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## WEST COAST

The West Coast Wrecking Crew more than lived up to their nickname as they ripped through Beacon's league-best pitching staff, leaving the \#1 seeded Braves battered and bruised.

The two teams were evenly matched offensively during the season - Beacon's .263 vs. West Coasts' . 264 - and it was no different in their Quarter-final playoff series - Beacon's . 268 vs. the Coasters' .262.

Beacon smugly built an early 6-1 lead in Game 1 , only to see their vaunted bullpen be chopped up by the WC Crew in a 9-7 series-opening loss. Ketel Marte's timely singles drove in 4 runs; but it was Yasmani Grandal's $5^{\text {th }}$ inning 3-run homer off Casey Sadler that sent shockwaves through the Beacon dugout.

The Braves returned to Smugville in Game 2, led by Pablo Lopez' pitching and Nolan Arenado's 3-homer, 7 rbi performance. The Braves' swagger had returned in a 13-2, series-evening.

Any thoughts of an easy run for the Braves ended quickly in Game 3. Beacon's Frankie Montas was gone before recording an out in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ inning, a victim of a Freddie Freeman 2-run homer. Grandal accounted for 2 runs with a pair of doubles, and the Crew received just enough effective relief work to secure a 54 victory and a 2-1 series lead.

In Game 3, Beacon's 22-game winner Jose Berrios lasted just 4 innings, leaving with the game tied at 2 apiece after a Brian Reynolds homer. Reynolds would go on to record a . 484 OBP in the series. Freddie Freeman would collect another 3 hits, but he was countered by 4 solo homers, 2 each by Paul Goldschmidt and JD Martinez. Beacon built a 6-2 lead and got just enough relief pitching to secure a series-tying 6-4 win.

The Crew's Lance Lynn was nearly unhittable in Game 5, tossing a shutout through 6 innings. He was supported by Reynolds and Jose Ramirez, who each belted solo homers, taking a 2-0 lead into the $7^{\text {th }}$ inning. An rbi double by JD Martinez finally broke the ice on the frozen Beacon bats. Isaiah Kiner Falefa followed an IBB to Nolan Arenado (loading the bases) with a 2 -run single that provided the Braves with a 4-2 lead. Sadler pitched the $9^{\text {th }}$, this time retiring all three batters for the save.

Back in Beacon, the Braves' plans for an early victory went awry. The Crew battered Pablo Lopez (2 IP, 5 ER), the big blow a grand slam from Tyler Naquin, for an early 7-0 lead. Beacon attempted several come-backs, but each time the West Coast batters would blast whoever was on the mound, collecting 14 hits in total in a 10-6 series-tying win.

And so it came down to a single game, Berrios vs Gomber. Three tense innings zipped by, neither team able to hit the other's pitching. The ice cracked a wee bit in the bottom of the $4^{\text {th }}$, another IKF single scoring Segura with the game's first run. The Braves added another run in the $5^{\text {th }}$ on Goldschmidt's rbi single. It was still a tense 2-0 game.

And then everything changed. With Jeurys Familia on the mound in relief of Gomber, the Braves broke out of their chains and began to find some success. Beacon pushed across another run, bringing on Wendelken to try and plug the dike. With two outs and loaded bases, Paul Goldschmidt (.333) took his turn at bat. The explosion removed what obstruction remained, the dike collapsed, and 3 runs scored on Goldschmidt's double. An extremely tense series and game had suddenly turned.

Correspondent: Bob Braun

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It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, you could say. It was indeed a "Tale of Two Series". I will say this: At 9:30 PM last night, no one would have been more surprised than me that I would be the one writing this email.

The \#2 seed Rochester Cheetahs attempted to hold off the \#7 seed Long Island Islanders to become the only non-Metro team in the Semi-Finals. And, being that our 2016 title is the only non-Metro title since 2011, that might have been fitting. However, there was a quick sign that the first part of this series, at least, would not be Rochester's finest hour.

Shohei Ohtani made his playoff debut on the hill, and he was just a bit shaky in inning \#1 of Game 1 . He began the game by walking Cain, Wendle and Muncy and then followed that by dropping a toss from Schwindel on a Seager grounder. Peterson then grounded back to him and he dropped that also before getting the out at first. He amazingly got the final two outs from there without allowing another run, putting us in a 2-0 hole. The Cheetahs chipped away at Logan Webb, starting with a Crawford single and two stolen bases in the second, the latter being a steal of home that cut the lead in half. Webb walked Schwindel and Shohei to load the bases with 1 out in the third, and Garver's sacrifice fly tied the game at 2-2. And then, in this battle of offenses in 2021 baseball, nobody did much of anything for almost an entire game's worth of action. Rochester's ace reliever, Andrew Kittredge, was on the hill for the top of the eleventh, when Cain led off with a single and a stolen base. Kittredge came back to strike out Longoria and Muncy, putting us in position to escape again when we walked Seager to face Peterson. Jace grounded to Turner at third, but calamity - Turner threw the ball past Schwindel at first, allowing Cain to score on an error. Rochester went 1-2-3 in the bottom of the frame against Jake McGee to take a horrendous 3-2 loss in 11 innings.

And it only got worse from there. Ohtani homered in his first two plate appearances against Robbie Ray in Game 2, and Garver hit an early homer as well - but they were all solo shots, and Long Island was keeping pace against Morton. A bases loaded walk to Muncy in the third gave the Islanders their first run, and an error by Altuve set up an RBI double by Cain in the fourth. However, Ohtani struck again in his third PA with a triple, giving him 11 total bases in 3 PAs, and Crawford singled him home to break a 3-3 tie in the sixth. Rochester then hoped to hang on an get a 1-run win to even the series again. Well. Sanchez hit a 1-out triple in the eighth against Baragar and youngster Wander Franco came through with a huge pinch-hit single against Johnson to tie the game. Kittredge was on again in the ninth in a 4-4 game, trying to give us a chance, but Lorenzo Cain led off that inning with a solo homer, breaking the hearts of the home crowd. Another 1-2-3 bottom of the inning, another 1-run loss, 5-4.

Then, Cal Quantrill started hammering nails into the Rochester coffin in Game 3. The Cheetahs, with the league's best offense in 2021, had just about nothing against the Long Island starter. A 3 -run second inning for Long Island was more than enough, as Joc Pederson and his pearls homered, while Quantrill himself added insult to injury with a 2 -run double. It was as bleak as it could have been in Rochester, as Long Island won 4-0 to take a 3 games to none lead.

We chatted about previous comebacks from down 3 games to none, including one in 1995, when I was in high school. Of course I brought up the first (chronological) TCBA World Series, in which I reversed a 3 games to none deficit, even after (seemingly) trailing 6-0 in game 4. Perhaps, for Mac's sake, we shouldn't have spent so much time talking about it.

If you're going to serve notice that you might pull off the biggest possible comeback in a 7 -game series, scoring 15 runs is a good way to do it. Wily Peralta baffled Long Island for most of the game while Rochester notched single runs against Logan Webb, in his final start of the series, in the first and fourth. Harper's first homer of the series in the fifth put us up 3-0, but it was the sixth that proved decisive. Crawford homered, and then we loaded the bases for Harper, who singled. It was 6-0 when Ohtani batted with 1 out and the bases loaded and he - well, he hit a grand slam to make it 10-0. Each team scored 5 runs against the back of the bullpens from there, and we ended at 15-5.

By the way, Harper had zero hits in the first 3 games of the series, but his turnaround coincided with ours. Unfortunately for Long Island, Corey Seager started 5 of the 7 games, and did not get a hit. He did reach a few times on walks, errors, etc., but no hits.

Ohtani was back for Game 5, facing DeSclafani, and we knew that he had to come through big if we were going to turn the corner. He was clearly better than Game 1, right away. He didn't allow a run until the sixth, and it was tied at 1-1 when Rochester busted down the door in the seventh with back-to-back doubles by Pollock and Altuve and then a 2-run homer from Harper. A Muncy homer in the ninth cut the lead to 4-2, but that was all, as Kittredge closed the door on a 4-2 win.

We went back to Rochester with new life, but we still had to win both remaining games. And we were in serious, serious trouble in Game 6. This was the second hinge point, at which it looked like Long Island had the upset pulled off. It was the combination of Robbie Ray, who obliterated Rochester through 6 frames, seemingly striking out everyone and walking no one, and Joc Pederson, who hit a massive 2-run homer in the fourth to give Long Island a 2-1 lead. That lead held until the bottom of the seventh, as Long Island came 3 innings away from escaping. But it was not to be. Corey Seager's tough series continued with an error on Crawford's leadoff grounder. Crawford then stole second and moved to third on Pollock's groundout before Jose Altuve delivered him as the tying run with a sac fly. Then, in the bottom of the eighth, the Big Orange Machine got unjammed. Ray had allowed 2 runs in 7 innings, but more impressively had walked no one and fanned 13. But he began the eighth with a walk to Nimmo. Harper then followed with his third homer in as many games, putting Rochester up 4-2. Garver followed with a 2-run homer that put us up 6-2, and was huge in saving the bullpen for Game 7. We left the two ace relievers in the pen and allowed Littell to close out the 4-run win, which he did, evening the series.

