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1949 Season Hits the Ground Running!!!



Opening Day has come and gone and now more than a few weeks into the 1949 FRBA season a few clubs are standing out in different ways. First off is the Bronx Bombers, aka The New York Yankees. The Yankees have started the season at 14-3 (the best start in both leagues) and have a 4 game lead over the second place Brooklyn Dodgers. Leading the way for the New York Ballclub is it's starting staff with the big 3 being; Brain Jeter, Roger Paredes, and Seisuke Gushiken. Providing the offense is third baseman Bill Lillie and 37 year old first baseman Ron Otto. The Yankees should go as far as their pitching performances let them.



One of the flops in the Atlantic League so far has been the Baltimore Orioles. The O's were picked to win their division but have started off real slow. Currently sitting at 7 wins and 10 loses the Orioles pitching has been trash with Starter and Bullpen ERA near or at the bottom of the league. Last year's 21 game winner Joel Giustra is 1 and 3 with a 6.75 in 4 starts. Needless to say that's not going to get it done. The offense, outside of Chris Kniffen has not shone up this season, it will be interesting to see where the O's are come Memorial Day.



Over in the Pacific League, Milwaukee and San Diego are both leading their perspective divisions with 12 and 5 records. The Brew Crew's staff is solid without having a so called stand-out, and a lot is owed to Jim Sundberg the 23 year old second year backstop. The pitchers rave about 'Sunny's' high level of leadership in tough situations and his ability to determine a hitters swing for certain days on the fly. The Padres on the season are led by their two big southpaw's Brandon Vilsaint and Brian Berstad both of whom are in the very early running of Cy Young Trophy talks. Second baseman Le-Vaughan Hubbard has been around for almost a 1000 FRBA games but has never put together a hot streak like he has at the start of the 1949 Season. Hubbard is currently slashing .417/.500/.562. Well let's revisit where we are at duing the all-star break and see if some of the experts favorites picks like Arizona and Colorado can get back in the race.



STAT OF THE MONTH



Colorado's outstanding left fielder Rodrigo Boehme joined the 300 home run club today at Minute Maid Park with a booming blast in the Rockies win over the Colt 45 s. They topped Houston 5-0. Tongue-in-cheek he told the press, "Don't tell me when I get close to the next milestone. Just tell me after I reach it. It will be easier to hit that way." Lifetime Boehme is batting .341 with 1949 hits, 300 home runs, 1054 runs scored and 1031 RBIs.

COMMISSIONERS CORNER:



We we got through the Schedule f..kup at the beginning of the season. All you GM's are doing a great job of exporting and also staying right on top of the draft which is moving along nicely. Next up will be ALL-STAR Voting in S+ (probably 3 more SIMS). Stay posted for the next issue of The Dope on the Rope