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**Commissioners notes:** Standings, more stuff added onto your stuff and during last week we welcomed Kenny Yanefski to the FBN as our newest backup member. Kenny is 53 and lives in Quincy, MA. [kenn5397@comcast.net](mailto:kenn5397@comcast.net)

## **Stuck home – By Roland Klee**

Stuck home trying to avoid the ‘Rona so I’m transcribing a journal I kept through the ‘80s:

Wed. Feb. 10, 1982

I got home from another night meeting at 9:00 and found my new set of Strat-O-Matic cards at the doorstep. Of course, I had to inspect each and every one of them. I am a fanatic. As usual, the Mets look terrible. It wasn’t until 2:00 that I finally went to bed, which isn’t exactly the greatest thing for my cold.

Thurs. Feb. 11, 1982

I was right. That late night last night killed me. I was going great guns until after lunch when during a meeting with Dean Lovelace, I felt a tremendous urge to put up my feet and doze off right during our conversation. I left work fifteen minutes early and took a nap immediately. All of which prevented me from devoting enough time to cleaning up the place for my mother’s arrival tomorrow evening. (Editor’s note: Roland cleaning? Isn’t that an oxymoron?)

Have a great 3<sup>rd</sup> block,  
Roland

| <b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b> |                            |         |      |        |         |          |         |          |             |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------|------|--------|---------|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| place                  | Team                       | W - L   | pct  | gb     | home    | home pct | away    | away pct | last update |
| 1                      | Milford Dogfish            | 38 - 6  | .864 | ----   | 18 - 6  | .750     | 20 - 0  | 1.000    | 5/1         |
| 2                      | Hotlanta Possums           | 28 - 16 | .636 | 10     | 14 - 6  | .700     | 14 - 10 | .583     | 5/1         |
| 3                      | California Dreamers        | 31 - 20 | .608 | 10 1/2 | 17 - 7  | .708     | 14 - 13 | .519     | 5/1         |
| 4                      | New Hampshire Hogs         | 26 - 18 | .591 | 12     | 15 - 9  | .625     | 11 - 9  | .550     | 5/1         |
| 5                      | Louisville River Bandits   | 23 - 21 | .523 | 15     | 9 - 11  | .450     | 14 - 10 | .583     | 5/1         |
| 6                      | Alpharetta Aces            | 24 - 22 | .522 | 15     | 17 - 9  | .654     | 7 - 13  | .350     | 5/1         |
| 7                      | Lake Wobegon Whippets      | 20 - 24 | .455 | 18     | 11 - 13 | .458     | 9 - 11  | .450     | 5/1         |
| 8                      | Yorktown Admirals          | 20 - 24 | .455 | 18     | 10 - 10 | .500     | 10 - 14 | .417     | 5/1         |
| 9                      | Baton Rouge Silver Bullets | 19 - 31 | .380 | 22     | 8 - 12  | .400     | 11 - 19 | .367     | 5/1         |
| 10                     | Arsenal Gunners            | 15 - 29 | .341 | 23     | 6 - 14  | .300     | 9 - 15  | .375     | 5/1         |
| 11                     | Urpaign Dragons            | 15 - 29 | .341 | 23     | 9 - 15  | .375     | 6 - 14  | .300     | 5/1         |
| 12                     | Atlanta Senators           | 10 - 34 | .227 | 28     | 7 - 17  | .292     | 3 - 17  | .150     | 5/1         |

**Abbott or Castello for Block 3 in Yorktown?** Yorktown went 17-7 in Block #2. A huge improvement from its 3-17 start. “The team won a lot of low scoring close games,” said Scott Hamel. Leading the way was Walker Buehler going 5-0 for the block and its bullpen (Oberg, Pressly, Lorenzen & Neris). The Admiral losses were blowouts. “What team will show up for block 3? Will we play it straight or will we be a clown,” said Hamel. Time will tell.

