



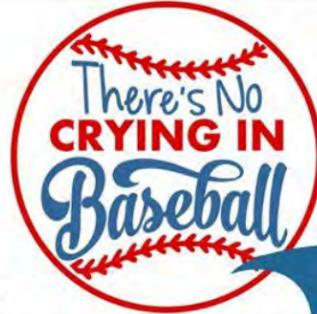
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Did the Subway Series save the Renegades?

By Morgan E. Maier

Major League Baseball brass is floating a geographical reassignment of MLB's divisions for travel-friendly, priority location schedules. Sticking the Mets and Yankees in one division reeks of impending organizational collapse and snoozy crosstown rivalry. The idea is reminiscent of the late, great New York-Penn League (NYPL), where the Hudson Valley Renegades operated for the first 26 years of team existence.

Starting next year, it will be one of two NYPL teams to survive the elimination of the Class A Short-Season. The Renegades and Brooklyn Cyclones may thank the Subway Series for such a development.

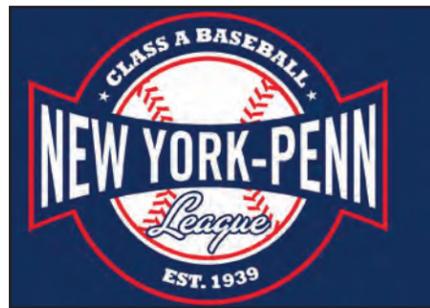
With the Aberdeen IronBirds' expulsion from Minor League Baseball, the Renegades and Brooklyn Cyclones remain the last of the NYPL. Among others in the league, MLB severed ties with the Tri-City Valley Cats, leaving them to join the likes of independent baseball.

The majority of former NYPL representatives have become an iteration of the league's original intent. In collegiate and draft leagues, player development is sandwiched between the MLB draft and school terms.

The MLB exodus that resulted from the canceled 2020 season affected many leagues, reducing teams' existence in the minor leagues to an invite-only status. It also hacked the draft from 40 to 20 rounds. Commissioner Rob Manfred, the uncanny Edward Scissorhands, sheared until dozens were left in professional purgatory, including seven of the NYPL's 14 teams.

Four became part of the introductory MLB Draft League, as will become of Aberdeen. In the IronBirds' defense, the city fell out of love with the game soon after Cal Ripken Jr. and family sold its majority stake earlier this year.

Keeping affiliates in a team's relative location is an exercise in loyalty, but it isn't enough to keep clubhouse lights on. Take the Lowell Spinners and Staten Island Yankees, the two members of the NYPL that were folded outright. Lowell, a Boston suburb, is an easy



The Hudson Valley Renegades were part of the New York-Penn League for their first 26 years.

-Courtesy image

commute from the parent club's green-walled headquarters. Despite ardently claimed intentions to keep baseball in Lowell, Boston sacked the Spinners in 2021. The Yankees met a similar end in the oft-forgotten fifth borough (though the Staten Island FerryHawks now operate as a member of the Atlantic League).

Since 2001, the Brooklyn Cyclones have represented Flushing's finest. On the business end of the Subway Series, Brooklyn beat out the Staten Island Yankees as NYC's resident minor league club.

Fans appreciate the chance to see their team's future for a fraction of the ticket cost. No timeline of years, planes, or charter buses can predict a baseball player's journey. A schedule can't predict a team's fate, either. The Renegades' path to the Yankees organization started with the Texas Rangers, then the Tampa Bay Rays. While these teams get credit for bringing the likes of Evan Longoria and Josh Hamilton to the Hudson Valley, there's an added adulation that comes with having a Yankees affiliate in New York. The efforts that made the Renegades' arrival possible in 1994 move on. Except these days, the team sells a full season's worth of tickets. Summers still become standing room only. The stakes have only become higher with the Yankee name attached. Whether the Red Sox or Mets lead fan rivalry, the Hudson Valley is, for now, safe from subsequent Minor League gerrymandering. The NY-Penn League is alive still, in the memories of folks who once asked, "What do the Tampa Bay Rays have to do with New York?"

