

# AROUND THE HORN

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## SPB-III '27 Races, Leaders Up in the Air After Two Months of Competition

by Lou Ross

This is not your usual front page newsletter article.

Before you do **ANYTHING** else with this issue of *Around the Horn*, I would like you all to read Commissioner Jim Wheeler's column directly to the right and *From the Editor's Desk* on page three.

Hopefully, you will then get a clear perspective of some of the key issues involved in running a league. I have said it before: this is more than simply playing a few games, drafting players and preparing lineups.

This newsletter has been copied and ready to go, except for this page for five days! Bob Calicchia, 1927 Statistician and I have been in contact every evening trying to piece together a timely, viable report of standings and leaders. There's more hair on this newsletter than on top of my head.

However, with incorrect or partial stat files being sent, if at all, it becomes almost impossible to get the job done properly. If you have a problem figuring out how to send stats, please refer to the June

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newsletter where Mike Cascarano wrote a fine tutorial on how to send stats.

That piece was so detailed that it was rerun in the DMB newsletter, *Payoff Pitch*, produced by Ken Main. Leagues around the country are now able to follow the correct procedures for submitting stat files and yet, we continue to falter.

Below are the incomplete standings for the 1927 season through May. No leaders!

There are managers out there missing one heckuva season of baseball.

## 1927 MAY STANDINGS

AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
Rainiers	25	20	.555	--
Tip Tops	22	23	.489	3
T'Bolts	22	23	.489	3
B'Stormers	20	25	.444	5
Stars	19	26	.422	6
Spiders	18	27	.400	7
Clowns	14	26	.350	8.5
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Crackers	27	13	.675	--
Grunts	27	18	.600	2.5
Roses	26	19	.578	3.5
Wildcats	24	21	.533	5.5
Gamblers	24	21	.533	5.5
Hawks	23	22	.511	6.5
Wizards	19	26	.422	11.5

## Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

By the time you receive this issue of the SPB newsletter, the 59 campaign will have gotten underway. This means that all three SPB leagues are in progress and at varying stages of each season. If we are to make the leagues work, and work well, every manager has the responsibility of pulling his own weight.

Unfortunately, several managers are letting the rest of the league down on a regular basis due to tardiness. I do not want to ask managers to leave SPB but some of you are putting me in a corner where there is but one way out. **This will be your final warning!** If you feel that you cannot meet the stat or manager profile reporting timelines, I am asking you to resign from the league(s) as you are doing nothing but destroy-ing what we have accomplished over the years. As league commissioner, I cannot let tardiness continue and based upon that, at least three managers will not be invited to return upon completion of the season in progress.

On a more positive note, John Turnbull will be returning back home to Dayton after serving almost a year of active duty

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with the U.S. Air Force in Korea. John should be back in the States by the time you receive this newsletter and until he gets settled, please address all mail, stats, or profiles in care of my e-mail or U.S. Mail address. John will resume his duties as SPBI-59 league stat and all 59 stats will be directed to him. Welcome back John and thanks for your service overseas to help keep us all safe at home! JW

### Oldtime Baseball Jargon

by Chuck Partington

Part of the charm of baseball for me is the colorful language used to describe different aspects of the game. I ran across some jargon used in the 20's and 30's which I thought would interest those playing in SPB. These are from *The Sporting News Record Book* of 1935.

**Apple Knocker-** a batter

**Banana Stalker-** a bat with poor wood

**Blind Tom-** the umpire

**Blue Dart-** line drive

**Ccckeye-** left-handed pitcher

**Cousin-** pitcher easy to hit

**Dump one-** bunt

**He Took a Drink-** he struckout

**Hind Snatcher-** the catcher

**Leg Hitter-** fast man who beats out a lot of infield hits

**Mackerel-** curve ball

**Pretty-** player easily injured

**Putty Arm-** a bad arm

**Sweetheart-** star player

**Texas Leaguer-** a banjo hit in the International League; **humpback**

**liner** in the Southern Association; **plunker**

in the Texas League; **Japanese liner**

on the Pacific Coast; **drooper** in the Western

League; **pooper, leaping lena,**

**stinker, smell hit, awful** in various

areas.

**Yodeler-** Third base coach

## DIAMOND DUST

**1927-** George Stallings, Rochester (IL) owner fires himself as manager...Giants swap George McQuillan back to Braves with Kent Greenfield and Doc Farrell for Zack Taylor, Herb Thomas and Larry Benton... Pirates' Lee Meadows wins his 9th of season as Paul Waner hits in his 19th straight game... On Charles Lindbergh Day in St. Louis, Cardinals raise 1926 pennant flag and defeat Giants 6-4..

A feud that began back during Earl Smith's days with the Braves continues as Bucs' catcher decks Braves manager Davey Bancroft. Bancroft is carried off the field and Smith is fined \$500 and suspended 30 days.. Phils' P Jack Scott is the last pitcher to hurl 2 CG games in one day, beating

**1947—** On July 5th, Larry Doby becomes 1st black player in AL.. Indians' Don Black pitches the 1st no-hitter at Municipal Stadium, 3-0 over Athletics... Bobo Newsom makes his 14th ML uniform switch, joining the Yankees. Yanks sweep Indians to extend winning streak to 19, tying the record of 1906 White Sox.. Fred Hutchinson stops the streak the next day as Tigers zip Yanks 8-0.. Willard Marshall hits 3 consecutive HRs for Giants against the Reds...Rhubarb of year occurs when Ump Beans Reardon rules Cards' Ron Northey's ball has gone into the seats. He rounds the bases only to find Dodgers' Bruce Edwards holding the ball at the plate. Cards protest and win, but Dodgers win the replay.. Giants break Ewell Blackwell's win streak at 16, 6-5 in ten innings....Hank Thompson plays 2B and Willard Brown CF for the Browns, the first time two black players appear in the same ML lineup... Giants set a new NL record with 55 HRs for July...

**1959-** Orioles become the first team to turn a triple play on Opening Day, besting Senators 9-2. VP Richard Nixon substitutes for President Eisenhower in tossing out the first pitch... Nellie Fox goes 5-for-7 as Chisox best Tigers in a 9-7, 14-inning win... Don Drysdale become the 1st pitcher to hit 2 career HRs on Opening Day, but LA loses to Cubs 6-1.. Fidel Castro tosses out the first ball to open the IL season.. Phillies confer with Bill Shea about the possible sale of franchise to New York.. Bob Grim of the A's hits a grand slam off Barry Latman in a 10-8 win over Chisox.. Dave Philley, who ended 1958 with 8 consecutive PHs, singles in his 1st PH appearance of '59 off Lew Burdette....

**"The only good thing about a cold spring day at the ballpark is the pitcher's heart-warming sight of the flag blowing in from center-field. Takes a brisk wind to hold today's lively ball inside the park. So, blow nor'easter, blow."**

Jim Brosnan, *The Long Season*

Branch Rickey becomes president of the Continental League... Stan Musial breaks up two no-hitters in 3 days against Jack Sanford and Glen Hobbie..Don Demeter hits 3 HRs for LA, one an inside the park job in the Coliseum... KC reliever George Brunet allows 5 bases-loaded walks and a a bases-loaded HBP as Chicago scores 11 runs on only one hit. John Callison has the only hit and Jim Landis makes two outs. A's allow 3 other bases loaded walks in the 20-6 loss.. Reds' Willard Schmidt is hit by pitches twice in the 3rd inning by Lew Burdette and Bob Rush in an 11-10 win over Braves.... Gus Triandos allows 4 passed balls while attempting to catch Hoyt Wilhelm's knuckleball...



## 1959 Trade Market

As spring training wound down for the start of the 1959 season, a number of SPB-I managers were finally able to pull the trigger on last minute deals. Here are the final deals as we enter the new campaign:

**135. BLACK SOX** trade Early Wynn and Whitey Herzog to **BLUE SOX** for Jerry Casale, Jerry Lynch and the **BLUE SOX** #2 1960 draft selection.

**136. TIGERS** swap Jim Finigan to **CUBS** for Murry Dickson.

**137. CASCADES** trade Cal McLish and Ron Blackburn to **CUBS** for John Buzhardt and Chuck Essegian.

**138. SENIORS** move Bobby Avila, Gus Zernial, Roger Craig and Don Gross to **CUBS** for Jim Marshall, Larry Doby, Brooks Lawrence and Cubs' 1960 #3 draft selection.

