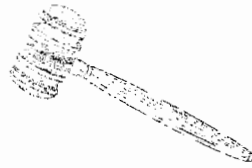




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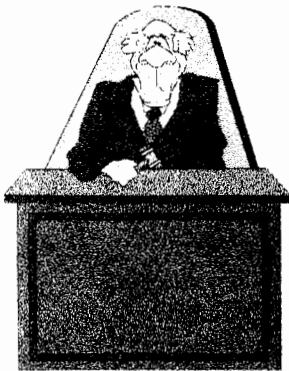
Commissioner's Forum



by JIM WHEELER

Attention Class. Class? Class? Is ANYONE listening?

I hate to take the attitude of a school teacher addressing a class, but I am quite disappointed that we still have managers failing to send the correct series result files to opposing managers.



So far, we have played '54, '55, '56 and '44 and are now working on 1945 and '57 and we have yet to have totally accurate stats due to some lame brained mistake.

What each manager is expecting to receive upon completion of a series is a set of files which contain the series stats. This file can then be IMPORTED by the manager so that he may track player usage. Since each manager has sent a copy of his Manager Profile on disk, this should be an easy operation. Should be! But not always and we continue to make this a difficult process.

Now, even John Ungashick is receiving disks with the wrong totals, missing

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series and a host of other problems. I just don't understand it. Several of these offenders are professional people who would not tolerate such sloppy reporting of an important accounts receivable report or other significant file.

Could it be that nobody cares anymore? Look, this is not rocket science, to borrow a phrase. If you are truly having a problem sending stats to another manager, call me or John Turnbull, John Ungashick, Tom Falduto or Gary Plunkitt and we will walk you through the process.

A word of caution. If the trend continues, I will have to take drastic action!!!

If managers do not care, maybe we will simply find replacement managers or disband the league. I am open to any suggestions.

Once again, here's the **Stat Transfer Primer 101**. Let's please try to get this straight and keep a strong league moving along.

There is ONLY ONE WAY to do this: by using the EXPORT function at the conclusion of the series.

**Ready? Set? Go.
Please pay close
ATTENTION!!!**

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select **TRANSFER**
select **EXPORT**

Transfer File Drive: (A)
(or appropriate drive)
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Export Statistics: YES
Export Manager Profile: NO
Export Scope: LEAGUE

That's all there is to it! This is a very SIMPLE function which puts much more value into the stats. You should still send boxscores, scoresheets and other files, but the exported files are primary.

Another question regarding **MANAGER PROFILES**. This is equally easy. From the **TRANSFER** module, just put **NO** for Export Stats and **YES** for Manager Profile. Do this is **TEAM** mode.

If the problem persists, we will plaster the names(s) of the offending skipper(s) on the front page of the newsletter and consider taking away a 3rd Round draft pick or more. Be considerate.

Don't you expect the same?

More on #'s and Stats

John "The Big Hirdt" Turnbull has taken his abacus and other stat tools to a new location before his eventual one-year hiatus in Korea.

Send stats and game info to John at:
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Bellevue, NE 68005
(402) 733-5967



REFLECTIONS

by Gary Plunkitt

[Here are my early memories of the game. And some of the things which have caused me to care for it. Most other sports interest me not! Now I find most of my appreciation goes to the historical side of baseball. When it was real and yes, when it was a game.]

My very first recollection of baseball occurred during the summer of 1954, when at the age of seven, I discovered Topps baseball cards at the Shuler Grocery. I often stopped by there after school to buy candy. One year later, while horsing around on the Riley school playground, I discovered I could hit a baseball.



Even with these new found things, I did not begin to follow MLB for a few more years. My first memory of something that actually happened came on a trip to the Germ City Cigar store, where my dad stopped one

day in the fall of 1957.

They would put Major Sporting Event on the chalkboard and many an old duffer often stopped in to find out the latest scores. It just so happened in the few minutes we were there that Lew Burdette defeated the Yankees for the third time in that series. I remember how excited several of the men got over this little bit of information. Of course, at the time, I never really understood the significance of that event.

My dad has never been a baseball fan. His game has always been basketball, generally on the High School level. That strange malignancy that effects so many men in Indiana is known as "Hoosier Hysteria."