Did Rochester pull off the incredible comeback?? Well, I suppose you already know that we did. Ohtani walked, stole second and scored on a Garver single in the first against Alex Cobb, and Justin Turner homered in the second to put us up 2-0. When Sean Murphy led off the third with a double, Brett Anderson quickly exited. Long Island scored one run after Tyler Duffey entered, but Rochester followed Duffey with Littell, Alvarez and Kittredge, and Long Island didn't score again. The Cheetahs led 3-1 when Frank Schwindel put an exclamation point on the win with a solo homer in the eighth, and Rochester held on in the ninth for a 41 victory to claim the series.

It was really an incredible series, very close, and Long Island probably would have won it if they'd had either Winker or Wisdom. We are very fortunate to have survived, but we did. Congrats to Mac on a great season!

Correspondent: JR Richardson

| 7 Games Played |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 09127121 | 7 | Long Island Islanders | 1 | 4 |  | 45 | A．COBB | L，A．COBB |  |
| 17：43m | 7 | Rochester Cheetahs | 4 | 7 |  | 54 | B．ANDERSON | W，T．DUFFEY | A．KITTREDGE |
| Date | No． | Team | R | H |  | GSc | Starters | Decisions | Save |
| 09126121 | 6 | Long Island Islanders | 2 | 3 |  | 62 | R．RAY | L，R．RAY |  |
| 14：44m | 6 | Rochester Cheetahs | 6 | 6 |  | 56 | C．MORTON | W，W．PERALTA | None |
| Date | No． | Team | R | H |  | GSc | Starters | Decisions | Save |
| 09125121 （N） | 5 | Rochester Cheetahs | 4 | 6 |  | 67 | S．OHTANI | W，S．OHTANI | A．KITTREDGE |
| 15：28m | 5 | Long Island Islanders | 2 | 4 |  | 57 | A．DeSCLAFANI | L，A．DeSCLAFAN |  |
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| 09124121 （N） | 4 | Rochester Cheetahs | 15 | 14 |  | 61 | W．PERALTA | W，W．PERALTA | None |
| 21：36m | 4 | Long Island Islanders | 5 | 9 |  | 48 | L．WEBB | L．L．WEBB |  |
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| 09123121 （N） | 3 | Rochester Cheetahs | 0 | 4 |  | 45 | B．ANDERSON | L，B．ANDERSON |  |
| 9：25m | 3 | Long Island Islanders | 4 | 6 |  | 83 | C．QUANTRLLL | W，C．QUANTRLL | None |
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| 09122121 | 2 | Long Island Islanders | 5 | 9 |  | 51 | R．RAY | W，T．McFARLAND | None |
| 23：46m | 2 | Rochester Cheetahs | 4 | 8 |  | 50 | C．MORTON | L，A．KITTREDGE |  |
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| 0912121 | 1 | Long Island Islanders | 3 | 5 | 11 | 46 | L．WEBB | W，J．McGEE | None |
| 38：13m | 1 | Rochester Cheetahs | 2 | 4 |  | 54 | S．OHTAN | L，A．KITTREDGE |  |


$\frac{\text { Batting }}{\text { Rochester Cheetahs }} \frac{\text { AVG }}{.213} \frac{\text { OBP }}{.296} \frac{\text { SLG }}{.448} \frac{G}{7} \frac{A B}{230} \frac{H}{49} \frac{2 B}{13} \frac{3 B}{1} \frac{H R}{13} \frac{R}{35} \frac{R}{5.0} \frac{\text { SO }}{68} \frac{\text { BB }}{27} \frac{\text { LOB }}{39} \frac{\text { SB }}{7} \frac{C S}{2} \frac{\text { SBP }}{77.8}$ $\frac{\text { Pitching }}{\text { Rochester Chetahs }} \frac{\text { ERA }}{2.81} \frac{G}{7} \frac{\text { CG }}{0} \frac{\text { SHO }}{0} \frac{\text { QS }}{2} \frac{\text { SV }}{2} \frac{\mathbb{I P}}{64.0} \frac{H}{40} \frac{\mathrm{R}}{22} \frac{\text { ER }}{20} \frac{\text { HR }}{6} \frac{\text { SO }}{56} \frac{B B}{31} \frac{H B}{3} \frac{\text { WP }}{1} \frac{\text { BK }}{0} \frac{\text { OBA }}{.174}$ $\frac{\text { Fielding }}{\text { Rochester Cheetahs }} \frac{\text { FLD }}{.974} \frac{G}{7} \frac{P 0}{192} \frac{A}{66} \frac{E}{7} \frac{D P}{2} \frac{\operatorname{TP}}{0} \frac{P B}{0} \frac{\text { OSB }}{7} \frac{\text { OCS }}{1} \frac{\text { OSBP }}{87.5} \frac{\text { OSBA }}{.984} \frac{\text { DER }}{.771} \frac{\text { UER }}{2} \frac{\text { UERP }}{9.1}$

## TU－TCBA22－Long Island Islanders－Summary

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Waukesha and Scranton hooked up in a Puzzle of Zoom, last night.

Kudo's to Ken for figuring out a way to make it all work for the two teams along with the spectators. And a 'Bronx Cheer' for Scranton, for running out of laptop battery during game 5, causing a 'blackout' for all, as they waited patiently for the 'lights to come back on' and action to resume. (Note to self: next time, plug the damn charger cord in cuz the series might take longer than anticipated)

GAME 1....ERA leader Corbin Burnes takes the mound for Wauk, and he's twirling a no hitter thru 4. Meanwhile, Wauk scores two single runs on a Blast by Bichette, and a Scranton fielding error. Burnes finally gives up a run in the 6th, Wauk goes to their bullpen, and Scranton unloads against normally reliable Jose Ruiz. Our offensive spurt, all at the bottom of our order, 7-8-9 slot, gives us a total of 4 runs in the inning.

And that's all the scoring today, for either team. Though we DO hit Freeman outfielder with a pitch; he takes a breather for one more day, but Wauk will make us pay for that later.

4-2 win for Scranton to get the series going.
Correspondent: Marty Fiehl

GAME 2....A game that will have implications the rest of the way out.
Chris Bastard.....I mean Bassitt, for Waukesha.
Wasting no time in getting revenge for Dylan Carlson yesterday, Bassitt drills my cleanup hitter, 1st inning, right in the head.

Byron Buxton will be injured until the end of Spring Training. Scranton won't see him in our lineup again until Opening Day. Big blow for Scranton.
-Freemen string together several hits, score 2 runs in each of the first two innings. $\qquad$ and that's all she wrote.

No more scoring, Wauk wins 4-0 and Bassitt twirls a gem! (nobody else wanted to stand in the box against him after seeing Buxton carried off) 7 shutout innings and 2 relievers followed with no hit appearances.

The Freemen pitchers have now shut out Scranton in 17 of the first 18 innings of the series. Spanflies are very fortunate to have a split series so far.

GAME 3.... This was the best game of the series in the fact that the lead switched hands numerous times. Every time one team scored; the other team answered back. Waukesha opens up taking the lead. Scranton ties it. Scranton takes the lead. Waukesha tied it. Scranton takes the lead. Waukesha takes the lead. Scranton ties it. Scranton takes the lead in the bot of the 8th, holds off Wauk in the 9th, and wins the game!

And what made it real exciting, was that home runs were at the heart of just about every one of those scorings.

The Freemen superb outfield core was responsible for all of their scoring: -O'neill with a dinger and 2 rbi's; Carlson with 2 rbi's; Haniger with a homer. And Scranton's scoring coming from 4 homers:
-Wil Myers, long time Spanfly, and injury replacement for Buxton, Dauton Varsho and Brendan Rodgers, MVP of the game, with 2 homers and 3 ribbies.

Scranton wins this one 7-5, and the LOB is kind of neat: 2 for Wauk and 3 for Scr. Meaning most times that somebody got on base, they got driven in, usually be a homer. No wasted rallies.

## GAME 4:

Okay, this was the WORST game of the series, in that it was the only one in which the score got out of hand and both teams just wanted to protect themselves instead of worrying about winning or losing.

Eric Lauer of the Freebies took a nice 3-1 lead into the 5th.......and then the wheels fell off. Ok, the whole axle.

Scranton kept up the 'power against Lauer' until he was removed with runners on base and 2 outs. Funkhouser was brought in with instructions to get 'one out'.

And he did.......but it was not until giving up a 3 run homer, and Scranton scored SEVEN big runs in the inning. And they kept on scoring in the next two innings also.

Final Score: 12-3 and Scranton is mounting serious momentum. Up 3 games to 1 now.

## Game 5:

A superb pitching matchup between Gm1 starters, Burnes and Framber Valdez.
Scranton has a 2-1 lead in the 7th inning $\qquad$ and then the battery gives me notice on the laptop that it is almost out of juice. I make a mad dash for the power cord downstairs (and by mad dash I mean; we limp down the stairs after extricating ourselves from bed....use a pick-up stick to get the power strip off the floor, explain to the wife what I'm doing downstairs, take a ride on the StairChair back upstairs, limp back into the bedroom, and I am literally 3 feet from inserting the cord into the side of the computer when I see the screen go black! Sunuvabitch! I needed five more seconds to 'give it more power, captain', before it shut down. Of course, I lost the game in progress. Its not often one gets the lead on Burnes.

After logging back on and explaining my plight to the opposing mgr and Ken, we set up for game 5 again, and have at it once more.

This one, almost identical to the first game, a major pitching duel between Burnes and Framber.....its 1-1 after 9 complete. We head to extra's.

