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Commissioners Note:

Email of June 23, 2020 sent to all members.

MLB Commissioner announced last night that there will be a 60 game schedule played with 10 teams going to the postseason and that the DH will be used in both leagues for 2020. That's great if it happens. But, until the games actually begin and are played we want to be prepared for the worst. So, if there is no MLB in 2020 we feel that 2022 DP's should not be traded as of August 1st as usual. Our reasoning is that without MLB in 2020 there will be no 2021 draft. The 2021 DP's would be used for the 2022 draft. Trading of 2022 DP's may not be used until 2023. That's getting complicated.

We would like to see how the majority of the members feel about trading the 2022 DP's.

Please send in your vote by 8pm on Sunday, June 28th

A.) I vote to hold off on trading 2022 DP's until MLB games are actually started.

B.) I vote to allow trading 2022DP's as of August 1st as normal.

The voting was A 12, B 8, and 4 members did not vote. The result is, if there is no MLB being play in 2020 we will not allow 2022 DP's to be traded. If MLB is being played by or August 1st, 2022 DP's will be allowed to be traded as normal. If MLB stops at any time after August 1st, this will not affect the trading of 2022DP's. In other words, once we have allowed 2022 DP's to be traded we will not stop allowing them to be traded. We will continue trading as we have done in all the past years.

Other League News:

If there is no MLB in 2020 but Strat puts out a simulated set, this will become a new separate voting issue. We decide at that time if would we use the simulated set or not? This for a later time.

State of the FBN:

Balance as of January 1, 2019	\$58.90	\$58.90
August 1 st 2020 Dues paid	+\$420.00	\$478.90
11/3/2019 Four League Award Plaques	-\$54.91	\$423.99
11/18/2019 Navigator Room (Draft Day Room)	-\$115.00	\$308.99
02/23/2020 Draft Day snacks and lunch	-\$85.59	\$223.40
06/24/2020 Website cost	-\$149.80	\$73.60

It's time for 2021 Dues . Alpharetta, Arsenal, California (2021 and 2022) plus Illinois, Klee's, New England, US Jarheads and Wall Street have already paid their dues. Dues are still just \$20 for active members and zero for backup members.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Milford Dogfish	70 - 17	.805	----	33 - 11	.750	37 - 6	.860	6/26
2	California Dreamers	53 - 30	.639	15	29 - 11	.725	24 - 19	.558	6/19
3	Louisville River Bandits	51 - 32	.614	17	22 - 18	.550	29 - 14	.674	6/22
4	New Hampshire Hogs	55 - 36	.604	17	31 - 17	.646	24 - 19	.558	7/1
5	Hotlanta Possums	51 - 40	.560	21	25 - 15	.625	26 - 25	.510	7/1

6	Lake Wobegon Whippets	43 - 40	.518	25	22 - 18	.550	21 - 22	.488	6/23
7	Yorktown Admirals	40 - 43	.482	28	17 - 23	.425	23 - 20	.535	6/15
8	Alpharetta Aces	40 - 43	.482	28	24 - 16	.600	16 - 27	.372	7/1
9	Urpaigh Dragons	32 - 51	.386	36	14 - 26	.350	18 - 25	.419	6/15
10	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	34 - 57	.374	38	15 - 25	.375	19 - 32	.373	7/1
11	Arsenal Gunners	30 - 53	.361	38	15 - 25	.375	15 - 28	.349	7/1
12	Atlanta Senators	24 - 59	.289	44	15 - 25	.375	9 - 34	.209	6/15

American League:

Milford is on a mission to have the best record in the history of the FBN. With 70 wins at the break they are on pace to win 130 games. Can they hold up to the pressure? California, Louisville and New Hampshire seem to be a lock to make the playoffs. California is in second place but just 2 games ahead of Louisville and New Hampshire. The River Bandits just made a deal to get Noah Syndergaard to booster their starting rotation. It did cost the Bandits a #1 and a #2 DP plus Vince Velasquez. It looks like GM Childers is going for it this year. The Possums are in 5th place but just 4 game ahead of Lake Wobegon. Will the Possums hold off the Whippets or could the Whippets catch the Possums sleeping? They are fast but can they make up the difference over their last 79 games?

At the other end of the standings we find Atlanta. The Senators are one of the youngest teams in the FBN. They have potential talent and they will surely add to that talent with the number one draft pick of 2021. Arsenal, Baton Rouge and Urpaigh will go down to the wire to see who ends up in 11th place.

