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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*

### **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.

### **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.

## THE AMERICAN Championship Series: California vs Blue Grass

Game 1 - Ohtani vs Webb  
Dreamers.....0 2 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 - 5 12 0  
Blues..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 6 0

The Dreamers jumped on Webb early and often knocking out after 4 1/3 innings. Ohtani was basically untouchable except for a home run by Arozarena in the 2nd. California cruised to an easy 5-1 win. California starts the series with a win.

Game 2 - Snell vs Armstrong  
Dreamers.....0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 - 2 12 0  
Blues..... 0 0 3 0 3 0 0 0 x - 6 11 0

Both the Blues and the Dreamers were hitting this time but the Dreamers just couldn't get the big hit when they needed it – stranding 11 runners compared to only 4 for Blue Grass. Jung had a big home run and 4 RBI. This ties the series at 1 apiece.

Game 3 - Bradish vs Bibee  
Blues..... 1 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 1 - 5 7 0  
Dreamers.... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 1 1

Bradish started for the Blues but was injured after just 1 inning and had to leave. 6 Blues pitchers finally were able to get the Dreamers out. In fact, Straw got a double with 1 out in the 9th for the ONLY California hit of the game (1-5 DO, 6-20 out). So close to a ALCS no hitter! Blue Grass now up 2-1 games.

Game 4 - Webb vs Woodruff  
Blues..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 4 2  
Dreamers.....6 2 0 1 0 1 0 1 x- 11 16 0  
HOME RUNS- O.Albies(2nd)

Webb was demolished in the first inning by the potent Dreamer bats. He gave up 5 hits and 6 runs getting only 1 out. California was up 8-0 after 2 innings. Woodruff was masterful giving up only 1 walk and no hits in 5 innings. The Dreamers won this game 11-0 on 16 hits. This evened the series at 2-2.

Game 5 - Lucchesi vs Ohtani  
Blues..... 0 0 3 1 0 0 0 1 0 - 5 8 0  
Dreamers.....0 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 1 - 4 11 0  
HOME RUNS- R.Arozarena(2nd), T.Friedl(1st), D.Stewart(1st),  
O.Albies(3rd), S.Ohtani(2nd), B.Perkins(1st)  
INJURY: Myles Straw INJURED in 3rd inning

This game turned out to be the pivotal game of the series. The Dreamers had 11 hits, the Blues 8. Both teams hit 3 home runs. California was never quite able to get the lead. Down 4-3 they left 2 runners on twice.

Stewart hit a home run for the Blues in the 8th to make it 5-3. California left 2 on again in the bottom of the 8th. 3 up and 3 down for Blue Grass in the top of the 9th. Freeman got a 1 out single in the bottom of the 9th and Soto walked. Raley struck out but Moniak doubled plating Freeman – 5-4 with men on 2nd and 3rd, 2 outs. Cano got Perkin to ground out to end the game and earn a save. Blue Grass is now up 3 games to 2 over the Dreamers. Back to the Blue Diamond for the last of the series.

Game 6 - Wells vs Verlander  
Dreamers.....2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 4 13 1  
Blues..... 0 0 5 0 0 0 0 0 x - 5 4 2  
HOME RUNS- Y.Diaz(1st)  
INJURY: Shohei Ohtani INJURED in 3rd inning

## WEB GEMS- Top 1st: Blue Grass turns a triple play!

The Dreamers again came out crushing the ball. Verlander gave up 2 runs in the 1st but was saved by a rare triple play to get out of the first. The Dreamers scored 2 more runs in the 2nd inning taking a 4-0 lead.

Verlander survived the 3rd and was yanked. In the Blue Grass 3rd , Bichette went out, Jimenez walked, and Jung got on base on an error. Kim then walked and Arozarena singled in a run. A wild pitch scored a second run before Friedl struck out. Diaz then hit a 3run homer giving the Blues a 5-4 lead. Both teams pretty much quit hitting for the rest of the game. In the 8th the Dreamers got walk, stolen base, walk, error but left the bases full. In the 9th Raley lead off with a triple. Muncy, Garret, and Albies all were unable to get the tying run home.

The Blues win the AL Championship!! The series MVP was again Yanier Diaz. While not quite as prolific in this series as the F4S, he hit .278 with 1 homer and lead the team with 6 RBI. Shawn Armstrong was our pitching MVP winning 1 game and giving up only 3 hits and 3 walks and no runs in 5 innings.

Frank's team is a tremendous one - super hitting, good starters and very good relief. We feel very fortunate to have won the series. Franks team had a terrible time getting his runner's home. In our six games the Dreamers left 57 runners on base compared to only 32 for the Blues. His team hit .295 with a 3.12 ERA. The Blues hit .217 with a 4.25 ERA. The Dreamers will be a contender again next year with Ohtani and Soto having MVP type seasons in MLB this year. Well done Frank!

## THE NATIONAL FINAL 4 SERIES BETWEEN ZANTI & CONNECTICUT:

### **TRANSACTIONS: ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE PLAYERS TO BE NAMED LATER.**

1. Zanti Misfits trade T Pham, K Gibson, & M McLain (nc) to WS for J Profar & WS#4.

### **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. 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 (Correction with Urapaign 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. Urapaign. 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. Urapaign 12. Hotlanta 13. Burlington 14. Belmont Street  
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