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"I hate it when this happens ... he walks a man, gives up a couple of hits and comes completely unraveled."

The CANNUCKS, whose pitching staff has unraveled a time or two this year, has been strengthened in their acquisition of Dave Stewart from the REBELS.

CANNUCK pitching has been so bad this year it has led the team's managers Jack Olsen and Jim Campbell to declare "Helmet Day" on days that team pitchers Scott Sanderson and Dave Johnson pitch to protect fans from the line drives and towering flyballs hit into the outfield bleachers.

Dave Stewart will bring sixteen starts to the CANNUCKS in their hopes of making the play-offs this year.

Also acquired in the trade was Sammy Sosa whose bat and glove can benefit the team in games against left handed pitching.

In other NATIONAL LEAGUE news . . .

The REBELS Mike Scioscia in a twelve game span hit .364 with twelve hits in thirty-three at bats, scored seven runs and drove home eight

runners. Car pooling has its benifits.

Team leaders for the REBELS. . .

Best pitchers record: M. Boddicker, 7-6

Best pitchers ERA: B. Welch, 3.04

Best Hitter: R. Kelly, .303

Home Run Leader: R. Kelly, 10

Stolen Base Leader: S. Sax, 23/5CS

The SEMINOLES and OUTLAWS continue to take turns leading the pack in first place. The remaining games between these two teams will be the determining factor in who wins the top spot.

BIMBOS pitcher, Mike Scott has allowed twenty-five home runs in eighteen starts this year.

The MONARCHS, Barry Bonds (six steals of home) and Shawn Dunston (two steals of home) each stole home in a game against the BIMBOS.

The MONARCHS have now stolen 315 bases in 144 games, 101 times caught, and now have set their sights on the Major League record of 347 stolen bases set by the 1911 National League N.Y. GIANTS. The American League record is held by the 1976 Oakland A's with 341 stolen bases.

In the AMERICAN LEAGUE. . .

The play-off picture has developed into a four team race. The JAYBIRDS, TWINS, RATS and BUS HEADS are fighting it out for the third and fourth place finish in the standings.

The TWINS, played by the younger Paul Blocker hit/rolled ten home runs and scored thirty-two runs in the first four games of a six game seris against the the T-BIRDS.

If the TWINS make the play-offs , I would advise playing them when

the younger Paul is in school.

The T-BIRDS pitcher Drek Lilliquest can boast of having the worst pitching line for the season.

1/3 INNINGS, 5 HITS, 5 WALKS, No STRIKE OUTS, 1 HR., 5 EARNED RUNS, and 5 RUNS scored.

The GUNSLINGERS have finished their season and there is good news and bad news. The good news is they did not lose 100 games, the bad news is that future Hall Of Famer Nolan Ryan finished the year with a losing record.

Insider information has the GUNSLINGERS changing their name next year. All those with suggestions may call Chip. The HOT HEADS would be my suggestion.

The BUS HEADS lost seven games in a row recently to the T-BIRDS and the LAWGIVERS. Injuries to both of their first basemen , Jack Clark and Brad Daugherty was a major contributor to this slide.

The BUS HEADS with a full slate of games yet to play against the TIGERS are now no better than a 50/50 chance of making the play-offs. I will say though, Dick has done a good job of managing in his first year.

The BULLS and TIGERS played four games recently with the TIGERS winning three out of the four. Newly acquired Bob Tewksbury pitched a four hit shutout in his first start for the Tigers.

The TIGERS at their current pace would finish the year with 120 wins for the season.

As the season keeps on truckin, we can all say what a long strange trip its been.

LEAGUE FUTURE

by Randy Shavis

Where do you see the Richmond Strat League going in the next few years? As one who has been around "since the beginning," I've got a couple of ideas.

There are several potential storylines:

1. That we clip merrily along, with only a few problems, reasonably smooth changes in ownership, etc. but approximately the same set-up as we have now.

2. We lose some key players due to relocation, increasing family commitments, or just getting ticked at the way things are in the league, and the league slowly winds down, with fewer franchises, more dropouts, and a demise in the midst of the second year.

3. Many conflicts arise, due to acrimony over luck, trading, missing deadlines, diminished league communication, and the league fizzles.

Right now, scenario one is the leading candidate, although there are signs that scenes two and three could develop if more care isn't taken.