It was quite a few years later, shortly after I graduated from high school in 1965, that I attended my first major league game.

On August 18 (give or take a few days), accompanied by three of my best friends, we drove to the friendly confines of Wrigley Field to watch our first game between the Milwaukee Braves and Cubs. Ken Johnson and Larry Jackson, two big righthanders hooked up to do battle. It should have been a real pitcher's duel with both staff aces. But as usual for Cubs' fans, the Braves KO'd Jackson and won on a massive homer by Mack "The Knife" Jones.

I was born and raised in this small town of Frankfort, Indiana, approximately 155 miles from Chitown and Cincinnati. This has obviously never stopped my love of this great game we call baseball.

I have been good friends with Steve Ehresman and Rick Ryan for about 26 years. Jim Wheeler has been a good friend since 1978. We met through baseball related things and that's the way it should be. I am sure we will remain close for the rest of our lives, thanks again to baseball.

In closing, I would like to relate that I first started playing baseball board games in 1960 with the Cadaco All-Star game by Ethan Allen. One year later, I moved to Negamco for only \$3.98. Then, in 1962, we purchased the 1961 season APBA cards and really got involved.

I've been hooked ever since!!!



Louisville, Ky., circa 1942 at Izzy Goodman's newstand. A baseball signboard similar to what Gary remembers growing up in Frankfort.

DIAMOND DUST

[As we move into the sweltering months of our current '45 and '57 seasons, the furnaces are shutdown and the electric fans are blowing cool air. So, the appropriate seasonal change in the title.]

'45- Cubs are in the news during July as Hank Wyse stops Tommy Holmes' record 37-game hit streak. During that time, Holmes bats at a .433 pace....In a waiver snafu, the Yanks lose Hank Borowy to the Cubs where he goes 11-2 including 3 wins over St. Louis down the stretch...On August 19th, Jimmie Foxx hurls the first 7 innings for the Phillies for his only major league win. He has a 1.52 ERA after 10 appearances....The Red Sox Tom McBride drives in 6 runs in the 4th inning of a game against the Senators with a triple and double....Joe Kuhel hits an inside-the-park HR at Griffith Stadium. Big deal? It's the ONLY homer the Senators hit at home all season....Dick Fowler of the A's no-hits the Browns 1-0 in his first start since returning from 3 years with the Canadian Army.

"I have no intention or desire to win 20 games, because they keep expecting it of you."

-Billy Loes

'57- In his ML debut, Frank Ernaga of the Cubs hits a solo HR in the 2nd inning and a triple in the 4th off Warren Spahn....Dick Drott fans 15 Braves, including Hank Aaron 4 times in a 5-1 win....One month after his HS prom, Von McDaniel tosses a 2-0, two-hit shutout for the Cards against the Dodgers at Ebbets Field. Ted Williams hits 3 homers in a game on May 8 against the Chisox and June 13 against the Indians....Moe Drabowsky ties a record by hitting 4 Cincy batters on June 2nd....Don Drysdale hurls the first of his 49 career shutouts. This one against the Cubs, comes at Jersey City, the Dodgers' second home....



Redbirds Soar Into Thick of '45 Wartime Race & 3-Team Battle

by John Ungashick

As the dog days of August approached, the world was uplifted by the recent defeat of the Germans, while at the same time horrified as the true extent of the Nazi death machine became known. A persistent rumor exists that the Allies are working on some type of Super weapon which will be used to finally defeat the fanatical Japanese in the Pacific.

The big story baseball-wise in July had to



be the phoenix-like rise of the Ohio Redbirds. Given up for dead in June, they posted an incredible 24-4 record in the month and rose to within 3 games of

the division leading Fortress. In the West, the Marauders gained 2 games on the 2nd place Chicago and stretched their lead to 7 full games ahead of the Whales.

Phil Cavaretta of the Acorns leads the league with a .406 batting average while Chuck Workman of the Dodgers held on to the HR lead with 18. Vince DiMaggio of the Gold Sox hit 8 dingers in July and closed within one of the lead. Mickey Haefner of the Marauders and Nels Potter of the Federals share the league lead with 14 wins apiece.

