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FLY-BY-NIGHT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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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 - Teams will have a permanent assignment. D1, D2 and D3.

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.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

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.

NEXT ROUND OF PLAYOFFS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

THE AMERICAN FINAL 4 SERIES BETWEEN CALIFORNIA & BISSEL COVE:

Game 1 - The California Dreamers and the Bissel Cove Bluefish locked up in an exciting one-run game at The Hummocks. The final score was the California Dreamers 5, the Bissel Cove Bluefish 4.

California took the lead for good in the 2nd inning scoring a single run on 2 hits. After an out was recorded, Mickey Moniak doubled. Ozzie Albies stepped into the batter's box and he doubled scoring the run. California out-hit Bissel Cove for the game, 10 hits to 6.

Shohei Ohtani (1-0) allowed 4 runs in 5 and 2/3 innings, and picked up the victory. Ohtani was helped out by Hector Neris who recorded his 1st save.

The loss was charged to Mitch Keller(0-1). He gave up 5 runs and 7 hits in 6 innings.

Dreamers	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	5	10	0
Bluefish	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	-	4	6	0

HOME RUNS- M.Muncy(1st), L.Raley(1st), C.Carroll(1st), R.Devers(1st),G.Henderson(1st)

Game 2 - Blake Snell struck out 10 batters and Ryan Jeffers had 3 base hits and 3 RBI at The Hummocks as the California Dreamers beat the Bissel Cove Bluefish by the count of 8 to 6.

Snell (1-0) gave California a solid outing. He was reached for 5 hits and 4 walks in 6 and 2/3 innings. California kept the pressure on throughout the contest as they scored in 6 different innings.

Snell got relief help from Hector Neris who gained credit for his 2nd save. Logan Gilbert (0-1) was charged with the loss.

Snell, when asked about his 10-strikeout performance noted, 'The important thing is that we won, if I get 20 and we lose, what good does it do our team? But, on the other hand, since we won it feels great!'

Dreamers	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	-	8	13	1
Bluefish	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	-	6	8	0

HOME RUNS- J.Soto(1st), A.Volpe(1st), T.Casas-2(2nd)

Game 3 - David Bednar(1-0) got credit for the win at Morpheus Park as the Bissel Cove Bluefish shutout the California Dreamers 1 to 0.

Bissel Cove scored the deciding run in the top of the 9th inning. After an out was recorded, Rafael Devers clubbed a solo home run. Both teams finished the game with 3 hits.

Robert Stephenson(0-1) was the loser in relief. He surrendered 1 hit and no walks in 2 innings.

Bluefish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1	3	0
Dreamers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0

HOME RUNS- R.Devers(2nd)

Game 4 - Max Muncy cracked 2 homeruns and had 4 RBI as the California Dreamers outscored the Bissel Cove Bluefish 7 to 3.

Muncy had a big evening at the plate. He hit a bases-empty home run in the 1st inning and belted a three-run homer in the 2nd inning. California had 11 hits for the game and Bissel Cove had 5. The win was credited to Joel Payamps (1-0) who went 1 and 1/3 innings allowing no runs. Mitch

Keller (0-2) was the loser. He was touched for 3 homeruns in his 4 and 2/3 innings of work.

Bluefish.....	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	-	3	5	0
Dreamers.....	1	4	0	0	1	1	0	0		-	7	11	1

HOME RUNS- C.Carroll(2nd), K.Tucker(1st), J.Soto(2nd), M.Muncy-2(3rd)

Game 5 - First baseman Luke Raley hit a homerun and had 2 RBI and Shohei Ohtani dominated striking out 11 Bissel Cove batters at Morpheus Park where the California Dreamers beat the Bissel Cove Bluefish 7 to 0.

Ohtani (2-0) simply dominated Bissel Cove. He was stingy on the mound, allowing just 1 hit and 2 walks in 7 and 1/3 innings reducing his ERA from 6.35 to 2.77. Bissel Cove was out-hit by California, 6 hits to 2.

Emmet Sheehan (0-1) was tagged with the loss. He was knocked around, surrendering 5 runs in 3 innings. Ohtani was jubilant in the hometown clubhouse, 'It was a lot of fun out there. The fans gave me a lot of support as did my teammates. We got the victory and I'll sure take 11 strikeouts anytime!'

Bluefish.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	0
Dreamers.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0		-	7	6	0

HOME RUNS- L.Raley(2nd), O.Albies(1st)

Dreamers win series in 5 games...holding BC to 4 runs and 10 hits over last 3 games.

Series MVPs - Max Muncy (.364-3-8) and Shohei Ohtani (2.77-2-0, allowing 1 hit and striking out 11 in game 5. Also hit .222 with 4 runs scored.

THE AMERICAN FINAL 4 SERIES BETWEEN BLUE GRASS & YORKTOWN:

The Blues and the Admirals squared off for the AL league semi-finals. The two teams had split the 12 regular season games, so this was expected to be a long, close battle.

