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

*Founded in 1974 by David Smith. - Commissioner Rob Bruno. Presidents - American League Ed Griffin - National League Bob Figella*

**In-Season FA Draft:** I will be doing the In-Season draft this year for Ed. It will take place starting Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and will end Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Eastern time. Teams are allowed to deactivate players and select undrafted players to replace them on the active roster. Like the waiver wire, these draft picks cannot be traded. Players cut during the season cannot be drafted and non-carded players cannot be deactivated. Send me your selections along with the player(s) to be deactivate.

These drafted players are only “temp workers” and are released/go back to free agency immediately at the end of the regular season. The “temp workers” cannot participate in the postseason where applicable. Teams do not lose their deactivated players. The deactivated players are eligible for the postseason if applicable.

**The Draft Order:** 1. AT 2. FM 3. GG 4. AG 5. AS 6. LV 7. WS 8. US 9. UR 10. HT 11. HZ 12. IL 13. LW 14. BB 15. BS 16. TX 17. KK 18. ZM 19. NN 20. CD 21. BG 22. CT 23. YA 24. BC

### **American League Pennant Race:**

Glen has his Bissell Cove Bluefish primed and ready as they recently went 9-1 to give them a 2-game lead over Yorktown and a 5-game lead over Blue Grass. Merk and his Admirals went 10-6 during the same time. Not bad but not good enough to keep pace with the Bluefish. Mike and the Blue Grass went 10-5, a damn good stretch but again not good enough. The question will be, can Bissell Cove keep up this torrid pace?

Frank had the Dreamers singing going 14-5. Playing at .736 pace could only get them ½ game closer to the Bluefish. The good news for California is that they are now only 2 back of Blue Grass for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Third place is import because it keeps the team out of the Wild Card Round.

Belmont Street went 10-4. Ed has the Boars 4 games ahead of streaking Lake Wobegon who also went 10-4. Mgr. Ferguson’s team moved passed Urpaigh as the Dragons 1-7. Asked about their recent struggles, “I don’t like to complain but did you see some of HAL’s calls?”, said Mgr. Bruce Gletty. “Maybe HAL ought to start calling the game the way it’s printed in the rule book.” The Dragons fell to 7<sup>th</sup> place as Hotlanta went 12-6 to move into 6<sup>th</sup> place. Mgr. Jalutkewics has his Possums playing much better lately.

### **Other American League News:**

**Bissel Cove** GM Boucher landed a top RH closer in David Bednar in a trade with Urpaigh. “Bednar gives is us that swing and miss closer with a very good hold”, said Boucher. In return GM Gletty improved his 2025 draft and replaced Bednar with Kenley Jansen.

**Urpaigh** disaster continues - The Dragons were 11 above .500 after block 4.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Bissel Cove Bluefish	90 - 36	.714	----	49 - 20	.710	41 - 16	.719	8/15
2	Yorktown Admirals	92 - 42	.687	2	42 - 23	.646	50 - 19	.725	8/15
3	Blue Grass Blues	87 - 43	.669	5	45 - 20	.692	42 - 23	.646	8/15
4	California Dreamers	87 - 47	.649	7	44 - 25	.638	43 - 22	.662	8/15
5	Belmont Street Boars	69 - 61	.531	23	36 - 29	.554	33 - 32	.508	8/15
6	Lake Wobegon Whippets	65 - 65	.500	27	36 - 29	.554	29 - 36	.446	8/15
7	Hotlanta Possums	62 - 72	.463	32	31 - 38	.449	31 - 34	.477	8/15
8	Urpaigh Dragons	58 - 68	.460	32	31 - 30	.508	27 - 38	.415	8/15
9	Louisville River Bandits	51 - 75	.405	39	21 - 36	.368	30 - 99	.435	8/15
10	Arsenal Gunners	43 - 75	.364	43	21 - 40	.344	22 - 35	.386	8/15
11	Grayson Grits	43 - 95	.312	53	24 - 45	.348	19 - 50	.275	8/15
12	Atlanta Senators	34 - 100	.254	60	13 - 52	.200	21 - 48	.304	8/15

