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## Elephants Stampede in West, Fortress Hold On in East for Tough '46 Pennant Flags- - - Fortress Wins One for The Creator

by John Ungashick

The rampaging Evanston Elephants went 20-8 in the last month of the season to sweep past the Antelope Valley Marauders and win the '46 SPB-II Western Division title. Evanston finished with 102 wins and stormed past AVM which had held the top spot since early in the season.

In the East, both the Frankfort Fortress and Brooklyn Dodgers floundered around .500 all month, but the Indiana crew had just enough to stagger home with 92 wins and a three game margin of victory.

The World Series was played on January 27th and the Fortress won what might be called the *Lifetime Achievement Award* for skipper Gary Plunkitt by a 4-1 margin. (See Page 8).

Mickey Vernon of the Fairfield Federals "slumped" a bit in September while George Kell of the Fortress went wild, but Vernon's lead was just too great as he finished with a .381 BA and the league crown. This did not save Vernon, however, as he was traded by Manager Jerry Dailey at the end of the season to the Hornets for their Number One pick in the upcoming draft, seventh overall.

Joe DiMaggio of the Elephants may have hurt his MVP chances with a terrible September, hitting just .213 and only 4 homers. However, he was still able to wrap up two titles, winning the HR crown with 43 and in RBI with 146.

Hank Greenberg of the Acorns put on a late rush, but came up short with 39-124 to finish second in both hitting categories. Evanston's Bob Feller led with 23 victories,

but his 17 losses were second in that category. Does he rate the Cy Young?

Team of the month was a bit of a quandry. It would have been easy to give it to the Elephants on the basis of their 20 wins, but a closer look gives consideration to the West Warwick Monarchs. Although playing just 21 games, they finished at 14-7 despite a sickly .236 average. The key was a pitching staff which put together a dazzling 1.93 ERA and allowed only 4 HRs for the entire month. And as opposed to the 1945 campaign where they lost 6-of-7 to the Dodgers in the final month to set Brooklyn up for a playoff against Frankfort, the Monarchs took 5-of-7 this month to kill the Dodger hopes.

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### FINAL '46 STANDINGS

Eastern	W	L	PCT	GB
Fortress	92	62	.597	--
Dodgers	89	65	.578	3
Gold Sox	74	80	.481	18
Monarchs	73	81	.474	19
Federals	70	84	.455	22
Hornets	64	90	.416	28
Redbirds	64	90	.416	28
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Elephants	102	52	.662	--
Marauders	98	56	.636	4
Whales	83	71	.539	19
Trees	75	79	.487	27
White Sox	73	81	.474	29
Acorns	68	86	.442	34
Bears	53	101	.344	49

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## Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

Congratulations to the FRANKFORT FORTRESS and EVANSTON ELEPHANTS winners of their respective divisions in SPBII-46.

The SPB Rules Committee has been working overtime during the past several weeks to chart the future course for both SPB leagues. Several important changes have been made which I believe will make our league ever more challenging and fun. These rule changes will take effect with the 1947 and 1959 seasons. Here they are:

- 1). All players will be limited during the season to their exact number of at bats.
- 2). Rosters sizes have been reduced to thirty (30) players.
- 3). Unlimited pitcher ERA has been raised to 5.25.
- 4). Teams will be penalized for player overuse in the following manner. For each 5 at bats of batter overuse, a team will have one (1) game added to his team final victory total. For each pitcher start or relief appearance overuse, a team will have one (1) game added to his final victory total. The net result is that with more victories, a team will drop in draft position in the 3rd Round of the Rookie Draft.

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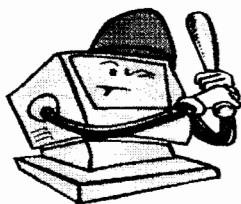
Should a team be penalized by 10 or more games, his draft position in the 3rd Round becomes his draft position for the remainder of the draft.

The goal of these rules is to infuse more weaker players into the league thus making the stats much more realistic. We all want to capture the feel of baseball as it was played 30, 40, even 50 years ago and I believe this new approach will

bring out the Caseys in all of us. But we all must realize the magnitude of this approach.

There will be no room for push button managing and drafting! Each manager must be cognizant of the resources his team will need to compete throughout the entire season and prepare his draft strategy to meet those demanding needs. I look forward to the challenge, I hope you will as well.

All SPBII-47 managers will have by now received their 47 "pre-season" disk which will allow ample time to study the rookies who will be drafted on March 9, 1996. Also enclosed on that same disk, is a copy of the new SPB League Constitution. Please print the contents of the file and read it. I am always surprised at how many managers seem content to play in this league while being completely ignorant of our rules. All SPBI-59 managers will receive, at the appropriate time, the same file with their "pre-season" disk.



