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COMMISSIONERS REVIEW:

As we get ready for the playoffs here is a suggestion for injuries on NETPLAY. I used this in my last two series with Glen and Bob Mendez. I think they will agree with me that it works like a charm.

I was cleaning out old emails and I found one from Mike Gerack back in 2005 on how to do this.

The game has the same percentage as we do for injuries.

Game rolls the injury for "Stays in game" to 1 game. This is a 40% injury chance which is the same as our rule "rest of game only".

Game rolls - Injury 2 games to 6 games. Again this is a 40% chance the same as our "rest of game plus one more".

Game rolls and injury for 7 or more games. This is a 20% which is the same as our rule "rest of game plus 2 more".

It is very easy to change. After the game is over and before you click on "play game" from the same screen you will click on "the team with the injury. You click on Stats from the menu bar. You click on UPDATE STATS. You click on the drop down window to the player injured. You scroll down to the last item on the screen "DAYS REMAINING" You change the number in that box to our 0, 1 or 2, whatever number is appropriate. You go back to the regular screen click on "Play a game" and every thing is all set to go.

IT'S GETTING TO BE PLAYOFF TIME: After the presidents and I have received all needed paperwork from the Wild Card teams I will ask them for their 25 man rosters and rotations for the series. I will email them out and the two series must be completed within 11 days.

Next reporting date 10/15

Hart Street:

The 2008 season started with a whimper for the Hogs but finished with a roar as the streaking Hogs went 18-2 during the final month, including wins in their last 12 games; the final 8 being on the road against two playoff bound teams. Finishing at 101-61, the Hogs eclipsed the 100 win plateau for the 8th time in 16 years. After floundering through much of the first half and staggering into the break at a disappointing 43-38 the Hogs went on a second half rampage going 58-23.

This was one of my favorite teams. Everyone knows I like the freak cards and while I didn't really have any true freaks I had loads of 50 innings relievers and 150 AB platoon guys like Cody Ross, Daryl Ward, Jack Hannahan, Raja Davis, Brady Clark, Skip Schumaker, etc, ect. In the end, all 39 players made some positive contribution to the team. I doubt I won more than a handful of games by just tossing nine hitters and a starting pitcher out there.....lots of pitching and hitting moves.....my idea of good fun!

The playoffs will be a challenge as sadly I can only use 25 players. If the rosters were unlimited in the playoffs the Hogs would be unstoppable! :) In spite of this crazy 25 man roster thing, the playoffs will be fun as the Hogs meet Salem in round one. Considering that the Hogs have been in the playoffs 11 times and Salem probably just as many over the years, it's odd that they have never met in the post season. I told Rich it's good his team will still be strong again next year as it'll help compensate for his early exit in the 2008 playoffs. Gotta talk some smack....this isn't the PC MLB! In reality I'll probably be lucky to win a game from the Salem Juggernaut....so figure I might as well squawk some now while I still can.

Good luck to everyone in the playoffs....and congrats to California, Salem, Lake Wobegon and YorkTown for making the playoffs in the AL.

-Ed

This season was brutal. The MudCats had fun up to about block 6 when losing got ugly. Blocks 4, 5, 6 and 7 we didn't win more than 4 games and those weren't even close. IP's and AB's were a struggle towards the end of the year and a bunch of nobodies got plenty of playing time and we went 8-12 in the last block. Go figure.

Middlesex County:

The MudCats are going to be vastly improved next year. We feel that our pitching is one of strengths next year with a rotation of Greinke, Lester, Floyd, Mussina, and Loper. Anchoring the bullpen will be Mariano Rivera who had probably one of his best statistical years with a WHIP of 0.67. Dotel, Torres, and Albers will bear the brunt of the bullpen work. We still need 1 or 2 quality lefties in the pen which we will try to acquire via the draft. Real life team numbers for pitching: era 3.77 and team WHIP of 1.27.

Offensively, the MudCats look pretty good for next year led by Ran Ludwick. DeJesus, DeRosa, Votto, Iwamura, Ellsbury, Aybar round out the everyday starters with a solid bench of Belliard, Gross, Kotsay, and Jacobs. We're still looking for another RH Bat off the bench. Real life numbers as a team of .274/.345/.456 and 234 HR's. That's a team OPS of .801. Not too shabby.

Defensively we should have an above average team, Outfield of DeJesus, Ellsbury and Ludwick should all be 2's. Aybar and Iwamura are solid up the middle.

The outlook is pretty good in Middlesex County. Don't know how much we will compete, but we won't come close to the 124 losses of 2008.

No on to the off season of trades and drafting.

Bring it on!

Brian Favereaux

GM - Middlesex County MudCats

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UPDATE to an earlier TRADE:

Milford received BJ Upton from Wall Street. WS receives MC#1 and MD#2.

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FYI – All Arizona DP's with the -23BP will be based on the teams final record. EP#5 to Salem on Norwich/Eastern final record.

Allyn Street: #3 to IL. #4 to NE. #5 to US.

Apex:

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

Burlington: #2 & #4 to BR.

California: #1 to MY. #2 to MD. #5 to UR. Also, CT#4 to TX. CT#5 to IL. AB#2(-23BP) to MY.

Connecticut: #1 & #2 to NE. #4 to CD. #5 to CD.

Eastern: #5 to SP.

Florida: #1 to NE. #2 MC.

Hart Street: #1 to KK. #2 to KK. #3 to IL. #5 to UR. Also, NE#3 to WS. IL#4 to MC. AB#3(-23BP's) to UR.

Hart Street continued: MC#3 to NE. MC#4 to UR.

Hotlanta: #4 to AA.

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

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

Maine: #2 to CD. #5 to MD.

Middlesex: #1 to KK. #2 to MD. #3 to HS. #4 to HS. Also, SP#2 to FS. MD#1 to NN. KK#3 to NN.

Milford: #1 to MC. #3 to AB. #4 to IL. #2 to WS. Also, MC#1 to WS. CD#2 to UR. HS#2 and KK#3 to MC.

New England: #3 to HS.

Norwich Navigators:

Salem: #1 to NE. #2 to MC. #3 to KK. #4 to FS. Also, WS#4 to NE. EP#5 to NN.

Taxachusetts: #1 to BR. #2 to HT. #3 LW. #4 IL #6 to AS.

Urpaign: #1 to MD. #2 to MD.

Wall Street: #4 to SP. #6 to HT.

Yorktown: #3 to BR. #5 to CT.

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Burlington: #2 to HZ.

Illinois: #1, #2 & #3 to HS. Also, TX#1 to HS.

Klee's: #1 & #2 to HS. #3 to WS.

Middlesex: #1, #2, #3, #4 to HS. Also, SP#2 to NN.

Maine: #5 to CD

New England: #2 to HS.

Salem: #2 to MC. #5 to NN.

Taxachussets: #1 to IL

Urpaigh: #1 to MD.

YA#1 to BR.

THIS REPORTS –BP'S:

NONE

YTD –BP'S:

Middlesex 15 ½, New England 3½, Florida 3, Urpaigh 3, Burlington 1½, Norwich 1.