



Commissioner Rob Bruno. Presidents - American League Ed Griffin - National League Bob Figella

**Commissioners Note:** As we enter the final 44 games of the season I hope everyone has been enjoying the games. Thursday night talking with Bud about things with the pandemic, his comment was “Thank God for the FBN.” I could not agree more! I said, “Even losing has been fun this year.” I hope everyone has been having a good time.

**American League News:**

Milford still leads all American League teams going 2-1 this week. California did cut 3 games off Milford’s lead, now at 11, by going 8-0 this past week. The great week increased their lead over New Hampshire by 9 games. New Hampshire with a 4-0 week increased their lead over Louisville to 6 games.

Yortown and Hotlanta had no games scheduled for the week and are tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place. Lake Wobegon with a 4-2 record tied Yortown and Hotlanda for 5<sup>th</sup>. These three teams are only 3 games back of Louisville. Only two of these four will make the post season. These last games are going to be fun to watch.

<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	Away	away pct	last update
1	Milford Dogfish	93 - 25	.788	----	43 - 17	.717	50 - 8	.862	8/15
2	California Dreamers	86 - 40	.683	11	42 - 19	.689	44 - 21	.677	8/15
3	New Hampshire Hogs	75 - 47	.615	20	42 - 23	.646	33 - 24	.579	8/15
4	Louisville River Bandits	67 - 51	.568	26	28 - 29	.491	39 - 22	.639	8/15
5	Yorktown Admirals	64 - 54	.542	29	26 - 31	.456	38 - 23	.623	8/15
6	Hotlanta Possums	64 - 54	.542	29	33 - 24	.579	31 - 30	.508	8/15
7	Lake Wobegon Whippets	66 - 56	.541	29	38 - 27	.585	28 - 29	.491	8/15
8	Alpharetta Aces	53 - 65	.449	40	30 - 31	.492	23 - 34	.404	8/15
9	Urpaign Dragons	48 - 70	.407	45	21 - 40	.344	27 - 30	.474	8/15
10	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	48 - 82	.369	51	22 - 39	.361	26 - 43	.377	8/15
11	Arsenal Gunners	41 - 77	.347	52	18 - 39	.316	23 - 38	.377	8/15
12	Atlanta Senators	30 - 100	.231	69	16 - 49	.246	14 - 51	.215	8/15
11	Arsenal Gunners	41 - 77	.347	52	18 - 39	.316	23 - 38	.377	8/15
12	Atlanta Senators	30 - 100	.231	69	16 - 49	.246	14 - 51	.215	8/15

**National League News:**

Burlington remains in first at 78-40, but Taxachusetts with a recent 4-2 record cut the Bucs lead down to 1 game. In third place are the Jarheads who went 2-1 recently. Connecticut and Illinois remained tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place at 61-57. Norwich is in 6<sup>th</sup> place 4 games behind Connecticut and Illinois.

Will Burlington be able to hold off Taxachusetts? Can the Jarheads make a final push and pass both Taxachusetts and Burlington? Will Connecticut and Illinois be able to hold off Norwich?

The last two blocks of the year are going to be fun to watch also in the NL.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Burlington Buccaneers	78 - 40	.661	----	39 - 18	.684	39 - 22	.639	8/15
2	Taxachusetts Chiefs	79 - 43	.648	1	43 - 18	.705	36 - 25	.590	8/15
3	US Jarheads	73 - 45	.619	5	40 - 21	.656	33 - 24	.579	8/15
4	Connecticut Blue Devils	61 - 57	.517	17	32 - 29	.525	29 - 28	.509	8/15
5	Illinois Prairie Dogs	61 - 57	.517	17	36 - 25	.590	25 - 32	.439	8/15
6	Norwich Navigators	57 - 61	.483	21	26 - 31	.456	31 - 30	.508	8/15
7	Klee's Klubbers	55 - 63	.466	23	25 - 32	.439	30 - 31	.492	8/15
8	Allyn Street 89ERS	54 - 68	.443	26	29 - 32	.475	25 - 36	.410	8/15
9	Hazardville Powderkegs	50 - 68	.424	28	26 - 35	.426	24 - 33	.421	8/15
10	Maine Yaks	46 - 72	.390	32	24 - 33	.421	22 - 39	.361	8/15
11	Wall Street Barons	46 - 72	.390	32	25 - 32	.439	21 - 40	.344	8/15
12	New England Angels	45 - 73	.381	33	24 - 37	.393	21 - 36	.368	8/15