Pennant Chase

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Two players made solid bids for Player-of-the-Month, but came at it from wildly different directions. George Kell of the Fortress hit a lofty .444 with 56 hits in 35 games, but "only" had 20 runs scored and 15 RBI. On the other hand, Hank Greenberg of the Acorns hit "only" .323, but had a .452 OBA, .788 SLG, 12 HRs and 30 RBI. So, in a very close vote, the decision goes to Mr. Greenberg.

Pitcher-of-the-Month was a little easier although Warren Spahn of the Monarchs made a strong bid with a 3-1 record and 0.90 ERA in 5 games. However, the winner was Howie Pollett of the Elephants who, in the heat of the pennant race, went 5-1 with a 1.06 ERA. Also, he had one save in his only relief stint and allowed just one HR in 68 innings. Evanston's Jack Hallett was the best of a weak relief group, going 1-0 with 4 saves and a 1.00 ERA in 8 appearances.



JUNE

	W	L	PCT	GB
<b>Eastern</b>				
Pelicans	40	30	.571	—
Tigers	38	32	.543	2
Cubs	37	33	.529	3
Express	37	33	.529	3
Minors	36	34	.514	4
Blue Sox	36	34	.514	4
Grays	29	41	.414	11
<b>Western</b>				
Saxons	43	27	.614	—
Cascades	43	27	.614	—
Rifles	42	28	.600	1
Mavericks	39	31	.557	4
Albions	24	46	.343	19
Falcons	24	46	.343	19
Black Sox	22	48	.314	21

DIAMOND DUST

1946-Cardinals win both playoff games at Ebbets Field. Only 26,012 are on hand for the opener as Howie Pollett fires a 3-hitter. Erv Dusak and Enos Slaughter lead 8-4 win on October 3rd for pennant...Red Sox win WS Opener 3-2 on Rudy York 10th inning HR..Brecheen zips Sox 3-0. In game 3, York hammers a 3-run shot to lead 4-0 win on Boo Ferriss' zip. Birds win series in seven on the infamous Enos Slaughter run. Stan Musial goes 6-27 and Ted Williams 5-25...Cardinal players get a share of \$3,748 while losing Sox get \$2,140 apiece, the smallest payoff since 1918...Bill Veeck has his right foot amputated. One of his innovations was posting of NL scores on the Cleveland scoreboard, something not done before in rival league parks.

"If U.S. Grant had been leading an army of baseball players, they'd have second guessed him all the way to the doorknob of the Appomattox Courthouse."

Bill Veeck, *The Hustler's Handbook*

1958- MLB reinstates Ed Bouchee who had been suspended on a morals charge... Dick Drott and Don Elston combine for a 6-2 1-hit Cubs' shuout of the Dodgers. Jim Gilliam's 7th inning single ruins the no-hit bid... With the bases loaded in the 9th inning, the Cards' Larry Jackson hits Jim Davenport with a pitch to force in the winning run. A day earlier, he walked Willie Kirkland to force in the winning run in the 9th...A committee is empowered by Warren Giles to study NL expansion. Plans are outlined for Shea Stadium...Lew Burdette hits 2 HRs to beat Dodgers 6-4 while Jack Harshman of the Orioles does the same against the Chisox in a 6-5 win... Norm Siebern has his 2nd 5-hit game of the month as the Yankees defeat A's...Jim Bunning tosses a 3-0 no-hitter over Red Sox while striking out 12.....

## Halfway Mark in '58 Season Provides No Answers to Flag Chase

Teams in both the Eastern and Western divisions played leapfrog during the final month of inter-division play in June. In the East, the Pelicans finished the month at 1 over .500 and still managed to overtake the sputtering Cubs (9-16) and grab a 2-game lead in the division. The Tigers may have turned the corner posting a 17-8 mark, enough to vault them into the second spot.

One major surprise has been the play of the Mountain Park Minors under new skipper Bob Buonaccorsi. The Minors tied for the third best record at 16-9 and moved into a tie, 2 over .500 with the Blue Sox, 11-14 for the month. The Grays continued to stumble due to pitching shorts and remain in the cellar.



Over in the West, the Saxons had a fine month at 15-10, but lost ground. The Cascades came in at 17-8 to tie for first while the league's hottest

club, the Rifles, won 19-of-25 to make up four games and stay one back at the break. The Mavericks made up ground with a 16-9 record and gained a game, moving to four back.