**139. CUBS** trade Ed Fitzgerald to **BLUE SOX** for Jim Hegan.

**140. SENIORS** move Roman Mejias and Lee Tate to **GRAYS** for Danny O'Connell.

**141. CUBS** swap Gary Blaylock, Andy Pafko, Bobby Avila, Andre Rodgers, Jim Finigan and Paul Foytack to **TIGERS** for Tom Brewer, Faye Throneberry, Dave Sisler, KC Wise and Ray Webster.

### New '47 Skipper

Jeff Nicholson, a charter member of SPB leagues, has assumed control of the **1947 Glendale Acorns**, effective immediately. Send all manager profiles, stats and relevant info to Jeff at:

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## 1947 GAME REPORTS

(As provided by managers to Lou Ross)

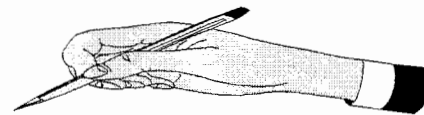
The **Frankfort Fortress** hoped to gain ground in the American League pennant chase during June, but came up against the **Evanston Trees**. No longer a surprise, the Trees came to town and took 4-of-5 from the Fort, hoisting a .327 batting average. The usually formidable Fort staff were easy picking for the lumber-laden Trees posting a 6.27 ERA. Worst performance was turned in by the bleary-eyed Joe Page. Andy Pafko did manage a .450 mark with 4 doubles, a pair of 3Bs and a HR while everyone took BP with the Fortress hurlers.

Then came the **Acorns** who did not go softly and won twice at cozy Briigs Stadium. Joe Haynes hurled a beauty in the opener, a CG win. With the series knotted, the Fort got a pair of HRs from Johnny Mize and an easy win, but the Nuts came back in game four. Manager Plunkitt watched, horrified, as he turned over the 12-9 lead in the 9th to Page, but again, the spotty lefty allowed 6 runs and blew the game. With 28 games under his belt, Page showed an ERA of well over 6. The rubber game was a 10-7 Fort win with Mize unloading his 4th HR of the series.

The June homestand failed to help the struggling **Monarchs** who posted a meager 4-6 mark. M's got off to a rocky start against the **Elephants**, dropping the opening two and then sweeping up after Evanston in the final trio. Elephants stampeded for 18 hits in the opener with Hank Edwards, Marty Marion and

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



And they said it wouldn't last! In retrospect, beginning the sixth season of SPB-I with the 1959 campaign is a milestone in replay leagues. We have all been involved in a league or two which for one reason or other has had a limited lifespan.

The basic reason is generally the tardiness to which Jim Wheeler refers. As I mentioned here last month, there is an extreme domino effect when stats are reported late. From the perspective of **Around the Horn**, having stats reported on time is of primary importance.

I was recently asked how long it takes to put this newsletter together each month. Well, I don't even count anymore. At the start of the month, I set the basic pieces on page two and add articles and features on a daily basis. Game reports begin to arrive mid-month and are quickly entered. The layout changes numerous times. Copying? Envelopes? Right.

The next major aspect is the statistician report. Recently, the numbers have not been available until as late as the 29th or 30th of the month. **The 20th of each month is the deadline!** Some have said, "Big deal, we get the stats in the mail anyway."

Agreed. But as Jim Wheeler points out, the newsletter is the focal point of a successful league. By putting the results, standings and leaders in perspective, we gain the "feel" of a real season and continue the camaraderie that has

## 1927 Game Reports

The American League leading **Atlanta Crackers** traveled to Navin Field to battle the **Hoosier Thunderbolts** and came away with 3 wins over the 2nd place NL entry. T'Bolts won the opener as General Crowder bested Grover Alexander with a bottom 9th inning run. It was back and forth through the series with only one HR, by the



Crackers' Joe Harris. Atlanta won the finale to take the series 3-2

by besting T'Bolts' ace Lee Meadows.

In their next home series, the **T'Bolts** were a bit apprehensive as the **Hawks** flew into town, especially after Burleigh Grimes tossed a 5-0 masterpiece in the opener. Backs to the wall, the T'Bolts came back and shot down the Hawks in four straight, including a trio of CGs from Jack Russell, Red Lucas and Meadows. Again, only one HR in the series. The only close contest was the 3-2 Hoosier win in the middle affair. T'Bolts hit a solid .327 for the series with 8 doubles and a more than adequate 3.12 ERA.

**Evanston Wildcats** split their home series, posting a 5-5 mark. In the opening series, the **Barnstormers** took 3. An offensive oriented series, both teams scored 30 runs. A key effort came in the 6th inning of game three when the Barnstormers scored 7 enroute to a 12-8 victory.

The **Hollywood Stars** brought

their glamor and pizzaz to **Evanston** and ran into 3 losses at the hands of the **Cats**. In the opener, Vurgil Barnes carried a no-hitter into the 9th for the Stars, but Ty Tyson singled. Barnes was rattled and almost blew a 5-0 lead, needing help from Sam Gray to hold on 5-4. In the 3rd game, Stars rallied from an 8-3 deficit in the 8th to win 9-8...

The **Lafayette Spiders** took on their interstate rivals, both **Evanston** entries during May and went 2-3 in both series.

**Wizards** took the opening two at Ebbets Field. The opener was an 8-1 game until the bottom 9th when the **Spiders** scored 4 to cut the margin to 8-5. Ted Lyons went 8 2/3 for the Wizards before being picked up by Ed Rommel. The game was marred by 8 errors, five by the Wizards. Buddy Myer went 4-for-5 with a pair of 2Bs for Evanston. Ten innings the next day as Earl Whitehill and Howard Ehmke started and were tied after 7 at 1-1. Wizards pushed across a run in the 8th on a Bibb Falk forceout, but Rommell gave up a PH HR to Jack Fournier in the 8th. He hung in and was the victor as Hal Ryne and Falk singled home runs off Bert Cole in the 10th and Dutch Henry saved it, leaving 3 on base in the bottom. Spiders then won two straight, both in their final AB in the 9th. Game 3 saw Lil Stoner and Milt Gaston go through 8 tied at 1-1 and with Henry on in the 9th, he put out another rocky performance with Bobby Reeves' 2B the winning run, 2-1. A bit more scoring the next day with Sloppy Thurston and Hub Pruett tied 4-4 after six. Henry's 3rd series appearance resulted in his 2nd loss as Eddie Collins singled leading off the Lafayette

9th, Hersh Bennett sacrificed him to 2B and after an IW to Jimmie Foxx and a fly out by Eddie Roush, Fournier singled home the winning run. Guy Bush netted the win in relief... Sarge Connelly was fully in command in the finale, firing a 5-hitter and a 4-0 Evanston win. He added two hits and an RBI 2B to Falk's 3 hits. Jumbo Elliott took the loss.

The **Wildcats** were victims of the **Spiders'** 9th inning heroics in the opener, 7-6. Jack Quinn was KO'd by injury for the 'Cats in the 2nd, already behind 2-0. But Evanston came back and took a 6-4 lead in the 9th led by Willie Kamm's HR. With Watty Clark on in relief, Bob Fothergill led off the Spider 9th with a single and took 2nd on a Paul Waner bobble. With two down, Foxx batted for Fournier and launched a long 3-run PH HR to win this one 7-6 for Lafayette. Bert Cole got the win... Herb Pennock and Gaston in the second and the expected pitching duel turned sour as teams combined for 29 hits and a 7-5 Wildcat win on a soggy field. Spiders got out early on a Fothergill single and Roush squeeze bunt, but Cats got two back the same way on an Otto Miller single and Pennock bunt. Another squeeze, this one by Clyde Beck, put Cats up by one. Pennock went the route allowing 14 hits. Tommy Thomas flipped a sharp 2-hit, 2-1 win in the 3rd for Wildcats over Guy Bush with one in 6th on a Buck Crouse single and 7th inning groundout. Fournier grounded out in 9th for only Spiders' run. Ehmke hurled a CG 6-5 win in 4th on a PH game-winning single by Foxx in 9th... Alex Ferguson hurled a CG 2-0 four-hitter for Wildcats in getaway game besting Ownie Carroll behind RBI singles by Clyde Beck and Willie Kamm.

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Benny Zientara all collected 3 hits. Evanston broke a 1-1 tie the next day with 4 in the 7th on 5 consecutive singles, followed by Nick Etten's 2B. Eddie Pellagrini made it close for the M's on a 3-run HR...Al Jurisich held the E's to a 1st inning HR by Hank Edwards while Eddie Joost hammered a 2-run HR off Bob Feller in the bottom half on the way to a 3-1 win. Warren Spahn picks up only his 2nd win of the year, tossing a shutout and along with Vic Wertz, doubled in a 5-0 win. Rudy York added a 2-run HR as Red Ruffing took the loss...In the getaway contest. Walt Lafranconi worked out of trouble in the 8th and 9th to preserve the Ms win. Joost was the hitting star with 3-for-3 and 3 RBI.

