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WRAPPING UP THE SEASON by Bob Figella 9-20

The end of the season is upon us. A couple of playoff spots are still to be determined but the playoff picture is becoming clear. When you finish your season you need to send your final team schedule with your record completed to Rob. You also need to send in your full team final stats to your league president and to me. You also need to send your league president your last bi-weekly team leaders report and finally your player usage.

When you send in your full team stats please send it in an editable format, either the print file from the SOM game or an Excel spreadsheet is preferred. Do not send in a PDF file as I cannot edit those files to format the document for the website.

Good luck to everyone advancing in the playoffs.

ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER IS A COPY OF THE FORM FOR REPORTING SEASON ENDING PLAYER STATS. If you will use this form it will help Bob Figella. Thank you. Rob

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Milford Dogfish	121 - 37	.766	----	56 - 21	.727	65 - 16	.802	9/18
2	California Dreamers	107 - 55	.660	16	53 - 28	.654	54 - 27	.667	Final
3	New Hampshire Hogs	101 - 61	.623	22	53 - 28	.654	48 - 33	.593	Final
4	Louisville River Bandits	94 - 68	.580	29	43 - 38	.531	51 - 30	.630	Final
5	Lake Wobegon Whippets	86 - 72	.544	35	43 - 34	.558	43 - 38	.531	9/20
6	Hotlanta Possums	87 - 75	.537	36	47 - 34	.580	40 - 41	.494	Final
7	Yorktown Admirals	85 - 77	.525	38	37 - 44	.457	48 - 33	.593	Final
8	Alpharetta Aces	67 - 91	.424	54	36 - 45	.444	31 - 46	.403	9/21
9	Urpaign Dragons	63 - 95	.399	58	27 - 54	.333	36 - 41	.468	9/18
10	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	63 - 99	.389	60	31 - 50	.383	32 - 49	.395	Final
11	Arsenal Gunners	56 - 106	.346	67	29 - 52	.358	27 - 54	.333	Final
12	Atlanta Senators	40 - 118	.253	81	22 - 59	.272	18 - 59	.234	9/16

AMERICAN LEAGUE TEAM NEWS:



“We have just completed our season,” said manager Dean Morris. “It was ugly with a capital "U",

but on to the draft.” The Gunners finished at 56-106 and should have earned a date with one of Basement Bertha’s ugly twin sisters. “Yeah, looks like we’ll be dating the elder ugly twin.” The Gunners seem to have “earned” the number 2 pick in the 2021 draft.



Admiral Orders: Yorktown wrapped up it's 2020 season. The Admirals had a much better year than the world has had, finishing 85-77 overall, much better than team execs expected. Chester Nimitz Stadium saw no Covid cases, no wildfires, and lots of satisfied fans. On the field, in addition to having an excellent season on the road (48-33).

“It's becoming harder and harder to comprehend I've been in this league since 1975,” said owner Jeff Merklin. “It's been a great activity in my life, and I appreciate all managers. Good luck in the playoffs and the off-season!”



After a mediocre final block (10-10) - Dreamers close the season at 107-55. “It’s now time to get ready for playoff series against Hogs,” said manager Simonutti.



“We had a good season and we hope to have a better post season,” said manager Childers. “We did manage to make it over 300 HR's for the season, 304. Not bad for a medium/small park.”



“We stayed under 100 losses,” said Mgr./GM Mike Holbrook. “Let’s draft!”



Atlanta visited



Hotlanta in what was the last series of the year for both teams. Hotlanta

took 3 of 4. HT won 7-6, lost 4-2, won 6-4 and 7-3.
Hottlanta finished the season with a record of 87-75.

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!

