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Opening Day at SOM by Bill Nieman.

With a skeleton crew of Bob F, Roland and Bill scheduled for the Glen Head carpool, and a seat available, Jarhead's GM Harry Nieman decided to join in, for his first trip to Strato HQ. Maybe it was Harry's beginners luck, or not, but this trip was the easiest in 20 years.

Went from Waterford to Stratford (61mi) in a light mist, arriving in 56 minutes @ 7:20 for an expected 7:50 meeting with Bob and Roland. Bob had smooth sailing from Enfield and arrived just a few minutes after Harry and I, so we got an early start for HQ. The mist was gone by the NY line and when we arrived in Glenhead @ 9:15 it was a balmy if overcast day.

Umbrellas, rain coats, winter jackets and gloves all stayed in the car trunk.

We were the 4th group to arrive, and probably 9,10,11, and 12 in line. The #1 pair came from Texas and arrived at 1:50 AM...seriously! We 've gotten #1 in line a couple of times and arrived @ 9AM. Then came a few guys from Vermont then some from Virginia...then The FBN.

Hal and Son arrived shortly and using Grandkids (wearing shorts) as pack mules, started ferrying Dozens of donuts and boxes of Joe into the grey Strato bunker. Roland figured he had time before the donut give away, decided to check out the old front of the building to see if the tape from the Barry Bonds card was still hanging. It was finally gone after all these years.

Then the donuts came out. 50 people in line by now and Roland is 10th in line and acting like Pacman. It took them 3 trips till they could get donuts to those in the teen numbers. After donuts and no coffee Roland says he needs a rest room. Nearest can is Dunkin Donuts @ 300 yards up the road. Dunkin's restroom closed, so another 100 yards to gas station. But then its back to DD, which is also a Baskin Robins. Don't know what ice cream cone he got but it had everything in it. He polished it off just as we got back in line, just in time for another donut run. This time he snagged some kind of vanilla truffle with cookie dough filling. Then he sounds like Homer Simpson....arrgghh donuts nummanummm.

Around 11 the sun almost broke through and we were interviewed and filmed, then entertained by a pair of cos play dice people. Some Strato cards were passed around and consensus was Trout has the best card....but only 400 ABs. The beautiful weather helped the last hour pass quickly and at 12:00 Roland started his chant..."No Cards No Peace". But he had barely 3 repetitions and Hal was out the door for a short welcome speech and then the line was moving. Bob went to get the car as we picked up the cards and by 12:12 we on the road home. Bob made great time again on the return trip to Stratford, even without his navigator, as Roland's head was buried in his cards. Harry and I loaded up and made great time coming home to Waterford as well. Fastest trip to and fro, and best weather in our collective memories.

The general consensus was that Harry really didn't get the full Opening Day experience. No traffic problems, no getting lost, no wind burn, no frozen toes or numb fingers. No ice or 6 inches of snow underfoot for 3 hours. However, he did get to see the usual Roland in action.

@ 3:15 Joe and wife Maureen came to Waterford to pick up his cards and then joined by Rob @ 3:20. A pretty quick visit as everyone wants to get to the cards

By 6:15 pm USJ team of Karen, Harry and me, have Pitchers and Batters separated and alpha! betized. Ready for pulling rookie cards and making FBN teams tomorrow AM, while its snowing again.

Bill

Feb 25 -Draft Day 2018.

After going to Dunkin Donuts for Munkins, I arrived at Draft Central around 8:15am. I think Don Decker was already there, I don't remember, lol. We had 14 people at the draft including our newest member representing Manchester Freedom, Allan Kaufman. Allan offer help to anyone having trouble loading the computer game. Just give him a call.

League Awards were next. I had mailed Vic Handel his plaque for being the regular season AL Champions on Friday the 16th so only two were handed out before the draft started. First, I awarded Bill & Harry Nieman the regular season NL Championship plaque. Next was the plaque for the 2017 World Series winner, Bob Figella and his Hazardville Powderkegs. It was Bob's third FBN Championship. Before Bob could accept the plaque Roland stole it. He gave it back stating he just wanted to know how it felt to hold one of the plaques. Poor Roland. ☺

One he recovered Roland then gave out his awards for the worst pick and the best pick of the 2013 draft. I forgot you received them. Roland will have to let us know.

Since everyone was ready we started the draft 10 minutes early at 9:50 am. Glen did not surprise anyone with the first overall pick, he selected from the LA Dodgers, first baseman Cody Bellinger. After just under 6 hours, but that included a 30, minute lunch break, the draft ended at 3:48 pm with Vic Handel drafting at number 248, from the Seattle Mariners, Casey Lawrence.

