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Tip-Tops Win Premier SPB-III Title in Six Games to Crumble Crackers' 1927 Hopes

by Lou Ross

After fighting their way through the thicket of the American league pennant race, the **Dayton Tip-Tops** took possession of the first SPB-III World Series with a **4-2 win** over the **Atlanta Crackers**.

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As anticipated, Babe Ruth led the way for the Tip-Tops, capping off an MVP



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season with a .455 average with 10 series hits, 2 key HRs and 8 RBI, including one on a squeeze bunt that turned the tide in game three.

Cy Young Award winner Jesse Haines got two starts for the Tip-Tops and split the decisions. For the Crackers, forty-year old Grover Cleveland Alexander literally staggered to the mound twice and mustered all available resources to come away with both Atlanta victories. One, a sparkling 4-hit shutout in game four to even the series at two apiece, was clearly the finest pitching performance of the series.

Dayton found themselves down after the first contest at home, a 6-2 Atlanta win for Alexander. They were even further in the hole after 1/2 inning of game two when the Crackers jumped out to a 4-0 lead, but Dayton was up

to the task and came back in a wild one, 10-9.

Dayton got a win on the road at Griffith Stadium in game three before Alexander silenced the Atlanta faithful with his gem. But it was a short-lived excitement as Haines shut down the Atlanta bats 4-1 in game five.

Back at Forbes Field, the Comeback Kids did it again, rebounding from a 3-0 deficit in the 7th inning. The final three innings were as exciting and suspenseful as one could have in a championship series. The lead swayed back-and-forth over the final two innings before Dayton won it on a bang-bang play at the plate.

In the split second it took home plate umpire Bill Klem to extend his arms in the "SAFE" call, the Dayton crowd was silent. At the moment they realized reserve Chick Galloway had slide past Johnny Bassler's tag and the Tip-Tops had won the title, the Forbes Field crowd exploded onto the field to celebrate.

In the Dayton dugout, Jim Wheeler breathed a sigh of relief as his long quest for the Holy Grail was over. He had finally won a title. In the other dugout, Joe DeZarlo, who took over the Crackers in mid-season and led their climb to the top, walked dejectedly to the locker.

The series featured some excellent managerial strategy as each skipper tried to outmaneuver the other. Each had a high level of success, but Wheeler's Tip-Tops had just enough to hoist the flag.

Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

Before you know, the SPB-III Rookie Draft will take place, quickly followed a month later by the long-awaited 1960 SPB-I draft.

The **1928 SPB-III** draft will be held on **Saturday, February 8, 1997** and will begin at **12:00 Noon EST**. Gary Plunkitt will again be hosting this gala event, so please contact him if you will be attending in person.

For those unable to attend, the same procedure as with all previous annual drafts will be followed. When it is your turn to draft, draft HQ will give you a one (1) ring phone signal. At the end of the signal, you are to return the call to **317-654-4990** where you will be read a list of players who have been drafted to that point.

Upon completion, you will have three (3) minutes in which to make your player selection. If you will not be able to draft by telephone or attend in person, you **must** send a prioritized list of players you would like to select to the Commissioner's Office no later than Thursday, February 6, 1997.

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Remember, there is no longer a limitation on roster size, so you may participate as long as you wish. The list of "rookies" to be selected can be obtained by printing the Agents file on the pre-season disk each manager was sent.

Several managers have not paid their SPBIII-28 league dues of \$25.00. Unless you have received a receipt back from me, your dues are owed and need to be paid immediately.

Finally, please not a couple of new e-mail addresses:

Bob Calicchia is now at:
bcalicchia@AOL.com

Steve Ehresman also has an e-mail address, but cannot receive or exchange file. He is at:
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Triple, Triple.....

So, you thought only three base hits were the only triple that was popular in 1927? Think again.

On May 31, Detroit's Rip Collins was working on a 3-hitter in the 9th inning at Navin Field, clinging to a 1-0 lead over Cleveland. But Glenn Myatt walked to leadoff and Charley Jamieson bunted for a hit. Homer Summa then lashed a wicked liner headed to the RF corner, but Johnny Neun dove to stab the liner and tag Jamieson before he got back to 1B. he then raced to 2B to tag Myatt for the unassisted triple play.

Pretty rare? Most times, but it was the second one in two days! Johnny Cooney of the Cubs had pulled one off in the opener of a doubleheader against the Pirates at Forbes Field. A record crowd of 60,000 watched Cooney snare Glenn Wright's liner at SS, step on 2B to force Paul Waner and tag George Grantham for the third out. The Cubs won 7-6 in 10 to snap the Pirates 11-game streak.

DIAMOND DUST

Winter 1927-28: Paul Waner noses out Frankie Frisch for NL MVP, by 6 points, 72-66...Roger Peckinpaugh begins a 6-year term as Indians' manager..Browns sell George Sisler to Senators for \$25,000...Clark Griffith gains approval to have Senators open season one day before the rest of the league to celebrate a "national Day" with the President throwing out the first ball...Tigers trade Heinie Manush and Lu Blue to Browns for Elam Vangilder and Harry Rice... Browns sell Ken Williams to Red Sox...Yankees buy Lyn Lary and Jimmy Reese from PCL...Giants trade Rogers Hornsby to Braves for Shanty Hogan and Jimmy Welch..Tris Speaker, released by Senators, signs with A's...

Winter 1947-48: Eddie Lopat is traded by the White Sox to the Yankees for Aaron Robinson, Bill Wight and Fred Bradley...Herb Pennock and Pie Traynor are elected to the HOF. Just missing are Al Simmons, Charlie Gehringer and Bill Terry... Stan Musial ends his holdout and signs with the Cardinals for \$31,000. The next day, teammate Harry Brecheen signs for \$16,500...Boston Braves, looking for a pennant run, obtain Eddie Stanky from the Dodgers for Bama Rowell and \$60,000....

September 1959: Senators' Jim Lemon drives in six 3rd inning runs on 2 HRs against the Indians, tying 2 ML records...Sandy Koufax runs his streak to 41 strikeouts in 3 games with 10 against the Cubs...Mickey Mantle goes 5-6 with a HR in a Yankees' romp over the A's and Ray Herbert...Brothers Jim and Ed Bailey form the battery for the Reds against the Cubs. Jim is charged with the 6-3 loss in his debut...Jack Fisher and Jerry Walker each shutout the White Sox in a DH...Robin Roberts 3-hits the Giants 3-0 and stops Willie McCovey's rookie hitting streak at 22. The record is held by Richie Ashburn with 23...Roy Face loses to the Dodgers 5-4. It's his first loss after

22 straight wins, 17 in 1959... Sam Jones wins his 20th of the season, 9-1 over the Phils to move the Giants back into 1st place...Glen Hobbie stops Ken Boyer's 29-game hit streak, in which Boyer was 41-117, a .350 clip...Red Schoendienst returns to the Braves' lineup for the first time after being diagnosed for TB in November...Carl Yastrzemski plays for Minneapolis (AAA), but the game is protested by Omaha because Yaz

"There is no chance night baseball will ever become popular in the major leagues. The game was meant to be played in the Lord's own sunshine."

Clark Griffith, 1935, quoted in *The Sporting News*, March 29, 1975

is not eligible to play until OF Lee Howell leaves for the military...On the 20th, the Giants play their final game at Seals Stadium, losing to the Dodgers and falling to 3rd. The Braves are 1/2 back in 2nd....The "Go-Go" Sox win their first pennant in 40 years as Early Wynn, with a Gerry Staley save, beats the Indians, 4-2...Phillies hurler Humberto Robinson says a gambler offered him \$1,500 to throw a game. He ignores the offer and beats the Reds, 7-2...On the 26th, the Cubs blast the Dodgers 12-2 to cause a tie in the pennant race as the Braves beat the Phils. Each team wins on the final day to force a playoff...In a cold Milwaukee drizzle, the Dodgers get 7 2/3 innings of scoreless relief from rookie Larry Sherry to win game one, 3-2...Dodgers overcome a 5-2, 9th inning deficit to win game two in LA, 6-5, to take the NL pennant. They win in the 12th when Gil Hodges scores from 2B on Felix Mantilla's off-balance throw past 1B after a tough chance on a Carl Furillo grounder...Cubs' manager Bob Scheffing resigns and is replaced by Charlie Grimm, who last managed the Cubs from 1932-1949...



Trading Bazaar

...or, is that bizarre trading? Here are the final two swaps for the '48 campaign and a pair of pre-draft deals for 1928:

1948

80. FLYERS trade Jimmy Outlaw to **HORNETS** for Les Layton.

81. HORNETS swap Jerry Priddy and Clyde Kluttz to **FORTRESS** for Bobby Adams, Lucky Lohrke, Sal Yvars and Pete Layden.

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5. STARS trade Eppa Rixey, Curt Walker and their 4th round pick to **SPIDERS** for Guy Bush, George Smith and the Spiders' 3rd round selection.

6. SPIDERS move Bobby Reeves and Cedric Durst to **KNIGHTS** for George Harper and Joe Harris.

Add a Trade Here

With the 1928 and 1960 drafts on the horizon, feel free to use the newsletter to advertise for a good deal.

To start things off, the **1928 Seattle Rainiers** are offering draft picks and one of their catchers, plus OF Cliff Heathcote in exchange for hurling.

The **1960 Pacific Cascades** are seeking OF depth and like everyone else, pitching. Take a look at the roster and let's talk.

Anyone else who wants to literally put a player on the block, post it here in the February issue.

'27 Awards Banquet

To the surprise of no one, **Babe Ruth** of the Dayton Tip-Tops walked away with SPB-III's first MVP award. His 63 HRs far and away led the league, he won the batting title with a .412 mark and finished 2nd in RBI with 149. His presence propelled Dayton to the league championship.

The remainder of the list compiled by Mike Cascarano showed Lou Gehrig (Roses) 2nd. He was 2nd in HR with 42 and RBI leader at 160; Earle Combs (Seattle) third with a league-leading 257 hits and 20 triples; Rogers Hornsby (Roses) fourth, with a .348 BA and 26 HRs; Paul Waner ('Cats) fifth on a .375 BA.