**Hot in Hotlanta:** “After splitting our series with Lake Wobegon earlier this week, we need some relief. I’m not spelling it “R-o-l-a-i-d-s,” said Mgr. Jalukewicz. At 28-16 overall the team record is in good shape but the bullpen staff is another question. “Two of the games with LW were extra innings. That makes 11 extra inning affairs for us,” said Jalukewicz “That’s in just 44 games, 1 out 4 for the season. The bullpen is burnt out. We need i-n-n-i-n-g-s!”

**Busy at the Lake:** “I meant to send out a more complete report before this news conference but I haven't had the time the last couple of days,” said GM Ferguson. “I’ve been scouting our triple AAA team the Racers for some pitchers. Suffice it to say that 4 "Pitchers", that’s saying a lot, from the Whippets will find themselves demoted to AAA for the upcoming block. It would be more if we had more with the Racers. We’re still trying to actually win games up here,” said Ferguson. The Racers are 14-22. No starter has an ERA under 5. Four relievers have done well, Brandon Brennan (1.23), Michael Feliz (2.57), Jarlin Garcia (2.00) and Kyle Hendricks (0.00). Hendricks has 3 saves and 15K’s in 8 innings of relieve. Ferguson said at his news conference that if Hendricks gets the call, he’ll be used in the rotation.

| NATIONAL LEAGUE |                         |         |      |        |         |          |         |          |             |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|------|--------|---------|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| place           | Team                    | W - L   | pct  | gb     | home    | home pct | away    | away pct | last update |
| 1               | US Jarheads             | 35 - 12 | .745 | ----   | 23 - 4  | .852     | 12 - 8  | .600     | 5/1         |
| 2               | Taxachusetts Chiefs     | 29 - 15 | .659 | 4 1/2  | 16 - 8  | .667     | 13 - 7  | .650     | 5/1         |
| 3               | Burlington Buccaneers   | 29 - 18 | .617 | 6      | 16 - 7  | .696     | 13 - 11 | .542     | 5/1         |
| 4               | Norwich Navigators      | 26 - 18 | .591 | 7 1/2  | 10 - 10 | .500     | 16 - 8  | .667     | 5/1         |
| 5               | Connecticut Blue Devils | 25 - 19 | .568 | 8 1/2  | 11 - 13 | .458     | 14 - 6  | .700     | 5/1         |
| 6               | New England Angels      | 20 - 24 | .455 | 13 1/2 | 11 - 13 | .458     | 9 - 11  | .450     | 5/1         |
| 7               | Allyn Street 89ERS      | 22 - 27 | .449 | 14     | 11 - 12 | .478     | 11 - 15 | .423     | 5/1         |
| 8               | Illinois Prairie Dogs   | 19 - 25 | .432 | 14 1/2 | 10 - 10 | .500     | 9 - 15  | .375     | 5/1         |
| 9               | Klee's Klubbers         | 18 - 26 | .409 | 15 1/2 | 9 - 11  | .450     | 9 - 15  | .375     | 5/1         |
| 10              | Hazardville Powderkegs  | 18 - 26 | .409 | 15 1/2 | 13 - 11 | .542     | 5 - 15  | .250     | 5/1         |
| 11              | Maine Yaks              | 16 - 28 | .364 | 17 1/2 | 9 - 11  | .450     | 7 - 17  | .292     | 5/1         |
| 12              | Wall Street Barons      | 14 - 30 | .318 | 19 1/2 | 7 - 13  | .350     | 7 - 17  | .292     | 5/1         |

**Ice Hockey Line Shift in Norwich:** The Navigators or holding fast to the last playoff spot in the NL. “We’re holding our own but we do have some problem areas to address before we travel to the powerful AL if we hope to keep pace,” said MGR John McGraw. McGraw said that he has had enough of CF A. Hicks (.105 avg, .497 OPS) and A. Avilia (.220 avg, albeit with an .847 OPS). “It’s time to see what the younger talent in the form of V. Reyes and Z. Collins can do for us.” Collins will give New England a taste of what they’ll from him next season. Jordan Zimmerman, former staff ace, is also getting his chance to contribute. He’ll be replacing Chris Paddack in the rotation. Paddack, who has owned a 1.03 WHIP, but has had trouble with the pen blowing his starts will be rested. On that note, Aroldis Chapman showed up to practice; arm-curlled everything in sight, and said he’s ready to go. “I’m happy to be in a playoff race again,” said Chapman. Unnoticed by the media, Miles Straw continues to get ready, hoping for his chance to make an impact soon.

