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Another season has come to an end. It sure started out the worst of all possibilities, the death of a member. As we were getting over the death of Doug we awarded his to a backup who was once a regular member of the FBN. Before he had played a full block Dave disappeared without a word. Man, that was strange. We continued and the rest of the season turned out great. We had great races in both leagues and the playoffs were amazing. I want to thank everyone for doing a great job. Thank you.

Congratulations to Bob Figella on a great season and a great run in the playoffs to win the World Series.

It is now time to send in your items for review. For an item to make the ballot it must be seconded by two other members. It is also time to send in All-Star candidates from your team. Include the position to be listed on the All-Star ballot.

NLF4S: Klee's Klubbers vs. US Jarheads

Game 1 C Hamels vs R Porcello

The Jarheads left them loaded in the 1st and The Klub left them loaded in the 4th and 0-0 after 4 innings. Grandal's solo HR put the Jarheads up 1-0 in the 5th.

The Klub comes back in the 7th. 2 out and 2 on and Kolton Wong's single makes it 1-1 and tires Porcello. Belisle enters and walks 2 batters to force in a run and the Klubbers lead 2-1.

In the bottom half of the 7th Goldschmidt singled in a run to tie the game. After a HBP loaded the bases, Encarnacion ripped a double scoring 2 but Perez was out at the plate. USJ up 4-2.

Avilan and Blanton navigated the 8th and Zack Britton on in the 9th for the save try.

2 quick outs and a walk bought the tying run to bat. But Walker snagged a split single chance to end it and USJ wins the opener 4-2.

	R	H	E	
KK	000	000	200	2 5 0
USJ	000	010	30-	4 6 0 WP Avilan 1-0 LP Hamels 0-1 SV Britton 1. HR: USJ Grandal 1

Game 2 Bumgarner vs S Wright

In the first Neil Walker singled in a run and Encarnacion belted a 3 run HR for a 4-0 Jarhead lead.

The Klub storms back in the 3rd, Markakis walked forcing in a run and David Ross blasted a GS HR making it 5-4.

In the 3rd Diaz triples in a run and he scored on a WP to make it 7-4 Klub. Ross HR again and The Klub stretches it out to 10-6 going to the 9th.

The Jarheads rally and cut it to 10-9 with no one out. But Will Harris regrouped to get a DP and a line out to preserve the Klub's 10-9 win and evened the series 1-1.

	R	H	E	
KK	052	102	000	10 12 1
USJ	400	010	103	9 10 0 WP Bumgarner 1-0 LP S Wright 0-1 SV Harris 1. HR USJ Encarnacion 1, Trout 1
KK				Ross 2

The Series moves to Jim Bouton Field tied 1-1

Game 3 Iwakuma vs B Colon

The Klub loads them in the first and score on a WP for a 1-0 lead.

Jarheads tie it in the 4th on AJ Ellis rbi single. 1-1

In the 5th Trout hit a solo HR, and in the 6th Goldschmidt doubled in a run for a 3-1 USJ lead.

USJ adds on in the 7th, Edwin with an rbi double and Granderson's SF made it 5-1 USJ.

The Klub rallies in the 9th. BB, single and double plate a run chasing K Herrera. Britton comes in to face Papi as the tying run.....and gets him on a flyout. The Jarheads win 5-2 and take a 2-1 series lead.

R H E
USJ 000 111 200 5 14 0
KK 100 000 001 2 9 0 WP Iwakuma 1-0 LP Colon 0-1 SV Britton 2. HR: USJ Trout 1(2)

Game 4 Porcello vs C Hamels

Both Starters bring their A game and it's 0-0 after 7 innings.
In the 8th 2 BB chase Hamels and Frankie Rodriguez enters.
Goldschmidt singled to make it 1-0. Mike Trout stepped in and blasted a 3 run HR for a 4-0 Jarhead lead.
The Klub gets to Porcello in the bottom half with a walk and 2 singles making it 4-1 and tiring Porcello.
Dyson came in and got a GB DP to end the threat.
Britton came on for the bottom of the 9th and fanned Ortiz, Aranado and Melky for his 3rd save of the series.
The Jarheads take a 3-1 series lead.

R H E
USJ 000 000 040 4 5 0
KK 000 000 010 1 4 2 WP Porcello 1-0 LP Hamels 0-2 SV Britton 3

Game 5 T Wilson vs Bumgarner Klubbers facing elimination

First inning Bumgarner walks in a run for a 1-0 USJ lead.
The Klubbers charge right back. Markakis hit a 2 run HR and Bobby Abreu went BTB for a 3-1 lead and Aranado and Melky BTB doubles made it 4-1 after one inning.
The Klub keeps bashing. Abreu with an rbi double in the 2nd, Melky with an rbi single in the 3rd and Big Papi crushed a moonshot in the 4th for an 8-1 lead.
The Jarheads load the bases in the 7th chasing MadBum.
Neshek on and Seth Smith PH and delivered a GS HR to cut it to 8-5.
And that's as close as they could get as Torres, F Rod and Will Harris close out the 8-5 Klub win. USJ still up 3-2 in the series.

R H E
USJ 100 000 400 5 8 1
KK 411 200 00- 8 9 1 WP Bumgarner 2-0 LP Wilson 0-1 SV Harris 2. HR: USJ Smith 1.
HR: KK Markakis 1, Abreu 1, Ortiz 1

Back to Kate Elizabeth Park with USJ up 3-2 and The Klub still facing elimination.

