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## HOT OF THE PRESS:

Just before sending out the newsletter a news conference was held in Atlanta. Owner Dante Handel of Manchester Freedom has just announced that he is relocating the team to Atlanta for the 2019 season. The city of Atlanta will be putting finishing touches to the new stadium that will be home for the *Atlanta Senators*.

## National League Wild Card Series - Maine (87-75) vs. Wall Street (87-75)

Game 1 - Jose Quintana throws a one hit CG shutout as Maine wins 2-0. Loss to Lamet.

Ahmed scores on WP, Avila singles home Nunez

Game 2 – Yaks 5 at Barons 3

W - Wilson (for Foltyniewicz) L - Goody (for Nola), Sv - E Diaz

HR - Contreras, Souza

Best- Gordon 5-2-3-0 & 1SB, Longoria 4-1-2-2

MY 7th - Gordon SI & E, Nunez RBI SI, Ozuna out, Souza 2 run homer

Game 3 - Barons 5 at Yaks 6

W - E Diaz (for Cobb), L - Goody (for Arriata)

HR T Turner, WS

Best - S Castro 5-1-2-1, Kiermaier 4-3-3-1 (with a Si, DO, TR)

WS 3rd, Barnhart SI, Turner 2 run HR, Brantley E4, WP, Williams RBI SI

MY 9th Gordon SI, SB, Ahmed sac, Contreras RBI SI

Game 4 - Barons 2 at Yaks 3

W - Strop (for Nolasco), L - Morrow (for Gray)

MY Bullpen pitches 5 hitless innings, HR - Ozuna

Best - Ozuna 5-1-3-2, T Turner 3-1-2-0, Longoria 4-0-2-1

WS 1st, Turner DO, Brantley SI, Calhoun RBI FC, Holliday W, Longoria RBI SI

MY 9th - Nunez out, Ozuna GWHR

## American League Wild Card Series

Baton Rouge faced off against Hotlanta for the American league wild card position. The winner faces the tough task of playing Milford – with its 109 wins.

Game 1 saw Santana start for the Bullets and Paxton start for the Possums – the aces of both teams. Hotlanta started fast but a double play ended the inning before any runs could score. Rizzo started the scoring with a solid blast in the bottom of the second for a 1-0 Bullet lead. Santana held the Hotlanta bats through 5 innings giving up just 3 singles and a walk. Sewald relieved Santana to start the 6<sup>th</sup> and gave up a single and a walk, getting two outs. Andrew Miller then came in to shut the door but gave up a run scoring single to Cabrera. Score tied 1-1. Craig Kimbrell came in with a man on second and two outs in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>. LeMahieu flew out to end the threat. The top of the 8<sup>th</sup> went single, double play, out for Hotlanta. Baton Rouge pinch hits for Frazier with Solarte. Solarte hits a long one... it's going, gone to give Baton Rouge the lead once more 2-1. Manager Holbrook brings in Doolittle for the save. Gordon – strike out, Bonifacio – ground out, Duda – 2 column but against Doolittle it's a strike out. The win goes to Miller (along with a blown save) and the save to Doolittle. Kimbrell gets the loss.

Possums..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 - 1 7 1

Silver Bullets.. 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 X - 2 6 0

Game 2 features Darvish vs Urena. The Possums again make noise in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning with a Sogard walk but is caught stealing. Flowers then doubles but Winker lines out into a double play. Both teams are scoreless through 4 innings with Urena giving up only one single and two walks. Darvish matches him giving up three hits and a walk. In the 5<sup>th</sup>, Duda takes a Darvish fast ball downtown to give Hotlanta the lead 1-0. Kimbrell comes in to get the side out in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Kimbrell gets in trouble in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> giving up a Santana single and stolen base. Betances comes in. Rizzo grounds out, a walk to Pillar, and singles to Gomez and Frazier score 2 and the Bullets take the lead 2-1. Reed finishes the inning for Hotlanta. Pedro Baez comes in for the 7<sup>th</sup> inning and promptly gives up a Cabrera single and a Duda home run.

The Possums are back on top 3-2. Hunter and Jansen mow down 9 straight Bullets to tie the series at 1 game apiece. Reed gets the win, Jansen the save, and Baez the loss.

Possums..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 - 3 7 1  
 Silver Bullets.. 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 - 2 6 0

Game 3 moved to Hotlanta. Baton Rouge sent Triggs to the mound and Davies started for Hotlanta. The Bullets started fast this time with a LeMahieu single, out, out, a walk to Rizzo, and a big double by Joyce scoring both runners. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning Davies hits Gomez and then gives up a single to Solarte to put runners on the corners. A ground out by Leon scores Gomez. That's it for Davies – 3 runs, 4 outs. Danny Barnes comes in for the Possums. Triggs survives for the Bullets finishing his 4 innings giving up one run on just two hits and a walk. 3-1 Baton Rouge. The bullpens take over. The Possums go Reed, Betances, Kimbrell, Hunter allowing no runs on 2 hits and 3 walks. The Bullets go Fields, Doolittle, Devenski, Miller giving up no runs on just 2 hits and 2 walks over the final 5 innings. The win goes to Fields, the save to Miller, and the loss to Davies. Baton Rouge takes a 2 games to 1 lead in the series.