Top 10.....Ex-Scrantonian, Christian Yelich goes downtown with a solo homer to break the hometown fans heart.
Bot 10.....Josh Hader, comes in to close it for Waukesha, and the Freebies win: 2-1.
Same SCORE as last game before the power outage; but this time, Waukesha has the $\mathbf{2}$ and Scranton the 1.
Okay, Scranton still up in the series, 3 games to 2, but.....has the momentum now shifted back to Waukesha?

## GAME 6...

Freemen score first on a homer by Yandy Diaz, another former Scrantonian.
Chris Bassit holds a 1-0 lead thru five complete. This is the 12th consecutive shutout inning for Bassitt against Scranton.

Top 6....we FINALLY get to Bassitt. 3 big runs, one of them a 2 run homer by Luis Robert.
Some fine bullpen work the rest of the way for Scranton, and they hold onto a 4-2 WIN, and we take the Playoff Series, also by a 4-2 margin in games.

We will look forward to playing the winner of the Rochester/Long Island series, in Harrisburg.

A tip of the Cap to Ken and the Freemen team. There was only ONE 'easy' game, the rest were well played, close, and challenging games. Along with being a lot of fun interacting with the manager and several fans who bought tickets to the front row seats.

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6 Games Played

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| 09126121 | 6 | Scranton Spanish Flies | 4 | 9 | 0 | 58 | A. HOUSER | W, A. HOUSER | R. RODRIGUEZ |
| 17:48m | 6 | Wauksha Freemen | 2 | 7 | 1 | 53 | C. BASIIT | L, C. BASSITT |  |
| Date | No. | Team | R | H | E | Inn GSc | Starters | Decisions | Save |
| 0912512 | 5 | Wauksha Freemen | 2 | 7 | 2 | 10 | C. BURNES | W, J. HADER | None |
| 23:07m | 5 | Scranton Spanish Flies | 1 | 6 | 0 | 71 | f.valdez | L, R. Bleler |  |
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| 09124121 | 4 | Waukesha Fremen | 3 | 10 | 0 | 31 | E. LAUER | L, E. LAUER |  |
| 20:49m | 4 | Scranton Spanish Flies | 12 | 11 | 0 | 42 | S. McCLANAHAN | W, S. MCCLANAHAN | None |
| Date | No. | Team | R | H | E | GSc | Starters | Decisions | Save |
| 09123121 | 3 | Wauksha Freemen | 5 | 6 | 0 | 43 | J. URIAS | L, J. SHEFFIELD |  |
| 18:29m | 3 | Scranton Spanish Flies | 7 | 8 | 0 | 43 | F. PERALTA | W, R. RODRIGUEZ | None |
| Date | No. | Team | R | H | E | Gsc | Starters | Decisions | Save |
| 09122121 | 2 | Scranton Spanish Flies | 0 | 6 | 2 | 35 | A. HOUSER | L, A. HOUSER |  |
| 19:29m | 2 | Wauksha Freemen | 4 | 8 | 1 | 69 | C. BASIIT | W, C. BASSITT | None |
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| 0912121 | 1 | Scranton Spanish Flies | 4 | 6 | 1 | 55 | F.VALDE2 | W, R. RODRIGUEZ | R. BLEEER |
| 28:20m | 1 | Waukesha Freemen | 2 | 6 | 0 | 68 | C. BURNES | L, J. RUIZ |  |



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Guys,
I had the pleasure of driving to Walt's house to play a little face to face playoff baseball yesterday. I arrived just in time to see Walt trying to corral his 7 months old puppy as she ran all over the yard. This new person in driveway seem to excite her to no end. Once in the house, we got onto the couch to play the series. She was all over me, but did calm down and settled in next to Walt as our lone spectator for the series.

Walt was wearing his Red Sox jersey and promised to take me out to lunch since I made the ride up.
Game ONE - Bethesda gets single runs in the $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ innings, and then they just watch as Kevin Gausman cruise. He goes $62 / 3$ scoreless and turns it over to the bullpen, which completes the opening shutout. Bethesda leads 1-0

Game TWO - Once again, Bethesda score a run in the top of the first. This time on a JT Realmuto double. While we were hoping that Gunpowder wouldn't score all series, that pipe dream ended when CJ Cron drove home DJ LeMahieu in the $3^{\text {rd }}$. And then in the $4^{\text {th }}$ Kyle Schwarber hit the $1^{\text {st }} \mathrm{HR}$ of the series to put the Ironmen in the lead for the $1^{\text {st }}$ time in the series. This time it is the Gunpowder bullpen that does the shutting down and the final tally if GU 2BT 1. Series tied at one apiece.

Game THREE - It's a massacre. Schwarber goes deep again. Bogarts goes $4-4$ with a walk and 2 doubles Alek Manoah gives up 6 earned in less that 4 innings. Final score of 8-0. Gunpowder leads series 2 games to 1

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Game FOUR - Bethesda hasn't scored in 17 innings coming into this one. In they don't find a way to hit the Ironmen staff soon, the season will end quickly. Gunpowder leads 1-0 after 2. ANOTHER Schwarber HR. Bethesda finally scratches a run across in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ to tie it. CJ Cron immediately homers in the top of the $4^{\text {th }}$ to get the lead back. In the bottom of the $4^{\text {th }} \ldots$. "Here comes the rain"..... both managers are confused. There was no umpire call to bring the players back out.... But everything seems ready and good to go. We venture on. In the bottom of the $5^{\text {th }}$, Ryan McMahon gets a clutch double to tie the game up. We pull Bieber a little earlier as a result and lan Happ rewards the move with a 2 run HR and gives Bethesda a 4-3 lead going to the $7^{\text {th }}$. And again, the bullpen does the job in those final three innings. BT 4-GU 2. Series TIED AT TWO

TIME FOR LUNCH. A short drive to a local eatery, A delicious Chicken Parm sub and good conversation and we are back on the couch. The puppy is out of the crate and right next to Walt again.

Game FIVE - It's a reverse massacre. Four separate Bambinos hit HRs providing an 8-0 lead going to the $7^{\text {th }}$. Kevin Gausman IS THE MAN. Another six scoreless innings tossed. He has only face 21 batters. Should be good for another inning or so. Kevin Gausman is now INJURED! OH noooooooooooo. And for 10 games. If we win this series, he is out for the entire next series. Not our ace. Oh yes, your ace, dip weed. Why didn't you pull him? Why? Final score BT 8-GU 0. Bethesda leads three games to two, back to Gunpowder.

Then Walt comes to a stark realization. When we out for lunch, he took off his Red Sox jersey and FORGOT to put it back on. OH MY GOD!

With the jersey now resting comfortably on his shoulders we go on to....

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Game SIX - Carlos Correa hits a 2-run HR in the top of the first and adds an RBI in the 3rd to give Bethesda 3-0 lead. Going back to game three GU now has 15 innings without scoring bet ends that $3^{\text {rd }}$ and then adds another in the bottom of the $5^{\text {th }}$ (ANOTHER Schwarber HR, his $4^{\text {th }}$ ). It is up to the Bambino bullpen again. The story of the series was the Bambino bullpen.... And they shut the door one final time and win the game 3-2 and takes the series FOUR GAMES TO TWO.

The final stats show:
-Bethesda had the ERA advantage 2.04 to 3.29 . Outscoring GU by 19-13. Only 11 HR's were hit in the six games with Bethesda holding a slight 6-5 advantage
$\cdot$ Gunpowder was held to .183 batting average and a .578 OPS. Bethesda hit .256 with only a .730 OPS themselves -The Bethesda bullpen logged 20 innings over the six games and DID NOT ALLOW an earned run. Gunpowder hit only .145 in those 20 innings

A big thanks to Walt for hosting, and the free lunch. We did the big thing by "surviving and advancing". We have one monstrous wall to climb in facing Beacon without our best starter in the next round. It will take a lot of breaks and timely dice rolls to accomplish that. But you're saying we have a chance.

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Four 100-game winners would compete for the 2022 TCBA Championship in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Division winners Hyde Park (\#1 seed, 117-45) and Rochester (\#2 seed, 109-53) would host wild card winners Bethesda (\#5 seed, 105-57) and Scranton (\#6 seed, 102-60)

The "million dollar" quartet had a combined 433-215 record in the regular season (.668) and $\mathbf{1 6 - 1 0}$ in the playoffs (.615)


Subject: Tcba Round 2 Semi Final Playoffs; Rochester vs Scranton Scranton and Rochester decided to get an 'early start' on Round 2 and hooked up via Zoom to battle it out in the early evening hours. We had a few fans in the front row box seats and we were thankful for their attendance.
JR's wife and two of his children made an appearance on camera,..... whereas my wife closed the bedroom door behind her and quipped, "See you tomorrow!" as she went downstairs to spend the evening watching TV by herself. Stu the Hamster was sleeping, and was willing to give up his Luxury Box for a few more hours of Zzzzzzzzzzzzz's.

Some playoff series can be summed up with book titles. Tonite's contest comes down to:

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It just depends on if you are Rochester or Scranton as to which one has the most meaning. A lot of things in the games didn't always go as planned, or as they should. But as JR would quote several times during the night; "That's Baseball"!

