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FLY-BY-NIGHT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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July is dues month. State of the FBN:

		BALANCE
08/01/2023 - League fees at \$30 x 22 teams.	+660.00	\$759.19
11/15/2023 - Hampton by Hilton Draft Room.	-212.70	\$546.49
12/20/2023 - K2 Awards Three plaques mailed only to me.	-59.96	\$486.53
02/25/2024 – Draft day give away, Dante, Tony, Larry, Don & Mike.	-100.00	\$386.53
With a surplus, reducing the dues back to \$20.00 x 21 teams.	+420.00 (By 8/1)	\$806.53

American League Pennant Race:

Bissell Cove went 7-5 to keep their 4-game lead over the second-place team. The tie for second between California and Blue Grass was broken. The Dreamers went 7-5 to keep pace with the Bluefish and remain 4-games back. Blue Grass was not so fortunate as the Blues went 2-2. This dropped them into 4th place. Moving up a slot was Yorktown. The Admirals put together an 11-5 run to move from 4th, 6 back of Bissell Cove to a tie for 2nd with the Dreamers just 4 games back. Urpaign played one series and was swept but was able to hold onto 5th place.

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Bissel Cove Bluefish	66 - 29	.695	----	32 - 16	.667	34 - 13	.723	7/1
2	California Dreamers	60 - 31	.659	4	30 - 14	.682	30 - 17	.638	7/1
3	Yorktown Admirals	62 - 33	.653	4	32 - 16	.667	30 - 17	.638	7/1
4	Blue Grass Blues	55 - 28	.663	5	26 - 14	.650	29 - 14	.674	7/1
5	Urpaign Dragons	47 - 40	.540	15	27 - 17	.614	20 - 23	.465	7/1
6	Lake Wobegon Whippets	42 - 45	.483	20	25 - 15	.625	17 - 30	.362	7/1
7	Belmont Street Boars	42 - 49	.462	22	22 - 22	.500	20 - 27	.426	7/1
8	Louisville River Bandits	41 - 50	.451	23	18 - 26	.409	23 - 24	.489	7/1
9	Hotlanta Possums	39 - 52	.429	25	19 - 25	.432	20 - 27	.426	7/1
10	Arsenal Gunners	31 - 60	.341	33	13 - 27	.325	18 - 33	.353	7/1
11	Grayson Grits	27 - 56	.325	33	18 - 22	.450	9 - 34	.209	7/1
12	Atlanta Senators	25 - 62	.287	37	11 - 33	.250	14 - 29	.326	7/1

Other American League News:

California: History was made in Urpaign as Shohei Ohtani tossed the 4th no-hitter in Dreamer's history. California defeated Urpaign by the score of 5 to 0. Ohtani had his best stuff and was 'painting the black' with every pitch as he struck out 10. He walked 4 Urpaign batters.



Basement Bertha Award Race:

Atlanta at 25-62, .287 has a firm grip on its lead for courting Basement Bertha over Grayson. **Grayson** at 24-51 did fell from .333 to .320 but not near enough to catch Atlanta. The Grits did hold onto the #2 spot. The team that did the worst was **FoggyMountain**. The Angels went 3-13 to drop from .354 to .326 putting themselves in third place and in the running to move past the Grits. **Arsenal** At 31-60 dropped from .349 to .340 and are solidary in 4th place. **Allyn Street went 7-9** to drop from 4th to 5th place. The 89ERS are doing everything they can to avoid a 100 lose season. It looks like they are no longer in the hunt to court BB.

Last report I said I don't think the Jarheads Hotlanta or Wall Street had bad enough teams to catch the top 5 frontrunners. Manager Kent is proving me right about the Jarheads as they recently went 7-5 to improve from .410 to .432. Hotlanta went 4-4 and improved to .429 from 422 and Wall Street's Earl Weaver had the team go 2-2 to improve from .434 to .437.

National League Pennant Race:

Connecticut had its first bump in the road as the Blue Devils went 4-4 since the last newsletter. They still hold a 9-game lead over the second-place team. Klees bounced back going 11-5 to move back into second place 1 game ahead of Norwich. The Navigators went 1-3 and slid back into 3rd place. They hold a two-game lead over Zanti. The Misfits went 8-4, matching last reports record, as they remained in 4th place. Taxachusetts at 6-2 kept pace with the Misfits and are in 5th place still just 3 games back of the Misfits. Hazardville played .500 ball going 6-6 and dropped from 1 game back of the Chiefs to 3 games back.

