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### American League Pennant Race:

Bissel Cove went 11-5 to build a 6-game lead over Yorktown and Blue Grass. Bissel Cove has 4 games remaining and need just 1 win to knock out the Blue Grass. They need just 2 wins or 2 Yorktown loses to lock up the American League Pennant.

Yorktown is percentage points in front of Blue Grass in the race for second place. This is a battle of homefield advantage. Yorktown is .652 at home and .714 on the road while Blue Grass is .714 at home and .636 at home. I think the Admirals would rather play their series with the Blues at Chester W. Nimtze Memorial Park rather than at Blue Diamond Stadium.

California has lock 4<sup>th</sup> place and will host the Wild Card Series. The Dreamers are waiting to see who will be their opponent as Belmont Street only has a 1-game lead over Lake Wobegon at this writing.

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Bissel Cove Bluefish	112 - 46	.709	----	58 - 23	.716	54 - 23	.701	9/15
2	Yorktown Admirals	100 - 46	.685	6	45 - 24	.652	55 - 22	.714	9/15
3	Blue Grass Blues	104 - 50	.675	6	55 - 22	.714	49 - 28	.636	9/15
4	California Dreamers	99 - 63	.611	15	49 - 32	.605	50 - 31	.617	final
5	Belmont Street Boars	80 - 74	.519	30	41 - 36	.532	39 - 38	.506	9/15
6	Lake Wobegon Whippets	79 - 75	.513	31	44 - 37	.543	35 - 38	.479	9/11
7	Urpaign Dragons	78 - 84	.481	36	45 - 36	.556	33 - 48	.407	final
8	Hotlanta Possums	76 - 82	.481	36	37 - 40	.481	39 - 42	.481	9/15
9	Louisville River Bandits	64 - 94	.405	48	30 - 51	.370	34 - 43	.442	9/15
10	Arsenal Gunners	59 - 103	.364	55	33 - 48	.407	26 - 55	.321	final
11	Grayson Grits	47 - 111	.297	65	27 - 50	.351	20 - 61	.247	9/15
12	Atlanta Senators	41 - 113	.266	69	19 - 58	.247	22 - 55	.286	9/15

## National League Pennant Race:

Congratulations to Don Mattingly and his Connecticut Blue Devils as they wrapped up the National League Pennant. The Blue Devils led the NL almost from opening day to the end of the season. Only Klee's spoiled the perfect record as they occupy the penthouse by 1 game in the April 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter. No, it was not an April Fools joke. Klee's was in first place.

Klee's used the easiest schedule remaining of the contenders to push themselves back into 2<sup>nd</sup> place going 9-3. They need one more win to clinch host their first series in this post season.

Norwich went 4-8 to drop from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> and into the Wild Card Series. Zanti remained in 4<sup>th</sup> place going 4-4. Zanti will need 5 wins in their last 12 games to host the Wild Card Series.

The team that had the toughest remaining schedule, Taxachusetts, went 12-4 to take over 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Manager, Joe Carter and pitching coach Mike Henneman whose jobs may have been in jeopardy in the being of the season turned the team around and have the Chiefs playing sharply at the right time.

<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>									
place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Connecticut Blue Devils	101 - 49	.673	----	51 - 22	.699	50 - 27	.649	9/15
2	Klee's Klubbers	94 - 64	.595	11	47 - 30	.610	47 - 34	.580	9/15
3	Taxachusetts Chiefs	91 - 67	.576	14	47 - 34	.580	44 - 33	.571	9/15
4	Zanti Misfits	87 - 67	.565	16	48 - 29	.623	39 - 38	.506	9/15
5	Norwich Navigators	89 - 69	.563	16	50 - 31	.617	39 - 38	.506	9/15
6	Burlington Buccaneers	80 - 78	.506	25	39 - 38	.506	41 - 40	.506	9/15
7	Illinois Prairie Dogs	76 - 82	.481	29	37 - 44	.457	39 - 38	.506	9/15
8	Hazardville Powderkegs	77 - 85	.475	30	37 - 44	.457	40 - 41	.494	final
9	US Jarheads	71 - 91	.438	36	33 - 48	.407	38 - 43	.469	final
10	Wall Street Barons	71 - 91	.438	36	35 - 46	.432	36 - 45	.444	final
11	Allyn Street 89ERS	62 - 100	.383	45	31 - 50	.383	31 - 50	.383	final
12	FoggyMountain Angels	51 - 107	.323	54	31 - 50	.383	20 - 57	.260	9/15

## 2025 Draft Order: A look at the possible first 8.

**At number one with the Basement Bertha Award is Atlanta** coming in at .266. Atlanta had this wrapped up early in the season but another Georgia team put a scare in at the end.

At number **two is Grayson**. Grayson tried its best to overtake the Senators but just ran out of games to play with .297. But, they did enough to overtake FoggyMountain for the second worst record.

**FoggyMountain** is moving to Southboro at the end of the season and will be know as Southboro Psychics. **Southboro will have the 3<sup>rd</sup> pick of the draft.**

The remaining top picks are : (4) Arsenal Gunners, (5) Allyn Street, (6) Louisville, (7) US Jarheads\*, (8) Wall Street. \*USJ and WS tied with 71-91 records. USJ with the better road record has the tie breaker.

**SCHOOL YARD NEWS:** GM Michael has started handing out pink slips: “I feel it's better to let a player know as soon as possible if he is going to be re-signed or if he is going to be released.” The first player that will not be returning for the 2025 season is veteran Eddie Rosario. Rosario did hit .231 with 13HRs and 35RBI for 2024. All were above the team’s average so at first this seemed to be a surprise move. But while preparing for the 2025 season Rosario was hitting .175 and he had already been released by San Francisco, Atlanta and by the Mets.

**Eddie Rosario** has been the only 89ER that **hit for the Cycle**. He did it in 2016 hitting a single, homerun, triple and finishing with the double.



**NEW HIRE:** GM Stick Michael has hired Buck Showalter as his assistant. “Its time that the 89ERS hire a person that is still alive”, said Michael. Showalter will also be added as assistant bench coach sharing chores with Roger Craig.

**Allyn Street’s #1 DP up for trade!** 89ERS GM Michael has been taking offers for the 5<sup>th</sup> pick in the 2025 draft. “We’ve received some very good offers so far and more on the way after the present MLB season”, said Michael.

### **Allyn Street’s Season Records**

Williams 34 saves 8<sup>th</sup> best. Billy Wagner 46 #1 in 2011.

Gausman 248 SO. Third best. Only Doc Gooden 297('85) & 292('86) better.

Ramirez 14T. Second best. Ellis Burks 17 in 1991.

## **TRANSACTIONS:**

1. None

**Minus Bonus:** none at this writing.

**YTD Minus Bonus:** GG 6 ½, WS 2.