War Memorial Coliseum – “We did what we had to do against the American League”, said Chiefs manager, Joe Cater. The Chiefs finished the block 14-1 and completed 2020 interleague play at 23-7. In a recent series with the Gunners Wojo and three relievers tossed a 1-hit shutout, striking out 11 in an 11-0 TX victory. In game two it was Anthony Rizzo hitting for the cycle and Brian McCann hitting a pair of homers as TX won 6-4. “It’s back to the National League teams as we prepare to battle down to the wire with Burlington for the NL Championship,” said Cater. At this writing the Bucs have a 1 game lead over the Chiefs. They play their last 4 games against each other this block in series 38. You better by your tickets now if you plan on attending that series at the run down War Memorial Coliseum! Because of the condition of the Coliseum attendance is going to be limited for safety reasons. Rumors have it that the Chiefs may move to Hartford, CT. to play at the rebuilt Morgan G. Bulkeley Stadium. The other rumor has the Chiefs moving to Montreal, Canadian to play at the beautiful Parc Labatt starting in the 2021 season. This report had an exclusive interview with club owner, Bud Drapeau and when asked about the rumors all he would say was, “A move is coming, but I’m likely to wait for the USA November election results before deciding whether to move to Montreal.”



Dreamers continued to play well in their continued quest to avoid Milford in first round of playoffs. Dreamers on pace to win 100 games in back-to-back season for first time since 2007-2008. “We are looking forward to our final 36 games,” said Frank Simonutti.

**Player Profile:** Howie Kendrick continues quest to hit .400 with .402-16-69 after 316 abs.



in a recent series at the School Yard came back to win the last two games to earn a split with the Chiefs. After losing game one 8-7 and being shutout 3-0 in game two things looked bleak. But, a grand slam by Jose Ramirez, 7 strong innings from Wacha and the bullpen chipped in two shutout innings gave us a 5-2 win in game three. Ramirez said, "It was just all timing. I had pretty good rhythm at the plate tonight. You've got to take advantage of mistakes when you can. The pitch was definitely up a little bit - right in my zone." Game 4 Ramirez continued his hot hitting with a double and was driven home when Marwin Gonzalez tripled. A solo shot by Jorge Soler (#31) was all the offense that Trevor Bauer would need. Bauer even his record at 11-11. He K'ed 7. The key to the win was in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. Rizzo doubled to lead off the inning. Lemahieu singled. With runners on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Bauer got Murphy, Gurriel and d'Arnaud all on strikeouts. Bauer allowed only 4 hits while walking 1. "The kid came out with good stuff," Casey Stengel said about Bauer. "He threw the ball good from the first pitch on." "You got to throw the ball to get strikeouts," said Casey. Next up, New Florida on Monday morning.



Alien Alert! "We have Nomar Mazara, a middling offensive outfielder, who is always appearing on GM lists of "possible breakouts", said GM Ferguson. "Well this year could be the year." Thru 348 At-Bats, Mazara has a .353 batting average. "Be prepare to have an odd duck sitting amongst the BA leaders in the A.L.," said Ferguson.

**Minus Bonus Points:** None

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

### **TRANSACTIONS:**

1. Urpaign sends Ryon Healy to Lake Wobegon in exchange for LW#5 pick in 2021. Whippets drop Miguel Diaz (no card) from the 40-man roster to make room for R. Healy.

## **FBN CALENDAR of EVENTS**

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

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!