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

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### **Chief fans want to know.**

It was announced last October that Joe Carter would be returning as manager of the Chiefs in 2024. Joe has the Chiefs at 8-8 to start the season. The question that has every Chief fan in wonderment is did long-time pitching coach Mike Henneman return? As Chief fans remember the team finished dead last in ERA in the NL in 2023.

In the series with Allyn Street the Chiefs traveled to the School Yard. Mgr. Carter was there visiting with Mgr. Stengel but who was the pitching coach? This reporter could only get a photo of the coach wearing a parka. The parka did not have a number on it. Was it Henneman? Chief fans want to know, who was that pitching coach under the parka?



### **Possum Poop**

Prior to starting the season Hotlanta Possum management knew we were going to be offensively challenged. After completing the first block we have exceeded expectations, but in a bad way. Hotlanta finished the block at 5-15 W-L going 1-3 in all 5 series. The Possums are only averaging scoring 2.90 RPG. Hotlanta has been held to 2 runs or less in half our games. We are on pace to set franchise lows for runs, BA, on base %, and slugging. We have 7 players batting under the Mendoza



line. Our hitting coach Mr. Magoo has been put on notice. His job is on the line if we don't improve in the 2<sup>nd</sup> block. Grisham .085 (5 for 59) and Moncada .107 (64% K's) lead the pack in struggles. It's TBD if we just had a run of bad luck the 1<sup>st</sup> block or will this continue?

## Embarrassment at the School Yard

Powderkegs..... 0 0 0 0 4 0 14 0 0 - 18 18 0

89ERS..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 4 1

After the game Casey was asked what he had to say about today's game. "We have 150 more to play and this game only counted as one loss", said Casey as he jumped into the shower muttering words that we could not print. Team ERA after the game 4.89.

Jose Ramirez started the season sizzling hot batting .455 with 3D, 1T, 2HR and 6RBI after 8 games. Since his hot start Ramirez is slumping at .161 with 2D, 1HR and 2RBI in his next 8 games.

Rookie lefty, Andrew Abbott is leading the pitching staff with a 2-0 record. In his four starts, 25IP, he has 22K's and a 2.16ERA. Abbott was the teams first pick of the 24 draft. He was taken in the second round at #38. "At one time in this game to be a good left-handed started you needed to be as good as a Sandy Koufax, said GM Weiss. Thank goodness the game has caught up to reality. A good left hander in MLB can now do well in the FBN."

**The team's other starters:** LHP'ers Tyler Anderson 1-1, 3.18ERA & Martin Perez 1-2, 4.94ERA.

RHP'ers Michael Wacha 0-2, 5.30ERA & Kevin Gausman 0-3, 5.40ERA.

## Word on the Street: Down days on Wall Street -

GM Bernie Madoff, "This is a total market collapse!! We are on the way to our worst performance in 26 yrs - record depths. Just look at the numbers - 40 runs in 16 gms 2.5 R/gm Could this be the first FBN team ever to fail to score 400 runs in a season!!?? Vs IPD (A) team scored 4Rs total for series!! team slash line 190/248/298!! Disaster!! Barons have some speed but you can't steal 1B!!"

Mgr. Earl Weaver, "Can't bat 8 players ninth - take a look, I don't make up the numbers. C Bailey 154 1B Alonso 148 2b Cronenworth 171 SS T Turner 207 3B Hayes 169 OF Renfro 154 Ruiz 148 Heyward 167. DH Yoshida at 349 only exception, SPing is fine - pen OK team era 3.15 but a 3 in CF and a 3e25 at SS don't help the cause AND WS has played some of the weaker teams in the NL."

GM Madoff indicated there could be a massive sell-off in the near future to other GMs "Get your offers ready."

<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Blue Grass Blues	12 - 4	.750	----	5 - 3	.625	7 - 1	.875	4/1
2	Bissel Cove Bluefish	9 - 3	.750	1	6 - 2	.750	3 - 1	.750	4/1
3	Yorktown Admirals	8 - 4	.667	2	3 - 1	.750	5 - 3	.625	4/1
4	California Dreamers	10 - 6	.625	2	5 - 3	.625	5 - 3	.625	4/1
5	Atlanta Senators	5 - 3	.625	3	0 - 0	---	5 - 3	.625	3/30
6	Lake Wobegon Whippets	9 - 7	.563	3	5 - 3	.625	4 - 4	.500	4/1
7	Louisville River Bandits	11 - 9	.550	3	5 - 3	.625	6 - 6	.500	4/1
8	Urpaign Dragons	11 - 9	.550	3	6 - 2	.750	5 - 7	.417	4/1
9	Arsenal Gunners	8 - 12	.400	6	4 - 8	.333	4 - 4	.500	4/1
10	Belmont Street Boars	6 - 10	.375	6	6 - 6	.500	0 - 4	.000	4/1
11	Grayson Grits	0 - 4	.000	6	0 - 4	.000	0 - 0	---	4/1
12	Hotlanta Possums	5 - 15	.250	9	3 - 9	.250	2 - 6	.250	4/1

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Connecticut Blue Devils	10 - 6	.625	----	7 - 5	.583	3 - 1	.750	4/1
2	Norwich Navigators	12 - 8	.600	----	5 - 3	.625	7 - 5	.583	4/1
3	Zanti Misfits	5 - 3	.625	1	3 - 1	.750	2 - 2	.500	4/1
4	FoggyMountain Angels	7 - 5	.583	1	3 - 1	.750	4 - 4	.500	4/1
5	Klee's Klubbers	9 - 7	.563	1	3 - 1	.750	6 - 6	.500	4/1
6	US Jarheads	11 - 9	.550	1	7 - 5	.583	4 - 4	.500	4/1
7	Taxachusetts Chiefs	8 - 8	.500	2	3 - 5	.375	5 - 3	.625	4/1
8	Burlington Buccaneers	8 - 8	.500	2	5 - 3	.625	3 - 5	.375	4/1
9	Hazardville Powderkegs	9 - 11	.450	3	4 - 8	.333	5 - 3	.625	4/1
10	Allyn Street 89ERS	7 - 9	.438	3	5 - 7	.417	2 - 2	.500	4/1
11	Illinois Prairie Dogs	8 - 12	.400	4	5 - 7	.417	3 - 5	.375	4/1
12	Wall Street Barons	5 - 11	.313	5	1 - 3	.250	4 - 8	.333	4/1

### TRANSACTIONS:

1. none