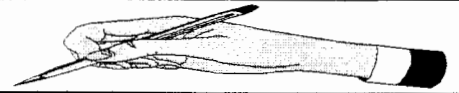
The top pitcher voting provided some interesting results. With the award still unnamed, perhaps it should be named after baseball's first real pitching star, James Creighton of the 1860's Brooklyn Niagaras? Nope, **Cy Young** sounds better. **Dayton's Jesse Haines** led the league with a 21-7 record and meager 2.24 ERA. The Wizards' Ted Lyons, also a 21-game winner, finished number two.

Pete Alexander (Crackers) third after 19-7; Tommy Thomas (Wildcats) was fourth in the vote on a 17-11 mark; Hod Lisenbee (Seattle), had his career year and finished fifth.

Fireman-of-the-Year, perhaps to be called the Mrs. O'Leary Trophy, goes this year to Garland Braxton (Gamblers) who led the league with 25 saves. Wilcy Moore of Dayton finished second. Dutch Henry (Wizards) was third while teammate Sarge Connally was fourth and Ike Powers ('Cats) completed the voting order.

The **John McGraw Award** (?) for top skipper was voted to Jim Wheeler (Dayton). Bob Calicchia who kept his Rt.66 Barnstormers close all year was 2nd. Joe DeZarlo (Crackers), John Ungashick (Wildcats) and Lou Ross (Seattle) rounded out the voting for the 1927 awards.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



While I sit here waiting for Ed McMahon and Dick Clark to drop off my \$11 million check (Yes, I got the letter), just wanted to update you on the year-end situation with the newsletter and our infamous web page.

The end of the month is always rather hectic as I put together each edition of **Around the Horn**. I anticipate that the volume will be reduced as we begin our new schedule format with no more than two leagues ongoing at any time.

Thanks to everyone for getting the game reports here in plenty of time. Also, sending the scoresheets and other notes via **AOL** has not only made life easier, but I know it has decreased everyone's postage expenses. Please keep sending them.

Now for the Website. I have completed the basic structure and hopefully, it should give Seasons Past Baseball a fine presence in the world of baseball simulations. All I need to do is set up the web name and you can view it even while "Under Construction." That's an internet euphemism for "It's ain't ready."

Each of the three leagues will have its own page, highlighting the history and accomplishments over the years and providing recognition for all managers.

One suggestion which I will implement as soon as I can will provide the ability for files to be uploaded and downloaded. This could include manager profiles, league histories and records and even the individual encyclopedia for each league.

Since my filing system consists of stacks of papers strewn about the office, I will be calling upon many of you to provide info. In the interim,
Happy New Year!!!! LJR

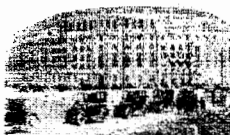
1959 GAME REPORTS

by Lou Ross

Comiskey Park was the setting for the **Evanston Black Sox** two home series which resulted in a 7-7 record. The **High Desert Mavericks** were in first and the Sox took four from the Mavs. George Crowe's pinch single drove in the go-ahead run in the 7th and then Jerry Casale, making a rare relief stint, squirmed out of a jam to hold on for a 4-2 Sox win. The Sox were out-hit 13-7, but the Mavs left 15 stranded... Good one in game 2 as a 2-out SB by Looie Aparicio led to a 3rd inning Sox run. Jim Rivera unloaded for a 3-run shot in the 6th to put the Mavs ahead, but a pair of PBs by Danny Kravitz led to one Sox run and then Reno Bertoia's HR tied it for Evanston. In the 10th, Bubba Phillips' single put the Mavs ahead, then Bill White iced it with a 2-run HR and a 6-3 win... Game 3 was tied at 1-1 with two down in the 7th when weak-armed Richie Ashburn nailed the go-ahead run at the plate. Crowe then found the 7th inning to his liking and drove in the lead run and the Sox held on, 3-1... Rivera's 2-run single broke open a scoreless game in the 7th, but Jim Landis answered with a 2-run single of his own to tie for the Sox in the bottom. A HR by Gary Geiger put the Mavs up in the 8th and Humberto Robinson survived a 9th inning jam for the save, 3-2... Aparicio's 7th inning 2B broke open another scoreless tie in the 7th of game 5 and Casale needed last out relief help from Russ Kemmerer to nail down the 1-0 zip... Barry Latman fired a strong 7-hitter to lead the Mavs to a 6-1 win in game six and in the finale, Bill Fischer flipped a 4-hit zip for the Sox, 6-0. Jerry Lynch led the Sox' offense with 3 hits...

The crosstown **Zees** visited and picked up 3 of their 7 total wins for

the month in this series against the **Black Sox**. In the opener, the Sox exploited the weak arm of Zee's backstop Hal Naragon, swiping 5 bases enroute to a convincing 9-2 win behind Russ Kemmerer's CG 9-hitter... Zees bounced back in game two as the Sox fumbled the ball three times and handed the visitors a 7-2 win... Frank Sullivan and Bill Henry combined on an 8-hitter and a 3-1 Zees' win in game 3... In game four, Sandy Koufax flashed the form which has long been predicted when the Zees' lefty fanned 12 in just 6 2/3 innings, but came out on the losing side of a 5-2 contest. Game 5 saw Frank Thomas nail a 2-run, 6th inning HR to set the Zees in front, 3-2, but the Sox tied in their half. Zees were up 6-4 going into the last of the 9th, but then need 3 relievers to preserve the win. Hal Smith smacked a long fly that fell two feet short of the CF wall as the Zees held on... In game six, the Sox picked up runs on a bags full walk and PB in the 4th for a 2-1 lead. Sox gave Bob Anderson five more to work with before he tired in the 9th, but bore down and finished the 7-3 win... A wild rubber game as the Sox KO'd Zees' starter Johnny Kucks with a 5-run 3rd for a 5-3 lead, but Eddie



Bressoud tied it with a 2-run 5th inning 3B. Crowe's 6th inning 2B tied the game again at 6-6 and it stayed that way until the 11th when Billy Goodman singled with two down and stole second. After an IW to Orlando Cepeda, Bressoud singled home the go-ahead. Henry set the Sox down 1-2-3 in the bottom to preserve the 7-6 win...

The **Rossmoor Rifles** were hoping that rickety **Seals Stadium** would provide fine home cooking in their quest for the National League title. The front-running **Schaumburg Saxons** were in town and took the opener as Warren Spahn flipped a nifty 3-0 shutout with help from fireballer Ryne Duren. The game was

scoreless in the 8th when Norm Siebern PH for Spahn and singled. After Johnny Temple sacrificed, Joe Cunningham and Al Kaline each singled home runs. In the 9th, Bob Nieman scored on a Roy McMillan error... Rifles bounced back behind the strong pitching of Sam Jones, a 5-hit, 4-0 zip. Bob Clemente led the way with 2- and two RBI.. Saxons took the series lead with a win behind Ned Garver. The wily veteran had a no-hitter for 7 1/3 before Dick Gernert broke the skein. Garver mixed his pitches well and allowed only 3 hits on the night. Willie Kirkland and Sammy Taylor drove in all the runs needed for the third shutout of the series, 3-0... Game 4 was played on a beautiful 73 degree afternoon with Bob Friend hooked up against the Rifles' Hoyt Wilhelm. Scoreless through 7, the Saxons got on the board with only one hit in the 8th when Don Buddin led off with a single, stole second, went to third on Smoky Burgess' throwing error and scored when Wilhelm uncorked a knuckler for a WP. The restless Seals Stadium crowd witnessed a rare Rifles' comeback in the bottom 8th as a 2-out 2B by Roger Maris scored Junior Gilliam and Clemente for the win... Vern Law fired the 4th series shutout, topping the Saxons on 6-hits, 6-0. The Rifles chased Spahn early for the win... Solo HRs by Burgess, Don Hoak and Willie McCovey provided Camilo Pascual with ample support as the Rifles won, 5-2... With a chance to really gain some ground on the Saxons in the finale, the Rifles got 2-3 with a HR and 3 RBI each from Hobie Land-rith and McCovey as they slipped past the Saxons 9-7 for their 5th series win....

Playing the role of spoiler were the **Evanston Black Sox** who fared better than the Saxons and took three in the series against the **Rifles**. The scoresheets were unavailable, so a brief rundown follows.

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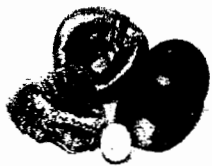
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Jerry Casale's 3-hitter bested Jones as the Sox took the opener 5-1 as Lopez hit a 3-run HR, but the next three went to the Rifles who quickly reloaded behind Law's 3-2 besting of Kemmerer on the strength of Maris' 8th inning 2-run shot and Pascual's 2-0, five-hit whitewash of Bob Anderson. Bob Shaw toppled Bill Fischer 5-4 in game four on an 18-hit attack. After the off day, Dave Hillman beat Wilhelm by 3-1 with a Casale save. Jones beat the Sox and Kemmerer 5-2 in the 6th game on a 5-run 6th with Maris netting a 3-run shot. The getaway was a 10-inning, 2-1 win for the Black Sox as Miller walked Stuart with the bags full...

The confines of **Wrigley Field**, which have not exactly been overly friendly to the **Rossville Cubs** in 1959 provided some comfort in August. The Cubs took eight of their 14 home contests during the month as they edged to the .500 mark for the season.

In a series played face-to-face against the **Albany Empires**, the **Cubbies** took four after losing the first two games. In the opener, the Empires spotted the Cubs a 4-0 lead on a 4-run 2nd inning. Bob Cerv, Joe Adcock and

Wally Post all turned on the power and Pete Ramos retired 11 in a row. Roger Craig started for the Cubs and left due to injury, picked up by Lew Burdette who tired in the loss... Harvey Haddix stymied the Cubs' bats in game 2, allowing only 2 ER in 7 2/3 innings. Harmon Killebrew belted a 2-run HR in the 5-2 win with a save by Chuck Stobbs... Cubs rebounded behind Antonelli's CG in game 3. Ernie Banks homered twice and drove in all the runs to offset an Adcock 9th inning solo in the 3-2 win. A 10-inning affair in game 4 with the Empires coming out on top, 4-2. Duke Snider had a 3-5 day for the Empires while Killebrew again HR'd. Gerry Staley finished with 2 perfect innings of relief for Albany... It was all Cubs after the day of rest as they took game 5, 7-4, behind a 2-out,



3-run 9th inning HR by Jackie Jensen. Jack Meyer survived despite walking in the tying run for Albany in the 9th. Mathews broke an 0-16 hitless streak... A 6-run 1st inning propelled the Cubs in game 6, 8-5. Power from some different sources as Tony Kubek, Bobby Richardson and the Cubs' Billy Gardner (3-run) all HR'd. Cubs took the rubber game in a walk, 7-1 with Willie Mays going 3-4 with a pair of 2Bs and HRs from Jensen, Mathews and Hodges giving Antonelli his 2nd win on a 3-hitter...

