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League News:

The 2011 World Series results!

More voting items to review and other playoff results included. If you have any items for the League to vote on, please send them in for review. We will vote on these items in the next newsletter.

2011 FBNBA World Series

Game 1 - Carpenter vs. Buchholz

Miguel Cabrera gets the party started with a 2nd inning solo HR. Thome and Burrell go back-to-back in the 4th. Burrell adds another solo shot in the 6th. The Chiefs cruise to a 6-1 win behind 7 shutout innings from Carpenter.

TX 020-201-010/6-10-0

MD 000-000-010/1-5-1

W - Carpenter (1-0). L - Buchholz (0-1).

HR - Burrell 2, Cabrera, Thome.

Game 2 - Cahill vs. Lincecum

In the 1st, Lincecum walks Huff but strikes out the side. Heyward homers in the bottom half to give MD its 1st lead of the series. Lincecum's stuff is so electric, he can't control it. He walks the 1st three batters of the 2nd inning, and after striking out Barajas, he hits light-hitting Izturis. He takes a little off to get ahead of Huff, but Huff sends it into orbit for a grand slam! Lincecum whiffs Walker and Wright, but the damage is done; the Taxmen have score 5 runs on 1 hit. The Dogfish respond with an Iannetta triple and an Andrus squeeze. TX leads 5-2. Hughes comes in to get out of a 1st & 3rd jam in the 3rd inning. He ends up pitching 5 strong innings in relief, allowing only 2 runs on a pair of infield hits, a throwing error, and a Sac fly. Braun homers in the 5th to make it 7-3 Chiefs. But Benoit pitches 2 hitless innings, and the Chiefs tag on 2 more runs in the 9th for a 9-3 win.

TX 050-200-002/9-9-1

MD 110-010-000/3-8-2

W - Cahill (1-0). L - Lincecum (0-1).

HR - Huff (1), Heyward (1), Braun (1).

Game 3 - Verlander vs. Johan Santana

A pair of walks and a Jay Bruce homer give the Dogfish a 1st inning 3-0 lead. But Ike Davis is injured until game 6. Heyward homers in the 2nd, and Ian Stewart adds a 3-run shot in the 4th, giving MD an 8-1 lead. Verlander takes care of the rest, and the Dogfish paddle to a 9-3 win.

MD 310-400-100/9-9-0
TX 010-101-000/3-6-0

W - Verlander (1-0). L - J.Santana (0-1).
HR - Bruce (1), Heyward (2), Stewart (1); Cabrera (2), Thome (2).

Game 4 - Sabathia vs. Carpenter

Manny doubles home Heyward in the 1st. Braun and Youk drive in runs in the 3rd, and MD takes a 3-0 lead. The Chiefs tie it in the bottom of the 3rd on HRs by Wright and Morse. The game remains 3-3 until the 7th inning. McCutched doubles in a run to give MD the lead. With 2 outs, Mgr Carter decides to have Saito walk Braun to face Youkalis. Carlos Santana hits for Youk and smacks a ph 3-run HR! But wait...Lincecum (1WL) then hits for Manny and doubles, tiring Saito! Justin Upton hits for Ianetta, but Saito remains in the game tired. Upton finds the weak spot (literally), and the Dogfish now have a 5-run lead! The Chiefs get a 1-out double in the 7th, but Hellickson comes on to retire Wright and Cabrera. Boesch leads off the 8th with a triple, but Putz strikes out the side. On to the 9th, MD up 8-3.....after getting Izturis to pop to short, Putz leaves in favor of Gallardo. Single, double, walk. Good-bye Gallardo, hello, Phil Hughes. Cabrera walks to load the bases. Thome pinch-hits and doubles. The score is now 8-6 with men on 2nd & 3rd only one out. Burrell pinch-hits and draws a walk. Casper "The Friendly Freak" Wells [35-41-66(8)] steps to the plate. He hits one to CF but McCutchen tracks it down for a Sac fly. Up steps Barajas, the Chiefs' last hope, the pitch.....a harmless comebacker, and the Dogfish hang on for the 8-7 win and even the series!

W - Sabathia (1-0). L - Carpenter (1-1).
HR - C.Santana (1), Wright (1), Morse (1).

