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Early Surprises in Both '47 AL and NL - - Hatton, Cooper, Mize Net Big Numbers

by John Ungashick

The first month of the 1947 season saw complete dominance of the American League by the National League during inter-divisional play. Four NL teams finished above the .600 mark while only two in the AL were over .500 and that by just one game.

The White Sox and Marauders both opened strong with 17-8 records to pace the National while the surprising Evanston Trees were a close third at 16-9 with the crosstown Elephants two back at 15-10. The Dayton Flyers and Brooklyn Dodgers shared the AL lead at 13-12, although the last place Hornets were only 4 back.

Grady Hatton of the Rossville Hornets led the league with a lofty .409 average while Johnny Mize of the Fortress and Walker Cooper of the White Sox shared the home run lead with 10 apiece. Four different pitchers shared the lead with 5 victories each.



Team-of-the-Month was a real stumper with the White Sox, Marauders and Trees all in contention. The Trees, though significantly overachieving, couldn't match the record of the other two and fell by the wayside. You almost had to flip a coin, but the honor goes ever so slightly to the Marauders.

Player-of-the-Month was a little easier as Walker Cooper hit .378 with 10 HRs and 29 RBI and was among the leaders in all three categories.

Pitcher-of-the-Month was another no-brainer as Red Embree of the Elephants won all five starts, tossing three zips

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| AMERICAN | W | L | PCT | GB |
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| FLYERS | 13 | 12 | .520 | -- |
| DODGERS | 13 | 12 | .520 | -- |
| GOLD SOX | 12 | 13 | .480 | 1 |
| FORTRESS | 12 | 13 | .480 | 1 |
| FEDERALS | 11 | 14 | .440 | 2 |
| MONARCHS | 10 | 15 | .400 | 3 |
| HORNETS | 9 | 16 | .360 | 4 |

| NATIONAL | W | L | PCT | GB |
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| MAR'DERS | 17 | 8 | .680 | -- |
| WHITE SOX | 17 | 8 | .680 | -- |
| TREES | 16 | 9 | .640 | 1 |
| ELEPHANTS | 15 | 10 | .600 | 2 |
| ACORNS | 12 | 13 | .480 | 5 |
| BEARS | 10 | 15 | .400 | 7 |
| WHALES | 8 | 17 | .320 | 9 |

Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

The backbone of any successful mail league rests in two arenas, i.e., the league newsletter and the league/team stats. Our SPB newsletter published by Editor Lou Ross is by far the best there is and that's a fact!

However, despite entering our 5th year, it seems not a season can be completed without some major errors in stat reporting procedures. It has been emphasized **REPEATEDLY** how to correctly import and export stats. Yet, despite these warnings, the problem continues.

With not even a month completed of the SPB-47 season, I personally have played 3 road series and received stat reporting errors back in two, from veteran managers. One sent me only my team stat. Why he thinks I'm not interested in enjoying how his team performed is an utter mystery to me. The other manager didn't even bother to export ANY stats at all.

ATTENTION! THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING!!!! If you cannot perform the correct procedures
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you will no longer be welcome in our league. Those managers who are the subject of constant complaints about not getting the right stats or not using the correct lineups will not be invited to continue upon completion of the respective season in progress!

As is often quoted, "This is not rocket science." If you always import and export in LEAGUE MODE, you will NEVER, EVER have a stat problem.

Yes, it's that easy. If you have any questions about the stat reporting procedures, help is just an e-mail or phone call away. Myself, Lou Ross, Gary Plunkitt, John Ungashick or Mike Cascarano are all willing to answer any questions a manager might have. You may also refer to Mike's article in last month's newsletter on the subject of stat reporting. Mike did such a good job on it that the article will be republished in the Diamond Mind newsletter, **THE PAYOFF PITCH**. Again, help is available.

As we begin the SPB-47 season and are about to undertake the beginning of the SPB-27 season, let us all vow to do the best we can to make the league run smoothly and without unnecessary delays. You are all very intelligent men and I trust that you all will do the right thing. I hope that we will speak no more of this matter.

Finally, with the SPB-59 rookie draft around the corner, the final draft order has now been determined, after penalties. The list appears on page 9.

Have a great season.

DIAMOND DUST

1927- Travis Jackson has an appendectomy and is out 6 weeks for the Giants....Mark Koenig goes 5-for-5 as Yanks beat Lefty Grove and A's 8-3 before 65,000 at Yankee Stadium. The Yanks never relinquish 1st place in 1927...Ty Cobb, 40, has 3 hits, drives in the winning run and steals home as the A's top Boston 9-8. In the 9th inning, he makes a shoestring catch in RF and traps the runner off 1B for an unassisted double play to end the game.

1947— For the first time, the Indians will play all games at Municipal Stadium. Most week-day games had previously been played at League Park. Bill Veeck installs an inner fence to cut power alleys from 435 to 365 feet. In Pittsburgh, the LF wall is cut back 30-feet to take advantage of new acquisition Hank Greenberg. It's dubbed "Greenberg Gardens", soon changed to "Kiner's Korner" for new slugger Ralph Kiner....Cards trade Harry Walker, batting .200 to Phillies for Ron Northey. The Hat hits .371 in the next 130 games to finish with a league-leading .363 mark...Giants' Clint Hartung makes his MLB pitching debut with 6 shutout innings against the Braves....A seagull flies over Fenway Park and pelts Browns' pitcher Ellis Kinder with a smelt...After 22 hitless ABs, Stan Musial sees his average drop to .140. He is treated for appendicitis, but avoids surgery. He doesn't reach the .200 mark until mid-June...

