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PENANT RACES, NL one game playoff, NL Wild Card Series and much more!

In the American League Nashville with a 2-2 week needed help from Arsenal if they were going to finished in first place. Milford traveled to Arsenal for its final series of the year. They needed 1 win to tie Nashville and a split would give Milford sole procession of first place. Arsenal knew that Hotlnta had finished at 97-65. Arsenal had already won 4 games and needed now needed just a split to pass Hotlanta in the standings and host the Wild Card series. Arsenal took the first two games to increase their winning streak to 6 games and had tied Hotlanta. Arsenal went on for the sweep. With the sweep they not only passed Hotlanta for 4th place but they also knotted Milford out of first place. What a finish for Mgr. Morris and his Gunners.

In the National League Norwich went 6-2 and finish 22 games in first place. US Jarhead had finished their season in 2nd place. Klee's had moved into position where they could move from 5th to 3rd. Allyn Street with a split with Norwich finished 90-72. Klee's now needed to go 3-1 at Burlington for the tie. Klee's owned the tie breaker against Allyn Street and would move into 3rd and push Hazardville to 5th. It turned out that Burlington needed a split with Klee's. If Burlington could go 2-2 they would not only settle the 3rd and 4th playoff slots but more important to Burlington, they would tie Klee's for the 5th and the final playoff slot. Burlington did it, they split with Klee's. That settled it, there's going to be a one game playoff. Burlington owned the tie breaker as they went 7-5 head to head with Klee's. Burlington would host the one game playoff which they played on the 11th.

It's give Klee's a chance.

The Klubbers roared into Burlington tonight for Game #163 attempting to break a logjam with the Buccaneers and qualify for a playoff berth in the boiling cauldron of the National League race. The Klub sent the veteran Joihn Lackey to the hill to oppose the young northpaw, Yordano Ventura.

After two scoreless innings the Bucs broke through when Nick Castellanos grounded one past Jose Abreu and took second after Abreu kicked the ball further into rightfield. Two batters later Jace Peterson stroked a single to bring home Castellanos. In the bottom half of the 5th, Lackey having uncharacteristic control problems, unraveled completely. Castellanos led off with a walk and was bunted to second by Michael Bourn. Peterson then sent him to third by punching a single over Wong's head. The next batter, Andre Ethier, struck the decisive blow with a long triple into the rightfield corner, and then scampered home on a base hit by Cervelli. When Andrew McCutcheon delivered another hit, Lackey was done for the day and the Buccaneers enjoyed a commanding 4-0 lead.

With Ventura already gone after a minor threat in the top half of the fifth, the parade of relievers began and the Klubbers hardly looked like they were even interested in playing the game. By the eighth inning the Klub had as much chance as a one-legged man in a butt kicking contest. But Micah Johnson, a September call-up pinch hit for J.J. Hardy and walked to lead off the inning. Two batters later, Dexter Fowler also walked. Melky Cabrera flied routinely to left but then Nolan Arenado crashed his 62nd double off the left field wall and the Klubbers were finally on the scoreboard. No further damaged ensued and the Buccaneers needed only three outs to secure a playoff berth.

Kolten Wong greeted Ryan Tepera with a sharp single to start things off, and Tepera, pitching carefully to pinch hitter deluxe Jarrett Parker, issued him a free pass, bringing up Miguel Montero. On the very next pitch, Montero, who had carried the Klub over the last couple of months launched an epic bomb that landed in the third boxcar, midnight train, destination, Bangor, Maine, which was passing by the parking lot beyond the right field fence, giving the Klubbers a sudden 5-4 lead. The Klub added an extra run when Melky doubled home Nick Markakis who had also doubled.

Will Harris, whose difficulties in the last week of the regular season was a major reason that the Klubbers were forced into the one game playoff, secured the last three outs with ease and the Klubbers commenced a wild celebration on the mound.

The Klubbers look forward to an exciting series against Hazardville and close the regular season at 85-78, H: 45-36, A: 40-42.

Klee At a Victory Rally at Jim Bouton Field

Thank you, folks, thank you. I told you awhile ago that we were going to make the Klubbers great again. I'm here to tell you that I have. Let me tell you, they said it was politically incorrect to say it so I did anyway but honestly, I knew that I could do it and look, I've made the playoffs for the third time in four years. People tell me that I built a roster that's the envy of the Fly By Night League and I say, of course it is. I've been building things for years. I know how to do this kind of thing because I have a good brain. I went to NYU and Ohio State, two big universities, huge, the best there is.