Interesting series as the **Smithfield Seniors** came to town with the **Cubs** winning the first three, Seniors the next three and the Cubs the finale. Banks cracked 3 straight HRs in the opener and Burdette got the 10-5 win... Three more HRs for the Cubs in game 2 with Mathews, Gus Zernial and Del Crandall crossing the ivy. Crandall is later injured and replaced by the aging Jim Hegan... Hodges hit a solo shot in game 3, but the Cubs edged by 3-2 in a rally centered around 3 walks and a HBP... Seniors found the strength starting in game 4 as the Cubs tried to overcome a 5-0 deficit, but fell short, 5-4. Don Cardwell went the distance for the win while Minnie Minoso had a 4-5 afternoon... No contest after the offday as the Seniors clubbed the Cubs, 15-1. Art Ceccarelli surrendered only 4 hits in the CG win and struck out 9. A solo PH HR by K.C. Wise was the only blemish. Seniors condensed their scoring with 8 in the 6th and 7 in the 7th. Sammy White hit a grand slam and drove home 5. Eleven innings in game 6, a 6-2 Smithfield win. Craig faltered in relief in the 11th. Brooks Robinson was 4-5 and Vic Power drove in a trio with a bases clearing 2B among his 3 hits. Seniors outhit the Cubs 16-4... Down 5-0 in the finale, the Cubs bounced back to tie. In the 10th, Mays singled and stole 2B with two down and after Jensen got a free pass, up stepped Hegan. Mays and Jensen pulled a double steal and Hegan then lined a single to LF on a 3-2 count for the victory and the series...

Smithfield then came home to the even friendlier cozy confines of **Fenway Park** and finished up the homestand with a 7-7 mark.

The **Tigers** started things off and the Seniors took the initial affair 3-2 on a Willie Jones RBI single in the 9th. Wilmer Mizell went all the way, scattering 11 hits... Bengals bounced back 5-4 in game two after the Seniors led 3-1 after one. Eddie Kasko and Mickey Mantle each drove in a pair of runs while Vic Power banged out 4 hits for Smithfield. There was no scoring after the 4th inning and Bob Turley allowed no hits over the final five... Seniors won the third game 4-2 behind Herb Score led by Minoso's 3 hits... Ray Narleski came back for a 4-hit, 5-0 zip of the Seniors and also drove in two runs in game four... A see-saw contest in game 5, with the Seniors coming out on top, 7-6. After taking a 5-0 lead, the Bengals jumped ahead 6-5 before Smithfield scratched back for one in the 8th and a Harvey Kueen base knock in the 9th... Down 7-4 in the 8th, the Seniors put together one of their patented big innings, putting nine on the board in the 8th inning and a 13-7 triumph. Felipe Alou drove home four and Power three in the win while Mantle knocked home 3 for the Tigers... Romp for the Tigers in the getaway, 10-3, with Jack Harshman scattering 9 hits while Mantle was 4-4 and Al Smith knocked home three...

Those rampaging **Lafayette Blue Sox**, on their way to the flag, took four from **Smithfield** in the next series. Early Wynn got the Sox off to a quick start with a 3-hit, 6-0 shutout with 15 hit support from his offense. Sox also took game 2, 5-3 behind HRs by Jim Lemon, Sherm Lollar, Vic Wertz and winning hurler Billy Pierce... Cardwell got the Seniors into the win column with a 5-3 seven-hitter. Power led the way with 3 hits and 3 RBI... An 8-4 win for the Sox in game four with Vada Pinson providing the impetus with 3 hits and 3 runs scored... Two straight for the Seniors as Score won game five with a 7-2 CG with Kueen

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picking up 3 RBI...Seniors turned on the offense in the sixth game, banging out 21 hits in a 13-2 walkover. Power and Jim Marshall each had 4 hits and Kueen chimed in with 4 RBI...Couldn't have been any closer in the finale, a 1-0 pitching duel with first game starter Wynn nabbing his second shutout of the series over Ceccarelli. Frank Malzone homered for the winning run....

The pennant flag is being readied at **Connie Mack Stadium** for the **Blue Sox** and they arrived home to further their first place margin.

Rossville's Cubs started off the 14-game stand with a 7-4, 11-inning victory. Wynn got the start in the opener against Antonelli and the Sox jumped out quickly on a Jim Lemon 2-run HR in the 1st. It went to 3-0 in the 6th when Wally Moon tripled home Malzone, but Wynn tired in the 8th. He allowed back-to-back one out HRs to Faye Throneberry and Mathews and was removed for the spotty Turk Lown who did get out of the inning. With Jim Brosnan on to finish up in the 9th, Gardner and PH Jensen doubled to tie and leadoff batter Mays singled in the go-ahead run. Lou Klimchock touched reliever Don Gross for a 2-out single for the 4-4 tie to force extra innings. Bob Rush got through the 10th for the Sox, but in the 11th, after a Crandall 2B and Gardner walk, Rush wild pitched them up. Jensen skied out and Mays got an IW before Enos Slaughter hit a PH SF for the lead. Hal Woodeshick came on to face Mathews and gave up a 2-run single to close the scoring as Clem Labine picked up the save for Craig... Typical Lafayette pitching the next night as rookie Bob Miller spun a 5-hitter, 7-0. A grand slam HR by Moon in the 4th keyed the win and Pinson added a solo in the 8th. Tom Brewer took the loss...Ralph Terry took the ball in game 3 against Burdette and he got a 2-run HR from Lollar in the 3rd to lead to a 5-2 win. Moon added a solo in the 6th...Game

four saw vets Cal McLish and Billy Pierce match and Mathews put the Cubs ahead with an RBI single in the opening inning. Dale Long's solo in the 2nd tied it and Maury Wills' solo in the 5th increased the lead. Pierce squeezed in Wills who had tripled in the 7th and then Pierce tired quickly. Jensen walked, stole second and came in on a Mathews double. In came Lown to pour gasoline on the fire as he allowed an RBI single to Banks, walked Crandall, Whitey Lockman and PH Throneberry for another run. Carroll Hardy singled home a pair and then McLish squeezed in the 7th and final run to complete the 6-run inning...Brosnan came back as a starter in game 5 for the Sox against Antonelli and got a 1st inning lead when Pinson led off with a 3B and Malzone doubled him home. After Lemon singled, Moon's SF made it 2-0. Sox added one in the 2nd on a Pinson RBI single and despite Mathews' RBI 2B in the 4th, Brosnan stayed strong through the 6th. Moon continued his HR onslaught with a solo in the 8th off Gross while Clevenger got the job done in the 7th for the Sox. Rush was on in the 9th and allowed a Hodges 3B and Crandall groundout to close the scoring at 4-2 Sox...Bob Grim went for the Sox against Brewer in game six and Throneberry's single gave the Cubs a 1-0 lead in the 1st. Back came the Sox with a on a Malzone 3B and Moon single. Two in the 7th with two down put the Cubs on top. Jensen's 2-RBI 2B drove Grim to the showers down 3-2. Craig came on to hold the lead, but in the 8th, he lost his edge. Moon, Lemon and PH Herzog all singled and after two were down, Vic Wertz' PH single got in one. Gross came on to face Pinson and he squandered the lead by allowing a 2B to LCF to Pinson. Woodeshick came in to close the deal in the 9th and got the first two men out, but allowed singles to Jensen, Mays and Mathews for one run before Lown came to the mound. The first batter he faced, Banks, banged a long HR into the LF upper deck for the 7-5 Cubs win. Jack Meyer picked up the

save with a scoreless 9th...Cubs took the series with a close 5-4 win in game seven. Wynn took on Burdette and the Sox jumped out fast when a run scored on a Hardy error on a Malzone single and Lemon singled in another. Cubs cut the lead in half on a Banks' RBI single in the 3rd and they took the lead in the 5th. A pair of walks, sandwiched around two outs, followed by a Throneberry single, loaded the sacks. Wynn then walked in three, issuing passes to Crandall and Gardner Burdette. Mays led off the 6th against reliever Terry with a HR for a 5-3 lead and it stayed that way until the 9th. With two down, Gardner booted a bouncer allowing Wills to score, but Meyer came in to stop the rally and nail down the save. Cubs took the series 4-3...

The **Lincoln Grays** wandered into town and left totally dazed by the **Blue Sox**, dropping 6-of-7. An 8-1 CG win for Wynn got the series off to a fine start for Lafayette as they bested hardluck hurler Larry Jackson...Mike McCormick got the start for the Grays against Bob Grim the next night and the Sox jumped out 2-0 on a Don Zimmer squeeze bunt in the 2nd and Malzone single in the 3rd. Grays edged back on a Rocky Colavito single in the 6th and with one out in the 9th, after a Hank Bauer PH 2B, Grim threw about a Bob Boyd bouncer to tie the score. Clevenger and then Lown shut down the Grays through the 11th and with Anie Portocarrero on, he allowed he allowed one-out single to Moon and Ted Kluszewski before Wertz won it with a double...Mike Garcia got the call for the Sox in the third against Howie Reed in a 4-1 Sox win. Malzone doubled in one, another scored on a passed ball and Malzone hit a 2-run HR in the 5th to ice it. Grays got one off Clevenger in the 8th on a groundout...Game 4 was close through the 8th with Brosnan against Ernie Broglio. Moon's bases loaded 2B in the 3rd made it 3-0, but the Grays got solo runs in the 4th and 6th. Jim McAnany doubled in

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one in the 4th and Colavito HR'd in the 6th. But the hot Sox broke it wide open in the 8th. Broglio lost it fast, allowing a single to Klimchock and a triple to Malzone before he was relieved by Ruben Gomez. Moon then singled in another and Jim Lemon smacked a 2-run HR. After two walks, on came Portocarrero who fanned Pinson, allowed an RBI single to Klimchock before walking Malzone to force in the sixth run of the inning and a 9-2 win...The off-day worked wonders for the Grays who jumped out quickly against Terry on a 2-run shot by Colavito in the 1st. Gomez started this one and drove home the third run in the 2nd and Frank House singled home another in the 3rd. Sox got their only run in the 5th on a wild pitch. Taylor Phillips came on in the 7th for the save in the 4-1 triumph...Back to basics for the Sox in game six as Pierce was masterful with a 2-hitter, 7-0. With two down in the second, Larry Jackson allowed a 2-RBI single to Pinson and RBI knock by Blasingame. Two in the 4th on Moon's 2-RBI single and two more in the 8th on a Portocarrero error and Malzone single....Wynn, as usual, got his second series start and won, 3-1. Pinson touched McCormick for an RBI double in the 3rd and two more in the 7th on Lollar's 2-run blast. Grays spoiled the shutout bid on a Boyd single in the 8th....

