



AROUND THE HORN

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Marauders Shock Dodgers: Comeback from 3-1 Down to Win '45 Title!

As one may have heard from the stoops of downtown Brooklyn right after the war, "He got out-thunked." That's what the baseball critics were chortling after the Antelope Valley Marauders, backs to the wall, clawed back to topple the pesky Dodgers.

After their surprising late-season push to win the East from the Fortress (see page two), the Dodgers met up with the M's, the team with the best record in SPB II in 1945. Manager Mike Cascarano feared the matchup against the deep Dodgers' pitching staff and offensive attack led by MVP Candidate Tommy Holmes.

However, Brooks' skipper Lou Ross was equally concerned with the steady stream of lefty thumpers in the M's lineup and his lack of lefty starters available for Series play.

The games were played via phone on May 25-26-27. The opening two at the Polo Grounds, the mid three at Crosley and then back to Coogan's Bluff. Complete linescores appear on page 8.

Right here, game by game summaries.

Game 1- Red Barrett opened for the Dodgers against lefty Mickey Haefner for the Marauders. A classic pitchers' duel, Barrett mowed down the first 13 hitters before issuing a single to Jimmy Wasdell in the 4th. Meanwhile, Haefner allowed only a 2nd inning single to Ray Sanders and walked Holmes in the 4th. With two down in the M's 6th, Wally Moses singled and Buddy Kerr booted a grounder, but Barrett got Joe Kuhel

to end the threat. Barrett was scheduled to lead off in the 8th when Andy Seminick pinch-hit and was K'd. Ed Wright came on in relief and yielded a doubled to Pete Coscarat and after one out, walked Moses and gave up a pinch single to little used Art Rebel for a 1-0 M's lead. Kuhel got an IW and in came George Dockins. It was no contest as Ray Cullenbine singled and Wadsell slammed a triple to right center followed

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by a Tony Cuccinello single and an insurmountable 5-0 margin. With two down in the Dodgers' 9th, Sanders popped a 2-run HR for a final score of 5-2. Haefner had the complete game, striking out three.

Game 2-Down 1-0, the Dodgers went to Paul Derringer, spotty at best during the regular season against Al Hollingworth, another of the M's tough lefty starting-pitchers.

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Stats? Stats?

As those great TV philosophers, Ren & Stimpy might exclaim, "We don't need no stinkin' stats!" After all, we're old-time, rough-and-tumble baseball men and we won't let numbers stand in the way of progress. It's June 5 as I polish off this edition and due to mail and disk snafus, the '57 stats are not ready. I went to rewrite earlier as the '45 capsule by John Ungashick arrived and added the data on pages 9 and 10. LJR

Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

The SPB Police are being forced into action before the '46 draft. It appears that several SPBII-45 teams overused players during the past season which will result in adjustments to the 3rd round of the Rookie Draft.

Teams that overused players will be dropped to the bottom of the 3rd round and the final record will determine the order from the bottom. Teams with poorer records will draft higher. All other teams will move up a notch. The revised draft order will be available shortly.

If you are not going to participate in the draft either by phone or in person, you **MUST** submit a written draft list. If a list is not submitted, the league president will select for your team. Remember, the '46 draft will be held at Frank Papp's residence on **Saturday, June 24th at high Noon CST.**

It's will be the same procedure as in the past if you are participating by phone. One ring will let you know that your turn is up. You will call Frank's home at **708-662-5382** to receive the up-to-the-minute selections and make a pick within 5 minutes.

The Rules Committee will be busy that weekend. In addition to the previously mentioned rules changes, there are two more proposals under consideration. One would increase the number of rest days between games 4 and 5 to 2 days.

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Dodgers' Late Surge Breaks Thru Fortress for '45 Playoff Sweep

Playoffs are becoming par for the course in SPBII. Yet, after each '44 race went into a playoff, and with the way the '45 battles were unfolding, it was hardly anticipated that it could happen again.

The Whales had swept the Marauders in the '44 West playoffs while the Roosters gobbled up the Insects 2-1. Remember those guys? The Dodgers had finished 2 back in the West. The Fortress made a '45 season-long bid to go from worst to first while the Dodgers looked to inch closer in their new Eastern location.

I was the most surprised person when Gary Plunkitt called on May 19th to let me know the Dodgers had tied his Fortress at 96-58. Gary was sitting back, waiting for a new era rematch with Mike Cascarano when the late results and road records filtered in. The Dodgers had KO'd the Fortress 5-2 at home in September, but faltered again to the Blue Sox, winning only 4-of-7. But the Dodgers had enough left to go 3-4 at the Federals and then a surprising 6-1 at the Monarchs where they lost only the 7th game of the series by one run.

We set up to play the following day via phone, a Sunday, but I would call Gary at 7 AM PDT to set game sites and rules. I flipped the coin and lost, so the opener was at Frankfort. The starters would be Red Barrett for the Dodgers and Hank Wyse for the Fortress while the second was to pit George Dockins for the Brooks and Boo Ferriss. I immediately played game two and had to wait until I finished work at 6:30 PM to get in game one.

With Plunkitt at the controls and relaying the play results, the Dodgers started fast. George Binks and Tommy Holmes surrounded Buddy Kerr's bouncer with singles and Chuck Workman's sac fly made it 1-0. The Fortress got it back on a single by George Kell, a sac by Don Johnson and Andy Pafko's RBI single. The Fort took the lead in the 3rd on a solo HR by Pafko and the wheels started churning.

