



AROUND THE HORN

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Drafting Dead Ballplayers: Part II SPB-I Fun in the California Sun

by Lou Ross

Back in the dark ages, July 1993, when SPB consisted of only one league, I had the pleasure of meeting the charter members for the 1955 draft at Gary Plunkitt's home in Frankfort, Indiana.

At that time, I also had the opportunity to chronicle that rather brief encounter in an article entitled *Drafting Dead Ballplayers* for **The Sports Game Review**. The title was precipitated by the rolling of my wife's eyes when she was told I'd spend part of my summer vacation traveling to the site of the movie *Blue Chips* to draft a number of deceased baseball players, both stars and journeymen.

On March 7th, the SPB baseball world converged in the High Desert area of California at the home of Mike Cascarano for the 1960 free agent draft. Jim Wheeler, Gary Plunkitt, Rick Ryan and John Turnbull made their way into LAX and battled the mid-afternoon LA freeways for the trip to the Ramada in Palmdale. I had arrived earlier that afternoon on the short jaunt down from Seattle.

Unfortunately, Wheeler and Ryan were sans luggage, their bags having been sidetracked along the line. Intrepid

travelers, they managed to make it to the 5 PM dinner at Don Cuco's for some fine Mexican food, burritos, enchiladas and tostados, a few beers and most importantly, lots of laughs. Sure, there was some bragging and teasing, too.

One of the things that I missed on that 1993 trip was the chance to spend more than a few hours getting to know everyone face-to-face. The weekend allowed us to not only discuss league matters, but family and friends all the while swapping stories.

After dinner, it was off to Mike's for some head-to-head play and some rather serious trade talks in preparation for the draft the following morning. The grunts and groans coming from the den were of Mike's Marauders being downed by Jim's Flyers and Gary's Fortress in home series.

The missing luggage was finally located, after numerous problems, to the previously unknown Palmdale Airport. The bags were delivered after midnight, but not to worry. The four Midwest travelers were unable to sleep. No, not because of the anticipation of clean garb for the morning or debate over draft picks, the blaring car alarm right outside the rooms took care of that issue.

An early start on Saturday and the draft room was abuzz at 7:30 with papers spread out, computers fired up and master lists checked over and over. A sunny and warm day was on the horizon, one that would become bountiful in draft picks for

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Commissioner's Forum

by Gary Plunkitt

Many changes have been made in Seasons Past Baseball since the last issue of **Around the Horn**. As most of you know, Jim Wheeler has appointed me to succeed him as Commissioner. I hope to be able to keep you informed of all League updates and changes as well as Jim did. Basically everything will still be run about the same as under his realm.

Jim and I had talked about this for a couple of months prior to the actual switch in command. We have a fine staff of officers in the League who have always been able to keep things running smoothly when "little things" happen. The only change in officers will be that Rick Ryan has been appointed SPBII President to replace me in that position. I know most of us were sad to see the resignation of original manager Steve Ehresman, but it appears that we have some very capable replacement managers to fill his shoes. Maybe someday, Steve will find he is able to return, but until then, we wish him well.

With the formation and organization of **SPB IV (1970)**, we are once again expanding, and I would like to welcome each and every one of you to join this new and exciting venture! We will be looking for volunteers as usual for the positions of League statistician and League President, if you are interested please contact me with the position your interested in. By the way, Jim is being retained in the new League Officer position of League Treasurer. **Cont. Page 2**

"All winter long I am one for whom the bell is tolling; I can arouse no interest in basketball, indoor fly casting or bowling; The sports pages are strictly no soap, And until the cry of Play Ball, I simply mope."

Ogden Nash



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DIAMOND DUST

What this means is dues are still payable to him and he will still reward League trophies and plaques as well as make any League payments that come due. So, stick with us guys! It's going to be a long and exciting time!

Join us for baseball when it was the real thing!

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a number of managers. The first round moved along rapidly as the chips pretty much fell in place with the first surprise being when the Cascades chose Dick McAuliffe, a player whom Turnbull was ready to select with his 2nd opening round choice. The look on Mike's face when Tom Falduto's Saxons selected Ron Hansen in the 2nd round was priceless. He would now be forced to make a trade for a shortstop. And when the Seniors' pick in the 2nd round came up, Bob Buonaccorsi's response to my trade offer was a simple, "Here it comes" and an approval of the Nellie Fix swap.

The entire day was a great deal of fun, with lots of trips out to the lush green lawn and warm sun rays streaming through the patio doors. And the tostados left the building around noon.

Thanks not only to Mike for hosting the draft, but to his wife, Linda, for her undying patience and the great spread of food that was available all day. We never had to leave for dinner.

More games, loads of exaggerated stories, talk of 1970 and just a great camaraderie. Some more games on Sunday and then it was sadly over.

We're already planning the 1963 draft. I had planned to include the photos from draft day here, but some computer gremlins got in the way. Next month!!!!

April 1928- Senators open the season a day ahead of other teams and lose to the Red Sox, 7-5 with Calvin Coolidge tossing out the first ball....Grover Cleveland Alexander opens his 18th season with a 5-0 shutout for the Cards over the Pirates...Cubs set an opening day record as 46,000 are reported to attend the game at Wrigley...Yanks lose the morning Patriots Day game at Fenway to fall out of 1st place for the first time since May 1926....Detroit OF Paul Easterling hits his 3rd HR in 3 days, the last he hits in 1928.

July 1948- Dick Lane, an OF with Muskegon (Central) hits 5 HRs in a game against Ft. Wayne. He hits only 7 other HRs this year... Ted Williams faces 3 A's pitchers in the 7th inning as Boston scores 14 runs in a 20-8 win...Indians sign Satchel Paige.. Cubs beat the Phils 3-2 when Robin Roberts plunks Phil Cavarretta and Andy Pafko on successive pitches with the bases loaded in the bottom 9th...There are 3 managerial changes in one day. Ben Chapman is fired by the Phillies, replaced by Eddie Sawyer, but that news is upstaged in New York where the Giants fire Mel Ott and replace him with Leo Durocher, who gets his release from Brooklyn. The Dodgers name Burt Shotton as skipper... The Chisox' Fat Pat Seerey becomes the 5th major leaguer to hit 4 HRs in a game, the last in the 11th inning, to beat the A's, 12-11...Umpire Bill McGowan is suspended 10 days by AL President Will Harridge for throwing a ball-strike indicator at Washington players...Babe Ruth makes his final public appearance at the film debut of the *Babe Ruth Story*. He dies 3 weeks later....

Hot Stove '59-60- Jackie Jensen announces his retirement. He later says, "Looking back, it was foolish to quit, but I thought it would answer my fear of flying." For the second straight year, the BBWAA fails to elect a Hall of Fame member. Edd Roush, Sam Rice and Eppa Rixey are the top qualifiers, but fall far short...Jim Hearn wins the ML Baseball Players golf tourney.

"The man who has the infinite capacity to take a bad situation and make it immediately worse."

Branch Rickey, on Leo Durocher

"Our pitching staff is a conspiracy of ifs."

Rickey, often quoted, about various pitching staffs he had overseen.

Camilo Pascual wins a pair, including the clincher as Cienfuegos wins the Caribbean WS over Puerto Rico...Walter O'Malley completes the purchase of Chavez Ravine by paying \$494,000 for property valued at \$92,000... Branch Rickey meets with members of the Western Carolinas League to discuss pooling talent for Continental League clubs... Demolition of Ebbets Field begins. Roy Campanella is given an urn of dirt from behind home plate during the ceremony.

Strategy Note...

Tim Johnson, skipper of the West Warwick Monarchs, points out that he has found a way to save pitching appearances with the MP. Tim says you need to set **both** using relievers to less/least frequent **and also** set pinch hitting for pitchers to less/least frequent. This will keep starters in when they lead a game late and help save appearances for managers in road games.



Still Wheelin' & Dealin'

1928

22. THUNDERBOLTS send Ty Cobb and Al Shealy to the **CLOWNS** for Red Barnes, Kent Greenfield and Jack Cummings.

23. CLOWNS swap Bobby Reeves and Ed Holley to the **'STORMERS** for Norm McMillan and Red Rollings.

24. TIP-TOPS trade Babe Ruth to the **URBANITES** for Al Simmons and Fred Brickell.

1960

165. (REVISED) SENIORS trade Tony Taylor, Herb Score and the Seniors' 3rd round pick to **CUBS** for Billy Garner, Cal McLish, Carroll Hardy, Jackie Jensen and the Cubs' 2nd round pick.

166. (Previously reported as #165) ZEES send Frank Thomas and their 2nd round pick to the **CASCADES** for Jim Davenport and Pacific's 2nd pick.

167. DUCKS trade Billy Pierce to **CASCADES** for Bob Buhl.

168. CASCADES trade Nellie Fox to the **SENIORS** for a 2nd round pick and Billy Hoelt.

169. MAVERICKS exchange Bubba Phillips for **SAXONS'** Don Buddin.

170. SAXONS swap Gil McDougald to **BLACK SOX** for Russ Kemmerer.

171. SAXONS send Bob Nieman to **PELICANS** for Mel Roach.

172. PELICANS send Bob Allison and the #1 1961 pick to **DUCKS** for Jada Pinson.

1948 Game Reports

(Reports as Provided to Lou Ross)

Municipal Stadium opened its gates for three June home series for the **Rossville Hornets** as they hosted the **White Sox, Quackers and Elephants**.

Hornets took the opener against the **White Sox** 3-2 as rookie Ned Garver got the win in relief of Marino Pieretti who hung tough with Sox ace Ewell Blackwell...Jack Kramer bested Freddie Hutchinson in the second contest, 2-1, on a 2-run HR by Birdie Tebbetts...An 11-inning, 4-3 win for the Hornets the next day as Garver picked up another win in relief. Bob Kennedy's HR won it for Rossville..Hornets turned on the muscle in game 4 with a 9-2 win for Clint Hartung and a save from Garver...Hornets took the series with their 4th win, a 4-3, 10-inning contest. Gil Coan punched one out in the 10th to give Garver his 3rd win of the series wto go along with one save. Rick Ryan is already pro-moting Garver for Rookie-of-the-Year...With the faltering

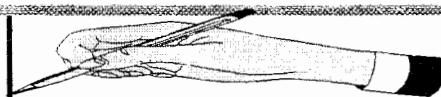


Evans-ton Elephants in town, the Hornets sent Garver in search of his 4th home win of the month. He responded with a

5-hit, 9-0, whitewash behind Jim Hegan's 2/3 with a 3B and 3 RBI and Mickey Vernon's sacks full 3B...Elephants righted the course to begin a 3-game win streak with a 6-4 win despite Bob Feller being KO'd. Joe DiMaggio was 3/4 with a HR and 2 RBI...E's kept it going with an 11-6 win as they rallied for 9 runs in the 9th against Bobo Newsom. Don Kolloway pounded out a pair of 2Bs and 2 RBI with his 4/6 game while DiMaggio chimed in with 3/6 and Marty Marion a pair of RBI and 3/5...Another comeback for the E's in game four, a 5-4 win with a pair in the 9th. DiMaggio again HR'd and Dave Philley came off the bench to go 2/3 with a 2B and HR.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



by Lou Ross

Maintaining a keen competitive balance is generally the key in any successful sports simulation and we do an excellent job here in **SPB**. With our unique random draft, to assure that teams will not "go into the tank" to gather the top draft choice to the decision to give the expansion teams the first two selections in the 1961 and 1962 drafts to make them competitive, we continue to maintain our leadership role.