Frankfort Tigers opened the **Briggs Stadium** gates for the thundering bats of the Cubs and the visitors stole everything but the towels as they won five in the series.

The Cubs hung on for a tough 5-4 opening game win as Jack Meyer bailed out Cal McLish in the 9th inning, notching the save over rookie Jim O'Toole. Harry Anderson went 4-4 and Banks went deep with a 3-run shot...Paul Foytack bested his former mates with a CG win, 3-2, over Burdette in game two. Mantle had a 3-run blast for all the Tiger runs....Meyer came through again in

the 3rd contest, preserving a 2-1 win over ex-Tiger Tom Brewer over Jack Harshman....Cubs took another in game 4, this time 8-6. Frank Lary struggled for Frankfort, losing to Antonelli who got late help from Clem Labine. The balls were flying all over Briggs as Harry Anderson, Mathews, Lockman, Mantle (a pair) and Banks' game winner did the damage...McLish had little trouble in game 5, an easy 4-hit CG, 11-1 over Don Larsen. Anderson hit a pair while Throneberry, Hodges and Crandall also rounded the bases for the Cubs....Cubs took their 4th straight as Don Gross picked up a relief win with help from Brewer over Narleski, 7-4. This one went right to the end with Banks' 9th inning grand slam provided the margin. That offset a PH 3-run shot by Leon Wagner for the Tigers....The Tigers sent the Cubs home with a loss with a surprising 6-hit, 5-3 win by the struggling Gary Blaylock over Craig. It was HR Derby once again as Billy Bruton, Eddie Kasko and Ed Bailey hit one out for the Bengals....

Head-to-head combat proved very favorable for the **Tigers** as they hosted the **Hatteras Pelicans**. And when the hammering stopped, Pelicans' skipper Jim Wheeler must have felt relief as



the Tigers took out the broom and swept Hatteras. And in a series involving two teams going no-where in 1959, each skipper discarded the scoresheets in the litter baskets out on the corner of Michigan and Trumbull.

In the opener, rookie Jim O'Toole went the distance toppling Mudcat Grant, 11-4...Jack Harshman edged Johnny Podres the next day with a save from Don Elston, 4-3...Lary went the distance in game 3, toppling Joe Nuxhall by a 3-1 score...A wild 12-6 contest in game four with Don Drydale being clubbed by the Bengals and handing the win to Paul Foytack...A squeaker in the fifth game with Ray Narleski

picking up a relief win over Robin Roberts, 4-3. Elston nailed down another save....The next day, Elston found himself in the "W" column, emerging on top in a wild 10-9 game over Willard Schmidt...On their way to the sweep, Narleski picked up another relief win, this one against Drysdale, also in relief, 4-3. According to winning skipper Gary Plunkitt, there was plenty of hitting, but no details available.

The **Pacific Cascades** attempted to keep their faint title hopes alive at **Crosley Field** in August and did get off to a good start. However.....

The two left coast rivals visited with differing results. The in-transition **High Desert Mavericks** opened the homestand and the Cascades took advantage of a struggling offense and won six. Billy O'Dell met up with Jim Bunning in the opener and the Pac made an RBI double by Elston Howard in the 1st inning hold up until the 8th when a two-out PB by Howard allowed the tying run to score. With two down in the top 9th, Stan Musial singled for the Mavs and John Roseboro doubled home the run for a 2-1 lead. The lead was short-lived, however, as Humberto Robinson muffed Howard's leadoff bouncer. Chico Fernandez pinch ran and was gunned down stealing. After Lee Walls skied out for the second out, Walt Moryn, Chico Carrasquel and Gail Harris hit consecutive singles to tie. The Mavs grabbed the lead in the 10th off Jim Owens, making a rare relief appearance, on a DP grounder by Dick Williams, scoring Gino Cimoli. But Bob Skinner led off the Cascades' 10th with a HR. With two down, Walls singled to left to drive home Jim Davenport with the 3-2 winner...What else but a close contest in game two with Mavs' stopper Ronnie Kline against Bob Buhl. Pac jumped out 4-0 with one in the 2nd on a Harry Chiti RBI 2B and his 3-run shot in the 4th. But the Mavs came back to take the lead with a pair in the 5th on a PH 2B for two by Rocky Nelson and three in the 6th.

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Dick Williams hit a 2-run HR for the tie as Buhl winced noticeably after firing the pitch. He then couldn't find the plate and walked Bill Mazerowski, Roseboro and Nelson and Marshall Bridges came on in relief and did no better, walking Gil McDougald to force in the go-ahead run. But the Cascades won this won in the bottom 6th in their typically lucky, quirky fashion. Carrasquel and Rocky bridges led off with walks and after Chiti's bouncer moved both up 90 feet, Marshall bridges batted for himself and skied one to RF. Cimoli made the grab and as Carrasquel scored, the throw to 3B was wild and Bridges trotted home with the winning run, 6-5...Mavericks awoke in game three, blasting Dick Donovan 10-2 to make a winner of Whitey Ford. High Desert hit five homers, three by Gary Geiger. On his final AB in the 9th, Geiger missed getting number four, hitting one just foul to LF before striking out. Cimoli and Roseboro also HR'd..

The on-again, off-again Bud Daley got things right with a crisp 2-0, three-hit shutout. Daley mowed down the first 15 batters he faced before walking Musial to lead off the 6th. Barry Latman broke up the no-hit bid with a bunt single later in the stanza. Bob Skinner and Rocky Bridges singled home the runs for Pacific...After a day of touring the mountains, the Cascades came back refreshed. They scored in only two innings of game five, but the 7 in the 3rd and 9 in the 7th were more than enough for the 16-2 win for O'Dell. Bennie Daniels, who pitches better at home, proved it again, taking the los for the Mavs. Skinner hit a 2-run HR in the 3rd and later on, Earl Averill made it 7-0 with a 3-run blast. In the 7th, first against Bobby Locke and then Robinson, the Pac went wild. Locke walked two and allowed a pair of singles for one run before leaving. Robinson allow an RBI single to Rocky Bridges, a 2-run single to supersub J.W. Porter and finally, a grand slam by Gail Harris, batting in the third slot. Things were so bad that Bunning came in to get the final out in

the 8th. Dick Williams' 2-run 8th inning shot spoiled a shutout... Game 6 was delayed 88 minutes at the outset, long enough for Bunning to prepare himself for the start. The Mavs took the lead against Jim Owens on a PB in the 2nd, but that was the extent of their scoring. Cascades got 3 in the 4th on an RBI Don Demeter 2B and an Averill 2-run HR. Porter added a HR in the 7th and the Cascades nipped at Tom Morgan for a pair in the 8th to close the scoring at 6-1... Donovan came back and faced Ford in the finale and he got a pair in the first on RBI 2Bs by Demeter and Walls and solo HRs in the 2nd by Moose Skowron and Skinner. A 2-run HR by Gil McDougald in the 7th provided the only Maverick runs. That was their final hit as Donovan mowed down the final 7 hitters to close out the 4-2 win...

The results of the second series at **Crosley** were different as the **Rifles** came in to shut down **Pacific** 4-3. Game one was over early as Jim Gilliam led with a walk and Don Hoak hit a 2-run shot off Daley. Alex Grammas added a SF later in the inning. Rifles picked up another on a Roy Sievers groundout in the 3rd while the Cascades could only scratch Vern Law for a Porter RBI single in the 5th in the 4-1 Rossmoor win...



Jim Owens blew a 2-0 lead against Sam Jones in

game two. Rocky Bridges singled home Skowron who had tripled in the 2nd and Nellie Fox singled in another in the 5th. Hoak, batting in the 3rd slot tonight, hit a 3-run HR to put the Rifles ahead to stay. Jim Coates allowed 3 in the 7th, a pair on a Gilliam 2-RBI 2B. A single run on a Gilliam error in the 9th closed the scoring at 6-3...

Rifles made it 3 straight with Pascual taking on Buhl. Dick Gernert's

solo HR in the 6th gave the Rifles a 1-0 lead, but the Cascades bounced back with Howard's 2-run shot in the bottom half. Walls' SF in the 7th made it 3-1, but here came the Rifles in the 8th. Buhl loaded the sacks on two walks and a single before Hobie Landrith smacked a 2-run, 2-out single, followed by Grammas' 2-run 2B to LCF. Gilliam's leadoff HR in the 9th was an important insurance run as the Cascades added a run on an IF out off Stu Miller who got the save for Joey Jay's win...

Pac did take one before the off day with O'Dell on the hill against Bob Shaw. Gernert led off the 4th with another HR, but the Cascades came back with four in the 4th. Demeter singled in one, another came in on a PB after a Sievers error and Skinner smacked a 3-run HR for a 4-1 lead. Pacific added another on a Rocky Bridges single in the 5th and then withheld a 3-run Rifles 7th. Bill Tuttle's 2-run HR and a solo by PH Andy Carey drew the Rifles close, but it stayed at 5-4 as Nelson Chittum saved it with a solid relief innings...