The defending division winners, the Falcons, continue to muddle their way through a rebuilding campaign, staying tied with the Albions at 24-46 as both posted 8-16 marks for the month.

Falling into 7th place and undisputed possession of the division basement are the Black Sox, still in mourning with a league low .224 batting average. However, Western opponents must keep out a wary eye as the Sox team ERA is right at the league average of 3.59! Although Early Wynn and Jack Urban are at 2-10 and Russ Kemmerer at 2-9,

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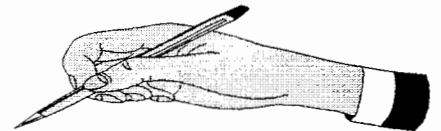
## 1958 GAME REPORTS

The Rifles, second in the '58 West, ventured into Frankfort to take on the Tigers who are slowly emerging from their early season doldrums. In the opener, Mickey Mantle smacked a 2-run 1st inning shot off Stu Miller to lead a 3-1 win. Don Larsen spun a 4-hitter to best Miller's 3-hit effort. The next day, the Rifles plated 3 in the 7th inning to best Tom Brewer with Toothpick Jones getting the win with a save from youngster Joey Jay. Mantle, Roy Sievers and Wes Covington all homered. George Crowe supplied the Rifle shot in the third with a late inning blast and a 3-2 win as Jay saved one for Mitzell. Another Rifles' win in the 4th with Jay picking up his 3rd save of the series, this one for Vern Law in a 3-2 win. In the finale, Don Zimmer blasted a 3-run HR in the 8th for a 9-6 Tigers win over Camilo Pascual. John Antonelli got the win with help from Don Elston. Dan O'Connell and Sievers went back-to-back in first, but Tigers got six in the first 4 innings, including an Ed Bailey HR, for the lead and eventual win..

The resurgent Minors traveled to the Rifles and took two in their hot month. Rifles got 3 in 1st on hits by Crowe, Sievers and Bill Tuttle as Jones went the distance and held on for a 3-2 win. Down, 2-0 in 6th, Smokey Burgess and Ron Fairly doubled for 3 as Rifles got a win from Vern Law and save from Phil Paine. Minors bounced back the next day on a 2-run HR from Bobby Avila and Don Cardwell's fine effort. Felipe Alou went 3-for-4. Another 3-2 deal in game 4. With game tied 2-2 in 9th, Tuttle singled home Roger Maris for game-winner. Harry Simpson awoke in finale for Minors, going 3-for-5 and 3 RBI to support SPB refugee Billy Hoeff's CG 7-2 win.....The Grays came to town and left the Riflerange ashen, dropping all five contests. With the game tied 2-2 in 9th of opener, Rocky

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Just when you think it's time to kickback and take a breather, another campaign. What, no off-season?

Considering the frantic pace at which teams are being assembled prior to the March '47 draft, it should be another interesting season when 1947 begins. And yes, the '58 campaign is unfolding quite nicely.

I would urge everyone to grab their favorite reading spot and go through the new SPB Constitution. The details are quite specific in detailing penalties for chronic player over-use and other abuses and rules.

Many of us like to follow the "Progress of the Season" and while we would all like to play head-to-head, it isn't feasible. I know that many of you have already completed portions of the final month of the '58 season, but please remember other managers like to know how things evolve.

Please continue to furnish Game Reports and/or scoresheets for publication. If you want, just pop a disk in the mail with the scoresheets (or paper copies) and I'll put them together here. While you may feel you are either in or out of a race, please be considerate that others want to know what's going on.

Other leagues thrive on simply grinding out games and devouring stats. That's where we are unique!!! Did you realize that there are some managers who have NEVER furnished a game report.

Also, in an effort to provide some interesting reading, all articles are welcome. If you find a piece from an old publication, send it in. I'll put it in here. Please submit any other articles on disk to cut down on my retyping.

And remember, Don Zminda has assumed control of the Alresford Albions. Yes, another new nickname in 1958. Take care.

## '47 Swapshop

The ink had barely dried on the '46 stats when the wheeling and dealing began for the '47 campaign.