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

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place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Taxachusetts Chiefs	104 - 50	.675	----	56 - 21	.727	48 - 29	.623	9/15
2	Burlington Buccaneers	103 - 51	.669	1	51 - 22	.699	52 - 29	.642	9/20
3	US Jarheads	92 - 62	.597	12	49 - 28	.636	43 - 34	.558	9/17
4	Connecticut Blue Devils	82 - 72	.532	22	38 - 35	.521	44 - 37	.543	9/15
5	Illinois Prairie Dogs	75 - 75	.500	27	44 - 33	.571	31 - 42	.425	9/15
6	Klee's Klubbers	72 - 78	.480	30	36 - 41	.468	36 - 37	.493	9/16
7	Norwich Navigators	70 - 76	.479	30	35 - 38	.479	35 - 38	.479	9/15
8	Allyn Street 89ERS	71 - 91	.438	37	38 - 43	.469	33 - 48	.407	Final
9	Hazardville Powderkegs	62 - 92	.403	42	32 - 45	.416	30 - 47	.390	9/15
10	New England Angels	60 - 90	.400	42	35 - 46	.432	25 - 44	.362	9/19
11	Maine Yaks	64 - 98	.395	44	36 - 45	.444	28 - 53	.346	Final
12	Wall Street Barons	57 - 93	.380	45	32 - 41	.438	25 - 52	.325	9/15

NL TEAM NEWS:



The Blue Devils score 27 runs on 43 hits and sweep the Kegs, 5-1, 10-5 and 7-0 in the first three games. In game 4, the Blue Devils opened a 5-1 lead after 4 innings with two RBI singles from Leury Garcia and RBI double from Cruz. Merrill Kelly pitched his best game for CT going 8 innings holding the Kegs to just 1 run on 4 hits with 7 K's as Blue Devils win 5-2.



The Klubbers slip back into 6th place a percentage point ahead of Norwich and 3 games back of Illinois with a tragic number of 10 as the take 3 from the 89ERS. In game 1, down 2-1, in the bottom of the 9th the Klub came back for the walk off win against 89ER closer, Alex Colome. In game 2, they blew the 89ERS away 15-9 and in game 4, they won 6-3.

Game 3 was a disappointing lost 2-1, Both teams scored a run in the first inning and that was it until the 15th

when Allyn Street scored 1. That run held up and the Klub lost 2-1. Ralph Kramde was understandably not very talkative after his team's tough loss. He quickly showered and changed and when asked about the game had a terse, yet polite response, "Hey fellows, that game was a heart-breaker to lose. Our guys gave it their all and played well - fate just wasn't smilin' on us tonight".

Up next for the Klub: WS on Tuesday followed by BB and NN TBD.



New England closed out their home portion of their schedule on Saturday the 19th, when Norwich came to town. The Angels lost 3 of 4 in their last games at Halo Park.

This week, the Wrecking ball took down Halo Park, where the New England Angels had played their last games. Owner Bruce Fogg, who has moved the team to sunny Florida donated the land as a park so it can be enjoyed by the people of Connecticut.

What's next for Fogg's ball club? Construction on a new air conditioned fully enclosed stadium is well underway and is expected to be completed in time for spring training beginning in February 2021. "I'm committed on building a more balanced pitcher friendly park than Halo park which favored left handed hitters with is shallow 350 ft low walls in right and center field," said Fogg. "The outfield walls in the new park will be eventually be 400' all around the field from LF foul pole to the RF foul pole." However, due to a delay in getting some of the local permits on time, in 2021 there will be a temporary wall in the OF behind which will be the bullpens for both teams 375" from home plate. "Once we get the corrected permits, permanent bull pens will be built in the off season adjacent to the dugouts of each team and the temporary wall will be removed for the 2022 season.

We asked Mr. Fogg about the Florida heat and how that could affect the teams play. "I'm including a dome, we will be playing in a temperature controlled environment and weather effects will no longer be an issue."

Do you have a name for the new ballpark? "We are still working on a name for the ballpark, and the team name will be changed as well." Fans of the Angels may remember that in 1986 when Fogg entered the FBN the team was call the Lake Erie Lime Sox. The team was originally to play in Ohio but a bill to build a new stadium never got off the ground. Owner Fogg decided to keep the team in Connecticut and in 1987 renamed the team the New England Lime Sox. Later he renames the team the Angels.

"So there is a lot going on within the Angels franchise, said Fogg. "We have several players who are playing well this year and lots of draft picks to help form a new identity for our new Southern Franchise." Fogg mention, "Future updates will be provided as progress is made."



Norwich recently took 3 of 4 from New England to keep their playoff hopes alive. At 73-77 Norwich now has the same number of losses as Illinois (77-77). Illinois just finished a road trip to Allyn Street where the Prairie Dogs split with the 89ERS.

Minus Bonus Points: none

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

TRANSACTIONS:

1. None