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**Commissioners Note:**

**For the playoff teams. Please see page 2, for the “Remaining Playoff Schedule Dates”. Thank you**

In this newsletter: Connecticut vs. Taxachusetts results. November is right around the corner. That means It soon will be voting issue time. For the next three weeks we should be very active. We will be sending our voting items out to the membership for review and to be seconded by two other members. You can also send in All-Star candidates from our team. If you do send in a candidate, please list the position that he played mostly during the season. For example, is he a DH or plays a position. For outfielders just put OF, outfielders can play all three of the positions. If you have a candidate for Rookie of the Year send that too. These voting items and All-Star candidates are due by 8PM on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Along, with the voting items that have been seconded by two additional members, we will also be voting on Commissioner, American League and National League presidents. Your present three officers want to continue. If anyone else is interested in a position let me know. Voting to be completed by 8pm on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**NLFFS Connecticut vs. Taxachusetts**

Game 1 - Peacock vs. Lynn

Story and Freese each had 3 hits and a HR as the Devils scored 8 runs off Lynn. Peacock pitched 5 innings allowing only 1 run for the win. Lynn did manage to drill Nelson Cruz in the 2nd inning and take him out of the next game. Brian McCann had 3 hits for the Chiefs.

Blue Devils..... 0 3 2 0 3 0 0 0 1 - 9 13 1  
 Chiefs..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 3 0 1 - 5 9 0

Game 2 - Eflin vs. Clevinger

Clevinger pitched 6 shutout innings before tiring in the 7th and giving way to the pen. Brian McCann had 3 more hits, including a pair of HRs and 5 RBI to lead the Chief attack. Series tied at 1 as we head to the Devil Dome.

Blue Devils..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 - 2 4 0  
 Chiefs..... 0 2 0 2 0 1 1 0 - 6 11 0

Game 3 - Bard (opener) vs. Minor

The Devils ace stymied the Chiefs, allowing only a Gallo 2-run HR. Meanwhile the Devils feasted on the Chief pen, scoring 7 in the 2nd and 5 in the 7th en route to a runaway 14-2 win. Gardner and Cave homered for CT. CT takes a 2-1 series lead.

Chiefs..... 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 - 2 5 0  
 Blue Devils..... 0 7 0 0 0 0 5 2 - 14 13 0

Game 4 - Lynn vs. Kelly

Vogelbach and Margot homered to give the Chiefs a 5-0 lead. Lynn drilled Cruz again, putting him out of game 5. Lynn pitched 5 shutout innings, but tired in the 6th, allowing 3 runs. And then the play of the game, the play of the series, and quite possibly the play of the year. Late in the game, the Devils had runners at 2nd & 3rd with no outs and the mighty

David Freese at bat. Joe Carter decides to pitch to him rather than put the go ahead run on base. LoMax - TRIPLE PLAY!!! The Chiefs hang on to win 5-3. The series is tied 2-2.

Chiefs..... 0 4 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 5 7 0  
Blue Devils..... 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 - 3 6 2

Game 5 - Bard (opener) vs. Peacock

Gardner led off the home 1st with a double and scored on a Leury Garcia single. CT 1-0. The game remained 1-0 until the 5th when Gallo tied it with a solo HR. In the 7th, with the score still tied at 1, Marcus Semien (who was at this point 1 for 19) singled home the go ahead run. David Freese comes to bat with one out and two on in the 9th with a chance at redemption: 6-4-3. Game over. TX wins 2-1 and takes its first lead in the series 3-2. Back to War Memorial Coliseum.

Chiefs..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 - 2 6 0  
Blue Devils..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 4 0

Game 6 - Eflin vs. Clevinger

A Semien solo HR and a DJ Sac Fly put the Chiefs up 2-0 heading to the bottom of the 7th. Then a cheese festival that would rival anything in Wisconsin befalls the Devils, as the Chiefs put 7 on the board capped by a Haniger 3-run bomb. The Chiefs go on to win and take the series 4-2.