44. WHALES trade Jim Tabor to the FLYERS for John Berardino.
45. WHALES swap Red Embree and Johnny Murphy to ELEPHANTS for Buddy Lewis and Clyde Kluttz.
46. WHALES trade Berardino and Buddy Blattner to FORTRESS for Jake Jones.
47. HORNETS move Cass Michaels to WHALES for Jeff Heath.
48. FLYERS trade Sid Hudson to WHALES for Ed Klieman.
49. FEDERALS trade FORBES FIELD to FLYERS for SHIBE PARK (NL).
50. BEARS trade Johnny Lindell to FLYERS for Dick Wakefield.
51. HORNETS trade their #1 PICK to FEDERALS for Mickey Vernon.
52. HORNETS swap Al Evans and Ted Wilks to WHALES for Kluttz, Paul Erickson and Whales #2 Pick.
53. ACORNS trade Emil Verban and Red Munger to HORNETS for Jerry Priddy and Spud Chandler.

### Back to the Future

Wait a minute! Haven't we heard this name before? Or are we just imagining and looking into the future?

The *Ohio Redbirds* are history. Jim Wheeler, no longer able to face his fellow managers after one of the worst records in 1946, has decided to make some major changes.

The Redbirds will now be known as the *Dayton Flyers* and their home games will be played in Forbes Field, having traded playing sites with the Fairfield Federals.

Are there Angels in that OF?



*(Following are tidbits and info from 1946 Game Summaries and Reports furnished to Lou Ross):*

On their way to the Western title, the Elephants stopped off at the Bears' cage to do some damage. Five-of-seven on the road with game one setting the tone. Although the Bears trailed Bob Feller by 6-1 after 7, they clawed back for 5 in the 8th on PH RBI hits by Frank Colman, Ernie Lombardi and John Lucadello. It went for naught as Elmer Valo's PH HR off Ellis Kinder in the 9th won it for Evanston, 7-6. Pollett flipped a beautiful 7-0 4-hitter in game two, led by Benny Zientara's 2-5, 2 doubles, 3 RBI. Bears came back in third game with Bill Bevens and Fritz Oster-mueler going the distance and 4 Elephant errors leading to 2 unearned runs and a 3-2 Bears win. Buddy Lewis hit a grand slam in the 8th inning of game 4 to give Evanston a 10-2 lead. Bears scored 5 in the 9th on a 3-run 2B by Les Moss, but lose 10-7. Feller fires a CG 7-2 win in game five, allowing 5 hits and striking out 11. Game six saw Evanston come back from a 3-0 deficit to tie in 7th, but in the 11th, Bill Rigney's 2-run HR gave Bears a 5-3 win. Elephants just able to make it out of town, winning finale 7-6, scoring 5 in 3rd led by Joe DiMaggio's 2-run HR. Bevens went the distance..

On their way to the pennant, the Elephants won two key home series. The arch-rival Marauders came to town and left with their pennant hopes packed in a trunk. While Evanston only outhit the M's 63-61 for the series, the composite score was a resounding 38-14. Three contests were routs, but the other four were quite competitive as the Elephants kept getting the key hit while the M's came up short.

In the opener, Feller was banged for three runs and four hits and the damage could have been worse, but Joe D. nailed a runner at the plate. Two other M's were gunned out at the plate. The Big E came back and won 4-3 despite being outhit 13-7!

The old standby, Howie Pollett, took the hill in game two and stymied the M's with a 6-1 CG. AVM closed up the series gap in game three, holding off a 9th inning threat and winning their only game of the series, 2-1. Joe D. came up with a 3-run 1st inning HR in game four, then Dave Koslo settled down for AVM while they clawed back for a 3-3 tie in the 7th. Buddy Lewis then plated Jeff Cross with the go-ahead run in the 8th and Jack Hallett mowed down the M's in the 9th to preserve the win. It was Feller again in game 5, 9-0, despite 8 walks and only 4 K's. Bill Dickey had 4 hits in a rare start behind the plate.



Game 6 was the proverbial "Straw that broke the camel's back," as Evanston got an unearned run in the first and despite 6 baserunners in the first 3, AVM was unable to break through. Solo runs in the 4th, 7th and 9th gave the M's a 3-1 lead with rookie Bill McCahan pitching a brilliant game. With two down and runners at 2nd and 3rd, Benny Zientara laced a single to CF with Babe Young just beating the throw to the plate to tie the score. With the winning run at 2B, Augie Galan broke McCahan's heart with an RBI double and a 4-3 Evanston win. Game 7 was an anticlimax as the Elephants pounded Eddie Lopat for 13 hits and 8 runs in 6 innings to coast to a 10-2 win.