Along those lines, one item discussed at the recent draft was a proposal which will give something back to the skippers who have worked long and hard and now need to sacrifice two potential HOF'ers for the expansion teams. If you remember, the new clubs got the opportunity (and will again in '62) to select 19 players who appeared on the roster of the new clubs This stocking method provided each club with a fairly good nucleus and each will add the aforementioned stars.

Therefore, it is proposed to the Rules Committee that in order to compensate for the loss of drafted players and the initial two draft picks:

"In any expansion draft season ('61,'62,'69), all existing clubs be permitted to protect 22 players from their current roster."

Not only does this proposal give something back to existing managers, it establishes a semblance of order and continuity. It will also reduce some of that tedious time spent in the final few rounds of the draft day process when managers are grasping at straws awaiting the appearance of the last remaining journeyman who can fill out the roster with unlimited ABs. Advise the Rules Committee of your opinion of this plan. LJR

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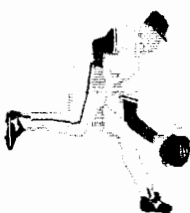
Ernie Bonham survived 4 ERs in 8 IP and Steve Gromek picked up his 2nd save.... With their backs to the wall, the Hornets rallied against Joe Hatten and Gromek for a 4-run 8th, highlighted by Kennedy's bases clearing 2B. Garver shut the door with a scoreless 9th and a 6-3 win.

Woodcrest Q's came into the Hornets' nest and left with a surprising 4-1 series win. Jackie Robinson's 2-run 8th inning 2B won the opener 2-1.. Q's made it two straight with a 6-1 win by rocking Ned Garver and handing him his first loss of the month with 9 hits in 6 1/3 innings. Bob Dillinger, Ted Kluszewski and Phil Cavarretta each banged out 3 hits... Hornets got on the winning track with a 3-run 8th inning rally and a 5-3 win. Hegan's 2-run 2B and a bags full walk to LaPointe. Cavarretta kept up the hot hitting with a HR. Hutchinson went the distance for the win....Q's came back with a 6-0, five-hit shutout by former Hornet Red Munger. Rossville pitchers walked ten batters...Q's turned up the power with a 13-3 win in the finale. They put it away early with 5 in the 1st and added 7 in the 9th. Hornets made six errors and only 6 of the runs were earned. Jim Russell put up a 3/4 with a HR and 3 RBI, Dillinger nailed two 2Bs and 2 RBI with 2/5 and seldom used Sal Yvars doubled and drove in two with a 2/4 game...

The **Evanston Elephants** came home to Yankee Stadium hoping to change their luck and met the **Dayton Flyers** and **Fairfield Federals**. But they kept rolling snake-eyes as the red-hot Feds swept up after the **Elephants**, winning all five. Allie Reynolds bested Bob Feller with an 8-3 win in the opener with Eddie Miller's 6th inning HR the big blow.... Howie Pollett got a 2-0 lead in the 1st on Marion's 2-run 1st inning 2B, but Sam Zoldak got a 2-run HR by Musial in the 4th and a 2-run 2B by Miller in a 4-run 6th for the 6-2 win...Miller kept up the hot hitting in game 3 with

a 2-run HR, a 2-run and one-run singles to lead Gene Bearden to an 8-4 win over Bob Savage..Walt Masterson got all the run-support he needed in the 1st inning of game 4 when Gene Hermanski slammed a 3-run shot. Masterson also smacked a 3-run shot in the 8th off Clem Dreisewerd. Bonham took the loss for the E's.... Johnny Schmitz got the 4-1 win in the finale over Joe Hatten. Roy Camp-anella had given the E's an early lead with a 4th inning solo, but the Feds picked up 3 unearned runs in the 5th and 6th. Feller mopped up for the E's to close the series.

Elephants had better luck, winning three against the visiting **Dayton Flyers**. Feller fired a 3-hitter in the opener, a 5-1 triumph over Al Gettel. Elmer Valo and Kolloway led a 3-run 2nd inning burst...Joe Haynes came back with a tough 2-1 win the next night, besting Savage with a 5-hitter.



Dale Mitchell's 3rd inning 3B and George McQuinn's 4th inning HR provided the margin. Virgil Trucks picked up the save with 2 solid innings of relief...Howie Pollett got a 6-0 lead to work with in game 3 against a and held on, 9-4. Augie Galan tripled home one in the 1st and scored on a PB and Ed Stevens singled home a 1st inning pair. Sam Nahem put out a 9th inning fire for Pollett.....Flyers broke a 2-2 tie with 3 in the 8th, keyed by RBI singles by Yogi Berra and Jackie Mayo. The E's touched up Bobby Hogue in relief in the 8th, but he settled down and held on for the 5-4 win. Elmer Singleton picked up the win with 1 1/3 innings of relief..Wild one in the getaway contest, a 10-9 ten-inning win for the E's. DiMaggio smacked a grand slam in the 4th and 2-run shot in the 6th. Flyers plated 4 in the 7th off reliever Mel Queen, on for Hatten. Feller was on in relief and singled in the 10th off Hogue and DiMaggio finished off his 3/5 game with a triple for the victory....

Tough inter-divisional battle between

two clubs who might very well meet in the World Series with the visiting **West Warwick Monarchs** and **Trees** at **Braves Field** to open the Evanston homestand. The first contest was a harbinger of games to come as the M's jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the 4th off Rex Barney with Hank Majeski's 2-run 1st inning 2B and Bobby Doerr's 3-run HR in the 4th giving the lead to Warren Spahn. Trees edged back on back-to-back HRs by Lou Boudreau and Frank McCormick in the 4th, a Wes Westrum 3B in the 5th and Red Schoendienst's 3-run shot in the 7th. Bill Kennedy failed to get an out in the 9th as Schoendienst singled and Hank Schenz doubled. Mickey McDermott allowed a 2-run single to Willard Marshall and a game winning RBI single to Boudreau for the 9-8 Evanston victory....Johnny Sain blew a 3-1 lead after six, allowing a Wertz 2-RBI 3B in the 7th, a Doerr 2-run single in the 8th and took the loss when the usually reliable Jesse Dobernic walked in one and allowed a single to Majeski. Elmer Riddle got the CG 6-hit, 7-4 win...

Monarchs took a resounding 10-6 win in game 3 with a 16-hit attack and a 6-run 7th inning keyed by Putsy Caballero's 2-RBI PH single and Doerr's 2-run 3B which overcame a 6-3 Trees' lead. Hal Gregg took the loss in relief of Johnny VanderMeer with the win going to starter Dizzy Trout and a save by Kennedy.... In game 4, the Trees' Robin Roberts allowed 3 runs in the 1st, highlighted by Doerr's 2-RBI single on the way to an 8-3 win for Monk Dubiel....In the finale, the M's again jumped out to a big lead for Spahn, 6-0 after 3 1/2 with 4 in the 4th on a Doerr 3B and Majeski 2B. With a seemingly secure 7-2 lead in the bottom 8th, Spahn walked two sandwiched around a Marshall single before he was relieved by Kennedy. He was rocked for a Clarence Maddern single, Don White's 2-run 2B and SFs by Westrum and Jeff Heath for the win for Blackburn in relief....

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Trees next faced the stubborn **Lafayette Gold Sox**, making their first road trip under the tutelage of new skipper Chuck Partington. Rex Barney pitched a 4-hit, 2-1 CG win for the Trees in the opener as Heath drove home both runs with a 1st inning SF and 6th inning HR... Gold Sox broke out of the temporary slumber and pounded out 24 hits in a 13-6 blasting of the Trees in game two. Sox soared to a 9-0 lead after 5 1/2 off Sain with 4 in the 1st and three in the 2nd on the strength of John Wrostek's 2-run 2B in a 3-run 2nd. Bill Kennedy faltered in the 6th and was relieved by Denny Galehouse who made it interesting, but held on...Another hitting onslaught, this time by both clubs, each with a dozen hits in game 3. Sox picked up two in the 9th for a 9-7 win for Forrest Thompson in relief of Bob Chesnes. Wrostek singled in the winning run and Dick Sisler hit a SF for an insurance run off Walker Dress....

Nice, crisply pitched masterpiece in game four, won by the Sox veteran Harry Taylor, 1-0. Taylor allowed his first hit to Boudreau leading off the 7th and was relieved by Jim Hearn who finished the inning. He was relieved by Thompson in the 8th for the save with only one hit allowed. Sox won it on a Rizzuto RBI single in the 5th, one of only 4 hits off Roberts Sox made it four straight with a CG 4-hit win by Harry Brecheen, 6-1. Wrostek HR'd in the 1st, Trees came back with an unearned run in the bottom and the Sox picked up the winner on a FC in the 6th and picked up 3 more in the 7th, led by Wrostek's 2-run HR as the first batter to face reliever Karl Drews....

Dodgers struggled at **Crosley Field** in June, posting only a 7-8 record against the **Trees, Marauders and Bears**, the last two series face-to-face.

Brooklyn won the opener against the **Trees**, 6-4, in a game featuring 29 hits, 15 by the Dodgers. Evanston

had a 2-0 lead after 2 1/2 when Dom DiMaggio doubled in one, Tommy Holmes tripled in the 2nd and Don Mueller singled in one off Sain. Bill Voiselle let the Trees back into the contest with solo runs in the 4th and 7th, but Sain squandered the game by allowing two out RBI singles to Buddy Kerr and Andy Seminick to make a winner of reliever Ken Johnson. Harry Gumbert was flawless in nailing the save.....Another 6-4 Dodgers' win in game 3, a strong effort by Sheldon Jones to topple Barney on a cold, windy evening. Joe Gordon continued his HR charge with a 2-run shot in the 1st and 3-run blast in the 7th. Schoendienst hit a 2-run 3B in the 9th, but the rally was thwarted by Hal White...Trees bounced back for a 5-1 win behind VanderMeer's 6-hitter over Schoolboy Rowe. Vandy helped his own effort with an RBI single in a 3-run 4th inning and Boudreau added a 9th inning HR off White to close the scoring...