In the 4th, Workman walked, Ray Sanders and Lee Handley singled to load the sacks and Bill Salkeld walked to force in the tying run. After Don Gutteridge hit into a 5-2 force and Barrett flied out, Binks drove home 2 with a single and a 4-2 lead.

In the bottom of the 6th, the game turned around. Nick Etten singled, John Barrett doubled and Russ Deery singled home both. Out came Red Barrett and Russ Christopher quelled the rally by striking out Paul Richards, issuing an IW to Cecil Travis batting for Wyse and getting Kell and Johnson rather easily. Frank Barrett came on in relief for the Fort.

Both clubs went 1-2-3 in the 7th and 8th with Paul Derringer taking the hill in the 8th for the Brooks. In the 9th, Holmes singled, Workman walked and Plunkitt stuck with Barrett while Sanders singled home the go-ahead run. With one out and Salkeld up, Gary moaned "Uh oh" and Salkeld lined a two-run double for a 7-4 lead. Barrett set them down in order in the 9th for the win.

In game two, it was a bad omen for Frankfort when RF Johnny Dickshot led off the game with a fly out to LF and had to leave the game with an injury. He would have missed a third game if one had been needed.

The Dodgers netted 2 in the 1st on an RBI triple by Holmes and a bounceout by Workman. Paul Richards doubled in one for the Fort in the 2nd, but the Dodgers went ahead 3-1 in the 4th on a double by Binks with Dockins, the trail runner, being nailed at the plate. Kell doubled home one and Ferriss brought home another with an IF out to tie in the 6th, but that was it for the Fort.

Dockins singled home one in the 6th and the Dodgers plated 5 in the 7th off Ferriss and Oscar Judd for a 9-3 lead. Even Judd's surprising 3-run HR in the 8th off Otho Nitcholas wasn't enough as Joe Page walked in two and the Brooks picked up a total of four in the 8th to hold on 13-6 and set up the first SPB left coast series.

DIAMOND DUST

1945-At the winter meetings, owners fend off the attempt by the PCL to obtain major league status....Giants acquire "pheenom," Clint Hartung, from Minneapolis for 3 players and \$20,000. Tom Meany of the *NY World Telegram* says Hartung is a cinch for the Hall Of Fame...White Sox purchase Alex Carrasquel and Fred Vaughan from Senators....Rudy York moves to the Red Sox for Eddie Lake.....Walker Cooper is sold to the Giants for \$175,000, the highest cash deal ever...Danny Gardella signs with the Mexican League and is soon followed by holdout Vern Stephens, who plays a few games and returns...Mickey Owen signs to manage the Torreon club.....

"A buffoon is a drunk on a hitting spree. A drunk is a pitcher who has lost his fastball. A confirmed drunk is a pitcher with a sore arm. An incurable drunk is a pitcher who hasn't won a game all year."

-Leo Durocher

1957-Gene Woodling of the Senators throws out 2 runners at the plate in the 1st inning, tying a ML record....The Brooklyn Sports Authority gets a report on a 50,000 seat downtown stadium for \$20.7 million. It is expected a market will not be found for a bond issue...Richie Ashburn hits the same spectator twice on the same AB. On the 1st, he breaks the nose of Alice Roth, wife of sports editor Earl Roth of the *Bulletin*. The 2nd hits her while she's carried out on the stretcher.....Dick Hyde hands out the 27th IW of the year to Ted Williams who will receive 33 in 1957...Bob Keegan of the Chisox uses a new slow delivery and no-hits Washington, 6-0... Bob Turley 2-hits the A's, but loses 1-0....The Red Sox hit 4 HRs and score 10 in the 3rd to beat the Athletics 16-0....

Baseball Returns from the War— A Look Back at Unrecognized Stars

During the course of our just completed 1945 season, we took a few glances in *Diamond Dust* and *Hot Stove Report*, at some of the strange situations which took place during the talent drained years.

There was the infamous Pete Gray, who later went on to play the villain in *The Fugitive* and slugger Jimmie Foxx playing 3B like Hector Lopez and taking the mound for the Phillies.

During the recent players' strike, a half century into the future, Tim Johnson supplied two articles relating to war-time players. The first appeared in the *PROVIDENCE SUNDAY JOURNAL* by Leonard Levin. One of the key aspects of the story dealt with the scarcity of functional players and the assortment of youngsters and senior citizens who put on uniforms for the baseball war effort.

Seven teenagers took the field during the war, including 17-year old Tommy Brown of the Dodgers. At the other end of the spectrum was Clay Touchstone, a grandfather at the tender age of 42 who hurled for the White Sox.

Dan Sipek, who put in a World Series appearance for the Marauders in '45, was almost totally deaf. And then there was Bert Shepard, who lost a leg in the war and was brought in to hurl for the Senators, more as a publicity stunt than for his pitching prowess.

We all noticed the appreciable decline in home runs during the war years. The article points out that the supply of horsehide and cork had been cut back and the cores were made of less resilient granulated cork and the covers from balata, the rubbery material used to

make golf ball covers. So, the dead ball era was in effect.

With so few players on the "major league" level, the minors also felt the shortage. There were only 12 minor leagues playing during 1945.

If one were to look at one incident which spelled out the ineptitude of 1945 players, Levin points to game six of the World Series between Detroit and the Cubs. Chuck Hostetler, a 41-year old rookie tried to score from second base on a single, stumbled rounding third and was tagged out. An auspicious end to an era and career.