Cascades were all over Hoyt Wilhelm for a 9-1 win in game 5. Only one HR in the contest, a solo by Skinner off Elmer Singleton in a mopup role...Rifles won their 4th in game six, 5-3 behind Law. An RBI single by Roger Maris and error by Bridges at SS made it 2-0. John Powers' RBI single off Donovan in the 3rd stretched the lead, but Skinner continued his hot hitting with a 3-run shot in the 5th. Law drove in the game winner with a single in the 6th and Tuttle added a solo off Marshall Bridges in the 8th while Miller picked up the save with a sharp 9th inning, 5-3.. Pacific went to the man they expected to be their key in 1959, Jim Owens, in the finale and he got it done with 9 K's and 2 big RBI in a 3-run 2nd off Jones. Demeter added a 2-run HR in the 5th and Pacific held on for a 5-2 triumph....

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As inconsistent as the **Cascades** were at home, they were downright spooked and frustrated on the road. The anticipated showdown series against the **Saxons** was tough as always. Warren Spahn took on O'Dell in the opener and the Cascades jumped out in the 1st on a Fox triple and IF out by Davenport. Saxons tied in the 5th on a solo by light-hitting SS Don Buddin. In the Pac 9th, Fox led with a single and moved to third on a Demeter 2B where he was stranded on two IF outs. With Dick Brodowski on for his second relief inning, Eddie Yost walked to leadoff, stole second and moved to 3B on Howard's throwing error. After Bob Nieman grounded to SS, Bob Friend batted for Willie Kirkland and squeezed home the winning run in a 2-1 game....Cascades got their only win of the series 2-1 in game 2. Scoreless through six, the Saxons got one in the 7th on Sammy Taylor's deflected IF bouncer off Buhl's glove. Cascades picked up their two runs with 2 down in the 8th off Friend when Moryn PH a 2B, Skinner singled him home and Porter PH a 2B for the game winner. Kellner finished with the save as the last of 3 relievers...Game 3 was all Saxons, a 3-0, 5-hit whitewash by Art Ditmar over Daley. Yost's solo in the 4th and Red Wilson's 2-run 2B in the 6th were all the runs needed...Another tight one in game 4 with Don Newcombe versus Gary Bell. Saxons got solo runs in the 1st, 3rd and 4th, the last on an Al Kaline HR. Skinner nailed a 2-out solo in the 7th and Chiti PH a solo off Duren in the 9th with two down. Duren then hit Fox in frustration, but left him stranded by fanning Demeter... Game 5 was a 12-inning marathon started by O'Dell and Ned Garver. Skinner HR'd again, a solo in the 3rd, but Garver singled in the tying run in the 4th. O'Dell matched his mound opponent with an RBI single and the lead in the 7th, but the Saxons tied in the 8th on a Nieman solo. Pacific took the lead in the 9th against Bobby Shantz when with 2 down, Porter PH a single and Skowron PH a 3B for the go-ahead run. In the bottom

9th, Sammy Taylor led off against Kellner with the tying HR. A pair in the 10th for the Cascades on Davenport's RBI 2B and Walls single off Shantz. But the Saxons drew even against Owens when he loaded the bags on two walks and a single and Taylor came through with a 2-run single. Duren stymied the Cascades thru the 12th. With Brodowski on for his second inning, Spahn PH and walked and was bunted to 2B by Gene Stephens. Brodowski finally got Taylor, but Johnny Temple lined an RBI double for the 6-5 game winner...The 6th game saw the Cascades jump out with solo runs in the first two innings against Spahn one on a Demeter single and another on a Buhl SF. Buhl showed his wild streak in the 4th by walking Buddin with the bases loaded and the Saxons broke it open with 3 in the 6th. With one down, Nieman and Norm Siebern each doubled for one run and after walks to Taylor and Buddin, Spahn's grounder was booted by Bridges for one and then Temple squeezed in another run for the 4-2 final. Ditmar picked up the save... Daley took on Friend in the finale and Friend singled in the first run in the 2nd for a 1-0 lead. One more in the 6th on a Nieman solo HR and Fox halved the lead with a 2-out single in the 8th. Brodowski was ineffective in holding the Saxons in the 8th as Joe Cunningham led off with a single and stole 2nd. After two easy outs, Nieman singled home the final run for the 3-1 win and sixth triumph of the series for the Saxons to effectively end the Cascades' small pennant hopes.

Gurnee was even less fun for the **Cascades** as the **Falcons** took five in a tight series. O'Dell took on Danny McDevitt in the opener and fell behind on a Pete Runnels HR in the 1st, but Skowron's single, following a Howard 2B in the 2nd knotted the contest. Three in the 4th, with two down, put the falcons up for good. Dee Spencer single home one and George Strickland a pair for the runs. Rocky Bridges and PH Chuck Essegian led off the 8th for the Pac with singles and Leo Kiely came on in relief. Skinner and

Fox singled for one and with Duke Maas now on, Demeter hit a SF to cut it to 4-3 where it remained... Cascades took game 2 behind Buhl, 6-4. One in the 2nd on a Howard SF, but Dave Philley's 4th inning single tied the contest. Four in the 6th for the visitors, one on an Averill single, another Howard SF and 2-run shot by Skowron to make it 5-1. Former Cascade Harry Hanebrink got one in with a DP grounder, but Davenport answered with an RBI single in the 7th. Falcons picked up a pair off Kellner in the 8th, but Owens shut the door in the 9th for the win...

Daley against Purkey in game 3 and the Cascades picked up their final win of the series, 5-4. Fox singled in one in the 1st for the lead, Daley hit a solo in the 5th, but the Falcons netted 3 in the 6th when Purkey singled in one with another scoring on a Demeter error and a Barry She-trone 2B put Gurnee ahead, 3-2. Four straight singles by the Cascades in the 7th off Purkey, with Skinner's hit driving in one and another coming home on a Spencer error, with Kiely on the hill, made it 4-3. The Falcons tied it when Ken Boyer PH a single off Brodowski, but in the 8th, with Johnson on for Gurnee, Skinner singled in the eventual winner...

An 11-inning contest in game 4 with each starter, Newcombe and Monboquette, going the distance. Frank Robinson's SF in the 1st put the Falcons ahead and Skinner's single tied it in the 3rd. Short-lived was the lead as Robinson doubled in one in the bottom half and he got his 3rd RBI of the night on a SF in the 5th. Howard's SF in the 7th and Fox' leadoff 9th inning jolt tied the game for the Cascades. In the Falcons' 11th, Newk got the first two batters before Spencer singled and moved up on Demeter's boot. Strickland took advantage and drove one up the middle for the winning run, 4-3...

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Gurnee took over after the off day and captured the final trio of games. Game 5 seemed to be going Pacific's way with O'Dell on the hill against Stan Williams. O'Dell helped his own cause with a bases clearing, two-out 2B in the 2nd and after adding a run on a Skinner single, it stayed that way through the bottom 8th. Runnels picked up a SF to make it 4-1. O'Dell got the first two batters in the 9th before yielding a single to Art Schult and double to Strickland. Hal Smith's PH single drove in a pair and Kellner came on to face Dave Philley. His single made it first-and-third and Pilarcik singled home one. Pete Runnels capped the six-run inning and the 7-4 win with a long 3-run HR...After that, the Cascades were basically done and Maas tossed a 6-hitter, 10-2. Earl Torgeson drove in four, with a 2-run HR and 2-run 2B to best Buhl. Moryn HR'd for the Cascades...No contest in game 7 as McDevitt won for the second time in the series, topping Daley, 7-2.....

Still holding onto the slimmest of hope to catch the **Lafayette Blue Sox**, the **Albany Empires** hosted the league leaders at the **LA Coliseum**. John Turnbull's crafty maneuvering with his pitching rotation and player usage early in the campaign has left him far back in the American League race, but winning five in this series provided some vindication.

The Blue Sox got off to a quick start, taking the opener 2-1 as Pierce bested Gene Conley. A 1st inning PB put the Sox on top, but Yogi Berra's 2nd inning SF knotted it for Albany. In the Sox' 5th, Lollar was nipped with a pitch and with one down, Pierce bunted him over where Pinson delivered the winner with a single. Pierce allowed only two singles the rest of the way...Jack Sanford got the call the next evening against Bob Rush and got a 2-0 lead in the 4th on Bob Cerv's 2-run HR. Malzone's RBI single in the 6th cut it to 2-1, but a Killebrew groundout and Joe Adcock solo HR extended the lead to the 4-1 final...

Milt Pappas fell behind 1-0 in the 1st inning of game 3 on a Moon double and he allowed another two in the 4th on Pinson's 2-run 2B. Meanwhile, Terry was working on a shutout into the 9th when he permitted a Snider single and Killebrew double. Grim came on in relief and got Adcock to ground out, scoring one and he then shut the door for the 3-1 Sox win....Game 4 saw Glen Hobbie get a run to work with against Tex Clevenger in the 2nd on a Cerv leadoff HR, but the Sox bounced back with 2 in the 5th on Malzone's double off the screen. Albany took the lead in the 6th when Snider followed Kubek's double with one over the short screen, but Lafayette again came back. Moon drove in Malzone who had doubled and it went to the bottom 8th tied at 3-3. With Woodeshick on, he sandwiched a Snider double with 2 outs before Adcock unloaded a mammoth shot for the 5-3 win for Pete Burnside who came on in relief in the 8th...Once again it was Conley for Albany, this time against Wynn. Lemon led off the Sox' 2nd with a HR, but Albany bounced back with four in their half. An RBI single by Richardson, followed by a bases clearing 2B by Kubek, a play in which he was nailed trying to stretch it into a 3B, put the Empires on top. An Adcock solo in the 3rd solidified the lead and offset a Moon solo in the 7th, an RBI single by Pinson in the 8th and an RBI 3B by Lollar in the 9th. Post hit a huge HR off spotty lefty Woodeshick in the 8th for the needed insurance tally in the 6-4 win...The final two contests were as tight as could be, both won in the final AB by the Empires. With Sanford taking on Brosnan in game six, Lemon soloed in the 2nd for a 1-0 Sox lead and they added two on Lollar's shot in the 4th. Cerv's single in the 4th, a squeeze bunt and groundout in the 5th for two tied the game. Lollar banged his 2nd HR of the game, a another 2-run shot in the 6th, but Albany edged back with a Post solo in the 6th to make it 5-4 Sox. Sox extended to 7-4 in the 8th off John Romonosky. After he

walked two and hit a batter, Billy Klaus singled home a pair. Undaunted, the Empires got doubles from Adcock and Cerv for one in the 8th and after Woodeshick hit the only batter he faced, on came Rush. Post popped out, but PH Carl Sawatski's tapper was muffed by Rush, allowing one run to score. After another out, Klaus booted Kubek's grounder for the third run of the inning and a 7-7 tie. Rush walked Killebrew and allowed a single to Lollar to start the 9th. In came Lown who walked Cerv to load the bases and then yielded a single to Berra to end the contest...Thought that was a good ending? Try this one. Pappas against Pierce in the finale and the Sox jumped out in front on a Moon single in the 1st, only to be tied in the bottom on a Snider SF. It stayed that way until the 7th when Dale Long led off with a 3B and Klaus singled him in for the 2-1 Sox advantage. A Lemon HR leading off the 9th made it 3-1 and it was left to Lown to preserve the lead. He walked Berra and after Post skied to RF, PH Jim Baxes came through with a game-tying HR. Richardson tripled to the RCF gap and on came Woodeshick to yield a SF to Kubek and give the Empires the 4-3 win.

