) Glavine	IL 37	3) Rauch	IL 11
4) Carmona	SP 1.86	4) Baker	IL 34	4) Lindstr	SP 10
5) Bergman	IL 2.02	5) Peavy	HS 34	5) Clulk	MY 10
6) Glavine	IL 2.42	6) Sabathia	UR 33.1	6) Janssen	UR 10
7) Maddux	SP 2.43	7) McGowen	CD 32.2	7) Bell	YT 9
8) Westbrook	LW 2.45	8) Escobar	HT 30.2	8) Shearn	HT 9
9) Bedard	BR 2.54	9) Maddux	SP 29.2	9) Marmal	YT 9
10) Jiminez	FS 2.91	10) Carmona	SP 29	10) Marshall	MY 9

<u>WINS</u>		<u>STRIKEOUTS</u>		<u>WALKS</u>	
1) Marcum	SP 4	1) Harang	IL 44	1) Cabrera	MY 24
2) Lohse	FS 4	2) Bedard	BR 36	2) Zambrano	BR 21
3) Bell	YT 3	3) Peavy	HS 35	3) Peavy	HS 19
4) Penny	HS 3	4) Matsusaka	MY 33	4) Matsusaka	MY 19
5) Tavaraz	MY 3	5) Snell	YT 31	5) McGowen	CD 19
6) Cook	HT 3	6) McGowen	CD 30	6) Penny	HS 18
7) Bedard	BR 3	7) Sabathia	UR 30	7) Hill	CD 16
8) Lowe	CD 3	8) Francis	IL 29	8) Bedard	BR 15
9) Gregg	CD 3	9) Penny	HS 28	9) Bergman	IL 14
10) Haren	LW 3	10) Francis	IL 26	10) Garland	FS 13

<u>FIREMAN AWARD</u>		<u>WINNING % (min 3 decisions)</u>		<u>Team ERA</u>	
1) Putz	CD 15	1) Markum	SP 4-0 1.000	1) Illinois	3.16
2) Springer	BR 13	2) Bryd	LW 3-0 1.000	2) Salem	3.36
3) Pappelbon	SP 12	3) Lohse	FS 4-0 1.000	3) Hotlanta	3.44
4) Sorta	LW 8	4) Jiminez	FS 3-0 1.000	4) California	3.92
5) Otsuka	HS 7	5) Baker	IL 3-0 1.000	5) Lake Wobegon	3.92
6) Marte	FS 7	6) Gregg	CD 3-0 1.000	6) Florida	3.99
7) Betancourt	YT 4	7) Neshek	SP 3-0 1.000	7) Hart Street	4.30
8) Okajima	MY 4	8) Lowe	CD 3-0 1.000	8) York Town	4.46
9) Jannsen	UR 4	9) Tavaraz	MY 3-1 .750	9) Maine	5.09
10) Rauch	IL 3	10) Carmona	SP 3-0 .750	10) Urpaign	5.32
				11) Baton Rouge	5.34
				12) Arizona	5.34