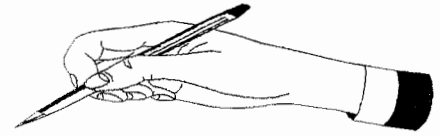
Tim also passed along a piece which appeared in *The Baseball Research Journal #23* by Charlie Bevis entitled *Disenfranchised All-Stars of 1945, Hard Luck in Career Years*.

There was of course, no All-Star Game in '45 due to the war. The Office of Defense Transportation severely restricted travel, so in lieu of the All-Star contest at Fenway Park, teams played inter-league exhibition contests. While the teams did manage to play a few games on July 9-10, there was no official selection of players to an "all-star" squad.

The Sporting News and *Associated Press* published their own choices for the '45 classic. Of the 63 players chosen, 27 would have been first time picks and only nine received another shot at the game.

The attached tables on page 4 indicate players who were selected by each committee, stats at mid-season and times selected prior to '45 and beyond.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



by LOU ROSS

Someone has to perform the job of devil's advocate and at times, it's a job I relish. That's why I have tossed out a number of trial balloons in this column over the past few months. The Strat concept and other sometimes far-fetched ideas have always been brought back to earth and put back into perspective.

Jim Wheeler has made some excellent points in response to my concepts. Why he's being paid the big bucks to administer this league? For instance, his feeling is that despite the flaws of the computer manager, it would be foolish to change over game platforms since it would cut through the heart of our premise in competing. Any split, even 50-50, would lead to the demise of SPB. On that note alone, I withdraw my notion of giving SOM a one-year test drive.

Some of you may have noticed Dr. Diamond's column last month was missing the Rhode Island Grays. Did you ever pick up the Sunday paper and not find your favorite section? Well, blame it on the printer. In putting together Steve's article, I needed to move it to a fresh section. In "dragging & dropping" I lost the last paragraph with the Grays.

So, a special command performance brings you Dr. Diamond and the Grays, a heart-rendering epic, filled with laughs and guffaws. Check out page 6 of this issue for, as they say in the media, a "make good."

See you next month.

"Dissed"-enfranchised Auld Lang Syne Stars:

Table 1. Catchers

Player	Team	Pos	BA	TSN	American League		
					AP	Past	Future
Rick Ferrell	WAS	C	.238	X	X	7 (1944)	0
Frankie Hayes	CLE	C	.240	X	X	4 (1944)	1 (1946)
MIKE TRESH	CHI	C	.253	X	X	0	0
National League							
Ernie Lombardi	NY	C	.296	X	X	7 (1943)	0
Phil Masi	BOS	C	.335	X	X	0	3 (1946)
KEN O'DEA	STL	C	.263	X	X	0	0

Table 2. Infielders

Player	Team	Pos	BA	TSN	American League		
					AP	Past	Future
NICK ETTEN	NY	1B	.294	X	X	0	0
George McQuinn	STL	1B	.265	-	X	4 (1944)	2 (1947)
Dick Siebert	PHI	1B	.265	X	-	1 (1943)	0
EDDIE MAYO	DET	2B	.292	X	X	0	0
Snuffy Stirnweiss	NY	2B	.309	X	X	0	1 (1946)
MARK CHRISTMAN	STL	3B	.322	X	-	0	0
Tony Cuccinello	CHI	3B	.328	X	X	2 (1938)	0
OSCAR GRIMES	NY	3B	.276	-	X	0	0
Lou Boudreau	CLE	SS	.274	X	X	5 (1944)	2 (1947)
Vern Stephens	STL	SS	.318	X	X	2 (1944)	5 (1946)
National League							
Phil Cavaretta	CHI	1B	.372	X	X	1 (1944)	2 (1946)
Frank McCormick	CIN	1B	.293	X	X	7 (1944)	1 (1946)
Don Johnson	CHI	2B	.309	X	X	1 (1944)	0
Emil Verban	STL	2B	.281	X	X	0	2 (1946)
Bob Elliott	PIT	3B	.281	X	X	3 (1944)	3 (1947)
Stan Hack	CHI	3B	.327	-	X	4 (1943)	0
Whitey Kurovski	STL	3B	.330	X	X	2 (1944)	2 (1946)
Marty Marion	STL	SS	.253	X	X	2 (1944)	5 (1946)
EDDIE BASINSKI	BRO	SS	.299	X	-	0	0

Table 3. Outfielders

Player	Team	Pos	BA	TSN	American League		
					AP	Past	Future
George Case	WAS	OF	.327	X	X	3 (1944)	0
Doc Cramer	DET	OF	.278	X	X	5 (1940)	0
Roy Cullenbine	DET	OF	.265	X	-	2 (1944)	0
BOBBY ESTALELLA	PHI	OF	.292	X	-	0	0
Hank Greenberg	DET	OF	.286	-	X	4 (1940)	0
Jeff Heath	CLE	OF	.315	-	X	2 (1943)	0
Bob Johnson	BOS	OF	.297	X	X	7 (1944)	0
Wally Moses	CHI	OF	.278	-	X	1 (1937)	0
National League							
BUSTER ADAMS	STL	OF	.300	X	-	0	0
VANCE DINGES	PHI	OF	.328	X	-	0	0
Tommy Holmes	BOS	OF	.401	X	X	0	1 (1948)
Bill Nicholson	CHI	OF	.259	X	X	4 (1944)	0
Mel Ott	NY	OF	.325	X	X	11 (1944)	0
Andy Pafko	CHI	OF	.301	-	X	0	4 (1947)
GOODY ROSEN	BRO	OF	.363	X	X	0	0
Dixie Walker	BRO	OF	.299	-	X	2 (1944)	2 (1946)