Background: Due to the Playoff Round 1 'Battle Royale’ and miraculous comeback that Roch had against LI in the 7 game Opening Round, it left the Cheetah rotation a bit out of whack. They had no choice but to start Mike Minor (Gr 5 z lefty) in Game 1. Scranton has been salivating ever since hearing the news a couple weeks ago. We even had to send for a replacement drool bucket in the meantime.....as our original one was overflowing.

Not only was his Grade 5 appealing to us on a short term basis, but if you review Statmaster on the Today season we just completed, look at where Mr. Minor stands in various 'Bad Categories of Pitching'....and this after 171 innings of use:

| The 10 players with the highest Hits Per 9 Innings, Starting |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | Tm | Lg | H/9-s | IP-s |
| MINOR, M. | RO | TY | 10.8 | 171.2 |
| PETERSON, D. | HO | TY | 10.7 | 201.2 |
| MANAEA, S. | HH | TY | 9.7 | 187.2 |

-so he gives up the MOST hits per 9 innings in the league.
-he comes in THIRD for the MOST Home Runs given up per 9 innings.
-and he comes in SECOND for the MOST number of Baserunners given up per 9 innings.
Now THAT'S some pretty stanky pitching. You can understand why we've been excited about facing him, pretty much in our head thinking that its like handing us a 1 game lead in the series before we even start.

Top 1.....Scranton does something major against Minor. Platoon OF/1bman Darrin Ruf getting the start against a lefty, HOMERS as the $2^{\text {nd }}$ batter of the game. Oh, its ON!
Bot $1 \ldots$. Roch turns on their high powered scoring machine, and answer with 3 runs of their own; Altuve with a nice 2 out, 2 run single doing most of the damage.

No problem; Minor is still on the mound, and we should be able to make up those runs against that stiff in no time. JR asks for a Time Out.....gets on the house phone, puts in a call to the Devil. Makes a quick deal, faxes in the signed paperwork, and we resume play.
Mike Minor doesn't allow another run the rest of the game!
And he goes 9 full innings!!!
He give up 5 more piddly singles, and the Cheetahs win this one: 4-1
WTF????
How rare is a complete game victory these days in the Tcba Playoffs?
And when was the last time you saw a Gr 5 pitcher do that?
Heck, when was the last time you even saw a Gr 5 pitcher on a Playoff Roster and making a start????
So JR reaps immediate benefits on his Faustian Bargain, but one has to figure its gotta come back and bite him in the ass somewhere down the line.......doesn't it?


## GAME 2:

Rochester not only gets to rest his entire bullpen in the first game, but now he gets to come back with Ohtani to take the mound for this game. And when Ohtani pitches, it means he not only has 9 hitters in the lineup, it means he has 9 GOOD hitters in the lineup. His new \#9 guy is now Justin Turner, and he ain't chopped liver.
Both teams score a single run, early, and the starting pitchers and bullpens give up nothing else right on thru 8 innings.

Top 9....Back to back doubles by the Spans give us the lead, 2-1, and it'll be up to Rich Rodriguez in the bullpen to hold the lead and get the Save.
Bot 9....Roch gets a Pollock single to lead things off....and get waste no time in going to Blake Trienen, our bullpen Ace. Probably should have started off with him, but the dolt in the dugout was taking a nap.

Pollock steals second! Then the next pitch, Varsho lets get past him for a Passed Ball, and Pollock ends up on third. With nobody out. It looks like the Win is slipping thru our fingers.

Pollock scores on a sac fly, and we got a TIE ballgame again.
And we're going to extra's.
Roch came into this series with EIGHT relievers.
so the golden rule of thumb is:
"You don't want to get into an extra inning 'pitching' contest with the Cheetahs, cuz they could throw more relief your way than an 18 Wheel Semi Truck packed with Tums."

And before the game is all over, Roch will use SEVEN of them....along with 3 other Starting pitchers on the staff.
The game goes 14 nerve wracking, anxiety ridden, pressured innings.

As for Justin Turner batting ninth in the order.....here's a tidbit from the $11^{\text {th }}$ with a runner on 3 b and two outs:

* J. TURNER facing B. TREINEN, B 11th, 2 Outs, Runner on 3rd, Tied 2-2 POLLOCK alert at third ... TREINEN deals ... TURNER puts a charge into this one ... it might fly STRAW races back ... to the wall ... he times his leap and comes down with a glove full of dead homer! ... terrific play! ... for the third out
If you don't think my heart was in my throat as those lines scrolled down the screen! We thought it was all over....and then Gold Glover Myles Straw pulled that one back in the park! Spanfly gloves beat Cheetah bats in that confrontation.

Top 12......Scranton LOADS the bases with NOBODY out against Roch.
Kittredge comes in from the Cheetah pen, and gets 2 outs!
And then Matt Chapman comes to the plate. He was involved in a double switch back in the $9^{\text {th }}$ inning, and we are regretting that quite a bit right now, as Manny Machado was the one who had to leave the game in his place. It would have been nice to have had an All Star at the plate, but heck, Chappie is a pro:

* M. CHAPMAN facing A. KITTREDGE, T 12th, 2 Outs, Bases Loaded, Tied 2-2

The pitch ... powered into right field ... base hit ... CHAVEZ scores ...Spanish Flies have the lead! ... ROBERT's around third ... they're waving him home ... two runs score ... wait a minute ... what's this? ... KITTREDGE steps off the rubber ... throws to TURNER ... there's an appeal at third ... and he's out! ...
ROBERT missed third base ...that's the third out ... neither run counts
Oh, this one tore my heart out. I believe much swearing entailed. JR's deal with the Devil certainly must have had something to do with this. He got his moneysworth no matter what he included in that arrangement. :-0

## Top 14:

Zack Littell on in relief for Roch; Scranton AGAIN loads the bases with nobody out.
This time though,Daulton Varsho gaps a double to the wall, and Scranton takes the lead in the $14^{\text {th }}$ by a score of 5-2.
Bot 14:
Justin Turner with a solo homer to bring it to 5-3, and Roch has the tying run at the plate.....but Scranton does WIN this game! Series evened up at 1 game apiece.

Both squads burn up a lot of relief pitching, but that's a commodity that Rochester has in abundance. Scranton....not so much.


| Team | 1 | 2 |  |  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Scranton Spanish Flies | 0 | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rochester Cheetahs | 0 | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Team | 13 | 14 |  | R |  | H |  | E |  | LOB | DP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scranton Spanish Flies | 0 | 3 |  | 5 |  | 9 |  | 0 |  | 8 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rochester Cheetahs | 0 | 1 |  | 3 |  | 10 |  | 1 |  | 13 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scranton Spanish Flies (Game 2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NAME | FT |  | AB | R |  | HRBI | 2B | 3B | HR | TB | SO | BB | IBB | HBP | SH | SF | SB | CS | GDP | AVG | PO | A | E | DP | PB |
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| G. LUX, rf |  |  | 3 | 0 |  | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 667 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| W. MYERS, ph-rf |  |  | 3 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 333 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| J. POLANCO, 2b |  |  | 6 | 1 |  | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 111 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |
| M. MACHADO, 3b |  |  | 4 | 0 |  | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 286 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |
| B. TREINEN, p |  |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| O. NARVAEZ, ph |  |  | 1 | 0 |  | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| J. CHAVEZ, pr-p |  |  | 1 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R. BLEIER, p |  |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| L. ROBERT, cf |  |  | 6 | 1 |  | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | . 300 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| D. RUF, If |  |  | 2 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 333 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| P. SMITH, ph |  |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| B. RODGERS, ph |  |  | 1 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| M. STRAW, If |  |  | 0 | 1 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| B. BELT, 1b |  |  | 5 | 1 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| D. VARSHO, c |  |  | 6 | 0 |  | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 100 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| S. McCLANAHAN, p |  |  | 2 | 1 |  | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 500 |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. SWANSON, p |  |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| J. ROJAS, ph |  |  | 1 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| R. RODRIGUEZ, p |  |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| M. CHAPMAN, 3b |  |  | 3 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Totals |  |  | 50 | 5 | 9 | 95 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| B. HARPER, rf |  | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 111 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| F. SCHWINDEL, 1b |  | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 222 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Y. HERNANDEZ, pr |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| T. DUFFEY, p |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. KITTREDGE, p |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| R. URIAS, ph |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Z. LITTELL, p |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| K. PLAWECKI, 1b |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| S. OHTANI, p-If |  | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | . 125 |  |  |  |  |  |
| M. GARVER, c |  | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 091 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| B. CRAWFORD, ss |  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | . 111 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |  |
| A. POLLOCK, cf |  | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | . 333 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| J. ALTUVE, 2b |  | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 400 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |  |
| B. NIMMO, If |  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 333 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| J. ALVAREZ, p |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| P. JOHNSON, p |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. BARAGAR, p |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| D. SOLANO, ph |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| W. PERALTA, p |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| B. BOXBERGER, p | I | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| R. TELLEZ, 1b |  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| B. ANDERSON, p |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| J. TURNER, 3b |  | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 125 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Totals |  | 51 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Pitching Summary - Game Two 

Scranton Spanish Flies at Rochester Cheetahs

| NAME |
| :--- |
| S. MCCLANAHAN |
| E. SWANSON |
| R. RODRIGUEZ |
| B. TREINEN, SOP BS, 1 |
| J. CHAVEZ, W, 1-0 |
| R. BLEIER, SOP S, 1 |
| Totals |



Scranton Spanish Flies at Rochester Cheetahs

| NAME |
| :--- |
| S. OHTANI |
| J. ALVAREZ |
| P. JOHNSON |
| C. BARAGAR |
| W. PERALTA |
| B. BOXBERGER |
| T. DUFFEY |
| A. KITTREDGE |
| Z. LITTELL, L, 0-1 |
| B. ANDERSON |
| Totals |

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GAME 3:
Rochester wins this one 7-3, with an occurrence that will have bearing on the next game, too. Jose Altuve hits THREE HOMERS for Rochester! Three Playoff Dingers! Imagine that. Couldn't have happened at a better time. Chatter from the fans in the stands say they heard some banging of garbage cans each time Altuve stepped to the plate. Regardless; 5 Ribbies and 3 Homers meant he almost singlehandedly brought this win to the Cheetahs.



