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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER: In this newsletter are the World Series results, voting time information and more. This year along with voting for league president's it's time to vote on league commissioner. Bob and Merk have both agreed to run for office again. I will also run as commissioner. Any member interested in running for a league president's position or for commissioner should let me know now so I can add them to the ballot.

At this time only one voting item has been submitted for review.

Proposal

Conduct a TEMPORARY trial of the SOM "New Super Advanced Injury Chart". This would apply to both batters and pitchers. The duration of the trial would be the first half of the 2017 FBN season. Approximately mid-season a discussion would take place and then a vote would be taken to see where we go from there. Possible options include: 1) extend the trial; 2) make the new injury chart permanent; 3) , modify the new chart; 4) , go back to our current FBN injury chart; 5) any other ideas that may surface. Using the chart will make NP games easier. There would be no need to have to refer to an alternate chart during NP. With regards to FTF, since the pitcher injuries are not shown on the cards FTF players would probably need to highlight the pitcher injury roll on the pitcher card (injuries are shown on the roster sheet that comes with the game).

Comments

Batters will see a slight increase in games missed. Primarily due to injuries that occur in the first game of a 4 game series (there is the potential for a 3 game carryover on rolls 12-20). There is also a 30% chance the batter stays in the game on the new chart.

Pitchers will see more injuries. Based on data I kept this year our current pitcher injury chart produced only 1 injury per 54 games. The new chart would have produced 1 injury per 4 or 5 games. The majority of injuries would have been starter pitchers and would have been balance of the game. This sounds like a lot but if you think about it, the average starter pitches about 6 IP per game. Some injuries will occur early, some later, so the average IP missed will be about 3 IP for a starter. Which means you would have to bring in a reliever a little early once in a while.

Roland previously pointed out pitchers with a 6-7 injury would be like 54 more times likely to get injured over our current rule. I counted up all the 6-7 injury pitchers from the roster sheet. About 10% of the pitchers (roughly 40 pitchers) have 6-7 injury rolls. Of the 40 pitchers about 50% of these guys have 50 IP or less on their cards. The remaining 50% range from 50 IP to about 75 IP. My point is you are not going to have some 180 IP stud starter getting injured all the time.

The new pitcher injury chart is 30% no injury occurs.

The most a starter can get injured is just the balance of the game. This is because a starter is going to need 3 or 4 days rest between starts. The series would end before then and injuries reset to zero at the start of a new series.

A reliever could get injured for multiple games. Worst case reliever scenario would be an injury in the first game of a 4 game series. Rolls of 9-20 would be a 3 game carryover.

We could discuss this to death, but until we trial it we won't know for sure if the new injury chart is too much or not. If you would like to see a few more injuries and more bench play, this proposal is for you.

Jim
Hotlanta

Remaining Calendar of Events for 2016:

- Nov. - 1. World Series Champion decided.
2. Voting items for review.
- Dec. - 1. Voting Month.
2. Winter rosters due by December 21st.

American League Championship Series – Milford vs. Nashville

Game 1

Dogfish..... 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 5 9 0
Assassins..... 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 - 3 8 0

W: Cole (1-0), S: Rodriguez (1), L: Leake (0-1)
HR: Sano (1), Correa (1), Puig (1), Kang (1), Cruz (1), Bryant (1)

In a good matchup it was the Milford Dogfish 5, the Nashville Assassins 3 at Wrecking Ball Park. Gerrit Cole delivered a fine performance for Milford.

Francisco Rodriguez earned his 2nd save. Mike Leake took the loss. He gave up 4 runs and 6 hits in 4.2 innings.

Game 2: MD Leads 1-0

Dogfish..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 4 0
Assassins..... 0 2 0 0 2 0 1 0 - 5 7 0

W: Kazmir (1-0), L: Archer (0-1)
HR: Heyward (1), Cruz (2), Cain (1)

Scott Kazmir came through with a solid 6 innings at Wrecking Ball Park where the Nashville Assassins beat the Milford Dogfish 5 to 1.

Kazmir earned his pay with a solid performance for Nashville. He went 6 innings surrendering 2 hits and 1 walk. Nashville had 7 hits for the game and Milford had 4. Chris Archer took the loss. He pitched 4 and 1/3 innings allowing 5 hits and 3 walks.

Game 3: Series Tied, 1-1

Assassins..... 2 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 - 6 12 1
Dogfish..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 3 0

W: Scherzer (1-0), L: Greinke (0-1)
HR: Kang (2), Lind (1)

Third baseman Jung Ho Kang had 4 hits and Max Scherzer shut down the Milford batters on just 3 hits at Silver Sands Park as the Nashville Assassins beat the Milford Dogfish 6 to 0.

