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**Commissioners Note:**

League stuff plus standings.

**Teams that owe their 2021 League Fee:** (8) Baton Rouge, Burlington, Connecticut, Lake Wobegon, Maine, Norwich, Urapaign and Yorktown. Fee is \$20 and is due by July 31<sup>st</sup> to keep member active. Send to Rob Bruno 33 Stony Hill Dr. Mystic, CT. 06355

**NO-NO in New Hampshire!**

BOXSCORE: 2020 Norwich Navigators At 2020 New Hampshire Hogs 7/20/2020

Navigators						Hogs					
AB	R	H	RBI	AVG		AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	
A.Eaton LF	4	0	0	0	.100	N.Goodrum RF	3	0	0	0	.214
Y.Puig RF	4	0	0	0	.308	L.Cain CF	4	0	0	0	.248
A.Frazier 2B	3	1	1	1	.500	A.Rendon 3B	3	0	0	0	.288
J.Davis DH	4	0	1	0	.333	M.Brantley LF	3	0	0	0	.294
M.Olson 1B	3	0	0	0	.100	X.Bogaerts SS	3	0	0	0	.267
M.Moustakas 3B	3	0	0	0	.100	J.Bell 1B	2	0	0	0	.266
A.Avila C	3	0	0	0	.000	T.Wolters C	3	0	0	0	.262
A.Hicks CF	3	0	0	0	.000	E.Sogard 2B	3	0	0	0	.293
A.Rosario SS	3	0	0	0	.400	S.Choo DH	3	0	0	0	.200
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Totals	30	1	2	1		Totals	27	0	0	0	

Navigators.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	2	0
Hogs.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	1

Navigators (3-0)											
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	ERA	SCORESHEET			
C.Paddack WIN(1-0)	9	0	0	0	2	6	0	0.00	A1		
Totals	9	0	0	0	2	6	0				
Hogs (41-24)											
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	ERA	SCORESHEET			
R.Stanek LOSS(0-4)	3	2	1	1	0	5	1	3.52	A1 B2		
R.Suarez	1 2/3	0	0	0	0	1	0	3.68	B3 B7		
H.Robles	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	3.55	B8 C8		
S.Coonrod	0 1/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.38	C9 C9		
S.Lugo	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1.79	D1		
Totals	9	2	1	1	0	13	1				

HOME RUNS- A.Frazier(1st)

History was made in New Hampshire as Chris Paddack(1-0) tossed a no-hitter and the Norwich Navigators defeated the New Hampshire Hogs by the score of 1 to 0.

**American League:**

The California Dreamers went on a tear, 12-1, to take 5 games off Milford's lead and to increase their lead over New Hampshire by 10 games. The Dogfish are still winning games as they went 3-1 since the last newsletter. New Hampshire 3-5, held onto 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Louisville had another losing record going 2-6. They are now only 1 game ahead of Hotlanta. The Possums also had a losing record going 1-3. Yorktown with a 5-3 record are in 6<sup>th</sup> just 3 behind Hotlanta. Lake Wobegon dropped to 7<sup>th</sup> place with no games played during this week.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Milford Dogfish	87 - 20	.813	----	39 - 13	.750	48 - 7	.873	7/21
2	California Dreamers	75 - 37	.670	14 1/2	35 - 16	.686	40 - 21	.656	7/21
3	New Hampshire Hogs	65 - 46	.586	24	36 - 22	.621	29 - 24	.547	7/22
4	Louisville River Bandits	56 - 43	.566	27	24 - 24	.500	32 - 19	.627	7/15
5	Hotlanta Possums	59 - 48	.551	28	29 - 19	.604	30 - 29	.508	7/22
6	Yorktown Admirals	54 - 49	.524	31	21 - 27	.438	33 - 22	.600	7/15
7	Lake Wobegon Whippets	52 - 51	.505	33	28 - 24	.538	24 - 27	.471	7/15
8	Alpharetta Aces	49 - 54	.476	36	27 - 25	.519	22 - 29	.431	7/18
9	Urpaign Dragons	42 - 61	.408	43	18 - 34	.346	24 - 27	.471	7/17
10	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	43 - 64	.402	44	18 - 30	.375	25 - 34	.424	7/19
11	Arsenal Gunners	38 - 68	.358	49	17 - 34	.333	21 - 34	.382	7/23
12	Atlanta Senators	26 - 79	.248	59	15 - 37	.288	11 - 42	.207	7/23

### National League:

Burlington went 4-2 and hold a 2 game lead over the Jarheads. The Jarheads went 2-2 this week and are 1 game ahead of Taxachusetts. The Chiefs went 4-0 this week and are making this a three team race again as they are just 3 games out of first.