Game 6 R Hill vs S Wright

For the 2nd time the Klub manhandles Wright early.
A single, walk, Abreu rbi single, Ortiz with a 2 run double and Aranado with a solo blast make it 4-0 before USJ bats.
Wright settled down but it was too late as Rich Hill dominated on a CG 4 hitter.
Neil Walker tried to rally USJ with a pair of solo HRs, but The Klubbers win the game 5-2 to even the series again and force a game 7.

R H E
KK 400 000 001 5 11 1
USJ 000 101 000 2 4 0 WP Hill 1-0 LP Wright 0-2 HR KK Aranado HR: USJ Walker 2

Game 7 C Hamels vs Porcello

The Jarheads strike in the first inning on Neil Walkers 2 run HR.
The Klubbers even things in the 4th when Big Papi blasted a 2 run HR. 2-2.
Encarnacion made it 3-2 with a solo blast in the bottom of the 4th.
The Jarheads chase Hamels in the 5th.
Mike Trout with a 2 run single and Neil Walker belted another 2 run HR for a 7-2 lead.
Walker kept at it and added a solo HR in the 7th for an 8-2 lead.
Porcello went 8 strong innings and Cishek and Avilan pitched the 9th and closed out the Jarhead victory.

R H E
KK 000 200 000 2 5 1 WP Porcello 2-0 LP Hamels 0-3. HR USJ Neil Walker 3,(5), Encarnacion 1,(2)
USJ 200 140 10- 8 11 0 HR KK Ortiz 1(2)

Congratulats to Roland on an excellent season and playoff run. Beating The Angels in 5 games and a backs against the wall, never give up, 7 game series vs The Jarheads was a fine effort to piggyback on his chase and capture of the last 2017 playoff spot. Well done Roland.

The Series MVP goes to Neil Walker .414, 5 HR 9 RBI.

He edges out Mike Trout .391 10 RUNS, 3 HR 7RBI
and Rick Porcello 2-0, 2.05 22ip 13h

With the Series win The US Jarheads advance to the NL Championship Series for the 4th year in a row.

American League Final 4 Series New Hampshire vs. Baton Rouge

Game 1

Hogs..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 - 2 4 0
Silver Bullets.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 2 1

C.Sale WIN(1-0) C.Edwards Jr SAVE T.Roark LOSS HOME RUNS- R.Braun

Chris Sale pitched 8 shutout innings and Ryan Braun hit one over the fence at Bengal Dome as the New Hampshire Hogs beat the Baton Rouge Silver Bullets 2 to 0.

Baton Rouge was unable to climb back into it after New Hampshire went ahead for good in the top of the 2nd inning plating an isolated run on 2 base hits. That was all Sale(1-0) needed. New Hampshire had just 4 hits for the night.

Carl Edwards Jr recorded his 2nd save. Tanner Roark took the loss. He surrendered 1 run and 2 hits in 4 innings.

Game 2

Hogs..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 1 5 0
Silver Bullets.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 4 0

C.Edwards Jr WIN H.Robles LOSS HOME RUNS- B.Zobrist

Ben Zobrist had 4 hits as the New Hampshire Hogs defeated the Baton Rouge Silver Bullets in 11 innings by the score of 1 to 0 at Bengal Dome.

The score was knotted at zero after nine innings. New Hampshire won it in the 11th inning. Zobrist blasted a solo shot. New Hampshire managed only 5 hits on the night. Carl Edwards Jr picked up the victory, allowing no runs in 2 innings. Hansel Robles was the loser in relief. He gave up 1 hit and no walks in 1 inning.

Game 3

Silver Bullets.. 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 5 0
Hogs..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 3 1

L.Gregerson WIN H.Robles SAVE M.Estrada LOSS

Andrew Triggs went 4 strong innings as the Baton Rouge Silver Bullets defeated the New Hampshire Hogs by a score of 1 to 0 at Kruk Dome. Baton Rouge scored what proved to be the only run of the contest in the top of the 4th inning. After an out was recorded, D.J. Lemahieu lined a one-base hit. Anthony Rizzo followed and he doubled. Paulo Orlando then hit a sacrifice fly scoring the run. Hansel Robles was perfect in relief and got the save, his 1st. The win was credited to Luke Gregerson(1-0) who went 1 and 2/3 innings allowing no runs. Marco Estrada was the loser. He gave up just 1 run and 5 hits in 9 innings.

Game 4

Silver Bullets.. 0 0 1 1 2 0 0 1 0 - 5 10 0
Hogs..... 1 0 4 0 0 1 0 4 - 10 13 2

T.Roark LOSS C.Sale WIN(2-0) R.Dull SAVE

HOME RUNS- B.Guyer, J.Kang, T.Jankowski, K.Vargas

In what looked like a lop-sided win the New Hampshire Hogs beat the Baton Rouge Silver Bullets by a 10 to 5 count. The Hogs blew open a close game with 4 in the bottom of the 8th. Chris Sale contributed a pedestrian performance to earn the win. He went 6 innings and surrendering up 8 hits and 2 walks. New Hampshire ended up with 13 hits for the game while Baton Rouge had 10. Ryan Dull earned the save. The loss was charged to Tanner Roark. He was not very effective, surrendering 5 runs in 4 and 1/3 innings.