Struggle right down to the end in game 4 with Cliff Fannin against Roberts. Boudreau's 2-run HR in the 3rd gave the Trees the lead, but DiMaggio's 2-run shot in the 5th put the Dodgers up 3-2. Heath tied it with a solo in the 6th and the Trees added another for the lead, but the Brooks plated 3 in their half helped by two errors and a PB. Two more in the 7th on a Seminick single, but the Trees got to Fannin and GUMbert for 4 in the 8th and an 8-8 tie. Dodgers touched



Blackburn in the 9th when Gordon walked, Holmes singled and Vico got an IW before Dobernic came on to give up the game-winning PH single to Litwhiler, 9-8...Trees closed the series with a 4-2 win with Earl Gillespie starting against Phil Marchildon. Marshall and Schoendienst HR'd for the Trees while Gordon hit another out for the Dodgers....

Dodgers won the first two against **Mojave**, but lost the next 3, similar to what had occurred back in the 1945 World Series. Al Dark and Gordon

swapped early HRs and the Dodgers broke it open with 6 in the 3rd against Eddie Lopat with Litwhiler's 3-run HR the big blow. M's picked up 4 in the 5th with Sam Chapman delivering a pair with a booming 2B, but the Dodgers iced it in the 6th on DiMaggio's 2-out 2-run single . Seminick added a HR in the 7th as Rowe posted the win...In game 2, M's took a 2-0 lead off Jones in the 1st and with one down and the bases full in the 2nd, Jones was pulled for Carl Erskine who stymied a rally. Gordon again HR'd in the 2nd inning, a solo off Blix Donnelly and added a SF for a 2-2 tie in the 3rd. Fain hit one out in the 4th for the 3-2 M's lead, but the Dodgers struck for 5 in the 5th with two bases full walks and a 2-RBI single by Erskine keying the rally. Fain doubled in a pair in the 8th, but Fannin held on in relief for the save, 10-5. Mojave outhit the Dodgers 18-12 and left 16 on base....M's turned things around in game 3, a nifty 7-1 five-hitter by Vic Lombardi over Marchildon. A Phil Masi SF and an error helped make it 3-0 in the 2nd, Lombardi singled one home in the 4th for the M's. Seminick hit a solo for the Dodgers in the 5th, but the M's plated 3 more in the 9th to close it out...

Game 4 was absolutely WILD and a fun game to play and strategize head-to-head. Voiselle started for the Dodgers against Mickey Haefner and the Brooks overcame Frank Gustine's 1st inning HR with Litwhiler's 2-RBI 2B in the bottom. Two more in the 3rd on a Litwhiler 2-run HR and 4 in the 4th led by DiMaggio's 2-run 3B made it 8-1. Fain doubled home one in the 5th before the roof caved in on the Dodgers when the M's scored 7 in the 6th. Marchildon loaded the bases with two walks and a single and he was relieved by Bud Lively, making his first appearance of the year. He walked Wally Moses, gave up a 2-run 2B to Fain, another to Gustine and 2-run single to Carl Furillo and the M's led 9-8. Dodgers

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went ahead 10-9 against Cliff Chambers with a pair in the 7th on two Mojave errors. Dodgers brought on the usually reliable Russ Christopher to hold the lead in the 9th, but he faltered, allowing 2-out RBI singles to Fain and Gustine. Hank Behrman left the tying run stranded in the bottom 9th to secure the win for Chambers....M's were on a roll and jumped out early in the rubber game with a run off Rowe in the 1st, but it was tied 2-2 into the 5th when the M's opened it up. Dark singled in one and Slaughter hit a SF for the 4-2 lead, but Dave Koslo held tough before giving way to Lopat in the 8th for the 4-3 triumph and series win...

Dodgers were matched in another rare head-to-head home matchup with the **Bears** and fell 7-1 in the opener to Ray Scarborough's 6-hit effort. Marchildon took his third loss of the homestand. Bears led 2-1 going into the 8th when Ralph Kiner led off with a HR. After coughing up a single, on came Andy Hansen who walked in a run and allowed a long bases clearing 3B to Whitey Lockman to cap the 5-run stanza...Game 2 saw the Dodgers ahead 1-0 on a Gordon single off Dutch Leonard, but Jones was rattled for 4 in the 3rd, with Lockman's 2-run HR and Eddie Robinson's 3B the highlights. Litwhilers' 2-run HR tied the game at 7-7, but the Bears broke through for 3 in the 9th against Rowe, on in relief. Robinson's two-run 2B did the damage as former Dodger hurler Red Barrett picked up the save....Three straight for the Bears with an easy 5-1, 7-hit CG by Larry Jansen over Erskine. Les Moss' 2-run HR in the 2nd was all the Bears needed...

Dodgers were able to win the final two by getting solid pitching efforts from Fannin and Ken Johnson's first start of the year. Fannin spun a 5-hitter in game 4, winning 5-1 behind a 3-run Gordon HR in the 3rd off loser, Howie Fox...Both Ellis Kinder and Johnson had permitted only 5 hits over the first 7 scoreless innings of game two

before the Bears broke through with one in the 8th. After walking the bags full, Johnson was replaced by Christopher who walked Robinson to force in the go-ahead run. Kinder gave up leadoff singles to Kerr and Claude Corbitt in the 8th, Barrett came on, but this time failed to hold his old mates. PH Bobby Brown singled home one and after two outs, Steve Vico grounded out for the go-ahead tally. Holmes and Seminick each doubled in one and Litwhiler two to close the six-run inning and the 6-1 win for Christopher...

Off to Shibe Park for the **Dodgers** and the usual tough battle with the **Chicago Whales**. Al Brazle flipped a six-hit zip, 4-0 in the opener. Starter Bill



Voiselle walked in a pair in the 3rd to extend the score to 3-0 and Aaron Robinson added a solo HR in the 6th to close the scoring. Whales jumped on a shaky Marchildon in game two, a 9-3 win for Ray Poat with relief help from Kirby Higbe and Bill Wight. Al Evans had a 2-run shot and Del Ennis added a 3-run shot for the Whales....Dodgers turned it around in game 3, coming back from a 5-0 deficit against Ken Raffensberger for an 8-5 win. Vern Stephens' 3-run HR in the 1st off Fannin gave the Whales the lead and Robinson added a 2-run shot in the 4th. These were the only two hits Fannin allowed in the CG effort. Seminick cut the margin with a 2-run shot in the 5th and a 3-run blast to tie in the 6th. Stephens' two-out error in the 7th put the Dodgers ahead and they added 2 in the 9th for the insurance tallies....

Brooklyn kept it going in game four. After falling behind 3-0 with Jones on the hill, Don Mueller's single in the 4th made it 3-2. Dodgers KO'd Carl Scheib and jumped on Higbe in the 6th for 4 runs with Don Mueller's 2B the big blow. He added a 2-run 2B in the 7th off Early Wynn for his 5th RBI of the day on the way to an 11-6 win...Tough one in the rubber match with Rowe matched against Rip Sewell. This time,

the Dodgers blew a 2-0 lead when Hank Sauer hit a 2-run HR in the 4th. Mueller kept up his hot hitting with an RBI grounder in the 5th and he singled in another in the 7th for a 4-2 lead. Johnny Lindell and Dixie Walker each singled in runs in the 7th to tie and the Brooks won it in the 8th on a 2-out single by Holmes off Ted Wilks. Hansen got the win in relief with a save by Christopher...

Still on the road, the **Dodgers** met up with their 1947 World Series rivals, the **White Sox** at Comiskey Park.

No contest in the opener, a 13-1 pasting by the Sox to topple Voiselle. Vic Raschi hurled a 6-hitter. Ted Williams had a pair of homers and a triple to lead the way... Brooklyn evened the series in game 2, a 6-5 win for Marchildon over Kramer. Seminick knocked home three and Mueller added to his hot streak with two more RBI. Kramer had given the Sox a 3-2 lead in the 2nd with a 2-run single and Ron Northey hit a solo shot in the 5th, but it wasn't enough...Sox were all over Fannin in game 3, an easy 16-0, three-hitter for Fowler. It was 6-0 after 6 and the Sox exploded for 9 in the 7th, sending 12 men to the plate. Tommy Henrich hit a 3-run shot off Hansen in the inning...Dodgers evened the series behind a strong effort by Jones, a 5-2 three-hitter. Brooklyn broke it open with a 4-run 4th as Gordon's 3-run HR followed Holmes' RBI single. Northey's 8th inning single KO'd Jones and Christopher came on for the save. A pair of wild pitches by Al Widmar in the 9th provided the Dodgers with a cushion...With the buses ready and the bags packed, the teams raced through a crisp 2-1 win for the Sox as Preacher Roe's 4-hitter bested Schoolboy Rowe. Henrich's 1st inning SF and Billy Hitchcock's single in the 5th put the Sox ahead. Holmes singled one home in the 7th, but Roe tightened the noose and left the tying run on base in the 9th for the CG win.

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White Sox remained at home for a series with the **Dayton Flyers** and came out on the short end, dropping three. Chicago took the opener, 4-2, with Blackwell besting Gettel. Eddie Waitkus doubled in two in the 4th to overcome a 2-1 deficit and Birdie Tebbets followed with a SF to close the scoring. Blackwell pitched out of a bases loaded jam in the 3rd by striking out Gil Hodges to end a rally and he coasted the rest of the way....Flyers took game two on the strength of a 13-hit attack, winning for starter Haynes, 5-3, over Kramer. Haynes drove home three runs with a pair of singles and a groundout and was at the plate when Kramer uncorked a WP for another. The eighth batter, Al Kozar, drove home the other run with a 3B. Henrich homered for the Sox and Trucks picked up the save for the Flyers...Dick Fowler was the beneficiary of another offensive onslaught in game 3. After the 16-0 whitewash of the Dodgers, Fowler got 11 runs of support, five in the 1st and 5 in the 4th to trounce Trucks, again starting after relieving in the previous contest. Northey doubled home two in the 1st, Williams soloed in the 2nd and Fowler singled home two in the 4th for the key hits. McQuinn's 4th inning sac fly spoiled the shutout....Sox had a 2-0 lead after three in game 4 when the Flyers buzzed the Sox for 4 runs. Westlake tripled in one, McQuinn and Hodges doubled in one apiece and Kozar singled home another. Henrich's HR off Byrne in the 7th tied the game at 5-5 and Byrne squeezed home a run in the 8th off Tom Ferrick for a 6-5 lead. Sox came right back on a Jeffcoat single off Hogue in the bottom half to tie. Pat Seerey greeted reliever Roe with a leadoff HR in the 9th and Westlake later doubled home the insurance tally of an 8-6 victory. Joe Ostrowski won in relief...

