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Note from Bob Figella: MID SEASON STATS

Please send in your 83 game report as soon as you complete the block. No need to hold it for submittal on July 1. For the mid-season report you need to send your complete team stats to Bob Figella. Please send the stats in an editable format or in the SOM game PRT file. This way I can manipulate for format so that it presents the best on the website. Please DO NOT send pdf files as I cannot edit them. The only other thing you need for your mid-season report is your standard 7/1 bi-weekly report which you may submit at the proper time. The team stat report does not need to match your bi-weekly report. In fact, we desire everyone's mid-season team stats are as close to 83 games as practical so that everyone can compare stats of equal games played. Thanks to everyone in advance and good luck with your games.

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Milford Dogfish	64 - 15	.810	----	30 - 10	.750	34 - 5	.872	6/15
2	California Dreamers	47 - 24	.662	13	26 - 8	.765	21 - 16	.568	6/15
3	Hotlanta Possums	49 - 30	.620	15	25 - 15	.625	24 - 15	.615	6/15
4	Louisville River Bandits	42 - 25	.627	16	16 - 12	.571	26 - 13	.667	6/15
5	New Hampshire Hogs	43 - 32	.573	19	21 - 13	.618	22 - 19	.537	6/15
6	Lake Wobegon Whippets	38 - 37	.507	24	22 - 18	.550	16 - 19	.457	6/15
7	Yorktown Admirals	40 - 43	.482	26	17 - 23	.425	23 - 20	.535	6/15
8	Alpharetta Aces	40 - 43	.482	26	24 - 16	.600	16 - 27	.372	6/15
9	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	29 - 46	.387	33	14 - 22	.389	15 - 24	.385	6/15
10	Arsenal Gunners	27 - 44	.380	33	13 - 19	.406	14 - 25	.359	6/15
11	Urpaign Dragons	32 - 51	.386	34	14 - 26	.350	18 - 25	.419	6/15
12	Atlanta Senators	24 - 59	.289	42	15 - 25	.375	9 - 34	.209	6/15



Sparky Anderson was talking with Johnny Bench about the Admirals. "They remind me of our '70 team", said Anderson. "Yeah, said Bench. They don't give up do they?" After losing 3 of 4 to New Hampshire, the Admirals bounced back going 2-2 vs HOT, and 4-0 on the road vs BR. They improved to 35-36. Talking with Eduardo Escobar after the games he said, "It's good to have Merk back in the dugout. Did you know he tells dirty jokes? Did you hear his latest? It's about six white horses falling into a mud puddle. It's real dirty."

Lake Woosme: Manager Ferguson said, "Whippets are the very picture of a .500 team."

Block #4 Hotlanta results:

California at Hotlanta. Dreamers swept the series by the scores of 3-1, 6-1, 4-3 and 11-5. Possums upside down



vs. the Dreamers this year at 0-8.

Hotlanta split the series at Yorktown and then split the series at home with Baton Rouge. "We just kept swinging the bats and we didn't give up," Jalutkewicz said. "If we keep this up I know good things can happen!" Poor Atlanta was the Possums next opponent. Jalutkewics was correct, good things can happen.



The Possums took a bite out of the Senators and swept the series by scores of 7-5, 4-3, 12-8, and 3-0. "The 3-0 game was our first shut out of the year," said Jalutkewicz. "The pitchers have been working hard and they deserved this one." Lake Wobegon and Hotlanta then split the 2 game home/away series as double splits.



Gunners ugly season just keeps getting uglier.



"Dreamers through half of Block 4, team very well-tailored for our home ballpark," said manager Simonutti.

Howie Kendrick leading offense with .379 average (through about 55% of his abs in 71 games) - Charlie Blackmon leads team with 53 rbi, Juan Soto a disappointment at .247-11-36. Pitching led by Charlie Morton (12-2 3.45) and Hyun-Jin Ryu (9-2 2.98). Josh Hader hot lately - up to 14 saves (including all 4 games in series vs. LW - he was better matchup tired than other guys fresh).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	US Jarheads	49 - 24	.671	----	26 - 11	.703	23 - 13	.639	6/15
2	Taxachusetts Chiefs	47 - 24	.662	1	27 - 12	.692	20 - 12	.625	6/15
3	Burlington Buccaneers	43 - 24	.642	3	26 - 11	.703	17 - 13	.567	6/15
4	Connecticut Blue Devils	43 - 36	.544	9	22 - 19	.537	21 - 17	.553	6/15
5	Norwich Navigators	38 - 37	.507	12	20 - 19	.513	18 - 18	.500	6/15
6	Illinois Prairie Dogs	39 - 42	.481	14	23 - 20	.535	16 - 22	.421	6/15
7	Klee's Klubbers	32 - 39	.451	16	15 - 22	.405	17 - 17	.500	6/15
8	Hazardville Powderkegs	35 - 48	.422	19	20 - 23	.465	15 - 25	.375	6/15
9	Allyn Street 89ERS	29 - 44	.397	20	17 - 22	.436	12 - 22	.353	6/15
10	Maine Yaks	27 - 44	.380	21	17 - 20	.459	10 - 24	.294	6/15
11	New England Angels	26 - 45	.366	22	13 - 24	.351	13 - 21	.382	6/15
12	Wall Street Barons	29 - 54	.349	25	16 - 27	.372	13 - 27	.325	6/15