Game 5

Silver Bullets.. 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 - 2 3 1

Hogs..... 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 - 3 5 0

C.Devenski LOSS S.Lugo WIN C.Edwards Jr SAVE (2) HOME RUNS- T.Tulowitzki

43,027 fans were treated to a fine game at Kruk Dome as only one run separated the combatants at game's end. The New Hampshire Hogs won by the slimmest of margins, 3 to 2.

In the 2nd inning New Hampshire scored 2 runs. The big moment was provided by Troy Tulowitzki who made the home-town crowd a happy bunch when he smashed a two-run homer. New Hampshire finished with just 5 hits in the victory.

The win went to Seth Lugo who allowed 1 run in 6 innings. Lugo got relief help from Carl Edwards Jr who gained credit for his 2nd save. The losing pitcher was Chris Devenski. He pitched 5 innings giving up 3 hits and 2 walks.

Very hard fought series. Aside from game 4 the pitching dominated. A couple of clutch hits by the Bullets could have changed the tide. Instead the Hogs move on to their twelfth league championship series hoping to improve on their 7-4 record there.

Series MVP goes to Chris Sale who went 2-0 allowing only 3 earned runs in 14 innings and set the tone with his dominating performance in game one. Honorable mention goes to Ben Zobrist who went 8 for 20 including the game winning 10th inning HR in game 2 and Carl Edwards Jr who saved 2 games and won game 2.

Congrats to Mike who had a fantastic year in Baton Rouge and will no doubt be back in contention next season.

2017 NL DIVISIONAL SERIES

#2 Allyn Street 89ERS vs #3 Hazardville Powderkegs

Game 1

Powderkegs..... 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 2 6 0

89ERS..... 1 0 2 0 0 1 1 0 x - 5 9 0

Eickhoff WIN Melancon SAVE Witgreen LOSS HOME RUNS- Gattis, Cano

The 89ERS jump out to a 1-0 lead in the first as David Price gets injured after only 5 batters. The Powderkegs come back with 2 in the top of the 3rd resulting from 3 walks, a sac fly by Brandon Belt and a single by Carlos Beltran. The lead didn't last long as Allyn Street comes right back in the bottom of the inning with 2 runs on a homer by Evan Gattis. Jerad Eickhoff and a series of relievers then shut down the Powderkegs while the 89ERS add runs in the 6th and 7th for the 5-2 win. Mark Melancon pitched the 9th for the save. 89ERS lead series 1-0.

Game 2

Powderkegs..... 0 0 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 - 4 9 0

89ERS..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 0 - 3 5 2

C.Rodon WIN N.Jones SAVE Guerra LOSS HOME RUNS- Soler, A.Jones

Carlos Rodon and Junior Guerra both controlled the game from the start. Jorge Soler goes yard in the 3rd for a 1-0 89ER lead. With 2 out in the 6th and the bases empty the Powderkegs finally get to Guerra. Walk, Single, 2 base error then an Adam Jones homer give the 'Kegs a 4-1 lead. Fighting back, the 89ers open the 8th with a Robinson Cano single and Manny Pina pinch hit double ending the game for Rodon. Kyle Ryan comes in and gives up a run scoring ground out and Jose Ramirez RBI single before Shawn Kelly gets pinch hitter T.J. Rivera to line out. Nate Jones finishes up the game for the save. Series tied at 1.

Game 3

89ERS..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 4 0
Powderkegs..... 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 x - 3 11 0
Teheran WIN Bauer LOSS HOME RUNS- J.D.Martinez

As the series moves to Hazardville Julio Teheran takes control and pitches a complete game 4 hitter. His only mistake was a deep drive by J.D. Martinez in the 4th. Meanwhile Hazardville gets single runs in the 2nd on a Pedroia double, in the 6th on a Pedroia bases loaded walk and the 8th as Adam Jones drove in Matt Lucroy after his double. Hazardville leads the series 2-1.

Game 4

89ERS..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 - 1 5 0
Powderkegs..... 1 1 3 0 0 0 1 0 x - 6 13 0
Aa.Sanchez WIN Eickhoff LOSS HOME RUNS- Donaldson

The starting pitchers again take control. Jerad Eickhoff and Aaron Sanchez both wanted the ball in their hands. Hazardville jumps all over Eickhoff. Single runs in the 1st and 2nd give them a 2-0 lead. They then break it open with 3 in the 3rd, a Jackie Bradley Jr 2 run single being the key hit. Josh Donaldson adds an insurance run with a dinger in the 7th and the game was over. Both pitcher pitched complete games. Hazardville leads the series 3-1.

Game 5

89ERS..... 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 3 10 0
Powderkegs..... 0 3 0 6 0 0 0 2 x - 11 14 0
Price WIN Sabathia LOSS HOME RUNS- Lucroy, F.Gutierrez

Do or die time for Allyn Street as they send C.C. Sabathia out against David Price. The 'Kegs were waiting for the lefty. Lucroy hits a 2 run homer in the second and Franklin Gutierrez goes back to back for a 3-0 lead. The 89ERS come right back in the top of the 3rd. Three straight singles followed by a Dan Murphy sac fly and Gattis double ties the score 3-3. In the bottom of the 4th a lead-off walk by Lucroy forces 89ER manager Casey Stengel to pull Sabathia. In comes Brad Brach. Pence greets him with a single. Jackie Bradley then gets a potential homer robbed by defensively challenged Jorge Soler. With 2 out the 'Kegs explode. Pedroia single driving in 1, Andrus clutch single, Belt intentional walk, Donaldson 2 run double, Beltran rbi single, the a Lucroy single breaks the game open to 9-3. The Powderkegs add 2 more in the 8th off Melancon. David Price settles down and controls the 89ERS pitching 8 1/3 before Nate Jones closed out the game.