Enroute to a 7-game sweep of the Rossville Hornets, the Redbirds won three extra-inning affairs, including 17 & 15 inning marathons. The Birds were clipped 16-0 in the opener against the cellar-dwelling Monarchs, but then proceeded to sweep the next six, with a pair

of 1-0 gems included. The Gold Sox pounded out 28 hits in a 20-2 massacre of the Monarchs, with six hits from Skeeter Newsome and 4 RBIs by 4 different players. However, you can't carry those extra hits to other games and the Sox were dumped in 4 of the next six.

The Whales and Marauders faced off in a critical series on the AV turf where the Plundering Herd won 6-of-7 with the only Whales' win coming in 12 innings, 7-6. Chicago suffered a heartbreaking loss in game 3 when Paul Erickson walked home the winning run in the last of the 11th stanza. In a game between Frankfort and Rossville, the Fortress starter, Boo Ferriss, carried a no-hit gem into the 9th before Charlie Keller broke it up with a 3-bagger. Ferriss settled for the one-hitter and an 8-0 shutout.

In a triumphant return from the armed services, Bob Feller of the Elephants started and won his first two games of the month with one shutout. On the downside, the lowly Glendale Acorns scored three in the bottom of the 9th and edged the Pachyderms, 7-6. The Gold Sox scored an incredible win over the 2nd place Dodgers by twice tying the game, in the bottom of the 9th and 14th innings and finally winning 9-7 in the 16th on a 3-run shot by Snuffy Stirnweiss.

The Acorns felt the height of frustration in a game against the Bears when they collected 14 hits, but were only able to turn it into one run and lost, 5-1. Roy Cullenbine of the Marauders had 4 HRs and 13 RBIs during a 5-2 series win over the Bears. Against the White Sox, the Bears used three consecutive singles in the bottom of the ninth, the last by In-

in the bottom of the 9th, the last by Indian Bob Johnson, to squeak out a 3-2 win.

It was no contest for team of the month as the REDBIRDS won hands down. They won 7 more games than anyone else and made up an astonishing 10 games in the standings!

Player of the Month was a little closer, with the primary candidates being Augie Galan of the Elephants (.437 BA, .549 OBA, 26 runs and 25 RBIs) and Snuffy Stirnweiss of the Gold Sox (.378, 24 runs, 32 RBIs and 16 stolen bases). The winner by a nose is Galan.

Mickey Haefner, Marauders, and Roger Wolff of the Redbirds were the main contenders for Pitcher of the Month. Both went 5-0, but Haefner gets the nod by virtue of a better ERA (1.71 to 1.91) and 4 CG's in 5 starts.

Ohio scored another runaway win with Reliever of the Month as Joe Berry had a 1.44 ERA, 1-0 record and 8 saves in 13 appearances.

Looks like a great final two months.

1945 JULY STANDINGS

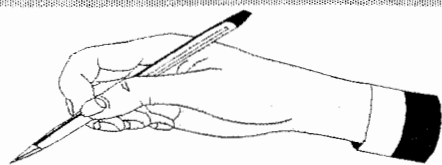
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Fortress	61	37	.622	
Dodgers	54	37	.593	3.5
Redbirds	58	40	.592	3
Gold Sox	48	57	.457	16.5
Hornets	42	56	.429	19
Federals	40	58	.408	21
Monarchs	37	61	.378	24

Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Marauders	65	33	.663	
Whales	58	40	.592	7
Elephants	51	47	.516	14
Trees	49	49	.500	16
Bears	47	58	.448	21.5
White Sox	41	57	.418	24
Acorns	35	56	.381	26.5

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AROUND THE HORN.....The Newsletter of Seasons Past

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



In his COMMISSIONER'S FORUM column, Jim Wheeler brought up a number of technical points relative to stat reporting and information transfer. He also may have caught the general feeling of why there is a problem: DOES ANYONE CARE ANYMORE?

From speaking with a few managers, that is definitely not the pervasive feeling. However, what I must indicate in the five months in which I have been producing this newsletter is that there is a general lack of involvement in league matters.

Making a league work necessitates interaction from participants. Jim and I have requested feedback and input on a number of situations with minimal results. For instance, no one has submitted anything pertaining to the issue of Strat and the graphical interface, nor has there been any immediate reaction to the question of implementing the request to permit trading of draft choices.

