

MEMO

To: SPBL Team Owners
From: Red Sears
Date: Sunday, December 5, 1993
Subject: All-Star Game plans

Commissioner Jim Wheeler, who really knows how to lean on a quivering rookie owner, has appointed me to the task of organizing the 1955 All-Star Game. In order to maintain the schedule we have arranged it will require the full cooperation of ALL managers.

Here is how it will play out, with your help:

- Each division will be represented by a 28-player roster, with all owners voting for players on both teams, including the pitching staffs.
- Balloting will be based on our league season's COMPUTER statistics, compiled through the month of December. (What Ben Flowers did in real life in '55 doesn't count, Lou.)
- Once the ballot is prepared, I will be mailing it to each of you, along with a stamped, return envelope. A quick turn-around will be mandatory.
- Hopefully in mid-January (a firm date will accompany the ballot), I will tabulate the votes, compile the rosters and play the game.
- Within a day or two after playing the game, I will mail to each manager a copy of the vote tabulation, a box score, scoring sheet, and a writeup of the game (including quotes from all the key participants.)

This undertaking can only succeed if each manager does his bit to help. There are two important things you must do:

- Play your December games and ship your stat disks to John Turnbull as soon as possible. John will need extra time to compile the data and feed it to me for the ballot.
- Return the All-Star ballots to me as soon as possible. A cutoff date will be included with the ballot.

If anyone has something to offer with respect to this undertaking, give me a call (410-254-1481), or if you subscribe to the GENie information service (we all should) you can ship EMail care of John.Sears.

Red

To: Owners, Seasons Past Baseball League
From: Red in B'more
Re: All-Star Game ballots

The enclosed stamped, addressed envelope should provide a major clue to my first plea: Quick Turnaround, PLEASE, in 24/48 hours, no later.

We want to have the rosters, box scores and game story in your hands before the end of the month. It can't be done without your cooperation.

Former Commissioner A.B. (Happy) Chandler (whom I got to know when we were both foolish enough to become involved in the Continental Football League in the mid-'60s) has accepted SPBL's invitation to throw up, er, out the first ball.

I'm not sure Happy knows it, but the game will be played at Ebbets Field. Also, Gladys Gooding will be soliciting owners' requests, which will be pounded out on her organ during the game. (Hmm, that sounds a bit salacious.)

We used PTP's rule for leaders' board qualification as the rule of thumb for placing players on the ballot. (3.1 at-bats per-game for fielders and one inning pitched per-game (98).

Rosters will consist of 16 fielders and nine pitchers. Owners will vote for one 1b, 2b, 3b, ss and c; three outfielders and five pitchers for each division. The runners-up at each position will be the reserves. I will resolve any ties.

See you in Brooklyn.

Red in B'more

1955 SEASONS PAST BASEBALL LEAGUE ALL-STARS
GILES DIVISION ROSTER
(Votes in parentheses)

- 1B - Mickey Vernon, Heartland Bluebirds (14)
Dale Long, Frankfort Tigers (0)
- 2B - Billy Goodman, Heartland Bluebirds (12)
Red Schoendienst, Dayton Flyers (2)
- 3B - Eddie Mathews, Frankfort Tigers (13)
Ray Boone, Heartland Bluebirds (1)
- SS - Dick Groat, Dayton Flyers (11)
Pee Wee Reese, Frankfort Tigers (3)
- C - Yogi Berra, Nebraska Knights (11) *YOGI BERRA - KNIGHTS (11)*
Gus Triandos, Dayton Flyers (2)
- OF - Mickey Mantle, Frankfort Tigers (14)
Wally Post, Nebraska Knights (10) *WALLY POST, KNIGHTS (10)*
Gus Bell, Evanston Black Sox (7)
Richie Ashburn, Heartland Bluebirds (7)
Larry Doby, Evanston Black Sox (3)
Gus Zernial, Evanston Black Sox (1)
- P - Sam Jones, Toronto Titans (12)
Herb Score, Evanston Black Sox (12)
Johnny Antonelli, Frankfort Tigers (11)
Frank Sullivan, Heartland Bluebirds (11)
Johnny Podres, Dayton Flyers (10)
Harvey Haddix, Nebraska Knights (5) *HARVEY HADDIX, KNIGHTS (5)*
Bob Turley, Dayton Flyers (4)
Herman Wehmeir, Frankfort Tigers (2)
Carl Erskine, Frankfort Tigers (2)
Jack Harshman, Frankfort Tigers (1)

1955 SEASONS PAST BASEBALL LEAGUE ALL-STARS
HARRIDGE DIVISION ROSTER
(Votes in parentheses)

- 1B - Ted Kluzewski, Schaumburg Saxons (14)
Stan Musial, Quartz Hill Wind (0)
- 2B - Hank Aaron, Dayton Ducks (7)
Gil McDougald, Quartz Hill Wind (5)
- 3B - Al Rosen, Pacific Cascades (6)
Ransom Jackson, Quartz Hill Wind (5)
- SS - Ernie Banks, Rossville Cubs (11)
Johnny Logan, Lafayette Blue Sox (2)
- C - Roy Campanella, Pacific Cascades (14)
Del Crandell, Rossville Cubs (0)
- OF - Duke Snider, Lafayette Blue Sox (13)
Willie Mays, Rossville Cubs (13)
Al Kaline, Schaumburg Saxons (8)
Carl Furillo, Quartz Hill Wind (5)
Al Smith, Schaumburg Saxons (1)
Del Ennis, Pacific Cascades (1)
- P - Billy Pierce, Lafayette Blue Sox (14)
Warren Spahn, Schaumburg Saxons (14)
Don Newcombe, Pacific Cascades, (13)
Billy Hoeft, Schaumburg Saxons (12)
Murray Dickson, Lafayette Blue Sox (9)
George Susce, Rossville Cubs (5)
Whitey Ford, Quartz Hill Wind (1)
Jim Wilson, Rossville Cubs (1)
Frank Lary, Mountain Park Minors (1)
Dick Donovan, Pacific Cascades (1)