Trying their best to serve as spoilers, the Whales came to town hoping to unseat the Elephants from the top. Feller and Pollett were pounded in the opening two games as the Elephants committed seven errors and DiMaggio was injured in game two through six. But Evanston pulled out all stops

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Colavito doubled home Hank Aaron for the lead, but in the bottom, Jim Gilliam and Red Wilson singled home runs for a 4-3 win. Pascual went the distance the next day striking out 8 and walking none for an 8-0 zip. Roy McMillan posted 5 RBI on a 3-4, two double day. Another CG in game three with Jones coasting 9-2. Bobby Clemente drove home 4 on 2-4 and a HR. Wilson led the attack the next day with 3-4 and a HR, adding to RC Stevens' HR and 3 RBI for a 7-4 win. In the get-away game, Maris launched a 12th inning HR for a 3-2 win to support Miller's 5 scoreless innings of relief.

The sputtering Orient Express completed the homestand, losing four of five. Orient led opener 4-3 in 6th when Rifles scored 4, capped by Maris' 2-out, 2-run single to complete a 3-3, 3 RBI day and a 7-4 win. Game two saw Rifles explode for 6 in 3rd highlighted by a 2-out, bases clearing double by Vinegar Bend Mizell. Bob Trowbridge went four solid innings in relief for a 10-6 triumph. The Express unraveled in game three, tossing away 8 unearned runs in the opening inning of a 9-4 Rifle win. Jones tosses his 3rd CG of the homestand. Rookie-of-the-Year Jack Sanford gets belted around in game four for six in 2nd inning as Sievers homers twice in 7-4 win. Express returns home with some dignity, winning finale 4-2 behind Willie Jones' 7th inning 2-run single. Jay had a no-hitter through 5 before faltering.

Frankfort Tigers' second home series of the month was against the Higgh Desert Highlanders and they took it, 3-2. In the opener, the Tigers baserunning floundered as John Roseboro nailed Mantle stealing twice and specialist Ted Beard. Bill Mazerowski and Frank Bolling homered in the game and Jim Bunning got the win 4-2 over Carlton Willey with Tom Morgan notching the save. Tigers

came back in the second with Tom Brewer besting Whitey Ford, 7-4. Gene Green nailed a 2-run HR in a 4-run first to put it away early and Mantle also homered. Ronnie Kline and Tom Gorman combined in the third contest to stop Brooks Lawrence and the Tigers in the 3rd game, 4-1. In the 4th, John Antonelli tossed a 7-hitter and blew away the Mavs 10-1. Green drove home 3 with a 2B and 3B while Billy Hunter put the only Mavs' run on the board with a solo. The getaway went 11 and Zimmer hit his second HR of the game elading off the 11th for a 5-4 win over Alex Kellner with Don Elston nabbing the save. Zimmer and Al Smith had gone back-to-back in the 2nd inning. It was HR Derby as Bolling and Wes Covington homered for the Tigers and Lee Walls unloaded for the Mavs.

The Cascades went 5-5 on the road, winning 4-of-5 from the Grays and losing four to the Minors. Cal McLish won twice at Providence, Billy O'Dell once and Dick Donovan, now on the right track got the fourth. Don Newcombe was bested by the tough Curt Simmons.

The red-hot Minors stopped the Cascades trek losing only to McLish, beating Newk twice, O'Dell and Daley. Ex-Cascades Billy Hoelt posted a win as did Frank Lary, Roberts and Don Cardwell.

At home, the Cascades remained tough, taking the Pelicans 4-of-5, 3 from the Blue Sox and sweeping the tough Cubs. In Game 1 Dickson took on McLish and in 4th, Mays singled, stole and Crandall drives him in. Fernandez HR in 6th, Davenport HR with 2 out in 10th off old reliable Jeffcoat for a 2-1 win. #2-Grant-Buhl-- Pac gets 3 in 1st on solo by Skinner and two-run from Howard, Mathews HR leading off 7th and Pac wins 3-1...#3-Wilson-Donovan--With 2 out in 2nd, Bridges, Fondy, Pearson, Donovan and Fox single for 2. Gardner HR in 4th. Skinner singles in one and Moryn doubles

in another in 5th for 4-1 lead. O'Dell stops rally in 8th and gets save in 4-1 win. #4-Foytack-Beamon-- Pearson singles in one in 2nd, Cubs tie on Crandall HR in 4th: Howard 2-run HR in 4th gives Beamon margin and Susce gets the save. #5-Narleski-Susce-- Cascades ride a hot pitcher til he drops! Sac flies by Throneberry and Narleski give Cubs 2-0 lead in 2nd. There's a 50 minute rain delay and Clevenger comes on. With 2 out, Banks muffs a grounder, then Pearson, Fox and Ennis single for 2 and a tie. There's a 69-minute delay in top 3rd and Chittum comes on after Susce walks 2 to load bases and he escapes. Cubs get 2 in 7th on Mays' 2-run shot. Daley survives the 8th and in bottom, it got interesting. Ennis singled, Skinner ran and Moryn homered for a tie at 4-4. off Labine. Fernandez walked and after an out, Vernon walked as a PH. House bounced out and then Don Demeter, inserted in a double switch when Daley came on homered to RCF for 3 and a 7-4 victory. Mays hit only .222 for series, Banks .048 as Cubs hit only 4 homers and hit less than .200 for five games.