Blue Devils..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 - 2 7 1  
Chiefs..... 0 0 1 1 0 0 7 0 - 9 12 0

The turning point in the series was the Freese triple play in Game 4. After that, all the momentum shifted, and Dave couldn't buy a roll.

CT .239 6 HR, 4.50 ERA TX .255 9 HR, 5.26 ERA. The Chiefs did not commit an error in the series.

Series MVP goes to Mike Clevinger who was 2-0, 0.75 ERA with 15 strikeouts and only 6 hits allowed in 12 nnings. Not under consideration was Kris Bryant who went 1 for 24.

Congratulations to Dave on a great season. It is amazing how a series can turn on the most improbable of rolls. The Chiefs look forward to the challenge of facing the Jarheads for the right to represent the NL in the FBN World Series.

## **Some items that we will be considering for the upcoming season:**

Talking with Ed and Bob we agreed that we should send something to the league for the 2021 season. We feel that we can vote for the MLB changes individually but if the SOM computer game does not work with the rule change we will need to revote to determine what we do. Some preliminary suggestions.

“We will be voting on these changes during our November voting time and before we know what SOM is going to do with the computer game. On all these changes if the SOM computer game does not work with our new rule(s) then we will revote on any items that is not allowed in the computer game.” The items below are NOT for vote at this time. They are suggestions that will be on the November ballot.

1. Expand the active roster for 2021 like MLB did. The last block will still have expanded rosters. 1. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
1a. The active roster size for all months except the last block should be; 1a. 28\_\_\_ 26\_\_\_
2. Limit the “September roster expansion” (our last block) to 28 like MLB. 2. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
3. Add the MLB rule that relief pitchers must pitch to 3 batters minimum or until the end of a half inning or injury. 3. Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
4. Choose one: 4a. \_\_\_ 4b. \_\_\_  
4a. Use the standard SOM game based on the 60 game season and multiply the actual ab/ip to compensate for the difference.

4b. Use the “Projected SOM season” based on a combination of actual 2020 season stats and projections of all players who played in 2020 if issued in card format by SOM.

5. If the 60 game season is used we will expand ab/ip by the following factor before the 110% limit.

**Note:** These are the three factors suggested so far by members. 2.7\_\_\_ 2.8\_\_\_ and 3.0\_\_\_

We believe these are the only rules changes that would affect us for 2021. MLB also had a maximum number of relievers rule that they did not use this season but is still the rule moving forward. We added the roster size option since the rule was to be 26 players but MLB adjusted it to 30 at the start of the season and 28 for the remaining season for 2020.

## **REMAINING PLAYOFF SCHEDULE DATES:**

**American League Championship Series:** California vs. Milford – Scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**National League Championship Series:** US Jarheads vs. Taxachusetts – Due dates – Rosters and rotations October 29<sup>th</sup>. Series to be completed by Sunday night November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**World Series:** Due dates – Rosters and rotations November 12<sup>th</sup>. Series to be completed by Sunday night November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **DRAFT DAY 2021 – February 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### **2021 Draft Positions:**

#### **Odd Rounds:**

1.-Atlanta 2.-Arsenal 3.-Baton Rouge 4.-Wall Street 5.-FoggyMountain 6.-Maine 7.- Urpaign 8.-Hazardville 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.

#### **Even Rounds:**

1.-Atlanta 2.-Wall Street 3.-Baton Rouge 4.- Maine 5.-FoggyMountain 6.- Hazardville 7.-Urpaign 8.-Arsenal (includes 6-BP’s) 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.- Burlington 22.- California 23.- Taxachusetts 24.-Milford.

**Minus Bonus Points:** None.

**Year to Date:** AG 6, LW 1 ½, YA 1 ½, CT 1 ½, WS 1 ½, AA 1, AS 1, UR ½, AA ½, BR ½,

## **FBN CALENDAR of EVENTS**

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 enjoy the holidays.