



# AROUND THE HORN

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## Fortress' '46 Series Triumph: A First Hand Report from the Front Lines

by John Ungashick

The series initially promised to be an offensive show as the Western Division Evanston Elephants led the league in runs scored while the Frankfort Fortress were second, leading the league in batting average, on base percentage and slugging. Frankfort gave manager Gary Plunkitt his first-ever league title in five games.

However, the old adage that good pitching comes to the fore in a short series was certainly in evidence as the Elephants were held to only six runs in their four losses (13 in the five games) while the Fortress scored only 14 total runs. The Elephants pulled a surprise in the opener by starting Joe Schultz, a great hitter, but terrible receiver, behind the plate. The Fortress took advantage by stealing two bases in the first inning, manufacturing a run in the process. They scored another in the 3rd, but the Elephants pulled off a key DP to stem the rally. The Evanston skipper decided not to walk eighth place hitter Dick Culler with two down in the 6th and he stroked an RBI single, but Buddy Lewis saved another run by gunning down Ray Mueller at the plate. Another controversial decision came in the 7th when the Elephants left in starter Howie Pollett to bunt with none out, but failed to score.

Frankfort starter Prince Hal Newhouser was untouchable, allowing only five hits and walks and finished the shutout, 3-0.

Whitey Kurowski's key error in the first inning of game two gave Frankfort an early 1-0 lead. George Kell's sac fly added another in the 4th and then a two-run double by Johnny Mize appeared to break up the day's events. In the 6th, Elmer Valo pinch-hit for Evanston starter Bob Feller and led off with a double, scoring on Hank Edwards' triple, followed by Joe Di Maggio's infield

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## 1958 Standings

### JULY

Eastern	W	L	PCT	GB
Pelicans	56	42	.571	--
Tigers	56	42	.571	--
Cubs	52	46	.531	4
Blue Sox	50	48	.510	6
Express	50	48	.510	6
Minors	47	51	.480	9
Grays	40	58	.408	16
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Saxons	60	38	.612	--
Cascades	59	39	.602	1
Mavericks	58	40	.592	2
Rifles	55	43	.561	5
Falcons	37	61	.378	23
Albions	36	62	.367	24
Black Sox	30	68	.306	30

## Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

I want to remind everyone that the SPBII-47 Rookie Draft will be held on Saturday March 9, 1996 and will be hosted by Tom Falduto. The procedures for the draft will be the same as in previous years.

When it is your team's turn to draft you will receive a one (1) ring phone signal at which time you are to call 708-519-9568. Upon calling you will receive the names of all the players who have been selected to that point and then you will have five (5) minutes in which to make your selection. Also, all managers participating in person will be held to the five minute rule. If you cannot make your player selection within the allotted time, the Commissioner or League President will make the pick.

Those managers who will not be able to participate by phone MUST send a mail draft list to be received at the Commissioner's Office no later than Thursday March 7, 1996.

Also please remember that we will begin using the *DIAMOND MIND BASEBALL* Version 6 game disk beginning with the 1947 season. If you have not done so, please contact Diamond Mind and order the disk. There will be a free update disk available within the next few weeks for those that have already made the purchase and based upon the little I know about the update, it gives me reason to be excited over it.

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Beginning with the 1947 SPB league disk, all SPB seasons will be sent to you in the version 6 format..

Now, I want you all to give yourselves a pat on the back. In looking at the '58 pennant race I see that with more than half of the season completed, at least 7 teams are in contention for the 2 division pennants. Both races look to go right down to the final series of games. I think this is a credit to our league as I know of very few leagues that actually have pennant races.

Most, as you know, seem to be more interested in compiling the worst possible record so that they may have the first pick in the rookie draft. I think this makes our league unique and more than just fun. Let's work to continue this trend and ponder this quote from Branch Rickey-"Problems are the price you pay for progress." If that is true, then this commissioner hopes we always have plenty of problems to solve.

Good luck to all in the SPBII-47 Rookie Draft. Remember to draft with your teams player limits in mind. I believe that you will find Tim Johnson's article on this subject very intriguing.

 **Web Page, Anyone?**  
It seems everyone has one these days. Over the past two weeks, I have been working with some software and am attempting to put together a viable Web Page on the World Wide Web which would highlight each of our Seasons Past Leagues.

Any comments or input? It would be fun to share our experiences with others across the Internet and provide some notoriety for what can be considered the best computer baseball league around. Let me know. Lou Ross

## Red-Hot July for Some....Sunstroke for Others in '58 Pennant Race

We are beginning to see the pack of contenders pull away from the pretenders for the quest for 1958 Holy Grail. In addition, other teams are beginning to finally get untracked after a half-season of running on empty.

In the East, the Tigers got it into gear with the warmer weather and managed to catch the Pelicans who had a 2-game lead at the break. Frankfort went 18-10 while Hatteras was 16-12 to finish in a flat-footed tie after July. The Cubs dropped one game further off the pace, to 4 back, with a 15-13 month. The Blue Sox had a 14-14 month and leapfrogged over the out-of-gas Express (13-15) and the Minors (11-17). The Grays skidded to 11 back on the basis of an 11-16 record.

Out West, the Saxons pulled one game ahead of the Cascades, while the Mavericks put together a 19-9 mark to pass the Rifles and move within two of the top slot. The Rifles backfired and posted only a 13-15 run, falling to five back. The defending division champion Falcons, mired near the bottom of the pack all season, made a move past the Albions despite finishing the month 2-under .500. Albions skidded to 24 back with a 12-16 record and the Black Sox continued to cushion the bottom rung with only 8 wins for the month, now 30 back. BUT they could be the big spoilers in the final two months.

Some changes in the league stats as the Minors, who led after June, tossed batting practice in July and saw their ERA soar to 3.43 from 2.93 while the Pelicans, runners up in June, fell to 4th at 3.19. The Mavericks lead the league at 3.03

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## DIAMOND DUST

1946-47: Indians trade Gene Woodling to Pirates for veteran Al Lopez....Pirates purchase Hank Greenberg for his final year from the Tigers for \$25,000...Negro League star Josh Gibson dies of a brain tumor at the age of 35...Bill Veeck announce the signing of Bob Feller for "more than \$80,000"....A rule change which allows Hall of Fame voting only for players after 1921 nets 4 newcomers: Carl Hubbell, Frankie Frisch, Mickey Cochrane and Lefty Grove. Pie Traynor misses by 2 votes...There will be four new managers for 1947: Billy Herman at Pittsburgh, Bucky Harris (Yankees), Johnny Neun (Redlegs) and Muddy Ruel (Browns).

**"Statistics are for the man who drowned in a river whose average depth is three feet."**

**Woody Hayes**

1958- Vic Power steals home in both the 8th and 10th innings against the Tigers to give the Indians a 10-9 win. He's the first AL player to steal home twice in a game since 1927....Birdie Tebbets resigns as Reds' skipper and is replaced by Jimmy Dykes....Frank Thomas hits 3 consecutive HRs as Pirates top Reds and move within 7 games of league leading Braves...Indians' Chairman William Daley rejects a \$4 million bid for team....Don Drysdale hits 2 HRs in 10-1 Dodgers' win over Cards. Gil Hodges hits the 14th grand slam of his career and the first ever at LA Coliseum.. Clark Griffith says the Senators will accept a move to Minneapolis if a solid offer is made. President Eisenhower counters that Senators should be improved and remain in Washington....Nellie Fox sets a record for consecutive games without striking out at 98....Dick Williams plays all 3 OF positions for Orioles without a single putout or assist against Red Sox.....

## 1958 GAME REPORTS

As teams crossed over the halfway hump and began intra-divisional play, the Rifles had a good news, bad news month at home. The Black Sox were up first and the Rifles took the series 5-2....Camilo Pascual went the distance in the opener for a 3-1 win behind big hits from Roy Sievers, Bob Clemente and George Crowe. The Sox chased Vinegar Bend Mizell the next day on an RBI 3B by Hector Lopez in the 8th to cut the lead to 3-2. Sox tied it off Wilhelm, but in the 9th, Bill Tuttle singled home Clemente for a 4-3 win. Gene Stephens' 2B backed up the pitching of Jack Urban and Al Cicotte for a 2-1 win in the third contest. Roger Maris' 3-run HR off Ray Herbert in the 7th overcame a 4-3 deficit for a 6-4 Rifle win...Sox proved tough again in number five, coming back from down 4-2 in 9th to tie on singles by Lopez and Gus Bell. But in the bottom 10th, Maris wins one again on a single for a 5-4 win. Tough one in sixth contest as Sox, down 5-2 in 7th load the bases against Pascual. Phil Paine comes on and after getting one out, walks PH Larry Doby, hits Jim Landis and allows a bases clearing 3B to Preston Ward. Rifles come from behind in the finale. Down 2-1 in 9th, Ron Fairly and Bill Renna come through as PHs and Sievers drives in the 3-2 winner.

Then the division-leading Saxons came to town and took 5-of-7 from the Rifles. In the opener, the Saxons torched Paine for 4 in the 8th on RBIs from Norm Siebern and Johnny Temple. Bob Friend got the win and Ryne Duren the save in an 8-5 win. Rifles rebounded with a 3-0 Sam Jones 3-0 gem, led by a Maris HR. Rifles turned on the burners in the 3rd game with 12 in the 1st inning. Fairly had 3 RBI and Burgess 4 in the 14-3 triumph. But that was it as the Saxons swept through the final four games. Ned Garver picked up a 3-1 win, then Gary Bell and Duren combined on a 2-0 win

behind Rifle-killer Siebern Behind by a solo in the 7th, the Saxons picked up a 2-run shot by Andy Carey and a solo by Russ (I Am Not A Crook) Nixon to back Friend and Ditmar's 3-hit effort, 5-2. Saxons made it 4 straight as the Rifles once again failed to hold a late lead. Bob Nieman homered off Wilhelm to tie in the 8th and Siebern singled off Paine in the 13th for a 3-2 win.....

As skipper Bob Buonaccorsi noted in his report, the fine June was "an aberration and it was back to reality in July." Both the Tigers and Blue Sox each took four games on the road as the Minors pitching went south.



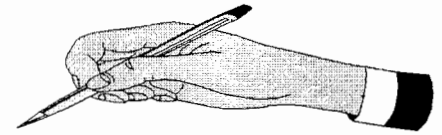
Tigers won the opener 4-2 on Meyer's 4 shutout relief innings, but Minors rebounded on a 10th inning HR by Hank Foiles to gain a win for Don Gross in relief of Don Cardwell.

Minors went 1-up in the series on the strength of a 7-run 7th inning outburst and then held off a 5-run effort by the Tigers in the 9th for a 9-7 Frank Lary win. No contest the next day as the Tigers torrid hitting, led by Ed Bailey's 2-run HR posted a 9-1 victory. Frank Bolling drove in four in the 5th game and led a 7-5 Tigers win. Minors evened the series on Billy Hoef's strong 8 innings supported by 3 hits apiece from Neil Chrisley and Harry Simpson. Just one run put the Tigers over the top in the rubber game as Bolling singled home the winning run in the 10th inning, 6-5.

Hoef was strong again against the Blue Sox behind Minnie Minozo (4 hits) and Harvey Kueen (3 with 4 RBI) for a 9-3 opening win. Minors went 2-0 behind Lary's strong 8 innings with Chrisley again leading the batting surge. Blue Sox won the next three with Ralph Terry firing 8 strong innings and Frank

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



by LOU ROSS

Over the past few weeks, I have had varied welcome discussions with members of both SPB leagues regarding the format of *Around the Horn*. Only with your input am I able to put together a viable publication each month.

Remember *The Sporting News* from back in the black-and-white days? Primarily baseball! We would all scour the newest issue and pore through the boxscores and reports from obscure parts of the country seeking a speck of information on the minors and those tidbits from each major league outpost. Those American Association, Pacific Coast League and International League boxes and notes were a wealth of knowledge.

It was a mix of facts and entertainment and kept us in the flow. Not that *Around the Horn* is to be compared to that venerable publication. But in its own small way, we are trying to recapture that same fervor and flavor.

That's why the game reports (as they are submitted) are included. I am always looking for entertaining articles, whether it be a manager's own Reflections or an article from an old baseball magazine. Combined with the game reports, which I am willing to compile from scoresheets, makes for a complete newsletter.

The most difficult aspect is to be the proverbial "All things to all people." Yet, if we can strike a balance and continue the camaraderie we have established over the years, the goal will have been met.

LJR

## 1947 DRAFTING STRATEGIES

by Tim Johnson

Recent changes in our Seasons Past Baseball constitution, make this year's draft a little more complicated than usual. Two in particular will be discussed in this article. The most dramatic is in player usage. Hitters are only allowed their actual at bats. This means that there won't be any cushion when calculating how many games your men can play. The second rule change drops roster sizes to thirty players.

The change in roster size is going to make it more difficult to hold on to players that are absent from the game. My roster currently has Sal Maglie, who won't pitch again until 1950 and Monk Dubiel reappearing in 1948. This ultimately means that I will only have 28 active players in 1947 and will probably not be able to draft any other players with similar circumstances. It will also limit how many players you can keep on your roster with limited at bats or pitching appearances. It should also add a premium to players who may have a lot of at bats or games pitched, even if they have only marginal stats. This is what the new rule intends, but managers need to keep this in mind on March 9th.

The biggest rule change will be in the at bats' limitations. We've all been guilty of playing our best hitters up to their maximums, but the ceiling has just been lowered. I've been doing some research and found that major league teams in 1946 & 1947 averaged about 5275 AB (586 at bats per position). The teams in SPB1946 averaged 5268 AB meaning your team will need at least these many on the roster. Pitchers may account from 400 to 500 at bats, depending on your pinch hitting tactics. This still leaves a lot of at bats to fill with a smaller overall roster. These at bats will not be evenly divided, either. The top of your order may require 650 to 700 AB, especially if the players don't have many Walks (just

look at Lance Johnson in 1995 for White Sox). Your 7th and 8th hitters may need less since they will have more pinch hitters replacing them. The league is requiring at least 575 at bats per position, but if you stay just at this level you will have to juggle your lineup constantly.



Pitching is not as much of a problem, since players with an ERA 5.25 or more do get more appearances. This seems the most obvious at the end of the year when teams only have this type of player left. The new Computer Manager changes should help us to manage relief appearances a little more accurately. How many relief appearances should you plan to have? That depends a lot on your starters and caliber of team. If you have starters with some duration and your team is not going to be behind a lot, you can get away with fewer relief appearances. In SPB1946 the teams averaged 154 relief appearances with a low of 107 (Trees) to a high of 205 (Bears).

This year's draft is not going to have the same flair as Williams, Spahn, DiMaggio, Kiner, and Berra; but it may take a lot more planning and strategy to get your team its needed resources. The new changes may also open up more trades as teams scramble to set their rosters. In the end it should make the league more realistic and hopefully more fun to participants. You better do your homework though, or the SHARKS might start circling.

### '58 Summer Fun & Doldrums

with the Saxons close behind at 3.06. The Blue Sox have the league's best average at .275 while the Cubs maintain their powerburst with 131 homers for the year. The Black Sox have hit only 47 in contrast. The Express, playing in the LA Coliseum,

are second in HRs with 114, one ahead of the Tigers.

Ted Williams of the Falcons, last month's batting leader at .398, dropped to .373, but is 70 ABs under the minimum number to qualify. Hank Aaron is the leader at .358 with Richie Ashburn of the Blue Sox one point back on the basis of a league leading 145 hits, 14 of which are triples.

Bob Cerv of the Express leads in HRs with 31, closely tailed by Ernie Banks (29) and Mickey Mantle (28). Banks has the RBI lead at 90 with the Garys' Rocky Colavito 9 back.

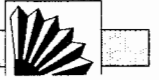
Interesting numbers on the pitching front. Frankfort's Don Larsen has the ERA lead with a stunning 1.96 mark with Billy O'Dell of the Cascades far back at 2.48 and former Cascade and now Minor Billy Hoeft tied with Johnny Podres at 2.57. Could the Cascades be regretting the trade of Hoeft to the Minors for one-year wonders George Witt and Nelson Chittum?

Hoeft has already totaled 14 wins, one more than Lew Burdette of Hatteras. Whitey Ford, O'Dell, Bob Friend, Robin Roberts and Gene Conley are knotted at 11 apiece. Early Wynn again failed to win for the Black Sox and saw his record tumble to 2-15 and is joined in the double-digit loss race by teammates Jack Urban (12), Russ Kemmerer (11) and Ray Herbert (10).

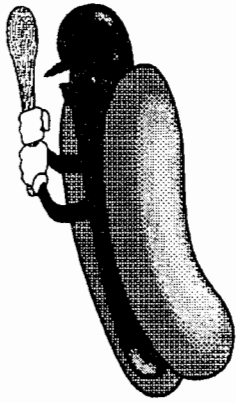
Sam Jones took over the strikeout lead from Gene Conley at 133, coming from 27 back after June. Ryne Duren took over the saves lead from Roy Face as the Saxons' closer reached the 19 mark.

John Antonelli of Frankfort has the gopher lead with 31 leaving the ballpark.





## Reflections



by Dr. ♦

When we last left the inimitable Dr. Diamond, a few months ago, he was reminiscing about the "good old days." He had just come face-to-face with Frank Robinson at a card show an event which left a lasting impression. My apologies to the good doctor for being so tardy in running this section of his piece. The remaining pages were tucked away in a "safe" place. Just like everything else I have trouble locating. So, on with Part 3.

Speaking of an angry god, Gary Plunkitt discovered first-hand how much ex-major leaguers like baseball cards one fateful evening at the Hoosier Dome (now RCA Dome) in Indianapolis. Who would win a confrontation between a 6-foot, 190 pound 63-year old and a 6-6, 225 pound 36 year old? Well, as the saying goes, it's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the dog in the fight. In 1983, a group of old-timers who are now known as Heroes of the Game were touring the country, playing an exhibition game at each city being studied for an expansion franchise. Incredibly, Indianapolis was on the list, despite the absence of an adequate, baseball-friendly facility. An idealistic group of Indianapolis dreamers even went so far as to sell season ticket plans for the proposed major league baseball team, the Arrows.

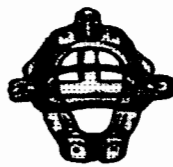
In any case, hopes were high in Hoosierland in the summer of 1983 when several of baseball's former stars, like Don Kessinger, Earl Battey, Tony Oliva, Larry Doby and Don Larsen, and even a few of baseball's immortals, like Ernie Banks, Bob Feller, Joe DiMaggio and an old fighting dog, Early Wynn came calling.

Gary had been bugging Rick and me for months about his gala event and "The Rocket" and I, being brash, young and more willing to lay out big bucks than we are as 40-somethings today, purchased field passes and deluxe seating for a tidy sum of less than forty dollars. But, imagine, being on the same FIELD with Mr. Cub, Rapid Robert and the Yankee Clipper? I don't regret a penny I spent that night, though the evening did not turn

out quite as Gary had planned. Initially, Gary misplaced his ticket, leaving it at our "traditional baseball feed" of stale potato chips and tasteless hot dogs, which were so generously included in our ticket price. Finally, the lanky Plunkitt found his ticket and joined us on the artificial surface of the Hoosier Dome to rub elbows with the greats.

I had spoken to Sal Maglie, Don Kessinger, Don Newcombe, Banks, Larry Doby, Oliva, Larsen, Earl Battey, Smokey Burgess, Hoyt Wilhelm, Milt Pappas, Billy Williams, Enos Slaughter and Feller, who, while autographing one of his old gloves a fan had purchased at a memorabilia auction, had asked, "Where in the \_\_\_ did you get this?" The fan explained. I was next in line.

A few stars, like Willie Mays, had escaped my pen and baseballs (I knew better than to take along cards this time), but still managed to look stupid in the eyes of an ex-major leaguer. I forgot whom I approached for my first autograph, but my boyish enthusiasm, rather than my adult sophistication, had taken over as soon as I saw middle-aged and elderly men in flannels. Walking up to this man, who, even if he was a minor player, had done something every "civilian" on the field would have sold his soul a la the musical "Damn Yankees" to be able to write in his resume, I smiled, held out the baseballs I was carrying and said, "Will you sign both of my balls?" As soon as I saw the tolerant, amused smile on this player's face, I knew that, in a very real sense, I was among friends.



Well, ALMOST all of these guys were friendly. As Gary discovered, there was one 63-year old exception. Proudly sporting a 1963 Topps Early Wynn card, Gary

approached the original "Baseball Curmudgeon." But before the towering Plunkitt could open his mouth, the much-smaller Wynn glared and shouted, "I'm not signing that \$#@ ^ thing. I've been retired for 20 years and they're still making those %\$# & things." Gary, looking for all the world like a scolded puppy cowering before a folded newspaper, tried to explain that the card was

"an original" from Wynn's lengthy and distinguished career, but the irascible Wynn would have none of it. "I'm still not signing that %\$#@ thing." Perhaps thinking that Mr. Wynn would suddenly produce a ball from his antique mitt and pluck him soundly in the ribs, Gary threw up his hands and muttered, "Okay," and tried to slink away as inconspicuously as a 6-6 thoroughly humiliated man can. Gary later confessed that for a few months, he had frequent nightmares about this confrontation with an elderly man who possessed the disposition of a junkyard dog.

Watching this confrontation and pretending I did not know Gary (Gee, what kind of joker would give a baseball card to Wynn for an autograph?) and decided that discretion is the better part of valor and went off in search of a better game, like Bobby Richardson and Jack Brickhouse.

Then, I saw HIM. JOE DIMAGGIO! Since Mays had disappeared before I could come within 30 yards of him (Remember, we were on the Colts' home football field), I had no hope of seeing the Great DiMaggio, much less being able to approach him for an autograph. In an instant, a crowd of little kids, rug rats, surrounded the Yankee Clipper.

They were so young, that they probably didn't realize they were asking for an autograph from Mr. Coffee, much less from the man who holds the record for the longest hitting streak in baseball history (1941? Wasn't that back before cars? Did they play baseball then?).

Undaunted, determined, almost courageous, I approached, pushed a few little kids out of the way, but not so obviously as to anger the immortal whose autograph I sought, and positioned myself about three feet from the Yankee great. "Be careful, son, you're stepping on my feet. Don't you know my corns hurt?" said DiMaggio to one of the diminutive youngsters who were literally pushing him against a table. Great, I thought. They'll—him off and he won't sign. I pushed my best baseball as far as my arm would reach—not in a pushy way, mind you, but respectfully.

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## Reflections

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DiMaggio took my ball, signed his name with my best pen, and walked away. My ball was the last one he autographed before the game.

Talk about my coming through "in the clutch." Suddenly, I felt dizzy. My knees were weak. I felt like a teenage girl at a Beatles' concert. Somehow, I was able to walk away under my own power. The treasured ball sits in a place of honor above my fireplace today.

Then I heard the public address announcer asking for fans to clear the field so the game could begin. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw Early Wynn, standing alone, almost glaring at the fans other former stars greeted with warmth. If I wanted Wynn's signature, now was the time. As I walked up to Wynn, he glanced at my hands, each one holding a "priceless" baseball full of autographs.

Before I could speak, Wynn looked me in the eyes and growled, "I think everyone with two balls should get off the field." Not about to miss my chance, I smiled and said, "How about someone with just one ball?" and handed my DiMaggio ball to the 300-game winner. Muttering something I did not catch, Wynn took my baseball and signed it. I took the ball from his extended hand and said, "Thank you very much, Mr. Wynn." He pounded his mitt and turned away without a word.

I have other diamond memories of brushes with the great, the nearly-great, and the not-so-great: Tommy Lasorda's regarding me like an impudent insect when I joked that Rick Monday, whom he called "Mr. Red-White-and-Blue," had still been a Cub when he rescued an American flag from a zealous attention-seeker determined to burn it in the outfield (He signed my scorecard

anyway); my holding Gene Freese's can of beer; and my getting personal autographs from Al Lopez and Lefty Gomez.

Nevertheless, the ones I have shared with you guys here are among my favorites. The baseball writer Tom Boswell has called baseball "A lifelong conversation among friend."

With that in mind, I hope we all keep "talking" indefinitely.

## '58 July Reports

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Malzone and Charlie Maxwell picking up 3 hits apiece in a 4-1 win. Malzone and Jim Lemon led a 16-2 thrashing the next day and with the Minors staff worn out, Sherm Lollar's 3-run HR led the way for Ray Semproch's 6-1 victory. Minors evened the series with a 4-3 win behind Billy Hoelt and a HR from Sammy White. But the Blue Sox won the finale and the series by scoring 5 in the 1st and coasting to a 7-2 get-out-of-town win.