“We were hitless wonders for three games, the runs came across in the 4th game,” said Manager John McGraw



after the recent series with Hazardville. Norwich took game 1, 3-0 on 8 hits, behind Zimmerman. HZ then turned the tables on NN winning 1-0. “McGraw was understandably not very talkative after his team's tough loss. He quickly showered and changed and when asked about the game had a terse, yet polite response, “Hey fellows, that game was a heart-breaker to lose. Our pitchers gave it their all and played well - fate just wasn't smilin' on us tonight.” NN had just 3 hits. Then behind Samardzija (7-2) NN beat HZ 2-1. In these three games each team just scored in one inning a piece. Game 4, was an 8-7 win. McGraw was pleased with his team's overall performance in the series. “A series win like this one can do wonders for a team's attitude. This could really turn our season around,” McGraw said. With the 3-1 series win NN is 38-33. “We have a critical series with the Blue Devils. “We'll know more about our playoff hopes after this series,” said McGraw.



Connecticut at Illinois. Ser.#19: “We knew it was going to be a tough series, Al Lopez said, CT a good team. We were ready”. Illinois took 3 of 4. Chris Sale had a complete game win in game one. Dylan Bundy pitched well in his first stat at home in game twos 8-3 win. Game 4, IL scored 5 runs in the 3rd and won 5-1. CT took game 3 behind Mike Minor's great pitched game. Minor had a no hitter going to the 7th when Garcia broke up the no hitter and shutout with a HR. Pitching Coach Gary Peters said, “Pitching was king in the entire series. We were just a little better”.

Hazardville at Illinois. Ser. #20 “I guess we celebrated to much after our series win against CT”, said manager



Al Lopez.

“We were still a little out of it when HZ arrived at the ballpark”. As the Prairie Dogs were still recovering from their celebration party, HZ took the first 3, 5-3, 7-5 and 4-1. “We did recover by game 4. It took good pitching and timely hitting to spoil the Kegs chance of a series sweep”, said Lopez. “But we did it”. Ill-6 Haz-1

School Yard Report cards: **Who's Hot?**



JD Martinez is sizzling! In the series at Klee's Martinez hit .625, going 10 for 16 with 6 runs, 2 doubles and 3 homeruns. JD raised his average from .305 to .327. He now has 14 HR. Jose Ramirez since coming back for the West Broad Street Insurancemen has been hot. He's 13 for 43, .302 with 7D, 1HR 4RBI and 4BB since returning.

Who's Not? CJ Cron 7 for 34, .206 1HR 2RBI. Trevor Bauer has lost 5 of his last 6 starts. He's been one game from tying Doc Gooden for 6th All-Time with 79 wins and it seems the pressure has gotten to him.

In the series with Klee's we lost 3 of 4. JD may have had the best series of any 89ER player in history but he did not get any help from the pace setters in the lineup. JD only had 3 RBI, all from his HR's. The pace setters in the lineup went 4 for 21 with 0 BB. “You can win many games that way,” said Stengel.

TEAM ALL-TIME LEADER LIST: JD with his 3079th at bat passed Shane Mack for 10th All-Time. He now has 3100 at bats. JD passed Lance Berkman with his 491st run and now has 500 runs. His homerun in the second inning at Klee's was his 900th hit. Rosario scored his 200th run and has 2000 at bats.



Yes, we Can, Can.

The 89ERS took the wrong exit and wind up at Jim Bouton Field and by the time they realized their mistake, three games were in the bag. “I had complete control out there today,” said An. Sanchez. The Klubbers breezed to an easy win behind Sanchez 7 strong innings winning game



1, 7-2. “Before we let the 89ERS could catch their breath, we got the girls out and started game 2 during the floor show”, said Owner and GM for Life Klee. It worked perfectly as Klee’s took game 2, 3-2. In game 3, Trevor Bauer went the distance for his 3rd CG, but his wildness was costly. The game was tied at 2 going to the 6th. With 2 out in the 6th Allen singled and moved up to second when Bauer walked Grichuk. Then, losing his composure with the light hitting Belanger, I mean Arcia, at bat, Bauer tossed one in the dirt and heaves the next one to the backstop as Allen trots home with the tie breaker. Sensing a sweep with a mismatch of a retiring CC Sabathia opposing Klee’s staff ace Bumgarner, manager Kramden and GM&OfL Klee decided



to skip the normal between game lunch and order the team extra-large Bratwurst sandwiches. With their bellies full and their “tanks” full of gas the Klubbers were no match for the 89ERS in game 4. Allyn Street had a 3-0 after two. In the 3rd the 89ERS tore the Bum apart with 8 runs in the 3rd and coasted to an easy win. Sabathia went 7 strong allowing only 5 hits as every Allyn Street starter gets at least 1 hit, with Soler and McCann getting 3 hits apiece and Soler driving home 4 and Locastro bringing in 3 from the leadoff spot. Martinez adds 2 more hits, ending the series 10 for 16 with 3 homers 6 runs scored and 3 RBI. “Well, the rest of the month is wide open for future series. We should be able to get over the bratwurst debacle and clear out the gases from Jim Bouton Field before we get to those series. Until we’re just ighting up the standings with mediocrity,” said Klee.