These and other issues will obviously run their course and come to a resolution. However, we are attempting to utilize AROUND THE HORN as the open forum for those managers not in the immediate geographic area of Indiana, Illinois.

Last month, I put out an open call for managers to submit a piece for REFLECTIONS. This column gives us an opportunity to know each other better and to capture the tenor and atmosphere of baseball "back then." There were NO new responses.

We also put out Mike Cascarano's proposal to name the Rookie-of-the-Year Award after Jackie Robinson. Again, no comments.

Pardon me for being on the soapbox, so to

speak, but in order for this league to maintain its vigor and integrity, all managers must be totally involved. That goes beyond the draft and trades and playing the games.

Any comments or opinions?

NEXT MONTH IN "THE HORN"

- ♦ The Maris Caper Exposed
- ♦ "Phillies" Big League Secrets
- ♦ Quiz Show
- ♦ Season Updates
- ♦ Mgr. Profile Survey
- ♦and more

CASCADES HIKE TO TOP OF THE '57 WEST; 4 CLUBS IN HOT PURSUIT

If the first month of the fourth season of Seasons Past I is any indication of what lies ahead, there should be two very exciting and possibly surprising races in both the East and West Divisions.

The '56 juggernaut, Frankfort Tigers, dismantled and rebuilt by manager Gary Plunkitt after the sweep by the Mavericks in the World Series, find themselves tied with the powerhouse Rossville Cubs at 13-12 in the East.

At this writing, statistician John Turnbull was still awaiting the final stats disk, so a complete overview and analysis is not possible.

Trailing by only one game are the Nebraska Knights who had a poor home month according to skipper Turnbull. Two back at 11-14 are the newly renamed Hatteras Pelicans who displayed no power at Forbes Field. Paul Kenyon's Grays posted a 9-16 mark and showed some promise against the West.

Steve Ehresman's Blue Sox limped in at 6-19 while the Minors of Vern Easley floundered at 4-21 during the start of a rebuilding era.

Over in the West, the Cascades got off to their usual quick start, pounding 34 homers and getting excellent pitching from newcomer Billy Hoeft on their way to a 20-5 opening. In close pursuit are Andy Langert's Bluebirds at 18-7. Bob Calicchia not only did a fine job building the Springfield Rifles back to not only respectable but contending status and came in at 17-8. Roy Sievers' 14 HRs and 43 RBIs had a bit to do with the success. The defending champion Mavericks of Mike Cascarano field with odds on favorite Frank Papp's Falcons at 16-9 while the Tom Falduto's Saxons stumbled home one under .500 at 12-13. John Ungashick's Black Sox held up the rest of the league with a 7-18 mark.

Here are the statistician's selections for April honors:

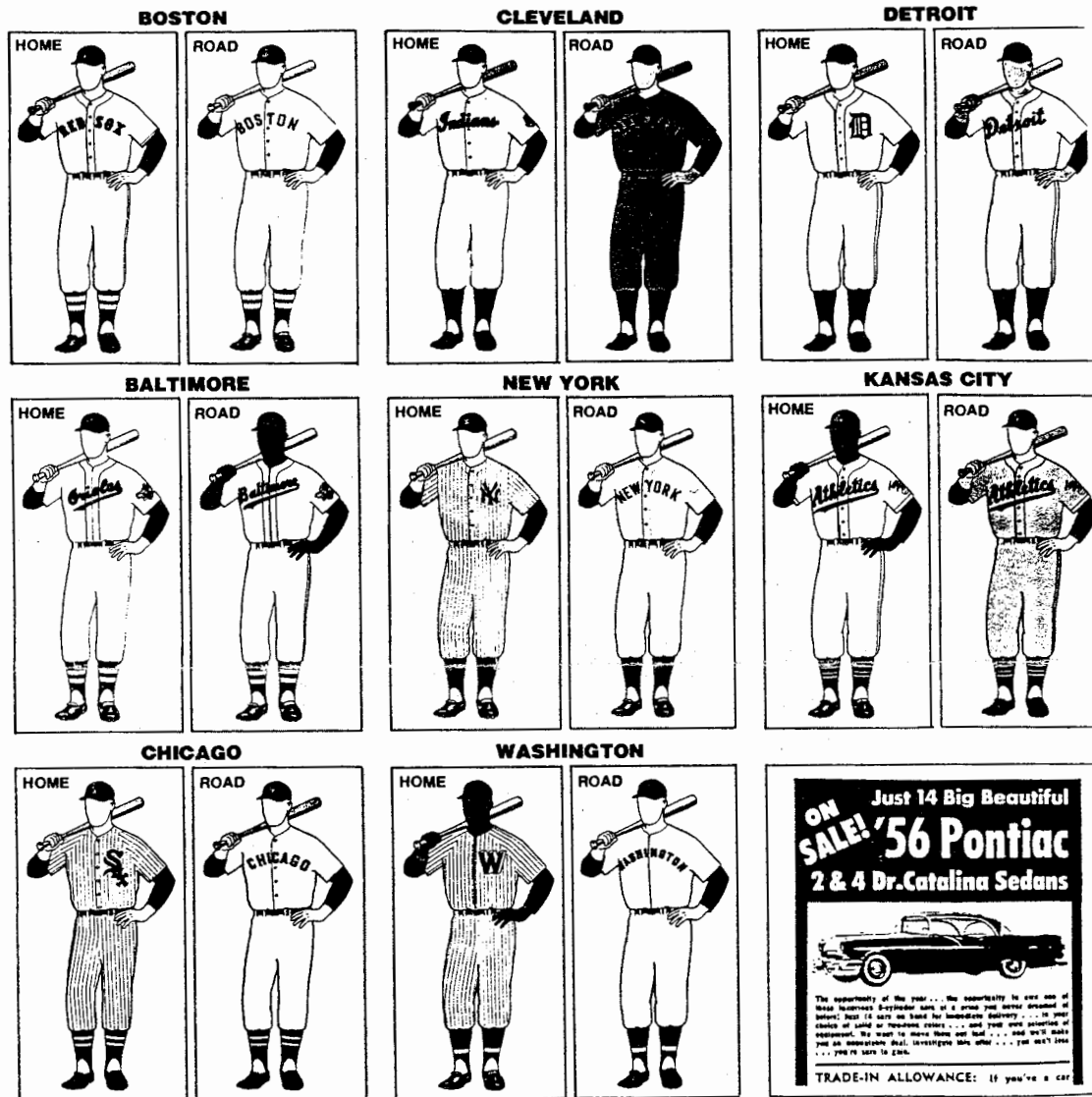
Team: Cascades 20-5, .312 BA, 3.27 ERA
 Player: Sievers 14-43 .450 BA
 Starter: Warren Spahn (Saxons) 3-0 0.43 ERA
 Reliever: Marv Grissom (Mavs) 0-0 6 saves 0.77 ERA

Eastern	W	L	PCT	GB
TIGERS	13	12	.520	
CUBS	13	12	.520	
KNIGHTS	12	13	.480	1
PELICANS	11	14	.440	2
GRAYS	9	16	.360	4
BLUE SOX	6	19	.240	7
MINORS	4	21	.160	9
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
CASCADES	20	5	.800	
BLUEBIRDS	18	7	.720	2
RIFLES	17	8	.680	3
MAVERICKS	16	9	.640	4
FALCONS	16	9	.640	4
SAXONS	12	13	.480	8
BLACK SOX	8	17	.320	12



Not so uniform changes.....