**Acorns** continued to play well and walked away with four wins at **West Warwick**. Acorns took the 5-4 opener as Gord Maltzberger tossed 1 2/3 innings of solid relief to back Jackie Robinson's 3-for-4.. A slugfest in game two as teams combined for 26 hits and 23 LOB. Dillinger posted a 4-for-5 to offset Thurm Tucker's pair of solo shots for the Monarchs and a 7-3 triumph...Spahn nails his second zip of the homestand, a 6-hitter, besting Tex Hughson who allowed only 4 hits. The only run was manufactured by a Wertz double, Joost SAC and a SF by Sam Mele..Red Munger allowed only one run through 8 innings and helped with 2 hits each with Robinson, Pee Wee Reese and Mike Tresh. Dillinger had three in an 8-1 Acorns' romp. The finale was a 9-3 Acorn win on 16 hits. Bobby Thomson's 1st inning HR puts it away early for Ernie White.

Acorns slammed away at .319 clip on 60 hits, including Robinson's 9-22 and .409 average.

**Elephants** ventured into Griffith Stadium to take on the **Gold Sox** for the usual tough battle. Denny Galehouse and Ed Harrist were each gone in the 10th inning with the score tied 1-1. With Ernie Bonham on in relief for the Elephants, George Stirnweiss singled, Phil Rizzuto bunted him over and after Billy Johnson received an IW, Dixie Walker singled in the run for a 2-1 win. Red Embree continued his torrid hurling for Evanston, firing a 1-hitter in a 7-0 walkover. Strinweiss' single in the 3rd was the only smudge on the record. Augie Galan and Joe DiMaggio HR'd for the E's. Bob Lemon and Bob Feller (Elephants) matched in the 3rd contest and each teetered a bit with Feller gaining the 6-3 win with a save from Johnny Murphy. Ruffing was right on the mark in the 4th, spinning a 4-hit, 7-0 win over the Sox led by

a pair of HRs off the bat of Hank Edwards...Sox got the finale on a day when the bats were as hot as the 90+ weather. Evanston went up 4-0 in 2nd off Clint Hartung led by Howie Pollett's 2-run 2B and an error by John Wyrstek on an Augie Galan single. But right back came the Sox, scoring 6, 5 unearned in the bottom half. Earl Webb muffed a Wyrstek bounce to open the doors and Irv Dusak's 2B off reliever Andy Karl put the Sox ahead to stay. Sox added 3 in the 6th off Harry Dorish led by Rizzuto's double to cap the 9-5 win and 2-of-5 for the series...

Griffith and the **Gold Sox** next hosted the visiting **Chicago White Sox**, the team expected to run away with the **NL** flag. Harry Brecheen was sharp in flipping a 2-0, 4-hit win over the Chisox. Paul Lehner's SF off Ewell Blackwell in the 2nd drove home Wyrstek and Stirnweiss added an insurance tally in the 7th. Two straight for the G'Sox with Bobo Newsom (G'Sox) and Harry Taylor each leaving at 1-1 after 8. In the 10th, Buddy Rosar led off for the G'Sox with a walk off Preacher Roe, Dusak SH him to 2B and Stirnweiss received an IW, followed by a walk to Rizzuto. On came Lefty Willis who allowed a game-winning single to Dixie Walker and a 2-1 win... Rather routine in the hump game, with the Chisox up 2-0 after 7 behind Hank Borowy. Chi got one off Denny Galehouse in the 4th on an Ed Waitkus single and another in the 7th on a bases loaded 1-run single by Eddie Stanky. In the 8th, Bob Elliot singled in a run off Al Benton and Chuck Diering popped a 3-run HR for a 7-0 margin. G'Sox closed out the scoring with 3 in the 8th, keyed

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**SOX LEADERS**

AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
DODGERS	38	32	.542	--
FEDERALS	34	36	.486	4
FORTRESS	33	37	.471	5
FLYERS	31	39	.443	7
HORNETS	29	41	.414	9
GOLD SOX	29	41	.414	9
MONARCHS	29	41	.414	9
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
TREES	45	25	.643	--
WHITE SOX	41	29	.586	4
MARAUDERS	40	30	.571	5
ELEPHANTS	39	31	.557	6
ACORNS	37	33	.526	8
BEARS	33	37	.471	12
WHALES	32	38	.457	13

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by Lehner's 2-run 3B which sent Hank Borowy to the showers. Chisox evened the series with a 4-1 win behind Vic Raschi's 5-hitter and helped his own cause with a 2-run 2B in the second off Orval Grove. Lafayette made it worthwhile for the home fans, taking the finale 5-4. Dick Fowler went for Chicago against Bob Lemon and Chi jumped out early on a Ted Williams 1st inning RBI single. G'Sox knotted the score in the 2nd on a Rizzuto bingle and added 2 in the 5th on Wyrostek's two-run single. Visitors tied it in the 6th on Stanky's 2-run single, but in the 7th, G'Sox took the lead on Walker's single. With 2-out in the top 9th and Jim Hearn on in relief, Chisox tied the score. George Case was at 2nd after running for Williams who had walked, Mike Guerra threw away a bouncer in front of the plate and the tying run scored. But in the bottom half against Preacher Roe and two-out, Walker doubled and Johnson singled home the winner for a 3-2 series advantage.

A grueling series at **Crosley Field** as the **Elephants** visited the always pesky **Dodgers**. Bob Feller went to the hill against the Brooks' Phil Marchildon and found himself down 5-0 after 3. Catfish Metkovich doubled in 2 in the opening inning, Tommy Holmes added one on a 2B in the 2nd and the Dodgers pieced together 2 more in the 3rd when Joe Gordon tripled and came in on a Metkovich grounder followed by a Les Fleming HR. Hank Edwards doubled home a pair in the 6th and Bruce Edwards HR'd in the 7th for the Elephants. Russ Christopher continued his fine relief pitching shutting the door in the 9th for a 5-3 victory. Dodgers then pieced

together a pair of tough one-run triumphs. Single runs in the 4th thru 6th off Red Embree put the Dodgers up 3-0 before Bruce Edwards got one back with a double off Schoolboy Rowe in the 7th. Ed Chandler came on to close the door until Harry Gumbert started the 9th. He allowed a 2B to Joe DiMaggio and after Whitey Kurowski bounced out, Bruce Edwards drove home another. The veteran Gumbert bore down and got Babe Young and Marty Marion to hit into force outs to end the game 3-2...Joe Hatten and Bill Voiselle matched in the 3rd and the Elephants took a 2-0



lead on singles by Young and Zientara. Brooks got one back in the 3rd when with 2 out, Marion booted a grounder after a Kerr single and Dom DiMaggio singled in a run. Evanston seemed to put it away adding 2 in the 5th on a Hank Edwards 2-run HR, but in the 8th, the Dodgers struck back. Kerr singled and Holmes K'd, but DiMaggio singled and Gordon walked to load the bases. Kurowski then booted an easy grounder for a run, Lee Handley singled home another and on came Murphy to try to quell the rally. Andy Seminick hit a PH SF and after George Binks walked, PH Bobby Brown laced a single for the winning run. Christopher shut the door in the 9th. Evanston got its only win of the series, a 10-inning 4-2 win. Red Barrett and Red Ruffing started, but in the 10th, Kurowski made up for his error the previous day by launching a -run HR off Cliff Fannin. Murphy got the save.... A wild one on getaway day! Howie Pollett matched up against rookie Butch Wensloff and Evanston got a run in the 2nd on a DP grounder by Zientara.

Brooks put up 3 in the 2nd when Binks laid down a successful squeeze bunt and Wensloff followed with a 2-run single. DiMaggio singled in a run in the 3rd, but Evanston tied in the 4th at 4-4 on Galan's 2-run single and Hank Edwards' SF and took the lead in the 6th on a Galan HR to RF. Young HR'd off Gumbert in the 8th for a 6-4 lead, but the Dodgers came right back with a pair off Pollett on Seminick's 2 RBI single. Christopher nailed the Elephants 1-2-3 in the 9th and in the 10th Bruce Edwards attempted to bunt Kurowski along, but popped into a DP. In the bottom 10th against Ernie Bonham, DiMaggio singled and Frank Colman picked up his first hit of the year in a PH role. Metkovich was walked and Seminick singled home the winning run, 7-6....