Scherzer escaped virtually unscathed against the Milford hitters. He allowed only 3 hits and 3 walks in 9 innings and mowed down 11 Milford batters. Nashville rapped out 12 hits for the afternoon.

Zack Greinke ended up with the loss. Scherzer, when asked about his 11 strikeout performance noted, 'The important thing is that we won, if I get 20 and we lose, what good does it do our team? But, on the other hand, since we won it feels great!'

Game 4: Nashville Leads, 2-1

Assassins..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 - 1 6 0
Dogfish..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 2 4 1

W: Smith (1-0), Tolleson (0-1)
HR: Grandal (1)

In an exciting finish the Milford Dogfish pulled out a win over the Nashville Assassins by a score of 2 to 1 at Silver Sands Park.

Milford scored the deciding run in the 9th inning. Justin Turner doubled. Two outs later Tyler Clippard came to pitch and was wild with a pitch making Milford the victor and beginning a joyous home town celebration. Milford finished with just 4 hits in the victory.

Carson Smith got credit for the victory, pitching 2 innings and allowing no runs. The loss was charged to Shawn Tolleson in relief.

Game 5: Series Tied, 2-2

Assassins.... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 9 0
Dogfish..... 3 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 - 5 10 1

W: Cole (2-0), L: Leake (0-2)

Milford jumped out to an early lead off losing pitcher Mike Leake.

Gerrit Cole came up huge with a 13 strikeout, complete game victory. This was Cole's 4th win of the playoffs.

Heyward, J. Turner, Grandal and Correa all chipped in with 2 hits a piece.

Game 6: Milford Leads, 3-2

Dogfish..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 3 7 0
Assassins.... 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 - 2 6 0

W: deGrom (1-0), Scherzer (1-1)

HR: Bird (1), Grandal (2)

Yasmani Grandal went yard at Wrecking Ball Park as the Milford Dogfish beat the Nashville Assassins 3 to 2.

Milford won the game with a run in the top of the 9th inning. Grandal cracked a solo homerun. Carson Smith was perfect in relief and got the save, his 1st.

Jacob Degrom allowed no runs in 1/3 of an inning, and picked up the victory. Max Scherzer ended up with the loss. He pitched 9 innings giving up 7 hits and 2 walks.

Milford Wins the Series, 4 - 2.

Summary

Congratulations to Doug, he pulled together a great roster, managed extremely well throughout the season and in this series, which easily could have gone his way.

Milford is off to its 7th World Series appearance in franchise history, seeking a 5th championship.

On offense, Y. Grandal once again came up big, hitting a game winning HR in the top of the 9th in game 6...his 4th HR of the post season...and I traded this guy????

Gerrit Cole was huge in this series allowing only 2 earned runs in 15 innings, earning his 4th 2016 post season victory.

Thanks, Glen

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.HT. 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.HT. 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.

The World Series: National League Champions US Jarheads vs. American League Champions Milford Dogfish.

Game 1

Jarheads..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 4 2
Dogfish..... 4 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 - 5 7 0

W: deGrom (1-0), LP: Harvey: (0-1)
HR: C.Asche, J.Heyward, M.Conforto, C.Correa

Michael Conforto hit a homerun and had 2 RBI and Jacob Degrom whiffed 11 batters as the Milford Dogfish defeated the US Jarheads by a score of 5 to 1 at Silver Sands Park.

Degrom was tremendous on the mound for Milford. He didn't allow much, just 4 hits and 1 walk in 9 innings improving his playoff ERA from 3.48 to 2.73. The pitchers took over after the 4th inning as neither team was able to score again.

Matt Harvey absorbed the loss. He was touched for 3 homeruns in his 8 innings of work. Bill & Harry Nieman lamented, 'Degrom was really aggressive today. He kept coming after our hitters. Heck, why not. he kept sitting our guys down one after another - like so many bowling pins!'

Game 2: Milford Leads, 1-0

Jarheads..... 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 4 7 0
Dogfish..... 0 0 0 5 5 2 0 0 - 12 12 0

W: Greinke, L: K. Herrera
HR: M.Trout, E.Encarnacion, Y.Puig, G.Bird 2(2)

Zack Greinke struck out 12 batters and Greg Bird launched 2 homeruns and had 5 RBI as the Milford Dogfish defeated the US Jarheads 12 to 4 at Silver Sands Park.

It was a good day for Milford thanks to Bird. He blasted a two-run home run in the 4th inning and lost the ball over the fence for three runs in the 5th inning. Milford banged out 12 hits on the afternoon.