## GAME 4:

Roch starts Wily Peralta, one of just TWO Peralta's on the Rochester squad (Wandy is the other) and also one of THREE Peralta's in this series, as Scranton has a Freddie.

The Cheetahs wish now they could have started their other Peralta, as Wily gives up THREE homers in the first two innings, one of them to the opposing pitcher.
Scranton ahead 4-1 after 2 innings, and we start feeling pretty cocky in this one.
Altuve homers, again, and makes it 4-2 after 4.
And Scranton appears to have 'shot their wad' early, as we can't score anymore. Goose eggs most of the way across the linescore.

But, we go into the $8^{\text {th }}$ inning hugging that 4-2 lead and looking for Rich Bleier to Save our Bacon!
Top 8:
Bleier gets two quick outs for Scranton.....then Pollock doubles. Up steps Altuve, who so far this series has mashed more taters than an Irish cook at O'Brien's diner.
We let our frustration take over, and we WALK Altuve Intentionally with the open base! Our 4-2 lead is in danger and we didn't want Altuve to be the guy to beat us. He's hit 4 homers against us in the last two games. I want no part of his bat.

And then it happens: My catcher, Daulton Varsho fritzes out. TWO passed balls allow both runners to score, and we got a TIE ballgame! Dammit. That second run was the result of the Intentional Walk to Altuve, putting the tying run on base. Wish I could have that decision back.

Bot $9 \ldots . .$. Still tied. Varsho is at the plate, trying to make up for the hole in his glove and defense. He singles, and steals secondbase. Almost any kind of hit is going to win the game for us as Varsho is fast.

* J. ROJAS facing C. BARAGAR, B 9th, 1 Out, Runner on 2nd, Tied 4-4

Speedy VARSHO edging toward third ... the pitch ... smashed toward the gap in right center POLLOCK gallops for it ... he cuts it off ... VARSHO is digging ... he screams around third he ran right through the red light ... here's the throw ... the play at the plate what a throw! ... out ... he's out ... oh, those, Cheetahs ... they have cut off the winning run and the aggressive baserunning does not pay off ... what was he thinking about? ... two away!
Well, almost any kind of hit OTHER than that one! :-0
So damn close to the game being over! So close.
We go to extra's again.
Top 10.....Roch gets set down two times, then Pollock walks, and steals secondbase. Altuve steps up again to the plate with firstbase open.
I got burned last time this situation presented himself by Int Walking Altuve.....so this time we pitch to him; and he flys out to end the inning!

Bot 10....
Myles Straw leads off with a double. Gets sacrificed over to third base.
Then Polanco flys out to Ohtani in left field, and it's a race to homeplate!
Speedy Myles Straw WINS this race, slides across the plate with the Game winning run on the Sac Fly!
With the 5-4 win, Scranton TIES UP the series at 2 games apiece, and we've beaten Rochester twice now in xtra innings!

During the REGULAR season, Scranton had a nice 11-6 record in xtra innings, while Rochester settled for a pedestrian 7-6 edge. We would have expected better with their bullpen depth.



## GAME 5:

Scranton is looking to capitalize today as Rochester is tossing Brett Anderson and his measly grade $6 z$. Big edge to the Spanflys as they are throwing their Ace, Freddie Peralta, to complete the Peralta triumvirate filling the rosters this playoff.

But before Scranton can commence crushing Andersons pitching.......Rochester scores THREE in the top of the $1^{\text {st }}$ inning!! The big blow coming on Brandan Crawfords Triple scoring 2 of them. Then he steals home for the third run as we don't pitch from the stretch and DARE Crawford to try. He dares. He trys. And another Rochester run scores. :

Spans get one back in the bot of the $1^{\text {st }}$ on another Darren Ruf solo shot! He eats these lefties alive.
Surely we can come back from a 3-1 deficit. This is a mere Grade 6 we're facing.
But, identical to Gm1, we can't touch the guy. And don't call me Shirley! :-0
Anderson tosses SIX innings, with his only blemish being that solo Ruf homer.
Kittredge takes over for him in the $7^{\text {th }}$, and JR takes no chances in this one, leaving his bullpen Ace in there for 3 more innings. Kittredge's only miscue is ALSO another Solo Homer by Ruf. The man is hot.
But, Rochester takes this nail biter by a 3-2 score, and Stick Fiehl is kicking himself for not HOLDING Crawford on $3 b$ before he stole home in the $1^{\text {st }}$ inning. That was the deciding and winning run today.
Rochester is now in the drivers seat with a 3 game to 2 lead in the series.



## GAME 6:

The Cheetahs have sprinted to a series lead, and they want to finish us off, putting Ohtani on the mound for his arm, and also in the \#3 slot in the order for his bat.
Is Scranton going to go under?
Are the Spanflys going to get beaten by a Japanese Import?
(sounds like Chevy and Ford in the 1980's!)
Top $1^{\text {st }} . . .$. we start our comeback attempt with a lovely 3 run opener, with Jorge Polanco's 2 run dinger doing most of the damage.....Darin Ruf chips in with a 2 out, rbi clutch single to help out.
Top $3^{\text {rd }} . . .$. .two Cheetah errors to open the inning lead to another Scranton run, now 4-0
Bot $3^{\text {rd }} . .$. .Bryce Harper pumps out a 2 run dingers to halve the lead....now Scrant 4-2
Bot $4^{\text {th }} . . .$. .Roch scratches out a run on yet ANOTHER Passed Ball by Scrant catcher Daulten Varsho. Tightens it up to 4-3. Varsho's got more Passed Balls then a Testicle Inspector at a Virginia Vasectomy Clinic.

Top 5.....Jorge Polanco, who has had an excellent season for Scranton, doesn't want this quest to fall short, so he hits ANOTHER 2 run dinger with Lux on first. That widens the gap a bit to 6-3.
Bot 5....not to appear to give up, Rochesters Frank Schwindel finally tries to earn his keep, to this point he's hitting about a buck twenty five.......he deposits a solo shot over the fence.....tightening it to 6-4 Scranton. A lot of back and forth scoring here. Bullpens get called in. Ohtani gets exported to his usual spot in leftfield.

Top 7.....Scranton strings together some walks, stolen bases, and hits, scoring FOUR big runs off of two Roch relievers! The big blow being a pinch hit, three run triple by Brendon Rodgers, who had been a very quiet, oh for nine, to this point.

This blows the game open, making it 10-4 Scranton, and that's where we finish!

Series TIED at 3 games apiece!


## GAME 7:

For all the marbles...


Winner plays in Harrisburg. The Loser goes home. (well, actually, we are already BOTH at home and won't be going anywhere afterwards other than to bed!)

Framber Valdez toes the mound for Scranton....he was our BEST starting pitcher this year, with a 12-4 record, and leading us in ERA with 2.60 We couldn't ask for anyone else, even if we had our choice of our whole staff.
And Charlie Morton is likewise the one guy that Rochester would vote to go in this one. 21-3 during the Regular season in 37 starts! He would be a leading contender for Cy Young if we had one, and might very well win it. That's a lot of starts and wins in 215 innings. He was $4^{\text {th }}$ in the league in Offensive Support, with his team scoring 6 runs behind him for every 9 innings.

Both managers have their favorite choices to start this ballgame.
And so it begins.....

Top 2...Daren and the Ruf Riders put us on the board with a solo shot deep into the bleachers. Scranton looking for a little 'extra thump' in this one eschew the defense and try to see if Ruf can stay hot against a righty. He says he can, and he does. 1-0 Scranton.

Top 4....Morton is mowing them down and up steps Ruf again with two outs. And Daren hits another one out, this one opposite field at the foul pole! Ruf with another solo shot as his body English keeps the ball fair. 2-0 Scranton, and so far Daren is proven to be Ruf and Ready!
Bot 7....no one has said anything, but starting this inning, Framber has not given up a hit. Not a single one. I believe they call that a no-no, but I don't want to say it out loud. :-0 Morton has been pinch hit for, so the 6 runs of support he has been accustomed to all season, simply did not develop today. The Cheetah broadcasters have been so bold as to say that the Rochester offense so far....has been offensive. But hey, we aren't commenting, we're just happy with our Ruf 2-0 lead.

Now that the TV audience has been alerted as to the no hitter in progress....
Mitch Garver steps to the plate.....so far he's not done well, has led both teams in striking out, and has a new nickname from the announcer of; Mitch "Good Grief" Garver.

Well, even the blind squirrels find an occasional nut, and Mitch hooks one down the line that is ruled just fair before it hits the ground, and he chugs into secondbase with a double!