**School Yard:** Veteran Jose Ramirez has not let his slumping average (.200) effective his defense. Ramirez has made only one error this season. He’s played in all but on game and has the second highest number of at bats on the team (150). He also leads the team in doubles (12). GM George Weiss and Mgr. Casey Stengel have talked it over with Ramirez and Ramirez will be going to West Broad Street for Block 3. “We feel Jose needs to work on his timing. Let him face some minor league pitching. He’ll be ready to come back for block 4 and we hope he’ll have his bat catch fire by then,” said Weiss. Replacing Ramirez will be West Broad Street third baseman Ty France. France is batting .198 with 1D, 1T and 4HR’s. Also being sent down to the Insurancemen is Mauricio Dubon. Dubon was batting .194 in limited action. The 89ERS will be replacing their entire bullpen for block 3. “Every one of them has been over used”, said Casey. Coming up from AAA will be Michael Wacha (2-2, 3.87), Jerad Elckhoff (1-1, 4.84), Evan Phillips (2-1, 3.47 with 31K’s

in 23IP), Patrick Sandoval (1-0, 3.66, 33K's in 26IP), Jose Alvarez (1-0-1, 2.60), Alex Claudio (0-0-1) and Keone Kela (0-1-4, 4.15). "Never in our history have we ever had a need like this before," said GM Weiss. The Insurancemen are in last place at 18-25, 9.5 games behind Dayton and New England.

**ALL-TIME TEAM LEADER LIST:** JD Martinez passed Edgar Martinez with his 468<sup>th</sup> RBI. That RBI tied him with Shane Mack for 8<sup>th</sup> place. He passed Mack and now stands at 470, 10 behind Mike Lowell.

**Vacationing at Parris Island?** Manager Jeff Kent and GM's Bill and Harry Nieman have the US Jarheads moving into Inter-league play without the best part of their pitching staff. When asked about it Kent said "Relievers Jandel Gustav 2-0-2, 0.47 and Casey Sadler 2-2-1, 2.61 are headed to Parris Island for some much needed R&R. I talked with Bill and Harry and we decided to send them south for an extended stay and we don't expect them back on the USJ Major League roster until the final block of the season." "At P.I. we have capable arms," said Bill Nieman. "Ryan Brasier (1-2-5) with 16K's in 13.1 innings, David Hale 0-3-2) with 18K's in 15 IP, Yoshihisa Hirano (0-0-1) and Kelvin Herrera (0-0-5) with 19K in 16.1 IP." Harry Nieman agreed, "They will be competing to replace, Gustav and Sadler."

Nieman's said that the Jarheads two best Starting Pitchers are also headed to P.I. Jordan Lyles 6-0, 3.95 and Brandon Woodruff 6-1, 3.29. "We expect them to miss both Blocks of Inter-League play," said the GM's. Call ups to fill out the Rotation vs the AL will be Colin McHugh (3-4) 55 K's in 43IP and Waiver Wire selection Drew Verhagen (2-2) with 21K's in 19IP. The Parris Island Maggots are 20-22.

