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**Commissioners notes:** As long as I can find things to put into a newsletter I'll try to get out as many as I can during this time of no other sporting events.

<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Milford Dogfish	15 - 1	.938	----	7 - 1	.875	8 - 0	1.000	3/19
2	California Dreamers	12 - 4	.750	3	7 - 1	.875	5 - 3	.625	3/21
3	New Hampshire Hogs	9 - 3	.750	4	7 - 1	.875	2 - 2	.500	3/18
4	Louisville River Bandits	8 - 4	.667	5	4 - 0	1.000	4 - 4	.500	3/20
5	Alpharetta Aces	7 - 5	.583	6	7 - 5	.583	0 - 0	---	3/21
6	Hotlanta Possums	6 - 6	.500	7	0 - 0	---	6 - 6	.500	3/18
7	Urpaign Dragons	8 - 8	.500	7	4 - 4	.500	4 - 4	.500	3/20
8	Lake Wobegon Whippets	8 - 8	.500	7	5 - 3	.625	3 - 5	.375	3/17
9	Yorktown Admirals	2 - 6	.250	9	1 - 3	.250	1 - 3	.250	3/19
10	Arsenal Gunners	3 - 9	.250	10	3 - 1	.750	0 - 8	.000	3/18
11	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	3 - 9	.250	10	3 - 5	.375	0 - 4	.000	3/20
12	Atlanta Senators	0 - 12	.000	13	0 - 8	.000	0 - 4	.000	3/18

<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	US Jarheads	10 - 2	.833	----	6 - 2	.750	4 - 0	1.000	3/17
2	Taxachusetts Chiefs	10 - 2	.833	----	7 - 1	.875	3 - 1	.750	3/18
3	Connecticut Blue Devils	4 - 4	.500	4	4 - 4	.500	0 - 0	---	3/19
4	Illinois Prairie Dogs	4 - 4	.500	4	4 - 4	.500	0 - 0	---	3/21
5	Allyn Street 89ERS	10 - 10	.500	4	4 - 4	.500	6 - 6	.500	3/21
6	Burlington Buccaneers	10 - 10	.500	4	4 - 4	.500	6 - 6	.500	4/1
7	Klee's Klubbers	8 - 8	.500	4	2 - 2	.500	6 - 6	.500	3/19
8	New England Angels	5 - 7	.417	5	0 - 4	.000	5 - 3	.625	3/21
9	Hazardville Powderkegs	5 - 7	.417	5	3 - 5	.375	2 - 2	.500	3/19
10	Norwich Navigators	3 - 5	.375	5	1 - 3	.250	2 - 2	.500	3/21
11	Wall Street Barons	8 - 12	.400	6	3 - 5	.375	5 - 7	.417	3/17
12	Maine Yaks	7 - 13	.350	7	3 - 5	.375	4 - 8	.333	3/21

### **In some recent series:**

#### **At the Freedom Dome:**

The Atlanta Senators got attacked by Possums! "They looked so cute just lying there," said Dante Handel. "Who knew?" The Possums were playing dead trailing 6-4 going into the 9<sup>th</sup> but plated 8 runs for a 12-6 win. From that point on it was nothing but ugly. Possums win 9-5, 18-9, & 14-4. "Don't mess with a sleeping Possum. You may wake up a sleeping giant," said Jim Jalutkewicz.

The teams combined for 21 HR's in the series. A written request from the pitcher's union was sent to the Commissioner's office complaining about the baseballs. "It seems as if the balls are larger this year. They sure are traveling farther," said Senator pitcher Glenn Sparkman.

**Taxachusetts was taxed at Hazardville.** The Chiefs, Travis D'Arnaud slammed 2 homeruns and had 6 RBI in game one. Marcus Semien had 4 hits, one a Grand Slam in game two. After scoring 23 runs in the first two games, the Chiefs were so taxed out that they could only mustard 1 run in game 3. But, not to worry. The Chiefs Marcus Semien did wake up in time for game 4. He had a 2-run homer and 3 RBI to finish off a 10-6 win. Don't mess with the Tax-Man!

#### **More Proof – Not to mess with the Tax-Man.**

Taxachusetts Chiefs broke the bank. That's right. Blame them for the run on Wall Street! They wait until a very crucial time to blow the market up as Kris Bryant who thrilled the crowd when he cleared the bases with a Grand Slam homerun in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> in a tied game. If that wasn't bad enough, they again attack the market and they again had an easy time of defeating the Wall St. It's a Bull market for everyone except the Chiefs. As if the market had not dropped enough the Chiefs teasingly wait for another stock bargain. They find one in the 13<sup>th</sup> inning of a game when Anthony Rizzo delivered the "buy option" solo HR. "This sure looks like a run on the market to me," said George Bailey.