No Hitter is gone. Valdez slaps his glove on his leg.
Stick Fiehl now has other things to worry about, as a 2-0 lead can be erased with one swing of the bat. Ex-Spanfly Brendon Crawford comes to the plate after having a career season.

Stick walks to the mound and asks Framber for the ball. Stick wants a fresh arm. (he actually wants a new spine, but he'll settle for a fresh arm).
Framber has done everything possible, tossed 6 complete no hit innings.....this double is the only loud contact he's given up, and that one wasn't even all that loud. If the foul line was three inches to the left, Garver would still be hitting right now.

But Stick has 4 relievers ready, including his Closer. He needs 3 innings from the pen. He'll go with his lefty against Crawford. Rich Bleier comes to the mound. Framber leaves to big applause. Even Stu the Hamster woke up just to cheer this one on!
-Crawford drives one deep to rightfield.....Gavin Lux see's most of his Scranton playing time in the outfield, and he runs back and makes a beautiful over the shoulder catch, for out \#1. Bleier gave him too fat a pitch to hit on that one.

Rich readjusts his mindset, and he mows down both Altuve and Nimmo with strikeouts to end the inning. He does his job, and Scranton's 2-0 lead makes it thru the $7^{\text {th }}$.

Bot $8^{\text {th }} \ldots .$. Span Closer Blake Trienen is brought in and told to get 6 outs. The game is his, win or lose. We have no one better in the pen and no other lefty for a matchup.
Trienen starts off by walking Justin Turner. Then he HITS pinch hitter Urias. We might not have anybody better in the pen, but I'm not sure anyone could have done any worse than that! :-0
Urias is injured for 12 games from that HBP, but nobody is too concerned about that, other than Mr. Urias.
Talk about 'digging a hole’....Trienen better have a pair of work gloves handy.

Plus, the two bottom of the order slots that he let on base, were a helluva lot easier to get outs with than the now top of the order and what he's got to face.

Bryce Harper comes to the plate with nobody out and ducks on the pond.
A homer here would be brutal for us. And Harper is due. One of many 'under achievers' for Roch this series, he came into this at bat with a 2 for 31 history in this playoff.
He bloops a pitch off the bat head into short rightfield, Turner is around thirdbase, .......but with nobody out and a 2-0 ballgame, the Roch thirdbase coach holds him up. Figures he's got three shots to drive him in.

-Trienen was told to get Six outs when he came in......I don't think I was specific enough for him. He's started out with a walk, a HBP, and a single. I was asking for six outs BEFORE they get a run.
-Frank Schwindel...comes up as another underachiever at about .135. Bases are loaded, nobody out, and Trienen really needs to strike somebody out.
Frankie grounds to second, who tosses to shortstop for one, and back on to first for, NO, Schwindel beats it out! He's SAFE! Damn that was big.
A runner scores and there's now one out, first and third. Spans up 2-1.

And up steps Ohtani......I do not want to be me right now. Even though Sushi Ohtani is only 3 for 30 , I still don't want to face him. And he pops up to the catcher! Two down! Scranton might get out of this jam.
Clean up hitter, Garver steps to the plate..... 4 for 30 at this point, with $15!!!!$ Strikeouts! Mitch takes the ball deep to rightfield, Wil Myers tracks it down and snags it right at the warning track!

The Cheetahs get one this inning, but it could have been oh so much more!
Their meat of the order had their chance, as they have all thruout this series, but they all collectively failed to get that big hit that they have been getting all season long.

Top 9....Roch Bullpen Ace Kittredge on to pitch.....and Machado and Luis Robert hit back to back doubles to score 1, and they make it 3-1 heading into the Bot 9. That was a HUGE insurance run.

Bot 9....Trienen still in for his second inning....
-Crawford.....grounds out!
-Altuve .....pops out!
-Nimmo....strikes out!
Game over! Trienen completes the job! Spanflys Win! 3-1

They come back to win the series and can pack their new uniforms for a trip to Harrisburg!

Rochester had a Monster Team with an offense that would be hard to be matched. When Ohtani pitches, its like they had an extra hitter on the squad. It was like they got to use the DH and the other teams didn't.
I'm not so sure it was our pitchers that kept them at bay as much as it was that they were just in a collective team hitting slump. They looked the same way the first three games previously versus Long Island.

We were able to score just enough to nip them in the end; winning two xtra inning games and one close one.
Kudo's to Framber Valdez for no-hitting the thru six complete in gm 7.
Likewise, accolades have to go out to the two 'lousier' starting pitchers on Rochester; Minor and Anderson. Grade 5 and 6 . Those were supposed to be games in which Scranton was going to tee off on them and run up the score. Instead; they each gave up only one lone run and won there games. Totally contrary to what was expected. As JR said; "baseball is like that", or "that's baseball"!
We had a great time competing against JR in this one. You've got to bring not just your "A" game, but your Double "A" game if you want a chance to beat him. Historically, this makes us 1 and 1 against Rochester in Playoff Matchups! The Cheetahs beat us about $5-6$ years ago on their way to winning the Plaque. Maybe this will be the year I reverse that process! :-0
The Spanflys will next square off on Saturday nite in Harrisburg versus EITHER Bethesda or Beacon. Since all three of us are from the Metro, we know there will be nobody rooting for any of us. :-0
Somebody's gotta win, so it might as well be us!
I will be watching the Beacon/Bethesda series on Friday rooting for 7 full games, maybe some extra inning games, and hoping for 2-3 injuries on the team that advances! :-0

Marty




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Beacon scored in their first at bat, but had to come from behind to win today, taking a 3-0 lead in the series.
Ryan Pressly had three hitless innings in relief.



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| 9.0 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 27 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 1 |

Three unearned runs make all the difference as Beacon prevails 6-4 to clinch the series and advance to the World Series.

Paul Goldschmidt homered for the Braves.

| 4 Teams | AVG | OBP | SLG | G | AB | H | 2B | 3B | HR | R | R／G | so | BB | LOB | SB | CS | SBP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beacon Braves | ． 247 | ． 324 | ． 437 | 10 | 316 | 78 | 26 | 2 | 10 | 50 | 5.0 | 60 | 36 | 54 | 32 | 8 | 80.0 |
| Scranton Spanish Flies | ． 217 | ． 288 | ． 406 | 14 | 498 | 108 | 18 | 2 | 24 | 58 | 4.1 | 130 | 48 | 88 | 36 | 4 | 90.0 |
| Bethesda Bambinos | ． 194 | ． 282 | ． 369 | 10 | 320 | 62 | 16 | 2 | 12 | 40 | 4.0 | 82 | 38 | 58 | 2 | 2 | 50.0 |
| Rochester Cheetahs | ． 174 | ． 274 | ． 351 | 14 | 484 | 84 | 28 | 2 | 18 | 52 | 3.7 | 126 | 64 | 94 | 24 | 2 | 92.3 |
| TCBA TODAY ML2021 PLAYOFF R2 | ． 205 | ． 290 | ． 388 | 24 | 1618 | 332 | 88 | 8 | 64 | 200 | 8.3 | 398 | 186 | 294 | 94 | 16 | 85.5 |

－TCBA22－TCBA TODAY ML2021 PLAYOFF R2－Club Pitching

| 4 Teams | ERA | G | CG | SHO | QS | SV | IP | H | R | ER | HR | SO | BB | HB | WP | BK | OBA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Scranton Spanish Flies | 3.04 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 136.0 | 84 | 52 | 46 | 18 | 126 | 64 | 4 | 2 | 0 | ． 174 |
| Rochester Cheetahs | 3.54 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 137.1 | 108 | 58 | 54 | 24 | 130 | 48 | 4 | 0 | 0 | ． 217 |
| Beacon Braves | 3.89 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 88.0 | 62 | 40 | 38 | 12 | 82 | 38 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ． 194 |
| Bethesda Bambinos | 4.60 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 86.0 | 78 | 50 | 44 | 10 | 60 | 36 | 2 | 0 | 0 | ． 247 |
| TCBA TODAY ML2021 PLAYOFF R2 | 3.66 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 14 | 447.1 | 332 | 200 | 182 | 64 | 398 | 186 | 12 | 4 | 0 | ． 205 |

U－TCBA22－TCBA TODAY ML2021 PLAYOFF R2－Club Fielding

| 4 Teams | FLD | G | PO | A | E | DP | TP | PB | OSB | OCS | OSBP | OSBA | DER | UER | UERP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Scranton Spanish Flies | ． 996 | 14 | 408 | 98 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 2 | 92.3 | 1.588 | ． 803 | 6 | 11.5 |
| Rochester Cheetahs | ． 985 | 14 | 412 | 120 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 4 | 90.0 | 2.359 | ． 747 | 4 | 6.9 |
| Bethesda Bambinos | ． 983 | 10 | 258 | 98 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 8 | 80.0 | 3.349 | ． 713 | 6 | 12.0 |
| Beacon Braves | ． 982 | 10 | 264 | 64 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 50.0 | ． 205 | ． 762 | 2 | 5.0 |
| TCBA TODAY ML2021 PLAYOFF R2 | ． 987 | 24 | 1342 | 380 | 22 | 20 | 0 | 12 | 94 | 16 | 85.5 | 1.891 | ． 759 | 18 | 9.0 |


| The 10 players with the lowest Earned Run Average |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | Tm | Lg | ERA | IP |
| LOPEZ, P. | BB | TY | . 00 | 9.0 |
| MINOR, M. | RO | TY | 1.00 | 9.0 |
| ANDERSON, B. | RO | TY | 1.29 | 7.0 |
| URQUIDY, J. | BT | TY | 1.80 | 5.0 |
| VALDEZ, F. | SS | TY | 2.19 | 12.1 |
| BIEBER, S. | BT | TY | 2.70 | 6.2 |
| McCLANAHAN, s. | SS | TY | 3.27 | 11.0 |
| MANOAH, A. | BT | TY | 3.72 | 9.2 |
| MORTON, C. | RO | TY | 4.22 | 10.2 |
| Ohtanl, s. | RO | TY | 4.50 | 12.0 |


| $\begin{array}{l}\text { The } 10 \text { players with the } \\ \text { most }\end{array}$ Innings Pitched |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |$]$