Dayton kept rolling along in the rubber game, putting twenty hits on the board in a 13-5 shellacking of

Blackwell. Gettel got the win with a CG 5-hitter and helped his own cause with a 2-run 3B in the 2nd. Wally Westlake picked up the only HR for the Flyers to KO Blackwell in the 5th. Henrich and Waitkus each hit 2-run HRs for the Chisox....

The American League contending **Frankfort Fortress** opened their three-team homestand with the **Chicago Whales** and the visitors left town with three losses under their belt. After the Whales had scored 3 in the top of the 2nd, the Fort bounced back to tie on Sid Gordon's 3-run bomb. Johnny Mize smacked one out in the 4th and added a 2-run shot later to lead a 10-4 Fortress win. Hal Newhouser bested Rip Sewell. Game two was a wild affair won by the Whales in the 13th, 5-4, on a Bert Haas SF. Ted Wilks notched the win with a save by Early Wynn and Spec Shea took the loss in a rare relief appearance. Andy Pafko netted 5 hits in the losing effort...The score was reversed in game 3 with the Fort winning on a Gerry Priddy single in the bottom 11th, 5-4. Higbe took the loss with Joe Page bottling the victory. Mize and Bill Nicholson clouted Fort HRs...Carl Scheib evened things for the Whales in game four with a masterful 2-hitter in a 10-1 rout. Despite the Whales' heavy hitting, it was a bases loaded walk to Vern Stephens which brought in the winning run. In the 7th, Fort reliever Erv Palica issued a 2-out walk and single and then 3 consecutive HRs by Sauer, Aaron Robinson and Don Lang to put the game away. Pat Mullin's PH HR for the Fort was the second hit and spoiled Scheib's shutout bid... In the finale, Rube Walkerwalloped a long 2-run HR in the 2nd inning to give Ken Heintzelman the _____ win over Sewell with a save effort by Eddie Klieman. Sid Gordon also homered for the Fort...

Next into Briggs Stadium came the **Chicago White Sox** and took the series from the **Fortress** 3-2 mark in a matchup which both skippers saw as a prelude to post-season play.

Mize cracked a grand slam in the 1st and the anticipated pitching duel between Raschi and Newhouser was in effect over as the Fort rolled, 17-3 with Bill Nicholson cracking 3-run HRs off 2 different Chisox relievers. Pafko also HR'd for the Fort....Sox fought right back and returned the first game favor by trouncing the Fort, 16-4. Kramer coasted to the win while Branca and Page were pasted. Henrich and Waitkus each had 4 RBI for the Pale Hose with Henrich's 2B in the 1st inning the game winner. Pafko had the only HR of the game...Spec Shea pitched a beautiful game in the hump contest defeating Fowler by a 6-4 margin. He only permitted 2 earned runs in the CG effort. Nicholson's single put this one away in the 1st inning while Nicholson crushed another HR, a 2-run 2nd inning shot... Toe-to-toe they went in game 4 with the Sox posting a convincing 5-1 win with Preacher Roe throttling Monk Meyer. Ted Williams smacked a solo HR in this one.....Slugfest in the finale with the Fortress roaring back to tie this one at 11-11 in the bottom 8th, only to see Waitkus deposit Page's first toss in the 9th over the RF wall for a one-run win and the series edge. Ferrick picking up the victory with Page swigging the loss. Hitchcock and Walker Cooper blasted 2-run HRs for the Sox.

Next in came the **Pachyderms** and the **Fortress** fired with all barrels to win three and send the E's trundling back to Evanston. Rookie Lou Brissie showed his good stuff in the opener and coasted to a 2-hit, 13-0 win led by Nicholson's HR and 3 RBI. Feller was also rattled by Kell and Mize with 3 RBI apiece...Heintzelman gave the Fort another win, this one 8-2 over Bob Savage. Mize nailed a pair of HRs and 5 RBI. Joe D. HR'd for the E's..A 4-run 9th brought the E's a come from behind 8-6 win thanks to two big erros. Ex-Fort hurler Boo Ferriss hurled two scoreless frames and was helped with a Steve Gromek save.. Valo's 2-run 2B brought in the winning runs while Ed Stevens added a 2-run HR earlier in the contest... **Continued Page 8**

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Fortress romped 12-4 in game 4 with Priddy smacking a 2-run HR off Bonham to give Monk Meyer the win. Pafko and Kolloway also HR'd....Great pitching performance in game five by Howie Pollett to give Evanston a getaway 2-0 triumph. Feller worked out of a 9th inning jam to earn the save. After getting the leadoff batter, Pollett issued a hit and walk before Feller fanned the next two batters. The winning run scored on a Whitey Platt 2-run single in the 5th to send Newhouser down to defeat.

The **Dayton Flyers** opened their homestand against the **Woodcrest Quackers** and took four in what was an interesting series. The Flyers' Virgil Trucks, with a save by Hogue, took the opener, 5-3 over Joe Coleman. A 4-run 3rd inning, keyed by Hodges' 2-run shot, put the Flyers over the top. Jackiem Robinson singled home one and stole two bases for the Q's....A 7-run Woodcrest 2nd inning of the 2nd contest was enough of a cushion to lead the way to a 13-8 win for Welteroth who pitched into the 7th before being picked up by Peterson. The base running orgy continued as the Q's stole a dozen bases in the game. Robinson's two steals in the 2nd were the impetus for the big rally with Ray Lamano's two-run single opening the gates off Al Gettel....Another 6 steals in game 3, but this time the Flyers prevailed, 13-11. Dayton broke a 2-2 tie in their half of the 2nd on Floyd Baker's 3-run shot off Wehmeier, but the Q's came back with 4 in the 3rd on RBI singles by Robinson, Russell and Lamanno and a bases full walk to Verban which sent starter Bill McCahan to the showers for Blackburn. After the Flyers tied in the 4th, Q's got 2 in the 5th only to see the Flyers plate 4 with Mayo's bases clearing double making it

10-8. Q's rtook the lead with 2 in the 6th and one in the 8th, but the Flyers put it away in their 8th on a McQuinn HR off Curt Simmons. Q's outhit Dayton by 16-8, but stranded 16....The big story in game 4 is that

the Q's failed to swipe a base and were gunned down by Weigel in their only two attempts. Flyers coasted, 6-1, on an 8-hitter by John Ostrowski over Erickson. Besides his excellent defensive game, Weigel doubled in two in the 1st to put this one away...Six of nine steals in game 5 and another loss for the Q's, 9-3, with Trucks over Welteroth. Robinson's 1st inning RBI single gave the Q's the early lead, but two by the Flyers, one on a Dillinger throwing error and another on Mitchell's RBI single, did the damage. Berra hit a 2-run HR for Dayton in the 6th to make it 6-3 and the Flyers added 3 in the 8th..



A head-to-head battle took place against the **Mojave Marauders** on drfat day and the **Flyers** came away with a slim 3-2 series edge...M's took a 1-0 lead in the 3rd off Houtteman on a Dark single in the 3rd and added another in the 6th on a force play off Hogue. Chapman added a 2-run single in the 7h and it stretched to 5-0 with Lopat working on a 2-hitter when the roof caved in on the M's. Seerey doubled in one and Gustine's error let in one and Layton hit a 2-run PH 3B before Behrman came on to allow a Mayo PH single and the tie. Trucks held the M's in the 8th and got the 6-5 win on Westlake's HR in the Dayton half....Once again, Trucks got a start the day after a relief appearance and he fell behind on Slaughter's 1st inning single. Blix Donnelly was nailed for a Seerey solo and fell back 2-1 in the 2nd. Clubs kept swapping runs with Chapman picking up a 7th inning HR for abrief lead. M's were up 8-6 after 8 and Thornton Lee tried to hold the lead in the 9th, but Appling walked and Westlake singled and with two down Seerey hit his 2nd HR of the game, a game winning 3-run blast for the win. McCahan got the victory... Lombardi turned the tables for the M's in game 3 with a 3-1 eight-hitter over Haynes. Chapman's 8th inning 2B and Rigney's PH HR in the 9th clinched this one.... Two straight for Mojave behind

Haefner's 3-hit gem, 6-1. Gettel allowed an RBI single to Ryan and Haefner SF to seal the game. Behrman picked up the save,,,,Tight finale with Koslo against Houtteman. Chapman singled and tripled in runs for a 2-1 M's lead after 6, but Flyers tied in the 7th and won in the 8th on Dick Whitman'a PH 2B off Chambers to take the series....

Final home series against the **Trees** was a washout for the **Flyers** as Evanston took four. Sain bested Trucks in the opener, 7-2, with Sain's 2-run 2B in the 2nd keying a 4-run inning and the Trees were never headed...Lack of pitching in game two as Barney bested Gettel. Boudreau's 2-run HR in the 3rd tied and then a big 6 run 6th blew it open. Sloppy game with 4 Dayton and two Evanston errors...Only series win for the Flyers came in game 3 with McCahan winning in relief for Bob Muncrief, who faced only 8 batters, over VanderMeer, 4-1. Hodges' 2-run 3B in the 6th broke overcame a 1-0 lead. Hogue picked up a save...Roberts tossed a not-so-tidy, 11-hit shutout, 7-0, in game four. Schenz (2) and Westrum had RBI doubles as five Flyer pitchers allowed 16 hits...Teams played the finale down to the wirewith Gillespie starting against McCahan. Trees picked up solo runs in the 1st through 4th innings with Shuba picking up a HR in place of Heath. Kozar hit a solo for the Flyers. Marshall and Schoendienst drove in 9th inning runs for a 2-run Trees' lead, but Whitman's 2-run 2B and Berra's SF tied it off Dobernic in the 9th. Houtteman allowed the game winning single to Shuba in the 10th for the 7-6 win.... **Continued Page 9**

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The **Griffith Stadium** crowd provided new manager Chuck Partington with a warm welcome as the **Lafayette Gold Sox** opened their three-series homestand. By the time they concluded with a 7-8 record, there were already questions about the franchise relocating for the 1949 season? Portland Beavers? Chew on that for awhile.

In the first series against the **Mojave Marauders**, game one belonged to the hitters with 29 base knocks, led by Buddy Rosar's five singles. The M's jumped out to a 5-1 first inning lead, but the Gold Sox battled back, scoring 3 in the bottom 6th for the win. M's overcame an early 4-0 Lafayette lead exploding for 6 runs in the 7th and solos in the 8th and 9th for an 8-5 win...Twenty eight hits in game 3, this one won by the M's, 5-4 in ten. Phil Rizzuto led the M's with 4/5...Although the Sox were out-hit 13-9 in game 4, they managed to pull out a 4-2 win. Rosar again led the way with a 3/4 with a 2B and RBI...Sox took the series with a 10-2 Bob Lemon 9-hitter in the finale. Stan Spence, Billy Johnson and John Wyrostek accounted for 7 of the 11 Sox hits with Spence banging out a HR and 3 RBI....