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	37	17	.685	-	6-4	W2
Hudson Valley NYY	34	19	.642	2.5	6-4	L3
Jersey Shore PHI	30	23	.566	6.5	6-4	W3
Aberdeen BAL	26	27	.491	10.5	5-5	W2
Brooklyn NYM *	22	32	.407	15.0	5-5	L2
Wilmington WSH	21	33	.389	16.0	2-8	W1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hub City TEX	28	26	.519	-	5-5	W2
Bowling Green TB *	27	27	.500	1.0	3-7	L2
Greenville BOS	27	27	.500	1.0	3-7	L2
Winston-Salem CWS	24	29	.453	3.5	6-4	L1
Rome ATL	23	28	.451	3.5	8-2	W1
Asheville HOU	20	31	.392	6.5	5-5	L1



Home Schedule

September			
09/02/25	vs. Greensboro	06:05 PM	First Day Of School Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
09/03/25	vs. Greensboro	06:05 PM	Football Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
09/04/25	vs. Greensboro	06:05 PM	Hudson Valley Big Apples Presented By Apples From New York Big Apples Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
09/05/25	vs. Greensboro	07:05 PM	Copa De La Diversión: Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff Presented By Cafe Con Leche Fireworks Friday Presented By D. Rohde Home Services
09/06/25	vs. Greensboro	05:05 PM	Rascal & Rosie's Anniversary Party Rascal & Rosie Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By WRWD
09/07/25	vs. Greensboro	02:05 PM	Fan Appreciation Day Sunday Family Funday





Renegades Extra!



Keane's dominance leads Renegades' bullpen

By Morgan E. Maier

Hudson Valley Renegades right-hander Sebastian Keane nearly wriggled out of the New York Yankees' reach before the team truly saw his talent. But for an honored college commitment to Northeastern, he'd likely be a weapon of the Boston Red Sox, who selected him with the 347th pick in 2019. In his third season within the Yankees organization, Keane's seven wins are the most without a loss among South Atlantic League (SAL) pitchers.

In 2025, Keane arrived in the Hudson Valley for his second straight High-A season. A starter and strikeout machine feared by SAL opponents last season, Keane has made just one start this season. His 6' 3" frame still looms from the mound, his hidden delivery a hitter-proof defense. Yet Keane is a proven force in his third professional season, holding hitters to a .185 batting average against across 22 relief appearances this season. Right-handers can forget about figuring out Keane's bag. They're hitting .156 against him.

Against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws on August 21, Keane recorded as good a relief appearance as any Renegade this year. Keane retired all he faced — one for each of his season wins — as he improved to 7-0 in a perfect 2.2 innings of work. Five came via the strikeout, as BlueClaws fell again and again for



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-Photo by Dave Janosz

Keane's pesky breaking ball. In August, opponents are hitting just .125, includ-

ing two consecutive performances without a hit. Twelve of Keane's 24 appearances have left opponents seeking contact.

On August 13, a near-perfect 2.2 innings of work for his longest outing on the season. The righty finished with one walk and 22 strikes on 37 pitches to continue the steady drop of his ERA. Following the latest dominant stretch, Keane is recording a sub-2.50 ERA for the first time since June 14.

Sebastian was a developing Yankee after the Red Sox made him an 11th-rounder, as he participated in the Area Code Games showcase alongside short-stop and Renegades alum Anthony Volpe. Keane's performance as an Area Code Yankee, ironically, succeeded his flash on Boston's frequencies. The Yanks won out over the Massachusetts native's shifted loyalties; Keane boasts a 2.60 earned run average in 34.2 innings this season. Keane is deepening the arsenal that attracted the Yankees in the 2022 draft, with a dumbfounding low-90s fastball and slider combination that's drawn 165 strikeouts in his young career.

Keane's dominance began as a starter liable to hit double-digit strikeouts in one game, and it hasn't faltered since assuming the role of a reliever. He is the foundation of this solid Renegade bullpen.

