

# 2021 NL DIVISIONAL SERIES

## #2 Wall Street Barons vs #3 FoggyMountain Angels

**Game 1** - FoggyMountain starter Rookie Christian Javier (9-8, 3.89) vs Wall St Ace Dinelson Lamet (20-8, 284)

Luke Voit staked Wall St to a 1-0 lead with a solo HR in the 3rd. Will Smith walked to lead off the top of the 4th and came home on Laureano's triple to tie the score, but the Barons went back on top 2-1 on Clint Frazier's solo shot in the bottom of the inning. In the top of the 6th with 1 out, Will Smith tied the score with a solo HR, and took the lead 3-2, when after a walk to Kyle Seager Laureano delivered a run scoring Double sending Lamet to the showers. Jesse Hahn came on and K'd Simmons and retired Wendle to shut the door, but the Angels had their 1st lead. Javier retired Barnhart and Turner to start the 6th, but with Cronenworth and Fowler due up, Angel manager Mickey Tettleton went to the bullpen for a lefty and Loup came on and retired Cronenworth to close out the 6th. In the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> Castro PH for Fowler and singled but Loup got Voit to ground into a 4-6-3 DP. Hayes then singled and Moustakas doubled putting the tying and go-ahead runners in scoring position with Frasier due up. Yolmer Sanchez was brought on to pinch hit and the Angels countered with Cody Heuer who K'd Sanchez to end the threat with the Angels still on top 3-2. Heuer set the Barons down in order in the 8th and closer Rich Rodriguez struck out the side in the 9th to save it as FoggyMountain takes game 1, 3-2.

Angels.....	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	-	3	6	0
Barrons.....	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	5	1

**Game 2** - Another rookie on the mound for the Angels: David Peterson (12-4, 4.26) opposing Wall St's other 20 game winner Aaron Nola (20-9, 3.12)

Both pitchers pitched hitless baseball into the 3rd. Gallagher led off the bottom of the 3rd with the 1st hit of the game Doubling to left center. and Starling Castro singled him home for a 1-0 Baron lead. In the bottom of the 4th Peterson walked the 1st 2 hitters then retired Frazier and Cronenworth to bring up Trea Turner, and Wall St's SS came thru with a run scoring single. Brandon Nimmo then played Castro's lazy fly ball into a 3 base error and the Barons led 4-0 after 4. In the 5th the barrage continued as Wall St scores 5 more behind a HR by Frasier and a 2 run triple by Turner.....9-0 Wall St, and the Angels still have not managed a hit off Nola. Finally in the 6th, FoggyMountain scores a single run on doubles by Ian Happ and Grossman, but Voit gets that right back with a lead off HR in the bottom half of the inning for a 10-1 Baron lead after 6. Angel bats came alive in the 8th when the 1st 6 hitters reached base off a tiring Nola. Yimi Garcia came on for Wall St and gave up a run scoring single by Wendle and at this point the Angels had 4 runs across and runners on the corners with Niko Goodrum at the plate-. Goodrum hit a fairly deep fly to CF for the 2nd out and Biggio tagged up and scored what appeared to be the 5th run of the inning. But wait, time is called. Garcia throws over to Moustakas at 3rd appealing the tag-up and the umpire calls Biggio out for an inning ending rally-crushing DP. Matt Wisler retired the Angels without incident in the 9th for a 10-5 Baron win to tie the series 1-1.

Angels.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	-	5	6	1
Barrons.....	0	0	1	3	5	1	0	0		-	10	9	0

**Game 3** - Veteran Zach Greinke (8-9 4.53 in 22 starts for FM) takes the hill for the Angels and Wall St counters with Julio Urias (13-10, 4.85) The Angels return home and go right to work batting around and scoring 4 in the bottom of the 1st inning. With the bases loaded Aguilar doubled home a pair and Casali and Goodrum followed with run scoring singles to stake FM to a 4-0 lead. In the 4th Wall St began chipping away. Hayes led off with a HR. Fowler singled and Bader doubled with Fowler holding at 3rd. Fowler scored on Akiyama's ground out with Bader going to 3rd. And Bader scored on a Greinke WP and the lead is cut to 4-3. In the 5th, a single by Frasier, and an error on Voit's GB by Biggio at 3rd sets the table for Fowler who doubles them both home and suddenly Wall St leads 5-4. But in the bottom of the 5th Urias walks the bases loaded then gives up a 2 run single to Darrin Ruf. Yimi Garcia comes on and gets Aguilar, Seager and Calhoun on harmless pop outs to escape with just the 2 runs, but the Angels reclaim the lead 6-5. In the bottom of the 6th Goodrum walked and stole 2nd then scored on Simmons pinch hit single to put the Angels on top 7-5. In the 7th Hayes doubled and Dexter (the animal) Fowler homered to tie the game at 7. Both bullpens took over at this point and dominated thru 11. In the top of the 12th John Gant came out of the pen for the Angels and retired Frasier on a ground out. Gant was brought in to face the powerful middle of the Wall St order because in 50 innings of relief in the regular season he gave up only 2 HR's. But there is no stopping Luke Voit in his 3 column, straight shot 3-6 and Voit has his 3rd HR of the series (1 in each game) and the Barons lead 8-7. Closer Cesar Valdez pitched a 1-2-3 9th and Wall St leads the series 2 game to 1.

