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Commissioners Note:

The final in season trading period ends Thursday, September 3rd at 8pm.*

*Get your man or be left behind.

American League News:

Four teams are sure to get into the playoffs, Milford, California, New Hampshire and Louisville. One question, can New Hampshire hold off Louisville and keep the 3rd spot? Only 3, games separate the teams. The only common opponent they have to face is Urpaign. The Hogs have a slighter tougher schedule remaining as they still have Milford, Yorktown, Alpharetta and Atlanta to play. The River Bandits have California, Lake Wobegon, Baton Rouge and Arsenal.

The battle for the 5th and final playoff spot is a hot race. Three teams are battling for that spot, Yorktown, Hotlanta and Lake Wobegon. Yorktown leads Hotlanta by 1 game and Lake Wobegon by 3. Yorktown and Hotlanta will meet for 4 games in the final block. They both also have California, Alpharetta and Baton Rouge scheduled. Yorktown's other remaining series is with 3rd place New Hampshire while Hotlanta has last place Atlanta. It seems Hotlanta as a good chance in catching the Ad's.

Lake Wobegon does not have any games remaining with Yorktown or Hotlanta. They will need help from the rest of the AL if they are going to make the playoffs. I also think they have the toughest remaining schedule as they must play California, Louisville, Urpaign, Baton Rouge and Arsenal.

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Milford Dogfish	108 - 30	.783	----	53 - 20	.726	55 - 10	.846	9/1
2	California Dreamers	93 - 41	.694	13	42 - 19	.689	51 - 22	.699	9/1
3	New Hampshire Hogs	84 - 54	.609	24	47 - 26	.644	37 - 28	.569	9/1
4	Louisville River Bandits	80 - 58	.580	28	34 - 31	.523	46 - 27	.630	9/1
5	Yorktown Admirals	73 - 61	.545	33	32 - 37	.464	41 - 24	.631	9/1
6	Hotlanta Possums	76 - 66	.535	34	41 - 28	.594	35 - 38	.479	9/1
7	Lake Wobegon Whippets	72 - 66	.522	36	38 - 31	.551	34 - 35	.493	9/1
8	Alpharetta Aces	53 - 65	.449	45	30 - 31	.492	23 - 34	.404	9/1
9	Urpaign Dragons	58 - 84	.408	52	25 - 48	.342	33 - 36	.478	9/1
10	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	51 - 87	.370	57	25 - 44	.362	26 - 43	.377	9/1
11	Arsenal Gunners	49 - 93	.345	60	24 - 45	.348	25 - 48	.342	9/1
12	Atlanta Senators	33 - 105	.239	75	17 - 52	.246	16 - 53	.232	9/1

AL TEAM NEWS:



Hogs get “butchered” in Louisville

The Hogs hit .191 with an ERA 8.44 as they got swept at Louisville 3-2, 14-2, 8-5 and 5-2. While the Hogs got butchered the Bandits



feasted on the Hogs.

Bandits hit .333 with 14 HR's and 2.75 ERA. Top photo is closer, Taylor Rogers demistrating how to cut up and “save” the best parts of a hog. Bottom photo team owner Tony Childers carving a nice piece of hog for team stolen base leader Adalberto Mondesi. “How do you think I made it to the front of the line? Speed baby speed!” said Mondesi.



Hotlanta: “With 20 games remaining, I needed to called a team meeting with my GM. It’s time to get off the fence and make some tough decisions about this team,” said owner Jalutkewicz. “We



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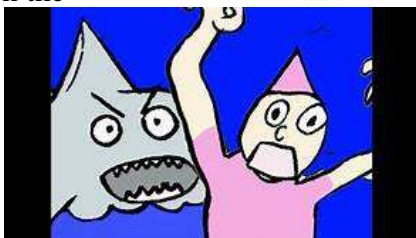
beat up on the

going 9-3 and 10-2 against



. Our problem was the

Dogfish.



We couldn’t handle them, as we went 1-11.

The Possums finished Block #7 by sweeping Arsenal. “We needed that sweep”, said Jalutkewicz. With the sweep the Possums pulled to within 1 game of 5th place Yorktown.

The Possums pitching has been excellent this block with a 3.36 ERA. However, the hitting has been

atrocious with just a .225 BA. With the FBN Minor League season completed the 89-73, second place Skunks have a number of players that the parent club will be calling up. Sam Hilliard will be adding power (52 HR at AAA) to the Possums bench. Pablo Sandoval and Christin Stewart should help to increase the .225 BA. Sandoval hit .314 with 24 HR and Stewart hit .300 with 11 HR in only 253 AB. Plus, the Possums 2nd RD DP, (#42 overall) Nick Solak had a find rookie season for the Skunks. Solak hit .272 with 17D, 1T and 8HR. With the addition of these players, Jalutkewicz said, “This should give us the ammunition that we need to sink the Admirals.” Time will tell.