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Hopeful Renegades hit tough times at the shore

By Morgan E. Maier

This week marked another skid on the Hudson Valley Renegades' schedule, as hurricane winds blew away the team's momentum. The Renegades came to the Jersey Shore with burning grit and a four-game win streak, but left with a cold chill and a losing streak.

The bullpen's loss of promoted Geoff Gilbert and Hueston Morrill was palpable, but a few young stars showed up when the lights were brightest. Former Renegade and South Atlantic League Player of the Week Jose Colmenares became the first player to appear this season for both the Renegades and a South Atlantic League rival, as the Renegades were able to keep his explosive offense at bay this week.

Double trouble - Another Bennys-Locals matchup to pay homage to the rivalry between beach towns and those pesky tourists. In true "Benny" fashion, Hudson Valley spoiled a game that the Locals seemed to have the upper hand, in the doubleheader's nightcap. The BlueClaws were snapping for their second team hit all game, but it came too

late. The Renegades prevailed in their third of four straight wins, dating from last Sunday.

The bold pink numbers across the back of each Benny were bold. The seventh inning rally was resounding.

After being one-hit through six, the Renegades closed regulation with a two-out rally. Second and third for Luis Durango, who promptly bloomed a two-run single to get the Benny on the board. He proceeded to steal second and third base, because why not? Kyle Carr gave another quality start for the win (6.1 innings, 5 H, 7 K, 2 BB), keeping the Locals at bay until the Benny bats warmed up. For their fourth win in a row, the Renegades swept the first doubleheader.

Jersey Shore could barely buy a hit in Game 1 of the doubleheader as Hudson Valley prevailed with a wire-to-wire victory. Brandon Decker fanned 10 over five innings, earning his first High-A win. Kaeden Kent pulled through with a pair of first-frame RBIs, as Decker gave up just three hits in his outing. Chris Kean rolled through another relief appearance, hold-

ing Jersey Shore hitless to set up Tony Rossi for his eighth save of the year, and four strikeouts over 2.0 innings. Propelled further by a seventh-inning Josh Moylan home run, the Renegades pinched the BlueClaws 5-2.

Leadoff is key - On Aug. 21, four leadoff hitters reached base over the first six innings. Dillon Lewis sparked a first-inning rally with a leadoff walk to give Bryce Cunningham a lead before he ever took a warmup pitch. Tyler Wilson followed with a double in the second inning and scored on a Connor McGinnis single. Dillon Lewis knocked in the final RBI of the game in the fourth, after Josh Moylan led off with a single, then scored on a Lewis single.

The Renegades controlled from the first at-bat, with Bryce Warracker securing the save (5) and the 4-1 victory. Jersey Shore leadoff man Devin Saltiban was the producer for Jersey Shore, knocking one of the team's two hits. He scored the BlueClaws' only run. In a second appearance since returning from injury, Cunningham exited after 2.2 innings, four strikeouts, and 37 pitches.

Debut in the dark - When the home

team is already up by five runs, an opposing pitcher might wish his debut had come sooner. Despite the 8-3 onslaught by Jersey Shore on August 23, a bright spot came in the form of righty rook Jack Cebert. The 15th round draft pick made his professional debut, and quickly proved to be a bright spot in an otherwise damaging loss. One of the bright spots in the August 23 8-3 onslaught was Cebert's fastball, as he struck down four straight BlueClaws via the strikeout. In his first full frame of work, Cebert struck out the side. He allowed just Jersey Shore in a sturdy 1.2 innings.

Foul ending - After posting the league's best record since the start of July, the Renegades froze on the shore. In back-to-back games, they allowed 8 or more runs, while scoring just five over the week's final three games.

This week, the Renegades (72-45) travel to the city to drum up some action against the Brooklyn Cyclones (68-52). The 'Gades are still gaining on the Greensboro Grasshoppers (82-37), but the second-half title is slipping out of reach. Maybe a spin on the rollercoaster will scare out those end-of-season jitters?