Back out on the left coast, the Mavericks were zipped by the Falcons as Bob Purkey and Dick Farrell combined to cool the High Desert bats. The air was thin the next night as the Mavs jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but the Falcons scored 8 over the next 2 innings, only to see the Mavs come back for a 9-8 5th inning lead. Frank Robinson and Ken Boyer add HRs and the Falcons come away with a rare victory, 12-9. Whitey Ford then shutdown the Falcons 4-0 with bat support from Johnny Roseboro and Al Pilarcik. It fell apart for Talons in game four. Leading 4-3 in bottom 9th and Farrell on, Stan Musial popped one out to RF and in the 12th, Curt Flood walks, Dick Williams negotiates a hit-and-run and Gil McDougald gets an IW. PH Bob Hale drives one up the middle, past the outstretched glove of Dee Spencer for a 5-4 Mavs win. Alex Kellner allows only

a double by Spencer and wins 3-0. Gary Geiger pops a HR for the Mavs. Despite walking 6 over 8 innings, Jim Bunning notches a 4-3 win with Musial leading the way on a 3-for-4 with a HR. The streak reaches five in the finale as Bubba Phillips and McDougald homer in the 7th and the wily veteran Grissom flips 2 scoreless innings of relief.

The Saxons concluded their western swing at High Desert. Bunning opened the series with a 5-4 CG win led by a Gino Cimoli HR. Spahn comes back in game two and stifles the Mavs on Don Buddin's 3-for-3. Mavs get great hitting from Williams, Cimoli and a HR from Harry Chitt in an 8-2 rout. Ron Kline gets relief help from Bob Mabe. Kellner comes back and zips the Saxons on a 1-0, 2-hit gem and they make it 3 straight, when Bunning holds the Saxons to 3-hits and wins 5-0 on big nights by Musial and Roseboro. Saxons have had enough and win big in game 6 on a 14-hit attack, lighting up Whitey Ford. The finale is tied 4-4 after 2 as both Kline and Spahn are hardly sharp. Joe Cunningham and Carey unload HRs in 5th, but Mavs come back in 7th. Flood's HR to RF is the margin in an important divisional battle 9-6.

In the tough Eastern race, the Pelicans won 5-of-7 from the Minors at home as Jerry Lynch finally got untracked, going 11-for-24 and Jackie Jensen clouting 3 HRs. Brooks Robinson drove home 9 RBI for the Minors and Lew Burdette picked up two wins in the series. Pelicans kept it going against the Grays, winning six in games played head-to-head with Paul Kenyon. Jensen and Vic Power picked up 10 and 11 hits during the series. Joe Nuxhall picked up two wins in the series for Hatteras. Dick Drott picked up the only win of the series for Providence, a 3-0 win over Don Drysdale. Bob Turley started twice, winning one and hanging

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on as Tom Gorman gets the win in a 2-1 affair.

The Pelicans had a difficult time on the road, winning the bookend games against the Tigers and losing the inside 5. Both wins were shutouts, the opener 12-0 by Burdette and in the closer, 2-0 by Turley. Hatteras lost four at the Express. The highlight game was a 1-0 zip by Nuxhall besting Jack Sanford in game four.

Pacific Cascades did battle at home with arch-rival Western contending Rifles and Mavericks. Cascades won five against the Mavs with the key hit in game six coming off the bat of veteran Gus Zernial off Humberto Robinson in the 10th. Rifles took three-of-seven from the Rifles. On the road, the Cascades were shutout in the opening two at the Saxons and only won the final two of the series. At Gurnee, the Cascades managed to win five at the Falcons. Game two was blown as the Falcons managed 3 in the bottom 9th off Ron Blackburn and George Susce as Whitey Lockman came through with a 2-run single.

The Black Sox had an up-and-down month at home, getting blitzed seven straight by the visiting Mavericks as they only scored 15 runs in the series. Against the Albions, the Sox made an amazing turnaround, winning five. In the opener, Sox tallied five in the 8th for a 6-2 triumph. Early Wynn was KO'd after an 8-run Albion 7th in the 2nd game to take an 8-4 lead. But the Sox rebounded with 8 of their own in the bottom. Albions put 4 across in the 8th and the Sox finally won it with a run in the 8th, 13-12. Preston Ward pounded out 6 RBI. Black Sox netted 43 runs for the entire series.