Silver Bullets.. 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 3 5 0  
 Possums..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 4 0

Game 4 Santana comes back in game 4 for Baton Rouge with Griffin getting the start for the Possums. A pitcher duel through the 4<sup>th</sup> inning – no one gets beyond second base. Barnes and Jansen take over for Griffin and roll through the Bullet line up giving up just 2 hits and 2 walks over the last 5 innings. Santana goes 7 full innings giving up 3 hits and 4 walks – no runs. Givens takes over and finishes the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> innings. Score 0-0. Givens and Miller complete 4 more innings giving up 1 single, no runs. Betances and Reed also complete 4 more scoreless innings, giving up just 2 walks. 13 innings. Score still 0-0. Kimbrell comes in for the 14<sup>th</sup> inning. Rizzo gets a rare single. He gets his lead and steals second base. Pillar vs Kimbrell. Bunt. Rizzo moves to third base with 1 out. Solarte hits a long fly to score Rizzo. 1-0 Baton Rouge. Fields comes in the get Beltre and Merrifield. Nimmo pinch hits. Baton Rouge counters with Doolittle. Mathis pinch hits. Whiff. Baton Rouge takes a 3-1 lead in the series with a 14<sup>th</sup> inning 1-0 victory. What a tough loss and an improbable win.

Silver Bullets.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 1 4 0  
 Possums..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 4 1

Game 5. Hotlanta brings back their ace – Paxton. Baton Rouge goes with righty killer Roark. For the third time the Possums start fast with two hits in the first but fail to score. After two scoreless innings Baton Rouge opens the third with three singles scoring one run. With two out in the 5<sup>th</sup>, Pillar doubles off Paxton. Tyler White is intentionally walked to bring up Goodwin. Goodwin gets his pitch and doubles in Pillar. Paxton ends the threat with Martin flying out to left. 2-0 Baton Rouge. Roark finishes his 4 innings giving up just 2 hits and no runs. Devenski takes over. Sogard hits a liner to left field and Goodwin boots it for a two-base error. Flowers strokes a single scoring Sogard to cut the BR lead to 2-1. Top of the 7<sup>th</sup>. Goodwin strikes out and is injured. Martin gets on due to an error by second baseman Merrifield. A single by Crawford makes it first and third with one out. LeMahieu comes up and bunts. Martin out at home. Jansen get Solarte to end the inning. Still 2-1 BR. Givens takes over in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. Winker pinch hits and walks bring up Duda. Duda has already hit two home runs. Boom. Make it three. Hotlanta takes a 3-2 lead. Marisnick – single. Sogard – single. Flowers – double play. Nimmo – strike out to end the inning. Jansen is pitching for Hotlanta. Top of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Santana strikes out. Rizzo gets a single. Joyce pinch hits and strokes a double putting men on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. One out. Tyler White is intentionally walked to bring up Gardner. Gardner gets his pitch and – GONE – grand slam. Baton Rouge up 6-3. Givens stay in for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Possums get a single in the 8<sup>th</sup> and a walk in the 9<sup>th</sup> but can't recover from the slam. Givens gets the win and Jansen gets the loss. Baton Rouge takes the series 4 games to 1.

Silver Bullets.. 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 4 0 - 6 11 1  
 Possums..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 - 3 7 1

NAME	BAVG	GM	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	HB	SH	DP	SB	CS	E
Baton Rouge	.186	5	172	14	32	7	0	3	14	17	40	3	4	1	7	3	1
Hotlanta	.169	5	172	8	29	6	0	3	8	14	39	4	0	5	0	2	4

NAME	ERA	W	L	PCT	G	GS	CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
Baton Rouge	1.26	4	1	.800	5	5	0	1	3	50	29	8	7	3	14	39
Hotlanta	2.57	1	4	.200	5	5	0	0	1	49	32	14	14	3	17	40

Series MVPs are Ervin Santana and Andrew Miller. Santana pitched 12 innings giving up no runs. Miller got 2 wins and a save in 6 innings also not allowing a run. Duda has 3 home runs for Hotlanta. Jansen and Kimbrell go 0-3 with 1 save. What are the odds...

Congratulations to Jim on a very fine season. This was a very hard-fought series that turned on just a few lucky rolls. We got more than our share. Jim was very gracious throughout the series. Thanks.

## NLF4S - Maine vs. Taxachusetts

Gm 1 - Quintana vs. Fulmer. Daniel Murphy singled home a run in the top of the 1st for the game's only run. Michael Fulmer went eight innings, allowing just two singles and no walks, striking out nine. Trevor Rosenthal pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for the save.

Gm 2 - Foltz vs. Gonzalez. With the game scoreless in the top of the 8th, Maine pinch-hits for Ahmed with Nunez who fails to come through in the clutch. In the bottom of the 8th, Judge reaches on a Nunez error and scores on a Nunez single and an error. The Chiefs take the 1-0 to the 9th. Rosenthal comes on and retires Jay and Zimmerman, but when Contreras singles, Montgomery comes on to face Souza and strikes him out. Chiefs win back-to-back 1-0 games. The Yaks still looking for their first extra-base hit.

