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Commissioners Note:

The 2020 MLB season is coming to an end in three weeks. It's a sure thing that we'll have a MLB set to purchase for 2021. Will we be able to meet at draft central or will we have to draft on line only? Don't know but we will have a 2021 draft.

BASEMENT BERTHA AWARD

Atlanta was wrapped up the Basement Bertha Award for the Number 1, pick in the 2021 draft with 110 losses already. Arsenal Gunners 99 losses and with only 10 games remaining can only lose 109 games. The Gunners should have the No. 2, pick in the draft. The number 3 pick is still up in the air between Baton Rouge 96 losses and 8 games remaining and Wall Street 93 losses with 12 games remaining. The fifth pick is a battle between Urpaign 96 losses with 8 games remaining and Maine 93 losses with 8 games remaining.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Milford has wrapped up the AL Regular Season Pennant. At 120-34, The Dogfish are 17 games ahead of California with only 8 games remaining. California has already lost 45 games. The Dreamers have an 8 game lead over third place New Hampshire and 12 in the lost column. The Dreamers only need to go 9-11 to hold on to the number 2. New Hampshire is the number 3, playoff team and Louisville will be the 4th playoff team.

Here is where it gets very interesting. Lake Wobegon at this writing is 2 games ahead of Hotlanta and 4 games ahead of Yorktown for the 5th and final playoff slot. I'm not sure what teams each of these three have left to play but I'm sure it's going to be a battle right to the finish. Lake Wobegon has 12 games remaining while Hotlanta and Yorktown only have 8 games left.

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	Pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Milford Dogfish	120 - 34	.779	----	56 - 21	.727	64 - 13	.831	9/15
2	California Dreamers	103 - 51	.669	17	49 - 28	.690	54 - 23	.701	9/15
3	New Hampshire Hogs	93 - 57	.620	25	50 - 27	.649	43 - 30	.589	9/15
4	Louisville River Bandits	88 - 66	.571	32	39 - 38	.506	49 - 28	.636	9/15
5	Lake Wobegon Whippets	81 - 69	.540	37	41 - 32	.562	40 - 37	.519	9/15
6	Hotlanta Possums	81 - 73	.526	39	44 - 33	.571	37 - 40	.481	9/15
7	Yorktown Admirals	79 - 75	.513	41	34 - 43	.442	45 - 32	.584	9/15
8	Alpharetta Aces	63 - 79	.444	51	33 - 40	.452	30 - 39	.435	9/15
9	Urpaign Dragons	59 - 91	.393	59	25 - 52	.325	34 - 39	.466	9/15
10	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	58 - 96	.377	62	26 - 47	.356	32 - 49	.395	9/15
11	Arsenal Gunners	51 - 99	.340	67	26 - 51	.338	25 - 48	.342	9/15
12	Atlanta Senators	36 - 110	.247	80	19 - 54	.260	17 - 56	.233	9/15

AL TEAM NEWS:



Lake Wobegon road trip!!

First stop was in Baton Rouge. After losing game one 9-2, the team



armed itself

and took the next three 9-2, 7-5 and 10-1. That put the Whippets in decent position going into California. The Whippets won game one 6-5 but the Dreamers came back to take game 2, 4-0. Manager Ferguson was not going to sit by and do nothing after the loss. He pulled the team together and told them that he was taking aim at a playoff spot. "I can see the playoff spot in my sites, can you see it?"



5-3 and 4-2.

The team must have seen it, because they bounced back taking the last two games

PLAYER PROFILE: Christian Yelich hit for the cycle in the game 2 versus Baton Rouge, something that Whippets' record keepers could not find or remember anyone in the franchise ever doing.



Hotlanta

hosted Baton Rouge

recently and split the series. "Things were looking good for us, said Possums manager Jim jalutkewicz, after winning the first two games 5-0 and 4-2 but after that the Bullets use us



for target practice.

In game #3 Hotlanta whacked 2 pinch HR's to send the game into extra innings only to lose it in the 11th. Game #4 was a blowout for the Bullets."

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Burlington and Taxachusetts are deadlocked at 101-49. With 12 games remaining which team will be the “last man standing”? The Jarheads are a solid 3rd, playoff slot. Connecticut has made a push and they seem to have the 4th playoff spot locked up. The Blue Devils now lead Illinois by 4 games.

Illinois has the 5th playoff spot as we they go into their last 12 games. Norwich has closed in on the Prairie Dogs and are only 1 defeat behind in 6th place. Klee’s are not out of it yet either. They Klubbers are only 2 defeats behind the Dogs with 16 games remaining.

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Burlington Buccaneers	101 - 49	.673	----	49 - 20	.710	52 - 29	.642	9/15
2	Taxachusetts Chiefs	101 - 49	.673	----	56 - 21	.727	45 - 28	.616	9/15
3	US Jarheads	88 - 58	.603	11	49 - 28	.636	39 - 30	.565	9/15
4	Connecticut Blue Devils	82 - 72	.532	22	38 - 35	.521	44 - 37	.543	9/15
5	Illinois Prairie Dogs	75 - 75	.500	26	44 - 33	.571	31 - 42	.425	9/15
6	Norwich Navigators	70 - 76	.479	29	35 - 38	.479	35 - 38	.479	9/15
7	Klee's Klubbers	69 - 77	.473	30	33 - 40	.452	36 - 37	.493	9/15
8	Allyn Street 89ERS	68 - 86	.442	35	36 - 41	.468	32 - 45	.416	9/15
9	New England Angels	59 - 87	.404	40	34 - 43	.442	25 - 44	.362	9/15
10	Hazardville Powderkegs	62 - 92	.403	41	32 - 45	.416	30 - 47	.390	9/15
11	Maine Yaks	61 - 93	.396	42	33 - 40	.452	28 - 53	.346	9/15
12	Wall Street Barons	57 - 93	.380	44	32 - 41	.438	25 - 52	.325	9/15

NL TEAM NEWS:



vs.