Our league is at its most successful when we have strong leadership, one, two, or three members that provide strong leadership, keep lines of communication open to everyone, delegate enough so that all members take some share of the burden of work, and we have reasonably frequent (every couple of months, I assume) outings, meetings, parties, whatever, where most if not all members can get together and get past the "he's not here, wanta leave a message" barrier.

Right now I see no outings (golf, bowling, picnics, etc.) in the planning despite the new constitution, confusion about playing rules, team and ownership rules, etc. Don's bi-weekly updates for the last couple of years have been marvy... not long, not comprehensive, but keeping everybody aware and giving a forum for those of use that only chat with a few semi-regularly. We miss those desperately, and they take a lot of work.

Newsletters have been a problem since the immortal Myron left... and while they're fun, unless someone has the verve (like Chris Brandt) along with the time and effort, they just don't happen, since any contributions are either outdated or need retyping, etc., then newsletters are a bear, and not worth the headaches that we've devoted to desecrating their demise. Dave C. has been doing a darn good job this year, but who knows if he (and family) can keep up the pace?

Basically, what I'm saying is that unless everybody pitches in and does their part (if you don't have a part, ask someone) towards making the league work, we're sliding on the edge of the precipice. Don't complain that someone else hasn't done what they're supposed to as it regards the league, unless you've done your part... and make it a point to call one "out of your clique" league person each week, just to chat, discuss possible trades, and jot down what you'd like the league to be doing, and how we're gonna make it happen.

It is now time for our TOP TEN LIST . . .

The Top Ten Least Popular Exhibits At The Baseball Hall Of Fame.

10. The Tobacco Juice Fountain and Reflecting Pool.
9. Babe Ruth's cup
8. What-Its-Like-To-Get-Hit-In-The-Head-With-A-Nolan-Ryan-Fastball
7. The Yogi Berra/Richard Deyerle Kissing Booth
6. The gaint stack of Pete Rose's losing lotto tickets
5. Display case of garbage thrown at the San Diego Chicken
4. Steve Garvey's bed and on-deck circle
3. Cocktail glass filled with Billy Martin's knocked out teeth
2. Scratch-A-Real-Big-Leaguer
1. High-lite film of Presidents throwing out the first ball



Nolan Ryan, age 90

More suggested rules changes for our beloved league.

1. For the 1993 season, no trading of draft picks before the 15 man roster is set. My feeling is that such a rule would help bring parity to each league by having everyone equal at the time rosters are set, 15 men and fifteen draft picks. Once roster are set you could trade picks or players as you wish.

Before rosters are selected you can trade players or a players rights for a player this year.

I honestly feel this rule would help the league, and strengthen all clubs in the long run.

This rule would also help deepen the draft pool, if you can not trade your extra players they would all go back into the draft.

2. A sixteen man roster, with the 16th man confined to the minor leagues for the season. This would allow a team to protect a player who may have been injured that year.
3. On draft day, after all selections have been made, if a team wished to take a player who had gone undrafted, it would cost a future 15th round pick.
4. If a pitcher hits two batters within three innings he is ejected from the game.
5. Be allowed to change your ballpark numbers every other year with no penalty being charged.

INTENTIONALLY THROWING AT BATTERS

1 OF 2

IF: ① THE PITCHER HAS FACED 5 OR MORE BATTERS, AND EITHER;

- ① A RUN WAS SCORED IN THE OPPONENT'S PREVIOUS AT-BAT, ~~OR~~
OR: ② THE CURRENT BATER HOMERED IN A PREVIOUS AT-BAT AGAINST
THE SAME PITCHER IN THE SAME GAME

THE FIELDING MANAGER MAY ELECT TO THROW A 20-SIDED
DIE BEFORE ANY ROLLS BY THE OFFENSIVE MANAGER.

THE RESULT:

BATTER HBP?

