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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: TAXACHUSETTS & CONNECTICUT

The Blue Devils and Chiefs battled in the NLCS today (10/31) doing the old-fashioned rolling of the dice face to face. The teams went 6-6 during the season so a tough series was expected.

At the Devil Dome . . .

Game 1 - Cole vs. Lynn

Gerritt Cole started off the game with 5 perfect innings for CT. Meanwhile the Blue Devils knocked out 10 hits off Lynn over the first 3 innings but could only score 2 runs. Chiefs get their first hit in the 6th and load the bases with 1 out but Bogaerts hits into a double play. In the 7th Cody Bellinger hits a leadoff HR to cut lead to 2-1 but Thairo Estrada answers back with a solo HR in the bottom of the 7th to put the Blue Devils back up 3-1 and the CT bullpen closes the game out with the final 6 outs. Chiefs had only 2 hits while CT had 14 hits but left 15 men on base.

Game 2 - Kelly vs. Cobb

Chiefs score right off the start with a Semien single and Bogaerts RBI double for 1-0 lead. But Blue Devils scrape 1 run in each of the first 3 innings off Alex Cobb for a 3-1 lead led by a Bobby Witt Jr triple and RBI's from Corey Seager and Jeimer Candelario. Merrill Kelly then shut down the Chief bats pitching into the 7th inning allowing just 5 hits with 9 K's. The CT bullpen was tough again allowing just 1 hit over the last 2.2 innings for another 3-1 victory.

At Metacomet Park . . .

Game 3 - Rasmussen vs. Suarez

Blue Devils start quickly with a Freddy Freeman RBI double and 2 run HR from Bobby Witt for early 3-0 lead. A Gary Sanchez RBI double and Seager sac fly increase lead to 5-0 in the 3rd inning. CT starter Drew Rasmussen was pitching a perfect game through 4 innings. Chiefs get to him in the 5th with back-to-back singles from Marcell Ozuna and Matt Wallner and an RBI groundout from Manny Machado to make it 5-1. But Blue Devils bat around in the 7th inning getting 7 hits and 2 walks scoring 8 runs highlighted by a Mark Canha 3 run HR to open 13-1 lead and coast home to victory. Blue Devil bullpen pitches 4.2 more shutout innings allowing just 1 hit.

Game 4 - Cole vs. Martinez

Blue Devils start fast again looking for the sweep opening a 4-0 lead into the 3rd inning using 7 singles, a walk and hit batter. Chiefs fight back in the 3rd off Gerritt Cole loading the bases and getting a sac fly from Bogaerts and RBI single from Ozuna to cut lead to 4-2. Ozuna blasts a solo HR

in the 6th and Semien hits a solo HR in the 7th off Cole and Chiefs tie game at 4-4 as their bullpen was holding down the CT bats. Into the 9th, Chiefs bring in their closer to try and keep it a tie game but is greeted by a leadoff double from Freeman. After Witt flies out, Seager is intentionally walked to set up the double play but Diaz then walks Candelario to load the bases with 1 out and then walks Bo Naylor to force in a run as CT takes a 5-4 lead. Diaz gets out of further trouble. Bottom of the 9th, CT brings in their closer Evan Phillips who promptly walks the pinch hitter Wilyer Abreu. After a strikeout of Shea Languiers, Semien singles putting runners on 1st and 2nd with 1 out. But Matt Wallner then raps into a 4-6-3 double play to end the threat and the Blue Devils win 5-4 and get the series sweep.

The Blue Devils move on to the World Series to face the AL Champion Blue Grass Blues. This will be the Blue Devil's 3rd World Series (1-1 record) and the 4th World Series for Blue Grass (0-3 record). The teams split a 2-game series during the season

CONGRATS to Bud for a great season! He couldn't get any rolls today. When he wasn't on the CT pitching cards which was most of the time, he'd miss his hitter's columns. And I think the Chiefs got only 2 ballpark HR chances all day which is obviously a big part of their offense.

Series Notes:

- the CT bullpen could be named the MVP as they pitched 12 innings allowing just 1 run on 4 hits with 9 K's.
- Bobby Witt Jr was named MVP batting .389 with 4 runs, 3 RBI, a Triple and 2 run HR.
- Taxachusetts offense struggled scoring just 7 runs with only 20 hits over the 4 games

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.

AL D1 = Bissel Cove (96), Blue Grass (84), Arsenal (77), Atlanta (61). 318 Wins

AL D2 = Belmont Street (85), Hotlanta (81), Yorktown (75), Grayson (69). 310 Wins

AL D3 = Lake Wobegon (86), California (84), Urpaign (72), Louisville(70). 312 Wins

NL D1 = Connecticut (89), Hazardville (86), Taxachusetts (83). 338 Wins

NL D2 = Allyn Street (87), USJarheads (82), Wall Street (82), Norwich (79). 330 Wins

NL D3 = Zanti (91), Southboro (91)*, Burrington (76), Illinois (72). 330 Wins

*Based on Rich Hamels Salem teams.

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.

TRANSACTIONS: ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE PLAYERS TO BE NAMED LATER.

1. LW gets: BG #1, & Rob Refnsyder. SP gets: Jonathan Aranda & Juan Yopez.
SP cuts Jonathan Loaisiga.

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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