Against the Pelicans, McLish got all the support he needed in game one with 3 in the 5th on singles by Pearson, Fox and Fernandez to best Podres. Pelicans won the 2nd as Don Drysdale beat Newk 4-3 on an error by Mickey Vernon. The 3rd went 10 after the Cascades came back from a 5-0 deficit against Joe Nuxhall. JW Porter keyed a 5-run 7th with a 3-run HR and in the 10th, Davenport singled in the winning run of Tom Gorman. Ron Blackburn got the win in relief. PAC won #4 7-5 against Turley with a HR by Pearson, a bases clearing 3B by Moryn and a 2-run 2B by Frank House. In the finale, Nelson Chittum started and went 5, relieved by O'Dell when he got into trouble in the 6th. Moryn singled in the winning run with one-out in the 9th off Jim Brosnan, on for Podres. After Podres drilled Moryn in the

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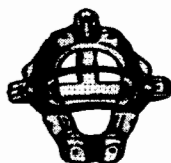
## '58 Game Reports

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first, Ellie Howard followed with a HR.

The Blue Sox proved to be formidable opponents at Crosley Field. Ray Moore and O'Dell matched in the opener and with the game tied in the bottom 9th, Rocky Bridges homered off Roy Face for the 3-2 win. The Sox unloaded their ammunition against Newk the next day, winning 10-8. Lafayette got 3 in the 1st on Jim Lemon's 3-run HR and they added 4 in the 2nd on back-to-backs, a 3-run by Frank Malzone and a solo by Harry Anderson to make it 7-2. The Seinfeld lookalike Anderson doubled home a run in the 4th off Charlie Beamon, but the Cascades chipped back and tied it in the 8th on a Davenport shot. Ron Blackburn couldn't get out of trouble in the 9th and a 2-run single by Coot Veal gave the Sox a win. Herb Moford won it with a save from Face. Down 4-3 after 6 of game 3, the Cascades got 5 in the 7th off Bob Rush, Virgil Trucks and Turk Lown and added one in the 8th for a 9-4 win.

Lafayette evened the series the next day 4-3, behind Ray Semproch who bested McLish. Face shut the door in the 9th for the save. It took until the 9th inning for the Cascades to take the series. Billy Pierce and O'Dell took the hill. Ashburn singled home a run in the 3rd, but Davenport hit a 2-run HR to lead 2-1. Moryn added a solo in the 6th, but Susce, on in relief, walked in a run in the 8th and permitted a single to Lemon for the tie. Frank Torre was nailed at the plate by Skinner to prevent the go-ahead run. Howard homered off Moford with Skinner on in the 9th for the series win.



## '58 June Recap

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watch out for Dave Hillman and Ray Monzant down the stretch.

Ted Williams had a phenomenal month and raised his average to .389, overtaking a slumping Willie Mays who fell to a mere mortal .329. Ernie Banks did not falter for the Cubs and raised his total to a league leading 22, three ahead of Mickey Mantle at 19. Last month's leaders, Roger Maris (17) and Bob Cerv (19) hit four and six respectively to stay in the race. Banks also has the RBI lead with 65, seven over Rocky Colavito.

Richie Ashburn (101) is the first SPB-I player to break the 100 mark in hits. A league leading 8 triples are included in the total.

Off their great month, the Minors have taken over the league lead in ERA with a startling 2.92 with the Pelicans now second at 2.95.

Robin Roberts (Minors) reached the 10-win plateau first with Whitey Ford, Billy Hoelt, Lew Burdette and Gene Conley tied at nine. Roy Face has found his form for Lafayette and leads the league with 14 saves, a number in big contests. Bob Turley continues his wild streak, leading with 72 free passes issued over the first three months.

Bud Byerly of the Falcons has already appeared in 27 of his allowable 35 appearances in relief for the Falcons while teammate Bill Wight has only ten appearances left over the final months.

Based on his early season usage, Gene Conley of the Orient Express took over the strikeout lead with 117, 27 over the closest challenger, Sam "Toothpick" Jones of the Rifles.

Time to separate the contenders and pretenders.