Game 1 Webb vs Burnes

Blues.....	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	-	6	9	1
Admirals.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	2	6	2

HOME RUNS- T.Friedl(1st), J.Suwinski(1st)

Game 2 Bradish vs Oviedo

Blues.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	-	4	9	0
Admirals.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	2	5	1

HOME RUNS- Y.Diaz(1st), C.McCormick(1st)

Yainer Diaz hit a homerun as the Blue Grass Blues defeated the Yorktown Admirals by a score of 4 to 2 at C.W. Nimitz Mem Park.

Yennier Cano (1-0) was the winning pitcher in relief. He went 2 innings and surrender up 3 hits and no walks lowering his ERA to 2.70. Blue Grass ended up with 9 hits for the game while Yorktown had 5. The losing pitcher was Johan Oviedo(0-1). He pitched 5 innings and surrendered 3 hits and 3 walks.

Game 3 Kremer vs Armstrong

Admirals.....	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-	2	7	0
Blues.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		-	3	11	0

HOME RUNS- N.Jones(1st)

Catcher Yainer Diaz had 2 base hits at Blue Diamond Stadium as the Blue Grass Blues beat the Yorktown Admirals by the count of 3 to 2.

Pete Fairbanks (1-0) was solid in relief, and he got credit for the win. He surrendered only 1 hit and 1 walk in 2 innings. Blue Grass ended up with 11 hits for the game while Yorktown had 7.

Dean Kremer (0-1) was the loser. He was unable to control the Blue Grass offense and allowed 6 hits and 3 walks in 3 and 2/3 innings.

Game 4 Maeda vs Webb

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Admirals..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 - 6 12 0
Blues..... 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 - 3 8 0
HOME RUNS- Y.Diaz(2nd), B.Bichette(1st)
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In a good matchup it was the Yorktown Admirals 6, the Blue Grass Blues 3 at Blue Diamond Stadium. Yorktown had the winning rally in the 9th inning plating 3 runs on 2 hits. Alejandro Kirk led off and got things going when he doubled. Gleyber Torres was next to bat, but he was a strikeout victim. After another out, Nolan Jones was walked intentionally. Brent Rooker followed and he drew a walk to load the bases. Spencer Steer came up to bat and doubled plating three runs.

Yorktown finished with 12 hits while Blue Grass ended up with 8.

The victory went to Kevin Ginkel (1-0) who went 2 innings, allowing no runs. Yennier Cano (1-1) ended up with the loss in relief. Yorktown knocked him around a bit, as he gave up 3 runs in 2 and 1/3 innings.

Game 5 Burnes vs Verlander

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Admirals..... 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 1 - 4 9 1
Blues..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 - 3 10 0
HOME RUNS- N.Jones(2nd), B.Rooker(1st)
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Brent Rooker lofted one into the 'cheap seats' at Blue Diamond Stadium where the Yorktown Admirals beat the Blue Grass Blues by the score of 4 to 3.

Yorktown scored the deciding run in the top of the 9th inning. Brandon Nimmo slapped a one-base hit. Ernie Clement stepped into the batter's box and he singled. Jason Heyward then was walked intentionally to load the bases.

Jack Suwinski followed next and he was hit by a pitch scoring the run. Yorktown totaled 9 hits on the night.

The winning pitcher was Josh Hader (1-0) who allowed no runs in 1 and 2/3 innings. The loss was charged to Colin Poche (0-1) in relief. He allowed 2 runs and 4 hits in 1 and 2/3 innings.

Game 6 Bradish vs Oviedo

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Blues..... 2 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 - 5 8 0
Admirals..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 6 0
HOME RUNS- Y.Diaz(3rd)
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Kyle Bradish(1-0)with effective use of the bullpen throttled Yorktown while the Blue Grass Blues scored 5 runs in a day game at C.W. Nimitz Mem Park.

Blue Grass promptly took the lead in their half of the first scoring 2 runners on 2 hits. That scoring would be all that was needed. Blue Grass had 8 hits for the afternoon.

Johan Oviedo (0-2) was the loser. He allowed 2 hits and 2 walks in 4 and 1/3 innings.

The Blues take the series 4 games to 2. There is no question as to who was the star hitter and the star pitcher. Yanier Diaz got 10 hits in 24 at bats with 3 doubles, 3 home runs, 9 RBI, and 4 runs scored. He has been a huge force for the Blues all season. The star pitcher was Kyle Bradish who started two games pitching 9.1 innings giving up no runs on only 4 hits and 3 walks. Webb was nearly as impressive going 8.1 innings giving up 7 hits, no walks and only 1 run. A big shoutout to Merk and his Admirals on a really fine team and season.