Gm 3 - Lynn vs. Cobb - Chiefs take a 2-0 lead in the 3rd on a 2-out Judge homer. Brian McCann adds a 7th inning, 3-run homer off a lefty to make it 5-0. Maine's offensive woes continue, and the Chiefs win 5-0. Alex Avila goes 3 for 3 with a pair of doubles for the Yaks first extra-base hits, but they're still looking for their first run of the series.

Gm 4 - Montgomery vs. Nolasco. Judge hits a solo homer in the top of the first to give TX a 1-0 lead. Maine mounts a 2-out rally in the bottom of the 1st, scoring its 1st run of the series, but leaving the bases loaded. Giolito replaces Nolasco after a lead off walk in the 5th. Giolito then walks two batters to load the bases. After fanning Lowrie, he uncorks a wild pitch to give the Chiefs a 2-1 lead. Solis comes on to retire Judge and Murphy to prevent further damage. Upton adds an 8th inning solo homer for a 3-1 lead. Judge drops a flyball in the 8th, but the Chief bullpen works out of trouble. Edwin Diaz comes in to pitch the top of the 9th to give the Yaks a chance at a comeback. But Diaz walks Cozart and Lowrie, then serves up a 3-run homer to Judge to make it 6-1. In the bottom of the 9th, the first two batters reach base against Sam Freeman before he strikes out Jones. Joe Smith comes on to face Zimmerman and induces a series ending 6-4-3 doubleplay!

The Chiefs advance in four games. Barry was incredibly gracious given the Yaks scored exactly one run in the entire series.

Congrats to the Yaks on a great season. The Taxmen face the winner of Allyn Street and Hazardville.

Series MVP - Aaron Judge who hit .273 with 3 HR and 6 RBI with 7 walks. He factored in 10 of the 13 runs scored by TX in the series.

## ALF4S – Baton Rouge vs. Milford

### Game 1

**Silver Bullets.. 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 7 0**

**Dogfish..... 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 x - 3 3 0**

W: Greinke (1-0), S: Neshek (1), L: E. Santana (0-1)

HR: A.Rizzo (1), C.Correa (1), C.Bellinger (1)

Zack Greinke whiffed 10 batters as the Milford Dogfish outscored the Baton Rouge Silver Bullets 3 to 1.

Greinke (1-0) pitched a fine game. He surrendered 5 hits and 1 walk in 7 innings. Although they lost, Baton Rouge did out-hit Milford 7 to 3.

Greinke got relief help from Pat Neshek who gained credit for his 1st save. Ervin Santana(0-1) was tagged with the loss. He pitched 8 innings giving up only 3 hits and 2 walks.

**Milford leads, 1 - 0**

### Game 2

**Silver Bullets.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 - 1 7 1**

**Dogfish..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 x - 2 3 0**

W: T. Lyons (1-0), S: K. Giles (1)

HR: M. Sano (1)

45,544 fans were treated to a fine game at Silver Sands Park as only one run separated the combatants at game's end. The Milford Dogfish won by the slimmest of margins, 2 to 1.

Milford had the winning rally in the bottom of the 8th inning plating 2 runs. After two were out Mookie Betts kicked off the action when he drew a walk. Miguel Sano stepped into the batter's box and he cracked a two-run shot. The game was a scoreless duel until the 8th inning.

The winning pitcher was Tyler Lyons (1-0) who allowed no runs in 2/3 of an inning. Ken Giles preserved the game for Lyons, recording his his 1st save. Sean Doolittle (0-1) ended up with the loss in relief. He pitched 2/3 of an inning and surrendered 1 hit and 1 walk.

**Milford leads, 2 - 0**

### Game 3

**Dogfish..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 - 2 7 0**

**Silver Bullets.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 - 3 4 0**

W: M. Givens (1-0), L: Giles (0-1)

HR: Puig (1)

The Baton Rouge Silver Bullets edged the Milford Dogfish in 10 innings at Bengal Dome by the score of 3 to 2.

Both teams were tied at 2 runs apiece after nine innings. Baton Rouge won the game in the 10th inning. D.J. Lemahieu was hit by a pitch. Ken Giles then let one slip out of his hand for a wild pitch. Brett Gardner followed, but he was set down on strikes. Domingo Santana came up and he was walked intentionally. Anthony Rizzo stepped into the box and drew a walk to load the bases. Brian Goodwin extended the rally and delivered a one-base hit making Baton Rouge the victor and beginning a joyous home town celebration. The teams had been locked in a scoreless duel until the 6th inning.

Mychal Givens (1-0) went 2 innings allowing no runs for the victory. The losing pitcher was Giles (0-1) in relief. He allowed 1 run and 2 hits in 1 inning.

**Milford leads, 2 - 1**

### Game 4

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

**Silver Bullets.. 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 4 6 1**

W: Devenski (1-0), L: Whitley (0-1)

HR: J. Polanco (1), Correa (2)

One run was the difference as the Baton Rouge Silver Bullets defeated the Milford Dogfish in 10 innings 4 to 3.

Both teams had scored 3 runs after nine full innings. Baton Rouge came out on top in the 10th inning. After an out was recorded, Brandon Crawford slapped a one-base hit. Kevin Pillar stepped into the batter's box and he laid down a sacrifice bunt. D.J. Lemahieu then lashed a single making Baton Rouge victorious to the delight of the the home town crowd. Baton Rouge finished with just 6 hits in the victory.