Interesting series as the **Acorns** visited the **Dodgers** and Brooklyn struggled to win 3. Wensloff started against Randy Gumpert and fired a 5-hit shutout, 9-0, with the key play in a 5-run 5th inning outburst being a strikeout-passed ball charged to Mike Tresh and a two-run 2B by Binks...Acorns came right back, routing Voiselle, 11-6 behind Ernie White. Nuts banged Voiselle and Gumbert for 13 hits as Reese and Robinson hit and ran the bases at will.

The bats were still sizzling in game three with Reese jumping on Barrett for a 1st inning solo HR which was matched by Gordon's solo in the 2nd off Bucky Walters. Phil Cavarretta's 2B drove home a pair in the 3rd, but Brooks got 3 on a Metkovich groundout and Fleming's 2-run HR. Gordon HR'd again in the 6th

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and Seminick grounded out for one and a 6-3 lead. A Dillinger error at 3B led to another Brooklyn run, but Nuts jumped on the usually reliable Christopher with 4 in the 8th, keyed by Dillinger's makeup 2-run 2B. Dodgers added more in the 8th on Binks and DiMaggio hits and then it was hold-on time in the 9th. After Christopher allowed a PH 2B to Ray Lamanno, on came Cliff Fannin to get Jim Russell to pop out, but Robinson singled in a run and promptly tried to steal 2B and was gunned out by Seminick. Reese and Cavaretta walked, but Fannin struck out Dillinger to end it....Acorns put game four away early against Marchildon. Robinson led off with a walk, stole second and went to 3B on Don Padgett's throw into CF and RBI singles from Dillinger and Taffy Wright. Red Munger coasted through 7 and Maltzberger came in to finish up...The finale summed up the series. Reese's 2-run HR in the 4th off Rowe gave Kent Peterson the 2-0 lead, but Dodgers got single runs in the 5th and 6th on a Holmes HR and Handley bounce out. First game starter Wensloff came on in relief in the 10th and held off the Nuts after Robinson got on with a bunt single and stole second. In the bottom 11th and one out, Wensloff was allowed to bat against Virgil Trucks and yes, slammed a long home run to LF for the 3-2 win. Holmes was 4-for-5 on the day, but Dodgers left 11 runners on base.....

**Evanston Elephants** fared well at home during June, posting a 7-3 record. The **Rossville Hornets** visited **Yankee Stadium** and left losing four. Game 3 was a classic pitchers duel with Bob Feller getting the Evanston win 1-0 over Fred Hutchinson. Game 4 was tied 4-4 with one down and the sacks full in the bottom 10th

when Bob Klinger was brought in and walked Augie Galan to force in the winning run.

On came the **Fortress** and the **Elephants** survived, taking 3-of-5. Their nemesis, '46 World Series hero Hal Newhouser, was toppled in game one. Game 3 was a lock for the Fortress, but Evanston scored 3 in the bottom 9th and picked up another win via bases loaded walk route for a 5-4 win. Newhouser reverted to form in the finale and pitched a solid 1-0 two-hit gem.

**Lafayette Gold Sox** visited the **Rossmoor Bears** and fell victim in the opening three contests. Although being outhit in the opener, the Bears picked up a 4-2 win for Ellis Kinder with a save from Bob Savage...Pat Mullin and Pete Suder collected 3 hits and 2 RBI apiece while Ralph Kiner drove in 3 in the 8-5 Bears win.. Fritz Ostermuller went the distance in game three with Sibby Sisti providing the offensive power with 3-for-4 and 2 RBI in the 5-3 Rossmoor win...The G'Sox turned the table in the final two, collecting 14 hits in a 9-5 win led by Paul Lehner's 3-for-4 and 2 RBI...In the finale, the G'Sox chased Bear starter Fred Sanford with 6 runs in the 2nd inning and shackled the Bears 9-7. Lehner had another big day, 2-for-4 and 3 more RBI and finished the series with a .471 mark.

**Dayton Flyers** traveled to the **Antelope Valley Marauders** and left town with two wins. Rookie Ferris Fain was the key for AVM, going 4-for-5 and a HR in the opener for a 7-4 AVM win. His day offset HRs by Luke Appling and George McQuinn off starter and CG winner Ed Lopat..Dayton won the next two, coming from behind and taking the save from Blix Donnelly as Yogi Berra hits a

3-run HR to tie and in the 15th, Art Houtteman HRs and then gets the save in a 6-5 win... Appling and McQuinn get it done again and Kirby Higbe goes 7 for a 5-3 win.. Game 4 saw the lead change 6 times. In the 8th, John Lindell ties it at 4-4 with a HR, but in the bottom 10th, Eddie Mayo's error at 2B lets in the winning run for AVM.... Dave Koslo goes the distance in the finale behind HRs by Connie Ryan and Billy Cox. Mayo hit .429 and Appling .400 for the series with Main posting .500 and Phil Masi .474.

**AVM** matched with the tough **Fairfield Federals** and won 3. Connie Ryan hit a HR to give AVM a 3-1 lead, but Ken Keltner's 3B and Mike McCormick SF tied it in 8th. In the 10th, Don Johnson doubled in the winner, 4-3.. Stubby Overmire has a CG and 3-2 win supported by Sam Chapman's 2-run HR in 1st and unearned run in 5th to offset Eddie Miller's 2-run shot...Vic Lombardi tossed a 6-hit SO in the 3rd, and Mickey Haefner went 8.1 with a 2-0 lead before walking 3, getting Stan Musial, then walking Dixie Howell to make it 2-1. Cascarano leaves Haefner in and Miller uncorks a grand salami for a 5-2 Dayton win.... Great hurling by both clubs in the finale. Down 2-0 in the 5th, Feds tied it on a Johnson HR. Donnelly and Emil Kush each left after nine with the score knotted at 2-2 and with one down in the 12th against Clyde Shoun, Mark Christman singled. After Bob Chipman popped out trying to move him over, Ryan singled Christman to 3B and Frankie Gustine bounced one up the middle for a 3-2 win. Johnson put up a .750 average for the Feds while Christman led with a .333 mark. **Continued Page 10**


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The **Wildcats** continued their road wanderings, taking the long train ride to the left coast to meet the **Seattle Rainiers** at **Redland Field**. It took awhile to shake the rust from the overhead sleepers, but Evanston made it an interesting series.

Herb Pennock and Hod Lisenbee in the opener and Cats jumped out quickly on an Alex Metzler SF. Seattle, with a revamped lineup, came back on a Muddy Ruel single and it stayed 1-1 through the bottom 9th. Watty Clark came on in relief and allowed a 2B to Earle Combs and issued an IW to Heinie Sand. Hal Rice moved up the runners with a single and after Combs was forced at the plate, Andy High lined a single to RF for the game-winner. Waite Hoyt and Tommy Thomas the next day and Hoyt got 3 to work with as Seattle got singles from Jim Bottomley, Ruel and High with a Charlie Jamieson error on the High single. Cats got one in the 7th, but Bill Lamar hit a rare Rainier HR for a 5-1 lead and an eventual 5-2 win. Seattle made it 3 straight, coming from behind for Doug McWeeney against Jack Quinn. Paul Waner tripled in one and Metzler hit a SF in the 1st, but Rainiers tied it in the 3rd on a Butch Henline triple and McWeeney groundout. Cats went ahead on a Jamieson 5th inning single, but Bottomley followed Rice's RBI 2B with a 2-run HR and a 5-3 win....By game 4, the Wildcats had shaken the cobwebs and ace Vic Aldridge gunned down Seattle on 7 hits, 4-3. A Marty Autry 2B and Waner single keyed the effort to beat Lefty Willis..... Seattle jumped on Alex Ferguson for 4 in the 1st when Clyde Beck booted a bases loaded

bouncer at 2B, High was HBP with the bags drunk and Ruel singled in a pair. Another in the 2nd posted Pete Donahue to a seemingly safe 5-0 lead. Three in the 3rd on Metzler and Beck singles surrounding a Kamm bounce out RBI and 4 in the 7th, with triples from Jamieson and Waner doing the most damage gave Evanston a 7-5 win and a respectable trip.