And we're going to continue to make the Klubbers great again. The FBN people, they love me, the good ones anyway, and they ask me, "Mr. Klee, how do you do it? Even though, honestly, the league is rigged. The computer, the closer rule, and I've been opposed to them from Day One, we're getting killed every year, every day we're getting killed, folks. "How do you do it, Mr. Klee?"

Well, I'll tell, you, it's because I can make a deal, a beautiful deal. Like you wouldn't believe. I've been making them all my life. Huge deals that put me over the top. It's what I do, folks. And I'll continue doing it; I'm not going to change what I'm doing here.

But there are people like Glen Boucher, a real low energy guy, that, quite frankly, haven't been very nice to me. Chrome Dome Glen wants to expel me from the League. Here's a guy that I beat every time I face him, on the road, at home, I beat him. I beat him handily, look at my numbers, they're incredible. All he does is brag about his pipeline, or whatever, it's disgusting, folks. Just get him outa here, if he gives you any trouble, I'll pay your legal bills and build a wall around him. Get him outa here.

I've got a plan folks, a tremendous plan, to keep making the Klubbers great again. It's going to be a beautiful plan and only I can do it. Thank you.

Roland

AMERICAN LEAGUE

place	Team	W	L	pct	gb	Home	away	last update
1	Nashville Assassins	107	55	.660	----	58-23	49-32	final
2	Milford Dogfish	106	56	.654	1	63-18	43-38	final
3	California Dreamers	104	58	.642	3	52-29	52-29	final
4	Arsenal Gunners	100	62	.617	7	51-30	49-32	final
5	Hotlanta Possums	97	65	.599	10	49-32	48-33	final
6	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	84	78	.519	23	47-34	37-44	final
7	Lake Wobegon Whippets	73	89	.451	34	37-44	36-45	final
8	Louisville River Bandits	70	92	.432	37	39-42	31-50	final
9	Yorktown Admirals	68	94	.420	39	37-44	31-50	final
10	John's Creek Cracker Jacks	62	100	.383	45	31-50	31-50	final
11	Urpaigh Dragons	61	101	.377	46	33-48	28-53	final
12	Hart Street Hogs	34	128	.210	73	18-63	16-65	final

NATIONAL LEAGUE

place	Team	W	L	pct	gb	Home	away	last update
1	Norwich Navigators	113	49	.698	----	61-20	52-29	final
2	US Jarheads	91	71	.562	22	52-29	39-42	final
3	Allyn Street 89ERS	90	72	.556	23	48-33	42-39	final
4	Hazardville Powderkegs	86	76	.531	27	44-37	42-39	final
5	Klee's Klubbers*	85	78	.521	29	45-36	40-42	final
6	Burlington Buccaneers*	84	79	.515	29	47-35	37-44	final
7	New England Angels	80	82	.494	33	45-36	35-46	final
8	Illinois Prairie Dogs	79	83	.488	34	43-38	36-45	final
9	Taxachusetts Chiefs	70	92	.432	43	34-47	36-45	final
10	Wall Street Barons	69	93	.426	44	39-42	30-51	final
11	Connecticut Blue Devils	68	94	.420	45	33-48	35-46	final
12	Maine Yaks	64	98	.395	49	40-41	24-57	final

* tied at 84-78 in regular season, includes one game playoff

Minus Bonus Points:

-BP's for this Report: Over use of players: AG 29, Rogers 76AB=15-BP's, Ramirez 7IP=7-BP's, Pinileda 5IP=5-BP's, Webb 2IP=2-BP's. CT 5, Cedeno 2IP=2 and Ross 3IP=3. CD 1, Team schedule 2 days late.

YTD -BP's: AG 29, NA 6, CT 5, NE 2, CD 2½, YA 1, JC 1, MY ½, LV ½, BB ½, LW ½.

2017 First Round: 1.HS. 2.UP. 3.JC. 4.MY. 5.CT*. 6.YA. 7.WS. 8.TX*. 9.LV. 10.LW. 11.IL. 12.NE. 13.BB. 14.BR. 15.KK. 16.HZ. 17.AS. 18.US. 19.HP. 20. CD. 21. MD. 22.NA. 23. NN. 24.HS
*Tie breaker team with better away record. **AG would have been 20. But, with 29 –BP’s added to each round except 4th which was traded earlier his first draft pick should be around 49.

Second Round: 25.UP. 26.JC. 27.MY. 28.YA. 29.CT. 30.WS. 31.LV. 32.TX. 33.LW. 34.IL. 35.NE. 36.BB. 37.BR. 38.KK. 39.HZ. 40.AS. 41.US. 42.HP. 43.CD. 44.MD. 45.NA 46.NN. 47.HS. 48.UP.