## Diamond Mind- Version 6

I am certain that all managers have a copy of Diamond Mind Baseball in hand and are ready to go for either the '47 or '59 SPB campaigns.

On the surface, many of the game features do not appear to be dramatically different from the old PTP edition. However, some of the interface functions are welcome additions.

The use of the mouse in moving about is a relief from clicking keys, although we are almost all capable of doing those clicks in our sleep.

What is your initial feedback? Do you prefer the new Newspaper Boxscore? How about the Trade feature? Can we incorporate that in the future for SPB play? How about the game itself? Are there appreciable differences in the new game?

Send and share your comments here.

## Baseball Nicknames

Here are the answers to last month's nickname quiz. These names were from the 1958 *Baseball Register*

1. Put-Put: Richie Ashburn
2. Humphrey: Steve Bilko
3. Frozen Rope: Bob Boyd
4. Chip: Ken Aspromonte
5. Ozark: Jackie Brandt
6. Momen: Bobby Clemente
7. Froggy: Joe DeMaestri
8. Whitey, Shotgun or Goofball: Billy Gardner
9. Animal: Gene Green
10. Clutch: Billy Harrell
11. Scrap Iron: Clint Courtney or Freddie Hatfield
12. Pig: Frank House
13. Arkansas Hummingbird: Jim King
14. Boom-Boom: Willie Kirkland
15. Dusty: Danny Kravitz



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and won the 4 games Joltin' Joe missed. In game 5, the Whales were crushed 15-5 with 12 runs in the first 3 innings. Pollett hurled a 5-hit zip in game six and DiMag returned for the finale. But Stan Spence's 3-run HR followed by Vern Stephens' solo put the Elephants away. Elephants won series 4-3.

Over in the East, the Dodgers struggled to keep up with the Fortress, attempting to juggle a lineup almost bare of quality ABs and pitching appearances. The death knell struck on the road at West Warwick! Dizzy Trout bested Schoolboy Rowe 4-3 in the opener as Al Zarilla tripled home 3 runs. Not even close in the second as the Monarchs blew out the Dodgers 13-0 behind a bases clearing triple by Hal Majeski and a grand slam by Bobby Doerr. Brooklyn came back in game 3 on a pair of solo HRs by backup catcher Don Padgett. The second was a 2-out, 9th inning shot off stopper Hugh Casey! Game 4 saw Bobby Thomson break a 1-1 tie with a 9th inning single. In number five, a pitching duel ends in the 9th when Tommy Holmes walked and Jack Graham homered off Casey for a 2-0 win. Rowe got the win and Phil Marchildon the save. It was 10-4 WWM in the 6th as they scored in each of the first 5 innings with Zarilla and Jack Wallaesa each driving home 3. Graham put all the Brooklyn runs on the board with a grand slam.. Dodgers' pathetic hitting (.180 for series) was again evident in finale as Wallaesa ripped an 8th inning slam for a 7-5 Monarch comeback win. Dodgers were without catcher Andy Seminick, injured in game 4 through the remainder of the series.

Brooklyn did just a bit better, winning three from the Federals who effectively ended the pennant run. The Dodgers won the opening two behind their big guns, Rowe and Marchildon, dropped the next two with Bill Voiselle and Cuddles

Marshall being bested by Allie Reynolds and Rube Fischer. Rowe picked up another win, but Nelson Potter and Johnny Schmitz stormed back for 8-4 and 7-2 wins.

At home, Brooklyn took 5-of-7 from the Gold Sox, 3 in extra innings. A 63-minute rain delay in the 4th inning of the opener saw Cliff Fannin leave the hill, but Ed Wright, Sheldon Jones and Harry Gumbert held on 5-1. Marv Rickert and Ray Sanders homered back-to-back off Orval Grove in the 1st. After Christopher bested Denny Galehouse 8-2, George Binks' SF in the 10th won game three 4-3 as Red Barrett won in relief. Game 4 went 12 when Sanders' 2-out 2-run HR in the 9th off Bobo Newsom offset Rudy York's 9th inning shot off Al Gerhauser. Dodgers won in 12th when Si Johnson walked Padgett with the bases jammed for a 3-2 win. G' Sox jumped on Barret for 3 in the 8th on Billy Johnson's double, 7-5. The 6th game went 13 innings due to Holmes' 8th inning HR to tie at 2-2. In the 13th, Voiselle fell apart and allowed a three-run double to Charlie Gilbert to lead the



Sox to a 6-2 win. In the 7th inning of the finale, Seminich HR'd off Johnson and Joe Gordon drove in one. Rickert added an RBI single in the 8th and Marchildon withstood Johnny Hopp's 9th inning solo for a 3-1 win. But it wasn't enough.