Illinois with no games played this week are holding onto 4<sup>th</sup> but by only a 1/2 over Connecticut. The Blue Devils went 7-6 to get back to .500 ball.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Burlington Buccaneers	71 - 38	.651	----	39 - 18	.684	32 - 20	.615	7/22
2	US Jarheads	68 - 39	.636	2	40 - 19	.678	28 - 20	.583	7/23
3	Taxachusetts Chiefs	67 - 40	.626	3	41 - 18	.695	26 - 22	.542	7/21
4	Illinois Prairie Dogs	52 - 51	.505	16	32 - 23	.582	20 - 28	.417	7/15
5	Connecticut Blue Devils	54 - 54	.500	16 1/2	29 - 28	.509	25 - 26	.490	7/22
6	Norwich Navigators	53 - 57	.482	18 1/2	26 - 29	.473	27 - 28	.491	7/21
7	Klee's Klubbers	49 - 56	.467	20	24 - 29	.453	25 - 27	.481	7/22
8	Allyn Street 89ERS	49 - 60	.450	22	25 - 26	.490	24 - 34	.414	7/23
9	Hazardville Powderkegs	44 - 63	.411	26	25 - 34	.424	19 - 29	.396	7/19
10	New England Angels	39 - 60	.394	27	22 - 33	.400	17 - 27	.386	7/15
11	Maine Yaks	38 - 61	.384	28	22 - 29	.431	16 - 32	.333	7/15
12	Wall Street Barons	43 - 69	.384	29 1/2	25 - 32	.439	18 - 37	.327	7/22



After losing 4 in a row the Casey decided to change up the lineup as the team traveled to Arsenal.



The new lineup worked well in game one as the 89ERS won 7-1. But, something happened as things turned disastrous after that! In the next two games the pitching staff gave up 23 runs!



“We’re dropping like a rock hit us ! 0-8 last two nights,” said Morris. “How do I feel? Ughh.” After going 0-12, the Gunners feasted on the 89ERS, taking 2 of 3 and scoring 23 runs in the last two games. “Dean Morris was jubilant in the hometown clubhouse, “It was a lot of fun out there. The fans gave us a lot of support. We needed those wins. It was good to get back on the winning side of things.”

MILFORD at NORWICH: “Might as well get it out of the way, said Norwich manager John McGraw as



Norwich faced the bullies of the FBN. “We actually kept them from kicking sand in our face.” NN split the double header, winning 3-1, and losing 6-2. Kershaw, has been the subject of multiple trade rumors. I can’t control what the GM does, said Kershaw. Kershaw put that aside all the trade talk and pitched his best game of the season. Fried pitched very well considering he started the game with back to back HR’s. “I made it thru 7 and gave it my best. For the series, Chapman didn’t blow a save! That was a plus. “The team almost looked like an ok ball club,” said McGraw. “We got the Hogs on Monday to continue the parade of AL powers.”

“No lead is safe with this crew of misfits,” said McGraw after a series with Baton Rouge. Game One- A 6-0 lead going into the 5<sup>th</sup> evaporates in a flurry of HRs and range plays, and Adam Eaton (for the THIRD time this season) makes a 2out 2base error to score the GW run(s) in the 7th. Matt Joyce uses his Gold Glove to rob a 2R HR and make a range play to save a run and kill a late rally. Yaisel Puig is incapable of throwing out anyone, 1-12, 1-10, whatever. “Yes, we suck!” Team meeting after the series with GM Decker, manager McGraw and team coaches. Management agreed, change is needed!