Those city slickers, the **Gurnee Gamblers**, did some mountain climbing and heavy hitting against **Seattle** in what turned into a knockdown, dragout series. Hoyt went against Fat Freddie Fitzsimmons in the opener in a 29-hit affair. Tony Lazzeri, who would hit .421 for the series, singled and stole 2B in the 1st and scored on an Ossie Bluege single. He then stole 2B and came home on a Cy Williams groundout. Seattle came back with 3 in the 2nd on a High 3B and singles from Cliff Heathcote and Sand. Gurnee came back with 3 in the 3rd when Goose Goslin reached and one scored on a High error. After Fitzsimmons and Bluege hits, Williams doubled in one and Joe Judge's IF out made it 5-3. Back-and-forth it went, to 7-7 in the 8th where Firpo Marberry pitched out of a major jam. With one out and runners at first and third, Lazzeri came to bat and was given a free pass to load the bases. Bluege then tapped to the mound for an inning ending 1-2-3 DP. In the bottom 8th with 2 down and Garland Braxton on in relief, Heathcote walked, Ruel singled and Lamar came through with an RBI single to LF for the 8-7 lead. ..The bats were as steaming hot as the latte's in the second contest with Sheriff Blake taking on Lisenbee. Tied at 2-2 in the 4th, Gurnee exploded for 5. With the bases loaded, Lisen-

bee mishandled Bluege's bounce to the box for a run. Goslin then singled in one before Williams cleared the bases with a triple to RCF. Rainiers got 3 in the 5th and one in the 6th to close the gap, but Gamblers put it away in the 8th. 9-7...On a typical chilly, wet day, the Rainier bats exploded for 25 hits against Jake Miller and an entourage of relievers to put 15 runs on the board. However, starter Jess Petty was not around for the win, leaving in the 5th after a 70 minute rain delay. Win Bal-lou got the win Seattle put up 6 in the 3rd with Ruel's 3B the biggest blow. The onslaught continued until the 15-4 final was posted. It was Gurnee's turn the next day, making Pete Donohue the victim and making a winner of Ted Wingfield 14-8 with 37 hits total in the game. Goslin went 5-for-6 with a 2B and 3B while Williams and Tom Thevenow were each 3-for-6. ...What better way to end a tough series than with a one-run contest as Waite Hoyt and Sam Gibson matched up. Seattle was up 4-1 after 4 despite a HR by Lazzeri and picked up what turned out to be the insurance run in the 5th when Williams dropped a Jack Rothrock fly ball to make it 5-2. Single runs by the Gamblers in the 6th and 8th were not enough...

The road was a bit bumpy along **Rt.66** as the **Barnstormers** split at home in May. The tough Mt. Hood Roses rolled in and took 3 at League Park, including the opener on a 3-0 CG from Ray Kremer. He allowed only 3 hits and one walk while a 1st inning leadoff 2B by Lloyd Waner, followed by a Lou Gehrig single was all the Roses needed to nail down that victory. **Continued Page 9**





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In game two, Bob Smith did it all for the road warriors, hurling a CG and driving home a pair with two 2Bs in a 6-2 Rt. 66 win...Roses bounced back in the next two contests, putting out a 13-hit attack led by Red Wingo who went 3-for-5 in an 8-2 win. Clyde Barnhart was in subbing for the injured Heinie Schulbe and stroked a pair of 2Bs and 3 RBI...Roses posted the second SO of the series with Bill Doak going all the way supported by Bob Meusel's 4-for-5 in the 7-0 pasting..In the finale, Rt.66 inched past Mt. Hood 4-3 with the winning run coming across in the bottom 9th as Dick Spaulding scored from third on a PB...

The **Glendale Grunts** wandered into town and left dropping 3 to the **Barnstormers**. A 6-run explosion in the 7th inning allowed the 66'ers to slip past the Grunts 9-8. Although being outhit 15-10, the 'Stormers took advantage of sloppy fielding and pushed across 6 unearned runs. However, Grunt Captain Bill Terry found League Park to his liking with a 4-for-4 game. ..Dutch Reuther turned things around the next afternoon with a 3-2 win. Terry had another fine day with 2-for-5 and driving in a pair of runs... A tough 2-1 game followed with the 'Stormers being outhit 11-3, but pulling off the win on a HR by John Hodapp. The potential tying run was tossed out at the plate on a perfect peg to the plate by Dick Spaulding...Ken Holloway flipped a 6-hit CG while allowing only one walk in a 6-1 66'ers win with Joe Sewell driving home 2 runs...Things turned around for Sewell the next day as his errors led to a 4-2 Glendale triumph. Frankie Frisch and Jack Tobin each had

a pair of hits in the GG win.

An 8-2 home record vaulted the powerful **Mt. Hood Roses** back into the thick of the NL pennant chase....After an opening game loss to the **Indy Clowns**, the Roses blossom-ed and swept the final four. Willis Hudlin spun a 5-hitter in the opener, but the Roses rebounded with solid pitching and offense, 6-2, 7-0 and 7-1. The finale was a tough 6-5 hometown triumph. Urban Shocker turned in a sparkling 4-hitter in the 3rd game zip. Lloyd Waner hit .435 and Fred Lindstrom drove home 7.

In series two, the **Roses** followed the same pattern, dropping the opener to the **Hoosier Thunderbolts** before rebounding to take the next four. The T'Bolts put on their best offensive display in game one, winning 3-2 and scored only five more the rest of the way. The Roses hurlers continued to stifle the opposition as Shocker, Ray Kremer and Bill Doak pitched CGs, with Doak firing a 7-hit, 7-0 SO in game five. The other wins were by 11-2, 3-1 and 3-2 margins.



Bob Meusel was the hitting star with .476 and 9 RBI while Rogers Hornsby had 11 hits and a .500 mark for the series.

The struggling **Hollywood Stars** took on the **Gamblers** and twinkled through three wins in the series. Vic Barnes flipped a 6-hit 4-0 win in the opener to back Heinie Manush's 3B before the Gamblers changed their luck in the next two games. The Stars led 1-0 in the 8th and as the fans were beginning the tradition of leaving early to beat traffic, the Gamblers struck. With two out and 1B open, the Stars manager decided to pitch to cleanup hitter Cy Williams who

promptly slammed the game winning 2-run HR. Garland Braxton got the save. The next day, Glenn Wright went 4-for-4 with 2 RBI and led the Stars back from a deficit, but shaky relief pitching by Sam Gray gave it away and Gurnee left with a 7-5 win. Stars came back to win the final two. In the 4th, Art Reinhart spun a 4-2, 3-hitter as Wheat, Manush, George Grantham and Curt Walker all contributed 2 hits apiece. The rubber match was Charlie Root against Flint Rhem. Walker jumped on the first pitch with two on in the 3rd and hooked it into the RF seats to lead a 4-1 victory for the Stars.

The **Schaumburg Hawks** visited next and took four from the **Stars** after dropping the opener 8-2 to Vic Barnes and 3-run HRs by George Kelley and Zack Wheat. Game two saw Eppa Rixey and Bump Hadley battle through 8 scoreless innings when Babe Herman singled in the only run of the game in the 9th for the Hawks win. George Pipgras was roughed up for the third straight game, but allowed 5 ER and 12 hits while Charlie Gehringer and Sam Rice each tripled to lead the Hawks attack. George Uhle got the 7-5 win. In the fourth, Rip Collins pitched a 4-hitter and the Hawks topped the reeling Stars once again, 6-1. The fans were rowdy and booed lustily as the Stars skipper left in Reinhart to "take one for the team." The Hawks finished off the hapless Stars as Hugh McQuillan topped Stars ace Charlie Root 6-4 with a pair in the 8th inning. ....Riggs Stephenson batted .474, Heinie Mueller .579 for the Hawks while Wheat topped the Stars list at .474.

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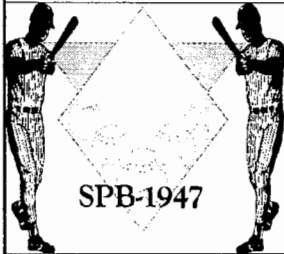
Feeling quite confident, the **Hawks** came home to meet the **Rainiers** who won 3-of-5 in April at home against Schaumburg. Lefty Stewart won his second game of the Hawks' homestand by toppling Hod Lisenbee behind HRs by Earl Webb and Pat Collins. 6-4..... Jess Petty took on Burleigh Grimes in the second and Seattle put 3 on the board quickly in the 1st against Grimes on a Hal Rice sibngle and two-run HR by Jim Bottomley. They added 4 in the 4th and held on as the Hawks charged back before Firpo Marberry shut the door and preserved a 9-7 win....Game 3 was a pitcher's nightmare as Waite Hoyt met up with Bump Hadley. Hawks got 5 in the first led by Jackie Tavener's 3-run HR, the Rainiers got 3 in the 2nd and the Hawks added 5 more in the 2nd for a 9-3 lead. But a 5-spot by the Rainiers in the 4th cut the lead to 9-8 before Herman's 2-run single made it 11-8 in the bottom. Hadley was still in for the 9th, but when he loaded the bases, on came Hi Bell who allowed a 12-run single to Ruel, a bags full walk to Fred Schulte and a 2-run double by Earle Combs. Tied at 13-13, Marberry came on to stop things once again, but allowed a single to Webb and a game winning triple to Herman. The comeback kids struck again in game 3. Seattle took a 4-0 lead in the 1st and added one in the 4th, but a 2-run HR by Webb and a solo by Pat Collins made it 5-3 and tied it in the 6th on a 2-run single by Frank O'Rourke. After a Ruel 2B put Seattle ahead in the 7th, the Hawks put it away in their half with 3 off Doug McWeeney and Win Ballou....Lisenbee got another start for Seattle in game five and he used the 13-hit backing of his offense for a 9-4 win....