RESULT

- YES 1) FIGHT INSUES, BATTER AND PITCHER SUSPENDED.*
YES 2) BATTER INJURED FOR 30 GAMES**
YES 3) BATTER CHARGES MOUND, CATCHER IS INJURED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO RESTRAIN HIM.
YES 4) BATTER TAKES FIRST BASE
YES 5) BATTER ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE HIT, UMPIRE CALLS HIM OUT!
YES 6) BATTER INJURED
YES 7) PITCHER SUSPENDED*
NO 8) BATTER WALKS
YES 9) BIG FIGHT ENSUES - FOUR MEMBERS (RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM ROSTER) OF EACH TEAM EJECTED.
YES 10) BATTER CHARGES MOUND, PITCHER INJURED DURING FIGHT - BATTER SUSPENDED*
NO 11) PITCHER MISSES, PLAY RESUMES
YES 12) PITCHER SUSPENDED 20 GAMES***
NO 13) BATTER THROWS A FIT, SUSPENDED*
NO 14) PITCHER LOSES CONCENTRATION, IS ON HIS DOT UNTIL HE PITCHES ONE COMPLETE SCORELESS IN.
YES 15) NEXT INNING, OTHER TEAM RETALIATES TO 1ST BATTER
NO 16) BATTER EXECUTES BUNT, PITCHER THROWS THE BALL AT HIM - E 1, ALL RUNNERS SAFE.
NO 17) WILD PITCH, ALL RUNNERS ADVANCE
NO 18) PITCHER SUSPENDED*
YES 19) NEXT AB (IN SAME GAME) FOR SAME BATTER, AUTOMATIC **◆** EVEN IF WEAK!
NO 20) BATTER IS INTIMIDATED AND STRIKES OUT

* THE PLAYER IS IMMEDIATELY EJECTED FROM THE GAME.

SUSPENSIONS - ROLL ONE DIE - SUSPENDED 1-6 GAMES

Roll ANOTHER DIE - 1 - SUSPENSION SERVED IMMEDIATELY

2,3 - SUSPENSION SERVED AT MANAGER'S LEISURE

4-6 - PLAYER WINS APPEAL, NO SUSPENSION

** BATER IS SERIOUSLY INJURED, OUT FOR A FULL 30 GAMES
(YES, EVEN CAL RIPKEN CAN GET BEANED)

THE BATTING MANAGER IS NOW ENTITLED TO SELECT ANY ONE PLAYER
FROM THE BOLD PILE. THIS PLAYER BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF
THE BATTING TEAM. IF THIS PLAYER IS SENT TO THE MINORS
FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING BEING LEFT OFF OF THE PLAYOFF
ROSTER, HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEASED AND RETURNS TO
THE BOLD PILE.

*** A ROSTER MOVE IS PERMITTED TO REPLACE THIS PITCHER.

IF THE TEAM RUNS OUT OF STARTS OR INNINGS DUE TO THIS
SUSPENSION, THE COMMISSIONER WILL SELECT A PLAYER FROM THE
BOLD PILE WITHOUT IMPOSING A DRAFT PICK PENALTY. NO APPEAL
OF THIS SUSPENSION IS PERMITTED.

ALL INJURIES AND SUSPENSIONS EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE
REGULAR SEASON.

1991 AL HINDSIGHT DRAFT

TEAM	ACTUAL PICK	HINDSIGHT PICK	REASONING
WHALES	① F THOMAS	THOMAS	COLLECTING 1 ST BASEMEN (LOOK FOR MO VAUGHN IN '92)
TWINS	② C FIELDER	FIELDER	50 HOMERS. WHO NEEDS A BETTER REASON.
TIGERS	③ S ALDMAR	ALDMAR	RICHARD WILL STILL GET TWELVE DRAFT PICKS FOR HIM IN A TRADE.
TIMBERBIRDS	④ B McDONALD	J McDOWELL	SHOULD HAVE HAD MORE LOYALTY TO HIS FORMER FIRST ROUND PICK
BULLS	⑤ J OLERUD	R VENTURA	WOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF SEITZER
LANGIVERS	⑥ T FRYMAN	FRYMAN	GOOD POWER FOR A SHORTSTOP
TIGERS	⑦ S MACK	K MAAS	A "RICHARD" PLAYER - POWER AND ON-BASE.
SEMINOLES	⑧ K APPIER	APIER	HARD TO ARGUE WITH HIS NUMBERS
LANGIVERS	⑨ A COLE	K TAPANI	THIS FRANCHISE NEEDS PITCHING HELP BADLY
SEMINOLES	⑩ K TAPANI	J MORRIS	BEST SOLID STARTER REMAINING

LEFT OUT

BEN McDONALD - THUNDERBIRDS, 24TH PICK - STILL A GOOD GAMBLE

JOHN ÖLERUD - LAUGIVERS, 15TH PICK - FUTURE 1ST BASEMAN

SHANE MACK - SEMINOLES, 14TH PICK - GOOD PLATOON WITH DYKSTRA

ALEX COLE - ~~TO~~ ROADRUNNERS, 11TH PICK - WHO JIM REALLY WANTED, ANYWAY.