Things got a bit tougher in the next series as the always scrappy **Rossmoor Bears** prevailed with 4 wins on solid pitching and hitting. Bears won the opener, 10-9, as ten pitchers took the mound and allowed 29 hits. Kiner knocked out 5 hits for the Bears, including a HR. Joe Early banged out 3 hits for the Sox...Dutch Leonard flipped a 5-hit, 2-0, zip to give the Bears game two...Game 3 was another slugfest with 16 runs and 31 hits as Lemon took the CG loss, 9-7. Gold Sox took an early 4-0 lead and held it through the middle innings, but the Bears scored three times in the 9th. Eddie Robinson led the way with 4 hits and 3 RBI...The Bears' Ray Scarborough pitched a gem in game 4, shutting down the

Sox, 4-0, on 5 hits. Kiner added his 2nd HR of the series...Lafayette averted a series sweep behind a seven-run 2nd inning for a 10-7 win. Spence added another HR and 3 RBI...

Lafayette got off to a fine start against the **Chicago Whales**, taking the first 3 of the series before dropping the final pair. Lemon sparkled in the opener, a 5-hitter and a 5-2 win. Sox scored all their runs in the 1st inning....Harry Brecheen scattered a dozen hits on the way to a 4-3 Sox' win. Rizzuto, Wyrostek and George Strinweiss netted 7 of the Sox 10 hits.....A bit more offense in game 3 with 22 runs and 27 hits on the scoreboard and the Sox coming out on top, 13-9. This time, Strinweiss, Rizzuto, Wyrostek and King Kong Keller each had 3 hits...The tide turned and the Whales beached the Sox in game four as Ray Poat and Ted Wilks led a 7-1 win in game four... The diminutive Murry Dickson fired a 3-hit shutout to take game 5 for the Whales..



Over the stretch, the pitching staff, which was expected to be the Sox strong suit, posted an ERA near 5 as the June homestand ended at 7-8....

Jerry Dailey's **Fairfield Federals**, in the thick of the AL pennant chase, had a great homestand, winning 12-of-15...First in were the **Evanston Trees** and the Federals took four. Fairfield came back from an early 4-0 deficit to win the opener, 6-4. Boudreau's 3-run HR in the 1st off Allie Reynolds gave the Trees the early lead, but the lead was cut to 3-2 after six against Sain before the Feds exploded for four in the 7th. Hoot Evers' 2-run PH single was the key blow to put the Feds on top to stay...Barney topped Schmitz for the only Trees' series win, 3-1. Jack Conways's PH 2-run 2B in the 8th broke a 1-1 tie....Bearden spaced out

13 hits for a CG 5-1 win in game 3. VanderMeer allowed ten hits, including HRs by Gene Hermanski and Stan Musial...Feds broke a 6-6 tie in game four on Evers' 2-run 8th inning HR off Robin Roberts to give the win to Sam Zoldak who came on for Masterson in the 2nd. Ken Keltner knocked home 3 for the Feds with a 2-run HR and 2B while Heath's 3-run HR in the 9th only made it close for Evanston....Feds took a 4-1 lead for Parnell in the 1st inning of the finale with Keltner's 2-run 2B off Earl Gillespie the big blow. Trees got five in the 4th on triples by Boudreau for one, Don White for two leading the way. Miller's 5th inning 2B knocked home the winning run for the 7-6 victory....

Next in were the **Bears** and the **Federals** took the series, 3-2. Schmitz tossed a 5-0, four-hit zip in the opener and drove in the winning run off Kinder in the 2nd with a single....Bears bounced back the next night with a 5-3 come-from-behind win against Parnell. Musial drove in the first two runs with a 1st inning HR and 3rd inning single, but the Bears plated 3 in the 5th led by Christman and Al Clark singles. The Feds tied on a Miller single in their half. Gus Niarhos, batting in the leadoff slot and Christman, singled in runs in the 7th for the Bears' win...Long affair in the hump game, a 13-inning contest won by the Bears, 3-2. Larry Jansen got the start for the Bears and was followed by 5 relievers with the win finally going to Ed Heusser with a save by Ken Burkhart. Bearden started and Masterson took the loss. Lockman scored in the 2nd when Larry Doby threw wild to 3B after an Eddie Yost fly ball, but the Feds knotted it in the 3rd. Clubs matched solo runs in the 8th and it stayed that way until the 13th when Yost led off with a long blast to greet Masterson. With two down and

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Hermanski in as a PR at 2B for Herman Franks, Carden Gillenwater lined a single to LF. Lockman quickly scooped up the ball and his throw home was right on the mark to Niarhos to wipe out the potential tying run and end the game....Another extra inning affair in game 4 with Reynolds getting the start against Scarborough. Eddie Robinson's 3-run HR in the 6th put the Bears on top 3-2 and it stayed that way until Hermanski's PH single in the 8th off Barrett tied it up. Barrett was still hurling in the 10th when he walked Del Rice and Gillenwater went in to run. He quickly scored on Neil Berry's 2B for the 4-3 win. Zoldak took the victory....Federalers closed out the series with a 4-1 win, a sharp 2-hitter for Johnny Schmitz. The first hit tied the game in the 6th when Clark singled home Bears' starter Howie Fox. After Musial's SF in the 6th put the Feds in front, Miller's 2-run single iced it....

Federalers finished off the homestand with a resounding sweep of the **Mojave Marauders**. Harry Walker's 2-run 3B in the 3rd off Lopat followed Musial's SF to offset Slaughter's 2-run 2B off Reynolds in the top of the inning. Reynolds added an RBI 2B in the 4th and the Feds added another in the 5th. Phil Masi's 9th inning HR off Potter wasn't enough as the Feds won, 5-3....Schmitz went all the way in game two, this time sprinkling 11 hits in a 3-2 victory over crafty Dave Koslo. Al Dark gave the M's a 1-0 lead in the 5th with a single, but the Feds rebounded with a Musial RBI 2B and Keltner single in their half. M's tied in the 6th on a Rigney single. Koslo issued a Keltner 2B to start the 7th and was pulled for Lombardi who was greeted by a Walker game-winning single to close the scoring....Another CG in game 3 with Bearden allowing 7 hits in a 5-3 Feds' win against Howie Judson. M's held a 2-0 lead until Musial hit a solo HR in the 5th and Doby's PH SF in the 6th tied the game. RBI singles by Keltner

and Evers made it 4-2 in the 7th. The teams swapped runs in the 8th and Bearden held on for the win....

Although the Federalers swept, it wasn't easy, as witnessed in the final two games. With the game tied 1-1 after two in game 4, with Masterson on against the M's Hank Behrman, the M's got 3 on a Dark RBI double, Rigney single and Dente error at SS. Feds got two back in their half on Stevens and Berry singles and they added 3 more in the 4th keyed by Musial' 2B. Rigney HR'd for the M's in the 6th and it moved along to 9-7 Feds after eight. The M's tied it with two in the 9th against Satchel Paige on Chapman's triple and Coleman's squeeze bunt. Feds failed to cash in against Bryan Stephens, Cliff Chambers and Thornton Lee through the 10th while Potter held the M's into the 10th. With one down in the 11th, Slaughter reached on a Keltner error and eventually was nailed at the plate attempting to score on an IF bouncer to 2B. Rigney then singled in two to give the M's an 11-10 lead which turned out to be short lived. Miller doubled off Lee, Hermanski followed with a PH single with one down and Blackie Schwamb relieved. Gillenwater singled in two, the second scoring on Slaughter's throwing error. Keltner followed Musial's IW with the game winning single to left... Fairfield had a difficult time in the getaway game, falling behind 5-0 after 5 1/2 with Reynolds on the hill against Haefner. Musial's 6th inning 2-run HR made it 5-2, but Chapman added a solo in the 7th followed by Rigney's RBI single and it was 7-2 Mojave. Feds loaded the bags against Haefner in the 7th and with one out, Musial launched a grand slam just inside the RF foul pole to cut the score to 7-6 and send Haefner to the showers for Lombardi. M's added a run in the 8th off Paige for an 8-6 lead. In the 9th, Musial hit his 3rd HR of the game, this one leading off against Lombardi who then left after yielding a single to Keltner. On came sophomore Stephens who let Berry bunt his way on. Dente bunted both runners over. Scheffing then singled in

one and with Chambers on, Hermanski lashed a game winning single to CF and the 9-8 margin...

Fenway Park will see the **Woodcrest Quackers** spending the final months of the '48 campaign serving in the spoiler role and they started their June homestand by taking three from the **Gold Sox**, even after losing the opener to Bob Lemon's 2-hit, 6-0 gem. Dick Welteroth was left in to take a 13-hit pounding, including 4 Sox doubles....Q's bounced back with an 8-4 win in game two, scoring all their runs in the 2nd inning off Taylor and Kennedy. There were no extra base hits in the inning and Taffy Wright, Dillinger and pitcher Joe Coleman each driving home two apiece...Gold Sox used the shutout route, 6-0, in game 3 as Harry Brecheen and Billy Pierce toppled Curt Simmons. Q's outthit the Sox 9-5, but couldn't break through. Sox scored all 6 in the 8th inning with Dick Sisler (2-run) and Johnson homering...Q's got righted in game 4 with a 10-6 win for Kent Peterson in relief of Herm Wehmeier over starter Bob Chesnes and Kennedy. Sox led 4-0 in the 5th when the Q's rallied to tie and scored another 4 in the 6th. Don Lund tripled and HR'd for the Q's....Another comeback win in the rubber game with the Q's bouncing back from a 3-0 deficit in the 6th to tie and notch another 3 in the 7th for the win. Peterson picked up his second straight win in, in relief of Welteroth. The only HR's were by the Sox' Spence and Sisler....

The league leading **Federalers** visited Fenway and took 3-of-5 from the **Q's**. A 5-run 4th by the Feds led to a 10-5 win for Allie Reynolds over Welteroth. Evers, Musial and Miller HR'd for the Feds who knocked out 15 hits in the win...Coleman tossed a sharp 5-hitter in game two for a 2-1 win. Jim Russell's HR was the key blow for the Q's who took advantage of errors by Granny Hamner and starter Mel Parnell for an unearned tally...Feds got the bats untracked in game three

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with a 13-3 attack over Wehmeier for Bearden. Q's took a 3-0 lead in the 2nd on RBIs from Reese and Verban and one uearned run. Feds broke a 3-3 tie in the 8th with 7 runs off Wehmeier who stayed on to be tagged for the CG loss. Hermanski and Hamner each drove home 3 apiece for the Feds...Musial's 1st inning HR off Alex Kellner in game 4 gave Zoldak and the Feds an early 2-0 lead. Russell singled home Robinson in the 2nd to half the lead, but Zoldak scored after one of his two walks in the 5th for the insurance run. Masterson finished for the save with 2 innings of relief, although he allowed one run for the 3-2 win... Quackers saved faced in the finale, an 11-inning, 3-2 win with Weltheroth gaining the CG 7-hit win...Russell and Robinson singled home runs in the 1st inning of Schmitz and it stayed that way until the 9th when PH Ed Stevens and Neil Berry each singled in runs. Dillinger's 10th inning base knock won it off Clyde Shoun in relief, 3-2...

