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FLY-BY-NIGHT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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American League News:

Well Bissell Cove stayed in first place in the AL but Yorktown was able to cut the lead by a half game as BC went 8-5 while YA went 7-3. Blue Grass matched YA with a 7-3 record and remained in 3rd place. California went 5-3 to keep a hold onto 4th place. Urpaign with a 7-5 record is in 5th place.

Dark Horse: Belmont Street. I know the Boars are in 9th place 16 games out of first and 7 games out of the playoff race. So, why do I call them the Dark Horse? Well GM Griffin was reloaded his Sty with hefty hams. Joining the Boars in Block 4 will be Will Smith, Ian Happ, Brandon Nimmo and JP Sears. I believe that with the added offensive and the addition of another starting pitcher will move the Boars into the top five teams in the AL.

Other News:

Bissel Cove made three trades. First, they picked up David Robertson and CJ Cron. Then they moved on Jordan Walker. CJ Cron never did get to wear the BC uniform and he was sent packing so that BC could attain Matt Strahm.

Yorktown added a lefthanded bat and excellent outfielder in Jason Heyward. They also strengthen the bullpen by getting Kevin Ginkel.

National League News:

In the NL Connecticut opened a 3 ½ game lead over Klee's as CT went 8-2. Klee's remained in 2nd place going 8-5 but Norwich with an 8-4 record cut a half game off Klee's lead and sit just 2 ½ games back in 3rd place. Zanti with a 6-4 record is still in 4th. Hazardville struggled going 7-8 against the AL but kept a hold on 5th.

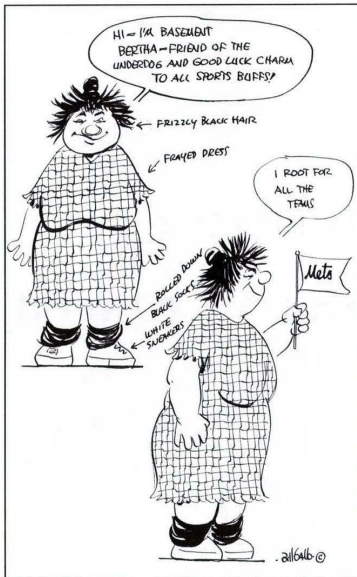
Dark Horse: Is there one? Only four teams in the NL are over .500. Hazardville is .492 and lead Wall Street and Taxachusetts by 1 ½ games. The Jarheads and Burlington are next at .441, 3 games back of Hazardville.

Wall Street did pick up Nick Gonzalez, Llover Peguero, Caleb Ferguson and Jurickson Profar but this mostly looks more like a move for 2025 as only Ferguson looks like help for 2024. **Burlington** filled a need for some lefthanded bats as they picked-up Nate Lowe and Daniel Vogelbach. Lowe will take over fulltime at 1st and Vogelbach looks like a LHB off the bench and DH. **US Jarheads** added Miguel Rojas. His defense at short will make the Jarhead pitcher's smile. Are these moves enough? Anyone of these 4 teams could end up in the playoffs.

TRANSACTIONS:

1. Illinois trades N. Lowe and Vogelbach to Burlington for BB#1, Loftin, and Fry.

Courting Basement Bertha:



Basement Bertha was a creation of cartoonist Bill Gallo. She would reappear a number of times in the New York Daily News. In 1962 she and the Mets had the start of a long relationship. It ended in 1969 when the Mets won the World Series. She's been known to revisit the Mets whenever the team is not doing well. In the FBN the team that wins her heart earns the #1 pick of the draft.

At the last newsletter Grayson was in the lead with a .318 record. But, going 4-3 recently knotted the Grits off pace as they are now .353. That puts them at #3. Allyn Street was 2nd last time at .319. But, a 4-6 put them at .333. It turns out that it's still good for at least a tie for first. So, who else is courting Basement Bertha at this newsletter? It's her old beau, Atlanta at .333. Dam old boyfriends! :-)

These three teams better not sit on their laurels. As Jesse Owens was quota, "Don't look over your shoulder because someone may be catching up to you!" This will be a very interesting and fun chase for the teams that have no hope of making the playoffs. Other teams in the hunt for BB's heart, that's



Basement Bertha not Brigitte Bardot.



are Foggy-

Something smells rotten at the schoolyard: Is it rotten eggs? Is it rotting fish? No, it's rotten baseball play by the PUs, also known as the 89ERS. Not since 1985 when the team was known as the Mystic Red Skins has one of my teams play as bad. In 1985 I was awarded the Orangeville franchise that had gone 36-126. The Red Skins went 54-108, .333. The 2024 team may set a new low record.

