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## **FLY-BY-NIGHT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

*Founded in 1974 by David Smith. - Commissioner Rob Bruno. Presidents - American League Ed Griffin - National League Bob Figella*

### **WHAT IS DUE NEXT:**

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Mail your ballpark rating to me by 6PM.

## **Draft Day Sunday February 25, 2024**

Another successful and fun draft day. The numbers were even with 12 members at draft central. Back after a 20 year absent was Jim Ferguson joining our regular traveler, Frank So,pmitto. We also had a backup member join at draft central, Kenny Yanefski. Kenny helped Glen out with the online stuff.

As usual we started with Roland giving out his two awards. Roland went back 5 years. His first award is for the worst pick in the first round. The second award is for the best pick of the draft. After everyone picked on Roland for not giving himself the worst pick of the draft, I handed out the 2023 League Awards. Bill Nieman accepted the National League Regular Season Plaque for the US Jarheads. GM Harry Nieman was out of town and missed his first draft in 20 some years.

The National League Championship Plaque went to Don Decker for his Norwich Navigators winning the National League Championship. Manager John McGraw was not present and the rumors of his holding out for a raise and a contract extension was swilling around draft central.

Ed Griffin excepted the World Series Plaque for his Belmont Street Boars winning the World Series. This was Ed's fourth team he has managed and won the World Series with. His first win was in 1993 with the North Reading Hogs. We next managed the Caribou Street Hogs and took them to the Championship in 2002. He moved on to manage the Hart Street Hogs and won the Championship with them in 2006. It took Ed 17 years to win his next World Series. This time he did it with the Belmont Street Boars. With his 4<sup>th</sup> Championship Ed has moved one Championship behind Glen Boucher who has five. Glen won three with the Farmington Valley Hawks and two with the Milford Dogfish. Glen now manages the Bissel Cove Bluefish and could be in the running for his 6<sup>th</sup> Championship.

Just before the first pick of the we had Dante pick a number 1 to 24 to start the first of five drawings of \$20. We don't know how he knew it but Dante picked his own number and won the \$20. The draft then started at 10am with Dante drafting Elly De La Cruz, Eury Perez and Francisco Alvarez 1, 2 and 3. The drafted ended before 4pm in a "battle" of the Boars and Grits draft back-to-back from the 9<sup>th</sup> round at 208 to the end of the draft at 228.

The other drawing winners: Tony, Larry, Don and Mike.

Bob Figella had the draft results and the Wavier Wire Available players on the website by Monday. Your guess is as good as mine on how he does it.

**Waiver Wire:** With only 150 players available to be picked up off the Waiver Wire a remarkable 22% were given contracts to play in the FBN for 2024. This 22% were made happy while the list below was given their release.

**Players Released:**

- AT** 1. Alex Reyes 2. Sammy Long 3. Adres Machado.
- YA** 1. Alan Trejo 2. Jose Herrera
- KK** 1. Michael Toglia
- AG** 1. John King 2. Mason Thompson 3. Michael Grove
- UR** 1. Seby Zavala
- CD** 1. Humberto Castellanos(nc) 2. Jay Alexis Guerra(nc)
- HT** 1, K. Graveman 2. T. Gott.
- LW** 1. Matt Foster
- TX** 1. Jimmy Herget 2. Luis Garcia (SD)
- WS** 1. Andrew Bellatti 2. Brad Hand 3. Albert Abreu 4. Yonathan Daza 5. Austin Wynns
- CT** 1. Daz Cameron (nc) 2. Garrett Hill(nc)
- USJ** 1. Ryan Feltner 2. Joan Adon 3. Michael Rucker
- GG** 1. Dominic Leone 2. Jose Cuas
- BS** 1. Jackie Bradley Jr. 2. Austin Barnes 3. Jake Woodford 4. Erasmo Ramirez