U-TCBA22 - TCBA TODAY ML2021 PLAYOFF R2 - Batting Leaders

| The 10 players with the highest Batting Average |  |  |  |  | The 10 players with the highest Slugging Average |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | Tm | Lg | AVG | PA | Name | Tm | Lg | SLG | PA |
| BRANTLEY, M. | BB | TY | . 688 | 17 | RUF, D. | ss | TY | 1.200 | 23 |
| RUF, D. | ss | TY | . 400 | 23 | BRANTLEY, M. | BB | TY | 1.188 | 17 |
| ALTUVE, J. | RO | TY | . 357 | 31 | ALTUVE, J. | RO | TY | . 821 | 31 |
| ORTEGA, R. | BT | TY | . 350 | 21 | CORREA, C. | BT | TY | . 722 | 20 |
| MARTE, S. | BB | TY | . 300 | 22 | GOLDSCHMIDT, P. | BB | TY | . 667 | 22 |
| ROBERT, L. | SS | TY | . 296 | 28 | DIAZ, E. | BB | TY | . 625 | 19 |
| RIzzo, A. | BT | TY | . 286 | 19 | POLANCO, J. | Ss | TY | . 621 | 32 |
| POLLOCK, A. | RO | TY | . 261 | 28 | ORTEGA, R. | BT | TY | . 550 | 21 |
| VARSHO, D. | SS | TY | . 250 | 27 | MACHADO, M. | SS | TY | . 462 | 29 |
| DIAZ, E. | BB | TY | . 250 | 19 | VARSHO, D. | SS | TY | . 417 | 27 |
| The 10 players with the highest On Base Percentage |  |  |  |  | The 10 players with the most Runs Created |  |  |  |  |
| Name | Tm | Lg | OBP | PA | Name | Tm | Lg | RC | PA |
| BRANTLEY, M. | BB | TY | . 706 | 17 | BRANTLEY, M. | BB | TY | 13.6 | 17 |
| RUF, D. | SS | TY | . 478 | 23 | RUF, D. | SS | TY | 10.8 | 23 |
| RIzzo, A. | BT | TY | . 474 | 19 | Altuve, J. | RO | TY | 9.8 | 31 |
| ALTUVE, J. | RO | TY | . 419 | 31 | POLLOCK, A. | RO | TY | 4.8 | 28 |
| POLLOCK, A. | RO | TY | . 393 | 28 | GOLDSCHMIDT, P. | BB | TY | 4.6 | 22 |
| DIAZ, E. | BB | TY | . 368 | 19 | POLANCO, J. | ss | TY | 4.2 | 32 |
| MARTE, S. | BB | TY | . 364 | 22 | ROBERT, L. | ss | TY | 4.1 | 28 |
| TURNER, J. | RO | TY | . 345 | 29 | CORREA, C. | BT | TY | 4.1 | 20 |
| VARSHO, D. | Ss | TY | . 333 | 27 | DIAZ, E. | BB | TY | 3.9 | 19 |
| ORTEGA, R. | BT | TY | . 333 | 21 | ORTEGA, R. | BT | TY | 3.8 | 21 |



Beacon sat down on Fri Morning in Harrisburg to do battle with Bethesda in a Semi Final Matchup. The Scranton GM had a box seat close to the action, to scout out both squads, as the Spanflies would be playing the winner of this match in the Finals.
Although I don't have the F file of that semi-final match, I recall that Beacon 'had their way' with the Bambino's......stole a lot of bases, and drove in a lot of runs. Braves went out to a 3-0 game lead, and there was buzz in the room of the Bambino's 'pulling a Rochester', by losing the first 3, then turning it around and winning the next 4.
And Bethesda began copying that strategy right away..., winning game 4.
The problem they had was in winning any of the next 3 . In this case, the next 1.
Beacon took game 5, and the series win, by a 4 game to 1 game score.
This gave the Braves 2 days of rest to get the bullpen to full power, and set up the rotation. As much as the Scranton GM was hoping for some injuries to happen in that semi-final matchup, the Braves emerged unscathed.
So they advanced to the World Series versus a Scranton team that wrestled and wrangled with Rochester for a full 7 games. No Rest for the Wicked" would be the appropriate summation of Scranton's condition heading into the World Series.


It was Standing Room Only (except for those that were seated and watching on their laptops via Zoom) It was brought up that of the almost 50 season history of Tcba Today.....Beacon and Scranton had NEVER met in a Playoff World Series for the Plaque. Either they were never Playoff Quality at the same time; or one of us would get knocked off before it reached the Final Series.
So two Original members finally face off to see who's the Alpha.

(at least that's what a matchup might have looked like a couple decades ago)


This week-end though,
it was more like this:

And we both vowed to play until a winner was unveiled, or until our current prescriptions needed to be refilled. (that is several levels below "Last Man Standing". Not sure either of us would have been answering the bell very many rounds in that kind of cage match.)

To look at a 'snapshot' of what our two teams are bringing into the Championship, here's a quick review of the two teams after playing the 162 game Regular Season:

| 9-TCBA22 - TCBA TODAY ML2021-Club Fielding |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 Teams | FLD | G | PO | A | E |
| Scranton Spanish Flies | . 987 | 162 | 4404 | 1400 | 75 |
| Morgantown Raiders | . 987 | 162 | 4435 | 1450 | 79 |
| Beacon Braves | . 985 | 162 | 4470 | 1395 | 87 |

Scranton tied for the League Lead in Fielding Percentage, but the Braves were no slouch, coming in $3^{\text {rd }}$ at getting to the ball cleanly and getting outs. So we can expect some tight, well played games.

Beacon finished $2^{\text {nd }}$ in Offense in the league, and Scranton $5^{\text {th }}$. Both of us with exactly the same

| 24 Teams | AVG | OBP | SLG | G | AB | H | 2B | 3B | HR |  | R | R/G | number of Home Runs......and almost the same |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rochester Cheetahs | . 272 | . 346 | . 478 | 162 | 5625 | 1532 | 296 | 22 | 272 |  | 959 | 5.9 |  |
| Beacon Braves | . 264 | . 320 | . 432 | 162 | 5648 | 1491 | 299 | 36 | 193 |  | 817 | 5.0 | / |
| West Coast Wrecking Crew | . 263 | . 330 | . 461 | 162 | 5647 | 1484 | 259 | 20 | 273 |  | 861 | 5.3 | Pitching-wise: The Braves had one of the most well |
| Farmington River Rats | . 253 | . 317 | . 415 | 162 | 5597 | 1417 | 257 | 19 | 203 |  | 752 | 4.6 |  |
| Scranton Spanish Flies | . 251 | . 323 | . 411 | 162 | 5638 | 1417 | 286 | 19 | 193 |  | 795 | 4.9 | balanced, fully stocked, pitching staffs, both starting and |
| 遃 U-TCBA22 - TCBA TO | - | b |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | relieving, that the league has seen in these Modern times. High grades, control, and a bullpen that was both |
| 24 Teams |  | ERA | G | CG | SHO | QS | SV | IP |  | H | H | R | many, and alternate handed. Over the course of the |
| Beacon Braves |  | 2.71 | 162 | 6 | 5 | 85 | 65 | 1490.0 |  | 1007 |  | 477 | season, they allowed more than 80 runs LESS than |
| Waukesha Freemen |  | 2.95 | 162 | 5 | 3 | 101 | 46 | 1453.0 |  | 1066 |  | 559 | runner up! |
| Bethesda Bambinos |  | 3.16 | 162 | 6 | 5 | 98 | 54 | 1485.2 |  | 1171 |  | 575 | Scranton fi |
| Long Island Islanders |  | 3.27 | 162 | 28 | 10 | 95 | 41 | 1478.0 |  | 1191 |  | 605 |  |
| Scranton Spanish Flies |  | 3.32 | 162 | 1 | 1 | 76 | 47 | 1468.0 |  | 1150 |  | 578 | runs a game more than Beacon. That ain't a little. |

## Okay, here we go!

Scranton's Adrian Houser goes SIX shutout innings, and 3 relievers finish up with 3 more zero's.... as Scranton handcuffs the Beacon hitters en route to a 3-0 Opening Game Win!