Chris Devenski(1-0) got credit for the victory, pitching 2/3 of an inning and allowing no runs. Chase Whitley(0-1) was given the loss in relief.

**Series Tied, 2 - 2**

### Game 5

**Dogfish..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 5 1**

**Silver Bullets.. 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 x - 2 7 0**

W: Doolittle (1-0), A. Miller (1), L: Carrasco (0-1)

HR: S. Leon (1)

At Bengal Dome Sean Doolittle(1-1) got the win and the Baton Rouge Silver Bullets shutout the Milford Dogfish 2 to 0.

Baton Rouge went ahead for good in the bottom of the 2nd inning plating an isolated run. Baton Rouge managed 7 hits in their victory.

Doolittle got help from Andrew Miller who was credited with his 1st save. The loss was charged to Carlos Carrasco(0-1). He allowed 3 hits and 1 walk in 4 innings.

**Baton Rouge Leads, 3 - 2**

### Game 6

**Silver Bullets.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 3 0**

**Dogfish..... 0 0 2 1 0 1 0 0 x - 4 7 0**

W: deGrom (1-0), L: Darvish (0-1)

HR: C. Correa (3), C. Bellinger (2), A .Benintendi (1)

Jacob Degrom (1-0) and Yu Darvish (0-1) locked horns in a pitcher's duel with Degrom and the Milford Dogfish coming out on top of the Baton Rouge Silver Bullets 4 to 0.

Degrom pitched well for Milford in their victory. He allowed 3 hits and 1 walk in 6 innings. Milford had 7 hits for the afternoon while Baton Rouge had 3.

**Series Tied, 3 - 3**

### Game 7

**Silver Bullets.. 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 - 2 5 1**

**Dogfish..... 0 0 3 0 1 0 0 0 x - 4 6 1**

W: Grienke (2-0), Giles (2), L: E. Santana (0-2)

HR: B. Crawford (1), C.Utley (1)

In a close game the Milford Dogfish got by the Baton Rouge Silver Bullets by the score of 4 to 2.

Zack Greinke (2-0) pitched a fine game. He went 6 innings surrendering 4 hits and no walks. Greinke mowed down 7 Baton Rouge batters reducing his ERA from 2.57 to 2.25. Milford had just 6 hits for the afternoon.

Ken Giles gained credit for his 2nd save. The losing pitcher was Ervin Santana (0-2). He pitched 5 innings allowing 5 hits and 1 walk.

**Milford Wins, 4 - 3**

### Series Summary

Congratulations to Mike on a great season, and superb job managing this series. Milford was lucky to win. Every game was a grind.

Game 7 Note: Bellinger gets hurt his last AB of game 6, making things more difficult going into the last game.

**Milford Hitting:** .176 batting average, 10 HR

**Milford Pitching:** 1.86 ERA, 18 BB, 61 K

**Baton Rouge Hitting:** .179 batting average, 3 HR

**Baton Rouge Pitching:** 2.66 ERA, 20 BB, 61 K

**Series MVP:** **Z. Grienke**, 20 IP, 13 H, 4 BB, 23 K

Statistically, an even series with the exception of Milford being able to go deep (10 HR v 3 HR), when needed. Correa had 3 HRs, but only hit .160. Next up, a showdown with Manchester for the ALCS.

### ALF4S – Lake Wobegon vs. Manchester

#### **Game 1**

Starting Pitchers:

LWW-Stephen Strasburg

MF-Max Scherzer

**Result: Manchester leads 1-0**

#### **Game 2**

Starting Pitchers:

LWW-Chase Anderson

MF-Justin Verlander

**Result: Manchester leads 2-0**

After two hard-fought games, Manchester finds itself quite lucky to hold a lead, but had no idea what is store for them at Powdermilk Biscuit Stadium. The Whippets arrived early, had some good old-fashioned home cooking, and made preparations to lay a beat-down!

#### **Game 3**

Starting Pitchers:

MF- Kyle Hendricks

LWW-Trevor Williams

Trevor Williams is a player who rises to the occasion, and pitched a 1-hitter through 8 innings. Although the Freedom managed another hit in the 9th, it was too little, too late.

**Result: Manchester leads 2-1**

#### **Game 4**

Starting Pitchers:

MF-Max Scherzer

LWW-Parker Bridwell

**Result: Series is tied 2-2**

#### **Game 5**

Starting Pitchers:

MF-Justin Verlander

LWW-Stephen Strasburg

**Result: Lake Wobegon leads 3-2**

After a bitter lesson was imparted by the Whippets, the teams returned to the Freedom Dome as Lake Wobegon looked to close things out.

### **Game 6**

Starting Pitchers:

LWW-Chase Anderson

MF-Mike Leake

**Result: Series is tied 3-3**

As the teams head into the rubber match, Manchester gets its ace back.