The **Empires** were feeling fortified after that series and optimistic in facing the **Hatteras Pelicans**, still reeling from their road sweep by the Tigers. A funny thing happened on the way to a pennant run.....Albany won the opener 6-4 with Conley starting and the win going to Chuck Stobbs as they bested Roberts. Jim Grant got Hatteras their first road win of the month, a 7-3 win over Sanford. Albany took the next two, 9-8, as Staley got the win in relief of Pappas and 7-5 with Hobbie toppling Nuxhall with a save from Stobbs. But Ray Moore got the Pelicans righted with a 4-0 shutout over Conley, followed by a 4-2 decision by Grant over Sanford. The rubber match went 12 innings and was taken by Hatteras 7-6 in 12.No scoresheets were available.



1948: An "Average" Season?

PRE SEASON PROGNOSIS
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Fairfield Federals - The Feds have been quietly building a solid team the last few years and seem poised to make the gigantic leap from last place (actually a tie for 6th) in 1947 to the top of the heap in 1948. They start out with one of the best pitching staffs in the history of SPBII; of course the last great staff on paper was the 1947 Frankfort Fortress and we know what happened to them! Seriously, with hurlers like Gene Beardon, Johnny Schmitz and Mel Parnell, not to mention ageless Satchel Paige, Fairfield should keep opponents from scoring. On the offensive side, Stan Musial finally seems poised to shake off the cobwebs of WWII and return to his pre-war brilliance. Combined with Kenny Keltner, Larry Doby & Hoot Evers, the Feds should score some runs of their own.



Frankfort

Fortress - The Indiana crew, still smarting from a disappointing 1947 at least aren't

"burdened" with the pre season hype of a great pitching staff only to be bitterly disappointed, but the mound crew is solid with work horse Hal Newhouser leading the way. However, if the Fortress make a pennant run it will come primarily from their power laden lineup, led by 1947 MVP Johnny Mize. George Kell might well fall off from his great 1947, but Sid Gordon, Andy Pafko and Pat Mullin are ready to take up the slack.

West Warwick Monarchs - The Kings have improved three years in a row but will need a major push to get to the next level of pennant contender. Bobby Doerr, probably the

biggest underachiever in the history of SPBII, must have a breakout season and several others such as Al Zarilla and Billy Goodman have to follow suit. Not a lot of superstars on the pitching staff but Warren Spahn, another underachiever, must come through along with veteran Dizzy Trout.

Brooklyn Dodgers - Will the Dodgers be the Elephants of 1946; falling from pennant winner to also ran in one season? They don't seem to have the horses, on the mound or in the field, to compete with the big boys, but you never know about the "Wizard of Is-saquah" who always finds a way to win. Joe Gordon will be the "straw that stirs the drink" once again but Tommy Holmes and Dom DiMaggio also need big years. The Dodger bullpen is quite good and will cover for some deficiencies on the starting staff plus Sheldon Jones looks to pull double duty as a starter and reliever.

Lafayette Gold Sox - The Sox could finish anywhere from third to sixth and continue to carry on the tradition of good pitch, no hit. Plus this year they don't even have the benefit of any base stealers, so the Go-Go Sox appellate is inappropriate. It will be a major accomplishment if a single regular hits over .300 and the team has minimal power. Harry "The Cat" Breecheen and Bob Lemon will have grounds for a good non-support lawsuit, although either could win 20 games easily with better offensive backing.

Dayton Flyers - Yogi Berra and Dale Mitchell look like the leaders of the offense and could drive in leadoff man Luke Appling quite a few times; but most of it will have to be from first base as Luke's extra base potential has just about disappeared. Pat Seerey will carry his .230 BA and 100 strikeouts as a negative and hope it's offset by good power and on base. The Flyers will have to run a parade of starting pitchers out to the mound with Virgil Trucks the best of a mediocre lot.

Rossville Hornets - In almost every category of offense and pitching, the 'Bugs come up last in the American

League and will be hard pressed to escape the cellar. Pete McCoskey and Johnny Pesky are good table setters, but the club might not hit 50 homers over the course of the season. Ned Garver could be the only pitcher with an ERA under 4.00 with most of the rest closer to or exceeding the 5.00 level.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago White Sox - The defending NL champs return a bruising offense and a very good pitching staff in their bid to repeat and wipe away the stain of a total collapse in the 1947 World Series. Ted Williams promises to have another monster season with Tommy Henrich and Bob Elliot not far behind. The Sox lack a standout workhorse starting pitcher, but the likes of Vern Bickford, Preacher Roe and Vic Raschi should benefit from the high powered offense.

Chicago Whales - The Orcas' offense is a notch below the White Sox but they do have some big lumber in the persons of Del Ennis, Junior Stephens and Hank Sauer. Rookie Ritchie Ashburn and veteran Dixie Walker should ignite quite a few rallies and hope to be on base quite a few times when the big boys "hit one out". The bullpen is excellent but somebody has to pitch the first six or seven innings. It will be a big challenge for "Casey" Falduto to shepherd these guys into contention, unless the White Sox collapse.

Evanston Trees - The Trees were the big surprise of 1947 and on paper return a team which is arguably better than last year's club which won 93 games. They could easily finish second and might even challenge for the pennant once again. Lou Boudreau appears set for a breakout year, but it looks as if the rest of the lineup will have to be very creatively juggled to get the most out of them. Johnny Sain would like to add a second consecutive Cy Young award to his trophy case and

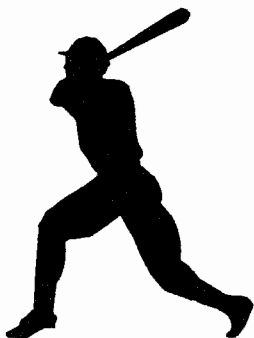
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is perfectly capable of doing just that. Rex Barney and Johnny Vandermeer along with heralded rookie Robin Roberts should be his chief helpers.

Mojave Marauders - The Marauders have been in serious contention almost every year, but lack of power and an aging pitching staff might do them in this season. Their two best hitters, Enos Slaughter and Alvin Dark both have serious drawbacks. Slaughter lacks home run power and Dark will only draw a walk on a Tuesday afternoon! On the mound, Eddie Lopat is decent but the stars of yesteryear, especially Vic Lombardi, are starting to get long in the tooth. A new moniker could herald a surprise season but don't bet the rent on it.



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Rossmoor Bears

The Bruins do have power, particularly in the person of slugging Ralph Kiner, but lack the ability to consistently get on base.

Whitey Lockman may be the team's best all around player, but it's doubtful he'll get many All Star votes. On the other hand, the team has some real talent on the mound, especially the big three of Dutch Leonard, Ray Scarborough and Larry Jansen. With a lot of luck, they could vault as high as third place, but any more would be asking for a miracle.

Evanston Elephants - This once proud franchise continues its' steady decline. Joe DiMaggio is great and Bob Feller is a workhorse, but you need a nine man batting order and 154 starts to get through the season. Rookie Roy Campanella will have his moments but he isn't yet a full time player. The rest of the lineup is littered with part timers and about five guys who by rights should be hitting

eighth in the order! Starter Joe Hatten and reliever Steve Gromek will be Feller's only consistent helpers on the mound. The only bright spot should be the presence of the Quackers who should keep the Pachyderms from ending up in the cellar.

Woodcrest Quackers - Last year this team, operating under the Glendale Acorn banner, had a great offense and putrid pitching staff. The pitching staff is better, though still bad, but the offense has now gone south. Bob Dillinger and Jackie Robinson will contribute and Pee Wee Reese remains a sparkplug at shortstop, but the lineup lacks depth and any real power. Joe Coleman is the closest thing to a staff ace, but he won't make anybody forget Johnny Sain. Highly rated rookie Curt Simmons will probably suffer through a tough initiation to the Big Time.

1948 "How To" Notes

Just a reminder for all managers in SPB-II of the message forwarded with the league disk furnished by Jim Wheeler in mid-December.

Games will now be played off the league schedule built into the game. Therefore, when beginning to play a game, you must select **SCHEDULED** and then find the appropriate series/games to play. If you do not play the games off the schedule, your games will be replayed by the league statistician using the computer manager. There will be **NO APPEALS**, so get it correct the first time.

If you are unclear about any aspect of how to play the league schedule, please contact Jim Wheeler before you foul up the entire league.

Using the league schedule will

All-Time SPB-II Standings

SPB-II statistician Bob Calicchia has compiled the overall records of the franchises in SPB-II from the start in 1944 through the recently completed 1947 season.

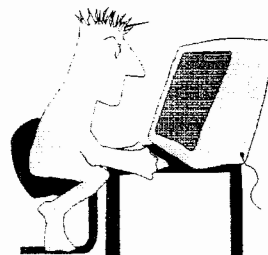
The **Antelope Valley Marauders**, now known as **Mojave**, maintain the best record, 16 ahead of the Brooklyn Dodgers. It must have hurt Bob to crunch the numbers since his Roosmoor Bears are dead last after four seasons.