**Ask Roland about his Klub:** The Klub in all its glory? It's the Brootality of it all!

### **TRANSACTIONS:**

1. Illinois Receives: C. Carrasco, MD #4 and Milford Receives: T. Gott, IL #3.

### **FBN MINOR LEAGUE GAME**

#### **A wild one in Atlanta**

##### **WALL ST. AT ATLANTA**

Bankers..... 0 0 0 3 0 2 0 0 11 - 16 20 0  
Politicians..... 0 0 4 6 0 2 0 2 0 - 14 21 1  
Win:Boxberger(2-1) Loss:McFarland(2-1) Save:Urias(9th)  
Homeruns- L.Voit(6th), K.Cron-3(14th), C.Frazier(10th), N.Senzel(11th)

Designated hitter Kevin Cron rocketed 3 homeruns and Julio Urias closed the door on Atlanta as the Wall St. Bankers staged a dramatic comeback over the floundering Atlanta Politicians by a score of 16 to 14 at Freedom Dome.

The Bankers put a big number on the board in the top of the 9th inning, which proved too much for the Politicians to overcome as they showed no mercy on Atlanta blasting them for 8 hits and plating 11 runs. The biggest moment was provided by Cron who deflated the spirits of the home town crowd when he depressed the partisan hometown fans with a grand slam home run. Wall St. kept the scorekeepers busy in the 9th inning when they had 11 runs on 8 hits. Wall St. had 20 hits for the afternoon.

Brad Boxberger(2-1) went 1/3 of an inning allowing no runs for the victory. Boxberger got help from Urias who earned his 9th save. T.J. McFarland(2-1) was given the loss in relief. He gave up 3 runs and 3 hits in 1/3 of an inning.

'We just kept swinging the bats and didn't give up,' Joe Rutka said. 'If you just keep trying good things can happen! I just wish the Barons could play like this.'

#### **CONDENSED PLAY LOG**

TOP 1- Estrada-F, Vanmeter-W, Voit-F, CS(Vanmeter)  
BOT 1- Buxton-K, Tatis Jr-HBP, Davis-F, Sanchez-Do, Crawford-G  
TOP 2- Cron-K, Hiura-Si, Perez-K, Garcia-G  
BOT 2- Frazier-K, Riley-K, Senzel-W, Young-G  
TOP 3- Heineman-K, Brown-G, Estrada-K  
BOT 3- Buxton-L, Tatis Jr-K, Davis-Si, Sanchez-Si, Crawford-Si, Frazier-Si  
Riley-HBP, Senzel-Si, Young-G

TOP 4- Vanmeter-Si, Voit-HR, Cron-HR, Hiura-Si, Perez-Si, Garcia-K  
Heineman-Force, Brown-G  
BOT 4- Buxton-Si, Tatis Jr-Si, Davis-K, Sanchez-Si, Crawford-K, Frazier-HR  
Rodgers-Si, Senzel-HR, Young-Si, Buxton-G  
TOP 5- Estrada-Si, Vanmeter-K, Voit-K, Cron-Si, Hiura-G  
BOT 5- Tatis Jr-Si, Davis-K, Sanchez-F, Crawford-Si, Frazier-K  
TOP 6- Perez-Si, Garcia-P, WP, Heineman-Do, Brown-L, Estrada-Si, Vanmeter-K  
BOT 6- Rodgers-K, Senzel-Si, Young-Tr, Buxton-W, Tatis Jr-W, WP, Davis-W  
Sanchez-K, Crawford-K  
TOP 7- Voit-Si, Cron-K, Hiura-Force, Perez-G  
BOT 7- Frazier-F, Rodgers-W, Senzel-G-DP  
TOP 8- Garcia-F, Heineman-K, Brown-K  
BOT 8- Young-W, Buxton-Si, Tatis Jr-Si, PkOff, Davis-L, Sanchez-Si  
Crawford-K  
TOP 9- Estrada-Si, Vanmeter-W, Voit-Si, Cron-HR, Hiura-G, Perez-Si  
Garcia-E-SS, Heineman-W, Brown-SF, Estrada-Do, Ford-Si, SB(Bader)  
Voit-Do, Cron-HR, Hiura-K  
BOT 9- Frazier-Si, Lux-K, Senzel-K, Hicks-K

## **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**