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

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### **Long time member resigned from the league.**

I was sorry to report that Bruce Fogg had resigned from the league. Bruce said he had enjoyed the camaraderie with the membership over the years but that he no longer enjoyed playing Netplay. I wished Bruce the best and told him that he would be missed.

For Block 2 games I put them on hold for the time being. I emailed the next backup member; Ryan Jones and I'm waiting on word back from him.

### **Farewell note from Bruce**

Gents of the FBN,

I joined the FBN in 1986, when Rob and I were the only members from Ct in the League. I have always been a FTF dice rolling SOM player even in my early years in the FBN. I remember the 1st time I suggested to Rob that we get together and play FTF, his response was "Can we do that"? In 2018, I sold my insurance business and retired. Later that year my daughter Karyn and I moved to Florida, and I became active with the SOM tournament players club. There is typically a tournament somewhere every month. As I have become more and more involved in tournament play it has become more and more difficult to keep up with the FBN. And being in Florida makes it impossible to play games FTF making it necessary to play via Netplay. I have never been a fan of netplay. And as I was playing my series with Rob recently, I realized the time had come for me to move away from the FBN. Since moving to Florida, I had been hanging on because of the many relationships established over the past 35 + years, and I just did not want all that to end. The move to Florida, and my involvement in SOM tournaments have brought me to a place where it is time for me to step down from the FBN. I already miss the FTF competition and camaraderie of the FBN, and will always hang onto and treasure the memories of being a part of this fantastic league. I travel to Connecticut in June and August each summer to play in Connecticut tournaments and hope to maybe run into some of you in my travels. Thanks for the memories, and I wish you all the best!

Sincerely  
Bruce FoggyMountain

### **Welcome Back.....**

The "newest" member of the FBN is a prior member, Rich Hamel is taking over the FoggyMountain team. More details on when Rich will start playing games will be sent out as soon as it has been decided.

## Chief fans now know.

Chief fans wanted to know who was that pitching coach under the parka? Answer from the head Chief, Bud Drapeau - Pitching coach Mike Henneman has been suspended for the first two blocks. He will be returning to the team at the start of block 3. Rod Barajas has taken over his duties on an

interim basis. So now we know who was that coach under the parka.



Chief interim pitching coach, Rod Barajas.

## **RECAP of some items:**

### River Bandits

The Posse is catching up to the Bandits. The team ERA is on the rise. Bandits counting on Lucas Giolito to be their Ace. Giolito has not responded positively as his ERA of 6.00 and 9 HR's in 36 innings is not of an Ace.

### Possoms

Gave up 34 runs and 13 HR as they dropped 3 at Grayson.

### DID HELL FREEZE OVER?

Klee's took 3 from Norwich to pull 8 games over .500 for the first time in at least 7 years!

### Blue Devils bedevil the Bucs

Connecticut held Burlington to 8 runs as they swept them at the Zoo.

## **AMERICAN LEAGUE**

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Bissel Cove Bluefish	24 - 8	.750	----	11 - 5	.688	13 - 3	.813	4/11
2	Yorktown Admirals	19 - 9	.679	3	9 - 3	.750	10 - 6	.625	4/15
3	California Dreamers	23 - 13	.639	3	17 - 7	.708	6 - 6	.500	4/15
4	Blue Grass Blues	19 - 13	.594	5	10 - 6	.625	9 - 7	.563	4/15
5	Urpaign Dragons	20 - 16	.556	6	13 - 3	.813	7 - 13	.350	4/15
6	Lake Wobegon Whippets	9 - 7	.563	7	5 - 3	.625	4 - 4	.500	4/1
7	Louisville River Bandits	15 - 17	.469	9	7 - 9	.438	8 - 8	.500	4/15
8	Atlanta Senators	5 - 7	.417	9	0 - 4	.000	5 - 3	.625	4/1
9	Belmont Street Boars	10 - 14	.417	10	8 - 8	.500	2 - 6	.250	4/15
10	Arsenal Gunners	8 - 12	.400	10	4 - 8	.333	4 - 4	.500	4/15
11	Grayson Grits	8 - 16	.333	12	5 - 7	.417	3 - 9	.250	4/8
12	Hotlanta Possoms	16 - 28	.364	14	9 - 15	.375	7 - 13	.350	4/15

## **HELL HAS FREEZETH OVER!!**

<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	<b>Klee's Klubbers</b>	22 - 10	.688	----	10 - 2	.833	12 - 8	.600	4/15
2	Connecticut Blue Devils	19 - 9	.679	1	7 - 5	.583	12 - 4	.750	4/15
3	Zanti Misfits	16 - 12	.571	4	11 - 5	.688	5 - 7	.417	4/15
4	Norwich Navigators	20 - 16	.556	4	7 - 5	.583	13 - 11	.542	4/15
5	Hazardville Powderkegs	19 - 21	.475	7	8 - 12	.400	11 - 9	.550	4/15
6	US Jarheads	15 - 17	.469	7	10 - 10	.500	5 - 7	.417	4/15
7	Taxachusetts Chiefs	13 - 15	.464	7	6 - 10	.375	7 - 5	.583	4/15
8	Wall Street Barons	13 - 15	.464	7	9 - 7	.563	4 - 8	.333	4/11
9	FoggyMountain Angels	16 - 20	.444	8	10 - 10	.500	6 - 10	.375	4/15
10	Allyn Street 89ERS	11 - 17	.393	9	8 - 8	.500	3 - 9	.250	4/15
11	Illinois Prairie Dogs	9 - 15	.375	9	6 - 10	.375	3 - 5	.375	4/15
12	Burlington Buccaneers	12 - 20	.375	10	5 - 7	.417	7 - 13	.350	4/15

### **Schoolyard Report Card for Block 1: F**

After a disappointing start of the season Casey Stengel and GM George Weiss held a meeting to decide the team roster for Block 2. Willy Adames hitting .132 with 1HR and 1RBI was sent down to AAA West Broad Street. "Willy just needs to relax at the plate", said Casey. Adames had 24K's in 68AB's. Rookie Xavier Edwards hitting .295 at WBSt. has been called up to the SHOW.

Other changes were all in the pitching staff. Tyler Anderson (1-1 4.30) was sent down to rest. He's expected back for Block 3. Martin Perez (1-3 5.19) and Caleb Thielbar (0-1 18.00) have been sent out to work on their pitching problems. "They're over thinking", said Casey. "All they need to do is catch the ball and throw the ball. How hard is that?"

Tyler Mahle and Vince Velasquez have been added to the starting rotation and Tanner Banks has replace Caleb Thielbar in the pen.

**ALL-TIME NOTES:** JD Martinez passed Darryl Hamilton for 8<sup>th</sup> place with 1207<sup>th</sup> GM. Adolis Garcia tied Jorge Soler for 11<sup>th</sup> place with his 67<sup>th</sup> HR. In the next game Soler hit his 68<sup>th</sup> HR.

### **TRANSACTIONS:**

1. none