### **Game 7**

Starting Pitchers:

LWW-Chase Williams

MF-Max Scherzer

**Result: Manchester wins 4-3**

This was an intense series with a lot of back and forth. There was a run differential of 1 with Manchester scoring 33 runs to Lake Wobegon's 32. Also, there were 13 Home Runs hit by each team. Other interesting stats include Mike Zunino serving as the Freedom's MVP with 5 Home Runs, and Kris Bryant batting a measly .120 as he was utterly embarrassed by the Whippets pitching. Wilson Ramos showed an affinity for away games, batting .455 in the Freedom Dome. Lake Wobegon ran like fiends around the base paths, and were seldom thrown out, despite valiant efforts by the Freedom's outfielders. Ultimately, the series proved to be a testament to the power of home field advantage, with the Home team winning every game. Jim was unlucky with a few key splits in a series that could easily have gone the other way.

Jim is a great competitor and has been a pleasure to play with this season. He has been very helpful with rule clarifications and advice. I wish him the best of luck next season and I hope the draft is kind to him! I look forward to our series next year!

### **NLF4S Hazardville vs. Allyn Street**

Game 1 Walker (13-6 4.57) vs. Cashner (11-5 3.43)

Allyn Street scored in the 1st s, s\*\* SF. AS 1-0. It remains 1 -0 to the 6th when Allyn Street opens up with 5 runs. Martinez and Ramirez back to back. Martinez was a 3-r shot. AS 6-0.

Hazardville gets the offense going with 3 in the 8th. AS 6-3.

In the 7th AS adds 4 helped by a Martinez 2-r HR. AS 10-3.

HZ with one out gets a BB. Pedroia K's for the second out. Peralta s, Andrus RBI s\*\*, 10-4. Donaldson 3-r HR and it's a ballgame at 10-7. Lucroy lines out to 3b for the final out.

W-Cashner (1-0) Sv. None L-Walker (0-1)

Game 2 C.Martinez (18-7 2.72) vs. Pomeranz (16-8 3.28)

AS 2nd inning bb, bb, sac PB, WP. AS up 2-0.

Donaldson leads the 4th off with a HR. AS 2 HZ 1

AS with 2 out get a bb and a Votto HR. AS 4 HZ 1.

AS added 3 more in the 8th. AS 7 HZ 1

W-Pomeranz (1-0) Sv. None L-Martinez (0-1)

Series moved to the Canyon.

Game 3 Chacin (11-8 3.79) vs. Severino (20-5 3.07)

AS 3rd Gonzalez lead off d and with 2 out Seager RBI single. AS 1-0

AS 4th Martinez 1 out s, Rosario 2-out RBI double. AS 2-0.

HZ 4th with one out Donaldson solo HR. AS 2 HZ 1.

AS bullpen came in the 6th and allowed 3 hits, 0BB, 3K.

Severino went all 9 with 10K's.

HZ 8th Warren in and with one out Bradley s. Colome in and Pedroia s. Peralta FC. Runners on 1st and 3rd two down.

Maddox in. Andrus grounds to 3rd. Sitll 2-1.

With one out in HZ 9th Maddox hits Belt. Tying run on base. Maddox gets Jones looking and Beltran swinging. AS holds on for the 2-1 win.

W-Chacin (1-0) Sv. Maddox (1) L-Severino (0-1)

Game 4 Bauer (18-8 3.28) vs. Duffy (9-9 3.33)

With their backs against the wall HZ scored 3 in the 1st on Belts 3-r HR.

AS gets 1 back in the 2nd and 1 in the 3rd. HZ 3 AS 2

HZ gets to Bauer in the 6th on s, d, RBI s by Pedroia. 4-2. Claudio in and Peralta fc RBI. 5-2. With two out Andrus rbi d. HZ 6-2.

AS 7th bases loaded no outs. F8, Seager SF and that's it. 6-3 HZ.

W-Duffy (1-0) Sv. Robertson (1) L-Bauer (0-1)

Game 5 Cashner (1-0) vs Walker (0-1)

Votto 2-r HR in the 1st. AS 2-0. HZ comes back with 2 of its own in their halve of the 1st. 2-2.

With 2 out in the 2nd AS gets a s, e1, s loads the bases. Reddick rbi s. Votto GS!! No wait Jones is leaping and does he come down with it? No. YES he's got it. Jones robs Votto of a GS. AS 3-1.

HZ 3rd s, s, Donaldson rbi D. 3-3 game. Belt K's. Jones 2-r s. HZ 5-3

AS 5th s, d, K Rosario 2-r d. Game tied at 5.

HZ 7th. BB, s\*\*, wp. HZ 6-5.

Price and Robertson retire AS in order in the 8th and 9th. HZ 6-5. Series now 3-2 AS.

W-Alexander (1-0) Sv. Robertson (2) L-Warren

Series returns to the School Yard.

Game 6 Martinez (0-1) vs. Pomeranz (1-0)

AS 2nd with one out Gonzalez 2-r shot. Pina HR. No, wait this time Peralta is making the leap. Can he pull it down? YES, he's got it and robs Pina of a HR.

HZ makes it 3-2 with 1 out Pedroia HR, e1, K, bb, Belt 2-r d.

AS ties it in the 3rd with lead off bb, s\*\*. ground out rbi for Votto.

AS 5th Seager one out t and Reddick rbi ground out. AS 4-3

With one out AS 6th bb and Rosario 2-r HR. AS up 6-3.