Just outside friendly confines of **Wrigley Field**, most likely in one of the houses within range of an Al Zarilla blast, there are scientists working day and night in **West Warwick** producing something called the *Money Changer*. This incredible piece of machinery, which will sort your loose change into the proper slots, is expected to be in production for the next fifty years or so where it will be unleashed on an unknowing public via something called cable TV. Is that in color?

In the interim, the **West Warwick Monarchs'** quest for the AL throne met with a bit of an uprising in June as they lost 7-of-15 in their 3 home series. First in were the **Rossmoor Bears**, but Joe Dobson hurled a CG, 3-2 opening game win over Kinder. M's scored all their runs in the 1st on RBI singled by Zarila, Doerr and Majeski. Eddie Robinson's 2-run single in the 6th closed the gap, but Dobson stiffened and retired the final ten batters for the triumph...Dutch Leonard and Dizzy Trout were locked in a 1-0 duel through 8 innings with Kiner's SF

bringing home the only run. But the Bears jumped on relievers Earl Johnson and Monk Dubiel for 4 two-out runs on singles by Pete Suder (2 RBI), Bud Stewart and Les Moss. Leonard spotted 4 hits in his 8-inning stint while Rush went 1-2-3 in the 9th to close out the 5-0 victory...Elmer Riddle and Jansen matched 7 scoreless innings when the Bears broke through after loading the bags on 3 straight walks and Kiner again hit a SF for a 1-0 lead. With Rush trying to again close the door in the 9th, Marv Rackley and Billy Goodman singled and after Rackley was nailed at the plate trying to score on Ed Pellagrini's grounder, Doerr then singled in the tying tun. With Sanford on in relief, Tucker singled to load the bases and Majeski got a free pass for the winning run. Ken Trinkle picked up a save ...Bears evened the series with a 6-4 game four win. Bobby Thomson's 2-



run 8th inning HR knotted the score at 4-4 off Sanford. In the Bears' 9th, Kiner smacked a 2-run HR off Willard Ramsdell for the win...Deja vu as Dobson picked up another 3-2 win, this time over Howie Fox. Bears led 2-0 in the 7th when Zarilla led off with a HR and with Rackley at first, he stole 2B with Sanford on the hill. After Majeski bounced out, Caballero singled home the tying run and after a Sam Mele PH single, Dobson won this one for himself with a single..

Visiting next were the **Chicago White Sox** who took the first contest by a 9-4 score, exploding for 7 runs in the 8th inning to erase a 4-2 M's lead. Five Chisox hits, coupled wiht 3 errors led the osluaght. Bobby Sturgeon's 2-run single and Ted Williams' 2-run HR did the most damage in a win for Raschi...M's bounced back behind Riddle in game two with the teams combining for 21 hits in a 4-2 Monarchs' win. Williams and Good-man each posted a 3/4 day. Vic Wertz was ejected in the 4th

inning for arguing a strike call...Fowler, who is accustomed to getting great offensive support from the Sox batters, managed to get through this one with a 2-0 win over Dobson. Williams and Tebbetts drove in the runs with singles. Ferrick got the save...Another pitching duel in game 4, 3-2, with Kennedy evening the series for the M's besting Roe. It was a surprise that more runs were not scored since the wind was blowing out to LF at 23 mph. With the score tied at 1-1 in the 8th, Doerr led off with a HR and Johnny Hopp hit a PH single to score Rackley who had doubled. Sox threatened in the 9th when with one out, Eddie Stanky and Elliott walked and Waitkus singled off reliever Johnson. After Williams hit a SF to cut the lead to 3-2, Henrich fanned to close it out...The rubber game was a tough battle with Trout holding a 4-1 lead going into the 5th led by a Thomson 2-run HR in the 2nd. Opposing pitcher Vern Bickford doubled, and Eddie Lake doubled him home. Trout walked two to load the bases and Tebbetts hit a SF for the tie. Thomson led off the 6th with a 2B and after a walk, Trout singled to load the bases. After a force at the plate, Joost got a bags full walk and Zarilla surprised the Chisox with a successful squeeze bunt. In the 9th, the M's loaded the bases with one down and PH Hal Peck drove in one, but Elliott was nailed at the plate by Wertz. Trinkle, working his second inning, got Cooper to ground out and give the Monarchs the series...

It was the final home series which sent the **Monarchs** reeling with the **Chicago Whales** doing the damage by taking 4-of-5. M's jumpd out 3-0 in the opener. but Murry Dickson and Ashburn each drove in runs and in the 5th, Hank Sauer uncorked a 2-run blast for the lead. Erickson was in control until the bottom 8th when Zarilla's 2-run HR put the M's up 5-4. Sauer launched his 2nd blast of the game in the top 9th off Trinkle for the 7-5 win...Whales rolled in game 2, although it was only 2-0 through five. Ennis, Stephens, Robinson and Lang each drove in two runs..Cont. Pg. 12

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The Monarchs picked up their only win of the series behind Dobson who allowed 11 hits, but beached 10 Whales on the bases. M's made the most of their 7 hits with Zarilla picking up another HR and 2B. Scheib took the loss...Whales jumped out 6-0 in game four with two each in the 1st, 2nd and 5th, but WWM used Thomson's 2-run HR to help slice the lead to 6-4 in the 8th before Wilks fanned Wertz to end the rally. Wilks did allow 3 singles in the 9th but no runs, before Zarilla grounded out to close the battle. Poat won over Kennedy...A 10-inning thriller in the finale as the Whales scored 3 in the 7th for a 5-3 lead on RBI singles by Ashburn, Walker and Ennis. Vaughan's single in the 8th cut the score to 5-4 and Caballero's bases full walk in the 9th tied things at 5-5. Ennis followed Walker's triple off Dubiel with the game winning single and Wilks pitched the 10th to close things out for the 4-1 series win for the Whales...

After losing 13-of-20 on the road, the **Mojave Marauders** limped home to the **Polo Grounds** to continue their fall below the .500 mark with a difficult 3-7 stand. The **West Warwick Monarchs** used this series to keep pace in the AL race by winning four. The Marauders tied the opener at 3-3 in the 8th only to see Howie Judson allow two 9th inning relief runs and give WWM the 5-3 victory...Again tied in the 8th, this time at 4-4, Mojave scored 3 for the 7-4 win. Billy Cox was 2/3 with 3 RBI and Haefner won in relief over Dubiel...Game 3 looked like a lock for Mojave after scoring 4 in the 8th to take a 5-4 lead and Behrman on in relief. However, WWM tied it in the 9th and lost 6-5 in the 11th...Another nailbiter in game 4 with Mojave scoring 3 in the 1st, only to see the Monarchs score solo runs in the 4th, 6th and 8th to tie. Marauders scored a pair in the 8th for the 5-3 lead, but gave up Zarill's 2-run shot in the 9th. Mojave's solo wasn't enough in the 6-5 defeat...Marauders were happy to see the Monarchs leave town and handed them a 6-5 win on get-out-of-town

night. Marauders took a 2-0 lead after 4, but the Monarchs scored two in the 5th, one in the 7th and three in the 9th for the 6-2 lead. Mojave chipped back with 3 in the 9th, but with the winning run on at 2B, the usually reliable Ferris Fain popped out to end the contest...



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Federals	45	25	.643	--
Fortress	42	28	.600	3
Monarchs	37	33	.529	8
Flyers	36	34	.514	9
Dodgers	35	35	.500	10
Gold Sox	34	36	.486	11
Hornets	27	43	.386	18
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
White Sox	38	32	.543	--
Whales	37	33	.529	1
Bears	36	34	.514	2
Marauders	34	36	.486	4
Trees	33	37	.471	5
Elephants	30	40	.429	8
Quackers	26	44	.371	12

The **Marauders** had hoped to rebound in a tough face-to-face battle with the **Frankfort Fortress** on draft day, but the only thing that came out in this series were the antacid tablets and gasps of "Oh, &^%\$" from the war room. The scoresheets were lost in the battle.

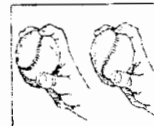
Mojave took the opener by a 4-2 count with Behrman gaining the win in relief of Eddie Lopat as Meyer took the defeat...Frankfort won the next pair, a 5-3 win by Newhouser over Donnelly and then 5-2 as Erv Palica bested Mickey Haefner.

Teams split the final two, to give the series to the Fortress. After Koslo bested Spec Shea, 5-2, with relief ace Hank Behrman gaining the save, the Fortress turned on the firepower and blasted Cliff Chambers, 9-1. Brissie was the recipient of the outburst.

June '48 Notes

by John Ungashick

The big story of 1948's third month was the meteoric rise of the **Fairfield Federals**. They surged to a 20-5 record and made up seven games in the standings, passing the Fortress, who now find themselves 3 games out in the American League. Things tightened up considerably in the National as the **Chicago White Sox** stumbled and now find themselves with a razor thin one game lead over the crosstown Chicago Whales and just two over the surprising Bears. Even the fifth place Trees are within five games of the lead.



Stan Musial of the Federals had an outstanding month and must now be considered

a serious contender for the Triple Crown. He leads in the batting race with a .389 mark, in RBI's with 70 and is tied at 21 homers with Joe Gordon, just one behind league leader Hank Sauer.

Bob Lemon of the Gold Sox is the only 10 game winner in the league.

The **Federals** also enjoyed a near sweep of the monthly awards. **Team-of-the-Month** was no contest as was **Player-of-the-Month**. **Musial** led in almost every category as he hit .429 with a .504 OBA, 28 runs, 26 RBI's and 11 homers.

Two teammates vied for the **Pitcher-of-the-Month** honors, both from the Federals. Gene Beardon went 4-0 with a 2.00 ERA and 4 CG's in 5 starts, while **Johnny Schmitz** was 4-1 with a 1.08 ERA and 4 CG's in 6 starts. The nod goes to Schmitz.

The only non-Federal to gain an award was **Forrest Thompson** of the Lafayette Gold Sox who had 4 saves and only allowed one unearned run in 11 June relief appearances to grab **Reliever-of-the-Month** honors. However Nels Potter of the Federals with a win, 3 saves and an 0.82 ERA in five games finished second.