**Crackers** took 3 at home against the **Rainiers**. After losing the openr 1-0 to Hod Lisenbee, Atlanta struck back to win two, lost 2-1 and then

won the finale 2-1 on an 11th inning leadoff HR by Ken Williams off new reliever Firpo Marberry.

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In May, the division leading **Trees** and **Dodgers** matched up at Crosley and Brooklyn took 3 tough games. This time they met at Braves



Field and the Dodgers got out with 3 more tough wins. Lou Boudreau was the Feds offense in the opening two

games, hitting a 2-run 2B and 3-run HR off Phil Marchildon for a 5-1 win for Rex Barney and in game 2, waiting until the bottom 9th to push across the game's only run with a 2B off Harry Gumbert, on in relief of Red Barrett to support Hal Gregg's strong 4-hit shutout... Schoolboy Rowe and John Sain in the 3rd contest saw the Feds jump out on an Earl Trogeson HR, but Dodgers came back with 1 in the 3rd, a pair in the 4th and a 5-spot, led by Rowe's 2-run 2B in the 5th for an 8-2 win....Johnny VanderMeer had a 3-0 lead for the Feds thru 6 on the strength of Willard Marshall's 2-run HR, but in the 7th, the Dodgers scratched back to tie with the key run coming in on a PB by Clyde McCullough. That was the opening they needed as Metkovich tripled home Joe Gordon in the 8th for a 4-3 win for Sheldon Jones in relief. Both teams kept the train waiting as game 5 went 13 innings with a total of 28 men left on base. Barney got his second series start, this one against Cliff Fannin and the Brooks' starter tossed 8 shutout innings and led 1-0 before being relieved by Gumbert. Tommy Holmes 3rd inning single drove home the only run to that point. In the Trees 9th, Spider Jorgensen and Bob Swift singled and moved up on a groundout

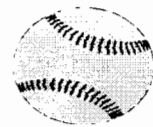
before Red Schoendienst singled in the run to make it 1-1. In the 13th, Les Fleming followed a Metkovich leadoff single off Hank Wyse with a 2-run HR. Russ Christopher had come on in the 11th and by the 13th was gassed. He walked Spider Jorgensen and after getting two out, allowed a single to Frankie Baumholtz and an RBI 2B to Schoendienst. On came Andy Hansen to get Torgeson to tap back to the mound and give the series to the Dodgers.

After allowing 21 hits and losing 11-1 to Phil Marchildon in the series opener at home against the **Dodgers**, the **Glendale Acorns** swept the final four to continue their excellent month of June.

Tex Hughson tossed a 5-hit shutout for the Acorns in game two, 2-0 and then Bob Dillinger broke a 3-3 tie with a 2-run HR in the 7th inning off Schoolboy Rowe for win number two.

Virgil Trucks got the save in game four for Joe Coleman as the Nuts held on for a 6-5 win. Hank Greenberg's 2-run pinch-hit HR off reliever Sheldon Jones in the 7th put Glendale ahead again, overcoming two-run HRs by Tommy Holmes and Andy Seminick.

Lefty Kent Peterson completely shut down the Dodger batters in the 5th game, an 8-0, 2-hit gem with the usually reliable Brooklyn defense committing three errors. A triple by Phil Cavarretta in the first inning put it away early for the Acorns.





# '59 Preview

by The Baseball Curmudgeon

Season six of Seasons Past Baseball brings on the 1959 campaign with myriad changes not only in player rosters, but team names and skipper.

For starters, the divisions have been renamed with the **East** now tagged as the **American League** while the old **West** is now the **National**. In addition, Don Zminda has taken over the newly-dubbed **Evanston Zees** full-time; Bob Buonaccorsi took his marketing survey seriously and renamed the Mt. Park Minors the **Smithfield Seniors**; and world traveler John Turnbull has landed in **Albany (NY)** with the **Empires** after a tough season in the Orient where the Express were derailed in the second-half of 1958.

With all of the whellin' and dealin' complete, every manager is entering the '59 campaign with the highest of expectations. But how soon will it be before the contenders are separated from the pretenders? Are those great expectations soon to become great exasperations?

Now, don't take this report too seriously. Remember, this is 1959 and the infamous Baseball Curmudgeon is looking at this preview in the same context as baseball experts did back then. The previews were very "matter of fact" and dealt with the changes and starry-eyed hopes of each skipper.

And as we have found out in years past, no matter how many times you might run the numbers through the computer, even SPB has the human element involved with managerial style playing a major factor in a team's chances. Here goes:

## AMERICAN LEAGUE:

**CUBS:** Trader Rick Ryan must have a cottage industry brewing in scorecard production. He also does not hold to the theory of firing the manager and not the

players. Only eight members of the '58 club have returned to Rossville, including only one hurler, Clem Labine. Cubs have added Seinfeld-lookalike Harry Anderson and Jack Jensen to their core of sluggers Willie Mays, Ed Mathews and Ernie Banks. The biggest changes came with the house-cleaning of the pitching staff as Paul Foytack, Jim Grant, John Buzhardt and Ray Narleski are gone. What we have is now a solid staff with Johnny Antonelli, Cal McLish, Lew Burdette and Tom Brewer joined by Roger Craig and Jack Meyer. The moves have made the Cubbies favorites for the AL flag. The only shortcoming might be the lack of a true closer to complement Labine and the plethora of aging- pinch hitter types of limited usage.

**EMPIRES:** John Turnbull has exhibited great patience over the years in piecing together his team of vagabonds. In 1958, they moved into the LA Coliseum and took full advantage of the short left field fence and '59 should prove even more intimidating for all hurlers. Harmon Killebrew is **READY!** Doesn't it seem like ages that he's been anchoring the end of the bench? The top of the lineup should produce well with Bobby Richardson and Tony Kubek followed by the big guns, including Bob Cerv, Yogi Berra, Wally Post and newcomer Jim Baxes. Major question is how will the pitching survive. Fine nucleus with Milt Pappas and Pete Ramos joined by Harvey Haddix, Jack Sanford and John Klippstein. It will be interesting to see how Turnbull utilizes the likes of Glen Hobbie, Gene Conley and Tom Acker in the bullpen. In the race the full year!

**PELICANS:** Almost as active as Rick Ryan, Jim Wheeler made numerous moves in an attempt to better the six-back for the Pelicans in '58. Key acquisitions of Robin Roberts, Ray Moore and Jim Grant solidified the pitching staff with Don Drysdale and Johnny Podres. Could this be Roy Face's breakthrough year with a change of scenery? OF should produce runs by the bushel with Bob Allison, Bill Virdon and Charlie Maxwell driving home the likes of Dick Groat and Jerry Lumpe. And don't forget the power provided by Gus Triandos from behind the plate.

Good bench with Gene Woodling, Mickey Vernon and Preston Ward and waiting in the wings are youngsters Norm Cash and John Blanchard.

**BLUE SOX:** Steve Ehresman went to the whip during the 2nd half of '58 and finished 3 back of the Tigers. Will the momentum continue with the new year? With all the moves, there still appear to be some holes in the lineup and questions on the pitching staff. In some instances, the hurlers look like a Legends Team with former greats Early Wynn and Mike Garcia looking to regain their earlier status while Bob Rush and Billy Pierce are the only solid starters. Ray Semproch and Ralph Terry must come through big for the Sox to succeed. Turk Lown will get help in the bullpen from Jim Brosnan and Tex Clevenger, but wouldn't Roy Face have done it all? Pretty good IF with Dale Long-Ted Kluszewski combo at 1B, Don Blasingame at 2B, solid Frank Malzone at 3B and Don Zimmer-Billy Klaus keeping it ready for Maury Wills at SS. The Jim Lemon-Vada Pinson-Wally Moon trio in the OF will produce runs. Good club with the only question being whether they can get all parts working in unison.

**TIGERS:** Tigers: This looks like the rebuilding year for Gary Plunkitt's Bengal Bashers after a severe fall in the '58 World Series. As did his Frankfort counterpart, Plunkitt cleaned house of the pitching staff, choosing to draft for the future with Jim O'Toole, Eddie Fisher and Earl Wilson and moving the aging Tom Brewer and John Antonelli for future help in Paul Foytack and Ray Narleski. The '59 staff has the league's poorest ERA and is next to last in total wins. The offense is still formidable led by Mickey Mantle and a fine nucleus with the likes of Ed Bailey, Tito Francona, Al Smith and Gene Freese. And then there's John Callison waiting in the wings.