HZ 7th Warren in and Sprangberg PH d, Peralta rbi d. 6-4. Warren settles down and retires the next 3 batters.

AS 8th Gonzalez lead off t. Jackson in to face Cano and wp. 7-4.

Brach in the 9th and retires the side in order. AS wins the series in 6

W-Pomeranz (2-0) Sv. Brach (1) L-Martinez (0-2)

The series could have gone either way if Bob had gotten any rolls.

### **Team Honors:**

Reddick 14 for 28 .500.

Gonzalez .286, 3r, 1d, 1t, 1hr 3rbi 5bb.

Pomeranz 2-0 1.64ERA

**MVP - Team effort .276, 8HR. SP 4-1, Pen Sv. 2, 3.34 ERA, 7BB 17K.**

For Hazardville, Donaldson was a wrecking crew hitting .412, 6R, 4D, 3HR 7RBI and 8BB. With only 1 IBB out of the 8.

Next NLCS Allyn Street vs. Taxachetts.

### **ALCS Manchester vs. Milford**

#### **Game 1**

Freedom..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 5 0

Dogfish..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 - 2 3 1

W: Neshek (1-0), L: B. Parker (0-1)

HRs: Zunino (1), Bellinger (1), K. Suzuki (1)

Milford Dogfish broke the deadlock in their last at bats, pulling out a 2 to 1 win over the Manchester Freedom and sending their hometown fans home smiling.

The game was won by Milford when they scored a run in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> inning. Kurt Suzuki smashed a solo-shot out of the park making Milford the winners and sending the 49,789 fans home happy. Milford had only 3 hits for the day.

The win was credited to Pat Neshek who went 1/3 of an inning allowing no runs. Blake Parker was hit with the loss in relief.

**Milford leads 1-0**

#### **Game 2**

Freedom..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 5 0

Dogfish..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 X - 1 3 0

W: deGrom (1-0), S: Neshek (1), L: Scherzer (0-1)

HR: Puig (1)

Jacob deGrom and Max Scherzer dueled it out with deGrom and the Milford Dogfish coming out on top of the Manchester Freedom by the score of 1 to 0.

Manchester pitcher Scherzer gave up the game's only run in the bottom of the 2nd inning. The early run support proved sufficient for deGrom and Milford. That was all the run support deGrom required. Pat Neshek was perfect in relief and got the save, his 2nd. **Milford leads 2-0**

### Game 3

**Dogfish..... 0 0 1 1 0 0 2 2 3 - 9 10 0**

**Freedom..... 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 - 2 2 0**

W: Greinke (1-0), L: Petit (0-1)

HR: Betts (1), N.Cruz (1)

Alex Bregman hit 2 doubles and had 2 RBI and Zack Greinke delivered 6 and one third solid innings as the Milford Dogfish defeated the Manchester Freedom 9 to 2 at Freedom Dome.

Manchester was unable to recover after Milford went ahead in the 7th inning as they scored 2 runs on 2 base hits. The biggest moment was provided by Mookie Betts who disappointed the partisan crowd when he lifted one out of the park for a two run home run. Manchester was out-hit by Milford, 10 hits to 2.

Greinke allowed 2 runs in 6 and 1/3 innings, and picked up the victory. The losing pitcher was Yusmeiro Petit in relief. He pitched 1 inning allowing 2 hits and no walks.

**Milford leads 3-0**

### Game 4

**Dogfish..... 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 - 2 6 1**

**Freedom..... 4 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 X - 5 10 0**

W: Verlander (1-0), L: Carrasco (0-1)

HR: Zunino (2)

Catcher Mike Zunino added four ribbies to his seasonal total with one swing of the bat as the Manchester Freedom defeated the Milford Dogfish by the score of 5 to 2 at Freedom Dome.

Zunino enjoyed a big day at the plate. He launched a rocket-shot out of the park for a Grand Slam homerun in the 1st inning, stroked a base-hit in the 5th inning and delivered a one-base hit in the 8th inning. Milford was retired without difficulty in the 9th.

Justin Verlander got credit for the victory, pitching 5 and 2/3 innings and allowing 2 runs. Carlos Carrasco was the losing pitcher. Although losing the contest, he whiffed 11 batters in 6 and 1/3 innings.

**Milford leads 3-1**

### Game 5

**Dogfish..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 4 - 7 14 0**

**Freedom..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 2 4 0**

W: Swarzak (1-0), L: Scherzer (0-2)

HR: Conforto (1), Correa (1), Cain (1)

Michael Conforto connected with a 'big fly' and had 2 RBI at Freedom Dome where the Milford Dogfish beat the Manchester Freedom by the score of 7 to 2.

Milford jumped on top of Manchester in the 7th inning plating 2 runs utilizing 3 base hits. Conforto opened up the inning nicely when he doubled. After an out was recorded, Carlos Correa stepped up to the plate and he clubbed a two-run home run. Milford had 14 hits for the afternoon while Manchester had 4.

Anthony Swarzak went 2 and 1/3 innings allowing no runs for the victory. Max Scherzer suffered the loss. He got hammered, allowing 10 hits and 3 walks in 7 and 2/3 innings.