Next Month in *The Horn*.....

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1958-59: Phillies begin looking at a new stadium to be built in Camden, N.J. if concessions are not made for a new Philly park... Texas League approves automatic intentional walks instead of 4 wide pitches. The move comes a month after the American Association takes the Houston, Dallas and Ft. Worth franchises and leaves the TL with only five teams...Redlegs trade Smoky Burgess, Harvey Haddix and Don Hoak to the Bucs for Frank Thomas, Jim Pendleton, Johnny Powers, Whammy Douglas and cash.. Joe Cronin signs a seven-year contract as AL President.

"Left hand....Right Hand."

A ritual chant for Harry "The Hat" Walker" noted in *The Sporting News* in 1947.

"First, there is a silence as he steps out of the batter's box. Then when he puts his bat between his knees and starts to dust off his hands, the bobby soxers begin to giggle. As he reaches for his hat the crowd starts to murmur, then men women, boys and girls chant:

'Left hand...Right hand' (as he rubs his forehead with first one elbow and then the other, holding his bat in the unoccupied hand). "Walker then pats his hair carefully with one hand and then the other. Finally, he puts his cap back on his head, rubs his hands again, picks up his bat and steps into the box.

The fans let out a cheer or heave a sigh of relief....and wait patiently for three innings to see him do it again."

Trade Market

1927

1. **TIP-TOPS** swap Jim Cooney to **CLOWNS** for Chick Galloway.
2. **SPIDERS** trade Wally Shaner to **Barnstormers** for Jack Fournier.

1959

121. **CASCADES** trade their 1st Round pick in the draft (#2) to **MAVERICKS** for their 1st Round pick (#5), 2nd Round pick, Harry Chiti and Lee Walls.

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and finishing with a solid 1.88 ERA.

Relievers were a rare commodity in 1947, but the award for the opening month goes almost by default to Johnny Gorsica of the Trees who earned a save in all six of his April appearances.

ATTENTION '27 MANAGERS

Until Further
Notice, send your
monthly stats to
Jim Wheeler.

Stats are due on
the 20th of the
Month!!!!

1947 GAME REPORTS

(As provided by managers to Lou Ross)

The rebuilding Glendale Acorns got off to a fine home start in '47 by besting the Fortress 3-2. A tough fought series, the Fortress took the opener 4-2 with 3 in the top 9th. Games 2 and 3 saw the Nuts' bats awaken with 19 runs on 33 hits. Fortress evened the set, clobbering the Nuts 11-6 behind 2 HRs from Andy Pafko. In the rubber game, Acorns were down 5-3 in the 8th when Hank Greenberg, being used off the bench in '47, came on to PH a 3-run HR. Fort tied it again in the 9th and in the 10th, Ray Lamanno hit his 1st HR for the win....West Warwick came to town and evened the Nuts home record at 5-5, taking 3 on the road after



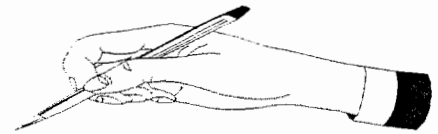
losing the opening pair. Tex Hughson was solid and then Randy Gumpert held on for a 10-9 win in the second. These two were followed by 3 nail-biters, all decided by one run, all wins for the Monarchs, 9-8, 4-3 and 3-2.

A third home series for the Acorns was one best forgotten as the renamed and revitalized Dayton Flyers took four at Glendale. After dropping the opener, the Flyers slammed 6 HRs, 36 runs and 63 hits to take the final four contests.

Defending division champion Evanston Elephants also had three home series for the month and finished with an 11-4 total. The Gold Sox managed to win 3 as the usually potent Elephants scored only 11 runs in the series, six in one contest. The Sox' Clint Hartung nabbed a hitting highlight with a 3-run PH HR to

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



This month, I will simply step down off the soapbox and pass along some hopefully beneficial league info. Jim Wheeler has already mentioned the ongoing stat reporting situation. Here's some more.

John Ungashick reminds those managers in SPB-1959 that there are a number of players available in the upcoming draft who are short-term at best. A player who appeared in games for any of the 1961 or 1962 expansion clubs will be awarded to new expansion managers who will then select 18 players from the actual expansion rosters (Rule 59). So, players such as Albie Pearson, Ken McBride, Joe Koppe and Eli Grba can be lost in 1961. They will join those already on SPB-I rosters in the '61 draft. So, be prepared!

A few weeks back, Jim notified us about listing a Pinch Hitter in each of the 5 available DEPTH CHART position with Diamond Mind. Tom Tippet had informed Jim that failing to fill each slot would produce unrealistic results by the Computer Manager. Despite being notified, a number of managers still have failed to complete the slots.

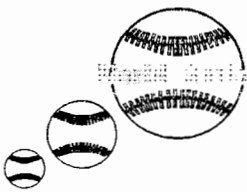
Finally, the new version of the CM with Version 6.5 should have arrived last week and is said to be tough to beat. That, in addition to the myriad new play-by-play descriptions and administrative features (read the Notes with the new version), seem to make the a WINNER. At first glance, it looks to be an excellent upgrade. LJR

1958 WORLD SERIES

by Lou Ross

In a rematch of the 1955 World Series, Gary Plunktt and the Frankfort Fortress hoped to topple the Schaumburg Saxons of Tom Falduto.

The Saxons had won the '55 series, the second season of SPB-I play, by a 4-1 margin.



Although he had the relative comfort of truly being "at home" in Frankfort

on the day of the 1927 player draft, the Tigers got out of the gate slowly.

The Saxons had the home field advantage, opening at County Stadium. While starting pitchers John Antonelli of the Tigers and Bob Friend of the Saxons smiled for the press and posed for the usual pre-game baseball card photos, there was tension in the crisp October air.

It had taken the Tigers almost the entire season to get their offense untracked while the Saxons withheld a late-season rush by the Mavericks to win the Western pennant by one game. Which team would crack first?

Friend mowed down the Bengals, striking out three over the first two when the Saxons went to work. After Bob Nieman and Joe Cunningham walked in the second, the wheels started churning. Al Smith reached on an Antonelli error to load the bases and Nieman was forced at the plate when Bob Schmidt bounced to Al Dark at 3B.

Don Buddin drew a walk to force in the first run and Friend sacrificed home another. Reliable Johnny Temple smacked a double to bring home two more and the 4-0 lead. A DP groundout by Mickey Mantle in the 6th killed a Tigers rally while Frank Bolling nicked Friend for a solo HR in the 7th.

With two-down in the 9th, Friend issued singles to Bolling and Don Zimmer and on came Ryne Duren. he promptly plunked Gil Hodges, but got Ed Bailey to hit into an easy force to close the 4-1 victory.

Game two was a neatly packaged 2-0, 5-hitter by the Saxons' Warren Spahn. With two down in the Saxons' 1st, Al Kaline walked and stole second and came home on a single by Nieman. The Saxons followed the exact same scoring pattern in the 5th off starter Don Larsen and Spahn finished with 4 strikeouts and the win.

Back at Briggs Stadium, the Tigers got the offense going in the opening frame. Veteran Ned Garver started for the Saxons against Brooks Lawrence and quickly found himself behind courtesy of a two-run HR by Mantle. Hodges drove home Bailey who had doubled in the second. Andy Carey's SF in the 6th was the only run for the Saxons. Each club used its relief pitchers wisely with the Saxons spotting Gary Bell, Bobby Shantz and Art Ditmar. The Tigers brought on Hank Aquirre to get Norm Siebern with the tying runs on in the 8th and Don Elston to grab the save with the final two outs in the 9th.

Arnie Portocarrero went to the hill in game 4 for the Saxons while Tom Brewer got the call for Frankfort. Neither was there at the

Saxons picked up 4 in the 3rd as Kaline again ignited the offense. His 3-run HR, followed by a Cunningham walk and Nieman RBI 3B sent Brewer to an early shower. Jack Harshman finished the inning and Dick Hyde put up zeroes in the 4th and 5th for the Tigers. Dark singled home Zimmer in the Tigers 5th, but the run was matched off Carlton Willey in the 6th with a Siebern single. Mantle led off the Tigers 6th with a single and Buddin booted an Ed Bailey grounder at SS. Wes Covington's single drove in one and Ditmar came on in relief. He got two outs before Buddin booted another which cut the score to 5-3. Nieman homered off Elston in the 7th to give the Saxons a 6-3 lead. With Leo Kiely on in relief for the Saxons in the 7th, Gene Green drove home Mantle with a groundout.

The Saxons put this one away with 2 in the 8th off Elston. Buddin walked, PH Willie Kirkland walked, Temple bunted them over and Siebern scored one with a bounce out. Kaline added another with a SF. Duren came on to nail six outs and finish off the 8-4 win and a 3-1 Series lead.

The opening game pitchers matched up once again in game five, each tossing zeroes through three. Nieman followed Cunningham's double in the 4th with a 2-run HR and then with two down, Buddin and Friend singled before Temple gave the Saxons a 3-0 lead. Antonelli opened the floodgates again in the 6th with a throwing error on an Andy Carey bouncer. Schmidt singled and Buddin walked to load the bases before Friend squeezed home the 4th run followed by Temple's squeeze for the 5th run.

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'27 SEASON PREVIEW

by John Ungashick

Handicapping the first season of any league is usually an exercise in futility, especially in a situation where the talent was "evenly" distributed via a dispersal draft, but here goes. The American League seems to shape up as a two team race between the Hoosier Thunderbolt (the latest Gary Plunkitt incarnation) and the Dayton Tip-Tops (can we please get our fearless leader, Mr. Wheeler, a championship in some league!!) Of course we are all waiting for the usual flurry of preseason trades between the Hoosier GM, aka Frank "Trader" Lane, and his usual soft touch "farm teams".

In the Senior Circuit, so named because I'm sure someone in it came up with the idea of a 1920's league first, a similar two team horse race seems imminent between the Mount Hood Roses, formerly the Mount Hood Rainiers, but not to be confused with the Seattle Rainiers, and the Atlanta Crackers (who said our league was politically correct!!). Below is a team by team rundown:

American League

Hoosier Thunderbolt - The Plunkittmen will throw at you the likes of Ty Cobb, Pie Traynor and Chick Hafey and that's just the start of a great lineup. Hafey will probably have twice as many homers as anyone else on the team and maybe as much as a third of the team total, but how many Babe Ruth's are there anyway? Sparky Adams will play all over the infield and should "spark" a few rallies. On the mound Lee Meadows and Red Lucas will be the big men, but don't look for a lot of saves as the bullpen (what's that?) is virtually nonexistent on this and just about every other team.

Dayton Tip-Tops - We will have to stop forming new leagues unless we can come up with better nicknames, but to each his own. When you start a team with the "Sultan of Swat" you're off to a pretty decent start, but backing him up will be George Sisler, Mark Koenig and a cast of role players. We should start taking bets as to how many times Mr. Ruth will be intentionally walked: suffice to say it will

be a few more than the 14 in the "real" 1927. The 'Tops have two potential 20 game winners in Jesse Haines and Carmen Hill with Wilcy Moore the closest thing to a bullpen ace to be found in 1927.

Hollywood Stars - Now that's a nickname I like! You can pretty much throw a blanket over positions 3 through 5, but the Stars lineup should score enough runs to offset a shaky pitching staff and maybe even reach .500. Gabby Harnett leads the parade that also includes Chuck Dressen, Heine Manush and Zack Wheat. On the mound Charley Root might make a push for 30 wins but except for Eppa Rixley, his mates are a thin bunch. A team save total in single digits is a distinct possibility.

Seattle Rainiers - The latest incarnation from our resident newsletter wizard aka Lou Ross, the Rains' (doesn't it always rain in Seattle?) start out with Earl Combs and Jim Bottomley which is a lot better than many clubs. Much of the rest of the lineup are role players which will need to be creatively managed to achieve a maximum result.



One player of note is the immortal Moe Berg, one of the few baseball players who was also a real life spy. With decent support Waite Hoyt, Jesse Petty and Hod Lisenbee might all be 20 game winners but also have a chance to lose that many. The colorfully named Firpo Mayberry should get into a lot of games but it's a question how effective he will be.

Route 66 Barnstormers - With all due respect to the Stars, this is definitely my favorite nickname! The 'Stormers will go as far as their pitching staff can carry them as the offense is not that great. Any batter hitting double figure home runs should get a bonus as this is strictly a slap and slash group. Joe Sewell and Bing Miller are probably the best of the crowd. On the mound Dazzy Vance will earn his pay as he should complete virtually all of his starts; no one else is even close to him in ability although Bob Smith and Ken Holloway should win in double figures.

Lafayette Spiders - This is written prior to any "raids" on the Spider franchise by the Thunderbolts, so things may change. We do have Jimmy Foxx waiting in the wings but this year the offensive load will be carried primarily by Tris Speaker and Bob Fothergill with an aging Eddie Collins contributing part time. The pitching staff is manned by a collection of castoffs led by the immortal Rube Goldberg (sorry Walberg). It looks like Milt Gaston will get thrown to the wolves about 30 times with 20 losses a distinct possibility.

Indianapolis Clowns - This team is aptly named as they start with the worst rated offense and pitching staff in the entire league. You do have Al Simmons as a start but look for 40-50 intentional walks as no one else in the lineup can adequately protect him. Jimmy Dykes will play a decent first, second, third or the outfield and bang out a lot of singles, but he's not the answer. Another big problem is the terrible onbase percentage of virtually the entire team; unless Simmons has 100 IW's they should be last in walks by a wide margin. Then we get to the mound staff which also has a diamond in the rough in the person of Red Ruffing, but 1927 promises to be a long season for the rest of the staff.

National League

Mount Hood Roses - When you can throw out a lineup of Lou Gehrig, Rogers Hornsby, Lloyd (Little Poison) Waner and Bob Meusel (and that's only a start), the opposing pitchers will start looking for Jack Kevorkian! Unlike Dayton's Babe Ruth and Simmons of the Clowns, you can't pitch around these guys without getting killed. With this kind of support, pitchers Ray Kremer and Urban Shocker could each win 30 games if they were able to start enough but should have at least 20 just by showing up every 4th or 5th day.

Atlanta Crackers - Justice will be served! Judge Clark, not to be confused with Judge Landis, has a solid club and will battle the Roses all the way to the wire. The vastly underrated Harry Heilmann and Kenny Williams (the first 30-30 man) are the big sticks in the

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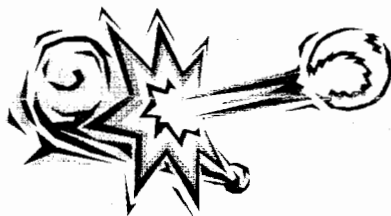
lineup, but they'll get plenty of support from the likes of George Harper and Joe Harris and we haven't even talked about Travis lineup but they'll get plenty of support from the likes of George Harper and Joe Harris and we haven't even talked about Travis Jackson. Pete Alexander, not to be confused with Ronald Reagan, will lead a staff that also features Dolf Luque and Hal Carlson. The entire group is right handed which could have an impact down the line.

Evanston Wildcats - We could roll a dice for the last five positions, but since I'm writing the article, the 'Cats get picked for third. The eternal question as to whether or not a team which probably won't hit 30 home runs and is pathetic on the bases can still play .500 should be answered here. Paul (Big Poison) Waner is a good start and he has support from Charley Grimm, Alex Metzler and Willie Kamm but the last three might not hit 5 homers between them! On the mound Tommy Thomas, Herb Pennock and Jack Quinn will carry the biggest load but the home town fans are hoping that the immortal Walter Johnson has a little magic left in that marvelous right arm.

Schaumburg Hawks - The dice keep rolling and the Hawks come up next! Seriously you cannot discount the "Falduto Factor" and the Schaumburg crew just might surprise. Riggs Stephenson, Charley Gehringer, Earl Webb and Sam Rice are a tough middle of the order but a host of role players fill out the roster. Bump Hadley and Oscar Grimes might be able to pitch the team to the playoffs if they could start 60 games each, but we'll be lucky to see a 10 game winner from the rest of the staff.

Evanston Wizards - Mickey Cochrane, who every baseball fan knows was the inspiration for Mickey

Mantle, is that rarest of creatures: a great defensive catcher who is also the best hitter on the club. George Burns (not that George Burns) might contribute 50 or so doubles to the cause, but won't go "down town" very often. Ted Lyons is sure to log 300+ innings and 20 wins with enough support but Earl Whitehall is his only reliable staff mate. Here's hoping Sloppy Thurston has a good season because with a name like that, he can use all the help he can get.



Gurnee Gamblers - And here I thought Judge Clark, I mean Judge Landis, had outlawed gambling in baseball. I think we need a Congressional investigation to see if the Gurnee mob is backing this franchise. Seriously with an all around talent like Goose Goslin in the middle of the order, the Gamblers should score some runs. Tony Lazzeri (don't tell Pete Alexander he's in the league) and Doc Farrell are a dynamite double play combo. No one on the pitching staff except reliever Garland Braxton will be among the league leaders, but they might have enough talent to finish .500.

Glendale Grunts - The dice stopped rolling and the Grunts came up with the worst number, but any team with Hack Wilson, Bill Terry & Frankie Frisch will win it's share of games assuming the Hacker can stay out of saloons long enough to play nine innings. Lefty Grove should pull double duty as a starter and reliever with decent support from Dutch Ruether. I'll lay 5-1 (Judge you didn't hear that!) that Tom Zachary's first pitch to the Babe will be under his chin.

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win game five, 4-1. Veteran Red Embree, making his first start for Evanston, flipped a 5-hit shutout. Evanston got things into gear in their next two series, first taking the Monarchs, then the Dodgers each by 4-1 margins.

In game three against the Monarchs, Evanston received 10 walks in a 6-1 win and came back the next day to pound out 15 hits and win going away 8-1.

There were some "highly questionable" computer manager decisions in game two. With men on 1st and 2nd and one out in the 9th and down one, Johnny Hopp sacrificed for the Monarchs and Hank Majeski then skied out to end the game, 6-5. The CM also made some strange base-running decisions with the tendency chart set to "more frequent."

Against Brooklyn, Embree carried a no-hitter into the 9th inning, but pesky Buddy Kerr led off with a single. Joe Gordon finally broke an 18-inning scoring drought for Dodgers with a 1st inning leadoff HR in game three. Marty Marion's grand slam was all Evanston needed in a 7-5 game 4 win.

Then, according to skipper John Ungashick, the computer manager "fell asleep." In the 6th inning of game 5, Sheldon Jones walked in two runs (7 for the game). Babe Young "missed" the hit-and-run sign and hit a 2-run HR in a 7-4 Elephants win. A fine is possible. **Continued Page 7**



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The Bears put up an 8-7 record for their 3 series homestand.

Dayton was in first and Yogi Berra deposited a fastball from rookie Larry Jansen in the RF seats in the 8th, breaking a 5-5 tie and giving the Flyers a lead. Bears came right back when Pat Mullin greeted reliever Ed Klieman with a HR and Bears won it in the 10th when the skipper's cousin, Sibby Sisti scored from second on Klieman's error. Klieman failed against in game two while trying to hold a 4-2 lead when he served up a 3-run gopher to PH Eddie Robinson for a 5-4 Bears win. Three straight against Klieman as the Bears held on 15-13! With the wind blowing out at 15 mph, there were 5 HRs, the clincher a dramatic 2-out, 3-run blast by Ralph Kiner....Flyers picked up a win in the 4th as Al Gettel shut down the Bears on 4-hits, 3-0. Former-Bear Johnny Lindell drove home all 3, including a 2-run shot in 8th. Berra and Dale Mitchell each had 3 hits. In the finale. Dave Philley cracked an RBI three-bagger in the 8th to propel Bears to a 5-4 win and Jansen's 2nd relief win.

Monarchs proved very tough competition, winning a pair, including the opener, 5-4. Ellis Inder allowed 4 runs in the first three and Majeski, Bobby Thomson, Bobby Doerr and Ed Joost each had a pair of hits in the win. Bears won the next three as Fred Sanford cleaned up with a 4-2 win, losing the shutout in the 9th on a Joost HR. Kiner smacked 2 HRs for the Bears. Game 3 was a classic matchup of Warren Spahn and Jansen and the Bears came out

on top 5-0 with 5 different players driving in the runs. One more win for the Bears. After being held to a solo run by ex-teammate Al Jurisich through 8, Bears tied it in 9th on a Mullin SF. In the bottom 10th, Kiner came through again with a single off Hugh Casey to score Del Wilbur and a 3-2 win....M's got out of town with a fairly easy 5-2 win. On in relief of the injured Monte Kennedy, ex-Bear Ken Burkhart limited his former club to 1 run over 3 1/3 and earned the win.

In the early stages of the season, hitters appear to be ahead of the hurlers as little Pete Suder went 4-4 in finale and raised his average to .438 after 10 games.

Brooklyn strode into town for the final series and stymied the Bears. In the opener, Red Barrett baffled the Bears with only 2 hits thru 7, but failed to get the win as reliever Ed Chandler allowed 5 in the bottom 9th, 3 on a PH HR by Sisti. Da Bums reclaimed the lead in the 10th on a Tommy Holmes singled off Jansen which drove in PR Schoolboy Rowe from 2nd....Canadian import Phil Marchildon turned in a gutsy effort, facing 41 batters in a CG 8-2 win. Joe Gordon was 3-for-5 with a slam off Sanford in the 6th....Down 4-1 after six, Dodgers battled back, forcing the game into extra innings. Bobby Brown tripled in the go-ahead and Ker drove in 2 insurance runs for an 8-5 triumph...Bears took their only game of the series as they literally hung on to defeat the never-say-die Dodgers, 12-9. Brooklyn pushed across 9 runs in the last 3 innings making a mockery of the Bears pitching staff. Eddie Yost had a

career high 5 RBI.....Game 5 was a see-saw battle going into the 7th when things erupted, courtesy of HRs from Catfish Metkovich and Kiner. In the 8th, George Binks and Bobby Sturgeon drove in Dodger runs and Rigney tied it with a 2-run HR. Dodgers won the battle off shell-shocked relievers Jansen and Pete Gebrian in the 9th as Seminick drove in two with a single. Christopher zipped the Bears in the 9th, handing glamor boy Jansen his second loss of the series...

Monarchs hosted the Marauders and went extra innings in the first 3 contests. AVM forced a 6-6 tie in the 9th as Furillo drove in PR Pete Reiser and Slaughter singled home the winner in the 10th off Earl Johnson. Sam Mele's 8th inning grand slam put Monarchs ahead 9-6, but AVM scored 3 in 9th and 4 in 10th for a 13-9 triumph. A 12-inning deal the next day and Monarchs won as Thurm Tucker singled, stole second and moved up on Masi's throwing error. Tucker beat the throw home on Pellagrini's hopper to second...Monarchs tied the series as Bobby Thomson hit a solo and slam for a 5-1 win for Joe Dobson. Koslo pitched 8 strong innings to best Warren Spahn in the finale, a 7-3 AVM win....Dobson got another victory in the opener against the Trees 4-3 as Hal Wagner doubled home Al Zarilla in the 8th..Trees took the next 3, as Johnny Vander Meer topped Spahn 6-5 behind Hal McCosky's double. Hank Wyse and Rex Barney tossed a 4-hit shutout to support Spider Jorgensen's 3-run HR. Game 4 saw Johnny Gorsica get his 2nd series save in a 8-6 Trees win in the 4th win and Dobson stopped the bleeding by firing a 4-hitter and the M's won 7-1.

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The National League pennant-contending Antelope Valley Mariners were home for three April series and came away with 3-2 margins in each set.

M's took the first two from the Gold Sox as Eddie Lopat opened the '47 season with a 4-hit shutout helped by a pair of 2B's by Billy Cox. With the score tied at 4-4 in the bottom 8th the next day, Connie Ryan walked, Ray Coleman and Pete Reiser singled and AVM took a 5-4 lead. Bryan Stephens pitched out of trouble for the save in the 9th.....Torrential rains hit AVM before game 3 and KO'd Sox starter Denny Galehouse in the 3rd. AVM jumped in and scored 4 in the 4th behind Ferris Fain's 2-run HR. He later added another for a 6-2 lead, but Vic Lombardi stumbled with the rain delay and left in place of Bob Chipman who was bombed. The Sox unloaded HRs from Howie Schultz and one from George Strinweiss for a 9-6 win behind Al Benton's 4 1/3 innings of relief work....Jim Hearn zipped AVM for the Sox, a 4-hitter behind a Dixie Walker HR...The finale was an easy AVM win as Dave Koslo went the distance, also slamming a HR to RF. Reiser and Fain also circled the bases.

Series two saw the Hornets come to town and win the opening two contests. They led in the opener 5-0 into the bottom 9th, but AVM scored four and had a chance to win, but had the tying run nailed at the plate...13 innings to settle game two with the Hornets posting 18 hits for a 5-3 win. John Pesky and Grady Hatton had 4 hits each while Bama Rowell had 3.

AVM took the series by sweeping the final three with '46 Cy Young runner-up Vic Lombardi hurling a 5-hit shutout led by Coleman's 2-run HR. Fain doubled and drove home 3 in a 10-0 rout. Mickey Haefner followed with another shutout, allowing 4 hits as Fain hit yet another HR and Carl Furillo tripled for a 3-0 victory. In the finale, Koslo keeps the southpaw streak alive 4-2. Fain doubles twice and Enos Slaughter and Coleman have two hits apiece.

Then it was the arch-rival Brooklyn Dodgers coming to town. After rebounding from a 4-3 deficit in the 7th, AVM loses on a single by Holmes. Two consecutive wins follow for AVM and Bill McCahan is the recipient of some timely hitting by AVM. Only 5 hits, but the two big blows are 2-run HRs by Sam Chapman and Fain. Stephens gets another save.



In game 3, Lombardi hurls his worst game in two years as he allows 4 HRs to Kerr, Gordon, Danny Litwhiler and Lee Handley. But AVM gets HRs from Ryan and Slaughter and a clutch 3B from Cox in the 8th for a 7-5 triumph. Game four saw veteran Bill Voiselle benefit from 3 DPs and gets the CG win, 5-3. Dodgers surprisingly unloaded four more HRs: Dom DiMaggio, Holmes, Metkovich and Seminick. HRs by AVM's Cox and Joe Garagiola weren't enough. The finale saw Koslo get the call and he again homered to match another from Coleman to tie Dodgers 2-2. Litwhiler then gets a 2-run shot for the lead, but in the 6th, Ryan smacks a 3-run blast for AVM, followed by a Coleman 2B and leads to a 10-4 win and a solid April finish.

Brooklyn hosted their Chicago rivals in April and were fortunate to take 3-of-5 in each series despite spotty hitting. Ewell Blackwell of the Chisox tossed a 3-hitter in the opener and used Bob Elliot's 2-run 2nd inning HR for a 2-0 win. Schoolboy Rowe was the recipient of a 14-hit attack off Dick Fowler and Tom Ferrick, but survived 4-2 as Harry Gumbert got the final out with the sacks full in the 9th. Dom DiMaggio and Joe Gordon homered for Cliff Fanin in a 6-2 win. Sox had bases loaded in the 9th when Russ Christopher came in to get Walker Cooper to bounce out. A 2-run HR in the 1st by Holmes was all Voiselle needed. He allowed a 1-out 9th inning HR to Bob Elliot, but held on 2-1. In the finale, Thornton Lee got the Dodgers behind 7-0 as the Sox cruised on HRs by Tommy Henrich and Ted Williams....

Against the Whales, Gordon's 4th inning HR was all Rowe needed for a 7-hit shutout win. Brooks overcame a 4-0 deficit to Early Wynn, but lost in 12 as Lee faltered. An 11-inning, 1-0 zip in game 3 as Marchildon spaced 6 hits. The winning run scored on a Vern Stephens error in the 11th. Voiselle knocked off Mel Queen in the 4th and Lee faltered against Dickson, 5-1.

Gold Sox glittered against the Acorns, taking 4-of-5. After Bobo Newsom tossed away a 4-run lead, Eddie Bockman's PH 3B was enough to get a win for Jim Hearn, 8-5. Erv Dusak led the way with 3-4 and a HR as Galehouse bested Virgil Trucks, 8-3. Acorns got their one win when Tex Hughson tossed a 6-hitter, 4-1. Hearn started game 4 and got the win, 4-1 with all runs coming with two down in the first.

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Final 1959 Draft Order

| 1ST ROUND | 2ND ROUND | 3RD ROUND | REMAINING ROUNDS |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. ZEES | 1. SAXONS | 1. ZEES | 1. ZEES |
| 2. MAVERICKS | 2. TIGERS | 2. BLACK SOX | 2. BLACK SOX |
| 3. FALCONS | 3. CUBS | 3. FALCONS | 3. FALCONS |
| 4. RIFLES | 4. FALCONS | 4. SENIORS | 4. SENIORS |
| 5. CASCADES | 5. ZEES | 5. CUBS | 5. CUBS |
| 6. BLUE SOX | 6. CASCADES | 6. CASCADES | 6. PELICANS |
| 7. CUBS | 7. PELICANS | 7. PELICANS | 7. CASCADES |
| 8. EMPIRES | 8. RIFLES | 8. RIFLES | 8. RIFLES |
| 9. GRAYS | 9. GRAYS | 9. EMPIRES | 9. EMPIRES |
| 10. PELICANS | 10. CASCADES | 10. TIGERS | 10. TIGERS |
| 11. SENIORS | 11. BLACK SOX | 11. SAXONS | 11. MAVERICKS |
| 12. BLACK SOX | 12. BLUE SOX | 12. MAVERICKS | 12. SAXONS |
| 13. TIGERS | 13. EXPRESS | 13. GRAYS | 13. GRAYS |
| 14. SAXONS | 14. SENIORS | 14. BLUE SOX | 14. BLUE SOX* |

Teams were penalized for the following overusage:

Pelicans: Bob Turley 2 extra starts

Blue Sox: Bob Lillis 34 extra AB; Herb Moford 5 extra games

Seniors (Minors): Roger Craig 2 extra games

Grays: Bob Boyd 31 extra ABs; Rocky Colavito 23 extra ABs; Joe DeMaestri 57 extra ABs, Felix Mantilla 7 extra ABs; Charlie Neal 2 extra ABs.

Cubs: Murry Dickson 1 extra start

Empires (Express): Yogi Berra and Bob Cerv 19 extra ABs each; Carl Furillo 21 extra ABs; Tony Kubek 12 extra ABs; Gene Conley 6 extra games

Black Sox: Gus Bell 5 extra ABs; Bob Malkmus 12 extra ABs; Bob Purkey 1 extra starts;

Mavericks: Bob Mabe 1 extra start.

*PELICANS' 4th Round pick

World Series

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Antonelli hung on into the 7th and got Kaline, 0-5 on the day, to sky out before Cunningham singled, Nieman walked and on came Jack Meyer who walked Carey and gave up a single to Schmidt to score two more. Friend added a SF for an 8-0 lead.

With two down in the Tigers 8th, the bats awoke. Dark, Bolling and Mantle singled to load the bases and Covington drove home two. Friend was finished and Falduto went for the hook to bring on Gary Bell who got Bailey to pop out to Carey at 3B. Jack Harshman allowed a 1-out HR in

the 9th to catcher Bob Schmidt.

In the bottom 9th, Jim Marshall batted for Hodges and grounded to 3B, Jim Rivera got a PH single for Tito Francona and after Pee Wee Reese struck out, Dutch Dotterer was at the plate for what was to be the final at bat of the 1958 World Series.

Dotterer lifted a fly ball to LF which Al Smith clutched and the Saxons celebrated their second *Seasons Past* title, four games to one.

Bob Friend, who won games one and five, gets the Series MVP. Kaline was 6-18 while Mantle came on strong for 7-18.

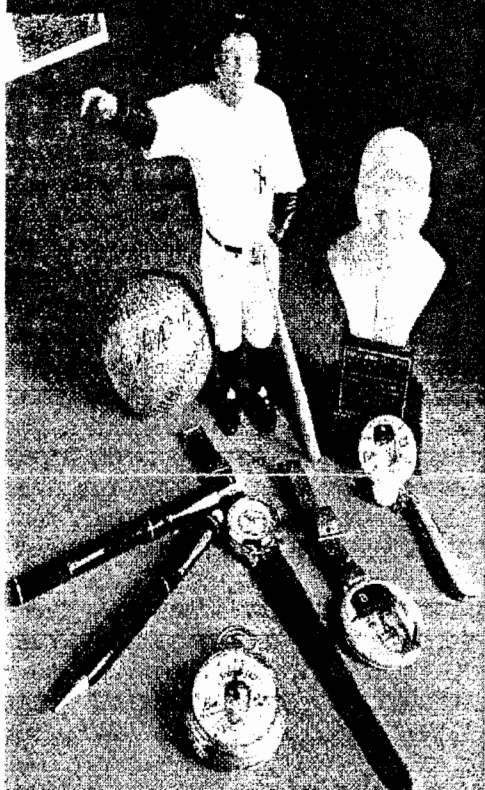
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The renamed Dayton Flyers managed to split their home games in April. Walker Cooper had 10 RBI, Ted Williams 10 while the Sox batted .333 for the 5 games..for the White Sox.. In game three, Harry Taylor tossed a 9-0 zip for the Sox. Flyers ted series 2-2 and then won the finale 12-11 in 10 with Ed Klieman getting a win.

Elephants took the opening three in a series which saw 61 runs scored. Pat Seerey had 4 HRs while Joe DiMaggio hit .429 for Evanston. Bob Feller allowed 13 runs in 13.2 innings. **Continued Page 10**

Tidbits and Memorabilia



The memorabilia this month comes from two different sources.

In the left column are items from *"The Bronx Bombers,"* by Bruce Chadwick and David M. Spindel. This is one of a series of recently released books highlighting memorabilia from the Yankees, Giants, Dodgers, Reds, Cardinals, Orioles, Cubs and Red Sox. In the upper left, some Babe Ruth buttons, watches, pens and buttons. Also, Ruth is shown saying to chew Pinch Hit Tobacco. Oh, well.

Above is another item from *"Baseball Games"* by Mark Cooper. This one is *SWAT BASEBALL*, 1948. This one was put out by Milton Bradley & Co, and saw a marble catapulted into play with a bat. The hole where it landed determined the play result.

We will not be using this in the future.

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A unique Sox lineup with Phil Rizzuto batting 5th, got an RBI bingles from The Scooter and Cecil Travis and a 2-run single from Howie Schultz. Hartung went all the way in the final, holding on for a 5-4 seven-hit affair. Greenberg unloaded for a 3-run HR for the Acorns, but the Sox scratched their way to a 4-run 5th and the eventual win.

John Sain and the Trees came in and short-circuited the Sox run. Sain's 3-hitter bested Harry Brecheen, led by Red Schoendienst's 3-for-3 and Sain's own 2-RBI 2B! Then the G'Sox shut down the doors, firing a pair of shutouts at the Trees. Hartung went 8 1/3 and allowed 4 hits when Johnson came on to get out of a bases loaded jam and the 4-0 win. VanderMeer took the loss. New-som matched the shutout the next day with a 5-hitter and a 5-0 triumph. Billy Johnson's bases clearing 3B after a Jorgensen error put the game out of reach. Trees heated up the bats and bounced back in game four, jumping on Galehouse for 7 over the first three innings. Bernie McCoskey's two-run single was the key in a circus-like 2nd inning five run outburst. Ed Bahr lost his shutout bid in the 8th on a 2-run 2B by Rizzuto (batting 2nd), 7-2.

While Skipper Steve Ehresman looked on in amazement, the Gold Sox put 12 runners across the plate (10 earned) in a 12-1 win for Orval Grove. Lehner had a bases loaded triple for the Sox to key the action.

At home, the Fortress won 4-of-5 from the Bears and were swept by the Marauders.



Manager Profiles will Return Next Month