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Yet, it remains a solid club with good balance on offense and a strong bench. Don't let the numbers fool you here.

**SENIORS:** Key off-season trades by Bob Buonaccorsi have positioned the newly-named Seniors as a potential major nuisance to those who might take them lightly based on past records. The addition of John Romano, Wes Covington, Jose Pagan and Vic Power bodes well for the future. They will blend well with Tony Taylor, Brooks Robinson, Harvey Kueen and Felipe Alou and ultimately provide little rest in the lineup. Pitching is taking shape with youngsters Don Cardwell and Carlton Willey joining newcomers Bob Turley, Herb Score and Wilmer Mizell. Major draft pick in Larry Sherry provides a solid stopper for the future and then there's the always over-achieving Billy Hoelt who wins wherever he goes. It won't be as rocky a year for the Seniors as in the past and they'll more than fight off the competition with their bats and canes.

**GRAYS:** Skipper Paul Kenyon has always refused to fall into the trap of trading his power and potential for the quick fix and it is almost ready to pay off. A year down the road, the Grays lineup will have a frightening power surge with Hank Aaron, Rocky Colavito, Frank Howard, Earl Battey, Clete Boyer and Jim Gentile. Ouch! Ernie Broglio, Mike McCormick, Frank Baumann and Larry Jackson are a good front four on the hill and it's a matter of time until they jell. Jerry Walker is a short-term fix, but just enough to mess up a pennant race for some contenders. One more good draft and watch out.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE:**

**RIFLES:** Club has come a long way since the doormat days as the Toronto Titans. But the one key draftee, Roberto Clemente, is now leading the charge to the pennant. A

valiant effort in '58 fell four games short, but Bob Calicchia's club is ready to hit the target in '59. With the league's best ERA and a stable staff of Vern Law, Sam "Toothpick" Jones, Camilo Pascual, Bob Shaw and even Hoyt Wilhelm, there are no easy stops in the rotation. Stu Miller and Don McMahon in the pen along with swingmen Joey Jay and Mike Fornieles are excellent. Adequate defensive IF with Roy Sievers, Junior Gilliam, Roy McMillan and Don Hoak and yes, they can hit. Rookie Willie McCovey will provide great "limited" offense. Clemente, Roger Maris and Bill Tuttle cover the OF well. Looks like they have enough to go the distance in '59 and beyond.



**CASCADES:** Some key trades have positioned Pacific for another pennant run and helped solidify the next few years. Addition of Moose Skowron ties up 1B and

allows Elston Howard to concentrate behind the plate. Top-notch starters in Bob Buhl, Jim Owens, Dick Donovan, Bud Daley, Billy O'Dell, Don Newcombe and John Buzhardt, all of whom can be used in relief roles. Number of journeymen hurlers who will be spotted like Dick Brodowski, veteran Alex Kellner and Nelson Chittum. Offense, as always, is a question as the mix of role-players MUST all hit together. Moose Moryn and Rocky Bridges would like to close their careers with a pennant and it will take a team effort to get it done in '59.

**SAXONS:** That championship season allowed Tom Falduto the luxury of drafting for the future which will include a middle IF of Jerry Adair and Zoilo Versalles. John Temple, with only 2 career HRs, remains the stalwart at 2B and Don Buddin provides defense. Fine OF of Norm Siebern, Willie Kirkland and Al Kaline can produce runs in a number of ways. Catching is average, but with the likes of Bob Friend, Warren Spahn, solid soph Gary Bell and little Bobby Shantz, all

the backstops need to do is put down the glove. Once again, right in the race all the way and just a bit of creativity and they're back at the top.

**MAVERICKS:** There are up years and down years and skipper Mike Cascarano finds himself in a holding pattern in 1959 until the young guns, like Billy Williams, are fully ready. Still a good pitching staff led by Whitey Ford, Juan Pizarro, Ron Kline and Jim Bunning, but expect some off years on the offensive front. Questions surround Stan Musial and Bill White, Gil McDougald is getting to the end and there are a load of jobbers out there happy to have work. Norn Zauchin, Wally Shannon, Jim Rivera and John O'Brien are gathering pension time. The nucleus has been built with Curt Flood, Bill Mazerowski, White and both Billy and Dick Williams for the Mavs. Wait'll next year.

**ZES:** Don Zminda gets a full season at the controls of a team that was decimated by poor trades and managerial changes in 1958. And while total success may not come to fruition in '59, the next decade should be awesome. Sandy Koufax and Bob Gibson will be the lefty-righty starting anchors in the future while Bill Henry and Lindy McDaniel will be the bullpen stoppers. Rookie-of-the-Year Orlando Cepeda, Woody Held and Frank Thomas, who will probably play 3B, provide solid offense along with Jim Piersall and Marty Keough. Secondbase is a stopgap position for the Zees. The pitching staff is aging, but still solid for '59 as Ike Delock, Frank Sullivan, Moe Drabowsky and Johnny Kucks can get the job done. Bob Duliba is a good pickup for his career year and the Zees are good enough to spell trouble in 1959.

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## 1958 SPB AWARDS BANQUET

by Mike Cascarano

### THE MICK TAKES HIS 3rd MVP

Mickey Mantle won his 3rd MVP crown in the last 4 years by leading the Frankfort Tigers to the Eastern Division pennant. Mantle's vital stats were as follows: **44 HR's, 124 RBI's, .308 BA.** He also walked 157 times. Finishing a very close second place was Mr. Cub, Ernie Banks with his **47 HR's, 135 RBI's, .280 BA.**

Voting went as follows. (First place votes in parenthesis) 55 points represents a perfect score with **ONLY 11** ballots received.

1.	MANTLE - Tigers	45	(5)
2.	BANKS - Cubs	41	(3)
3.	AARON - Grays	26	(2)
4.	WILLIAMS - Falcons	15	(1)
5.	ASHBURN - Blue Sox	10	

### FORD NO LUMP OF COAL IN '58

Whitey Ford went from the 1957 Lump of Coal to the 1958 Cy Young Award by leading the High Desert Mavs to within one game of the Western Division flag. His numbers were **16-7 record, 2.90 ERA,** and league-leading **4 shutouts.** Another lefty, Warren Spahn finished second. In all, 5 of the top 9 vote recipients were LHP's.

Cy Young voting:

1.	FORD - Mav	45	(6)
2.	SPAHN - Sax	28	(2)
3.	TURLEY - Pel	24	(2)
4.	HOEFT - Min	19	
5.	BURDETTE - Pel	11	

### MANAGER OF THE YEAR

By winning his second SPBI World Championship, Tom Faldini was recognized by his peers as the top Arm Chair Manager for 1958. Gary Plunkitt took runner-up honors for winning the Eastern Division. Congratulations to both division winners.

Manager of the Year voting:

1.	FALDUTO - Saxons	50	(10)
2.	PLUNKETT - Tigers	38	
3.	EHRESMAN - Blue Sox	24	
4.	CASCARANO - Mavs	17	(1)
5.	CALICCHIA - Rif les	14	

### FIREMAN AWARD

Ryne Duren was the only unanimous vote getter in the 1958 balloting. He was well-deserved of that honor by posting some outstanding numbers. He pitched in 46 games and figured in 36 of them. He won **6 and lost 3 and had 27 saves** with ERA of 1.72. He also K'd 62 in the same number of innings. He obviously figured prominently in the Saxons return to the top spot in '58.

Fireman voting:

1.	DUREN - Saxons	55	(11)
2.	ELSTON - Tigers	33	
3.	FARRELL - Falcons	32	
4.	STALEY - Express	13	
5.	ROBINSON - Mavs	11	

### JACKIE ROBINSON AWARD

Orlando Cepeda, the #1 pick in the 1958 draft, won the Rookie of the Year Award by clouting **21 HR's, 101 RBI's, .248 BA.** I have a feeling we will be hearing from this young rookie for several years to come. Finishing second was pint-size Albie Pearson, released by the Cascades after the season.

Jackie Robinson Voting:

1.	CEPEDA - Albions	44	(5)
2.	PEARSON - Cascades	29	(2)
3.	GRANT - Cubs	26	(2)
4.	STUART - Black Sox	19	
5.	WAGNER - Cubs	17	(2)





## Slugger Comparison

I found this article in a ten year old paperback called **THE NATIONAL PASTIME**. It's a book of articles, Essays, stats, and lore from many of the great Baseball writers, such as, Bill James, Pete Palmer, David Neft, Jim Kaplan and more. I hope you all enjoy this very interesting comparison between two very good sluggers that just happen to be involved in two of our three SPB leagues. Of course, I've shortened it to get it into the newsletter, but you will not miss much. **Mike Cascarano**

### A TALE OF TWO SLUGGERS: ROGER MARIS AND HACK WILSON

by Don Nelson

If you were asked what Hack Wilson and Roger Maris had in common, your reply might be:

"Wilson holds the record for HR's in the NL and Maris has the AL record." That would be correct. But are there other things? You might also say: "Maris holds a significant MAJOR league record-for HR's in a season-and Hack set one too, for RBI's. Fine. Anything else?"

Well, you might go on, "each had his troubles after his BIG YEAR (1930 for Wilson, and 1961 for Maris), never getting anywhere near his great year again, and each retired at a relatively young age." You might also add, "and both were outfielders."

These similarities are the ones most readers would cite, but they are only the beginning. Both players started their careers slowly, made a meteoric dash to fame, and then took a fast slide to retirement. Both spent 12 years in the big leagues. Both reached the majors in their 23rd year. Wilson played his last major league game in 1934 at age 34; and 34 years later, in 1968, Maris played his last season, also at age 34.

Each had his second best HR output the year before his big campaign and each hit exactly 39 HR's in that year. Each also had a teammate club one more HR in the season previous to the Big One. Rogers Hornsby hit 40 for the Cubs in 1929. Mickey Mantle cracked 40 for the Bronx Bombers to lead the league in 1960.

Similarities enough? No. I'm just warming up. When Maris clouted his 61, teammate Mantle also had his greatest HR season-hitting 54. Wilson also had a teammate enjoying his greatest long-ball year, Gabby Hartnett connected for a career-high 37 round-trippers the same year Wilson lifted 56. The Maris-Mantle total of 115 HR's is the AL record for two players on the same club.



Wilson and Hartnett's 93 are the most ever hit by two NL teammates in a season.

Hack also lead the league and NL record of 190 RBI's in 1930. Hack also led the year before when he drove in 159. Maris also led the league in the year before THE year and topped that with 142 to lead the league and set a personal high in 1961. Neither ever led the league in RBI's in any other year.

To continue. Both were about the same threat to poke it out of the park: Wilson's career homers-to-ab's ratio was 1 to 19.5; Maris' rate was 1 to 18.5 official plate appearances. They had about the same totals for walks (Wilson 674, Maris 652) and KO's (Maris 733, Wilson 713).

Both started and closed their careers with teams other than with which they achieved stardom, Maris was with the Indians and the A's before putting on the Yankee pinstripes; he was traded to the Cardinals for his last two seasons. Wilson began as a Giant and closed out with the

Dodgers and Phillies. Each played for pennant winners other than his principal team, Maris on the '67 and '68 St Louis Cardinals; Wilson on the '24 New York Giants.

Wilson's achievement of 56 HR's, though a NL record that has endured for 52 years, couldn't have been too thrilling at the time, coming so soon after Ruth had blasted 60 (and 59 and 54 twice). Besides Hack came off as somewhat of a heavy. At 5'6" and 190 pounds with a size 5 1/2 shoe, and he had his problems with booze. Maris was considered by some to be more of a villain than a hero for his 1961 triumphs. Many pointed out that Rog had the benefit of the 162 game schedule and expansion. And, to add insult to injury, he had the audacity to overshadow the latter-day Yankee favorite, Mantle at the same time he was violating the Babe's 60-homer record.

There are many differences, statistical, physical, temperamental. But this piece is about similarities. Ready for some more? Wilson had more HR's in his one great season than in his first four major league seasons or his last four; he hit more than half of his homers in the three consecutive seasons of 1928 through 1930. Maris' HR career fits the same mold; he had more round-trippers in 1961 than in his first three seasons and as many in three consecutive campaigns, 1960 through 1962.

Wilson closed out his career with only 15 four-baggers in his last TWO seasons (9 and 6) and Maris followed suit with 14 (9 and 5).

"Stop!" did you say? OK, if you say you're convinced of the connection; but there is more.....

## '59 Preview

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**FALCONS:** Manager Frank Papp will attempt to find the magic and regain the top spot the Falcons grabbed in 1957, but it will be tough. He's piecing together a fine pitching staff anchored by Bob Purkey, Bill Monbouquette, Stan Williams and rookie Jim Perry. Don Mossi, Duke Maas and lefty Danny McDevitt will have to shoulder the load until Falcons soar. It will take some creative strategy to utilize everyday players and get maximum performance. Is Pete Runnels better at 1B or 2B and can Daryl Spencer be the fulltime 2B and then weaken SS? Russ Snyder is the heir apparent in the OF for Jim Busby and Al Pilarcik is a fine stopgap. But with Frank Robinson, Ken Boyer and Ted Williams in the middle of the lineup, you cannot ignore Falcons in '59. Offense and pitching must all soar together.

**BLACK SOX:** At first glance, John Ungashick has put together his own old-timers team with Carl Furillo, Del Ennis, George Crowe and Elmer Valo on the bench. However, each is a valuable complement to another budding franchise. Fine OF with Richie Ashburn, Gus Bell, Lenny Green and Jim Landis with Jerry Lynch coming off the bench. Luis Aparicio at SS doesn't have a regular 2B partner and Hector Lopez holds down 3B with a somewhat surprising VG. Dick Stuart strikes both fear and out. Pitching is thin with one-year wonder Jerry Casale, veteran Billy Loes, Dave Hillman and Ray Herbert. Russ Kemmerer and Bob Anderson can give an occasional solid effort, but overall they are not deep enough to contend. Made the right moves during the off-season and are moving in the right direction.

**Picks: Cubs and Rifles**

## '47 Teams Reach Halfway Pole with Nothing Decided

by John Ungashick

As the interdivisional phase of the season wrapped up at the end of June, the complete dominance of the **National League** became even more clear. Five teams in the Senior Circuit sported over .500 records, while only the **Brooklyn Dodgers**, whose 38-32 record would have been a distant fifth in the NL, were above the .500 mark in the **American**.



The story of the year continues to be the Cinderella

**Evanston Trees**, who enjoyed their third straight excellent month and opened up a four-game lead over the **Chicago White Sox**. Only four more games separated the Pale Hose from the 5th place **Acorns**. The Dodgers had a similar 4-game bulge over the **Federals** in the Junior Circuit and the under-achieving **Fortress** in 3rd, five games back.

The **Dayton Flyers** had a difficult month (7-13) and slipped to eight back in the AL. Three clubs, the **Hornets, Gold Sox and Monarchs** are scrambling to stay out of the cellar, each with a 29-41 record.

Over in the American, the **Trees** went 13-7 to add three games to their lead. The **Elephants** went 13-12 and fell six back while the **Marauders** had a short month, going 9-6 and dropping to 5 behind the leader.

The **Acorns**, now managed by Jeff Nicholson, put on a surge in June with a sparkling 16-9 record and gain 1/2 game in the standings, moving to 8 back. The **Bears** and **Whales** exchanged spots at the

bottom of the NL with Rossmoor going 9-6 to move into 6th place while the Whales were .500 at 10-10 and slipped into the basement.

**Terry Moore** of the **Rossville Hornets** upped his average to .359 and took a slim .001 lead over teammate **Grady Hatton** in the batting race. The **Federals'** Harry "The Hat" Walker was a close second at .354 after the third month. There are four other players currently above the .340 plateau.

Johnny Mize of the **Fortress** maintained his HR lead with 25 while the **Elephants'** Red Embree holds the lead with 10 victories on the hill.

**Team-of-the-Month** was a close call between the **Trees and Acorns**. While Evanston had a better winning percentage, Glendale had three more victories based on more games played. So, the nod goes to the **Acorns**.

**Player-of-the-Month** was no contest as **Mize** slammed the ball at a .368 clip with an on base percentage of .467, 9 HRs and 26 RBI.

**Reliever-of-the-Month** was also a runaway as **Johnny Murphy** of the **Elephants** went 3-0 with 2 saves and a perfect 0.00 ERA in 7 games.

**Pitcher-of-the-Month** was a bit more complicated with three solid candidates. The **White Sox'** **Vic Raschi** was 3-0 with a 2.04 ERA and 2 shutouts, while **Red Embree** of the **Elephants** was 4-1 with a 2.13 ERA. However, the award goes ever so slightly to **Tex Hughson** of the **Acorns** who notched a 3-1 mark and a microscopic 0.53