**Milford Wins the series 4-1**

### Summary

Congratulations to Dante on a fantastic debut. Did a great job prepping his team for a playoff run. I definitely had the better of the rolls, and timely hitting.

Keys to the series:

- Containing the top of Manchester's order: Bryant, Blackmon, & Cruz, 5 for 49.
- The Kurt Suzuki lead off game winning pinch hit HR, Game 1, bottom of the ninth.
- Milford Hitting: 0.229 batting average, 6 HR
- Milford Pitching: 2.05 ERA, 26 H, 4 HR, 14 BB, 45 K
- Manchester Hitting: 0.173 batting average, 26 H, 4 HR
- Manchester Pitching: 4.40 ERA, 36 H, 6 HR, 23 BB, 48 K
- Bregman: 0.375, 3 Doubles, 3 BB, 4 RBI
- Conforto: 0.375, 2 2B, 1 HR, 5 BB, 2 RBI
- J. deGrom: 9 IP, 6 H, 2 BB, 12 K
- Zunino: 0.385, 2 HR, 6 RBI
- Scherzer: 15.67 IP, 13 H, 3 HR, 4 BB, 22 K

Milford moves onto their 8th world series appearance, awaiting the winner of the AS v TX match up.

## NLCS Allyn Street vs. Taxachusett

### Game 1 Cashner (11-5 3.43) vs. Fulmer (19-7 3.77)

The Allyn St. 89ERS put 4 runs on the scoreboard in the 3rd inning and easily topped the Taxachusett Chiefs; the final score was 9 to 2.

Allyn St. had 4 runs cross the plate in the top of the 3rd inning when they came up with 5 base hits. That early run support was enough for Andrew Cashner(1-0) and Allyn St. Overall Allyn St. out-hit Taxachusett 13 to 9.

Michael Fulmer(0-1) was the losing pitcher. Allyn St. scored big getting 5 runs off him in 2 innings.

89ERS..... 0 1 4 0 0 0 3 0 1 - 9 13 0  
Chiefs..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 2 9 1  
HOME RUNS- J.Martinez(1st), Z.Coartz(1st), A.Judge(1st)

### Game 2 Chacin (11-8 3.79) vs. Gonzalez (17-10 4.36)

In a close game the Taxachusett Chiefs got by the Allyn St. 89ERS by the score of 4 to 2.

Tachusett came through with the game-winning runs in the bottom of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning with 2 runs using 3 hits. Daniel Murphy got things going when he lofted a solo-blast 'downtown'. Mitch Haniger came next and he laced a base-hit. Joey Gallo then laced a single. Brad Brach then fired a sharp breaking ball that appeared to cross-up the catcher. In any event, it got by him and was ruled a passed ball scoring the final run of the inning. Taxachusett banged out 8 hits on the night.

The winning pitcher was Carl Edwards Jr(1-0) who allowed 1 run in 1 inning. Trevor Rosenthal was credited with his 2nd save. The loss was charged to Brach(0-1) in relief. Series tied at 1.

89ERS..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 - 2 7 0  
Chiefs..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 - 4 8 2  
HOME RUNS- J.Martinez(2nd), Z.Coartz(2nd), D.Murphy(1st)

### Game 3 Lynn (16-5 3.94) vs. Bauer (18-8 3.27)

In an entertaining game at The School Yard the final score was the Taxachusett Chiefs 6, the Allyn St. 89ERS 3.

Tachusett had the winning rally in the 8th inning plating 3 runs on 2 base hits. Zack Coartz led off and keyed the rally when he drew a walk. Jed Lowrie was the next batter, but he struck out. Aaron Judge then clubbed a two-run homerun. Logan Morrison was up next and he drew a walk. One out later, Daniel Murphy came to the plate and doubled scoring the final run of the inning. Taxachusett out-hit Allyn St. for the game, 12 hits to 8.

Darren O'Day(1-0) got the win allowing no runs in 2 and 2/3 innings. Trevor Rosenthal earned his 1st save. Shane Greene(0-1) took the loss in relief.

Chiefs..... 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 3 0 - 6 12 0  
89ERS..... 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 - 3 8 0  
HOME RUNS- A.Judge(1st), J.Gallo(1st)  
Taxachusett takes 2-1 lead.

### Game 4 Montgomery (13-4 3.71) vs. Pomeranz (16-8 3.28)

Daniel Murphy had 3 base hits and 2 RBI at The School Yard as the Taxachusett Chiefs beat the Allyn St. 89ERS 7 to 2.

Mike Montgomery(1-0) was solid if not spectacular. He allowed 6 hits and 6 walks in 6 innings. Taxachusett banged out 9 hits on the night.

Drew Pomeranz(0-1) was the losing pitcher. Despite taking the loss, he whiffed 10 batters in 7 innings.

Chiefs..... 2 2 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 - 7 9 0  
89ERS..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 2 8 1  
HOME RUNS- J.Martinez(3rd), J.McCann(1st)  
Taxachusett leads series 3-1

### Game 5 Fulmer (0-1) vs. Cashner (1-0)

Andrew Cashner threw a 2 hit shutout and Josh Reddick had 3 base hits and 2 RBI as the Allyn St. 89ERS topped the Taxachusett Chiefs by a score of 7 to 0 at The School Yard.

