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American League Playoffs:

WILD CARD SERIES:

California will have homefield advantage for the Wild Card Series. The Dreamer had to wait to see who they would be playing as Belmont Street and Lake Wobegon were neck and neck at the last report. Belmont Street had the slight edge over Lake Wobegon but the Boars finished 2-6 while the Whippets went 5-3. The Dreamers now will play the Whippets. The Dreamers played .605 ball at Morpheus Park this season. Frank Simonutti was in a great frame of mind when interviewed. "Everybody's contributing. Timely hitting, some slick fielding plays and good pitching when we needed it. When that's happening, it sure makes my job easy!"

The Whippets will be managed by their bench coach, Rich Hamel as their manager Jim Ferguson was scheduled to be scouting foreign talent for the next 17 days. "At the beginning of the season we hadn't planned to be where we are now at the end of the season", said Ferguson. "The team really put it all together and I'm proud of them."

THE TWO FINAL 4 SERIES:

Yorktown was percentage points in front of Blue Grass in the race for second place. This was a battle for homefield advantage. Yorktown was .652 at home and .714 on the road while Blue Grass was .714 at home and .636 at home. The Admirals went on an 11-5 run to take second place while the Blues went 5-3. The series with the Blues will be at Chester W. Nimitz Memorial Park rather than at Blue Diamond Stadium.

FINAL 4 SERIES:

Bissel Cove with the best record in the FBNBA will have homefield advantage thou out their playoff run. The Bluefish played over .700 ball at home and just under .700 (.691) on the road this year. Glen Boucher already has the most World Series Crowns six, then any other FBNBA manager. Glen will be starting his run for his 7th World Series by playing the winner of the Wild Card Series between California and Lake Wobegon. When I asked him about his team playing in the World Series, Boucher said, "WTF! World Series?! Aren't we getting ahead of yourselves?"

AMERICAN LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Bissel Cove Bluefish	114 - 48	.704	----	58 - 23	.716	56 - 25	.691	final
2	Yorktown Admirals	111 - 51	.685	3	54 - 27	.667	57 - 24	.704	final
3	Blue Grass Blues	109 - 53	.673	5	57 - 24	.704	52 - 29	.642	final
4	California Dreamers	99 - 63	.611	15	49 - 32	.605	50 - 31	.617	final
5	Lake Wobegon Whippets	84 - 78	.519	30	44 - 37	.543	40 - 41	.494	final
6	Belmont Street Boars	82 - 80	.506	32	42 - 39	.519	40 - 41	.494	final
7	Hotlanta Possums	79 - 83	.488	35	40 - 41	.494	39 - 42	.481	final
8	Urpaign Dragons	78 - 84	.481	36	45 - 36	.556	33 - 48	.407	final
9	Louisville River Bandits	64 - 98	.395	50	30 - 51	.370	34 - 47	.420	final
10	Arsenal Gunners	59 - 103	.364	55	33 - 48	.407	26 - 55	.321	final
11	Grayson Grits	50 - 112	.309	64	30 - 51	.370	20 - 61	.247	final
12	Atlanta Senators	42 - 120	.259	72	19 - 62	.235	23 - 58	.284	final

Minus Bonus:

Over usage: WS – A. Uribe 3 ip, AG J.Mateo – 1AB, YA N.Martini – 1AB, BS W.Smith – 1AB.

YTD Minus Bonus: GG 6 ½, WS 5, AG ½, YA ½ and BS ½.

National League Playoffs:

WILD CARD:

Norwich with a 3-1 finish pushed in front of Zanti who finished 4-4. The Wild Card Series will start at Garmin Park. The Navigators have enjoyed home cooking this year going 50-31. Zanti will have its work cut out as they were 4-8 against the Navigators this season.

THE TWO FINAL 4 SERIES:

Klee's manager, Ralph Kramden should get a number of votes for Manager of the Year after the season his team put together. He turned the team around from 2023 when the Klubbers finished dead last in the NL at 62-100. This year they finished in second place 96-66, at 34 game improvement. They will host Taxachusetts in one of the Final 4 Series.

Manager Joe Carter had his Chiefs putting things together at the right time of the season as they took over third place to avoid the Wild Card Series. The Chiefs were 0-4 at Jim Bouton Field and 3-5 at home against the Klubbers this year. Are the Chiefs due?