Game 5 - Buchholz vs. Dickey

The Chiefs score 2 in the 2nd on a Cabrera walk, a Thome double, a Burrell single and a GIDP. Huff's HR in the 3rd and Cabrera's HR in the 4th make it 4-0 Chiefs. Dickey's knuckled dominates the Dogfish for 5 innings, but he walks Andrus and McCutchen to lead off the 6th. Lefty Doug Slaten comes on to get ph-er Upton to fly out and whiffs Braun. Hanrahan gets the final out by striking out Sean Rodriguez, who had come in for the injured Youkalis. In the 7th, MD puts 2 men on against Fuentes, but Saito fans Andrus to get out of the jam. Barajas hits a 2-run HR in the 7th, and Huff adds his 2nd of the game (3rd of the series) in the 8th. Chiefs win 7-0 and regain the series lead, 3-2.

W - Dickey (1-0). L - Buchholz (0-2).
HR - Huff 2 (3), Cabrera (3), Barajas.

Game 6 - Cahill vs. Verlander

Top of the 1st...Huff walks. Walker singles him to 3rd. Wright reaches on a FC, scoring Huff. Cabrera singles, but Verlander gets Thome and Burrell to limit the damage. Bottom of the 1st, McCutchen walks, and Braun doubles him home to tie the game. Top of the 2nd, Barajas singles. Izturis bunts him to 2nd. Huff drives him in with a singl. TX 2-1. Bottom of the 2nd, Heyward fans with the bags loaded to end a scoreless inning. Bottom of the 4th, Milford ties it with a walk, a balk and a Wright 2-base error. Bottomw of the 5th, a Youk RBI single gives MD a 3-2 lead and chases Cahill. Johan Santana comes in and induces Carlos Santana to hit into an inning-ending DP. Top of the 6th, the Chiefs load the bases with no outs. Granderson ties the game with a Sac Fly, but Verlander gets a GIDP from Barajas to avoid further damage. Top of the 7th, the Chiefs load the bases again with 2 outs, with Thome facing Putz. Andrus makes a nice play to end the threat. After 7, the score is tied 3-3. Now the funs starts...If you have a heart condition, please do not read...

Top of the 8th, Burrell leads off with a walk. Dyson pinch-runs and steals second. Granderson singles him home, tiring Putz. Hughes trots in from the pen. Carpenter hits for Barajas and lays down a sac

bunt. Izturis singles home Granderson on a play at the plate. Hughes gets Huff and Walker to avoid further damage. TX leads 5-3. Bottom of the 8th...Mgr. Joe Carter then decides to bring in Benoit to get the last six outs and bring the Championship to Taxachusetts. Youkalis - single. Santana - single. Manny - single. Benoit is tired and has not retired a batter! Fuentes comes on to face Vizquel, who must bat, as Thole hit for Andrus earlier in the game. The Chiefs have the corners in. Vizquel smacks one to third (3B-X 3e21), and David Wright starts a 5-2-3 doubleplay! But the Dogfish still have men on 2nd & 3rd with Sean Rodriguez, who must bat, at the plate. Saito comes on and strikes him out to get out of the bases loaded, nobody outs mess created by Benoit.

Wright leads off the top of the 9th with a solo HR. Wells doubles with 2-outs and moves to 3rd on a WP. Hughes issues an IBB to Granderson, and Hellickson comes on to get Molina to end the inning. The Chiefs lead 6-3 and need only 3 outs to take the series. To this point in the game, the Taxmen have used the following pitchers: Cahill, J.Santana, Hanrahan, Slaten, Benoit, Fuentes & Saito. Brandon Lyon sits alone in the Chief pen. Saito stays in to face the top of the Milford lineup. McCutchen hits one to CF, but Granderson makes the catch. Heyward flies to left. The Chiefs are one out away. But Braun doubles. Ike Davis walks. Youkalis steps to the plate as the tying run (but he is also minus-eleven in the clutch). Youk triples! Youk! Youk! Youk! Saito is tired, and the tying run is on 3rd. Up to the plate steps Carlos Santana who has already hit a 3-run HR off Saito's card to win game 4. Mgr. Carter brings in his last available pitcher, Brandon Lyon. Carlos rolls a 3-2 on his card, a single! But wait, what's that omega sign? It's a choke out, and the Chiefs hang on to win the 2011 World Series!

TX 110-001-021/6-12-1
MD 100-110-002/5-10-0

W - Slaten (1-0). L - Putz (0-1).
HR - Wright (2).

MVP honors go to Aubrey Huff, who hit the big grand slam in game 2, had a pair of HRs in the pivotal game 5, and went 2-3 with two walks in game 6.

