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Orioles Win It All!!!



The Baltimore Orioles are the World Champions of FRBA. With a display of grit, timely hitting, and players stepping up the Orioles beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4 games to 2. It was tough toward the end of the season when All-Star starting pitcher Dwight Gooden went down with a torn rotator cuff. But the Orioles played good inspired baseball to make it all the way to the World Series.

Some Big Names Hit Free Agency

The Free Agent season is upon us. From the pitching side the top three FA's are Billy Scavone, Josh Corley, and John Molander. For the everydayers it is Matt Grossman, Jonathon Hoyle, and Abe Vatter. Should be a pretty active off season for these FA and others.

Development League Off and Running



The newly formed Winter Development League named Down Under Development (DUD) has started its season down in sunny Australia. The league contains young players trying to refine and enhance their baseball abilities. Though only 45 games long, some of the FRBA's biggest prospects are participating in this inaugural season. It will be interesting to see what team takes home the championship trophy.

Rule 5 Draft, Ready to Start

The FRBA Rule 5 Draft will take place on December 12th, 1949. Currently teams are huddling with all major staff members to discuss what players would be protected and placed on the 40-Man roster. Many a hidden gem is found in the Rule 5 draft and some clubs take to younger talent as long as they can support the player on the active roster for the full season.

STAT OF THE MONTH



The San Diego's franchise elite prospect Mark McGwire playing for the Wagga Wagga Wallabys in the Down Under Development league is off to an awesome start. In 12 games McGwire has 11 extra basehits, including 7 Dingers and 18 RBI's. He is hitting at a torrid .425 pace. It will be interesting to see McGwire's numbers at Season End.

COMMISSIONERS CORNER:



Well the 1949 season is in the books and congrats to Jason and his Orioles, I would also like to welcome; Larry who will be at the helm of the Cincinnati Reds, Andy who has taken over in New York looking to lead the Yanks back to the post season. Also a big welcome to our newest member Jackson running the Senators of Washington.