OTHERS OF INTEREST

SCOTT ERICSON - TWINS, 12TH PICK - I WAS SHOCKED THAT PAUL PASSED
ON HIM

ALEX FERNANDEZ, DANA KIECKER, MARK GUTHRIE, KENNY ROGERS -

WITH McDONALD'S ^{POOR} ~~BAD~~ YEAR, THESE WOULD HAVE BEEN

TREMENDOUS ADDITIONS TO THE THUNDERBIRDS' COLLECTION

OF BAD YOUNG PITCHERS.



The infield fly rule

TRADES... TRADES... TRADES... TRADES... TRADES... TRADES... TRADES...

1. MONARCHS trade rights to L.Harris & their 7th to the REBELS for the rights to M.Boddicker.
2. MONARCHS trade rights to Calderon & their 14th to the GUNSLINGERS for the rights to B.Harvey and their 12th.
3. MONARCHS trade rights to Dunston, Ojeda, A.Pena, and Guetterman to the REBELS for the rights to Kruk, Vizciano, M.Jackson, & Thon.
4. MONARCHS trade the rights to Blauser to the T-BIRDS for the rights to DeLucia and their 12th.
5. MONARCHS trade their rights to D.Hamilton & Hibbard to the BIMBOS for rights to Schofield and reaquired MONARCHS 10th.
6. MONARACHS trade rights to B.Barnes to the REBELS for their 9th.
7. REBELS trade D.Stewart & S.Sosa for this year & a 8th to the CANNUCKS for D.Johnson this year & the rights to H.Brooks, McCaskill & their 2nd and 6th.
8. WHALES trade rights to Pasqua to the GUNSLINGERS for their 4th.
9. REBELS trade rights to Dave Martinez to the CANNUCKS for the rights to N.Charlton.

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10. REBELS trade Tewksbury & Montgomery for this year to the TIGERS for the rights to McReynolds, Von Hayes, and Reardon.
11. ROADRUNNERS trade the rights to K.Maas & their 8th and 10th to the LAWGIVERS for the rights to Pecota and their 3rd,6th, and 13th.
12. TIGERS trade rights to Tewksbury & their 12th to the UNCALLABLES for their 3rd and 7th.
13. REBELS trade B.Geren for this year & their 15th to the LAWGIVERS for their 11th.
14. LAWGIVERS trade Gleaton for this year to the OUTLAWS for their 15th.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

The Richmond Mens Open Baseball League will be playing at the Diamond on the 24th to help raise money for Big Brothers & Big Sisters.

Tickets will sell for two dollars, Hank Aaron will be attendance to throw out the first pitch.

Our own Ron Seel and Pat Jennings will be playing that day, so come out for a good time to help a good cause.

For more information you can call Ron, phone# 359-1658.

STANDINGS... STANDINGS... STANDINGS... STANDINGS... STANDINGS...

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TIGERS	68-32	...
BULLS	69-52	17 1/2
TWINS	63-56	22 1/2
J'BIRDS	65-63	25
BUS HEADS	49-48	25 1/2
RATS	53-53	26
WHALES	58-71	32 1/2
L'GIVERS	48-63	33 1/2
T-BIRDS	67-88	36 1/2
G'SLINGERS	66-96	41

NATIONAL LEAGUE

SEMINOLES	68-32	...
OUTLAWS	70-37	1 1/2
MONARCHS	79-64	10 1/2
DUCKS	64-55	13 1/2
CANNUCKS	52-56	20
UNCALLABLES	67-75	22
BIMBOS	41-51	23
REBELS	48-72	30
ROADRUNNERS	45-84	37 1/2

SPECIAL NOTICE: There will be a league meeting on the weekend of Sept. 14th for the purpose of electing new officers and to vote on any rule changes. The site for this meeting as yet to be determined.