NOTE: Nashville has 6-BP’s to be added to NA original draft picks from round 5 to the end of his draft. Nashville traded rounds 1-4 before being accessed the 6-BP’s.

NOTE: The above draft positions are listed by the 2016 team that originally owned the DP and not by the actual team that my own the draft position now. Addition –BP’s could change the above draft order.

POST SEASON DUE DATES: 1. The Wild Card Series: (a.) Commissioner announces teams via email. Teams must email series #46 pitching rotation to the Commissioner also: (b.) Teams email their rosters and their tentative rotations for this series including the AB’s and IP limits for each player to the Commissioner (except the NL as long as Allyn Street is in the Post Season. The NL teams will email their information to Jeff Merklin.) within two days of his announcement. Commissioner emails these rosters to the opponents. At this point, no change can be made to these rosters until the next series. (c.) The series must be completed and results emailed to the Commissioner by midnight 11 days from the announcement. Winning team must email series results and the winning teams actual pitching rotation used to the Commissioner by the deadline. The Commissioner will email the results to the members.

Wild Card Series start date: Monday October 17th. Completion and results due in 11 days. The deadline would be Thursday October 27th. Bob F. and Roland emailed their 25-man roster and probable rotation to Merk by the 15th. Merk will handle the NL stuff as long as I’m in the playoffs.

In the American League the season Dean and Jim sent me their rotation from series 46. They also sent me their 25-man roster and probable series rotation.

Good luck to all.
Rob

National League Wild Card Series

Game 1, M.Bumgarner vs D.Price

The Klubbers jump all over David Price in the 2nd inning scoring 3 runs on 3 doubles and 2 singles. Klee’s tack on another run in the 3rd with a Scott Van Slyke solo homer. Meanwhile Madison Bumgarner is pitching like this is the World Series only allowing solo runs in the 1st and 3rd. Final score 4-2 Klees. Klee’s take a 1-0 series lead.

						R	H	E	
KK	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	14	0
HZ	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	0

W-Bumgarner S-Harris L-Price HR-Van Slyke, Teixeira

Game 2, C.Hamels vs R.Ray

Manager Figella shows his hand of pitching as many lefties as possible versus Klee's and it pays off. Starter Robbie Ray shuts down the Klubbers on 3 hits, striking out 10. Homers by Jones and Andrus is all the offense the Powderkegs need for the 3-0 victory. Series tied 1-1.

	R	H	E						
KK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HZ	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3

W-Ray S-Robertson L-Hamels HR-Jones, Andrus

Game 3, T.Walker vs J.Lackey

Both teams are hitless through 3 ½ when Dexter Fowler leads off the bottom of the 4th with a deep shot. In the top of the 5th Hazardville picks up an unearned run to tie the score at 1. Both starters bear down and hold the other team in check and we move to the 9th. David Peralta leads off the top of the ninth with a single then steals 2nd but gets stranded there. With 2 out in the bottom of the ninth Nolan Arenado singles. Manager Kramden pinch runs Dyson for him but Dyson can't get the lead. Jose Abreu then takes one for the team and is hit by a pitch. First and second, 2 out. That's it for Walker, in comes David Robertson who get pinch hitter freak Jarret Parker to ground out to end the threat. Onto extra innings. Brandon Belt leads off the top of the 10th with a walk. Hunter Pence then takes Francisco Rodriguez deep for a 2 run homer and a 3-1 lead. Robertson holds down the Klubbers in the bottom of the 10th for the Powderkeg victory. Hazardville leads the series 2-1.

	R	H	E						
HZ	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
KK	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

W-Robertson L-Rodriguez HR-Fowler, Pence

Game 4, D.Price vs M.Bumgarner

The Powderkegs are still hyped up over the extra inning win in game 2 they jump all over Madison Bumgarner. Andrus leads off with a homer, Pedroia singles, Donaldson singles. After and out Beltran hits one single into the hole that JJ Hardy boots driving in 2 for a 3-0 Powderkeg lead. In the 2nd they keep the pressure on. Adam Jones goes deep to start the inning then a walk and 2 singles extend the 'Kegs lead to 5-0. Klee's chip away with a run in the 5th, a solo homer by Miguel Montero cuts the lead to 5-2. Two doubles by Hazardville in the 8th stretch the lead to 6-2 and that's what stands. Hazardville takes a 3-1 lead in the series.