Team	W	L	Pct
Marauders	366	252	.592
Dodgers	352	266	.570
Elephants	350	266	.568
Trees (a)	334	285	.540
Fortress	333	285	.539
Whales	328	290	.531
White Sox	312	304	.506
Flyers (b)	303	313	.492
Monarchs (c)	302	317	.488
Gold Sox	285	331	.463
Hornets (d)	272	344	.442
Federals	269	347	.437
Acorns	258	358	.419
Bears	255	361	.414

- (a) Formerly known as Insects
- (b) Formerly known as Redbirds
- (c) Formerly known as Roosters
- (d) Formerly known as Fire

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1927 World Series

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals	
Crackers	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	6-4-2	
Tip-Tops	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4-1	
<small>Alexander & Bassler Haines & Taylor WP- Alexander LP- Haines</small>											
Game 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Totals
Crackers	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	9-14-1
Tip-Tops	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	10-15-1
<small>Luque, Blankenship (8), Miljus (9), Shawkey (10) & Bassler Hill, Moore (1), Sweetland (9), Goldsmith (10) & Taylor, Grabowski (4) WP- Goldsmith LP- Shawkey</small>											
Game 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals	
Tip-Tops	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	6-10-2	
Crackers	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3-7-0	
<small>Faber, Hill (4) & Grabowski Carlson, Wilson (5), Mills (7), Littlejohn (9) & Schang WP- Hill LP- Carlson</small>											
Game 4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals	
Tip-Tops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-4-3	
Crackers	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	x	2-6-2	
<small>Sherdel, Moore (8) & Grabowski, Cummings (7) Alexander & Schang WP- Alexander LP- Sherdel</small>											
Game 5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals	
Tip-Tops	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	4-12-3	
Crackers	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1-7-0	
<small>Haines & Grabowski Luque, Shawkey (6), Littlejohn (8) & Schang WP- Haines LP- Luque</small>											
Game 6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals	
Crackers	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	6-9-2	
Tip-Tops	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	7-10-1	
<small>Carlson, Barnes (8), Miljus (8) & Bassler Hill, Moore (8) & Cummings, Grabowski (8) WP- Moore LP- Miljus</small>											

'27 WS Summaries

Game 1- It was a typically crisp October afternoon at Forbes Field as the visiting Atlanta Crackers cruised to an easy 6-2 win over the Dayton Tip-Tops in the opener of the 1927 World Series. Manager Joe DeZarło sent the wily veteran, Grover Cleveland Alexander to the hill for the Crackers to face Jim Wheeler's choice, the eventual Cy Young winner, Jesse Haines of Dayton.

Dayton jumped off to a 2-0 lead in the 1st when Atlanta SS Travis Jackson overthrew 1B on Eddie Moore's grounder, allowing Moore to reach 2B. Max Bishop and Babe Ruth walked and Homer Summa squeezed Moore home. George Sisler skied to Ken Williams in CF to bring in another run.

Haines rolled along into the 4th when he hit an uncharacteristic wild streak. After Harry Heilman doubled, George Harper walked. With one down, both Williams and Rube Bassler drew free passes, setting the stage

for Aaron Ward's 2-run single. Alexander attempted to squeeze in a run, but Bassler was nailed at the plate by Bishop's throw. Walks certainly came back to haunt Haines as he passed Heilman and Harper with one down in the 5th to set up Jackson's 2-RBI three-bagger. Jackson then scored on Williams' SF. Alexander shook off the 1st inning jitters and finished with a CG 4-hitter.

Game 2- A clear 43 degree day, with the wind blowing out to right was the perfect setting for a high-scoring affair. Carmen Hill tried to get the even while the Crackers looked to Dolf Luque to gain a 2-0 edge. Neither hurler was around at the end. Hill had nothing and the Crackers came out firing as Sammy Hale led off with a 2B, Joe Harris doubled and Heilman launched a 3-run HR into the wind. After posting two outs, Williams singled, Bassler walked and Ward drove in the 4th run to give Hill an early shower as Fireman-of-the-Year Wilcy Moore came on to quell the rally.

Wheeler juggled the Dayton lineup, starting Sisler in the leadoff slot and dropping Babe Ruth to clean-up. With two down in the 1st and Bishop on 2B via a single and WP, Ruth got an IW. Lance Richbourg then singled in one to cut the score to 4-1. Heilman picked up a SF in the 2nd to make it 5-1, but the Tip-Tops picked up a pair in the 3rd on triples by Bishop and Richbourg sandwiched around a Bishop RBI grounder and Ruth single. Both Moore and Luque fired zeroes through the 7th, but Dayton broke through to tie in the 8th.

Eddie Moore led off with a 3B, Ruth singled him home and after Richbourg singled and Summa grounded out, Ruth beat the throw home on an IF bouncer for the tie at 5-5. Ted Blankenship came on to toss a DP pill to end the rally. Moore was still on the mound in the 9th, but walked Hale to open the inning. Harris bunted him over and after

an out, Bishop's throwing error let in a run and opened the floodgates. Jackson and Ken Williams each singled in runs before Les Sweetland came on to stop the bleeding. Blankenship looked to hold the 8-5 lead, but yielded a leadoff single to Billy Southworth and was relieved by Johnny Miljus. Sisler singled, but Miljus got two before Ruth doubled in one and Richbourg doubled in two with his 3rd and 4th RBI on the day to tie at 8-8.

Hal Goldsmith came on for Dayton and was touched for a 10th inning run. He allowed a one-out PH 2B to Wally Schang and 3B to Hale to put the Crackers ahead, 9-8. Veteran Bob Shawkey, finishing up a long career, attempted to hold the lead, but walked leadoff man Mark Koenig. John Grabowski, who came on earlier for the injured Zach Taylor, smashed a long 3B to LF for the tie. With the potential winning run standing 90' away, Atlanta skipper DeZarło ordered intentional passes to PH Jack Cummings and Sisler. With the IF playing in, the 9th inning goat, Max Bishop, lined one into LF in front of Harper and Grabowski raced home with the winning run, 10-9, to knot the series at 1-1.

Game 3- The scene shifted to Griffith Stadium where President Calvin Coolidge tossed out the first ball and shared the radio booth with Graham McNamee where he proclaimed American prosperity for at least the next four years. Each lineup was again juggled as Wheeler and DeZarło looked for even the slightest edge. Red Faber went for Dayton against Hal Carlson. Hot-hitting Richbourg led the game off with a 2B, was bunted over by Max Bishop and

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up stepped the Bambino. With the crowd screaming for an intentional pass, Ruth stepped out of the box and grinned. To the surprise of all, especially Sammy Hale, Ruth laid a perfect bunt down the 3B line with the IF in to score Richbourg with the first run. Carlson, still visibly stunned, allowed a single to Sisler and a long double for run two to Eddie Moore. Atlanta manufactured a run of their won in the 2nd as Schang walked, was bunted over by Ward and Jim Poole singled in the run. The middle of the Tip-Tops' order did damage again in the 3rd as Bishop led with a walk, Ruth doubled him to 3B, Sisler hit a SF and Moore singled in the 4th run.

The Crackers, taking advantage of 3 Faber walks in the 4th, plated two on a Heilman single with the bases jammed to cut the lead to 4-3 and sent Faber to the lockers in favor of Hill who ended the rally. As the saying goes, "He who lives by the sword, dies by the sword" and the Crackers literally fell on their sabre in the 6th. John Wilson, who had pitched out of a jam in the 5th, walked Grabowski to lead off the inning and Hill bunted his way on as the Crackers were late in covering. Richbourg bunted the runners up and Bishop walked to load the bases for Ruth. Trying to spot his pitches, Wilson walked in the 5th run and then allowed a SF to Sisler with Bishop being nailed at 3B for the final out. That ended the scoring as Hill pitched out of a jam in the 6th and had smooth sailing the rest of the way for the 6-3 Dayton win and a 2-1 series lead. There were a total of 13 walks, bringing the series total to 34, and 6 sacrifice bunts in the game.

Game 4- Manager DeZarło called on his ace, Pete Alexander, to get things righted for the Crackers against Bill Sherdel and the veteran came through in a big way. He stifled the Dayton bats all afternoon, spacing out four hits. Ken Williams moved to the leadoff slot and singled to open

the Crackers' first. After Harris skied out, Heilman singled to CF where Ruth's throw to 3B went wild to score one. Meanwhile, only Ray Morehart's error at 2B marred a perfect first three innings by Alexander and Bishop singled to leadoff the 4th for the first Dayton hit.

With one down in their 4th, Harper and Jackson singled and Schang's grounder to Bishop scored the final run of the game. In the Tip-Tops' 9th, Eddie Moore hit a one-out 3B and Wheeler had Summa try to squeeze



in the run, but Harris made a fine pickup at 1B and his throw to Schang nailed the runner. Koenig's easy fly to RF ended the first WS shutout in SPB-III history.

Game 5- What better way to gain the series edge than to have your top guns unload. That's what Dayton took advantage of here as Babe Ruth went 4-4 and Jesse Haines allowed only 7 hits and an unearned run in a 4-1 win. Ruth's 2-run HR in the 3rd, a solo in the 5th, both off Dolf Luque, gave Dayton a 3-0 lead. Joe Harris' single after a Koenig error in the 5th scored the only Atlanta run. Sisler singled in Ruth with the final Tip-Tops' run in the 7th.

Through 5 games, the Crackers have been held to a .237 average with only 21 runs scored and await the return of leadoff hitter Sammy Hale who has been injured since game 3.