**Breaking News:**

Norwich GM Don Decker and Atlanta GM Dante Handel make a six player trade. Decker said, “I pulled the plug on competing for a couple of seasons to get a guy who is a personal favorite. Pretty square deal I think; it could go a lot of different ways!” said Decker. This trade effected 9, players as Norwich received, Byron Buxton Sean Newman and Drew Pomeranz. To make room on the 40-man roster Norwich will release Zack Godley, Luke Maile, and Edgar Santana effective Block 8 when the they receive the traded players.

Atlanta will receive Clayton Kershaw, John Hicks and Yaisel Puig at the end of Norwich’s season. When GM Handel was asked about the trade he said, “We got the players we think that will help us compete next season and for seasons to come.



Norwich travelled to New Hampshire with mixed emotions, finding out their ace and team leader Clayton Kershaw will be shipped off to Atlanta, along with fireballing reliever Jordan Hicks for Byron Buxton at the end of the Norwich's season. "GM's gonna GM" was the general comment in the locker room. The players called a players meeting only and decided to try and give Clayton the send-off he deserved with a spirited playoff run. "It starts tonight against the Hog's," said veteran, Adam Eaton.

Game One- J.D. Davis cracked 2 homeruns and had 4 RBI and Clayton Kershaw (7-6) who went 7 innings, allowing just 1 run. NN 6-1 winners

Game Two- Yasiel Puig had 2 base hits and 2 RBI and Max Fried had an impressive outing as Norwich topped the Hog's 4 to 1.

Game Three- History was made in New Hampshire as Chris Paddack tossed a no-hitter and Nav's defeated the Hog's by the score of 1 to 0. The Norwich players and coaches started to leave Paddack alone with his thoughts after the game reached the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. By the time the 9<sup>th</sup> inning rolled around, you could hear a pin drop every time he went to his wind-up - and an explosion after every out. Norwich finished with just 2 hits in the victory.

After the game, Paddack was heard to say, "This is something I have dreamt about since I was a little boy - to have it come true is just amazing!"

The sweep has Norwich eyeballing quasi-contention, with Yorktown, Hotlanta and Urpaign to finish the AL tour.



Dreamers bring Nightmares ! USJ in freefall lately. Dreamers come in and sweep a double header, 9-3 and 5-0, while holding USJ to 8 hits and a .131 BA.



Admirals bomb the Stockyard GM1 W LeBlanc pitches like he wants to win the Cy Young award - 8Inns R 5H bb 5K & Ads shell Nola with 2 2R bomb in 1st (Dahl) & a 3R bomb in 6th (Grisham) - cruise to 6 - 1 W GM2 Ads score in 6 different inns & overcome early WS 3-1 lead for a W 6 - 3. Weaver, "love the 3R HR, unfortunately they hit one & we didn't!"



New Hampshire After losing two to the Chiefs, the slumping Hogs, have decided to shake things up. "It's time for a Yard Sale," said Griffin. "These guys are available. Make me an offer."

C-Will Smith, Stallings, Wolters, 1B- Bell, 3B-Rendon, Sogard, OF/DH - Choo, Braun, CF - Cain and LF - Brantley. SP- Verlander, Greinke, Flaherty and Graveman, RP - Lugo, Robles, Stephenson, May, Watson, Doolittle and Clippard. "All are scheduled as starters or key pen guys for the upcoming MLB season," said Griffin.



“Dreamers hosted Angels recently and we were really impolite hosts,” said manager Simonutti. California swept the New England 6-4, 10-4 and 12-0. In game one Craig Morton won his 20<sup>th</sup>. In game two they come back from 4-3 in the 7<sup>th</sup> to win. Former 89ER, AJ Pollock chipped in with a Grand Slam while they scored 7 runs in the inning.



After being whipped by the Whippets (0-3), Barons took on AT in a race for last place !!



Wall street on T. Barnhart’s walk off HR in the bottom of the 10<sup>th</sup> took game 1, 4-3. In game 2, Barons bomb Cease & McGee for 12-0 WS romp. Matt Shoemaker, that’s correct, SHOEMAKER pitched a no-hitter. He only allowed 3 bb while striking out 4. “He came out with good stuff, said pitching coach, George Bamberger, about Shoemaker. “He threw the ball good from the first pitch on.” It was the Barons 2nd no-hitter of season (German perfect gm).



