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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER:

March 16th may have been the official opening day for the FBNBA's 44th season but as you can see by the number of games played that the season started early for some teams.

In the American League three teams that Ed predicted as playoff bound have gotten off to a fast start, New Hampshire, Milford and Nashville all doing well. Ed did say that he thought that Baton Rouge, Alpharetta, Nashville and New Hampshire would be the top four teams in the American League. He also said not necessarily in that order. I think Ed was being modest and he may have not wanted to jinx the Hog's and predict them to finish first. In the off season Ed made some nice trades and he also had a very nice draft. As he said in the "InSider", he's looking to again take a "100 loss team and make it a 100, win team." If Ed does win 100 games again this season I see him as repeating his 2014 feat when he was both Manager of the Year and General Manager of the Year! Time will only tell.

Ed also predicted that he could see Lake Wobegon putting pressure on Milford for 5th place. Well, Jim Ferguson and his Whippets are trying to prove Ed right and at 6-6 are holding their own.

It sure looks like it's going to be a fun season in the American League.

AMERICAN LEAGUE								
place	Team	W	L	pct	gb	home	away	last update
1	New Hampshire Hogs	5	3	.625	----	2-2	3-1	3/15
2	Milford Dogfish	5	3	.625	----	5-3	0-0	3/12
3	Nashville Assassins	7	5	.583	----	3-1	4-4	3/13
4	Lake Wobegon Whippets	6	6	.500	1	4-4	2-2	3/16
5	Yorktown Admirals	1	3	.250	2	1-3	0-0	3/13
6	Hotlanta Possums	4	8	.333	3	1-3	3-5	3/15
7	Alpharetta Aces	0	0	----	1	0-0	0-0	---
8	Arsenal Gunners	0	0	----	1	0-0	0-0	---
9	Baton Rouge Silver Bullets	0	0	----	1	0-0	0-0	---
10	California Dreamers	0	0	----	1	0-0	0-0	---
11	Louisville River Bandits	0	0	----	1	0-0	0-0	---
12	Urpaigh Dragons	0	0	----	1	0-0	0-0	---

Transactions:

None reported since the last newsletter.

In the National League US Jarheads are “storming the beach head’s” at 10-2! What a great start. Quoting the InSider, “Based on what he gets out of his team every year I have to say Bill is the best manager in the league.” That statement is hard to disagree with.

Bob Figella has Hazardville at 6-2 and he’s trying not to let this become a one team race before he gets to play the Jarheads next block at Kate Elizabeth Park & W. Harry Pavillion. New England at 5-3 is in 3rd. Klee’s and Allyn Street are next at .500.

Norwich is the only NL playoff bound team that Ed predicted that is struggling at this time. The ‘Gators are in 10th place at 4-8. Ed did predict that this Norwich team was starting to show its age. Will Don be able to turn things around? I won’t bet against it.

It’s very early and I’m sure the standings will change. As Ernie Banks would say “Let’s play two!”

NATIONAL LEAGUE								
place	Team	W	L	pct	gb	home	away	last update
1	US Jarheads	10	2	.833	----	3-1	7-1	3/17
2	Hazardville Powderkegs	6	2	.750	2	2-2	4-0	3/16
3	New England Angels	5	3	.625	3	5-3	0-0	3/17
4	Klee's Klubbers	6	6	.500	4	1-3	5-3	3/16
5	Allyn Street 89ERS	2	2	.500	4	0-0	2-2	3/16
6	Taxachusetts Chiefs	5	7	.417	5	3-5	2-2	3/14
7	Maine Yaks	3	5	.375	5	2-2	1-3	3/15
8	Wall Street Barons	1	3	.250	5	1-3	0-0	3/16
9	Illinois Prairie Dogs	1	3	.250	5	0-0	1-3	3/12
10	Norwich Navigators	4	8	.333	6	3-5	1-3	3/17
11	Burlington Buccaneers	0	0	----	4	0-0	0-0	---
12	Connecticut Blue Devils	0	0	----	4	0-0	0-0	---

What? You thought I forgot about Basement Bertha? Never! She’s just not showing to much interest at this time. I talked with her the other day. “To many caller’s”, she said. “Maine, Hotlanta, Norwich, Yorktown, Wall Street and Illinois all calling me at all hours of the day and night. What is a girl to do? I’m just going to hold out in my basement until someone really starts to show me that he’s really interested in me and not just for the attention.” Boy, she sure is out of it. She doesn’t realize it’s dating her that earns at team the number one pick in the draft. Please, no one tells her. We don’t want to break her heart.

2017 –CALENDAR of EVENTS.

July 1 - 1. Dues Month. League fee of \$20.00 is due by July 31st to keep active member active.

July 15 - 1. Managers send in All-Star candidates from their team plus the position to be listed on the All-Star ballot.

Aug 1 - 1. The date that 2018 Draft picks can be included in a trade.

Minus Bonus Points:

-BP’s for this Report: AG ½ (1 day late BP rating.) AG ½ (1 day late roster/rotation).

YTD -BP’s: AG 1.