## BOOG




| NAME |
| :--- |
| M. STRAW, cf |
| N. LOPEZ, ss |
| J. POLANCO, 2b |
| L. ROBERT, If |
| M. MACHADO, 3b |
| D. RUF, If |
| J. CHAVEZ, p |
| P. SMITH, ph |
| O. NARVAEZ, c |
| B. BELT, 1 b |
| D. VARSHO, c |
| R. RODRIGUEZ, p |
| A. HOUSER, p |
| R. BLIEIER, p |
| W. MYERS, If |
| Totals |
| NAME |
| A. HOUSER, W, 1-0 |
| R. BLEIER, SOP H, 1 |
| J. CHAVEZ, SOP H, 1 |
| R. RODRIGUEZ, SOP S, 1 |
| Totals |

Scranton Spanish Flies (Game 1)
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 S. MARTE, cf
P. GOLDSCHMIDT, 1 b J. MARTINEZ, If R. LAUREANO, pr-If M. BRANTLEY, if J. SEGURA, 2b N. ARENADO, 3b . KINER-FALEFA, ss . DIAZ, c M. STROMAN, p R. PRESSLY, p J. CHOI, ph
w. CASTRO, pr
L. JACKSON, p
R. THOMPSON, p
H. BADER, ph
H. BADER, ph
D. STECKENRIDER, $p$
C. SADLER, D
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M. STROMAN, L, 0-1
FT GSC I R. PRESSLY L. JACKSON D. STECKENRIDER C. SADLER C. SADLER
Totals

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GAME 2....
Scranton pitchers go FIVE more shutout innings to start off the game, getting the first four from Tyler Mahle, with Eric Swanson adding another one to it.
Thru 5 innings complete, Scranton held a 2-0 lead.
The Beacon batters looked flat, couldn't get a rally of any kind going.
They chipped away with two single runs, and managed a 2-2 tie thru 9.
Things were tense, Beacon would get a runner on, but couldn't get that two out hit to bring him home. The Beacon bullpen held down Scranton batters, but finally, in the $12^{\text {th }}$ we score a run on a double play ground ball.
Scranton wins this one in 13 innings, $3-2$, while getting only 5 base hits.



GAME 3....
Beacon's Starling Marte wakes up! He was oh for nine in the first two games. As leadoff hitter, his impotence hamstrung the Beacon offense. But today, he puts 2 hits up on the board, along with 3 stolen bases. He was the sparkplug that was misfiring in the Beacon motor.
Scranton got most of their offense today from a 2 run dinger by Jorge Polanco. Meanwhile, Freddie Peralta was tossing a solid game for Scranton. In $61 / 3$, he only gave up 2 Beacon runs, with a mere 1 walk, and TEN big strikeouts!
Scranton starters have been able to work into the middle innings before giving way to the bullpen. In this case; Bleier and Swanson finished it with 2 2/3rds shutout innings, and Scranton wins a squeeker; 3 to 2 !


GAME 4.....

## Beacon Bats Breakout Bigly!

Michael Brantley with 3 hits, and Einar Diaz with a Monster 3 run dinger! This one downgrades Scranton pitcher, Framber Valdez, as Beacon puts up a Six Spot in the $4^{\text {th }}$ inning. They don't score anymore after this......but they don't have to. The Brave pitching holds down the Scranton bats, and Beacon WINS this one 6-2.
On top of that, they hit often-injured Luis Robert with two fastballs. He goes to the ground each time, but somehow stands up and trots to firstbase. We breathe a sigh of relief.
The Braves live to see another day, and wonder if this was where the momentum changes and swings Beacon's way.


GAME 5....
Beacon throws their Ace, Strohman in the hopes that he can be effective this time......but he was not. We knock him out of the game before the $3^{\text {rd }}$ inning. Scranton scores FIVE in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ inning and Stohman's going to the showers. Brandon Belt wakes up and strokes a 2 run homer to finally contribute some offense to Scranton's cause. Beacon doesn't pout about it, they keep plugging away, tallying single runs in 5 out of the first 8 innings. The Braves put up FOUR homers in this game. Two by Goldschmidt. They tie it up 5-5. Bot $8^{\text {th }}$
Beacon has their stud reliever, Aaron Lefty Loup on the mound. His grade 25 is a killer on my lefty hitters....his $1^{\text {st }}$ inning of relief went 1-2-3. But now, in his $2^{\text {nd }}$ inning, he might be getting a little tired. He gives up a hit and run single to Lux, a lefty, and up steps yet another lefthanded hitter in Brandon Belt. We already pulled Ruf and our other firstbaseman, Pavin Smith was used to pinch hit. So we gotta keep Belt in the game, and at the plate, his minus 3 handicap be damned. At this point, we don't even know if its possible to get a base hit against a Net Grade 28.

And then we get the answer to that: Yes it is! A HOMER!
He buries it! It more than clears the rightfield fence for a three run homer, Belts $2^{\text {nd }}$ in the game. This puts us ahead $8-5$ and Beacon will be down to their last 3 outs.
Top 9......Generic reliever Rich Rodriguez takes the mound for Scranton, looking for those 3 outs. Rodriguez has been out of ML baseball all season, so he's kind of an Innocuous guy to be in the game with a World Series on the line.
Rich gives up a single and double, and a single run, but he gets the third out before any more runs score, and Scranton WINS the game 8-6!

And we win the World Series 4 games to 1 .


End of series team category stats look like this:

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Fielding was pretty much even, with both teams botching 2 plays. But the BIG difference comes

| 2 Teams | FLD | G | PO | A | E | DP | TP | PB | OSB | OCS |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Scranton Spanish Flies |  | .990 | 5 | 147 | 53 | 2 |  | 3 |  | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Beacon Braves | .989 | 5 | 141 | 42 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |  | in the stolen bases. Scranton only stole ONE Beacon Braves base, as the +6 on the Beacon Catcher scared the beejeebers out of our runners, and they hugged firstbase when they got there. Beacon, on the other hand, ran like Richard Pryor on crack, as the Brave runners rack up 13 stolen bases against Daulton Varsho, who then tells us that he's a pretty fine outfielder, and why don't we use him there nex season?



| 2 Teams | ERA | G | CG | SHO | QS | SV | IP | H | R | ER | HR | So | BB |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Scranton Spanish Flies | 2.76 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 49.0 | 35 | 16 | 15 | 5 | 46 | 17 |
| Beacon Braves | 3.26 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 47.0 | 30 | 19 | 17 | 4 | 42 | 17 |

Pitching-wise....the two teams were fairly even....not all that many runs scored for a 5 game series.

| 93-TCBA22 - TCBA TODAY ML2021 World Series - Club Batting |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2 Teams | AVG | OBP | SLG | G | AB | H | 2B | 3B | HR | R | R/G | SO | BB | LOB |
| Beacon Braves | . 197 | . 267 | . 365 | 5 | 178 | 35 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 3.2 | 46 | 17 | 32 |
| Scranton Spanish Flies | . 180 | . 265 | . 293 | 5 | 167 | 30 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 3.8 | 42 | 17 | 30 |

Batting....neither team has anything to be proud of there. The main difference is that Beacon had TWICE as many xbase hits than Scranton, 18 to 9 . The Spanflies had the same number of walks, and less hits than Beacon, yet we outscored them 19-16. I guess we just came thru in the clutch more than the Braves did.

There is no doubt the breaks broke Scranton's way....a lineout double play from second base to pick the runner off of third, broke the back of a crucial Beacon rally, stands out in my mind.

A couple of games with dead bats for Beacon, and a couple of breaks for Scranton is all it takes in a short series to pull an upset, and the Spanflys were able to take full advantage of it. We definitely think that Beacon had the better 26 man team...winning the most games in the league during the Regular season........but in the short Playoff series, we were able to put 4 wins on the board before Beacon was able to get 2.

Hats off to the Beacon general manager for building one of the better all around teams seen in many, many seasons.
Their 117 wins was testament to that. Scranton knows that Jo Boo was on the Spanflys side in this one!

Martin J. Fiehl, correspondent




## TCBA



1975-2022






2000 - Long Island Islanders 2001 - Farmington Rats 2002 - Scranton Spanish Flies 2003 - Horseshoe Bay Polos 2004 - Newark Eagles

2005 - Pennsylvania Keystones 2006 - Farmington Rats 2007 - Long Island Islanders 2008 - Horseshoe Bay Polos 2009 - Silver Spring Senators







"The best thing about baseball today is its yesterdays." Lawrence Ritter




1960 - Bradenton Buckeyes 1961 - Wilderness Wraiths 1962 - South Starrucca Ainspans 1963 - South Starrucca Ainspans 1964 - Mimosa Mirthmakers 1965 - Bergen Barflies
1966 - South Starrucca Ainspans
1967 - South Starrucca Ainspans
1968 - Long Island Islanders
1969 - Cleveland Spiders

## THE FABULOUS FIFTIES <br> 









| 1930 - Kilkenny Gaelics | 1935 - Mimosa Mirthmakers |
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| 1931 - Long Island Islanders | 1936 - Fortney Gators |
| 1932 - South Starrucca Ainspans | 1937 - South Starrucca Ainspans |
| 1933 - Portsmouth Pubdwellers | 1938 - Kilkenny Gaelics |
| 1934 - Hyde Park VitaMen | 1939 - South Starrucca Ainspans |



1921 - Long Island Islanders
1922 - Bergen Barflies
1923 - Siouxland Explorers
1924 - Bergen Barflies
1925 - Mimosa Mirthmakers
1926 - Fortney Gators
1927- Bergen Barflies
1928 - Bergen Barflies
1929 - Long Island Islanders





## 1876-1900

## GENESIS

Our next project will be a hybrid experiment, integrating MLB 1876-1900 with the Negro leagues of 1924-1948 in a 25 year adventure.



## THE END