Table 4. Pitchers

Name	Team	Pos	W-L	TSN	American League		
					AP	Past	Future
Al Benton	DET	P	7-1	X	-	2 (1942)	0
Hank Borowy	NY	P	10-5	X	X	1 (1944)	0
RUSS CHRISTOPHER	PHI	P	11-5	X	X	0	0
Dave Ferriss	BOS	P	14-2	X	X	0	1 (1946)
STEVE GROMEK	CLE	P	9-5	X	X	0	0
Jack Kramer	STL	P	8-7	X	-	0	2 (1946)
Thornton Lee	CHI	P	9-6	-	X	1 (1941)	0
Dutch Leonard	WAS	P	9-3	X	X	3 (1944)	1 (1951)
Hal Newhouse	DET	P	13-5	X	X	3 (1944)	3 (1946)
Allie Reynolds	CLE	P	8-7	-	X	0	5 (1949)
ROGER WOLFF	WAS	P	9-5	X	-	0	0
National League							
RED BARRETT	STL	P	10-6	X	X	0	0
Mort Cooper	BOS	P	8-1	X	X	2 (1943)	1 (1946)
Paul Derringer	CHI	P	9-6	X	-	6 (1942)	0
BLIX DONNELLY	STL	P	4-6	X	-	0	0
HAL GREGG	BRO	P	10-5	X	X	0	0
Van Lingo Mungo	NY	P	9-4	-	X	3 (1937)	0
Claude Passeau	CHI	P	10-2	X	X	3 (1943)	1 (1946)
Preacher Roe	PIT	P	6-6	X	X	0	4 (1949)
Rip Sewall	PIT	P	9-7	-	X	2 (1944)	1 (1946)
Bill Voiselle	NY	P	10-7	X	-	1 (1944)	0
HANK WYSE	CHI	P	10-5	-	X	0	0

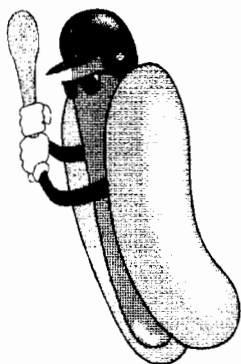
'57 STAT REPORT REMINDER

As John Turnbull takes off next month for his sojourn in Korea, it's time to start forwarding the '57 monthly team stat disks to Jim Wheeler, beginning in July. So that we can get the numbers crunched and forwarded for publication in *AROUND THE HORN*, please try to play your home games early and get the info by Jim by the 20th of each month. Since there have been numerous delays with mail delivery, please allow sufficient time.

Remember, June stats still go to John Turnbull!

Reflections

by Bob Calicchia



My earliest memories of baseball are watching highlights of the 1969 World Series in my family's 9th floor apartment in New York City.

At the tender age of 7, I instantly became fascinated with "the game." The following year, while living in the tropical paradise of Union, NJ, I was introduced to Cadaco All-Star Baseball by a neighbor. We spent hours and hours choosing teams and playing games, usually with the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's album blaring in the background. My after school hours consisted of ASB, playing "real" baseball and collecting baseball cards. During that time, my dad took me to my first baseball game.

On Saturday, May 27, 1972, my father, sister and I hopped aboard the train from New Jersey and headed toward "The House that Ruth Built," to witness the Tigers play the Yankees at historic Yankee Stadium.

On a terrific afternoon, Joe Coleman out-dueled Stan Bahnsen 2-1 in a classic pitchers' battle. I was very fortunate to see my first big league game at old Yankee Stadium. For a kid, being in that stadium was truly an awesome experience! The feeling that came with experiencing my first big league game was indescribable and something I have never forgotten.

After two short years in New Jersey, my family moved for a final time, settling in

wonderful Southern California and my passion for baseball continued to grow. The only problem with the move to the West Coast was that there was nobody to play ASB with. I continued to play ASB almost exclusively, although I experimented briefly with *Sher-Co*, *Long Ball* and *Sports Illustrated*, among others.

Eventually in 1977, after about 7 years and several ASB spinners later, I discovered Strat-O-Matic and switched my allegiance. Things remained status quo until 1991 when in amazement, I overheard my co-worker, Mike Cascarano, talk about a baseball replay he was doing on his home computer. Almost instantly, because of our interest in baseball, we discovered we had much in common and have since become lifelong friends.

When I look at baseball, I really don't have any reflections, as I still see the game the same way as I did when a youth. So many facets of baseball which attracted me as a child continue to amaze me. Most of all, it is a collection of contrasts: a ground ball can be turned into a graceful 6-4-3 DP or can squirt under the legs of an infielder; an inning can be as simple as 1-2-3 or involve complex strategic decisions; stats can be simply rationalized or analyzed ad nauseum.

To this day, I still cherish my old ASB disks and baseball cards. I enjoy analyzing and ranking players and teams as much as I always have. The only difference now is that the SPB leagues have allowed me to pursue and share my enjoyment of baseball with others.



The Thomas Edison of Baseball

Not all ballplayers who returned from the war in 1946 were spies, cooks or plumber's helpers. Some were astute and creative and in later years, their mark on baseball remained quite ingrained.

One case is Dan Litwhiler, the 11-year major league veteran. When he retired in 1952, Litwhiler became the baseball coach at Michigan State. Years later, his imagination went to work when he saw a sign which said, "Be Careful, Don't Speed on Campus." He used the patrol car radar device near a pitcher's mound and clocked his hurler's speed. The company saw no future in baseball use, so Litwhiler went to John Poulson, the inventor of the JUGS pitching machine and they rigged up the first JUGS GUN.