THE NATIONAL FINAL 4 SERIES BETWEEN ZANTI & CONNECTICUT:

The Blue Devils and Misfits battled in the NL Final 4 series. The teams split their 12 regular season games so a tough series was expected.

At the Devil Dome...

Game 1 - Cole vs. Quintana

Neither starter was very effective as Zanti's Quintana left in the 4th inning trailing 3-2. Gerrit Cole struggled throughout twice losing leads. He ended up pitching into the 6th inning but gave up 7 hits and 8 walks but allowed just 4 runs pitching into and out of trouble. Connecticut broke a 3-3 tie in the 5th with an RBI single from Leody Tavares and a wild pitch from Fernando Cruz. Misfits got an RBI double from Willson Contreras cutting the lead to 5-4. But the Blue Devil bullpen pitched 2 hit shut-out ball over the last 3 1/3 innings preserving a very shaky win for Cole. Teams combined to leave 25 men on base (14-Zanti 11-CT)

Game 2 - Eflin vs. Sale

Tight pitcher's duel heading into the 6th inning with CT leading 1-0 on a Bobby Witt Jr solo HR – the only blemish off Sale. Zach Eflin allowed just 2 hits with 10 strikeouts pitching a shutout for the Blue Devils. Raisel Iglesias was brought in for the 6th and gave up an RBI single to JP Crawford to tie the game at 1-1. Blue Devils quickly responded in the bottom of the 6th getting a lead off error from Crawford followed by an RBI double from Bo Naylor and RBI single from Josh Rojas – both guys pinch hitting. Once again, the CT bullpen closed the door allowing no hits over the last 3 innings to preserve the 3-1 victory and 2-0 series lead.

At The Graveyard...

Game 3 - Kershaw vs. Wheeler

Needing to get some momentum in the series, Zanti jumped out to a 3-0 lead taking advantage of 4 walks and 2 hit batters by Kershaw along with 2 hits. But Blue Devils fight back and tie the game 3-3 in the 5th on a 2 run single from Lamonte Wade Jr. Then both bullpens took over and dominated as neither team could score over the next 9 innings. Game headed into the 15th inning... Zanti gets a leadoff double from Adam Duvall and after a sac bunt – Taylor Walls rips a walk off RBI single and the Misfits win 4-3. Game 1 starter Quintana pitched 3 shutout innings for the win.

Game 4 - Cole vs. Olson

Blue Devils take early 1-0 lead in the 3rd inning with a Corey Seager RBI single after 2 walks. But CT couldn't do much else with Reese Olson for 6 innings. Meanwhile, Gerrit Cole was pitching better than game 1 but gave up a solo HR to Willson Contreras to tie game in the 4th and then Michael Harris blasts a 2 run HR off Cole in the 6th to give Zanti a 3-1 lead. The Blue Devil offense continued to flounder as they did in Game 3 as the Zanti bullpen allowed just 1 hit over the final 3 innings and Misfits tie up the series 2-2.

Game 5 - Kelly vs. Gibson

Both offenses continued to struggle -another tight game. Blue Devils led 1-0 after 5 innings behind a Jeimer Candelario RBI single. Blue Devil bats finally wake up in the 6th inning getting 4 straight hits off Gibson and then Corey Seager blasted a 3 run HR off reliever Fernando Cruz as CT opened a 6-0 lead and coasted to an 8-1 win. Merrill Kelly was outstanding going 8 innings allowing just 2 hits and 3 walks with 10 K's

Back to the DevilDome...

Game 6 – Eflin vs. Sale

Rematch of Game 2 starters – Blue Devils get early 1-0 lead on an RBI single from Bobby Witt. Zanti bats continue to struggle as Eflin pitched into the 6th inning allowing just 2 hits, no runs with 8 K's. Blue Devils tack on runs with a Taveras sac fly, Mark Canha solo RH and Witt solo HR for 4-0 CT lead. The Blue Devil bullpen once again was dominant pitching 3 2/3 hitless innings to close out the 4-0 win and series victory 4-2. Zanti offense managed just 4 hits over the last 2 games of the series.

The Blue Devils move on to the NLCS to face long-time rivals – Taxachusetts Chiefs.

CONGRATS to Scott for doing a great job getting his squad to the NL Final 4 series in his 1st year in the league. He made all the right moves he could with his team mixing and matching relievers and pinch hitters. But the Misfits couldn't get any rolls in the last 2 games especially.

Series Notes:

-Zanti offense really struggled after the 1st game of the series. Misfits batted only .157 scoring just 13 runs in the 6 games while striking out 75 times.

-The Blue Devil bullpen allowed just 2 runs on 11 hits in 17 innings and deserve to be the MVP of the series.

- CT offense batted .266 scoring 24 runs in the series. CT overcomes a poor performance from Freddie Freeman who batted just .192 for the series. But Seager and Witt Jr both bat .308 with 4 RBI each.

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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