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Connecticut Blue Devils	85 - 41	.675	----	45 - 20	.692	40 - 21	.656	8/15
2	Norwich Navigators	69 - 49	.585	12	37 - 20	.649	32 - 29	.525	8/15
3	Zanti Misfits	71 - 55	.563	14	39 - 22	.639	32 - 33	.492	8/15
4	Klee's Klubbers	68 - 54	.557	15	35 - 26	.574	33 - 28	.541	8/15
5	Taxachusetts Chiefs	72 - 58	.554	15	40 - 29	.580	32 - 29	.525	8/15
6	Burlington Buccaneers	67 - 63	.515	20	34 - 27	.557	33 - 36	.478	8/15
7	Illinois Prairie Dogs	64 - 66	.492	23	31 - 34	.477	33 - 32	.508	8/15
8	Hazardville Powderkegs	65 - 69	.485	24	34 - 39	.466	31 - 30	.508	8/15
9	US Jarheads	61 - 73	.455	28	30 - 39	.435	31 - 34	.477	8/15
10	Wall Street Barons	54 - 68	.443	29	24 - 33	.421	30 - 35	.462	8/15
11	Allyn Street 89ERS	51 - 79	.392	36	27 - 42	.391	24 - 37	.393	8/15
12	FoggyMountain Angels	39 - 91	.300	48	22 - 39	.361	17 - 52	.246	8/15

### National League Pennant Race:

Connecticut picked up the pace going 8-4. Mgr. Don Mattingly has the team prepping for the playoffs as the Blue Devils have a comfortable 12-game lead over 2<sup>nd</sup> place Norwich. The Navigators did not play any games since the last report as Mgr. Decker has the team in top secret practices.

Klee's with a 5-9 record fell from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> as Zanti went 5-3 to overtake the Klubbers. GM and Owner for Life has said that Mgr. Ralph Kramden's job is safe but that motivational speaker, Alec Kbalwin will be visiting the team before their next series. Kbalwin will be offering his usually reward for turning things around, steak knives or go get another job you \*%\$ loser!

Taxachusetts with a 13-3 record put themselves right in the thick of things in the playoff race. They are .003 percentage points behind Klee's and only 1 game back of the Misfits.

Burlington has been trying to get into the playoff race and going 9-3 recently has pushed the Bucs just 5 games off the pace. Illinois went 9-6 and are 8 back. Hazardville may have seen their powder kegs explode as they went 5-7 and seem out of the hunt at this time.

### Other National League News:



We started block 7 going 2-2 with the Jarheads but recently went 1-3 with Burlington and Connecticut. The 4-8 record still puts us on pace to win 63 games. "It's been a little good, a little bad and a little ugly." said Casey, "We will need to do better if we are going to make it to 63 wins."

### **Team Notes:**

JD Martinez played in his 1300 game with the 89ERS. He also had his 700<sup>th</sup> team RBI.  
Eddie Rosiaro drove in his 400<sup>th</sup> RBI

### **ALL-TIME TEAM RECORDS:**

Jose Ramirez (1.) 4,171AB to pass Albert Pujols for 6<sup>th</sup>. (2.) 41<sup>st</sup> triple to pass Will Venable for 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Who's Hot:**

Ryan Mountcastle .307, 6R, 1D, 4HR, 9RBI.

### **Who's Cold:**

Ty France .187, 1HR, 1RBI, 8K.

### **Basement Bertha Award Race:**

Will **Atlanta** dropped to .254 and **FoggyMountain** dropped to .294 recently. It's going to be a tight race to the end for the Basement Bertha Award!

### **TRANSACTIONS:**

1. Urpaighn Receives: K. Jansen, UR #4, BS #6. Bissel Cove Receives: D. Bednar.
2. BS trades Brett Wisely and James Karanchak to HT in return for Trever May and Kevin Kelly.

### **Minus Bonus:**

**YTD Minus Bonus:** GG 6 ½, WS 2.