Some of Litwhiler's other ideas and inventions include Litwhiler's Fly Swatter, a pocketless mitt designed NOT to catch a ground ball. It allowed fielders to ease the ball into their glove. He also designed an instructional bunting bat, an idea brought to him by student Ron Fraser, who later went on to coach Miami. The bat was grooved in the middle so that a hitter could put his hands exactly where they should be and left the end of the bat the same to let a bunt be laid down properly.

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In the future, we'll see some of Litwhiler's other ideas. Want to get a head start? Pick up a copy of *Banana Bats and Ding-Dong Balls, A Century of Unique Baseball Innovations* by Dan Gutman, published by MacMillan.

M's Comeback Stuns Dodgers

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Both starters made it through 1st inning jitters and rocky starts. With 2 down in the Dodgers' first, Holmes doubled, Chuck Workman was given an IW and Lee Handley scratched out an infield single. But Sanders' shot to the gap was flagged down by Cullenbine for the final out.

Derringer walked two and had to rely on George Binks snaring Wadsell's RF drive to keep it at 0-0. The Dodgers broke through in the 2nd with two out. Derringer walked and went to 2nd on Binks' single. Kerr walked and Holmes singled home two for the 2-0 lead.

In the M's 3rd, Gustine doubled and tried to score on Kuhel's single to CF, but Holmes gunned him down at the plate on a fine tag by Seminick. A key DP grounder off the bat of Seminick in the 5th broke the Dodgers' backs. In the 7th, with Art Rebel on at 1st, Cascarano batted Les Fleming for Hollingsworth and he drew a walk. Ross pulled Derringer for Art Herring who got Moses and Frank Gustine to end the inning. Brooklyn added one in the 8th off Eddie Lopat on a Don Gutteridge walk and Binks single sandwiched around a groundout for a 3-0 lead. Kuhel's HR in the 8th was the only M's run to tie the series at 1-1 and a trip to Crosley Field.

Game 3- On a clear day with the temperature at 65, Thornton Lee took on reliable Russ Christopher. The Dodgers got 2 in the 2nd when Leon Culberson singled, Sanders walked and both moved up on a bouncer by Sanders. Gutteridge singled in one and Christopher followed with an RBI single. In the Dodgers' 3rd, Holmes' single was followed by a groundout and then an RBI single by Culberson. One more in the 4th on a Gutteridge double and Binks single and it was 4-0. The M's got two back in the 6th on walks to Salty Saltz-gaver and Cullenbine around a forceout, a double by Cuccinello for one and another

on a bounceout by Phil Masi for a 4-2 score. The M's put on pressure in the 8th on a walk to Cuccinello and single by Wasdell and out came Christopher, replaced by veteran Ox Miller. Masi sacrificed, Flagler got an IW and pinch-hitter Rebel hit into a 4-6-3 DP to end the threat and give the Dodgers the win and a 2-1 series lead.

Game 4- Crafty LH Vic Lombardi took on "Ol' 99" Bill Voiselle, who spent most of the year in the Dodgers' bullpen, in the most gut-wrenching game of the series. The M's jumped out 3-0 in the 2nd when Cuccinello reached on a boot by Sanders at 1B, followed by walks to Wasdell and Paul Gillespie. to load the sacks. Voiselle uncorked a WP to let in one and move the runners up and Lombardi scratched a single thru the IF for a 2-0 lead. The Dodgers couldn't turn the DP on Moses' bounce to 2B for the third run. The Brooks cut the lead to one in the bottom half when Gutteridge tripped home Seminick and Voiselle added a SF. The M's came right back with 2 in the 4th Gillespie singled in a run and then the usually reliable Gutteridge booted a bouncer for another. Right back came the Dodgers when Workman blasted a 3-run HR to RF and a tie. Don Fisher came on for his only relief appearance in the 4th as did Stubby Overmire for the M's after Fisher and Binks singled. With one out, Holmes got an IW, Workman singled home one and Culberson hit a SF for a 7-5 lead after four.

Fisher tired a bit in the 7th and yielded a triple to Kuhel and single to Cullenbine to cut it to 7-6. Dockins came on in the 7th and after 2 walks, got the side in order. Earl Jones came on in the 9th and walked home the tying run. Bob Chipman shut down the Dodgers in the 9th and Jones stay-

Dr. Diamond Books the Grays

"Manager Kenyon is slowly shaping this nebulous mass of rookies, cast-offs, and authentic major leaguers into a respectable team. Not an easy task when you inherit a team that consists of Hank Aaron and a deck of jokers. Sorry, Paul, but we both know you're still a few years away, LIGHT years that is. But, because of his patience, Paul will ultimately be recognized and rewarded in SPB's very own Book of Job."

Commissioner's Forum

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The second plan would adopt World Series rules on player usage for any playoff game series.

If you have any questions concerning the upcoming draft or any league procedures, do not hesitate to contact me.

Good luck in the draft!

'46 TRADE WINDS

They're off and running, shuffling the decks before the '45 stats have reached the printer. The opening salvo of trades:

29) BEARS trade Lou Finney & Milo Candini to MARAUDERS for Jimmy Wasdell.

Game 4 Continued from Col. 2

ed in for the 10th allowing only a walk to Cullenbine.

With one out, Chipman allowed a double to Cullenbine and walk to Sanders.

