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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

VOTING ITEMS FOR REVIEW ONLY.

1. Rob Bruno for Commissioner
2. Ed Griffin for AL President
3. Bob Figella for NL President

4. For the in-season temp draft the number of temporary selections will be limited to four.

5. Change the postseason timing to match current major league baseball: The Wild Card series rotation is based on the end of season rotation with ONE game of rest (current rule is 3). This is consistent with current MLB rules. The rules for a one-game playoff in case of a tie for 5th remains the same, the game is played as the 163rd game of the season (no rest) except relievers are considered rested. Relievers are also considered rested for game 1 of the WC series even if they participated in a one game playoffs.

6. Change the injury chart for Netplay only. The only change would be that a 2-game injury would be for the rest of that game only, instead of that game +1.

Suggested Chart:

Computer Injury roll:

FBN Injury

Stays in game to out 2 games -----	Out rest of game only.
Out 3-7 Games-----	Out rest of game plus 1
Out 8-16 games -----	Out rest of game plus 2

7. a. At the beginning of any game, if a manager has THREE or FOUR players unavailable due to injuries sustained in previous games, the manager may call up ONE player from the minors to the roster for that game only. A pitcher may only be called up from the minors if at least one pitcher is among those injured.

- b. At the beginning of any game, if a manager has FIVE or more players unavailable due to injuries sustained in previous games, the manager may call up a number of players from the minors such that the team will have 23 available players. Pitchers may only be called up from the minors to replace pitchers who are injured on a 1:1 basis.

For Written dice instructions: managers should list minor league replacements along with general (or detailed) conditions to select them. The home manager should be as logical as possible about the selection, if the instructions don't cover the roster shortfall at hand.

8. Change from a league of 12 teams to a three division (4 teams/division/league) format. This can be achieved with a balanced 162 game schedule.

Highlights of attached:

- * Mirrors actual MLB divisional format and playoffs
- * 6 playoff teams per league
- * Increases FBN interleague play from 30 games to 48 games
- * Divisional teams would change annually based on prior year records.

Details:

Divisions

- Seed teams #1 to #12 each league based on prior year records.

Vote for seeding options could be:

8a) D1 #1, #6, #7, #13
D2 #2, #5, #8, #11
D3 #3, #4, #9, #10

8b.) D1 #1, #4, #7, #10
D2 #2, #5, #8, #11
D3 #3, #6, #9, #12

Games Played

- * 42 games within your division
- * 3 opponents x 14 games each
- * Series of 4, 4, 3, 3 games
- * 72 games vs. the other two divisions
- * 8 opponents x 9 games each
- * Series of 3, 3, 3 games
- * 48 games interleague
- * 12 opponents x 4 games each

*** Playoffs Vote to decide number of games per round:**

8c.) - Mirror MLB with 2 of 3 in 1st round, 3 of 5 in 2nd round, 4 of 7 in league championship and world series.

8d). - 4 of 7 all rounds

- * Create playoff seeding
- * Winners of divisions are automatically seeded #1, #2, and #3 based on W-L records amongst those 3 teams
- * Seeds #4, #5, and #6 are wild cards based on remaining W-L records
- * Round 1
- * Seeds #1 and #2 get byes 1st round
- * #6 visits #3
- * #5 visits #4
- * Round 2
- * Winner #4/5 visits #1
- * Winner #3/6 visits #2
- * Round 3 league championship
- * Home team best seed
- * World Series - * Home team best seed based on regular season records

9. Change the FBN rosters from 40 to 43.

9. YES _____ NO _____

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Oct 26 - 1. Voting item submission ended at 6pm.

2. All-Stars and rookies will be accepted until Nov 5 at 6pm to be included on the ballot.

Nov 1 - Voting issues posted in the Newsletter.

Nov. 5 - All-Stars and rookies will be accepted until Nov 5 at 6pm to be included on the ballot.

Nov 6 - Voting period starts. Votes must be submitted during the open voting period.

Nov 14 - Voting period ends at 6pm.

THE NATIONAL FINAL 4 SERIES BETWEEN MASSACHUSETTS & KLEE'S:

A face-to-face, cards and dice, six-hour Strat marathon....

Game 1 - Lynn vs. King

Weather = Average

Arenado hit a solo HR in the 2nd to give the Klubbers the early lead. The Chiefs answered in the top of the 3rd with two runs after Abrahms opened the door with an error. The score remained 3-1 until the bottom of the 5th. With two on and two out, Abrahms (-15 in the clutch) atoned for his error with a 3-run HR. Contreras hit the next pitch out, and suddenly, the Klubbers had a 5-2 lead. Four relievers blanked the Chiefs the rest of the way, and Klubbers took game 1, 5-2. Lance Lynn went the distance in defeat.