So what is next? We have the Waiver Wire going on until Wednesday the 28th at 6 pm. Ballparks are due March 1st by 6 pm and we also have the Preseason Trading period going on until March 3rd. Full details below on the calendar.

I want to thank everyone for being prepared and for using the numbers on Bob Figella's available list. I believe that helped to move the draft along so well. Thank you!

Note: The Draft Results are attached

2018 –FBN CALENDAR of EVENTS

Feb 25 - 1. Preseason Trading Period begins.

2. 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.

Transactions:

1. NH Trades Kennys Vargas to MY for MY#6(Max Moroff) and Tyler Saladino.
2. MY traded V Martinez to AL for pick 202 (Rio Ruiz).

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

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ROUND 1

1 MD Bellinger, Cody
2 CD Albies, Ozzie
3 MD Robles, Victor
4 BB Castillo, Luis
5 IL DeJong, Paul
6 YA Hoskins, Rhys
7 UR Taylor, Chris
8 WS Devers, Rafael
9 AG Faria, Jake
10 HT Moncada, Yoan
11 NN Olson, Matt
12 MY Giolito, Lucas
13 LW Williams, Trevor
14 CT Candelario, Jeimer
15 NN Rosario, Amed
16 MF Senzatela, Antonio
17 NE Happ, Ian
18 LV Zimmer, Bradley
19 LV Mancini, Trey
20 HZ Hays, Austin
21 LV Crawford, J.P.
22 YA Marquez, German
23 LV Chapman, Matt
24 LV Alfaro, Jorge

ROUND 2

25 WS Lamet, Dinelson
26 CD Hader, Josh
27 MD Barnes, Austin
28 BB Montgomery, Jordan
29 IL Newcomb, Sean
30 YA Freeland, Kyle
31 UR Blach, Ty
32 WS Williams, Nick
33 AG Blackburn, Paul
34 NN Gohara, Luiz
35 HT Winker, Jesse
36 MY Pirela, Jose
37 LW Bridwell, Parker
38 NH Barreto, Franklin
39 KK Junis, Jakob
40 MF Parker, Blake
41 NE Martinez, Jose
42 UR Camargo, Johan
43 LV Delmonico, Nick
44 HZ Kelly, Carson
45 CD Tapia, Raimel
46 YA Lively, Ben
47 WS Martes, Francis
48 US Woodruff, Brandon

ROUND 3

49 TX Sogard Eric
50 CD Thames, Eric
51 MD Swarzak, Anthony
52 LW Albers, Matt
53 WS Morrow, Brandon
54 WS Leone, Dominic
55 UR Alvarado, Jose
56 IL Frazier, Clint
57 AG Suter, Brent
58 HT Bonifacio, Jorge
59 UR Martinez, Nick
60 MY Castro, Miguel
61 LW Smith, Kevan
62 IL Tepera, Ryan
63 CD Anderson, Brian
64 MF Adams, Lane
65 NE Aguilar, Jesus
66 LV Pagan, Emilio
67 CT Kahnle, Tommy
68 HZ Smith, Dominic
69 BR Goodwin, Brian
70 MD Arroyo, Christian
71 AL Fisher, Derek
72 CT Garcia, Leury

ROUND 4

73 TX Freeman, Sam
74 CD Powell, Boog
75 LV Sierra, Magneuris
76 BB Robertson, Daniel Ray
77 WS Goody, Nick
78 AS Garcia, Luis
79 UR Torres, Jose
80 IL Whitley, Chase
81 AG Brebbia, John
82 NN Fried, Max
83 HT Tuivailala, Samuel
84 MY Asuaje, Carlos
85 LW Diaz, Yandy
86 HT Hunter, Tommy
87 KK Phillips, Brett
88 MF Marrero, Deven
89 NE Infante, Gregory
90 MD Romano, Sal
91 NH Bader, Harrison
92 HZ Alexander, Scott
93 BR Sewald, Paul
94 AS Valaika, Pat
95 AL Gaviglio, Sam
96 UR Gamel Ben

ROUND 5

97 YA Brugman, Jaycob
98 YA Peralta, Wandy
99 LV Ynoa, Gabriel
100 BB Knapp, Andrew
101 WS Steckenrider, Drew
102 YA Sucre, Jesus
103 UR Pivetta, Nick
104 IL Stammen, Craig
105 AG Presley, Alex
106 HT Barnes, Danny
107 NN Stratton, Chris
108 MY Hildenberger, Trevor
109 LW Garcia, Jarlin
110 CT Hicks, John
111 KK Allen, Greg
112 MF Pazos, James
113 NE Duensing, Brian
114 AS Young, Eric Jr.
115 NH Mejia, Adalberto
116 HZ Moore, Andrew
117 BR White, Tyler
118 AS Leiter, Mark
119 MD Granite, Zack
120 US Caratini, Victor

