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Commentary:

“Six teams competing for two playoff spots and no deadline trades? Why not try to make the playoffs,” asked “Inside the FBN Newsletter” editor, Ed Griffin to GM and Owner for Life Roland Klee as the two were enjoying a few beers and burgers at lunch.

“As I said before the year even started, these are the horses I’m going with; that I wasn’t going to make any special attempt to make the playoffs,” said Klee. “I went for it last year, acquiring Anibal and Zobrist. Even though they both gave me outstanding seasons, I still missed the playoffs, although I wasn’t eliminated until Game 160 or so.”

“Now, I’ve gone a couple of years without either a first round pick or a playoff berth so I’ve decided to protect my first round pick, even though it’s Milford’s (#24). The added complication of this Covid year is that it’s very difficult to put a value on any player based on a 60 game season and no minor leagues.”

“Your core issue is that you own MD #1 pick.... which means you entered the viper’s den.... from which there is no safe escape.”

Ed was wrong. As he looked down to see the check, Roland was out the door in the blink of an eye leaving Ed with the bill. “How’s that for an escape?,” were the last words heard from Roland as he went out the diner’s door.

Dreamer On!! In a recent series with Milford, Maeda and Soria combined to no-hit the Dogfish!

BOXSCORE: 2020 Milford Dogfish At 2020 California Dreamers

9/3/2020

Dogfish	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	Dreamers	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG
A.Bregman 3B, SS	3	0	0	0	.182	C.Blackmon RF	4	2	1	0	.300
C.Bellinger RF	4	0	0	0	.194	J.Soria P	0	0	0	0	----
M.Betts LF	3	0	0	0	.250	J.Votto 1B	1	0	0	0	.231
Y.Alvarez DH	3	0	0	0	.550	B-H.Kendrick PR, 1B	2	2	1	3	.402
G.Torres 2B	2	0	0	0	.250	D-T.Pham PH, RF	0	1	0	0	.287
C-B.Lowe PR, 2B	1	0	0	0	.400	J.Soto LF	3	1	1	0	.286
M.Sano SS, 2B, 3B	3	0	0	0	.346	E.Thames DH, 1B	4	1	1	0	.219
M.Moreland 1B	1	0	0	0	----	R.McMahon 3B	2	1	1	2	.224
A-M.Muncy 1B	2	0	0	0	.333	E.Inciarte CF	5	2	3	4	.308
V.Robles CF	3	0	0	0	.222	O.Albies 2B	4	0	2	2	.295
A.Barnes C	3	0	0	0	.167	M.Pina C	4	0	0	0	.232
						E-K.Smith PH, C	1	0	0	0	.367
						J.Iglesias SS	4	1	2	0	.272
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Totals	28	0	0	0		Totals	34	11	12	11	

Dogfish.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
Dreamers.....	1	0	2	3	0	0	2	3		-	11	12	1

Dogfish (6-2)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	ERA	SCORESHEET
D.Hudson LOSS (0-1)	8	12	11	11	6	5	2	12.38	A1
Totals	8	12	11	11	6	5	2		

Dreamers (95-43)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	ERA	SCORESHEET
K.Maeda WIN (11-8)	7	0	0	0	4	12	0	3.48	A1 C9
J.Soria	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1.34	D1 D4
Totals	9	0	0	0	4	15	0		

The Dreamers pitching staff gave the fans an afternoon that they'll never forget by tossing a combined no-hitter! The tension started to build around the 6th inning. By the 9th inning the crowd was electrified.

Kenta Maeda (11-8) got the win allowing no runs in 7 innings. Dakota Hudson suffered the loss.

'You probably have a better chance of winning the lottery than this happening,' said Maeda who got credit for the win, 'I don't expect it to sink in for a while,' he said. 'You know, it's hard to say who was better, the starter or the bullpen!'