Game 2 - Suarez vs. Bassitt

Weather = Poor

Ranger Suarez saw a lot of traffic on the basepaths in the first three innings, but the Klub could only muster a first inning sac fly. Meanwhile, Bassitt retired the first nine Chiefs and 12 of 13. The first two batters reached for the Chiefs in the 5th, but Bassitt retired the next two hitters, and it looked like he was out of trouble. But Yan Gomes hit a pinch-hit RBI single and Semien followed by knocking in a pair with a double. After Wallner was hit by a pitch, Ozuna singled in another run, giving the Chiefs a 4-1 lead and chasing Bassitt from the game.

The Chiefs extended the lead to 5-1 with an unearned run in the 6th. In the bottom of the 6th, Josh Lowe blasted a 3-run homer off lefty reliever Yarbrough to narrow the gap to 5-4. Then in the 7th, Andy Ibanez smacked a 2-run homer to give the Klubbers a 6-5 lead. The Chiefs tied it on a sac fly in the 8th. Then, in every half inning in the 8th, 9th, and 10th, the teams stranded runners. In the top of the 11th, Bellinger doubled, Machado tripled, and Wilyer Abreu singled, giving the Chiefs an 8-6 lead. The Klubbers put two runners on with one out in the bottom half, but a tired Alexis Diaz struck out Burger and Alek Thomas to close out the extra-inning win. Chiefs won 8-6.

Game 3 - Williamson vs. Cobb

Weather = Poor

The Chiefs scored two unearned runs in the 1st and, in the 3rd, got back-to-back solo homers from Ozuna and Bellinger. TX up 4-0. Josh Lowe singled home a Klubber run in the 4th, and then Klee's jumped on Cobb and reliever Tanner Scott for 3 runs, capped by a Contreras homer. Game tied, 4-4. Meanwhile, Williamson was cruising until the 6th, when Bogaerts doubled and Yan Gomes launched

a homer to give the Chiefs a 6-4 lead. Diaz pitched out of a bases loaded jam in the top of the 8th, and Kirby Yates pitched the 9th for the save. Chief won 6-4.

Game 4 - Detmers vs. Nick Martinez

Weather = Good

Klee's jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but Machado tied it with a 2-run homer in the 4th. The Klubbers broke the game open in the 7th when Thomas and Chisholm each homered off Edward Cabrera for five runs. The Klubbers cruised the rest of the way for a 7-4 win and a tie of the series.

Game 5 - King vs. Lynn

Weather = Average

The Chiefs scored three 2nd inning runs on homers by Machado and Bogaerts. Lance Lynn did the rest, pitching 8 shutout innings, and facing only 2 above the minimum, two harmless singles. Carson Kelly hit a pinch-hit homer in the 9th off Tanner Scott to break the shutout. Chiefs won 4-1 to take a 3-2 series lead back to Kleeville.

Game 6 - Suarez at Bassitt

Weather = Average

Contreras smacked a 2-run homer in the 1st to give the Klubbers a much-needed boost. Meanwhile, Bassitt carried a no-hitter into the 6th inning. In that inning, after the smoke cleared, the Chiefs had scored 3 runs on a single, three walks, and two sac flies. TX led 3-2. Bellinger added to the lead with a 2-out, 2-run homer following a Bogaert pick off, and then again, a 2-out, RBI single after another Bogaerts pick off. A well-rested Chief pen pitch 6 scoreless innings, with Diaz closing out the win and the series with a 1-2-3 ninth inning.

Roland deserves a tremendous amount of credit for how he managed this team. His aggressiveness kept him in every game. This series was a war, and the Chiefs were very lucky to survive and advance.

2025 Draft Order: See correction in the Even Rounds.

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. Urpaign. 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 (Correction with Urpaign and Illinois below.)

1. Atlanta. 2. Southboro. 3. Arsenal. 4. Allyn Street. 5. Louisville. 6. Wall Street 7. US Jarheads
8. Hazardville 9. Grayson (-7) 10. Urpaign. 11. Illinois 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. Urpaign 12. Hotlanta 13. Burlington 14. Belmont Street
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TRANSACTIONS: ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE PLAYERS TO BE NAMED LATER.

1. Atlanta Trades it 2026 AT#6 to Zanti for Nick Senzel.
2. Atlanta rec'ed: BB #1 & CT #5. Connecticut rec'ed YA #1 & AT #2.
3. Allyn Street rec'ed BB#1, ZM#1, AT#3 & CD 2026 #1. Atlanta rec'ed AS#1 (5).
4. Belmont Street gets LW #2. Urpaign gets TX #3 and BG #3