**Players Signed of the Waiver Wire.**

|    | <u>Rd 1</u> | <u>Player Added</u> |    | <u>Rd 2</u> | <u>Player Added</u>   |    | <u>Rd 3</u> | <u>Player Added</u>  |
|----|-------------|---------------------|----|-------------|-----------------------|----|-------------|----------------------|
| 1  | AT          | adds Miguel Andujar | 1  | AT          | adds Kendall Graveman | 1  | AT          | adds Brad Hand       |
| 2  | YA          | adds Jason Delay    | 2  | YA          | adds Austin Pruitt    | 2  | YA          |                      |
| 3  | KK          | adds Chasen Shreve  | 3  | KK          |                       | 3  | KK          |                      |
| 4  | AG          | adds Daniel Duarte  | 4  | AG          | adds Andrew Vasquez   | 4  | AG          | adds Austin Cox      |
| 5  | LV          |                     | 5  | LV          |                       | 5  | LV          |                      |
| 6  | ZM          |                     | 6  | ZM          |                       | 6  | ZM          |                      |
| 7  | UR          | adds Ben Rortvedt   | 7  | UR          |                       | 7  | UR          |                      |
| 8  | CD          | adds Alex Young     | 8  | CD          | adds Nick Ramirez     | 8  | CD          |                      |
| 9  | FM          |                     | 9  | FM          |                       | 9  | FM          |                      |
| 10 | BB          |                     | 10 | BB          |                       | 10 | BB          |                      |
| 11 | HT          | adds Trevor May     | 11 | HT          | adds Taylor Saucedo   | 11 | HT          |                      |
| 12 | LW          | adds Drew Rom       | 12 | IL          |                       | 12 | LW          |                      |
| 13 | IL          |                     | 13 | LW          |                       | 13 | IL          |                      |
| 14 | TX          | adds David Fletcher | 14 | TX          | adds Dominic Canzone  | 14 | TX          |                      |
| 15 | BG          |                     | 15 | BG          |                       | 15 | BG          |                      |
| 16 | HZ          |                     | 16 | HZ          |                       | 16 | HZ          |                      |
| 17 | WS          | adds Korey Lee      | 17 | WS          | adds Jackson Kowar    | 17 | WS          | adds Thaddeus Ward   |
| 18 | CT          | adds Luken Baker    | 18 | CT          | adds Michael Stefanic | 18 | CT          |                      |
| 19 | AS          |                     | 19 | AS          |                       | 19 | AS          |                      |
| 20 | NN          |                     | 20 | NN          |                       | 20 | NN          |                      |
| 21 | US          | adds Luke Jackson   | 21 | US          | adds Jacob Webb       | 21 | US          | adds Enmanuel Valdez |
| 22 | GG          | adds Mike Zunino    | 22 | GG          | adds Cam Gallagher    | 22 | GG          |                      |
| 23 | BC          |                     | 23 | BC          |                       | 23 | BC          |                      |
| 24 | BS          | adds Yonathan Daza  | 24 | BS          | adds Joe LaSorsa      | 24 | BS          | adds Brendan White   |

| <u>Rd 4</u> <b>Player Added</b> | <u>Rd 5</u> <b>Player Added</b> |
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| 1 AT                            | 1 AT                            |
| 2 YA                            | 2 YA                            |
| 3 KK                            | 3 KK                            |
| 4 AG                            | 4 AG                            |
| 5 LV                            | 5 LV                            |
| 6 ZM                            | 6 ZM                            |
| 7 UR                            | 7 UR                            |
| 8 CD                            | 8 CD                            |
| 9 FM                            | 9 FM                            |
| 10 BB                           | 10 BB                           |
| 11 HT                           | 11 HT                           |
| 12 IL                           | 12 LW                           |
| 13 LW                           | 13 IL                           |
| 14 TX                           | 14 TX                           |
| 15 BG                           | 15 BG                           |
| 16 HZ                           | 16 HZ                           |
| 17 WS    adds    Yu Chang       | 17 WS    adds    Trevor Megill  |
| 18 CT                           | 18 CT                           |
| 19 AS                           | 19 AS                           |
| 20 NN                           | 20 NN                           |
| 21 US                           | 21 US                           |
| 22 GG                           | 22 GG                           |
| 23 BC                           | 23 BC                           |
| 24 BS    adds    Oswaldo Bido   | 24 BS                           |

**TRANSACTIONS:**

1. California trades Gilbert Arias (Cle) to Yorktown for Myles Straw (Cle) and Tyler Freeman (Cle). California cuts Peyton Burdick (no card).

**FBN CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Note: All times listed are Eastern time zone times.*

- Mar 4- GM's email their ballpark ratings to the commissioner by 6pm.
- Mar 6- 1. Preseason Trading Period ends at 6pm. All trades not reported by 6pm will become effective with the first game of series #7.
- 2. GM's email in their 550AB's and 1325IP to their league president by 6pm. List batters by Position, ML team on the card, carded AB's, and FBN max AB's for each batter for the FBN season. Next, list pitchers, ML team on the card, carded IP and the FBN max IP for the FBN season.
- Mar 7- Commissioner emails ballpark ratings to entire league.
- Mar 9- League officials will post/update rosters on the website.
- Mar 10- League computer file will be emailed to league.
- Mar 12- GM's email opening day active rosters and pitching rotation for block one to the Commissioner and CC all your first block opponents. Emailing pitching rotations is required for the entire season.
- Mar 16- OPENING DAY for the 51st Season of the FBNBA.  
In season trading deadlines are listed on the team schedules and in the constitution.
- July 1- Dues Month. League fee has been reduced back to \$20.00 is due by July 31st to keep member active.