ROUND 6

121 HT Pennington, Cliff
122 CD Busenitz, Alan
123 LV Middleton, Keynan
124 BB Minaya, Juan
125 WS Olson, Tyler
126 CD Sherfy, Jimmie
127 UR Crick, Kyle
128 IL Davidson, Matt
129 AG Yates, Kirby
130 NN Shreve, Chasen
131 KK Banda, Anthony
132 MY to NH - Moroff, Max
133 LW Diaz, Elias
134 CT Slater, Austin
135 KK Zych, Tony
136 MF Engel, Adam
137 NE Motte, Jason
138 MD Montas, Frankie
139 NH Telis, Tomas
140 HZ Hatcher, Chris
141 BR Paulino, David
142 AS Milner, Hoby
143 HZ Sims, Luke
144 US Riddle, J.T.

ROUND 7

145 TX Despaigne, Odrisamer
146 CD Ervin, Phillip
147 LV Loup, Aaron
148 BB Leclerc, Jose
149 WS Hoyt, James
150 YA Stephens, Jackson
151 UR Grace, Matt
152 IL Peters, Dillon
153 AG Aybar, Erick
154 US Maddox, Austin
155 NN Davis, J.D.
156 MY Okert, Steven
157 LW Kivlehan, Patrick
158 CT Bradford, Chase
159 KK Hanigan, Ryan
160 MF Lin, Tzu-Wei
161 NE Workman, Brandon
162 NH McFarland, T.J.
163 HZ Maton, Phil
164 BR Moylan, Peter
165 AS Cordoba, Allen
166 AL Bibens-Dirkx, Austin
167 HT Urena, Richard
168 TX Velazquez, Hector

ROUND 8

169 CD Anderson, Brett
170 BB Asher, Alec
171 YA Cowart, Kaleb
172 UR Luplow, Jordan
173 AG Barbato, Johnny
174 NN Romero, Enny
175 HT Mathis, Jeff
176 MY Jones, JaCoby
177 LW Diaz, Miguel
178 CT Hanson, Alen
179 KK Garrett, Amir
180 MF Johnson, Brian
181 NE Urshela, Giovanny
182 NH Stevenson, Andrew
183 HZ Cordero, Franchy
184 BR Blash, Jabari
185 AS Wade, Tyler
186 AL Bergman, Christian
187 US Gossett, Daniel
188 TX Garcia, Willy
189 BB Altavilla, Dan
190 YA Robinson, Drew
191 UR Flexen, Chris
192 AG Gentry Craig

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ROUND 9

193 NN Pruitt, Austin
194 MY Cecchini, Gavin
195 LW Bautista, Jose
196 KK Gonzalez, Erik
197 MF Smoker, Josh
198 NE Ngoepe, Gift
199 NH Neverauskas, Dovydas
200 HZ Jackson, Luke
201 AS Voit, Luke
202 AL to MY - Ruiz, Rio
203 US De Jong, Chase
204 TX Shackelford, Kevin
205 BB Smith, Chris
206 YA Fuentes, Rey
207 UR Travis, Sam
208 AG Scott, Robby
209 NN Siegrist, Kevin
210 KK Lopez, Raffy
211 MF Sanchez, Adrian
212 NE Freeman, Mike
213 NH Adduci, Jim
214 HZ Saupold, Warwick
215 AS Torres, Ramon
216 AL Jackson, Edwin

ROUND 10

217 US Osuna, Jose
218 TX Tejada, Ruben
219 BB Wright, Mike
220 YA Jones, Ryder
221 UR Torrens, Luis
222 AG O'Grady, Chris
223 KK Reynolds, Matt W
224 MF Tajeron, Travis
225 NE Garneau, Dustin
226 NH Milone, Tom
227 AS McCarthy, Kevin
228 AL Gee, Dillon
229 US Hoying, Jared
230 TX Napoli, Mike
231 BB Perez, Oliver
232 YA Brice, Austin
233 AG d'Arnaud, Chase
234 MF Hart, Donnie
235 NE Plouffe, Trevor
236 AL Holmberg, David
237 TX Carter, Chris
238 BB Drake, Oliver
239 NE Hoover, J.J.
240 AL VerHagen, Drew

ROUND 11

241 BB Goeddel, Erik
242 NE Hill, Aaron
243 AL Jaso, John
244 BB Stumpf, Daniel
245 AL Albers, Andrew
246 BB Graterol, Juan
247 AL Bell, Chad
248 AL Lawrence, Casey