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Commissioners notes:

I'm always looking for guess writers. If you have anything that you would like to include in the newsletter feel free to email it to me. Without guess writers I'll be taking things off league emails and making up a new twist on them.

In a recent series:

At Jim Bouton Field, Wall Street infected the Klub. Some say the Klub has been infected since the days of the Hilltoppers!

In game 2 of the series the Barons got 4 homers and 10 runs. Manager Rutka refuses to accept Klubber manager Ralph Kramden's white flag of surrender. "I wanted the mercy rule to take effect, said Kramden. "Like heck, said Rutka. The Barons aren't going to have many games like this. We're playing all 9 innings."

Game 3 Wall Street continued its long balling ways with 3 more homers in a 9-5 laugh.

He who laughs last laughs the loudest.

Kramden tells his klub before the game "If you turkeys don't show some fight in the finale of this series you can forget eating at the buffet after the game. Lead by GM and Owner for Life Klee, the Klubbers kicked ass erupting for 10 runs in the 3rd innings. "We wanted to be sure that Kramden didn't kick over that buffet table so we wanted to score early", said Klee. "I can taste the food already", was parting words as he left the dugout before the end of the game so he could be first in line. Final score, Klee five sandwiches. Oh, the game KK 12 WS 0.

At Louisville: The River Bandits hit 17 homers in their opening series against Arsenal. Is this a record for a 4 game series? This in a ballpark that is just 1-8 for LHB and 1-9 for RHB. Will this be broken at Field of Dreams or at the Freedom Dome or at War Memorial Coliseum home of the Blue Dwarf or even at Kate Elizabeth Park?

At Lake Wobegon: In a time of homeruns and big offensive scores the Whippets and the Dreamers in their 4 game series decided to have two shutouts! On game one the Whippets shutout the Dramers 2-0. In game three the Dreamers returned the favor by shutting out the Whippets 6-0. Maybe there is some good pitching still in the FBN.

Looking back over the last 20 years.

The 89'ERS started the 2000's with an 81-81 record. During the first 20 seasons we had only 5 losing seasons. Our first was in 2001 at 80-82. We had back to back losing seasons in 2005 (76-86) and in 2006 (70-92). Back to back losing seasons happened again in 2014 (63-99) and 2015 (65-97). In 2015 we ended up dead last. In the first twenty seasons of 2000 we only finished in the second division four times.

We've had 14 winning seasons in the 2000's. Eight of those seasons we won over 100 games. Even with the eight seasons of 100 plus wins, we only managed to come in first place three times. We finished second eight times. It seemed we would be the bridesmaid but not the bride. Our best winning season came in 2011 when we won 110 games. We lost the NLCS to Taxachusetts in 5 games.

We did win one World Series in the last 20 years. It was in 2018 when we got back at Taxachusetts. The Chief had finished in first place with 105 wins while we finished in our customary second place with 104 wins. We came back in the NLCS down 3 games to 1 to beat Taxachusetts and move on to the World Series. In the World Series down 3 games to 2 we came back to beat Milford for our second World Series and the first since 1995.

In 2019 we finally game in first place and won the National League regular season. But, in the playoffs we lost to the US Jarheads. The Jarheads did go on to win the World Series but that did not make me feel any better.

To be continued.....looking forward.

Softball at W. Harry Pavillion?

After playing two games at Kate Elizabeth Park, Maine and the Jarheads moved to W. Harry Pavillion to play indoors. Using a "new" orange ball, one that Charlie Finley introduced back in 1970, the Yaks and the Jarheads got underway. "I don't like the feel of the ball," said USJ starter Miles Mikolas. No sooner said Mikolas went out and allowed 7 runs in the first inning to the Yaks. In the bottom of the first inning, since the Yaks had torn the cover off the ball in the top of the inning, EB Green was used to recover the ball. Even with the taped ball the Jarheads were able to come back with 5 runs of their own. They continued with the taped ball and the final score was USJ 15 MY 10.

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Milford Dogfish	7 - 1	.875	----	3 - 1	.750	4 - 0	1.000	3/13
2	California Dreamers	4 - 0	1.000	1	4 - 0	1.000	0 - 0	---	3/8
3	Lake Wobegon Whippets	5 - 3	.625	2	5 - 3	.625	0 - 0	---	3/11
4	Louisville River Bandits	5 - 3	.625	2	1 - 3	.250	4 - 0	1.000	3/11
5	New Hampshire Hogs	2 - 2	.500	3	0 - 0	---	2 - 2	.500	3/8
6	Urpaign Dragons	5 - 7	.417	4	4 - 4	.500	1 - 3	.250	3/14
7	Alpharetta Aces	0 - 4	.000	5	0 - 4	.000	0 - 0	---	3/11
8	Arsenal Gunners	0 - 4	.000	5	0 - 0	---	0 - 4	.000	3/11
9	Hotlanta Possums	0 - 4	.000	5	0 - 0	---	0 - 4	.000	3/8
10	Atlanta Senators	0 - 0	----	0	0 - 0	---	0 - 0	---	----
11	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	0 - 0	----	0	0 - 0	---	0 - 0	---	----
12	Yorktown Admirals	0 - 0	----	0	0 - 0	---	0 - 0	---	----

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	US Jarheads	6 - 2	.750	----	6 - 2	.750	0 - 0	---	3/12
2	Klee's Klubbers	2 - 2	.500	2	2 - 2	.500	0 - 0	---	3/11
3	Allyn Street 89ERS	4 - 4	.500	2	1 - 3	.250	3 - 1	.750	3/13
4	Maine Yaks	4 - 4	.500	2	0 - 0	---	4 - 4	.500	3/13
5	Wall Street Barons	3 - 5	.375	3	1 - 3	.250	2 - 2	.500	3/11
6	Burlington Buccaneers	1 - 3	.250	3	0 - 0	---	1 - 3	.250	3/8
7	Connecticut Blue Devils	0 - 0	----	0	0 - 0	---	0 - 0	---	----
8	Hazardville Powderkegs	0 - 0	----	0	0 - 0	---	0 - 0	---	----
9	Illinois Prairie Dogs	0 - 0	----	0	0 - 0	---	0 - 0	---	----
10	New England Angels	0 - 0	----	0	0 - 0	---	0 - 0	---	----
11	Norwich Navigators	0 - 0	----	0	0 - 0	---	0 - 0	---	----
12	Taxachusetts Chiefs	0 - 0	----	0	0 - 0	---	0 - 0	---	----

TRANSACTIONS:

1. None

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1. Follow the chart at the bottom of your team schedule.
2. Dues month July.

Minus Bonus Points: none

Year to Date: none