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Connecticut Blue Devils	62 - 25	.713	----	33 - 14	.702	29 - 11	.725	7/1
2	Klee's Klubbers	57 - 38	.600	9	30 - 17	.638	27 - 21	.563	7/1
3	Norwich Navigators	52 - 35	.598	10	30 - 17	.638	22 - 18	.550	7/1
4	Zanti Misfits	48 - 35	.578	12	27 - 16	.628	21 - 19	.525	7/1
5	Taxachusetts Chiefs	49 - 42	.538	15	28 - 23	.549	21 - 19	.525	7/1
6	Hazardville Powderkegs	48 - 47	.505	18	23 - 28	.451	25 - 19	.568	7/1
7	Burlington Buccaneers	46 - 53	.465	22	28 - 23	.549	18 - 30	.375	7/1
8	Illinois Prairie Dogs	43 - 52	.453	23	22 - 25	.468	21 - 27	.438	7/1
9	US Jarheads	41 - 54	.432	25	20 - 31	.392	21 - 23	.477	7/1
10	Wall Street Barons	39 - 52	.429	25	18 - 25	.419	21 - 27	.438	7/1
11	Allyn Street 89ERS	35 - 60	.368	31	21 - 30	.412	14 - 30	.318	7/1
12	FoggyMountain Angels	31 - 64	.326	35	18 - 29	.383	13 - 35	.271	7/1

Other National League News:

Report Card from the Schoolyard: After receiving falling marks for the first half of the season the team recently receiving a passing grade. We just finished a successful run. A hi-lite recently was a wild comeback against arch rival, Willimantic/Windham/Burlington. Down 8-2 going to the bottom of the 9th, HAL saw fit to punch Burlington below the belt by allowing us to score 6 runs to tie the game. He did let Burlington take the lead in the 11th only to pull the rug out from under them and let us win it on Adames 2nd HR of the series and 3rd for the season. Yes, HAL as a very unusual sense of humor. In the final game he said, "That's it, back to reality", as we took a 15-4 beating by Burlington. The Bucs had 21 hits. At the time I thought it was a record. But, after the series I checked my record books. A team hit 24 back in 2004..... it was Burlington!

Last Thursday night the Misfits visited the Schoolyard. After losing game one in in 10 innings 6-4, and game two 7-6 we fought back and took games 3 and 4. In game 3 the Misfits hit 3 HRs and 89ERS 4. The 7 HRs in one game was one short of tying the record for the most in a single game at the Schoolyard. Back in 2023 Connecticut hit 7 HRs and we chipped in 1 for the record of 8. The Blue Devils 7 match the most by a team hit at the Schoolyard. We hit 7 in a 16-1 game in 2017 win over Burlington. For the series a total of 17 HR's were hit, that set a new record for HRs in a series at the Schoolyard.

We need to win 28 more games to avoid the dreaded 100 loss season. We have to play over .418 ball the rest to get those wins. "After the horrible start of the season that we had (24-51), this stretch that we have been through lately (11-9) is especially sweet, offered Casey Stengel. Now, we just have to make winning the norm - not the exception!"

ALL-TIME TEAM RECORDS:

Eddie Rosario in his 3000th at bat had a single against Burlington.

Willy Adames GS against Burlington was the team's 3rd of the season It was enough to pass last year's team total of 2. The team hit a record 13 Grand Slams in 2021.

Jose Ramirez had his 700th RBI and 800th run scored during the last two series. He also tied Orlando Merced and Alphonso Soriano with his 36th triple.

JD Martinez with his first 10 at bats against Zanti past Shane Victorino for 8th at 4055. Sadly, JD was 1 for 10 during those at bats.

Devon Williams now has 54 saves. He passed Chris James at 51 and Gene Nelson at 53. Williams pitched in his 200th.

Most HRs in a row: Back-to-Back-to-Back: 2022 at Maine by Ramirez, Sequra and Soler.

Most games team hitting a HR. 10 in a row in 2022.

Who's Hot:

Adolis Garcia 15-5-6 .400, D, 4HR and 7RBI.

Devon Williams 2-0-11.

Who's Cold: JD Martinez 18-2-2 .111. D 10K.

TRANSACTIONS:

1. none

Minus Bonus: GG 3 (Missed leaders report.)

YTD Minus Bonus: GG 3, WS 2.