Cashner(2-0) simply dominated Taxachusett. He allowed just 2 hits and 2 walks in 9 innings. Allyn St. banged out 10 hits on the night. Michael Fulmer(0-2) was the losing pitcher. He was knocked around by Allyn St., allowing 6 hits and 4 walks in 3 and 2/3 innings.

Chiefs..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 2 0  
89ERS..... 0 0 0 5 0 2 0 0 - 7 10 0  
HOME RUNS- E.Rosario(1st)  
Taxachusett leads series 3-2

### **Game 6 Chacin (0-0) vs. Gonzalez (0-0)**

Third baseman Pat Valaika launched 2 homeruns and had 3 RBI as the Allyn St. 89ERS bested the Taxachusetts Chiefs in 10 innings 7 to 6 at War Mem. Coliseum.

The score was knotted at 6 after nine innings. Allyn St. was victorious in the 10th inning. After an out was recorded, Valaika delivered a solo blast. It was roller coaster of a game as the lead change hands 5 times.

Alex Colome(1-0) was the winner allowing no runs in 1 and 2/3 innings. Trevor Rosenthal(0-1) was hit with the loss in relief. He pitched 1 inning and surrendered 1 hit and 1 walk.

89ERS..... 1 0 0 3 2 0 0 0 0 1 - 7 12 0

Chiefs..... 0 4 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 - 6 8 0

HOME RUNS- J.Martinez(4th), P.Valaika-2(2nd), J.Gallo(2nd), C.Iannetta(1st)

Series tied at 3.

### **Game 7 Bauer (0-0) vs. Lynn (0-0)**

J.D. Martinez blasted 2 homeruns and had 3 RBI as the Allyn St. 89ERS really laid it on the Taxachusetts Chiefs 13 to 1.

Martinez enjoyed a big evening at the plate. He delivered a solo blast in the 1st inning, blasted a two-run home run in the 3rd inning, laced a base-knock in the 6th inning and lined a one-base hit in the 8th inning. Overall Allyn St. out-hit Taxachusetts 16 to 7.

Trevor Bauer(1-0) got the win allowing 1 run in 5 innings. Lance Lynn(1-1) took the loss. He was touched for 6 hits and 2 walks in 3 and 1/3 innings.

'I just got in the box, looked for a pitch and swung,' Martinez said. 'That's it'

Allyn Street comes back down 3-1 to take the NLCS.

89ERS..... 1 0 2 5 1 0 0 4 0 - 13 16 1

Chiefs..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 7 2

HOME RUNS- J.Martinez-2(6th), J.Reddick(1st)

### **MVP - JD Martinez .384, 9R, 6HR, 9RBI and 8BB.**

Congrats to Bud on a great season. After Bud went up 3-1 all the rolls went my way.

Next up the World Series vs. Milford!

### **2018 –FBN CALENDAR of EVENTS**

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 1. 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 30<sup>th</sup> – 1. GM's report their winter rosters to Bob Figella by 8pm.

December – Enjoy the holidays!

## **Transactions:**

1. NH trades Marco Estrada to BR for Brandon Guyer.
2. After the World Series Dreamers will receive Charlie Blackmon and will cut Andres Blanco to get to 40-man limit.
3. Milford Receives: BB #1, BB #2, BB #3. Burlington Receives: LV #1, J. Polanco, WS #3.
4. California trades Scooter Gennett (Cin) to Lake Wobegon for Tommy Pham (TB-IL) and Kevan Smith (ChiA).  
\*R.A. Dickey announces his retirement to drop Dreamers roster to 40.

### **2019 DRAFT ORDER:**

(1) US Jarheads (2) California (3) New Hampshire (4) Yorktown (5) Burlington (6) Urpaign (7) Alpharetta (8) Louisville (9) Klee's (10) Norwich (11) Arsenal (12) New England (13) Illinois (14) Connecticut (15) Wall Street\* (16) Maine (17) Hotlanta (18) Baton Rouge (19) Lake Wobegon (20) Hazardville (21) Allyn Street (22) Taxachusetts (23) Manchester (24) Milford. \*Wall Street with the better road record breaks the tie with Maine for 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 2019 –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 & draft picks 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 alphabetically.
- Feb 8 - Estimated Opening Day at SOM.
- Feb 12 - 1. Protected rosters and final draft order will be on the website and emailed to the GM's.  
2. GM's mail draft instructions and the phone number that they will be used on draft day to the commissioner by. Mark the envelope "DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS". This envelope will only be opened at the draft if for some reason you cannot be reached. Mail instructions even if you plan on being at the draft in person. \*The only email draft instructions that will be accepted is "Use Lamana's". Any other method must be by USMail. \*This is new. Last year it became confusing for me to try and save emails. At the draft I will give the unopened AL letters to Ed and the unopened NL letters to Bob.
- Feb 21 - 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 24 -1. Draft Day 2019.** 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 26 - Draft results to be on the website for the GM's.
- Feb 27 - 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.

**Minus Bonus Points:** None

**YTD –BP's:** AL 4 ½, YA 3, AG 3 1/2, WS 2 ½, CT 2, NE 1, BB 1, MF ½, LV ½, HT ½.