After starting the block 4-4, Blue Devils hosted the Navigators. “We’ve been trading 4th and 5th place back and forth most of the season,” said manager Don Mattingly. “It’s time to do something because we have been watching the top 3 NL teams pull away”. The Blue Devils went out and responded to Mattingly. After blowing an early lead in game one they rally to win 7-5. In game 2 they again blow an early lead but retook the lead in the 7th and Paul Fry (in relief of Jake Arrieta) pitched 3 innings of no hit relief and Tommy Kahnle and Steve Cishek finished up for the 6-4 win. Game 3, Merrill Kelly and Tyler Beede battled into the 7th inning in a strong pitcher’s duel. With the score tied 1-1, CT scored 1 in the 7th and another in the 8th and again the bullpen was strong for the 3-1 win. Game 4 CT starter Mike Minor said, “I need my A game today. We really could use the sweep”. Minor pitched into the 8th inning allowing just 3 hits, no walks with 8K’s. The Blue Devil offense didn’t do much vs. Jeff Samardzija scraping together just 3 runs but it was enough as CT held on for a 4-3 win. “All the games were close,” said Mattingly, we just were able to get the key hit when needed to get the wins”. Norwich manager, John McGraw was clearly disappointed after the series. “It was a manager’s nightmare out there”, he said.

US Jarheads

vs. Burlington Buccaneers



In a recent series the Jarheads hooked up the Buccaneers. USJ took game one 10-6 in a seesaw battle. DeJongs 2 run HR in the 5th put USJ up for good. In game 2, USJ's, Porcello went 7 1/3 strong innings and Grandal had 2 HRs and 3rbi for a 5-1 USJ win. USJ, manager Kent said, "It was a lot of fun out there. The fans gave us a lot of support."

Good pitching usually puts a team into a slump. In game three BB, Castillo was dominant, striking out 11 and holding USJ to 2 hits in 8 innings. "Everything felt great" Castillo said. "I had a good fastball, I felt I could throw it by everybody today. I just wanted to give the team a boost. We needed the win." Castillo's outing did give the Bucs the boost that they needed as they came back big in game 4 to earn the series split. Bucs outhit Jarheads 18 -12 to win a 12-6. Urshela led the attack with 4 hits including 2 D a HR and 3 rbi.

Wall Street Mid-season: By guess reported Joe Rutka.

Down year - due MLB '19 injuries, '19 MLB down seasons by several key players, poor gm mgmt., & poor GM work. That said – Strat simulation #'s give hope for a turn-around. Mgr. E Weaver, "scratching our asses to get 162 FBN starts this season, Strat stim has WS with 130 starts thru 65 gms; some pitchers are doing solidly!"

"29 -54 is poor, but 18 are 1R losses & 4 others were lost by more than 1R in the 9th or extra inns. If we had any arms in the pen, we could be close to .500. Of course, scoring less than 4.1R/gm; starting 3 or 4 position players with a 4 "D" rating are the biggest problems. Plus, I'm convinced HAL has it in for us. T. Turner 2e18, has 14 E's at mid-season, & suck players like T Barnhart (231 MLB BA/190 FBN), H Bader (205/164) Mal Smith (227/162) When your starting OF at mid-season is batting 225, 164 & 162, it's going to be a long season. WTF!!!

On the pitching end, J Gray 19 MLB HRs/150 IP FBN 16/92!! And HAL has been killing us with BBs. Thru 83 gms A Nola's 107 IP should have allowed 42 BB – he's issued 61!! J Gray should be 34 / 44, S Matz 28 / 37, J Urias 16 / 22, D German 27 / 37, closer B Hand 12 / 20, N Goody 11/ 18. WS is poor, but giving opponents 62 more walks in 83 gms, hurts!"

Mid-season stars –

Starlin Castro - .300 BA, only 318 OB; 426 slg, but hey, he hit .300!

Mike Ford 97 ABs 14 HRs 43 rbi only 17K (only 60 ABs remain)

D German perfect GM

T Glasnow 10 starts 55 IP 0 HRs era 1.15 whip 0.87 (only 12 inns remain) 2 starts vs TX!!

On to the 2nd half – Barons battling NE; MY for the #2 overall DP in the '21 draft - IF there is a '21 Draft.

UP COMING EVENT

July is Dues Month. These teams have already submitted their payments. Arsenal, California (2021 and 2022) plus Wall Street. Dues are still just \$20 for active members and zero for backup members.

TRANSACTIONS:

Effective Block 5 – 1. Hogs trade Y. Gurriel to Chiefs for S. Choo.

Minus Bonus Points: none

Year to Date: LW 1

2020 –FBN CALENDAR of EVENTS

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

FBN COMICS:

