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**Commissioners Note:**

MLB has completed it's 60 game season as of Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. With the completion of the MLB season we are now assured some kind of FBN season for 2021. I don't know about you but for me it's, "Thank goodness."

Remember to get your 10/1 team leaders reports to your league president. The next reporting date is 10/15 for your final team stats and your completed team schedule.

Playoffs start October 15<sup>th</sup>. I'll get a schedule out soon.

**AL TEAM NEWS:**



Milford Dogfish broke 31, year old American League record for most wins with 123. The prior record of 122 was set by the Galactic Gladiators in 1989.

Joe Carter of Massachusetts was the first to send out congratulations. "He also, manager Glen Boucher, has the FBN record of 129 wins when he was the manager of the Farmington Valley Hawks in the National League."

"Jiminy Crickets, two years' worth of wins for some of us!", said a fellow AL manager.

<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	Away	away pct	last update
1	Milford Dogfish	123 - 39	.759	----	58 - 23	.716	65 - 16	.802	Final
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	88 - 74	.543	35	45 - 36	.556	43 - 38	.531	Final
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	69 - 93	.426	54	36 - 45	.444	33 - 48	.407	Final
9	Urpaign Dragons	65 - 97	.401	58	27 - 54	.333	38 - 43	.469	Final
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	41 - 121	.253	82	22 - 59	.272	19 - 62	.235	Final

**The Race for the 5<sup>th</sup> and the Final Playoff spot:** The Whippets with a 7-5 finish held onto the 5<sup>th</sup> playoff spot by one game over Hotlanta. “We did what we had to do,” said manager Jim Ferguson. “We just kept swinging the bats and didn't give up,”



Ferguson said. “If you just keep trying good things can happen!”



Jim Jalutkewicz was understandably not very talkative after his team's tough finish. “Hey fellows, this season was a heart-breaker to lose. Our guys gave it their all and played well - fate just wasn't smilin' on us.”



Milford American League Regular Season Championship hats are now on sale. The Dogfish will now sit back and plan their first round playoff roster after Lake Wobegon travels to Louisville to play the Wild Card Series. The winner of the Wild Card Series will be the team that will meet up with the Dogfish.

New Hampshire will travel to California to play the Dreamers in their first round of games. The Dreamers finished 6, games ahead of the Hog's during the season.

### Other AL news:



Interview with the Dragons GM Bruce Gletty. “Q” How do you feel about this season? “A” We came through at the end of the season. “Q” Did you think you could avoid losing 100 games? “A” That was the goal from the beginning of the season. As I said, the team came through and we did not lose 100 games this year. “Q” What does 2021 look like for the Dragons? “A” We are in much better shape going into 2021 then we were going into 2020. We'll be building on the few bright spots that we had in 2020, and we have two first round draft picks for the 2021 draft, said Gletty.



“The statistics for the Silver Bullets for the 2020 season was not what we wanted but we did avoid losing 100 games,” said GM Mike Holbrook. “Draft planning and analysis starts now. It's my job to get this team back into contention” Holbrook said.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Taxachusetts Chiefs	109 - 53	.673	----	59 - 22	.728	50 - 31	.617	Final
2	Burlington Buccaneers	107 - 55	.660	2	57 - 24	.704	50 - 31	.617	Final
3	US Jarheads	98 - 64	.605	11	52 - 29	.642	46 - 35	.568	Final
4	Connecticut Blue Devils	84 - 74	.532	23	40 - 37	.519	44 - 37	.543	9/22
5	Norwich Navigators	82 - 80	.500	25	42 - 39	.519	40 - 41	.494	Final
6	Illinois Prairie Dogs	79 - 83	.488	30	46 - 35	.568	33 - 48	.407	Final
7	Klee's Klubbers	77 - 85	.475	32	38 - 43	.469	39 - 42	.481	Final
8	Allyn Street 89ERS	71 - 91	.438	38	38 - 43	.469	33 - 48	.407	Final
9	Hazardville Powderkegs	65 - 97	.401	44	33 - 48	.407	32 - 49	.395	Final
10	Maine Yaks	64 - 98	.395	45	35 - 46	.432	29 - 52	.358	Final
11	New England Angels	64 - 98	.395	45	36 - 45	.444	28 - 53	.346	Final
12	Wall Street Barons	63 - 99	.389	46	36 - 45	.444	27 - 54	.333	Final

### NL TEAM NEWS:



Wall Street took on the playoff hopeful Klubbers and almost put an end to the Klubber playoff hopes at the Stockyard. Wall Street took game on in a pitchers duel 2-1. Klee's returned the favor in game 2, winning 2-1. Wall Street took game 3, 3-2 and push the Klubber backs to the wall. In game 4, a T. Murphy SF gave the Klubbers the 3-2, lead and win.

**PLAYER PROFILE** - T Glasnow finished season 67 IP **0 HRs** 9 ERs era 1.21 (2 starts vs TX)



Norwich With a heartbreaking drop of the final two games vs CT Norwich stood at 75-79. "We have two home series left; IPD and then, yet again KLEEBACLE time," said manager John McGraw. "These last 8 games, perhaps will decide on the last spot."



Taxachusetts The Angels and the Chiefs met recently at War Memorial. The teams split the first two games of the series. The Chiefs came back and took the last two games 6-3 and 11-8. The series win but the Chiefs into first place in the NL at 107-51, a game ahead of the Buccaneers.



Klee's **er's** – The Buccaneers came roaring into Jim Bouton Field trying to pin down the #1 playoff seeding. While the Klubber tragic number was 6.  
 Klee manager, Ralph Kradem was happy after taking game 1, 14-5. But, after dropping the next two games, 2-1 and 6-2, he didn't want to speak to this reporter. Thankfully, the Klubbers recovered and took game 4, 5-1.  
 "Ok, the tragic number is down to 4. There is nothing else for me to say," said Kradem.



Illinois – The Prairie Dogs were in shock as Hazardville took the first two games of a recent series 8-2 and 13-4. Manager Al Lopez, called a team meeting. "It wasn't a lot of fun out there. Our fans gave us a lot of support but we could not get a victory," said Lopez. "It was time to sit these players down and let them know that it was all up to them if he go to the postseason or if we just go home."



Lopez's talk must have done the trick as the Prairie Dogs came fighting back and took games 3 and 4, 8-3 and 6-0. In game 4, it was zero to zero after 7 innings. In the 8th the Dogs jumped all over the Powerkegs bullpen for 6 runs highlighted by Suarez 3 run HR. Scherzer waited for the last home game of the season to pitch a complete game gem. He gave up just 3 hits while striking out 12, for the victory. Scherzer was jubilant in the hometown clubhouse, "It was a lot of fun out there. The fans gave me a lot of support as did my teammates. We got the victory and I'll sure take 12 strikeouts anytime!"  
 At 79-79, the Prairie Dogs hold a slim lead over Norwich and Klee's for the 5<sup>th</sup> and final playoff spot.

**Playoff Report by Roland Klee**

Klubber tragic number is down to 2. All eyes are on the IPD series at NN this weekend. Here are the current standings:  
 IPD 79-79  
 NN 75-79  
 KK 76-82

- If IPD takes 3 or 4, it's over; Dogs make the playoffs.
- If IPD splits, KK is done and NN has to sweep KK to force a tie.
- If NN takes 3 from IPD, NN has to split with KK to force a tie with IPD or 3 from KK to make the playoffs.
- If NN sweeps IPD, it needs only a split with KK to make the playoffs.

So KK's only path to the playoffs is for NN to take at least 3 from IPD.  
 If NN sweeps IPD, then KK needs to sweep NN to make the playoffs.  
 If NN takes 3 from IPD, then KK needs 3 from NN to force a tie with NN. A KK sweep would put KK in the playoffs.

I think these are all the possible scenarios. Please feel free to check the math. Roland

**Some minor corrections** – by Don Decker.

If NN takes 3 from IPD, and KK takes 3 from NN, IPD goes to the playoffs- (80-82 better than the two 79's)

If NN takes 3 from IPD, and KK sweeps NN, then it's a playoff between KK and IPD

If NN sweeps IPD, it only would need to beat KK once (the 80 beating the two 79's)

So it's just slightly more bleak than you projected; but, perhaps, the KLEEBACLE is coming!!! Not to mention the possibility of a "Prairie Dog Massacre", lol!



at Excitement fill the air at Garmin Park! Where Illinois and Norwich met battling for the 5<sup>th</sup> and final playoff spot.

