

HISTORY TENDS TO REPEAT ITSELF

A lot happened last week. Let's get to it. The Pirates came sooooo close to winning the 1st place prize Tuesday. Needing the 11, they scratched out a run in the 9th to get to 10 but couldn't push another run across to make Carolyn Johnson's day.

The number 8 has been hit by all 30 teams now. I can't recall a year a number that high went off the board before we had a winner.

Those pesky Bucs came close again the next day, hitting for 9 runs this time with one inning to go but couldn't score off the Astros closer in the ninth.

The Giants scored a dozen runs Thursday for the only number hit that day. Only 1 needed score hit each day through Thursday. The weekend was wild though.

The Orioles have been surging lately after a dreadful start. Picked up the difficult 13 Friday. Still two spots needed but got the hard one out of the way,

Saturday, Houston rang the bell for 13 runs, which made an already happy Stu Silverstein (he carded a net 63 on the golf course Saturday) even more giddy, as they and he joined the One Away Club. This club is growing fast!

All told three 13 run games were posted for the week, one by the Angels on Sunday to swell the One Away Club to 7, much to the delight of Arnie Komet.

We still rate the Yanks and Pirates as faves to win this, even though the Pirates aren't any good and the Yanks won't have Judge knocking in any runs until this pool is long over.

Every team now has at least 10 boxes checked off. More contenders may be added to the ranks daily . . . or will they?

We just finished week 8. A deep dive into pool history by Bob (thanks Bob for the research) has come up with some interesting data. Over the last 8 pools (9 years, we didn't run the pool in 2020) the average length/duration (not sure what the proper word s/b) of the pool has been 9 weeks. So, if *history repeats itself*, as it tends to do, we should have two winners this week!

Talk soon.