AL TEAM NEWS:

After a recent series at Hotlanta where the Possums dropped 3 of the 4 games we met up with Hotlanta



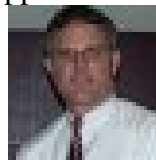
manager Jim Jalutkewicz while he was having a beer in the locker room. “It was a very frustrating series,” said Jalutkewicz. “Sure handed, Nick Ahmed error in the 7th of game 1, led to 3 Dreamer unearned runs.” “Then in the bottom of the 9th Jake Bauers was robbed of HR which would have ended the game for us. The Dreamers camebacl and won it in the 10th.” “If that wasn’t bad eoung, in game 4, our pitchers held the Dreamers to 1 run, but the Dreamer pitchers throw a shutout.”

Frank Simonutti was in great spirits in his post-series interview. Yet, when I asked about his feelings after the series win, he volunteered, “I'll tell you this much - I know how my counterpart, Jim Jalutkewicz, feels right now - and it's not very good. It's terrible when you come up on the short end of one of these series!”



Whippets manager Jim Ferguson

Recently the Whippets took 3 of 4 from the Admirals to end block 7. “After the Admiral’s come from behind win in game one, we turn the series around,” said Ferguson. “We had 5-run rally by in the 8th inning of game two to win plus we followed by a 12-run 1st inning in game three.” The Whippets took 3 of 4. “It wasn’t a lot of fun out there. Their fans gave them a lot of support. Not even Walker Beuhler could halt the



Whippets in the finale,” said Admiral manager Jeff Merklin. “We had a really nice run, said Merk, but it fell apart when we ran out of ammo with 2 series' left in block 7.” “That's OK...enjoyed the run.”

NL TEAM NEWS:



vs.

The teams enter the series with identical 92-46 records atop the NL standings, but the Bucs had dominated the season series at 6-2.

Gm 1 – Castillo vs. Wojo. Was all Bucs 9-6. Gm 2 - Marco Gonzales vs. Clevinger. The Chiefs Clevinger pitches 6 shutout innings to get only his 6th win in 22 GS. It was all TX as they won 14-1. Gm 3 – Sonny Gray vs. Leake. Gray and four relievers hold the Chiefs to 1 earned run on 5 hits, no walks and 11 Ks. Urshela hits a

pair of HRs for the Buc offense. BB wins 4-2.

“Down 2 games to 1 we knew we had to battle back to at an important split,” said Chief manager Joe Carter. Gm 4 – Musgrove vs. Lynn. Daniel Murphy carried the Chief offense with 3 hits (DO, HR) and 4 RBI, and Lance Lynn pitched 7 strong innings for his 21st win. TX won 7-3.

After the hard earned split there was no rest for the Chiefs. The Chiefs had to get ready for a road trip to start Block 8 against the Jarheads.



Blue Devils visit Burlington hoping to keep their playoff hopes alive. Bucs pummeled CT starter Merrill Kelly in game 1 as Bucs won 7-3. CT game back to win game 2 but lost the last two 9-2 and 4-2. “We simply can’t make it easy for ourselves,” said manager Don Mattingly. “We failed to lock away a playoff spot and we are stumbling into the last block giving hope to the Prairie Dogs, Klubbers and Navigators whom they must play, said Mattingly. “It’s going to be exciting September baseball for Blue Devil fans.”



The Angels floated into Jim Bouton Field in a very important series for Klee’s. The Klub took 3 of 4 and improved to 69-73.

“We needed this series win, said veteran Melky Cabrera. “We now go into the last 20 games just one game out of the playoff slots. The Melk Man was drafted by GM and Owner for Life Klee in the 2nd round of the 2007 draft. Cabrera has played his entire career with Klee’s.

In other team news, campaigning to stay in the rotation down the stretch, Caleb Smith went the distance for his first career shutout, walking none, whiffing 8 and retiring the last 14 Angels, despite being weak the last 2 innings. “If you ask me, he’s earned a spot in the rotation and a cup of coffee,” said bullpen coach Alec Baldwin.

Minus Bonus Points: LW ½, day late rotation last block. AA tbd. Late rotation last block.

Year to Date: LW 1 1/2 , 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!