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FLY-BY-NIGHT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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American League News:

Bissell went 8-4 recently to stay in first place but Blue Grass has made a push going 14-6 to move into a virtual tie. Yorktown went 5-1 and slipped to 3rd place but is still just 1 game back as they were in the last newsletter. California with an 8-7 record dropped another game and a half back but remained in 4th place. Urpaigh did not play any games since last report and remained in 5th place two games ahead of Louisville.

Other News: Nothing reported.

National League News:

Connecticut was spotless as they went 5-0 to increase their lead to 6 games. This time it's Norwich that is in second as they went 12-7 to move ahead of Klee's. Klee's hit a rough patch going 6-10. The still are 4 games ahead of Zanti. Zanti went 5-8 to hold onto 4th. Hazardville with a 9-7 record held onto 5th.

If Zanti and or Hazardville should slip up to have Taxachusetts and US Jarhead breathing down their necks. The NL looks like a dog fight.

Other News: Nothing reported.



Courting Basement Bertha:

Basement Bertha has been seen with another member of the FBN recently. Was it Atlanta? It could be but she was dating him last time. How about Grayson or Allyn Street? We know that they are still in the hunt for her affections, but not it wasn't them. Atlanta is courting her with a .322 bundle of love. Next is Grayson with a .333 record followed by Allyn Street at .338. But it wasn't them. It's been said BB has started eyeing FoggyMountain. "You have to love those southern boys", said Bertha. FoggyMountain is sitting on .356 and with the trades that they made they move a step closer to her Basement. Who will she settle on?

School Yard Report:

Roger Craig once said "To lose 20 games you had to be good." **What?** He added, you had to be good for them to keep sending you out there to pitch. If you think about it, he made sense. Roger was 10-24 for the 1962 Original Mets.

In 1985 I did not have a 20-game loser but I have a 19 and an 18 gamer, Steve Trout and Steve Carlton. Trout started 29 games and was 3-19. He gave up 256 hits in 188 innings. He K'ed only 58 while walking 77. His ERA was 6.41, the second worst on the team. Carlton was 9-18 in 31 starts. He pitched 228 innings giving up 221 hits. He K'ed 137 while walking 83. His ERA was 4.78.

The team ERA was 4.76 as it finished 54-108, my worst season of all-time. In 1985 I had star rookie Doc Gooden. The Doc was 13-13 with a team high 238 innings. He gave up 185 hits, K'ed 297 and walked 104. His ERA was 2.87.

In the bullpen I had Craig McMurtry 6.45, Mark Thurmond 6.26, Oil Can Boyd 6.05, Edwin Nunez 4.62, Steve Farr 4.57, Gene Nelson 3.23 and Tom Waddell 2.36. The Pen's ERA was 4.94. Remove Nelson and Waddell and the others were at 5.45.

Hey Yogi, it's 1985 all over again:

I'm not sure if the team can win 54 games this year. I have two pitchers that could match or do "better" than the 1985 starters. Our Ace, Kevin Gausman is 2-7 with a 4.83 ERA. Gausman has 19 more starts lined up. Martin Perez is 1-5, 5.15 ERA. Perez has 16 starts remaining. Both could end up with 20 loses games this year.

This season my rookie pitcher is Andrew Abbott. Abbott has been a pleasant surprise. He's not Doc Gooden but he'll give me 120 innings. He's 4-2 in 56 innings. 57K and 22BB. He's scheduled for 11 more starts. Could he win me 13 games or even 10 to help this team win more at least 54 games?

The bullpen has three members doing their job, Tanner Banks 2-1-1, 2.95 ERA. Adbert Alzolay, 2-3-1, 2.27ERA and Nick Sandlin 3-1-0, 3.25. The rest of the pen is 1-10, 6.55 ERA and Devin Williams does have 7 saves but his ERA is 5.85.

The team recently split series with Klee's and Norwich while going 1-3 against Harzardville. A surprised 5-7 record against some good teams. With the recent good play, the team is now on pace to break the 54 wins of the 1985 team. 55 and alive is our new war cry! Oh my, it is déjà vu all over again!

GOOD NEWS: Jose Ramirez is hot again since I moved him to the leadoff spot against right-handed starters. Ramirez is batting .417, 7R, 5D, 1T, 1HR, 4RBI and 6SB while being CS once. He has his average up to .301 for the season.

ALL-TIME TEAM RECORDS: Jose Ramirez 1300th hit was a triple at HZ. It was his 35th and it allowed him to pass B. Inge for 10th. JD Martinez 1200th hit was a double against KK.

Team Record: 12,000th double and 20,000th base on balls.

TRANSACTIONS:

1. none

AMERICAN LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Bissel Cove Bluefish	49 - 22	.690	----	23 - 13	.639	26 - 9	.743	6/1
2	Blue Grass Blues	53 - 26	.671	----	24 - 12	.667	29 - 14	.674	6/15
3	Yorktown Admirals	42 - 17	.712	1	19 - 7	.731	23 - 10	.697	6/1
4	California Dreamers	43 - 26	.623	5	27 - 13	.675	16 - 13	.552	6/1
5	Urpaigh Dragons	32 - 27	.542	11	18 - 8	.692	14 - 19	.424	6/1
6	Louisville River Bandits	33 - 34	.493	14	16 - 18	.471	17 - 16	.515	6/1
7	Lake Wobegon Whippets	28 - 35	.444	17	16 - 14	.533	12 - 21	.364	6/1
8	Belmont Street Boars	28 - 39	.418	19	15 - 19	.441	13 - 20	.394	6/1
9	Arsenal Gunners	27 - 40	.403	20	13 - 21	.382	14 - 19	.424	6/1
10	Hotlanta Possums	27 - 44	.380	22	11 - 19	.367	16 - 25	.390	6/1
11	Grayson Grits	21 - 42	.333	24	13 - 13	.500	8 - 29	.216	6/1
12	Atlanta Senators	19 - 40	.322	24	7 - 23	.233	12 - 17	.414	6/1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Connecticut Blue Devils	48 - 15	.762	----	25 - 8	.758	23 - 7	.767	6/1
2	Norwich Navigators	46 - 29	.613	8	26 - 13	.667	20 - 16	.556	6/1
3	Klee's Klubbers	44 - 31	.587	10	25 - 14	.641	19 - 17	.528	6/1
4	Zanti Misfits	32 - 27	.542	14	18 - 11	.621	14 - 16	.467	6/1
5	Hazardville Powderkegs	38 - 37	.507	16	18 - 21	.462	20 - 16	.556	6/1
6	Taxachusetts Chiefs	35 - 36	.493	17	18 - 21	.462	17 - 15	.531	6/1
7	Wall Street Barons	29 - 34	.460	19	15 - 14	.517	14 - 20	.412	6/1
8	US Jarheads	31 - 40	.437	21	14 - 25	.359	17 - 15	.531	6/1
9	Burlington Buccaneers	27 - 36	.429	21	16 - 15	.516	11 - 21	.344	6/1
10	Illinois Prairie Dogs	24 - 35	.407	22	17 - 16	.515	7 - 19	.269	6/1
11	FoggyMountain Angels	21 - 38	.356	25	12 - 17	.414	9 - 21	.300	6/1
12	Allyn Street 89ERS	24 - 47	.338	28	16 - 25	.390	8 - 22	.267	6/1