Greinke finished the game allowing 4 runs in the victory. Kelvin Herrera suffered the loss in relief. He surrendered 3 hits and no walks in 2/3 of an inning.

Bill & Harry Nieman was upset after the game. 'I don't like to complain but did you see that umpires strike zone?', he said. 'Maybe they ought to start calling the strike zone the way it's printed in the rule book.'

Game 3: Milford Leads, 2-0

Dogfish..... 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 0 0 - 5 11 1
Jarheads..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 3 1

W: Cole, L: Gallardo
HR: Trout

Gerrit Cole had an impressive outing as the Milford Dogfish bested the US Jarheads 5 to 1 at Kate Elizabeth Park.

Milford came up with 3 runs in the top of the 4th inning when they came up with 3 base hits. Carlos Correa led off and got things going when he doubled. After an out was recorded, Yasmani Grandal came to bat and drew a walk. Dilson Herrera then delivered a one-base hit to load the bases. Jason Heyward followed next and he hit a deep fly which brought home a run. Carlos Santana stepped into the box and drew a walk to load the bases. Justin Turner kept the inning going and stroked a base-hit adding another two runs to their total. Turner took second on the throw. Milford finished with 11 hits while US ended up with 3.

Cole 4-0 in the playoffs, got credit for the victory, pitching 7 innings and allowing 1 run. Yovani Gallardo was the losing pitcher. He was hit hard and gave up 8 hits and 5 walks in 4 and 1/3 innings.

Game 4: Milford Leads, 3-0

Dogfish..... 0 0 1 3 0 3 0 1 2 - 10 13 1
Jarheads..... 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 - 3 9 1

W: Ca. Smith, L: S: Wright
HR: E.Encarnacion (2), R.Perez

Justin Turner had 4 hits and 3 RBI as the Milford Dogfish beat the US Jarheads by a score of 10 to 3.

Carson Smith slammed the door shut in an excellent relief performance. He gave up just 1 hit and no walks in 3 innings and struckout 6 US batters dropping his playoff ERA from 1.23 to 0.87. Milford had 13 hits overall, while US had 9.

Steven Wright ended up with the loss. He got hit pretty hard, allowing 6 hits and 3 walks in 3 and 2/3 innings.

Milford Wins the Series, 4-0.

Summary

Congratulations to Bill on another great run.

Coming into the series Dogfish management was very concerned about the Jarhead offensive attack, and Bill's expert tactical skills, armed with an armada of relief pitchers

As a franchise, this is the 5th championship in 7 World Series appearances.

Milford hit 0.314 in the series, while holding the Jarheads to a 0.177 team batting average.

Milford outscored USJ 43 to 9. Both teams hit 6 homeruns.

Milford pitching struckout 49, walking only 5. The 5 walks were key to the Milford victory, minimizing damage from the vaunted Jarhead power.

Conversely, Jarhead pitching issued 26 walks, striking out only 21.

Tough call on World Series MVP since we had to shuffle ABs so often in the series. Came down to J. Turner, M. Betts, Y. Puig, G. Cole, J. deGrom, Carson Smith.

In a close call, World Series MVP goes to M. Betts. Mookie batted 0.429, while drawing 5 walks.

Thanks to my playoffs opponents for taking time out of their Saturday mornings to play these playoff games.

Moreover, thanks to everyone for another enjoyable season! A week, or so ago, Rob congratulated me on a series win, I responded by stating the FBN continues to be a wonderful diversion from the daily grind.

Next up, let's draft!!!!

Be well, Glen

Transactions:

1. John's Creek rec'd: C. Santana, MD #1, F. Rodriguez. Milford rec'd: JC #1, MD #3, M. Foltyniewicz.
2. Hotlanta acquires catcher Dioner Navarro from Nashville for Zack Putnam, Ryan Weber, & Chris Young.
3. Johns Creek trades Schwarber, K., Gyorko, J., Bradley, A., D'Arnaud, T., Bethancourt, C. to California for Votto, J. and Perez, S.
4. CT Blue Devils acquire Nathan Eovaldi from Wall Street in exchange for CT 2018 3rd rd draft pick.
5. Taxachusetts trades TX 2018 4th round pick to Hart Street for Jonathon Niese NYM.
6. Taxachusetts trades USJ 4th round pick to Hazardville for Anibal Sanchez DET.
7. Louisville Receives: MD 2018 #3, D. Hernandez. Milford Receives: M. Napoli
8. Hart Street acquires Felix Hernandez from Louisville for HS 2018 #1 and HS 2018 #2.

Minus Bonus Points:

-BP's for this Report: None

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.