Norwich took game one 9-8, after falling behind 4-1 after two innings. In game two with the scored tied at 1 in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> a Moustakas SF pushed across a run that ended up giving Norwich a 2-1 win. Game 3, was a 7-3 Norwich win. Could Norwich pull off the sweep? That was the question on the minds of manager John McGraw.

Illinois scored first on a HR by Santana leading off the game. A 3-R bomb by Flores in the bottom of the first made it 3-1, Both pitchers settled down after that and the game went to the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. In the 8<sup>th</sup> Illinois got a Single Single wp K SF and it was 3-2 with the runner in scoring position! A ground out from Marte ended the rally. In the 9<sup>th</sup>, Chapman came in to face righty mashers Suarez, Gurriel and Engel: K, Lineout, we're gonna win, thought Norwich manager John McGraw. Double by Engel! Panic again reigns! Miguel Rojas in the clutch is up. A look to the pen found the GM's dogs playing with a ball "Can either one of them pitch?" growls McGraw. "Nope" was the replay. "Damn" is all McGraw says, who is the first person to hug Aroldis after he induces a groundout for the victory. Finale NN 3 IPD 2.

"I certainly did not expect to sweep," said McGraw. "But, we're happy to win and it's on to face the impending KLEEBACLE!"

Norwich is now 79-79. Illinois is now 79-83 and Klees is now 76-82.

If Klees sweep they're in! If they don't Norwich gets the honor of being the other NLWC team.



Chiefs seek NL Title at



Wall Street

In game one TX ace L Lynn shutout the Barons 6-0. Lynn set Chief record with 25th win. Chiefs clinch first place in NL. "Ahhh, that victory was surely needed. Man alive, this season was a roller coaster ride between us and Burlington. Things were getting awfully close" noted Joe Carter. "Now, we will sit back and enjoy this win before we start to think about the post season."

With the team enjoying maybe too much champagne after their clinching first place they lost to the Barons 1a-10 and 10-4 in the next two games. Not wanting to enter the playoffs on 3 game skid, the Chiefs took game 4 8-6.



OUCH!! "It was a rough week for the management," said owner Larry Huck. "Going 0-4 at the

hands of the Navigators and getting knocked out of the play-offs and then watching my Chicago White Sox losing all 4 games to Bill Nieman's Cleveland Indians, as they limp into the play-offs, what could be worries. Oh I know, Losing 10-0 to the hated Cubs.!"

"We had a good FBN 2020 season, said manager Al Lopez. "We had the team in the playoff hunt right to game 162. It was fun!!"

GM Larry Huck said, "Good luck to all the teams in the Play-offs." "I'm looking towards 2021, that's my job. All players under contract on the Dogs roster are on the block for the right price. I look forward to a very busy off season."



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When the dust settled, Norwich saves themselves from the ignominy of having a losing record in the post-season, ending up 82-80 on the back of a 15-5 final block. "We now have the honor of facing Connecticut," said manager McGraw. "We hope to make it competitive."

**TENATIVE 2021 DRAFT ORDER:** (First tie breaker is the team with the better away record.)

1.-Atlanta 2.-Arsenal 3.-Baton Rouge (32-49), 4.-Wall Street (27-54) 5.- New England (29-52) 6.-Maine(28-53) 7.- Urpaig (38-43) 8.-Hazardville (32-49) 9.-Alpharetta 10.-Allyn Street 11.-Klee's 12.-Illinois 13.-Norwich 14.-Yorktown 15.-Hotlanta 16.-Connecticut 17.-Lake Wobegon 18.-Louisville 19.-US Jarheads 20.-New Hampshire 21.-California 22.-Burlington 23.-Taxachusetts 24.-Milford.

Waiting on final record.

**Minus Bonus Points:** none

**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!