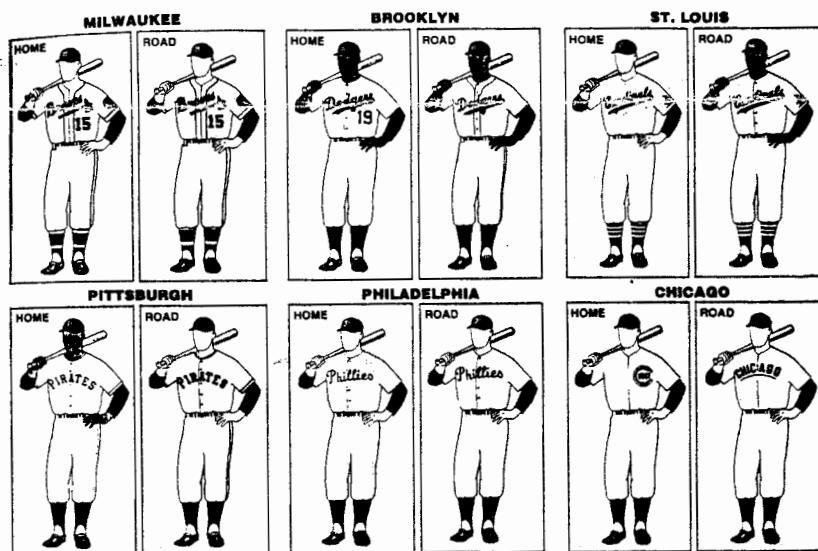
The late 50's were still rather conservative, especially in the world of baseball which managed to retain its rather traditional ways through the decades. And uniforms were no exception. The most dramatic variance of course occurred when Ted Kluszewski cut off the sleeves of his Reds' uniform to reveal his rather hefty biceps. Otherwise, it was still the staid white at home, gray on the road. Maybe a stripe here or there was changed, some lettering altered or colors shifted. It wasn't so much to induce marketing, which was fairly non-existent, but on the whim to just "change their luck." American League clubs did not undergo any style changes from 1956 to 1957. These are pictured below as they appeared in *"Great Baseball Uniforms of the 20th Century"* by Marc Okkonen. Catch that snappy ad for the '56 Pontiac.



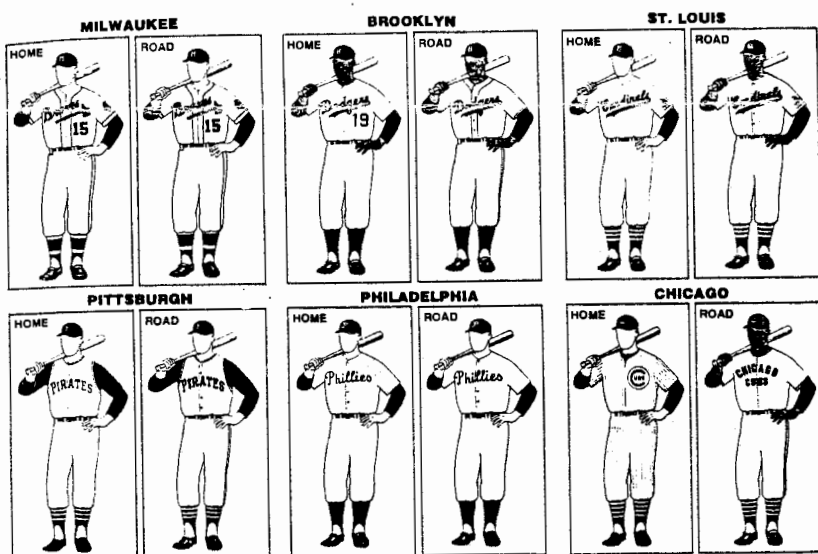
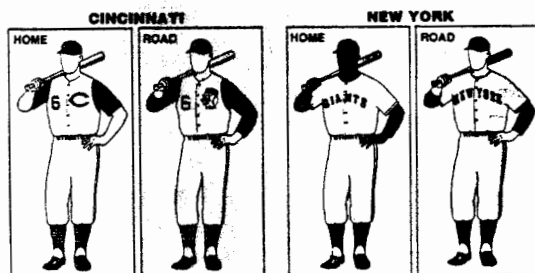
National League clubs are on Page 6.



The National League showed more initiative than its AL brethren in many areas, especially in the area of uniform style. Between '56 and '57, three teams showed rather dramatic changes. The Pirates went to the cutoff sleeves and added stripes to their socks. Not to be outdone, the Cubs added a large circle around CUBS on their home uniform and stripes on socks and hats. Someone must have got a deal! In 1956, the Reds, with their pioneer cutoff sleeves, had the cartoon face, "OLD RED" over the left breast on road uniforms. It was changed back to the familiar wishbone "C" in '57 but the hats were changed from red to white.



1956



1957