With Bill Salked at the plate, the Dodgers pulled a hit-and-run and Salked hit one to the gap in right center for the game winner and a 3-1 series lead. *Continued P.7*



**Marauders- Dodgers: The Weary
Battle in the The Final 3**

Game 5- It was cliché time for the M's as Manager Cascarano uttered the "Our backs are to the wall" claim prior to game 5. Both clubs were visibly exhausted after two tough games, but mustered enough strength to get through the finale at Crosley.

The starters from the opener, Barrett and Haefner matched up again and matched zeroes through 2 1/2. The Dodgers broke through with 2 in the 3rd on singles by Barrett, Binks and Kerr to load the bases and Holmes forceout drove home the first run. Wasdell dropped a fly ball in LF for another run and Haefner managed to snake out of the jam. His single in the 5th, following a 2-out double by Coscarart cut the score to 2-1.

The roof caved in on the Dodgers in the 7th. Wasdell singled as did Gillespie who replaced the injured Masi in the 2nd. After Coscarart and pinch-hitter Fleming were retired, Moses singled home a run and Gustine two as the M's went ahead 4-2. Gustine was gunned out stealing by Salkeld to end the inning with Al Gerhauser on the hill.

Blix Donnelly came in to hold the lead and did, a lead the M's increased by two in the 8th. Gerhauser gave up 3 consecutive singles and left in favor of Herring who walked Wasdell to force in a run and gave up a SF to Gillespie.

The Dodgers went quietly in the 8th and in a mopup role, Cookie Cuccurullo allowed a 9th inning run, although the M's had runners nailed at 3B and at the plate in the inning. Donnelly made quick order of the Dodgers to send the series to the Polo Grounds for the final two games.

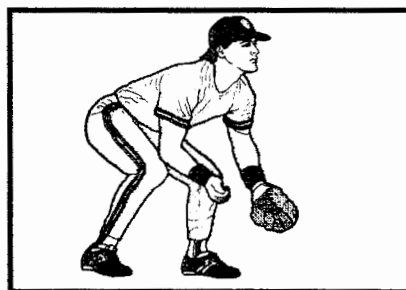
Game 6- The critics in the New York

media and fans had a field day with second-guessing and manager Ross asking "Why did I do that?"

Derringer was scheduled to start, but in the event of a seventh game and Derringer's inconsistent performance, Ross opted for veteran Joe Bowman, the author of two one-hitters during the '45 campaign. Al Hollingsworth took the mound again for the Marauders, looking to bounce back from the game two loss. He set the Dodgers down 1-2-3 in the first two and Bowman pitched out of jams in the first two.

The M's opened the scoring with 2 in the 3rd when with 2 out and two on, Cullenbine doubled to RF and both runners scored on a throwing error to the plate by Gutteridge. In the 4th, Barrett was out of gas, allowing a single to Hollingsworth and walking Moses, so on came Christopher. Gustine bounced out, but Cullenbine came out of his drought, tripling in two before Christopher put out the fire.

The Dodgers were undaunted and tied it in the 5th. With one out and Gutteridge on with a single, Binks got an IF single, Handley popped out, Holmes walked and Workman squibbed one to the mound and beat the throw, scoring a run. Sanders lined a triple to the gap in RF just past Cullenbine to tie the score.



But that was it. In what both managers called the most unbelievable inning they had ever been part of, the Marauders score **ELEVEN RUNS**. Here's how it went.:

Wasdell singled and went to 3B on a double by Gillespie. Coscarart doubled off the LF wall, but only one scored. Derringer made his hoped for stopper role in relief, but instead, fell apart. Garms hit for the pitcher and walked, Moses bounced back to the mound for a force at the plate and Gustine singled to LF for a 7-4 lead. Gustine singled in a run, Kuhel walked with the bases loaded. Cullenbine was now out of his slump and singled home another. When Cuccinello singled to center, Holmes' error allowed Cullenbine to score. After Wasdell walked, Andy Hansen came on with the score 13-4. He allowed two more to score before mercifully ending the deluge of runs, 15 batters and a 15-4 score after 5 innings. Gustine drove home another in the 8th off Otho Nitcholas and the final carnage was 16-4.

Game 7- The M's were sky high and the Dodgers visibly shaken as game time drew close. Bill Voiselle looked tight before taking the mound for the Dodgers while Thornton Lee was calm and loose at home. The M's broke quickly from the gate with 3 in the first. Moses singled and stole second, Gustine walked and Kuhel drove home the first run. Cullenbine walked, Cuccinello got another home on a force and Wasdell hit a SF before Voiselle worked his way free. The Dodgers' 2nd inning threat went for naught. Gutteridge reached on a Coscarart error, but was forced by John Peacock batting for Voiselle. Binks singled, but Kerr popped out to end the inning. Even a 40-minute rain delay in the bottom of the 4th failed to halt the M's drive to the championship as Lee came back strong to work the Dodgers quietly in

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The Marauders edged closer to the title off Ed Wright as Moses continued his hot hitting with a single and scored on Kuhel's single after moving up on a bounceout by Gustine. Hansen and Jones held the M's scoreless until the 6th when two singles and two IWs led to a run scoring on Gillespie's forceout. The injury which kept Masi out of games 5-7 and the lack of a reserve catcher hardly kept the M's down as Gillespie came through at every turn. The Dodgers closed the scoring and broke the shutout in the 8th on a pinch double by John Antonelli, a groundout by another pinch-hitter, Lee Handley and a SF off the bat of Binks.

The final out was a liner off the bat of Sanders snared by Coscarat to give the Marauders their first championship and provide skipper Cascarano with his second consecutive SPB championship.