The Hazardville Powderkegs win 4 games to 1.

It was a nice series. Games 1, 2, and 3 were tight and hard fought. After struggling against the 89ERS all season I finally was able to put pitching and hitting together to take the series.

As usual it was a pleasure playing Rob. The series was played on Rob's pool table (last used in the 80's) and featured his unique card board stadium. He even covered the "School Yard" when we moved to my park for games 3, 4, and 5. Although most games

were close not one bad word was uttered all series. Congratulations to Rob on a fine season. You built a very good offensive team and your pitching was sneaky good. Good luck next season.

I agree, it is a pleasure playing you too. I must say, I enjoy the seasonal games more than the NLF4S :-). All kidding aside, congratulations! - Rob

ALF4S Nashville vs. Alpharetta

Game #1 Scherzer vs. Arrieta

NASHVILLE AT ALPHARETTA

Assassins..... 0 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 - 4 4 1
Aces..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 2 5 1
Win:Verlander Loss:Arrieta Save:Salas
NA Homeruns- K.Bryant
AA Homeruns- J.Lamb

In a close game it was the Nashville Assassins 4, the Alpharetta Aces 2 at Field of Dreams.

Nashville scored 3 runs in the top of the 3rd inning. Andrelton Simmons led off and got things going when he reached on an error. Nick Hundley was next and he drew a walk. One out later, Joe Mauer was a strikeout victim, unable to help out. Kris Bryant followed next and he belted a three-run homer. Nashville had just 4 hits for the afternoon.

Justin Verlander was the winner in relief allowing no runs in 2 and 2/3 innings. Fernando Salas earned his 1st save. Jake Arrieta took the loss. He allowed 3 hits and 2 walks in 5 and 1/3 innings.

Game #2 Hendricks vs. Fernandez

NASHVILLE AT ALPHARETTA

Assassins..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 - 1 8 0
Aces..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 3 0
Win:Hendricks Loss:Fernandez

Kyle Hendricks pitched a 3 hit shutout as the Nashville Assassins defeated the Alpharetta Aces by a score of 1 to 0 at Field of Dreams.

Hendricks was tremendous on the mound for Nashville. He didn't allow much, just 3 hits and 3 walks in 9 innings. Nashville took care of Alpharetta with no trouble in the bottom of the 9th.

Nashville scored the only run of the game in the 8th when Ichiro Suzuki led off with a double. Adam Lind then pinch hit a single scoring Suzuki.

The loss was charged to Jose Fernandez. He gave up 1 run and 8 hits in 8 and 2/3 innings.

Game #3 Syndergaard vs. Lester

ALPHARETTA AT NASHVILLE

Aces..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 8 0
Assassins..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 2 7 0
Win:Lester Loss:Oh
NA Homeruns- I.Kinsler

Jon Lester went the distance as the Nashville Assassins beat the Alpharetta Aces in 10 innings by a score of 2 to 1.

The game was deadlocked at 1 after nine full innings. Nashville was victorious in the 10th inning. Ian Kinsler smashed a bases-empty 'big-fly' resulting in an exciting win for Nashville and a wild post-game celebration by the home town fans. Nashville had a total of 7 hits for the game.

Lester allowed 1 run on the game. Seung Hwan Oh was the loser in relief. He surrendered 1 hit and 2 walks in 1/3 of an inning.

Game #4 Arrieta vs. Scherzer

ALPHARETTA AT NASHVILLE

Aces.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	4	0
Assassins.....	3	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	-	9	13	1

Win:Scherzer Loss:Arrieta
NA Homeruns- N.Cruz, I.Kinsler, N.Hundley

Max Scherzer shutout Alpharetta while Ichiro Suzuki had 2 base hits as the Nashville Assassins bested the Alpharetta Aces 9 to 0 at Wrecking Ball Park.

Scherzer simply dominated Alpharetta. He didn't give up much, just 4 hits and 3 walks in 9 innings. Offensively, Nashville was a juggernaut. They scored in 6 separate innings.

Jake Arrieta was given the loss. He got hit hard, allowing 7 hits and 6 walks in 4 and 2/3 innings.

2017 NL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: US Jarheads vs Hazardville Powderkegs

Hazardville travelled down picturesque route 2 and 11 to visit the Jarheads. The foliage looks great. How will the games turn out? Upon arriving Bill and Harry are ready to play ball. Two against one, oh no! Are we ready for this?