The Dodgers managed to gain only one game in their desperate fight to vertake the Fortress. Brooklyn bested Newhouser in the opener, 3-2 with 3 in the 3rd on a Sanders RBI 2B and a two-run HR by Danny Litwhiler. Rowe got the CG win. The Fort staked Hank Wyse to a 5-0 lead after 2 1/2, but the Dodgers got 4 in the 4th on Rickert's 2-run single and Seminick's 2-run 2B. Randy Andy tripled home 2 more in the 7th for a 6-5 win for Wright in relief of Gumbert and Marchildon. The Fortress took care of Russ Christopher in the 3rd game, breaking a 3-3 tie with

a 3-3 tie as Bill Nicholson drove home one in the 7th and Bobby Adams singling home two in the 9th. Boo Ferriss took command in game 4, zipping the Dodgers on two hits, 5-0 as Art Herring expedited his retire-ment with a horrible 8th inning outing. Vet Cecil Travis gave the Fortress a 1-0 lead in the 7th with a single off Harry Gumbert, but Dom DiMaggio singled home 2 off Oscar Judd in the 7th for a 2-1 win. Gerhauser got the final out in relief of Barrett with the bases loaded in the 9th.

The 6th game went 11 innings and DiMaggio's two-run HR off Joe Page put the W on the board. Marchildon had gone 10 scoreless before George Kell's SF put the Fort ahead 1-0. Newhouser went 8 shutout innings before leaving for a PH in the 9th. The finale was all Fortress as Charlie Keller hit a 2-run shot off Cuddles Marshall in the 1st and while Sanders' solo off Wyse cut the margin to -1, Franf- fort chipped away at Fannin for 3 in the 8th and a 5-1 win to just about lock up the flag.

The final '46 reports come from the Ross-ville Hornets who took on the Monarchs at home. WWM won the opener 1-0 behind Claude Passeau's 7 IP and 3 hits with a save from Casey. Hornets won 4-3 in 14. Felix Mackiewicz walked with none down and stole home with the winning run! The MOnarchs came back to win the next three. Bert Haas went 3-4 and Spahn allowed only 3 hits over 7 for a 2-1 win. Then, Doerr went 2-4 with a pair of doubles and Lonnie Frey homered for a 7-5 win. Passeau went again in game five and left injured. But Hank Majeski's 2-4 and two 2Bs were enough for a combined 6-0 zip of the Hornets. The M's magic ran thin in game six as Ken Trinkle walked home Carden Gillenwater with the winning run in the 9th and in the 7th game, Spahn flipped a 7-0, 3-hitter.

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**'47 Draft Order**

Here is the current draft order for the upcoming 1947 Draft on Saturday, March 9th, according to Jim Wheeler. The list accounts for trades through January 30th. All

penalties for overuse of players during the 1946 season have been taken into account. So, sharpen your pencils and data files and GO!!

Round #1	Round #2
1. Acorns	1. Fortress
2. Dodgers	2. Elephants
3. Federals	3. Trees
4. Flyers	4. Hornets
5. Bears	5. White Sox
6. Monarchs	6. Monarchs
7. Federals	7. Acorns
8. White Sox	8. Marauders
9. Whales	9. Gold Sox
10. Marauders	10. Federals
11. Gold Sox	11. Dodgers
12. Trees	12. Hornets
13. Elephants	13. Bears
14. Fortress	14. Flyers

Round #3	Rem. Rounds
1. Hornets	1. Bears
2. Bears	2. Hornets
3. Flyers	3. Flyers
4. Acorns	4. Acorns
5. Monarchs	5. Federals
6. Federals	6. Monarchs
7. Trees	7. White Sox
8. Whales	8. Gold Sox
9. White Sox	9. Trees
10. Dodgers	10. Whales
11. Fortress	11. Dodgers
12. Gold Sox	12. Fortress
13. Marauders	13. Marauders
14. Elephants	14. Elephants

**'46 World Series**

Congratulations go out to Gary Plunkitt of the Frankfort Fortress for his resounding 4-1 win over the John Ungashick's powerful Evans-ton Elephants in the 1946 SPB-II World Series.

Gary has indicated in the past that despite the many leagues he has participated in over the years, he never drank the champagne. I have it from a good source that Plunkitt did toast with a few victory Margaritas after his triumph.

A detailed report of the series will appear next month. According to Jim Wheeler, the championship was fashioned in a rather methodical manner with Hal Newhouser being totally dominant. Congrats!!!