	R	H	E						
HZ	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
KK	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2

W-Price L-Bumgarner HR-Andrus, Jones, Montero

Game 5, C.Martinez vs C.Hamels

It's do or die time for Klee's and the game starts with the bats hot for both teams. Josh Donaldson homers in the 1st with 1 on for a 2-0 Hazardville lead. Nolan Arenado returns the favor in the bottom of the 1st with his own 2 run homer. 2 more get on after the homer but are left stranded. Hazardville picks up another run in the top of the 2nd but has a runner thrown out at home. While the 'Kegs bat are hot they forgot their gloves. In the bottom of the 2nd they commit 3 errors and Nolan Arenado makes them pay again with a grand slam, 6-3 Klee's. A Brandon Belt homer in the 4th and a Peralta single in the 5th cut the lead to 6-5. The Klubbers wouldn't let the lead go away though and come right back for 3 more in the bottom of the 5th off Danny Duffy who is pitching for an injured Martinez. The big blow was a Juan Uribe 2 run single plus error. Klee's lead 9-5. A solo run in the ninth meant little and the Klubbers 9-6 victory tightens the series to 3-2 Hazardville. Cole Hamels collects the complete game victory

	R	H	E			
HZ	2	1	0	1	1	0
KK	2	4	0	0	3	0
				0	0	x
				9	12	0

W-Hamels L-Martinez HR-Donaldson, Arenado-2, Belt

Game 6 J.Lackey vs R.Ray

There have been a bunch of injuries this series, mainly by Klee's. Wong was hurt for 1 game. Spangenberg hurt for 1 game, Jose Abreu hurt for 3 games, Arenado hurt for 1 game, Wong hurt for 2 more games, Carlos Martinez hurt for 1 game. The injuries continue in game 6. John Lackey is injured in the 2nd inning forcing Klee's into his pen early. They have the early lead though as Dexter Fowler lead off the game with a home run. Arenado extends the lead to 2-0 with a double later in the inning. Aramis Ramirez increase the lead in the 4th with a lead-off triple promptly scoring on Melky Cabrera sac fly. Klee's 3-0. Hazardville chipped away to in the bottom of the inning to make it 3-1. Klee's got the run back in the 7th on a walk and 2 singles for a 4-1 lead. Will Harris made the lead hold up and Klee's tie the series at 3 games apiece.

	R	H	E			
KK	2	0	0	1	0	0
HZ	0	0	0	1	0	0
				1	7	1

W-Colon S-Harris L-Ray HR-Fowler

Game 7 M.Bumgarner vs D.Price

In a rematch of game 1 and 4 starters Bumgarner and Price take control. Melky Cabrera doubles in the 3rd and is driven in by Fowler for a 1-0 Klee's lead. Klee's explode in the 6th. Hardy double, Fowler single, Cristian Colon single, Montero double, Arenado single pushes the Klubber lead to 5-0. It's not looking good for Hazardville. Belt homers in the 7th to make it 5-1. Bottom of the 8th still 5-1. Andrus singles, Peralta fly out, Donaldson single drives Bumgarner from the lead. In comes Pat Neshek. Franklin Gutierrez greets him with a 3 run homer. 5-4 Klee's, one out in the bottom of the 8th. The Klee's are getting nervous. Fly out, 2 away. J.T. Realmuto singles. Brandon Belt then hits one into the corner for a triple, tie game! Onto extra innings. Andrew Chafin pitches a perfect top of the 10th. Bottom of 10. Donaldson walks to lead off the inning. Will Harris is pitching and strikes out the next 2 hitters. J.T. Realmuto then ends the game with a walk off triple and the Powderkegs win the game 6-5 and the series 4-3.

	R	H	E			
KK	0	0	1	0	0	4
HZ	0	0	0	0	0	0
				0	5	8
				0	6	12

W-Chafin L-Harris HR-Belt, Gutierrez

Congratulations to Roland on a fine series and a nice season. You came back from down 3-1 and had a 5-0 lead in the 7th inning of game 5. That's pretty good. It really was a great series. The injuries really hampered you in the series. Up next Hazardville will take on the jugger-naught that is Norwich.

Transactions:

1. USJ Received: J, Turner, Y. Grandal from Milford for USJ '17 #1, USJ '18 #1, TX '17 #4 and J. Lobaton.
2. TX trades Victor Martinez DET to MY for MY #3, MY #5, and Marco Gonzales.

2016 - Remaining Calendar of Events:

Oct. 1. Send in voting items for review.

Nov. - 1. World Series Champion decided.

Dec. - 1. Voting Month. This year League Presidents, Commissioner and voting issues.