Game 1

J.Teheran vs H.Iwakuma

Powderkegs.....	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	-	7	10	0
Jarheads.....	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	2	-	8	9	0

L.Avilan WIN J. Teheran LOSS HOME RUNS- J.Lucroy, P.Goldschmidt, J.Donaldson

Hazardville jumps out to a 1-0 lead in the second as last minute lineup selection Devon Travis singles, moves to 2nd on a ground out then is driven in with a Jackie Bradley Jr single. The lead is stretched to 4-0 in the top of the fourth. A Travis double is followed by a Lucroy 2 run homer. Not finished Jackie Bradley singles and eventually comes around to score on a wild pitch. You're not going to keep the Jarheads down though. They come right back with 3 in the bottom of the inning. A Mike Trout walk, Edwin Encarnacion single, Justin Turner 2 run double and Neil Walker 1 run double does the trick. Hazardville score 2 more in the top of the 5th. Brandon Belt doubles, Travis singles him in. 2 walks load the bases for a Adam Jones sacrifice fly. The Jarheads come right back. Paul Goldschmidt leads off with a ball park homer, Trout doubles, and Turner drives him in with a single, 6-5 Hazardville. With their thundering power the Jarheads play little ball. Curtis Granderson leads off with a hit by pitch plus one game injury. Yasami Grandal follows with a single. Jordy Mercer bunts them over and Goldschmidt drive in a run with a ground out. Tied at 6 after 6. Same score in the top of the ninth Josh Donaldson hits a 2 run homer off perfect card Luis Avilan. Bottom of the ninth with 1 out Goldschmidt walks then Trout stikes out. After visiting the mound Teheran stays out there as the lefties in the pen can't close. Seth Smith walks. Up walks the dangerous Encarnacion. He sends the crowd home happy as he drives both guys in with a double. A great game. Jarheads lead the series 1-0.

Game 2

C.Martinez vs M.Harvey

Powderkegs.....	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	-	4	15	0
Jarheads.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	3	9	0

C.Martinez WIN N.Jones SAVE S.Wright LOSS HOME RUNS- none

The Powderkegs again jump out to the lead. Jonathan Lucroy singles in the second and Jones drive him in with a single for a 1-0 lead. Bottom of the 5th the Jarheads tie the game with 2 out as Goldschmidt singles and then scores on a Trout double. Hazardville comes right back in the 6th. Bradley walked, Jones singled followed by a Hunter Pence rbi single but Jones gets thrown out at 3rd by Trout. With 2 outs Dustin Pedroia singled in Pence but gets thrown out by Trout at 2nd. 3-1 Hazardville. In the bottom of the inning Encarnacion leads off with a double then Turner drives him in with a single, 3-2 Hazardville. In the 8th Jackie Bradley singles and eventually scores on an Elvis Andrus sac fly for a big insurance run. 4-2 Hazardville. Bottom of the 9th the Jarheads don't go quietly. Turner leads off with a single off Shawn Kelley. Ezequiel Carrera walks. Nate Jones relieves. Grandal singles to load the bases. Pinch hitter Adam Rosales then hits into a double play scoring Turner. Looking tired Jones bears down and gets Goldschmidt to ground out for the save. Series tied at 1.

Game 3

R.Porcello vs Aa.Sanchez

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Jarheads..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 7 0
Powderkegs..... 0 0 0 3 3 0 1 0 x - 7 10 0
Aa.Sanchez WIN Porcello LOSS HOME RUNS- none
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As the series moves to Hazardville Aaron Sanchez takes control and pitches a complete game 7 hitter. His only hiccup occurs in the 1st as Encarnacion doubles in Goldschmidt. Sanchez controls the game from then on. Hazardville score all they need in the 4th as they string together 3 singles and 2 walks, the big hit a Andrus 2 run single with the bases loaded. 3 more runs in the 5th as J.T. Realmuto clears the bases with a 3 run double. A run in the 7th make it 7-1. Hazardville leads the series 2-1.

Game 4

H.Iwakuma vs D.Price

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Jarheads..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 3 1
Powderkegs..... 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 x - 3 9 0
D.Pricez WIN H.Iwakuma LOSS HOME RUNS- J.Donaldson
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The starting pitchers again take control. Hazardville grabs the lead in the bottom of the 4th off Hisashi Iwakuma as Lucroy and Bradley single then Andrus drives in a run with a ground out. 1-0 Powderkegs. Bottom of the 5th Belt singles then Donaldson drive one into the upper deck for a 3-0 lead. Meanwhile David Price is dominating. He holds the powerful Jarheads to 3 hits and no runs over 9 innings extending the Jarhead scoring drought to 17 innings. Hazardville leads the series 3-1.

Game 5

S.Wright vs J.Teheran

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Jarheads..... 1 0 3 1 2 0 0 0 0 - 7 11 0
Powderkegs..... 4 2 2 1 0 1 0 3 x - 13 15 0
D.Duffy WIN S.Wright LOSS
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HOME RUNS- S.Smith, J.Bradley Jr, M.Trout, Y.Grandal, J.Donaldson-2 J.Turner

The wind is blowing in at the Canyon (1-6 homer both ways). Seth Smith gives the Jarheads an early lead with a ball park homer in the top of the 1st. Hazardville comes right back though. 2 singles and a walk load the bases for Jackie Bradley. He drives one to the wall in right where Curtis Granderson has a chance. He jumps, no, it's out of here, grand slam. In the second Andrus, Belt and Donaldson hit doubles for 2 more runs. 6-1 Hazardville. That drives Wright from the game. You can't control the Jarhead bats for long though. They break through in the 3rd. Grandal hits a ball park homer. Mercer singles then Trout hits a ball park homer. 6-4 Hazardville. Steve Cishek can't hold the 'Kegs back though. Double, double, single, sac fly makes it 8-4. A Mercer rbi single makes it 8-5. Donaldson hits a clear cut homer off Sam Dyson in the bottom of the 4th. 9-5 Powderkegs. Wait there's more. Top of 5th Encarnacion

doubles, then Turner goes deep for a 9-7 game. Dan Duffy relieves and finally settles things down. Donaldson hits another one, this one a ballpark homer in the 6th now making it 10-7. Kelly relieves Duffy striking out the side in the 8th. The Powderkegs tack on 3 more in the 8th on 3 singles and 2 walks. That did it 13-7 Hazardville.

