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Strat has announced the dates for the start of the 2018 season! First day to pre-order the 2017 Season is January 24th. The last day to place Opening Day pick up orders is February 14th. Opening Day in Glen Head is February 16th.

From the emails that I've seen it looks like Bob Figella, Roland, Don, Bill and Allen all plan on making the trip to Glen Head. Roland said as of last Opening Day the Iron Horse was out of business. That was a nice spot to stop and have lunch. I remember the group would split, half would stay and hold the place in line while the other half went to lunch. If I remember correctly, Roland went to lunch in both shifts. Only, kidding LOL.

Need to see who is available for the draft? Want to review the entire draft order? Bob Figella has both of these on our website for all to review. Thanks Bob.

2018 –FBN CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Feb 1 - 1. Winter Meetings close at 6pm EST. All trades from this point are valid on draft day.
2. GM's e-mail protected rosters & DP's owned to the commissioner by 8pm EST and cc to all members. Include the ML team that is on the player's card. List batters and pitchers separately and each in alphabetical order.
- Feb 13 - 1. Protected rosters and final draft order will be on the website and emailed to the GM's.
2. Email or mail draft instructions and the phone number that they will be at on draft day to the commissioner. Mark on the outside of the envelope "DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS". "DI" will only be opened at the draft if a GM cannot be reached. "DI" must be sent even if you plan on being at the draft. For "DI" you can say "Use LBB".
- Feb 16 - Opening Day at SOM.**
- Feb 22 - Commissioner emails seasonal package to be put on the website. GM's will find the Manager's Directory, Team Schedules, and Constitution on the website.
- Feb 25 -1. Draft Day 2018. The draft will start at 10am EST. We will be on line and if we are not we will use the old buddy system. You will get updated phone calls to give the players taken in front of you. When you get the call for your draft pick you will have one minute to make your selection. Emergency phone number 1-860-271-5117
2. Preseason Trading Period begins.
3. After the draft non-drafted players become available in the Waiver Wire. For each player selected a player must be cut. Newly cut players carded or non-carded are available for selection.
- Feb 27 - Draft results to be on the website for the GM's.
- Feb 28 - WW ends Wednesday at 6pm EST. Commissioner emails player cut and picked up to the GM's.
- Mar 1 - GM's email their ballpark ratings to the commissioner by 6pm EST.
- Mar 3 - 1. Commissioner emails ballpark ratings to entire league.
2. Preseason Trading Period ends at 6pm EST. All trades not reported by 6pm will become effective with the first game of series #7.
- Mar 5 - League officials will post/update rosters on the website.
- Mar 7 - 1. GM's email in their 550AB's and 1325IP to their league president by 6pm EST. List batters by position with the ML team on the card, carded AB's, and FBN max. AB's for each batter for the FBN season. Next, list pitchers with the ML team on the card, carded IP and the FBN max IP for the FBN season.
2. GM's email confirmation or corrections to their rosters as listed on the website to the commissioner and League Presidents by 6pm.
- Mar 8 - GM's email opening day active rosters and pitching rotation for block one to the Commissioner and Cc all your first block opponents. Emailing pitching rotations is required for the entire season.
- Mar 16 - OPENING DAY for the 45th Season of The FBNBA.
- July 1 - Dues Month. League fee of \$20.00 is due by July 31st to keep member active.
- Aug 1 - The date that 2019 Draft picks can be included in a trade.
- Oct. 15 - Playoffs start.
- Nov 1 - 1. Send in voting items for review by 8pm on November 15th.
2. Managers can send in All-Star candidates from their team plus the position to be listed on the All-Star ballot. Managers can also send in Rookie of Year candidates from their team.
- Nov 15-20 Voting on the issues to be completed by 8pm on November 25th. For 2018 it will be for League items plus for Commissioner and for League Presidents.
- Nov 30th - GM's report their winter rosters to Bob Figella by 8pm.
- December - Time to enjoy the Holidays with family and friends, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!

2018 Draft Order before any trades:

Odd Rounds: 1.TX 2.CD 3.LV 4.BB 5.WS 6.YA 7.UR 8.IL 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.UR 8.IL 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

A Winter Meetings trade between US Jarheads and Hotlanta was completed. CO-GM's Bill and Harry Nieman sent righty reliever, Richard Bleier to Hotlanta for starting pitcher, Wade Miley and spot starter, Jordan Lyles. Teams also swap 2018 7th round DP's.

GM Jalutkewicz was able to add to an already powerful bullpen while the Jarheads added starting pitching innings to their staff.

Winter Meetings trade deadline is 6pm on February 1st.

Transactions:

1. USJ rec. Wade Miley, Jordan Lyles and HT #7 DP. HT rec Richard Bleier and USJ #7 DP.

Minus Bonus Points: none. **YTD -BP's:** none

Remember the next due date is February 1, trade deadline and protected rosters due. See the Calendar of Events for full details.