1945 SERIES LINESCORES

Game 1- (LOB)
 Dodgers 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-2 2-6-1 (5)
 Marauders 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-5-x 5-10-0 (6)
 Barrett, Wright (8), Dockins (8) & Salkeld
 Haefner & Mast
 WP-Haefner LP- Barrett
 HR- Sanders

Game 2-
 Dodgers 0-2-0-0-0-0-0-1-0 3-10-0 (11)
 Marauders 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0 1-7-0 (8)
 Derringer, Herring (8) & Seminick
 Hollingsworth, Lopat (8) & Mast
 WP-Derringer LP-Hollingsworth
 HR- Kuhel

Game 3-
 Marauders 0-0-0-0-0-2-0-0-0 2-7-0 (11)
 Dodgers 0-2-1-1-0-0-0-0-X 4-9-1 (8)
 Lee, Hutchings (7), Saiveson (8) & Mast
 Christopher, Miller (8) & Salkeld
 WP-Christopher LP- Lee

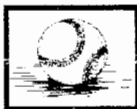


Game 4-
 Marauders 0-3-2-0-0-0-1-0-1-0- 7-10-1 (13)
 Dodgers 0-2-3-2-0-0-0-0-0-1 8-15-2 (7)
 Lombardi, Overmire (4), Donnelly (8),
 Chipman (9) & Gillespie, Mast (8)
 Vaiselle, Fisher (4), Dockins (7), Jones (9) &
 Seminick, Salkeld (9)
 WP- Jones LP- Chipman
 HR- Workman

Game 5-
 Marauders 0-0-0-0-1-0-3-2-1 7-14-2 (8)
 Dodgers 0-0-2-0-0-0-0-0-0 2-8-0 (10)
 Haefner, Donnelly (7) & Mast, Gillespie (2).....
 Barrett, Gerhauser (7), Herring (7), Cuccurullo (9) &
 Salkeld
 WP-Haefner LP- Barrett

Game 6-
 Dodgers 0-0-0-0-4-0-0-0-0 4-8-2 (8)
 Marauders 0-0-2-2-11-0-0-1-x 16-16-1 (9)
 Bowman, Christopher (4), Derringer (5), Hansen (5),
 Nicholas (8) & Salkeld
 Hollingsworth, Hutchings (6) & Gillespie
 WP-Hollingsworth LP- Christopher

Game 7-
 Dodgers 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0 1-4-2 (5)
 Marauders 3-1-0-0-0-1-0-0-x 5-10-1 (10)
 Vaiselle, Wright (2), Hansen (3), Jones (5),
 Gerhauser (6), Derringer (8) & Seminick
 Lee & Gillespie
 WP- Lee LP- Vaiselle



QUIZ BANG

The soon to be classic '57 Chevy Bel Air we were going to give away as the prize for answering those ten small questions in last month's QUICKIE QUIZ will have to be returned to the lot. Plus, Jim Wheeler will have to return the money to petty cash since no one answered the questions correctly.

So, for all of you astute baseball trivia buffs, here are the answers:

- 1) **The All-American Out:** Leo Durocher, as dubbed by Babe Ruth.
- 2) **The Bones Battery:** Catcher Connie Mack and pitcher Frank Gilmore.
- 3) **Captain Midnight:** Lee Walls
- 4) **Grounded Blimp:** Babe Phelps, who was merely "Blimp" before he refused to fly.

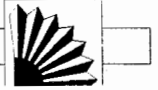
5) **Hoosier Hammerer:**
 Chuck Klein



6) **Loyal Order of the Buffalo Head:**
 Name given to a group of Red Sox who played under Don Zimmer.

- 7) **Mr. Milkshake:** Bill Virdon.
- 8) **Ten to Two:** Art Fowler, because as Sparky Lyle notes, "that's the way his feet point."
- 9) **Unholy Trio:** Mickey Mantle, Billy Martin, Whitey Ford
- 10) **Screaming Skull:** Sal Maglie

Don't worry, there will be more quizzes coming up. Next time, the grand prize will be the next classic, the Edsel.



WILD SCRAMBLE END S '45 RACE

by John Ungashick

For the second time in two seasons, the regular season in the Eastern Division ended in a tie; this time between the Brooklyn Dodgers and Frankfort Fortress. Both teams were on a roll throughout the month, with the Fortress posting a sensational 24-11 mark. It all came down to the last series of the year between the Dodgers and the West Warwick Monarchs. The Kings (erroneously called the "Quaogs last month) had to only win two of the seven home games to play the spoiler against Brooklyn. Unfortunately (or fortunately if you are a Dodger fan), West Warwick lost the first six games and almost handed the Dodgers the pennant outright before squeaking out a 5-4 win in the last game of the season.

The best-of-three playoff was an anticlimax as the Dodgers blew out the Fortress in two straight. More on that and the World Series elsewhere. In the West, it was no contest as the Antelope Valley Marauders breezed to 103 wins and an 11-game spread over the second place Chicago Whales.

The big story in individual performances had to be the heroic pursuit of the Triple Crown by Tommy Holmes of the Dodgers. He won the home run crown with 27, finished only five points behind batting leader Phil Cavaretta of the Acorns (.389 vs .384) and lost the RBI crown 138-137 to Whitey Kurowski of the Elephants. Red Barrett of the Dodgers led the league with 22 pitching victories.