Jose Ramirez problems at the plate continue as his average has now dropped to .273. His offensive numbers maybe effecting his fielding as he had made a team leading 5 errors in the field.

After winning the regular leftfield job, Eddie Rosario went 2 for 22, .091 to see his average go from .275 to .225. Adolis Garcia is still slumping as his average dropped to .120 from 175.

Jorge Soler keeps driving in runs as he leads the team with 27. On the plus side, the catching

combo of Jansen and Higashioka has improved. Their average is up to .216 from .187. Plus, they have combined for 12 homeruns and 28 RBI. The team is hitting just .217 with 196 runs scored.

The pitching staff ERA is 4.77 and it has given up 284 runs. "I thought the pitching was going to be poor to bad but I thought the hitting would be fair to decent and keep us in the games", said Casey Stengel. "I was right about the pitching but boy, was I wrong about the hitting!"

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Bissel Cove Bluefish	41 - 18	.695	----	20 - 10	.667	21 - 8	.724	5/15
2	Yorktown Admirals	37 - 16	.698	1	19 - 7	.731	18 - 9	.667	5/15
3	Blue Grass Blues	39 - 20	.661	2	17 - 9	.654	22 - 11	.667	5/15
4	California Dreamers	35 - 19	.648	3 1/2	20 - 8	.714	15 - 11	.577	5/15
5	Urpaign Dragons	32 - 27	.542	9	18 - 8	.692	14 - 19	.424	5/15
6	Louisville River Bandits	26 - 25	.510	11	11 - 13	.458	15 - 12	.556	5/15
7	Lake Wobegon Whippets	24 - 31	.436	15	13 - 13	.500	11 - 18	.379	5/15
8	Arsenal Gunners	25 - 34	.424	16	11 - 19	.367	14 - 15	.483	5/15
9	Belmont Street Boars	22 - 31	.415	16	13 - 17	.433	9 - 14	.391	5/15
10	Hotlanta Possums	22 - 35	.386	18	11 - 17	.393	11 - 18	.379	5/15
11	Grayson Grits	18 - 33	.353	19	12 - 12	.500	6 - 21	.222	5/15
12	Atlanta Senators	18 - 36	.333	20 1/2	6 - 20	.231	12 - 16	.428	5/15

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Connecticut Blue Devils	39 - 15	.722	----	22 - 8	.733	17 - 7	.708	5/15
2	Klee's Klubbers	38 - 21	.644	3 1/2	22 - 7	.759	16 - 14	.533	5/15
3	Norwich Navigators	34 - 22	.607	6	17 - 9	.654	17 - 13	.567	5/15
4	Zanti Misfits	27 - 23	.540	10	13 - 7	.650	14 - 16	.467	5/15
5	Hazardville Powderkegs	29 - 30	.492	12 1/2	14 - 19	.424	15 - 11	.577	5/15
6	Wall Street Barons	25 - 29	.463	14	14 - 12	.538	11 - 17	.393	5/13
7	Taxachusetts Chiefs	21 - 25	.457	14	10 - 14	.417	11 - 11	.500	5/15
8	US Jarheads	26 - 33	.441	15 1/2	13 - 20	.394	13 - 13	.500	5/15
9	Burlington Buccaneers	26 - 33	.441	15 1/2	15 - 14	.517	11 - 19	.367	5/15
10	Illinois Prairie Dogs	20 - 32	.385	18	15 - 15	.500	5 - 17	.227	5/15
11	FoggyMountain Angels	21 - 38	.356	20 1/2	12 - 17	.414	9 - 21	.300	5/15
12	Allyn Street 89ERS	19 - 38	.333	21 1/2	12 - 21	.364	7 - 17	.292	5/15