Congratulations to Glen on a great season! What a team, with Jay Bruce and Justin Upton on the bench, and a rotation of Verlander, Sabathia, Buchholz, Lincecum and Gallardo. Needless to say, the World Series will continue to be a familiar event for Dogfish fans. But for now, pass me the goggles, the Chiefs are Champs! Can you believe it?

VOTING ITEMS FOR REVIEW ONLY.

1. One extra day off to occur at series 9, halfway through the first 24 game block. The second extra day off to occur at series 37, halfway through the second 24 game block. During these breaks the Major and Minor league rosters could be changed.
2. Home field advantage for the World Series goes to the league that wins the majority of the AL vs. NL mid-season series of games.
3. The due date for results in the 8th and last round of games only will be split into two sections. The first 8 games are due 09/06 to 09/20. The last 12 games are due 09/21 to 10/05.

4. Section X (Seasonal Usage), rule A: replace all instances of "AB" or "At Bats" with "Plate Appearances" or "PA". [Define FBN Plate Appearances as AB+BB+HBP, the stats we count already.]
5. Section XIII (Playoff Usage), several rules: replace all instances of "AB" or "At Bats" with "Plate Appearances" or "PA". [Define FBN Plate Appearances as AB+BB+HBP, the stats we count already.]
6. Section XIV (Draft), rule F: replace "500 AB" with "550 PA". [Define FBN Plate Appearances as AB+BB+HBP, the stats we count already.]
7. Section XV (Demerits), rule B: replace "AB's overused" with "PA's overused". [Define FBN Plate Appearances as AB+BB+HBP, the stats we count already.]
8. The 25 man roster must be reported within 3 days of the start of each clock. The rotation need not be defined.

NLCS - Taxachusetts Chiefs vs. Allyn St. 89ers played face-to-face with dice and cards.

Game 1 - Carpenter vs. Cain

The 1st rally of the series is in the top of the 3rd when the Chiefs load the bases with no outs. But Wright grounds into a DP and Cabrera flies out. TX leads 1-0. In the bottom half, AS takes the lead on an Inge double, a walk and a Drew RBI single. Carpenter then boots a double-play ball, plating the 2nd AS run. AS goes up 3-1 on a single, SB and a Wright error. Fifth inning solo shots by Huff and Cabrera tie the game. The Chiefs take the lead on a 6th inning squeeze play, and extend it with 3 8th inning runs on a Walker RBI double and a Wright 2-RBI ++single with the infield in. The Taxmen take the 7-3 lead into the bottom of the 9th, when the fun begins....Hanrahan starts on the mound for TX, having struck out all 4 batters he has faced. But he plunks Inge to start the 9th. Enter Joaquin Benoit, and fasten your seatbelts. Podsednik grounds one to Wright who throws it into the dugout. Drew walks. Pujols singles home Podsednik, narrowing the margin to 7-5. Cano grounds one to Wright, who takes the sure out at 1st with Drew scoring and Pujols, the tying run, moving into scoring position. Chris Heisey steps to the plate as the potential winning run. In an unorthodox move, Mgr. Joe Carter decides to put the winning run on 1st base and face the LHB Pierzynski. All of Taxachusetts is holding its collective breath. Amazingly, AJ grounds into a game-ending 3-6-3 DP! Chiefs win, 7-6!

Taxachusetts 001-021-030: 7-11-3

Allyn St. 002-100-003: 6-8-0

W - Fuentes. L - Cain. HR - Huff, Cabrera.

Game 2 - Cahill vs. Halladay

Fans at the Schoolyard witnessed a brilliant scoreless pitcher's duel until the top of the 7th when Halladay allowed singles to Cabrera and Thome. Joel Peralta relieved Halladay and struck out Burrell. But the next batter, Curtis Granderson tripled home both runners, and Izturis singled home Granderson with 2 outs. TX up 3-0. Lyon retires all 7 batters he faces. Saito comes on with 2 outs in the 8th to strikeout Davis. Mgr Carter allows Saito to start the 9th with a 3-0 lead. He whiffs Inge. But Heisey

doubles. Carter calls for Benoit. Drew greets him with a triple. Up comes Pujols with the tying run. Benoit fans Pujols, and then fans Cano to preserve the Chiefs 3-1 win. On to War Memorial Coliseum...

Taxachusetts 000-000-300: 3-9-0
Allyn St. 000-000-001: 1-5-0

W - Lyon. L - Halladay. S - Benoit. HR - none.