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out and Lewis' single trimmed the lead to 4-3. In the 7th, walks to Marty Marion and Valo sent Frankfort starter Boo Ferriss to the showers and relief ace Earl Caldwell came on to slam the door. Evanston threatened in the 9th, but pinch-runner Jeff Cross was thrown out attempting to steal to end the game and send the Elephants home down in the series by 2-0.

Game three was the killer for the Elephants! The venue changed to their home park with 14-game winner Bill Bevens opposing Hank Wyse with a mediocre 11-10 regular season mark. Evanston opened the scoring on a DiMaggio double following another triple by Edwards. Joltin' Joe drove home another in the 4th on a sac fly. In the 6th, Bevens tried to pitch around Sid Gordon, but was burned for an RBI single. Mickey Witek followed with another single to tie the score, but Chet Laabs was nailed at the plate on Edwards' perfect peg.

Benny Zientara singled in the go-ahead run for Evanston in the bottom 6th. In the 8th, Elephants reliever Dick Mauney induced Gordon to hit into an inning ending DP and the lead was preserved into the 9th when Frankfort scratched back to tie.

Bobby Adams walked with one down, stole second and went to third on a throwing error by Clyde Klutz, behind the plate for the injured Bruce Edwards. With the Evanston infield drawn in, Sherm Lollar was still able to squeeze home the tying run. In the bottom 11th, Hank Edwards doubled off Mace Brown who then retired Evanston sluggers Kurowski and DiMaggio to end the inning.

In the 11th, the Fortress had two on and one out, but Andy Paiko ended the threat with a DP ball. Paiko failed again in the

13th as he blew a bunt attempt, but Frankfort still had the bases loaded with one out. Lollar fouled off two bunt attempts, then hit a grounder for a force at home. Culler then popped out to end the inning.

On to the 14th where Sid Gordon singled home the go-ahead run and Caldwell shut Evanston down in order for a stunning 4-3 win and a commanding 3-0 series lead.

Evanston prevented a sweep with a 7-0 game four win behind the sparkling 2-hit pitching of Howie Pollett. Oscar Judd was the Fortress victim with Joe DiMaggio leading an 11-hit attack with 3 RBI. The only run the Elephants needed came in the first on a passed ball charged to Ray Mueller.

Game 5 matched a pair of 20-game winners, Newhouser (21) and Feller (23). Chet Laabs hit the first series HR in the second to give Frankfort a 1-0 lead and then Mize unloaded in the 4th for another. The Fort loaded the bases with one out in the 8th, but a 5-2-3 DP "kept the patient alive, but on tenuous life support."

Marty Marion's costly error in the 9th led to another run and the Elephants were unable to soive Newhouser who completed his second series shutout, a 12-strikeout, 2-hit masterpiece.

The unanimous MVP was Newhouser with his 18 shutout innings and two victories. His 21 strikeouts were matched by the mere 7 hits allowed. The Fortress' Mize and Gordon were the hitting stars, each hitting .462 with 3 RBI. Goat Horns were hung on Evanston hitters, a composite .189 with only 32 hits and 13 runs. Biggest offenders were the "Big 3," DiMaggio (.200, 1 extra base hit), Kurowski

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in 5 games. The Margaritas were lifted late that afternoon in a victory celebration in Lafayette at a fine Mexican style restaurant in the presence of John Ungashick, Jim Wheeler, Tom Falduto and Rick Ryan. Hope to have a good shot as well in '47."

**Depression Era Baseball???**

Just as I was getting set to complete this newsletter, I received the note from Jim Wheeler surveying managers about interest in SPB-III which would begin with the 1929 campaign. Interesting thought and one that have all considered and seem to welcome with open arms. Let Jim know ASAP.

- Coming Next Month
- In the next edition of Around the Horn, we will have a complete rundown of the SPB-1947 draft from March 9th. Also...
  - -Bob Calicchia rates the Class of '46 Rookie Pitchers with some interesting notes.
  - -August '58 leaves one month to go in SPB-I. Will the leaders hold on or falter? Check game reports here.
  - -Memorabilia from the Dodgers, Yankees, Cardinals and other nostalgic clips...
  - -Much more.