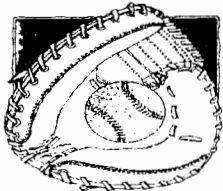
1928 PRE-SEASON PROGNOSIS

by John Ungashick

Only a few things are clear as the **SPBIII** league enters its second campaign, but one of the most certain is that we will **not** see the same teams in the **1928** World Series as were there in the inaugural season. The Champion Dayton Tip-tops, fresh from a controversial late spring trade of last year's MVP Babe Ruth, are a shadow of their former selves, especially on the mound. In fact Judge Landis is currently investigating a rumor that "undesirable Italian surnamed individuals" were factors in the trade. The former Atlanta Crackers, now the Astoria Knights, had the league's best record in 1927 but might challenge for the worst in 1928.

The Route 66 Barnstormers combine a solid offense with an excellent pitching staff and are clearly the class of the American Division. The National should shape up as a two team race between the Hawks and Wildcats with the Roses given an outside chance if they can get any pitching whatsoever.

Below is a team by team breakdown:



AMERICAN LEAGUE

Route 66 Barnstormers - The Stormers should have five .300 hitters in the lineup together a good bit of the time along with Lu Blue who hit "only" .281 but could easily hit 30 doubles with double figure triples and homers, plus draw 100 walks. The Stormers also possess a great defense and a pair of sure 20 game winners, Dazzy Vance and Larry Benton. The bullpen is OK but the starters are so good they will complete most of the games.

Hollywood Stars - Flip a coin for the second and third spots in the division. The Stars should have a slightly better team BA but the Rainiers possess more

power while the pitching staffs are almost identical. Heine Manush is the leader of the Stars' offense and is poised for an MVP quality season, but he is hardly alone. Rookie Chuck Klein will contribute substantially in a part time role and George Grantham will be a real force in the batting order. On the mound George Gray and Sam Pipgras, while not as spectacular as the Stormer duo, could end up with a similar number of victories.

Seattle Rainiers - The Rains' have probably the best balanced power lineup in the league led by Jim Bottomley and Harry Heilmann. First sacker Bottomley will be a candidate to achieve 150 runs, 150 RBI's and 100 EBH's. The lineup has four or five players who could potentially get 30-40 doubles and double figure triples and homers. The pitching staff is more balanced, but lacks the sensational duos possessed by their two main competitors.

DAYTON URBANITES- Formerly the Lafayette Spiders, this club underwent an 11th hour franchise sale and will be under the leadership of John Turnbull. They acquired the Bambino, the Sultan of Swat, the best player in the game, George Herman Ruth for a little more than that given up by the Red Sox in 1919, but not much. Ruth will combine with Double XX, Jimmy Foxx, to give the Nites a devastating lefty-righty 1-2 punch. Sadly, the balance of the batting order is not up to these high standards and the two big guys should draw an inordinate number of intentional walks throughout the season. The mound staff is not bad, just thin. All the starters will need to pull double duty as they only possess seven reliable hurlers.

Hoosier Thunderbolts - It's probably a mistake to pick a Gary Plunkitt owned team for the second division, but given the fact his number one farm team (i.e. patsy) is now a full time father and zero time SPB manager, the pick might be safe. Chick Hafey and Pie Traynor, though

not possessing impressive OBA's, are an excellent 1-2 punch but the lineup falls off badly thereafter. Most of the team's power is concentrated in a few players who can thereby be pitched around. General Crowder is the ace of the staff but most of his mates are part timers or mediocre swingmen.

Dayton Tip-Tops - How the mighty have fallen! Even without the trade of Babe Ruth, the 'Tops would have had a rough time in 1928 as the offense has atrophied and the pitching staff seriously declined. Big Al Simmons will try to pick up the cudgel of the Bambino but he is practically alone as a power source. Bill Sherdel and Jesse Haines might both be 20-game winners with better support but the rest of the staff is weak.

Indianapolis Clowns - This team finished last in 1927 and will "battle" the Tip-Tops for the cellar in 1928. Ty Cobb will close out his career with a high average, relatively punchless, season. Don Hurst may be the only Clown to hit more than 5 homers and will see very few good pitches as a result. Red Ruffing will put up quite a few quality innings, but probably have no more than a 20 game losing season to show for it. Sad Sam Jones will have substantially fewer, though possibly higher quality, innings but only a handful of victories.

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Schaumburg Hawks - It is tempting to pick the Wildcats, but the author will not jinx his team and as a result gives the nod to the Hawks. Seriously, a monster post-draft trade has given Mr. Faldini a real shot at the flag if his pitching can hold up. The big four of Sam Rice, Riggs Stephenson, Del Bissonette and Charlie Gehringer will ignite many rallies and score a ton of runs but somebody has to pitch. With luck spitballer Burleigh Grimes and ancient Pete Alexander might combine for 45 wins and give the pennant to Schaumburg, but they cannot slip too often as the rest of the staff will not be able to pick up the slack.

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'28 Preview

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Evanston Wildcats - The 'Cats won 87 games in 1927 despite hitting only 17 home runs the entire season. This year's edition could easily double that number but still finish last in the category. Central to the offense will be MVP candidate Paul Waner and a host of nearly identical mates. A devastating righty-lefty bench combo of Beauty McGowan and Red Dorman will also contribute but the key to the season will be the pitching staff. The team may well not have a 20-game winner but could have four or five who win at least 15 with Herb Pennock the ace. If Watty Clark is moved exclusively to the bullpen, as is rumored, he will be a devastating closer, giving the 'Cats a weapon



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denied to almost every other team in the league.

Mount Hood Roses - This team may be the pre incarnation of the 1930 Philadelphia Phillies (first in

offense, last in pitching) but will certainly not match the Phils by finishing last. The lineup has five regulars, led by Rogers Hornsby and Lou Gehrig, who could each hit over .330 with power and the rest of the batting order is no slouch. Then we get to the pitching staff. Bill Doak and Grady Atkins are fine hurlers but they can't pitch every day and an inordinate amount of starts will have to be given to the likes of Ed Brandt and Alex Ferguson.

Evanston Wizards - The Wizards and Gamblers should battle it out for fourth place and either could rise to third if the Roses' staff springs a few leaks. Evanston has a slightly better offense than Gurnee but not as good a pitching staff. Mel Ott and to a lesser extent Mickey Cochrane, are the only real power sources, but the team does possess some decent

singles hitters. Ted Lyons could either win or lose 20 games depending on his level of support.

Gurnee Gamblers - Goose Goslin and Tony Lazzeri will lead the offense, although it would be better if either would take a pitch once in awhile. The team also possesses a decent running game which should lead to a few victories but the real strength is on the mound. With proper support the team has four pitchers who could each win 15-20 games and an excellent reliever in Hal Haid but they won't get much help from the rest of the staff.

Gem City Gladiators - The former Gurnee Grunts will be hard pressed to equal, let alone surpass, last season's 79 victories. The offense has some pop, especially from Bill Terry and Hack Wilson, but they lack consistent on base. Plus, the manager will be forced to shuttle players in and out as he lacks a solid core of every day performers. On the mound, Lefty Grove is almost alone as his mates are all part timers or washed up journeymen. Of course, the league scuttlebutt has it that the new Gladiator owner has never been a big fan of pitching.

Astoria Knights - The former Atlanta Crackers are the best bet, if not beaten by the Tip-tops, to be the first SPB team in history to fall from pennant winner to cellar dweller in one season. Babe Herman is a fine player, but like the rest of the team suffers from an aversion to the base on balls. The pitching staff isn't much better with the only choice being whether to make Firpo Marberry a part time starter or full time reliever. Moving Firpo exclusively to the 'pen will free up starts for some pretty grim hurlers.

Manager Sheet Next Month

Next month, a one-page list of all SPB managers, including current home addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses will be included with **Around the Horn**. Sorry for the delay. LJR

SPB-IV 1970 Moves Forward

Once it was determined that the 1906 season just wouldn't fly (heck, there weren't even planes then), with the inability of the present DMB to properly handle pitching of the era, the contingency plan went into effect for the 4th SPB League.

The newest era will begin with the 1970 campaign and should provide the same familiarity, excitement and anticipation of our other leagues. There will be some new twists and innovations involved with the inception of SPB-IV.



Each team will receive the hitting from one team and pitching from another at a random drawing. For instance, the Mets pitchers and Braves pitchers. A manager will then choose six players from the list in any combination. After that, a regular stocking draft will be scheduled.

The actual play of the league will be structured so that no more than two leagues are active at any one time. We look to have the '70 draft around August 15th with begin play from October through March.

As of the end of March, there are 18 managers already on tap, 14 of whom are already active in at least one SPB league. The newcomers include Mike Murphy and Rod Witten who will be taking over expansion teams in 1961 and '62; Pat Lucas, an Attorney from Tennessee and Mark Cohen, former Editor-Publisher of *Pro Gamer* and *Sports Game Review*. More details on the new skippers and additional entrants will begin appearing next month.

Also, begin thinking about the type team you will be looking to assemble and pick a ballpark list for the drawing and also, team names.



Alternate Lifestyles: Different Games

Last month, I made a reference to utilizing an alternate baseball game for future replay efforts. The consensus opinion was that within the SPB confines, Diamond Mind would stay the course. John Ungashick provided this piece regarding APBA and early versions of SOM. Mike Cascarano has recently received the Win 95 version of SOM and finds the managerial structure more definitive than DMB. More info on that game will follow. Here's John's piece which he wanted me to share with all managers.

Dear Lou,

In the last newsletter, you mentioned the possibility of forming a new league using APBA or Strato. Although I do own Ernie Harwell, I haven't really played it that much, although I played the old APBA computer game quite extensively. In the case of Strato it has been a couple of years but I was in a SOM computer league for a year and started a 1962 replay that I eventually abandoned about half way through.

In regard to APBA, the first edition of Baseball for Windows did not realistically allow transferring files from one computer to another; maybe this has changed. I don't know. Also the APBA computer manager was a joke; you couldn't change any of the tendencies. Maybe this has changed, but I'd be willing to bet that it's no where near as easy as DMB's "twenty questions" method.

In addition to all of that I have a major major problem with the whole structure of APBA. The Ernie Harwell version adds a lot of nice graphics and game descriptions, but if you use the old data disks you are essentially locked into the same game from 15 years ago. From the experience of my four full season APBA replays (hitting a key for every batter and playing every single game (no CM in those days!) I am firmly convinced that the

APBA game system is seriously flawed. Here is a summary of my main criticisms. Even though they claim 30 pitching grades, in reality you are dealing with about 8 or 9 from grade 6 to about 14, give or take a grade or so. This just simply isn't enough to differentiate between pitchers plus the home run and control ratings are far too rigid to replicate anyone other than a plain vanilla pitcher.