Game 3 - Josh Johnson vs. Johan Santana

The turning point of Game 3 came early, in the bottom of the 2nd inning. With 2 outs and Thome at second base, Casey Stengel decides to walk the power-hitting Rod Barajas to face light-hitting Cesar Izturis in the clutch. Izturis singles to load the bases. Huff singles home Thome. Walker singles home Barajas and Izturis. TX leads 3-0. Cabrera homers to make it 4-0. In the 4th inning, Shane Victorino gets the 89ers on the board with a 2-out RBI single. Santana pitches a perfect 5th before giving way to the pen. Lyon again retires all six batters he faces. Benoit comes on to start the 8th and gives up a lead off, pinch-hit single to Furcal. But he retires the final six batters, four via the strikeout, to close out the Chiefs win. TX goes up 3-0 in the series. Mgr. Carter knows that Stengel and the boys would love to avenge their playoff loss to the Chiefs a few years ago when the 89ers were up 3-0 in the series.

Allyn St. 000-100-000: 1-5-1
Taxachusetts 031-000-00x: 4-6-0

Game 4 - Cain vs. Carpenter, Part II

The 89ers, desperate for a spark, load the bases with one out in the 1st inning. Alfonso Soriano strikes out, bringing up Chris Heisey, minus-ten in the clutch. Heisey lofts a lazy fly ball to left, a la Bucky Bleepin' Dent, and it clears the Blue Dwarf for a grand slam! Burrell homers in the 2nd. In the 3rd, a Rajai Davis 2-out single plates 2 unearned runs. Mike Morse hits a solo PH HR for the Chiefs. In the 8th, AS adds 3 more on a Venable PH triple and an Inge double. Cain takes over from there, dominating the Chiefs through out the game, except for a meaningless 2-run shot with 2 outs in the 9th. Put the brooms away. AS wins 9-4.

Allyn St. 402-000-030: 9-12-0
Taxachusetts 010-100-002: 4-6-2

W - Cain. L - Carpenter.
HR - Heisey, Burrell, Morse, Granderson.

Game 5 - Casey Coleman vs. R.A. Dickey

In a last minute change, Stengel gives the ball to his namesake, 22-yr old Casey Coleman, pushing Halladay back to a possible game 6. Mgr. Carter goes with the knuckleballer Dickey.

Doubles by Huff and Thome give the Chiefs a 1-0 lead. In the 2nd inning, a Barajas 2-run shot makes it 3-0. The Dickey knuckler confounds the 89ers through 5 innings. After Walker leads off the bottom of the 5th with a double, Stengel brings in the very nasty Joel Peralta. David Wright greets Peralta with a 2-run HR, 5-0 Chiefs. Pujols answers with a 2-run shot of his own in the 6th off Dickey and a solo shot in the 8th off Hanrahan. The Chief lead is down to 5-3. Benoit comes on to pitch the 9th. Furcal leads off with a PH single. Up steps Heisey, 5 for 10 in the series with 3 Ds and a GS. Benoit fans Heisey. Garret Jones hits for Davis. Chief fans can't bear to watch, but Jones grounds into a 3-6-3

game-ending DP. Chiefs win! Chiefs win! Chiefs win! Taxachusetts is heading to the World Series!

Allyn St. 000-002-010: 3-7-0
Taxachusetts 120-020-00x: 5-9-1

W - Dickey. L - Coleman. S - Benoit.
HR - Pujols (2), Barajas, Wright.

Congratulations to Rob on an outstanding season with 110 wins. The 89ers just couldn't get anything going offensively in their four losses. Also, thanks again for being a gracious host.

MVP - Brandon Lyon retired the last 17 batters he faced in a key set-up role, and Joaquin Benoit recorded the last outs of all four wins.

The Chiefs are ready to travel the 50 miles south to Milford, or will the Dogfish dodge a face-to-face matchup?

Transactions:

1. The Klubbers rec'ed Jose Veras from the Middlesex County for KK#3 2012.
2. Hart St trades TX#3 and HS#5 to Urpaign for Jamie Carroll. This trade is contingent on Carroll receiving either a 2 or 3 fielding range rating at 2B. If he gets a 1(lol), a 4 or a 5 the trade is nullified.
3. Florida senda L Hernandez to Hotlanta for Coco Crisp.
- 4.

This Reports –BP's: Missing Team schedules: -BP's corrected.

YTD –BP's: WS 4, AG 4, MY 3, LW 1 ½ BR 1 ½ MC 1 ½ BB 1, KK 1, AS 1, NN 1, NE 1.