Long time “voice” of New England, Curt Cowdy, said, “The Angels had probably the worst luck against the Dreamers, of any team that I’ve witness in all my years broadcasting.” In the recent series with the Dreamers



New Florida got out scored 28-8 losing all three games. Angel manager, said, “We’re still getting use to



the new digs.”



**Southpaw Soiree:** The Possums bring their lefties to Jim Bouton Field to oppose a pair of Klubber lefties. Game 1, went to the Klubbers, 17-4 as they pounded the Possums into road kill as 10 Klubbers get at least a pair of hits. But, in game 2, the Klubbers’ luck ran out as Merrifield’s 3 run jack in the 4<sup>th</sup> breaks a 2-2 tie and the Possums stopped playing dead to win 5-4.



Are the Atlanta Senators pitching coach and hitting coach looking for a job? Their team recently allowed 11 runs while the Senators scored only 3 runs in a horrible loss to the Jarheads. "The rumors are untrue or as someone has come up with a new phase, fake news," said owner Dante Handel.

### **TRANSACTIONS:**

1. Norwich rec'd: MD#2 and PTBNL (Byron Buxton, Sean Newcomb & Drew Pomeranz (Effective BK8). Atlanta rec'd: NN#5 and PTBNL (Clayton Kershaw, Jordan Hicks & Yasiel Puig (At the end of NN season.) Norwich releases Zack Godley, Luke Maile, and Edgar Santana (NC) to meet the 40-man roster, effective BK8.
2. Taxachusetts trades Carlos Gonzalez IL-CHN to Atlanta for Jake McGee COL.

Joe Carter on the trade. "Cargo played for the Chiefs for five seasons 2012-2016. We drafted him in the 9th round this season (#204), but he couldn't make his way onto the field. GM Drapeau, granted his trade request." In 2016, Cargo led the FBN with 52 home runs. That season saw him produce the greatest back-to-back games in Chief history, probably FBN history, and maybe even the history of the world. Below is the article from SOM's Great Moments in Strat.

### **CARGO'S ENCORE**

Founded in 1974, the Fly-By-Night Baseball Association is a 24-team, FTF and Netplay league. The Taxachusetts Chiefs joined the FBNBA in 1989. I have never seen a player put together back-to-back games like this.

Chiefs right fielder Carlos Gonzalez was slumping, hitting only .218 after 79 games. In the final game of a four-game series at the Maine Yaks, Cargo went 5 for 5, belting four homers and knocking in eight runs. In his next game at home against the U.S. Jarheads, Cargo went 4 for 6 with three homers, two of them grand slams, and knocked in ten runs. For the two games, Cargo went 9 for 11 with 7 HRs and 18 RBIs! Both games were nine-inning games.

**Minus Bonus Points:** None for 7/15 newsletter. AA ½, late on Bk 6 roster and rotation.

**Year to Date:** LW 1, WS ½, UR ½, AA ½.

## **FBN CALENDAR of EVENTS**

**During seasonal play:** - Follow the chart at the bottom of your team schedule for due dates.

July 1 - Dues Month. League fee of \$20.00 is due by July 31st to keep member active.

Aug 1 – If MLB is being played, this is the date that 2022 Draft picks can be included in a trade.

Oct. 15 - Playoffs start.

Nov 1 - 1. Send in voting items for review by 8pm on November 15th.

2. Managers can send in All-Star candidates from your team. Please include the position you want to be listed for player on the ballot. List the player as DH or give him a position. For outfielders, just put OF since they can play all three OF positions. Send in Rookie of Year candidates from your team.

Nov 15-20 1. Voting on the issues to be completed by 8pm on November 25th. For 2020 it will include League items and it will include voting for all three League Officers.

Nov 30th – 1. GM's report their winter rosters to Bob Figella by 8pm.

December – Time to relax and look back on 2020 and hope that all family and friends are healthy and we that we have made it past the pandemic!