Barrons.....	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	-	8	13	1
Angels.....	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	7	8	2

**Game 4** - FoggyMountain starts Eliser Hernandez (6-5, 4.55) and Wall St goes with Tyler Glasnow (14-9, 4.42). Wall St starts the scoring when Hayes leads off the 2nd with a HR, and the Barons make it 2-0 when Hayes struck again with a solo bomb in the 4th. But in the bottom half of the inning the Angels strike back. Happ struck out to start the inning but Calhoun walked, Aguilar singled and Will Smith followed with a 3 run bomb to give FoggyMountain a lead they would never give back. Seager then walked and Laureano struck out for the 2nd out. But then Simmons, Wendle and Nimmo all singled. That ended Glasnows day and Smyly comes on and walks Happ to load the bases and then Calhoun singled home a pair and the Angels have a 7-2 lead... a WP by Smyly plates the 8th run of the inning before he finally gets Aguilar to round out ending the inning with the Angels up 8-2. The Angels turned this one over to the BP in the 5th and they were up to the task as the Angels go on to tie the series 2-2 with an 8-3 win in game 4.

Barrons.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	3	10	0
Angels.....	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	-	8	9	1

**Game 5** - Javier gets the start for FM and Lamet is back on the hill for Wall St: Wall St comes out with Guns a-blazin in the top of the 1st. Turner doubled, Cronenworth walked and after Dexter the animal flew out, Voit singled home the games 1st run. Hayes then singled home Cronenworth, and Moustakas walked to load the bases. A walk to Frasier forced in run #3. Javier then uncorked a WP and it was 4-0 Wall St. Bader Struck out for the 2nd out, but Tucker Barnhart stepped to the plate and unloaded a 3 run bomb for a 7-0 Baron lead. Frazier's HR

leading off the 3rd made it 8-0 Wall St. In the meantime, Lamet was on his game, shutting down the Angel offense on 2 hits thru 6 innings. In the bottom of the 7th, Laureano doubled, Simmons walked and Wendle singled to load the bases. That tired Lamet and Leibrandt was summoned from the pen to face Nimmo. Angels pinch hit with Ruf who K'd for the 1st out. Happ hit into a FC scoring Laureano. Calhoun then walked to load the bases once again. But Leibrandt got Biggio to ground out and end the inning with just 1 run. Final score was 9-2 and Wall St leads the series 3 game to 2.

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**Game 6** - Pederson for FoggyMountain and Nola for the Barons

Nola strikes out the side in the top of the 1st first. In the bottom half of the inning, a Turner double and a Castro single and just like that Wall St takes a 1-0 lead after 1. But, with their backs up against the wall the Angels come out swinging in the top of the 2nd. Seager and Smith walked to start the inning. Grossman reached on a force out putting runs on the corners. Biggio doubled scoring Seager, and Smith scored on Wendle's ground out for a 2-1 Angel lead. FoggyMountain makes it 3-1 on Calhoun's solo HR in the 3rd. In the bottom of the 4th Harrison Bader leads off the inning, and cuts the lead to 1 with a solo HR. Pederson gets Voit to ground out but then gives up a double to Hayes and loads the bases with walks to Hunter Renfro and Frasier. Cronenworth flied out to shallow CF bringing up Cam Gallagher with 2 outs and the bases juiced. The roll is 2-5, which is a HR to 5 chance. Dice roll is a 2.....grand slam for Gallagher and Wall St jumps out to a 6-3 lead. The Barons score another in the 5th on a run scoring single by Hayes to make it 7-3. Facing elimination, the Angels load the bases with 1 out on 3 walks from Nola, which tires him. Brad Hand comes on to face Grossman and FM pinch hits with super-sub Phil Evans who singles home a pair to make the score 7-5 Barons. But Hand strikes out Ruf to end the threat. And that was it.....Wall St's BP took over and shut out the Angels on just 1 hit over the final 3 frames winning game 6, 7-5 and the series 4 game to 2.

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Barrons..... 1 0 0 5 1 0 0 0 - 7 7 0
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Congratulations to Joe on a great season. We knew coming into this series that it was going to take a monumental effort and a lot of luck to overcome the Barons. We had our moments, but the Wall St offense was relentless, and the pitching just too good in this series. The Barons out-homered the Angels 14-3 led by 3 each from Voit, Frazier and Hayes, and out-hit the Angels in 5 of the 6 games. Those numbers combined with superior pitching was more than we could hope to overcome. The Angels vote for MVP of the series would have to be Ke'Bryan Hayes who hit in all six games with a .500 BA on 9-18 with 8 runs scored and 3 HRs and 6 rbi.

In summary, it was great to at least make an appearance in the playoffs. Thanks and appreciation are always in order to Rob Bruno, Bob Figella and Ed Griffin for all they do in support of THE greatest SOM League ever. And now we move on to the planning stages for 2022. Best of luck to remaining playoff teams.

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