



**FLY-BY-NIGHT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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**HE MADE ME DO IT!**

**Possum of the block:** Jim Jalutkewicz nominated Cal Raleigh and his .157 average as the Possum of the Block. He did have 17 BB, 20 RBI, 9 HRs, and scored 18 runs. Those numbers reminded me of my Dave Kingman of 1985. Kingman led the team with 26HRs while only hitting .215. He was second on the team for runs scored 61. Vance Law led the team with 62. Yeah, we were BAD, 54-108.

1985 was my rookie season in the FBN. I had my choice of three teams. I wanted into the FBN so bad I asked for the worst team, Orangeville 36-126. I figured that should help me get in as who else would want that team. Thank goodness the former owner had not traded away his number 1 pick. I don't think we was planning not to be part of the league. He was kicked out of the league. I'm not sure why. I'll have to re-read the 1984 history to see if I can find out the answer.

On a side note, with the #1 pick I drafted Dwight Gooden. He went 13-13, 2.89ERA with 14CG and 4 shutouts, 238IP with 297Ks.

**From the 1984 History:**

While reading the 1984 history I found some spicy information.

"It's been suggested by some managers that Craig's former close friendship with C.J. Shull, who was involved in the two biggest disputes of 1984 was part of the reason Craig slumped (Craig was the Commissioner in 1984). It could've been. C.J. certainly caused the FBNBA a lot of problems and who knows how influential he was on Craig in 1983-84.

Craig and C.J. are anything but friends now. **C.J. is divorced** from his wife **and Craig is living in C.J.'s old St. Charles home!**"

Holy Cow Batman, I guess more than just dice got rolled when Craig would visit C.J.'s home!

place	Team	W - L	pct	gb	home	home pct	away	away pct	last update
<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE - North Division</b>									
1	Bissel Cove Bluefish	27 - 17	.614	----	11 - 9	.550	16 - 8	.667	5/1
2	Lake Wobegon Whippets	25 - 19	.568	2	13 - 11	.542	12 - 8	.600	5/1
3	Yorktown Admirals	22 - 22	.500	5	11 - 9	.550	11 - 13	.458	5/1
4	Blue Grass Blues	21 - 23	.477	6	9 - 15	.375	12 - 8	.600	5/1
5	Urpaigh Dragons	20 - 24	.455	7	9 - 11	.450	11 - 13	.458	5/1
6	Nashua Fighting Koi	12 - 32	.273	15	7 - 17	.292	5 - 15	.250	5/1

<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE - South Division</b>									
1	California Dreamers	26 - 18	.591	----	13 - 7	.650	13 - 11	.542	5/1
2	Atlanta Senators	25 - 19	.568	1	12 - 8	.600	13 - 11	.542	5/1
3	Arsenal Gunners	24 - 20	.545	2	13 - 11	.542	11 - 9	.550	5/1
4	Zanti Misfits	19 - 17	.528	3	10 - 10	.500	9 - 7	.563	5/1
5	Hotlanta Possums	22 - 22	.500	4	9 - 11	.450	13 - 11	.542	5/1
6	Grayson Grits	17 - 27	.386	9	8 - 16	.333	9 - 11	.450	5/1

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<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE - East Division</b>									
1	Allyn Street 89ERS	24 - 20	.545	----	10 - 10	.500	14 - 10	.583	5/1
2	Louisville River Bandits	24 - 20	.545	----	15 - 9	.625	9 - 11	.450	5/1
3	Norwich Navigators	21 - 23	.477	3	10 - 10	.500	11 - 13	.458	5/1
4	US Jarheads	20 - 24	.455	4	13 - 7	.650	7 - 17	.292	5/1
5	Burlington Buccaneers	17 - 27	.386	7	10 - 14	.417	7 - 13	.350	5/1
6	Illinois Prairie Dogs	12 - 32	.273	12	10 - 14	.417	2 - 18	.100	5/1

<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE - West Division</b>									
1	Taxachusetts Chiefs	30 - 14	.682	----	16 - 4	.800	14 - 10	.583	5/1
2	Manatee County Marauders	28 - 16	.636	2	18 - 6	.750	10 - 10	.500	5/1
3	Southboro Psychics	26 - 18	.591	4	17 - 7	.708	9 - 11	.450	5/1
4	Hazardville Powderkegs	23 - 21	.523	7	12 - 8	.600	11 - 13	.458	5/1
5	Klee's Klubbers	20 - 24	.455	10	14 - 6	.700	6 - 18	.250	5/1
6	Connecticut Blue Devils	19 - 25	.432	11	11 - 13	.458	8 - 12	.400	5/1

## **Block 2 was quite a rollercoaster:**

We started strong against SP, Klee's and HZ, going 9-3 and taking the lead in the NLE. However, we struggled against TX and MCM, finishing those series 2-6. Fortunately, we managed to split the final series with CT to end the block at 13-11.

## **89ER Numbers:**

There were several significant individual and team milestones during this period:

- Willy Adames: Hit his 138th career home run in Game 2 against CT, tying him with Lance Berkman for 9th all-time (Mike Lowell is next at 145). In Game 4 against CT, he recorded his 3,200th at-bat with a single.
- Jose Ramirez: Reached 1,600 career hits with a single in Game 1 against CT, placing him 5th all-time on the team. He is now trailing Chuck Knoblauch, who has 1,640.
- Team Milestone: The team hit its 6,700th home run, with Jose Ramirez hitting the milestone shot in the 4th inning against CT.

## **Major Roster Changes for Block 3**

### **Pitching Updates**

Shane Schwellenbach (5-2, 1.81 ERA) will be placed on the IL for Block 3. Following his recent start against CT, where he struggled with his command and reported elbow discomfort to pitching coach Roger Craig, he is scheduled to visit Dr. Morrone in Westerly, RI.

Additionally, Tyler Mahle (4-2, 1.69 ERA) will be moved to the Rest List (RL). To manage his innings count, the coaching staff has decided to rest him for the upcoming block.

### **Bullpen and Rotation Changes**

The bullpen is undergoing an overhaul. Devin Williams and Jeremiah Estrada are moving to the RL, and Tanner Banks is being replaced by a right-handed reliever.

To fill these gaps, Carmen Mlodzinski and Martin Perez are being promoted from AAA West Broad Street to join the starting rotation. Edwin Uceta, Jake Junis, and Isaac Mattson will also join the team to bolster the bullpen.

### **Position Player Transactions**

The following players are being optioned to AAA:

- Jahmai Jones (.244/.377/.378)
- Wenceel Perez (.193/.240/.333)
- Tyrone Taylor (.119/.192/.194)

### **Promoted from AAA are:**

- Nate Eaton (.296/.348/.383)
- Ryan Mountcastle (.250/.286/.367)
- Adolis Garcia (.227/.271/.394)

### **Team Performance Summary:**

Current statistics highlight areas for improvement:

- Close Games: 2-3 in extra innings; 3-8 in one-run games.
- LOB: We have left 300 runners on base, compared to 254 for our opponents.
- Power Split: While we out-hit opponents in HRs at home (12-9), we have been out-slugged on the road, hitting only 18 HRs to our opponents' 27.

We are hopeful that these roster adjustments for Block 3 will help improve these trends.