FINAL 4 SERIES:

Connecticut will be playing either Norwich or Zanti. The Blue Devils went 8-4 against Norwich and 6-6 against Zanti. The series will start at the Devil Dome. Manager Don Mattingly has his rotation well rested as the Blue Devils had clinched the NL pennant early. The Blue Devils played over .600 ball at home and on the road this year and are favored to win the National League Pennant.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
1	Connecticut Blue Devils	106 - 56	.654	----	54 - 27	.667	52 - 29	.642	final
2	Klee's Klubbers	96 - 66	.593	10	49 - 32	.605	47 - 34	.580	final
3	Taxachusetts Chiefs	94 - 68	.580	12	47 - 34	.580	47 - 34	.580	final
4	Norwich Navigators	92 - 70	.568	14	50 - 31	.617	42 - 39	.519	final
5	Zanti Misfits	91 - 71	.562	15	49 - 32	.605	42 - 39	.519	final
6	Burlington Buccaneers	81 - 81	.500	25	40 - 41	.494	41 - 40	.506	final
7	Illinois Prairie Dogs	78 - 84	.481	28	37 - 44	.457	41 - 40	.506	final
8	Hazardville Powderkegs	77 - 85	.475	29	37 - 44	.457	40 - 41	.494	final
9	US Jarheads	71 - 91	.438	35	33 - 48	.407	38 - 43	.469	final
10	Wall Street Barons	71 - 91	.438	35	35 - 46	.432	36 - 45	.444	final
11	Allyn Street 89ERS	62 - 100	.383	44	31 - 50	.383	31 - 50	.383	final
12	FoggyMountain Angels	53 - 109	.327	53	31 - 50	.383	22 - 59	.272	final

TRANSACTIONS: ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE PLAYERS TO BE NAMED LATER.

1. Belmont Street gets: Kutter Crawford. Southboro gets: Cole Irvin, TX #2 2025, BS #1 2026.
2. Louisville gets K. Harrison, T. Bradley, BC#3. Bissel Cove gets T. Anderson, B. Phillips, LV#1.
3. Hotlanta trades C. Walker to Illinois. Hotlanta receives IP#1 draft pick. IL cut's C. Arroyo.
4. The Klee's get BC's#4 & #5 DPs. Bissel Cove gets C. Kelly. BC cuts Brett Phillips.
5. California rec'ed J. Flaherty, G. Crochet, S. Turnbull, D. Law, M. Andujar, B. Crawford & AT2026#3. Atlanta rec'ed J. Winckowski, J. Cave, DJ LeMahieu, GG#1 and CD2026#1. California cuts Diego Castillo, Stone Garrett and Mark Mathias.

Tentative 2025 Draft Order: The Final order will be decided after the 10/15 reports are completed.

Round 1

1. Atlanta. 2. Grayson. 3. Southboro. 4. Arsenal. 5. Allyn Street. 6. Louisville. 7. US Jarheads
 8. Wall Street. 9. Hazardville. 10. Illinois. 11. Urapaign. 12. Hotlanta. 13. Burlington. 14. Belmont Street
 15. Lake Wobegon. 16. Zanti. 17. Norwich. 18. Taxachusetts 19. Klee's. 20 California. 21 Connecticut
 22. Blue Grass 23. Yorktown 24. Bissel Cove.

Even Rounds

1. Atlanta. 2. Southboro. 3. Arsenal. 4. Allyn Street. 5. Louisville. 6. Wall Street 7. US Jarheads
 8. Hazardville 9. Grayson (-7) 10. Illinois 11. Urapaign. 12. Hotlanta. 13. Burlington. 14. Belmont Street
 15. Lake Wobegon. 16. Zanti. 17. Norwich. 18. Taxachusetts 19. Klee's. 20 California. 21 Connecticut
 22. Blue Grass 23. Yorktown 24. Bissel Cove.

Odd Rounds from round 3:

1. Atlanta 2. Southboro 3. Arsenal 4. Allyn Street 5. Louisville 6. US Jarheads 7. Wall Street
 8. Hazardville 9. Grayson (-7) 10. Illinois 11. Urapaign 12. Hotlanta 13. Burlington 14. Belmont Street
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