News from Baton Rouge: “The new guys have made no difference in the team's record,” said Manager Holbrook, “despite Bichette hitting .376 with 14 doubles and 7 home runs in 125 at bats since coming up.” “We still have almost the exact same winning percentage as before the start of round 4.”



It was reported that in a recent mIFBN game between Arsenal Cannons and the Shewville Who, 8 homeruns were hit between the two teams. After reading that in the “papers”, Yorktown manager Jeff Merklin was quoted saying, “That’s nothing!” “This happened in a MLFBN game recently.” “Milford hit all 8 against us, including 6 off Walker Buehler in 5 innings! Yes, it could have been more but I had to take Buehler out of the game.”



Norwich GM Don Decker to his manager, John McGraw. “Well, it took us to the last series of the first half, but we are now an underdog under .500 squad!” “GL 2 you in the second half, we’ll see what version of this Jekyll and Hyde squad shows up.” McGraw replied, “You got me the closer I needed in Chapman. We have him for the entire second half. I’ll get you that playoff spot!”

NATIONAL LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	US Jarheads	56 - 27	.675	----	30 - 13	.698	26 - 14	.650	7/1
2	Taxachusetts Chiefs	56 - 31	.644	2	33 - 14	.702	23 - 17	.575	7/1
3	Burlington Buccaneers	53 - 30	.639	3	31 - 12	.721	22 - 18	.550	7/1
4	Connecticut Blue Devils	44 - 39	.530	12	23 - 20	.535	21 - 19	.525	6/17
5	Norwich Navigators	42 - 41	.506	14	22 - 21	.512	20 - 20	.500	6/22
6	Illinois Prairie Dogs	40 - 43	.482	16	23 - 20	.535	17 - 23	.425	7/1
7	Klee's Klubbers	43 - 48	.473	17	20 - 27	.426	23 - 21	.523	7/1
8	Allyn Street 89ERS	37 - 50	.425	21	22 - 25	.468	15 - 25	.375	7/1
9	Hazardville Powderkegs	37 - 50	.425	21	22 - 25	.468	15 - 25	.375	7/1
10	New England Angels	31 - 52	.373	25	16 - 27	.372	15 - 25	.375	6/26
11	Maine Yaks	31 - 52	.373	25	17 - 20	.459	10 - 24	.294	6/15
12	Wall Street Barons	29 - 54	.349	27	16 - 27	.372	13 - 27	.325	7/1

National League:

The National league has a three team race for first. US Jarheads lead by just 2 games over Taxachusetts and by 3 games over Burlington. These three teams will battle it out to the end. Burlington has just added the closer that the team was lacking during the first half of the season. Will Smith will be joining the Bucs starting Block 5.

In 4th place is Connecticut holding a 2 game lead over Norwich. Illinois is in 6th just 2 games back of Norwich and Klee's is in 6th place just 3 games back of Norwich. Anyone of these four teams could get hot and knot out the one that goes through a cold spell.

In the second division you have Wall Street in 12th place at .349. The Baron's may have the 2nd DP of 2021. They are followed by New England, Maine and Hazardville.

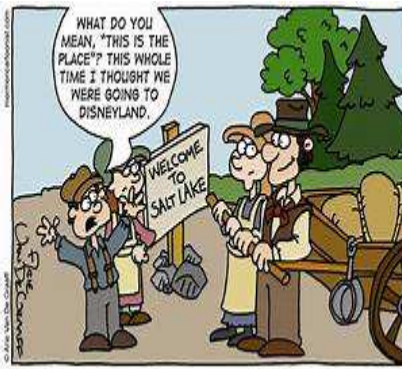


The second half begins with Norwich continuing it's "stuck in the mud" dilemma, looks like more of the same. "The team seems to be available most anytime but at times we just get into a rut and we seem not to move forward," said manager John McGraw. "But on a given notice- mornings or evenings we can be our best, but



sometimes we can be our worst.

The Klubbers have announced that they will be conducting a mid-season training camp from 6/30 through 7/3



in the beautiful seaside village of Pawcatuck, CT. (Home of AAA West Broad Street Insurance Men. Klee's AAA team Dayton Gems lead the minors with a 50-36 record ½ game ahead of the Connecticut Bull Dogs. They must be in Pawcatuck to scout their AAA talent.)