The Chiefs continued to beat up NL teams. The Chiefs hit .295 and the team ERA was 1.74 as they took three from US Jarheads. “We are clicking on all cylinders,” said manager Joe Carter. As the Chiefs took 3 of 4 from the Jarheads.

Jack Kent was not happy after the series loss. “Even you guys up in the press box know why we lost this series. We didn’t hit and we didn’t pitch!” The Jarheads hit just .191, and the ERA was 4.71.



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A Daniel Vogelbach's 1st Chief homer was a grand slam, and Lynn picked up win #23 as the Chiefs took game one 17-1. The Chiefs completed a sweep of the Powerkegs, 5-0, 5-3 and 12-5. When I asked Chiefs manager Joe Carter about the series he said, “We got all the breaks out their today. The Kegs whatever could go wrong went wrong.” “I’ve been on both sides of these type series and believe me it’s more fun on the lucky side of the field.”

PLAYER PROFILES: DJ now with 130 RBI on the season. Lynn is 1 win away from Greg Maddux's Chief

record of 24. **Please note that the Chiefs will be taking a hiatus until Sept 21st.**



at Norwich took 3 of 4 from Hazardville recently. “The Norwich charge is still alive,” said manager McGraw. “We head out to New England/Fogglan next before the tumultuous final half of the final block with contenders for the last playoff spot, CT, IL, and of course, KK!”



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In a recent series versus their long time mimeses, the 89ERS faced off with the Buccaneers/Warriors. The 89ERS took complete control of the series when Trevor Bauer K'ed 12 batters and the 89ERS scored 10 runs in a 10-4 win. “Now that’s how you put a team away,” said Casey Stengel. Well, they thought they had control.

Casey may have spoken to soon as the Buccaneers went out and took the next three games 8-1, 2-1 and 6-2. “Remind me after our next win not to say anything that will give the other team motivation to comeback and beat the heck out of us,” said a sad Casey Stengel.

PLAYER PROFILES: In game two, in his first at bat Jose Ramirez hit his 207th double of his career to pass Shane Victorino for 8th place on the 89ER All-Time team. His double in game 3, put him 2 behind Wally Backman (210).

Eddie Rosario in the 3rd game with Wall Street played in his 700th game.



The Blue Devils rolled into Jim Bouton Field to defend their fourth place position against the onslaught of the Klubber juggernaut.(Juggernaut?)



In game one the Devils score 4 in the 3rd, 7 more in the 5th to rip apart the Klubbers. The Blue Devils go



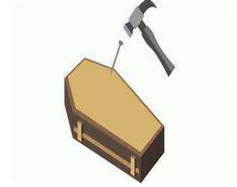
on to win 16-5. Trevor Story who had 4 hits and 4 RBI in game one continued to be on fire as he got 4 more hits, including a GS, as he drove in 6 runs in game two to lead CT to a 9-0 win.

We caught up with Ralph Kramden, manager of the Klubbers and we asked him about the first two games of the series. “It has been an embarrassing nightmare,” said Kramden. “Cleary, we don’t belong on the same field as CT.” “Every player on this team should be ashamed.”

After the team heard Kramden’s talk with me they did go out and do better. The klubbers finally contained

the evils as Bassitt allowed only 3 hits in 7 IP. But, 2 of them were HRs and the lame offense betrays the Klub once again as CT took game 3, by a 3-1 score.

In game 4, Piscotty's 3rd inning grand slam was all the Devils needed to sweep the Klubbers 4-2. The humiliating smack down solidified the Blue Devils playoff aspirations while the Klubbers appear to be



circling the drain Next up: Whoever has a hammer and some nails to close the Klubber kasket.



Klee's starting lineup along with team GM and Owner for Life Klee after the series lose to Connecticut. Klee is on the phone calling Allyn Street. "We need to play a team that we have a chance to beat," said Klee.



Rumor has it that Alec Baldwin is trying to get away from his contract with Klee's



Battle for 4th place! and Home Field Advantage.

Illinois hosted Connecticut at Nelson Fox Park-Sherman Lollar Field in what could be the prelude of this years Wild Card Series. In the first game the Dogs hit 4 HRS and Sale K'ed 10 for a 7-4, Illinois win. Game 2 was a pitcher's duel between CT's Minor and IL's Corbin. A 2 run HR by Story and no clutch hitting by the Dogs was the formula for a Blue Devils 3-1 win.

In game 3, a 2-0 game going into the 8th. With the bases load, Manager Al Lopez, strolled out to the mound planning on replacing Matt Scherzer. Scherzer talked Lopez in keeping him in the game. I guess the forgot what happened when Grady Little kept Pedro Martinez in the game against the Yankees in 2003.



As Lopez got back to the bench Odor hit one out of the park/field for a Grand Slam. CT goes on to win 8-0. After that loss the Dogs could have put their tails between their legs and they could have

given up. But they did not. They got 6 runs in 1st inning and had to use 5 RP to hang on for the win. Kintzler loaded the bases in the 9th. Iglesias had to go in and get the last 2 out for a Dogs 7-5 win. With the series split the Dogs remain 3 games behind CT in 5th place. Norwich is 3 back of the Dogs and Klee's are 4 back. The race for the last playoff spot is going to go down to the very end of the season!

Minus Bonus Points: AA ½, one day late with rotation last block. LV TBD.

Year to Date: LW 1 ½, AA 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!