The Hazardville Powderkegs win 4 games to 1.

It was a nice series. Games 1 and 2 were tight one run games and hard fought. The difference in the series was my ability to hit Bill's bullpen. With an average slash line of only 8.4/11.1/15.8 against righties for his 7 relievers I got big hit after big hit off them. Meanwhile my starters did well limiting the awesome power of the Jarheads.

Congratulations to Bill and Harry on a fine season. Your offense is scary good and you built an awesome bullpen. The fact that you couldn't use Porcello or start Wright until game 3 was huge. Fantastic season and good luck next season.

2017 AL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game #1 Verlander vs. Sale

NASHVILLE AT NEW HAMPSHIRE

Assassins..... 2 0 3 0 0 0 1 1 0 - 7 12 0
Hogs..... 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 - 2 9 0
Win: Verlander Loss: Sale

NA Homeruns- I.Kinsler, M.Upton Jr
NHH Homeruns- B.Zobrist, J.Kang

Justin Verlander racked up an impressive total of 12 strikeouts and Melvin Upton Jr blasted a homerun and had 3 RBI as the Nashville Assassins outscored the New Hampshire Hogs 7 to 2. Verlander gave Nashville a solid outing. He didn't give up much, just 9 hits and 1 walk in 9 innings and gave up 2 homeruns. Nashville managed 12 hits in their victory. Chris Sale was tagged with the loss. He gave up 12 hits and no walks in 9 innings. 'He was really impressive tonight,' Sale said of his counterpart. 'Our guys were just swinging at air.'

Nashville leads series 1-0.

Game #2 Hendricks vs. Fulmer

NASHVILLE AT NEW HAMPSHIRE

Assassins..... 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 - 5 12 0
Hogs..... 0 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 1 - 6 8 0
Win: Rondon Loss: Hendricks

NA Homeruns- N.Hundley
NHH Homeruns- T.Jankowski, T.Tulowitzki

In an exciting finish the New Hampshire Hogs pulled out a win over the Nashville Assassins by a score of 6 to 5 at Kruk Dome. The game was decided in the bottom of the 9th inning. Troy Tulowitzki blasted a solo shot making New Hampshire the victors to the delight of the home town faithful. Nashville out-hit New Hampshire 12 to 8, but New Hampshire ended up with more runs. Hector Rondon got the win allowing no runs in 1 inning. Kyle Hendricks took the loss. He surrendered 8 hits and 3 walks in 8 innings.

Series tied 1-1.

Game #3 Estrada vs. Lester

NEW HAMPSHIRE AT NASHVILLE

Hogs..... 0 1 0 0 4 4 0 0 0 - 9 10 0
Assassins..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 2 7 2
Win: Estrada Loss: Lester

Jayson Werth had 3 base hits and 3 RBI and Marco Estrada tossed a complete game as the New Hampshire Hogs beat the Nashville Assassins by a score of 9 to 2.

Nashville was unable to climb back into it after New Hampshire went ahead for good in the 5th inning scoring 4 runners on 3 hits. The highlight belonged to Werth who deflated the mood of the partisan fans when he slapped a base-hit plating two runs. New Hampshire totaled 10 hits on the night.

Estrada was the winner allowing 2 runs for the game. The loss was charged to Jon Lester. He got hit hard, allowing 9 hits and 5 walks in 5 and 1/3 innings.

Hogs lead series 2-1.

Game #4 Sale vs. Verlander

NEW HAMPSHIRE AT NASHVILLE

Hogs.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	5	0
Assassins.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	3	9	1

Win: Verlander Loss: Sale
NHH Homeruns- J.Kang

Justin Verlander pitched a complete game at Wrecking Ball Park as the Nashville Assassins beat the New Hampshire Hogs 3 to 1.

Verlander had a strong outing. He surrendered only 5 hits and 2 walks in 9 innings. The pitchers took over after the 2nd inning as neither team was able to score again.

Chris Sale was hit with the loss. Although losing the contest, he whiffed 9 batters in 6 and 2/3 innings.

Series tied 2-2.

Game #5 Lugo vs. Scherzer

NEW HAMPSHIRE AT NASHVILLE

Hogs.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	5	0	
Assassins.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	-	3	6	0

Win: Putnam Loss: Otero
NA Homeruns- M.Zunino

Mike Zunino left the yard and had 3 RBI and Max Scherzer had an impressive outing as the Nashville Assassins bested the New Hampshire Hogs in 10 innings 3 to 1 at Wrecking Ball Park.

The score was tied at 1 after nine. Nashville won the game in the 10th inning. After an out was recorded, Andrelton Simmons was the sparkplug when he drew a walk. Zunino next to the plate and he bombed a two-run dinger resulting in a mighty exciting win for Nashville and the 46,877 home town fans in attendance. Nashville had only 6 hits for the night.

The win was credited to Zach Putnam who went 2 innings allowing no runs. Dan Otero was hit with the loss in relief. He gave up 1 hit and 1 walk in 1 and 1/3 innings.

Nashville leads series 3-2.