The Marauders almost blew an 8-1 lead before hanging on to defeat the Elephants 9-8. Those self same

Elephants scored 8 runs in the bottom of the first against the Whales, but then almost kicked it away before staggering to an 11-9 win. In the key series between the Dodgers and Monarchs, Holmes put on a hitting clinic, going 17-30 with 4 HRs and 15 RBIs in 7 games! The Rossmoor Bears' Ernie Lombardi hit a 2-run HR

at Sportsman's Park were treated to an 18-inning marathon finally won 6-4 with a Lou Boudreau 2-run single. The Bears tied it with a successful squeeze bunt in the 15th, but it wasn't enough. The Trees outhit the Bears 20-13 and left 18 men on base versus "only" 17 for the Bruins.

The Marauders really didn't need a strong finish but they won 13 of 14 at home during the month. Included was a thrilling 3-2 victory over the White Sox on a bases loaded walk in the last of the 9th after the previous two hitters had been intentionally walked! Later on in the same series, AV devastated the Pale Hose 21-2 by rapping out 22 basehits.

In scattered reports from other fronts: the Whales won 6-of-7 from the Glendale Acorns, with the only loss a 14-13 slugfest. Later on, the Whales chopped down the Trees 17-1. The Gold Sox lost 6-of-7 to the Fortress with the only victory being a 3-2 10-inning thriller. The Fairfield Federals extracted a measure of revenge by winning four of seven from the Dodgers and preventing an outright Brooklyn pennant.

The team of the month was a little difficult to determine with the three main contenders being the Marauders, Fortress and Dodgers. The Marauders had the best winning percentage, but little real pressure. Frankfort won more games and rallied to tie Brooklyn at season's end. However, the nod ever so slightly goes to the Dodgers who held on when they had to and then came up big in two playoff games.

Player-of-the-Month was no contest as Tommy Holmes (.445, 6 HRs, 30 RBI) was head and shoulders above everyone else. Pitcher-of-the-Month was another dogfight between Hal Newhouser of the Hornets, Red Barrett of the Dodgers.

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FINAL '45 STANDINGS

Eastern	W	L	PCT	GB
Dodgers	98	58	.628	
Fortress	96	60	.615	2
Redbirds	86	68	.558	11
Gold Sox	70	84	.455	27
Hornets	68	86	.442	29
Federals	63	91	.409	34
Monarchs	57	97	.370	40

Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Marauders	103	51	.669	
Whales	92	62	.597	11
Elephants	91	63	.591	12
Trees	72	82	.468	31
Bears	66	88	.429	37
White Sox	65	89	.422	38
Acorns	53	101	.344	50

in the bottom of the 9th to edge the Elephants 3-2. Pretty exciting, but made even more so by the fact that this was the only game won by the Bruins as Evanston swept the next six in the series.

In the series windup between two teams going nowhere, the Bears and Trees, somebody forgot to tell the players to go down quietly. The few fans attending Fan Appreciation Day



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and Hal Gregg of the Trees. Given the paucity of support he was given, the award goes to Gregg, by a whisker.

It's getting to be a broken record, but Reliever-of-the-Month goes to Andy Karl of the Elephants. He had a 1-0 record with four saves, an 0.39 ERA and only one run allowed in 23 September innings.

HD or DD?

It's possible that we may have found the problem with missing files and manager profiles? Is anyone in the league still using double-density disks with maximum capacity of 720 mb? If you do and receive a disk which has been formatted in a high density drive, it cannot be read! Please notify me so that I can note it in the next issue and perhaps alleviate the problem. Any questions on disk compatibility, get in touch. Lou Ross

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BATTING AVERAGE

Cavarretta	GLN	.389
Holmes	BRK	.384
Rosen	CHI	.364
Kurowski	EVA	.361
Moses	ANT	.359
Galan	EVA	.358
Stirnweiss	LAF	.347
Cuccinello	ANT	.342
Hack	OHI	.337
Wasdell	ANT	.336

HOMERUNS

Holmes	BRK	27
Workman	BRK	22
Kurowski	EVA	22
Stephens	CHI	22
Ott	EVT	21
DiMaggio	LAF	19
Adams	OHI	19
Cullenbine	ANT	18
Heath	CHI	16
Barrett,J	FRA	16

RUNS BATTED IN

Kurowski	EVA	138
Holmes	BRK	137
Stephens	CHI	118
Cullenbine	ANT	117
Adams	OHI	110
Pafko	FRA	109
Stirnweiss	LAF	109
Olmo	CHI	106
Workman	BRK	104
Galan	EVA	101

DOUBLES

Elliott	CWS	44
Binks	BRK	43
Moses	ANT	43
Holmes	BRK	43
Galan	EVA	37
Cavarretta	GLN	36
Walker	WWM	36
Barrett,J	FRA	35
Olmo	CHI	35
Stirnweiss	LAF	35

TRIPLES

Moses	ANT	17
Pafko	FRA	15
Stirnweiss	LAF	14
Rosen	CHI	13
Dickshot	FRA	12
Sanders	BRK	12
Walker	WWM	12
Kuhel	ANT	11
Hopp	LAF	10
Rucker	RSM	10

HITS

Holmes	BRK	243
Rosen	CHI	235
Stirnweiss	LAF	212
Moses	ANT	208
Walker	WWM	206
Galan	EVA	205
Hack	OHI	202
Kurowski	EVA	199
Siebert	FAR	194
Olmo	CHI	191

TOTAL AVERAGE

Holmes	BRK	1.142
Cavarretta	GLN	1.072
Galan	EVA	1.039
Barrett,J	FRA	1.021
Moses	ANT	1.005
Stirnweiss	LAF	.984
Ott	EVT	.977
Kurowski	EVA	.962
Cullenbine	ANT	.938
Hopp	LAF	.912