Game 6- Carlson got the call for the Crackers in an attempt to stave off a title clinching by the Tip-Tops while Jim Wheeler handed the ball to Carmen Hill. Hale's return paid off quickly as he led off the game with a single, was bunted over by Williams and scored on Heilman's single. The Crackers upped the lead to 3-0 in the 4th on back-to-back 3Bs by Jackson and Harris and a SF by Ward. Meanwhile, Carlson mowed down the first 11 batters and did not

allow a hit until Southworth singled with one down in the 5th. Dayton finally broke through against Carlson in the 7th when Ruth doubled, moved up on an IF grounder and scored on Harris' error at 1B. But the Crackers got two back and made it 5-1 when Williams reached on a Sisler error, Heilman, perhaps looking for the sac, reached on a single when he beat the throw. That KO'd the weary Hill and on came relief ace Wilcy Moore. Specs Toporcer's SF and Harris' single finished the scoring in the inning.

But Dayton was not dead yet! Southworth led off with a single and advanced to 2B when Bob Barrett's fly ball was dropped by Williams in CF. Chick Galloway singled and Adam Comorosky singled home Southworth. On came Jess Barnes for Carlson and he yielded a SF to Bishop to make it 5-3. Koenig singled and DeZarło came with the hook and brought on Miljus to face Ruth. True to form, the Babe singled home Comorosky and Sisler almost won it right there when he backed Heilman to the RF wall and picked up a SF for the 5-5 tie.

Moore got the first two Atlanta batters in the 9th before the pesty Hale tripled to the flagpole in CF and scored on Williams' single to LF for the 6-5 lead.

Miljus got PH Chuck Tolson to bounce out to start the 9th, but then gave up singles to Southworth, Galloway and Eddie Moore for the 6-6 knot. The Crackers moved the IF in to attempt to cut off the winning run with Bishop at the plate. He bounced a Baltimore chop off the plate to Ward at 2B as Galloway took off as soon as the ball was hit.

The throw to Johnny Bassler at home was just a bit late as Galloway reached in and tagged the corner of the plate. And in the blink of an eye, it was over.

Dayton won the game 7-6 and the first SPB-III title 4 games to 2!!!

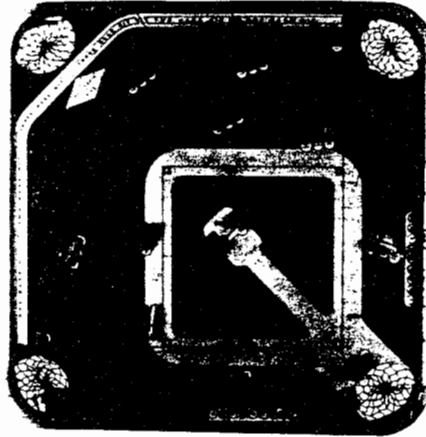


Tidbits and Memorabilia

So, who said ballplayers of the SPB-III era were not entrepreneurs? We have seen Ethan Allen's "All-Star Baseball" in the past and now, a look at some others, including Danny MacFayden, Lou Fonseca and Bing Miller who leant their name to the hot baseball board games of the era. The photos are from *Baseball Games, Home Versions of the National Pastime*, by Mark Cooper.

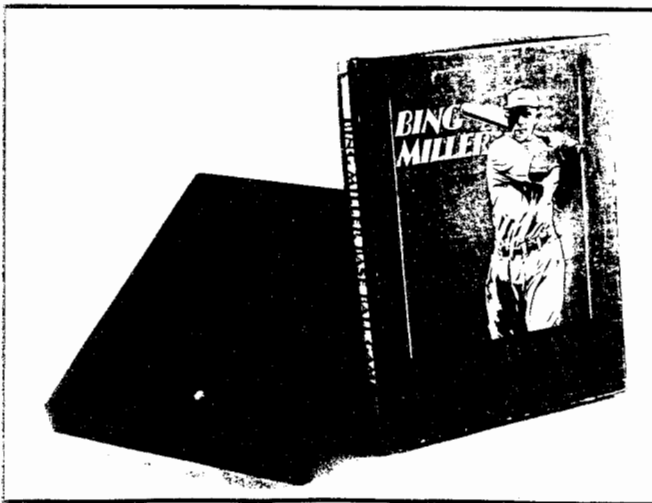


The Lew Fonseca Baseball Game, 1930s. Wood, fiber board and net. Carrom Company, Ludington, Michigan. 27" x 27". On the back is a short history of Lew up to his position as director of promotions for the American League in the 1930s. From the Cooper Collection, with cover photos of Marty and Debra Krim.



Lew Fonseca	Home runs: 51
Games: 947	Runs: 518
At bats: 3404	RBIs: 485
Hits: 1075	Batting Avg: .315

Bing Miller Base Ball Game, 1932. An exceedingly rare game, the marble is put against one of three openings in the guard wall and struck with a mallet to put it in play. Where it lands determines the play. The box top has a facsimile autograph, and in this case there is an actual autograph beneath the facsimile. John P. Ryan Company, 12" x 12". From the Cooper Collection.



Bing Miller
Games: 1821
At bats: 6212
Hits: 1937
Home runs: 127
Runs: 947
RBIs: 990
Batting av:



Danny MacFayden's stove League Baseball Game, 1927. Many versions of this game were made. This one is a bound book. The opponents sit on opposite sides of the open book. There are two dice, one going up to number 6 (red) and one to number 14 (green). The combination determine the play in a particular situation. Each situation has a number of options spelled out in the book. This covered, hard back edition has a booklet of rules, expressing their measure with this game, an instruction booklet, and traver pieces. 11" x 16". From the Cooper collection.

'59 NOTES & TIDBITS

It's all over but the shouting in the **American League** as Steve Ehresman's **Lafayette Blue Sox** shaved their magic number to 16 at the end of August. After five months of play, the Sox have a lead of 13 over the **Smithfield Seniors** of Bob Buonaccorsi and 14 ahead of the mad scientist, John Turnbull.

The **Empires** finally cracked the .500 mark while Rick Ryan's **Cubs** clawed their way to the ultimate level of mediocrity with a 17-11 record. Posting the same mark for the month was **Frankfort**, but Gary Plunkitt's **Tigers** remain 18 back and six under the break even point.

Paul Kenyon's **Grays** stumbled through the month at 9-19 and slipped into 6th place. The surprise of this season has been the inability of Jim Wheeler's **Hatteras Pelicans** to get anything going. At 11-17 for the month, the Pelicans remain mired in the AL basement.

Bit of a different story over in the **National League** as the **Schaumburg Saxons** of Tom Falduto maintain the slimmest of margins, one game over Bob Calicchia's **Rossmoor Rifles**.

The Rifles play on the road in September at the Saxons and Mavericks and host the Falcons and Zees. In addition to hosting the Rifles, Schaumburg welcomes in the Black Sox and must travel to play the Cascades and Falcons.

If the Falcons still conjure any pennant hopes, they have have a shot with home series with the Saxons and Mavericks while playing on the road at the Rifles and Black Sox.

Frank Papp's **Gurnee Falcons** put together a solid 20-8 month to move within 7 games of the top while Lou Ross' **Pacific Cascades** were avalanched on the road and stumbled to 10 back, six over .500 for the

season. A 14-14 month moved John Ungashick's **Evanston Black Sox** ahead of Mike Cascarano's **High Desert Mavericks** who slipped 10 under the magic marker. Pulling up the rear of the pack are Don Zminda's **Evanston Zees** who continue to sleep-walk their way through the final year of the decade, 31 behind, helped along with a sorry 7-14 August.

As the players finish the stretch drive and in some cases, look to next season's major league contract, the numbers tell some interesting tales.

Tony Taylor (Seniors) saw his average drop 16 points to .353, but he maintains a 6 point lead over the Tigers' Mickey Mantle. Taylor's temmates, Harvey Kueen and Johnny Logan hold down the third and fourth spots in the batting race while another Senior, Minnie Minoso is 9th. Taylor also has the hits lead over Lafayette's Vada Pinson, 178-174.

Mantle's position in the batting race is key since he is on the edge of gaining his second Triple Crown. Through August, Mantle leads the league in RBI, 104-100 over the Blue Sox' Wally Moon and is one back in the HR chase 33-32, behind Ernie Banks (Cubs) and Rocky Colavito (Grays) and tied with the Zees' Woody Held.

Kueen leads in doubles with 45, two over Pinson and Bill White (Mavs) as tripled 14 times. Looie Aparicio (Black Sox) has a secure lead in the SB race with 61.

Warren Spahn (Saxons) won six in August and has caught Early Wynn (Blue Sox) for the lead with 18 wins. Making great inroads is Camilo Pascual (Rifles) who has a strong lead in the ERA race with a 2.11 mark. He is also tied with Wynn for the lead in shutouts with 5. High Desert's Ronnie Kline, the ERA leader after July, slipped to 4th at 2.64, up from 2.03.

Don Drysdale continues to be one bright spot for the Pelicans with a league-leading 183 strikeouts. Another is Roy Face who has saved 20 of the Pelicans' 50 victories. Turk Lown, who has been spotty for the Blue Sox, is second with 17, but only one in August.

With four hitters in the Top Ten, it stands to reason that the Smithfield Seniors lead the league with a .297 average, 34 points above the league mark.

The two power clubs, the Cubs (164) and Tigers (157) have the top two slots in the HR chase. However, the Tigers' pitching staff has the league worst ERA at 5.13 (down from 5.43) and the Cubs are at 4.19, above the league average of 3.88. The Rossmoor Rifles are the only team under 3 runs per game with a resounding 2.82 ERA.

Here are the August awards as selected by statistician John Turnbull:

Player-of-the-Month: Mickey Mantle with a .350 average, 6 doubles, 2 triples and 9 HR to go with his 24 RBI and 6 stolen bases.

Starter: Danny McDevitt (Falcons), 5-0, 1.95, 5 GS, 1 CG, no HR and only 42 hits in 37 innings.

Reliever: Leo Kiely (Falcons) 1-0 with 5 saves, 1.29 ERA, 10 hits in 14 IP.

1959 AUGUST STANDINGS

AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB
Blue Sox	78	48	.619	--
Seniors	65	61	.516	13
Empires	64	62	.508	14
Cubs	63	63	.500	15
Tigers	60	66	.476	18
Grays	54	72	.429	24
Pelicans	50	76	.397	28
NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Saxons	76	50	.603	--
Rifles	75	51	.595	1
Falcons	69	57	.548	7
Cascades	66	60	.524	10
Black Sox	59	67	.468	17
Mavericks	58	68	.460	18
Zees	45	81	.357	31