Game #6 Hendricks vs. Fulmer

NASHVILLE AT NEW HAMPSHIRE

Assassins.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	4	11	0
Hogs.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	-	3	8	0

Win: Hendricks Loss: Fulmer
NHH Homeruns- G.Sanchez

Kyle Hendricks completed the game without help from the bullpen and Lorenzo Cain had 3 base hits as the Nashville Assassins outscored the New Hampshire Hogs 4 to 3. Nashville drew first blood jumping out to an early lead in the first inning scoring 2 runs using 2 hits. Joe Mauer started the inning off right when he drew a walk. Kris Bryant next to the plate and he drew a walk. Nelson Cruz then lined a single which scored a run. Ian Kinsler came up and he would hit into a force play scoring the final run of the inning. New Hampshire threatened in the 9th but their rally came up short. The victory was credited to Hendricks who went the distance, allowing 3 runs. Michael Fulmer absorbed the loss. He allowed a few too many baserunners giving up 7 hits and 4 walks in 4 and 1/3 inning.

Nashville wins series 4-2.

NOTES:

- Nashville batted .273 with 4 HR's and had a 3.33 ERA
- New Hampshire hit .230 with 6 HR's and had a 4.05 ERA

2017 FBN WORLD SERIES

NL #3 Hazardville Powderkegs vs AL #5 Nashville Assassins

The Hazardville Powderkegs managed by Bob Figella met the Nashville Assassins managed by Jim Jalutkewicz subbing for the departed Doug Campbell for the 2017 FBN Championship. The series was played via net play.

Game 1

M.Scherzer vs J.Teheran

Assassins..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 - **1** 3 0

Powderkegs..... 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 x - **3** 7 2

Win- J.Teheran (1-0)

Loss- M.Scherzer (0-1)

HOME RUNS- none

Stud pitchers Max Scherzer and Julio Teheran take the mound and take control. Scherzer blinks first. After a leadoff K in the bottom of the fourth a walk to Josh Donaldson is followed by a Carlos Beltan single and a Jonathan Lucroy rbi groundout. Jackie Bradley Jr follows with a run scoring double. Adam Jones then contributes an rbi single for a 3-0 lead. The Assassins come back in the 5th. With 2 outs Joe Mauer walks, Kris Bryant singles the Nelson Cruz reaches on a Dustin Pedroia error to make the score 3-1. Teheran then settles down and gives up only a harmless single in the 8th for a complete game 3 hitter. Hazardville leads the series 1-0.

Game 2

K.Hendricks vs C.Martinez

Assassins..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 - **1** 5 0

Powderkegs..... 1 0 0 0 3 0 0 1 x - **5** 9 0

Win- C.Martinez (1-0)

Loss- K.Hendricks (0-1)

HOME RUNS- J.Bradley Jr.

More dominating pitching as Kyle Hendricks and Carlos Martinez face each other. In the bottom of the first Pedroia leads off with a walk and moves to second on a wild

pitch. Brandon Belt immediately drives him in with a single and a 1-0 Powderkeg lead. Nashville ties the game in the 4th as Stephen Drew doubles then Ian Kinsler singles him in. Hazardville gets it going in the 5th. With nobody out Adam Jones, Hunter Pence, Elvis Andrus and Pedroia hit consecutive singles for 3 runs and a 4-1 lead. Martinez settles into a groove and keeps Nashville off the board the rest of the way. A Jackie Bradley Jr homer in the 8th finishes the scoring, 5-1 Hazardville. Hazardville leads the series 2-0.

Game 3

Aa.Sanchez vs J.Lester

Powderkegs..... 0 0 0 2 0 1 1 0 1 - **5** 11 2

Assassins..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 - **3** 9 1

Win- Aa.Sanchez (1-0)

Loss- J.Lester (0-1)

Save- N.Jones (1)

HOME RUNS- E.Andrus, R.Grichuk, M.Zunino

The series moves to Nashville and the pitchers start to pitch inside. In the 2nd inning Jon Lester hits Lucroy side-lining him for 1 more game. In the bottom of the inning Randal Grichuk hits a ball park homer for a 1-0 Assassin lead, their first lead of the series. The Powderkegs fight back in the 4th. Belt walks then Donaldson singles. Beltran then clears the bases with a double for a 2-1 Hazardville lead. We move to the 6th when Beltran leads off with a single, J.T. Realmuto doubles him in. Later in the inning Lester drills Adam Jones side-lining him for another game. Not liking the head hunting Elvis Andrus goes yard in the 7th to stretch the lead to 4-1. Aaron Sanchez runs out of steam in the 8th and is pulled after a walk and hit batter. Shawn Kelley comes in but Dustin Pedroia makes his 2nd error of the series on a probable double play ball that loads the bases. Andrelton Simmons then draws a walk for a run before Kelley gets Ichiro Suzuki to strike out ending the inning. The 'Kegs add an insurance run in the 9th on 3 straight singles. In the bottom of the 9th Mike Zunino hits a ball park homer to lead things off. Lorenzo Cain K's. In comes Nate Jones to try and close it out. He strikes out Mauer. Kris Bryant then singles. Nelson Cruz reaches on a Josh Donaldson 2 base error. In steps pinch hitter and semi freak Stephen Drew. He is intentionally walked. It's up to Grichuk, ground ball to short, game over. Hazardville wins 5-3 and leads the series 3-0.