“It was Much Ado About Nothing,” said manager Barry Shank. “We just had to play through the pain. None of the fixes were in, I mean, worked. Just playing the games on the level worked OK.” Rumor had it that gambling



was involved so Commissioner Landis was dug up to investigate.

“USJ total stats



still at 0, but Block 4 stats are correct,” said Commissioner Landis. “No Stats on File error”, Landis said Ignore it and save each game to a subset and everything turns out fine.” “This was nothing compared to 1919.”

“If you get the



In the first series of Block 5, Norwich and Allyn Street hit 15 HR's. In game four the teams combined for 8 HR's. “Eight seems to be the norm,” said JD Martinez. JD had two bring his total to 19. In game one Trevor Bauer snapped his 5 game winless streak with a 4-3 win. The victory tied Bauer with Doc Gooden for 6th All-Time with 79 wins. Bauer's next start is schedule with either Maskachusetts on July 3rd. In game two down 2-1, in the bottom of the 9th the 89ERS faced their old nemesis, Aroldis Chapman. Chapman was not treated well at the School Yard. A double, an out, another double tied the game. BB and Locastro's winning double gave the 89ERS the 3-2 win. Game 3 went 10 innings. Tied at 2, Moustaks lead off the 10th with, surprise, a HR. NN went on to win 4-2. Game 3, was Jose Ramirez 800th game. Game 4, saw back to back HR's three times. First by Cron and McCann in the 3rd Next by Reyes and Olson in the 4th and finally in the 5th



by JD and Soler. AS won 11-7. How Chapman felt after his 1/3 inning pitched.

Other team hi-lites:

JD 915th hit was a HR vs. USJ.

Cano 37th tripled broke a three way tie for 7th All-Time. He passed Alfonso Soriano and Orlando Merced.

The Pain of Maine Will Make You Go insane!

Yaks lumber into Jim Bouton Field and earn a split by winning games 1 and 4. “With a real opportunity to make dent in the standings, we fell flat on its face,” said manager Kramden. In game 4, Ruiz inflicted the fatal blow with a 3-run blast in the 2nd. We tried to play catch-up for the rest of the game.” “Hitting into 2 DP’s didn’t help,” said bench coach Ed Knorton. GM and Owner for Life Roland Klee was understandably not very talkative after his team's tough series split. He quickly showered and changed and when asked about the game had a terse, yet polite response, “Hey fellows, that series was a heart-breaker to split. Our guys gave it their all and played well - fate just wasn't smilin' on us tonight.”



“Don Mattingly and the Blue Devils are just doing their best to keep us from jumping off a cliff after we got whupped by the 89ERS,” said manager John McGraw of the Norwich Navigators. “Or ARE they playing possum, waiting to dominate in 21?”

Navigators Log - The ship is sinking, on fire, and has a COVID-19 outbreak! Mgr John McGraw says “everything is fine” and sends Z. Collins to New England without so much as a “thanks”. Framnil Reyes is in full “Soranno” mode for the ‘Gators, a lot of HRs but not much else. “We’ll see if we can somehow earn the last playoff spot in the East with Chris Paddock will be back in the rotation for the duration of the season.” (no pressure, rook).

‘Gators in MLB’. I tried to make the JV baseball team at Florida my freshman year (the last year of college JV sports, I think). My arm was still a mess (I finally got it operated on Dec 80’, and as I was afraid of, was never able to throw again, as labrum surgery back then was not very evolved), but the interesting part of it was I did it to go with a fraternity pledge brother of mine, Paul Davis, who was a star pitcher in High School at Osceola HS (Kissimmee FL) and who legitimately wanted to walk on. He didn’t make the team, and transferred to Creighton where he walked on. He’s currently the pitching coach for the Seattle Mariners, a really good guy!

TRANSACTIONS: Effective Block 6:

1. Louisville trades LV #1 2021, NH #2 2021 and Vince Velasquez to Alpharetta for Noah Syndergaard. When asked about the trade Syndergaard said, “I want to thank the Aces for giving me the opportunity



to pitch for a contending team.”

— “I’ll do everything I can to get us to the World Series.”

Minus Bonus Points: WS ½, NE ½ (each 1 day late.)

Year to Date: LW 1, WS ½, NE ½.

2020 –FBN CALENDAR of EVENTS

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