#### **At Arsenal:**

Gunners enter the series 0-8, representing the worst start in franchise history. Gunners used the bean ball to knock several key Whippets out for long stretches of the series, and test Manager Ferguson's line up shuffling ability. "The key to the series was don't score first," said Dean Morris

#### **At New England:**

Another football game? USJ 22 NE 9. Nine home runs, two by USJ's Ronald Acuna. "Home run records will fall this season," said USJ manager Jeff Kent. Paul Goldschmidt went 7 for 7 in a 9 inning game. FBN record?

#### **Wall Street Barons first to complete block I**

More football in the FBN BB 20 WS 11. Bucs 21 Hs, 10 BBs, 2 HBP & 2 WS E's. (But BB missed a PAT.)

After WS beat BB 1-0 in game three Bucs losing pitcher, Joe Musgrove was heard protesting to his teammates, "What happened with you guys who scored 20 in game 1? Don't you like me, said Musgrove.

Wall Street split the series to finish the block at 8-12. Mgr Earl Weaver, "Smoke & mirrors for this squad to Win 8."

Of note - awaiting stats from IPD series Mike Ford thru 16 gms 16 AB 9H 7 HRs 18 rbi !!!! 2 GS 1875

#### **Califorina:**

Mgr. Simonuti was asked about the Dreamers. "We're off to 12-4 start, currently we have outscored opponents 92-43 and outhomered opponent 28-11." Said Simonuti. "Can this last? We sure hope so." Morton at 4-0 1.75 after 4 starts, and Howie Kendrick has 7 HR in 43 ab to open season.

#### **Maine:**

Mgr. Barry Shanks was interviewed after a recent game with the Angels. "Mama said there'd be games like this," said Shanks. Angels? More like devils or hornets." "We couldn't stop 'em." The full fury of the Angels attack punishes hapless Gibson, and three relievers 19-4. We are not sure what Shanks said as he was mumbling to himself as he hit the showers.

#### **Hotlanta:**

After a long road trip of 12 games to start the season Hotlanta held its home opener Saturday, hosting Yorktown. Adrian Beltre threw out the first pitch. Beltre had his #29 jersey retired in pre-game ceremonies.

Game time and a player wearing number 92 who looked so much like Adrian Beltre was in the lineup for the Possums. This player wearing 92 tore up the Admirals as the Hotlanta took all 4 games. It did seem strange that after the series the player and the uniform could not be found.

Beltre played 21 seasons at 3B for the Possums. He is the all-time leader of many batting categories for Hotlanta: 11,301 AB, 3102 hits, 470 HR, 1682 RBI, 1585 runs, 656 doubles, 3105 games, 1838 K. Jim J. said that his bat and glove was not used against Yorktown. Really? I'm not sure.

### **Looking forward.**

Going into 2020 I believed it would be a rebuilding year. As soon as SOMW had the 2019 season and their Necromanager ready I put my players into the lineups. For a 24 team league the Necromanager gave me 87.8 wins. I decided that this would be just a so-so season and it was time to trade some key veteran players and to get the 89'ERS younger.

I traded our team Ace, Zack Greinke to New Hampshire for Masahiro Tanaka and NH#1 & NH#3 DP's of 2021. Next to go was Jose Iglesias and Joey Votto to California. In return the 89'ERS received Kevin Newman and CD3, 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 DP's. Then I shredded the bullpen trading Taylor Rogers, Junior Guerra, Reyes Moronta and AS#5 2020 DP to Louisville. The 89'ERS got back Jorge Alfaro, Kevin Gausman, Michael Wacha and LV#4 2020 and LV#2 in 2021. I wasn't done. David Freese had retired. 2020 would be his last season in the FBN. I had three teams interested. They all were offering a #5 DP of 2021. Connecticut stepped up and offered their #4 in 2021 and I took it. The final veteran to be traded was AJ Pollock. He went to California with CD#4 in 2021. We got back Jean Segura and CD#6 in 2021. With all the trading I went back to SOMW's Necromanager. With my new players my win total dropped to 86.6. Just a -1.2 difference. What? Well, the one thing that SOMW does not consider is the rest of my starting staff that I'll need to use to complete my season. I'll be using:  
Jhoulys Chacin - 113 innings and 6.01ERA  
Peter Lambert - 98 innings and 7.25ERS  
Patrick Sandoval - 43 innings and 5.03ERA  
Justus Sheffield - 42 innings and 5.50ER

Well I'll have to wait until the season is over to find out if I did the right thing by making all those trades. One way or the other, I'm going to be enjoying another fun seaspn in the FBN!

### **TRANSACTIONS:**

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## **2020 –FBN CALENDAR of EVENTS**

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

**Minus Bonus Points:** none

**Year to Date:** none