Game 4

D.Price vs M.Scherzer

Powderkegs..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 - **3** 7 1

Assassins..... 0 1 1 1 0 2 1 1 x - **7** 11 0

Win- M.Scherzer (1-1)

Loss- D.Price (0-1)

HOME RUNS- C.Herrmann, N.Cruz, M.Upton

Nashville is desperate and sends out ace Max Scherzer against David Price. Playing without Adam Jones and Jonathan Lucroy the 'Kegs are short handed. Chris Herrmann takes advantage of the playing time by hitting a 2 run ball park homer in the 2nd. Nashville comes right back in the bottom of the inning. Nick Hundley, Melvin Upton, and Simmons hit singles for one run. Moving to the 3rd Nelson Cruz hits an upper decker to tie the score. It looks like the Assassins like lefties as in the 4th Upton goes deep for a 3-2 lead. Into the 6th Cain gets hit by the pitch then Upton and Simmons hit back to back doubles for 2 more runs. Herrmann triples and scores in the 7th but Nashville adds insurance runs in the bottom of the 7th and 8th for the easy 7-3 victory. Hazardville leads the series 3-1.

Game 5

J.Teheran vs J.Verlander

Powderkegs..... 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 - 6 10 0

Assassins..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 - 1 8 0

Win- J.Teheran (2-0)

Loss- J.Verlander (0-1)

HOME RUNS- B.Belt, JT.Realmuto

Dustin Pedroia leads off the 1st with a double. Belt walks behind him. Then Justin Verlander decides that he wants to move the Powderkegs off the plate. He drills Josh Donaldson knocking him out of the game. J.T. Realmuto makes him pay though as he singles in 2 for an early lead. Teheran protects his player by hitting Kris Bryant in the bottom of the inning and the benches rumble. Not happy Verlander comes inside again in the bottom of the 2nd injuring Elvis Andrus. Both benches empty but no punches are thrown. Both teams get warnings. Now without their whole left side of the infield what can the 'Kegs do. Alexi Amarista plays short and Jonathan Lucroy volunteers to play 3rd (5e65). Teheran is in a groove though and doesn't allow a hit through 4. In the 5th the 'Kegs stretch the lead when Pedroia walks and Belt goes deep. 4-0 Hazardville. In the bottom of the 6th the Assassins finally get to Teheran. Suzuki singled, Simmons singled, Nick Franklin grounds out then Zunino singled in one tiring Teheran. He stays in and gets Cain to fly out to end the inning. 4-1 Hazardville. Kyle Ryan works a scoreless 7th. In the 8th the 'Kegs add insurance runs. Amarista leads off with a single. After a K, J.T. Realmuto hits a 2 run blast driving Verlander from the game. 6-1 Hazardville. David Robertson and Jones finish it out and the Hazardville Powderkegs win the 2017 FBN World Series.

The Hazardville Powderkegs win 4 games to 1.

This is the Powderkegs third series title but first since 2004. It was a nice series. Games 1, 2 and 3 were tight games and hard fought. This series was all about the starting pitchers. Nashville throws out stud after stud but their pen was weak and Jim didn't really want to use them. My pen was also vulnerable and I wanted to stay with my starters too. Luckily my lineup was deeper than the Assassins. Julio Teheran earned MVP honors by going 2-0 with a 0.60 ERA and only 8 hits with 14 strike outs in 15 innings. Hazardville hit .270 as a team while holding Nashville to only a .217 team average.

Thanks a lot to Jim Jalutkewicz for taking over the Nashville team. The World Series appearance was a fitting way to mark the loss of team owner Doug Campbell. New owner Allan Kaufman inherits a strong team for next year. The Powderkegs will struggle next year as injuries caught up to us but we will savor this victory as long as we can.

2017 –CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Nov -
1. Members send in items to be reviewed and for possible voting.
 2. Managers send in All-Star candidates from their team plus the position to be listed on the All-Star ballot.

Transactions:

1. The Klub receives Orlando Arcia, Hunter Strickland and Milford's #3 pick in 2019. The Dogfish receives Pat Neshek and the Klubbers' #1, #2, and #3 picks, all in 2019.
2. New Hampshire trades Raisel Iglesias to Manchester for Luke Weaver.

2018 pending draft order (without any –BP's)

Odd Rounds: 1.TX 2.CD 3.LV 4.BB 5.WS 6.YA 7.IL 8.UR 9.AG 10.HT 11. NN 12. MY 13.LW 14.CT 15.KK 16.MF*** 17.NE 18.MD 19. NH 20. HZ 21. BR 22. AS 23. AA 24.US

Even Rounds: 1.TX 2.CD 3.LV 4.BB 5.WS 6.YA 7.IL 8.UR 9.AG 10.NN 11. HT 12. MY 13.LW 14.CT 15.KK 16.MF** 17.NE 18.MD 19. NH 20. HZ 21. BR 22. AS 23. AA 24.US

Teams with identical records. First tie breaker is the team with the worst home record drafts first. The second tie breaker is a coin flip. The winner drafts first in the odd rounds and the loser of the coin flip drafts first in the even rounds. HT won the coin flip tie breaker over NN.

**Manchester Freedom. Manager Allan Kaufman

Five and less –BP's are forgiven each season.

Minus Bonus Points:

-BP's: none

YTD –BP's: LV 3 ½, CT 3, WS 3, BB 3, AG 2, NE 2, NN 2, CD1, AS 1, LW ½, AA ½.