Every defensive player has only one rating which is either great, average or terrible. If you have an 8 secondbaseman and 9 shortstop you'll turn almost every double play and almost never make an error. On the other hand if you are stuck with a 5 or 6 secondbaseman, even if he hits like Rogers Hornsby you are guaranteed to have a rotten team. The differentiation in DMB is also somewhat inadequate, but at least you have a separate error rating.

The APBA game is far too pitcher driven. If you have a good pitcher (13 or above) he will pitch a great game almost every time out whereas a 5 or below will be lucky to survive the 3rd inning. I have had what seems to be terrible DMB pitcher throw shutouts or pitch a strong game on occasion; this never happens in APBA.

The SA ratings in APBA are a joke since the batting "card" is based on overall statistics; you then handicap what is already the norm. Therefore, a guy with an SA greater than one, especially a RHB, can't possibly come close to real life stats unless you use him strictly as a platoon. In addition every single switchhitter is automatically an SA-0 in both directions.

Last but not least is the computer manager. Like I said I haven't played the game in several years but based on idle chatter I suspect the CM hasn't been significantly modified to allow for easily changing the tendencies. I've even read articles where the CM pinchhit some bum LHB for Ryne Sandberg in the early 90's because the .290 hitting Sandberg was a RHB SA-

3, in effect reducing him to a .195 hitter!!

In regard to SOM; I think it's an improvement over APBA and the graphics are very good. Haven't seen the CD-ROM version but I suspect the big difference is announcers. I have two major problems, the CM and the level of information available.

The old SOM CM was a complete joke and no one ever even thought about using it; maybe it's improved but you would need a tremendous upgrade to make it even adequate.

The game flashes exact information on stealing, bunting and baserunning possibilities; the home manager knows for sure he has 10 or 15 or 19 chances to score from second on a single. This gives the home manager an enormous advantage and takes away any real guesswork. In the process, it robs the game of any real spontaneity other than home runs. You are also automatically notified whenever a pitcher is weak, once again eliminating guesswork. How many times in DMB have you hesitated to yank a good pitcher because you aren't really sure he's weak?

I have a major problem with DMB's lack of graphics and the whole operation is obviously small time. The CM has a few flaws but I'm not aware that either APBA or SOM is any better. Plus that I doubt if SOM has continuous seasons for any period prior to 1967 or so. If we start with 1970 or so the whole DH no DH issue will shortly arise; if we adopt no DH then you have a lot of essentially useless American League hitters and AL pitchers with no batting or bunting ability.

APBA probably has continuous seasons from the mid 1940's or so but without a tremendous change in the game I would never join an APBA league.

Hope this letter stirs some discussion; feel free to share it. J.U.

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1 Falcons: Marichal	Rifles: Gibbon	Zees: Snider	Zees: Funk	Zees: D.Green	Zees: Schoendienst
2 Cubs: Santo	Bl.Sox: F.Robinson	Tigers: Carey	Pelicans: Kindall	Pelicans: Roach	Pelicans: H.Sullivan
3 Cubs: Kaat	Grays: Cardenas	Mavs: Clinton	Mavs: Cheney	Mavs: Bruce	Mavs: S. Taylor
4 Pelicans: T.Davis	Seniors: Dalrymple	Tigers: Hook	Tigers: Muffet	Tigers: Duren	Tigers: R. Wilson
5 Grays: W.Davis	Cascades: Javier	Bl.Sox: J.Brewer	Cascades: Moryn	Tigers: Grammas	Cascades: B.Asp'nte
6 Bl.Sox: Barber	Bl.Sox: Pagliaroni	Cubs: Azcue	Mavs: N.Sherry	Cubs: Rakow	Cubs: Will
7 Grays: Maloney	Empires: G.Coleman	Cascades: Stock	Bl.Sox: Foiles	Bl.Sox: Morehead	Bl.Sox: Veal
8 Empires: C.Short	Pelicans: Estrada	Seniors: K.Johnson	Seniors: Piche	Seniors: Kiely	Seniors: Long
9 Cascades: McAuliffe	Cascades: Stafford	Saxons: Breeding	Saxons: Schaffernoth	Empires: Curry	Empires: Landrith
10 Seniors: Ellsworth	Saxons: Hansen	Tigers: T.Morgan	Falcons: Amaro	Falcons: C.James	Falcons: Kutyna
11 Empires: Gonzalez	Mavs: Mahaffey	Empires: Amalfitano	Saxons: H.Smith	Empires: Grim	Saxons: Ginsberg
12 Zees: Sadecki	Falcons: Mincher	Falcons: Cerv	Grays: Walls	Grays: H.Robinson	Grays: Palmquist
13 Empires: D.Hall	Tigers: Stigman	Rifles: DelGreco	Rifles: delaHoz	Rifles: Courtney	Rifles: Valdivielso
14 Rifles: Kralick	Zees: Regan	Ducks: C.Smith	Ducks: D.Nicholson	Ducks: Lau	Ducks: Freeman
Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11	Round 12
1 Zees: G.Stephens	Zees: Lepcio	Zees: Drogo	Zees: J.James	Zees: J.Morgan	Zees: B.Johnson
2 Pelicans: Dobbek	Pelicans: Gomez	Pelicans: Becquer	Pelicans: Brunet	Pelicans: Crowe	Pelicans: Cook
3 Mavs: Malkmus	Mavs: Grba	Mavs: Hatton	Mavs: Portac'rro	Mavs: Wise	Mavs: Klaus
4 Cascades: Hawkins	Tigers: B.Thomson	Tigers: Bilko	Tigers: Rivera	Tigers: Neeman	Tigers: J.Meyer
5 Cascades: Pignatano	Cascades: Cottier	Cascades: Woods	Cascades: Wagner	Cascades: Dotterer	Cascades: Christopher
6 Cubs: Berberet	Cubs: Owens	Cubs: Walters	Cubs: Hamlin	Cubs: Bowsfield	Cubs: Repulski
7 Bl.Sox: Virgil	Bl. Sox: Spangler	Bl.Sox: Hale	Bl. Sox: L.Johnson	Bl.Sox: Maranda	Bl.Sox: Philley
8 Seniors: Kravitz	Seniors: Harshman	Seniors: B.Davis	Seniors: Chrisley	Seniors: Marshall	Seniors: Semproch
9 Empires: Heist	Empires: Boyd	Empires: Shipley	Empires: Chacon	Empires: Bridges	Empires: Witt
10 Falcons: Burnside	Falcons: Coker	Falcons: Landrum	Falcons: Casale	Falcons: Valo	Falcons: Trowbridge
11 Saxons: Lillis	Saxons: Torgeson	Saxons: Giel	Saxons: Sh. Jones	Saxons: K.Hunt	Saxons: Groth
12 Grays: Averill	Grays: Busby	Grays: Gabler	Grays: Gernert	Grays: Hernandez	Grays: Naragon
13 Rifles: Tappe	Rifles: B.Miller	Rifles: Posada	Rifles: Whisenant	Rifles: Goodman	Rifles: Boone
14 Ducks: Bond	Ducks: Esposito	Ducks: Cline	Ducks: Hillman	Ducks: Kucks	Ducks: Umbricht
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3 Mavs: Hegan	Mavs: Hicks	Mavs: Wills			
4 Tigers: Hadley	Tigers: Borland	Tigers: Strickland			
5 Cascades: Gile	Cascades: Torre	Cascades: Thacker			
6 Cubs: Sadowski	Cubs: Baker	Cubs: House			
7 Bl.Sox: Tanner	Bl.Sox: Amoros	Bl.Sox: Powers			
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13 Rifles: Burton	Rifles: Noren				
14 Ducks: Rush	Ducks: Drott				

	Black Sox	Cascades	Cubs	Ducks	Empires	Falcons	Grays
1	Barber	McAuliffe	Santo	C.Smith	C.Short	Marichal	Maloney
2	F.Robinson	Javier	Kaat	D.Nicholson	Gonzalez	Mincher	W.Davis
3	Pagliaroni	Stafford	Azcue	Lau	D.Hall	Cerv	Cardenas
4	J.Brewer	Stock	Rakow	Freeman	G.Coleman	Amaro	Walls
5	Foiles	Moryn	Will	Bond	Amalfitano	C.James	H.Robinson
6	Morehead	B.Aspromonte	Berberet	Esposito	Curry	Kutyna	Palmquist
7	Veal	Hawkins	Owens	Cline	Grim	Burnsdie	Averill
8	Virgil	Pignatano	Walters	Hillman	Landrith	Coker	Busby
9	Spangler	Cottier	Hamlin	Kucks	Heist	Landrum	Gabler
10	Hale	Woods	Bowsfield	Umbricht	Boyd	Casale	Gernert
11	L.Johnson	Wagner	Repulski	Rush	Shipley	Valo	Hernandez
12	Maranda	Dotterer	Sadowski	Drott	Chacon	Trowbridge	Naragon
13	Philley	Christopher	G.Baker		Bridges	Osteen	Koppe
14	Tanner	Gile	House		Witt	Byerly	Rice
15	Amoros	F.Torre			Delsing		
16	Powers	Thacker			Jablonski		
	Mavericks	Pelicans	Rifles	Saxons	Seniors	Tigers	Zees
1	Mahaffey	T.Davis	Kralick	Hansen	Ellsworth	Stigman	Sadecki
2	Clinton	Estrada	Gibbon	Breeding	Dalrymple	Carey	Regan
3	Cheney	Kindall	DelGreco	Schaffernoth	K.Johnson	Hook	Snider
4	Bruce	Roach	delaHoz	H.Smith	Piche	T.Morgan	Funk
5	S.Taylor	H.Sullivan	Courtney	Ginsberg	Kiely	Muffet	D.Green
6	Malkmus	Dobbek	Valdivielso	Lillis	Long	Duren	Schoendienst
7	Grba	Gomez	Tappe	Torgeson	Kravitz	Grammas	G.Stephens
8	Hatton	Becquer	B.Miller	Giel	Harshman	R.Wilson	Lepcio
9	Portocarrero	Brunet	Posada	Sh.Jones	B.Davis	B.Thomson	Drogo
10	Wise	Crowe	Whisemant	K.Hunt	Chrisley	Bilko	J.James
11	Klaus	Cook	Goodman	Groth	Marshall	Rivera	J.Morgan
12	Hegan	DeMaestri	Boone	B.Short	Semproch	Neeman	Bob Johnson
13	Hicks	Daniels	Burton	Giggie	Glenn	J.Meyer	Haas
14	T.Wills	Murphy	Noren		Ron Jackson	Hadley	Ben Johnson
15						Borland	Briggs
16						Strickland	