Dreamers go 15-1 through first 4 series of Block 7 - but expect a wakeup call with Milford and New Hampshire at home to finish off the block.



Player Profile: Charlie Morton for Cy Young (24-4 2.88 with 6 starts/36.2 innings remaining).



Admiral, Matt Weiters now has 21 bombs in 165 plate appearances. Walker Buehler continues as staff ace as his line now 17-7, 3.19, 187. Cesar Hernandez continues stellar season as his BA climbs to .297, and he's crossed the plate 72 times.



Finished with block needing 5 wins in the final 20 games to avoid 100 losses. Michael



Conforto finished the block batting over .200 for the first time since maybe block 1.



“Well, we finally made it to the end of a long season”, said manager Mike Holbrook. Round 7 saw the Bullets play the top 3 teams and the bottom 3 teams not named Baton Rouge. We went 1-11 vs the top teams and against the bottom teams we were still pretty dismal, going 5-7. “I see no relief in round 8 as we face the 5 teams fighting for the final 2 playoff spots. I expect them to fight hard and do well against us.”

National League News:

Burlington and Taxachusetts fighting it out for the NL regular championship right down to the wire. Only 1 game separates the teams. They are schedule to play four games on Thursday, September 3rd at War Memorial Coliseum. After that series based on weakness of schedule, the Chiefs have a slight edge on weaker opponents, 45-39. They both have US Jarheads, Maine and Wall Street to play. The Chiefs other opponents are 11th place New England and 9th place Hazardville. The Bucs on the other hand have 8th place Allyn Street and 6th place Klee's. Klee's is still in the hunt for the final playoff spot.

The Jarheads have a solid hold on 3rd place. I'm sure that manger, Jack Kent will be fine tuning his rotation so that they will be ready to face either the Chiefs or Bucs round one of the playoffs.

Connecticut is in 4th and has a 3 game lead over Illinois. The Blue Devils have Illinois, Klee's and Norwich to play in Block 8. Their other two series are with Hazardville and New England. Besides CT, Illinois also has Norwich, Allyn Street, Hazardville and Wall Street to play.

Klee's are just 2 games back of Illinois in 6th place. The Klubber's have the toughest schedule remaining as they play Burlington, Connecticut, Norwich, Allyn Street and Wall Street. Manager Kramden will have to have some moon magic to the Klubber's to overcome the Prairie Dogs.

Let's not count out Norwich. They sit just 3 games back of Illinois. The schedule maker did a great job this year for the Gator's as they get to face all three teams ahead of them, Connecticut, Illinois and Klee's. Their other two series will be with Hazardville and New England.

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Taxachusetts Chiefs	92 - 46	.667	----	50 - 19	.725	42 - 27	.609	9/1
2	Burlington Buccaneers	86 - 44	.662	2	46 - 19	.708	40 - 25	.615	9/1
3	US Jarheads	87 - 55	.613	7	48 - 25	.658	39 - 30	.565	9/1
4	Connecticut Blue Devils	69 - 65	.515	21	36 - 33	.522	33 - 32	.508	9/1
5	Illinois Prairie Dogs	70 - 72	.493	24	42 - 31	.575	28 - 41	.406	9/1
6	Klee's Klubbers	66 - 72	.478	26	30 - 35	.462	36 - 37	.493	9/1
7	Norwich Navigators	67 - 75	.472	27	32 - 37	.464	35 - 38	.479	9/1
8	Allyn Street 89ERS	60 - 78	.435	32	32 - 37	.464	28 - 41	.406	9/1
9	Hazardville Powderkegs	59 - 79	.428	33	30 - 39	.435	29 - 40	.420	9/1
10	Maine Yaks	57 - 81	.413	35	31 - 38	.449	26 - 43	.377	9/1
11	New England Angels	54 - 84	.391	38	29 - 40	.420	25 - 44	.362	9/1
12	Wall Street Barons	53 - 85	.384	39	29 - 36	.446	24 - 49	.329	9/1

NL TEAM NEWS:



A. Gordon	BAVG	GM	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	HB	SH	DP	SB	CS	E
	.467	3	15	5	7	1	0	3	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

“When Alex Gordon is an All-Star vs you, you know it’s not your year” said Norwich Mgr. John McGraw after a series where the TAXMEN swept the Gators. McGraw continued to say, “and this is possibly the worst Norwich Navigator team in half a century!”



Player profile: Lance Lynn got his 20th win and 200th K.

Other 20 game winners in Chief franchise history....

Greg Maddux '97: 24-7, 2.63, 163 K

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Johan Santana '07: 23-8, 3.51, 248 K

Mike Mussina '07: 22-6, 3.55, 183 K

R.A. Dickey '13: 23-7, 3.02, 243 K

Justin Masterson '14: 23-2, 3.45, 205 K

Lance Lynn '20: 20-3, 3.93, 200 K

HAZARDVILLE at WALL STREET - Two teams fighting for quality draft picks.

The Barons took game one 7-0 behind J. Gray and the pen. “After that win it was all Powder Kegs,” said Mgr. Earl Weaver. “The offense was offensive as we only scored one run in the next three games.”

Hazardville won 3-0, 4-1 and 9-0.

In the 9-0 defeat, Barons Kluber pitched 2nd CG in succession and the second with 9 R given up. Mgr.

Weaver, “Kluber will remain in the rotation until his arm falls off!! When team BA for series is .176 with 0 HRs & batters go 1-21 with RISP over last 3 gms - makes for a long evening.”



For series #36 the Prairie Dogs wore the uniforms for their AA minor league team, the Sox.

“We felt good out there today,” said Al Lopez. The team lost game one but bounced back to take the next three.

“Game three we had no reason to win. Their short stop made 2 errors in the 9th to put the winning runs on base and they scored on and a RBI 2B by Baez. Sometimes you just have to be lucky,” said Lopez.

In game 4, DeSclafani, Stammen, and Kintzler combined for a 2 hit shutout as the Dogs won 3-0.



“After dropping 3 of 4 games vs. Wall Street, we trudged into Kate Elizabeth Park & W. Harry Pavillion to face the powerful Jarheads,” said CT Mgr. Mattingly. “We needed to do well in this series to stay in the playoff hunt.”

The team responded by taking 3 of 4 from the Jarheads. In game one, down 9-7 in the 9th the team scored 7 runs



highlighted by a Grand Slam from Brett Gardner to come back and win 14-9. Game 2 was



high scoring game as CT won 10-9. Rookie reliever Jacob Webb pitched no hit ball with 5 K's over 2 2/3 inning to settle the game down for CT.

Game 3 was a pretty good pitcher's duel between Merrill Kelly and Rick Porcello. Blue Devils held on for the 3-2 win.



With their backs against the wall the Jarheads and their beleaguered bullpen came through in the clutch pitching 5 innings of 1 hit shutout relief and preserving the 4-3 Jarhead win and avoided CT sweep.



Player profiles:

Robinson Cano played in his 2,200th game.

JD Martinez 534th run passed D. Hamilton for 8th on 89ER All-Time list. He also had his 500th RBI.

Jose Ramirez 200th double.

JD is 3 HR's away from 200.

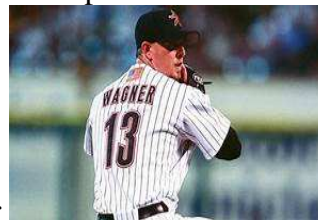


Treaver Bauer

K'ed his 1,103rd batter to pass D. Gooden



for 7th place.



Mark Melancon needs 5 saves to pass Billy Wagner as the All-Time leader in team saves. (Wagner has 173)

TEAM: 5600th HR. Jose Ramirez 9th inning vs. NE in a 10-5 loss.

AAA West Broad Street finished in last place in the NL. The team was 38-50 vs. NL teams and 38-36 vs. AL teams. The team was led by Kevin Newman who batted .324. Jorge Soler drove in 115 runs while hitting 44 HR. James McCann was second on the team with 109 RBI and 28 HR.

Austin Voth led the team with 11 wins. His 3.88 ERA was the best amount the starters. Mark Melancon led the team with 12 saves.

The problem at West Broad was pitching. The team ERA was 5.74, 21st out of the 24 teams. The parent club, the 89ERS team ERA at this writing was 4.98, 10th out of the 12 NL teams. I would bet the house that GM George Weiss will be looking for pitchers in the February 2021 draft.



“We are more likely to lose 90 than win 90 the way the team has been playing lately.” Said McGraw. Our pen is simply pathetic and that’s including our big trade acquisition.” McGraw was not holding anything back on how he felt about the performance of Aroldis Chapman.



The Buc’s sailed up the Thames River to meet the Gators. With eight shutout innings by Paddock and Pruitt and a Framnil Reyes HR NN took game 1, 4-3 walk off win. In game 2, the Gators again crewed on the Buc’s as Reyes homers again to get his total for the season to 50 in an 8-5, win.



All McGraw could say was, “What is happening?” With the ship

can the Bucs



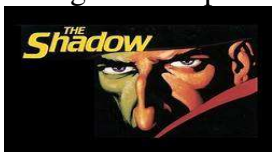
right the ship? No, not in game 3, as the Gators again feed on the Bucs 5-2.

With a 6 game win streak Norwich is now feeling better about themselves. Burlington slaps them back in place; Framnil Reyes stays defiant, and hits 2 more HRs to make the game look good- Kershaw gave it a good try, but



the Burlington LH-killing lineup is a thing of nightmares for LHSP. the Bucs right the ship in time to meet with the Chiefs?

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Only knows! We, the mortals, will have to wait until the games are played.



Still in it? Who knows? (See above for the answer.)

Minus Bonus Points: None

Year to Date: LW 1, WS ½, UR ½, AA ½.

TRANSACTIONS:

1. None

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!