

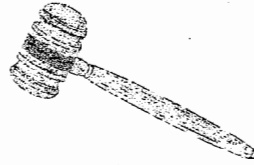


# AROUND THE HORN

"The Newsletter of Seasons Past Baseball"

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## Commissioner's Forum



by JIM WHEELER

This month, I'd like to speak about some very important issues facing the league.

First, we are STILL experiencing a rash of problems related to mailing of stats and manager profiles. For any number of reasons, several manager have received MP's that are empty. That's right,



the disks are BLANK! This causes extreme delay in playing the games and reporting to the league statistician. If each manager would print out the profile

and send it with the disk, the problem would be eliminated. That way, if the disk contains any errors, the data can be input and the series played on time. Let's start including a printed profile with each disk. If you are unfamiliar with any aspect of this procedure, please give me a call. We'll walk it through.

The next SPB 2 draft will be held at Frank Papp's home on Saturday, June 24, 1995. In addition to the draft, the Rules Committee will meet on a number of issues to be debated and voted upon. Again, refer to the League Constitution for an explanation of the importance and operation of the Rules Committee.

There is a proposal to allow trading of draft choices. I am generally against such a proposal since a manager who might leave the league would put the new

manager at an extreme disadvantage. This has happened in other leagues and the team never seems to recover.

However, I would consider voting for this with the following language added. The pick could **ONLY** be traded **AFTER** the current league draft has been completed. For example, after the '46 draft, picks for only the '47 draft could be moved. I would also like to see **ALL** 1st Round picks exempt from trades. Finally, the manager trading picks **MUST** pay league dues in advance. So, if a manager swaps a '47 pick after the '46 draft, not only must his '46 dues be current, but the '47 dues must be paid.

Next, a proposal to make the Computer Manager **OPTIONAL**. We have all seen the manager make some questionable decisions, some which cost an important ballgame. Since there is no PTP update on the immediate horizon, we are stuck, for better or worse. Once again, I would be in favor of such a return, but **ONLY** under the following guidelines:

Non-computer profiles would have to be **TYPED ONLY** and be no more than the front side of **ONE PAGE**. John Turnbull is presently revising his old form. If these conditions are met, I would support a return to an optional computer manager. I hate to think we are going backwards in this regard, but if the above noted conditions were met, managing an opponent would be tolerable.

Another item for discussion is to in-

crease the number of committee members by two, those being the managers of the teams with the lowest winning percentage in each league. Thus, the total votes would be six, with the Commissioner having the tie-breaker. It would give us a broader cross-section of opinion without things becoming too complicated. And do we name the rookie award for Jackie Robinson?

### Protected List Due

Time to target those 19 franchise jewels for the 1946 season and get your list to the Commissioner by Monday, May 15th. Don't forget the \$30.00 dues along with the list which was included in an earlier mailing. If your list and dues are not received by the due date, your team will be given to a new manager.

The preliminary 1946 draft order has been established. The order will change slightly with the division winners dropping to the number 13 and 14 slots in the first round and 1 and 2 in the second round.

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

## QUICKIE QUIZ TIME



Step right up, gentlemen, and test your baseball knowledge. From the bottom of the barrel, minute tidbits of information,

guaranteed to dazzle and amaze you.

Your prize for answering these ten questions adeptly? Ah, the old laurel and a hearty handshake, now a staple of SPB kudos will be at your keyboard before you can click CTL-ALT-DELETE.

This is an open book test, so use whatever resources you have at hand and send your answers to the Editor. The nickname is provided, name the player. Here goes:

- 1) The All-American Out
- 2) The Bones Battery (two names)
- 3) Captain Midnight
- 4) Grounded Blimp
- 5) Hoosier Hammerer
- 6) Loyal Order of the Buffalo Head
- 7) Mr. Milkshake
- 8) Ten to Two
- 9) Unholy Trio (three players)
- 10) Screaming Skull

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### ARRGGGHHH..... THAT &%\$# COMPUTER MGR.

As Jim Wheeler noted in his column on page one, there is a proposal to retrain an OPTIONAL computer manager to help strike a balance and level the playing field for SPB road skippers. While the CM should ideally do what you tell it to, the timing somehow never seems to click. Most managers work via instinct and that factor

is just not there in a totally innate system.

I had hoped (and still hope) to put together a full survey of what we'd like to see from a "smart" CM. So, I again ask that you furnish your wish list and we can put this together in the near future and at least have it looked at by Tom Tippet and the programmers at PTP.

Thanks to Bob Calicchia, here are a few jumping off points to getus started.

Individual Batter Profiles—set one batter *Most Frequent*, others at *Least*, for example..

- \*Advance runner to 2B by hitting to right side.
- \*Pinch-hit only in *Clutch* situations;
- \*Pinch-hit only in *Blowouts*;
- \*Pinch-hit only vs. *LHP* or *RHP*.

Individual Pitcher Profiles—It is obvious that an *ace* hurler should NOT get a quick hook, but on the other hand, you want a *clunker* pulled at the first sign of trouble.

- \*Don't use down 3 or more runs
- \*Save situations only
- \*Use when score is tied
- \*Only vs. lefties or righties
- \*Only in blowouts
- \*Don't use on consecutive days
- \*Pull at *FIRST* sign of trouble
- \*Let him work through early problems
- \*Automatically remove when he reaches a specific number of batters faced.
- \*Pitch inside
- \*Close attention to runner on first
- \*Pitch out
- \*Replace terms *Closer/Setup* with *Fireman and Ace* to reflect glory years
- \*Set a profile to a specific manager *type*, a la Weaver, Stengel, Herzog et al, as in the APBA Micromanager.



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## DIAMOND DUST

**1945:** Mid-season waiver pickup Hank Borowy hurls the pennant clincher for Cubs in 1st game of doubleheader against Pirates. The Cubs win 20 twofers in '45... Hank Greenberg's 9th inning grand slam wins it for the Tigers, 6-3 vs. the Browns... Only three fulltime AL'ers finish over .300, batting champ George Stirnweiss, Tony Cuccinello and Johnny Dickshot. The latter two never play another game... With the Cubs leading the World Series 2-1, tavern owner "Billy Goat" Sianis buys a box seat at Wrigley for his goat. They are both removed from the friendly confines and Sianis casts the 50-year "curse" on the Cubbies... Tigers win in 7 games and each winning player takes home \$6,433 while each Cub earned \$3,930.... On October 23rd, Jackie Robinson is signed to the Dodgers' organization....

"Tie your own god—d shoes, you one-armed SOB"

-Sig Jakucki

Browns' pitcher to teammate Pete Gray when he was asked to help tie Gray's shoes in the clubhouse in 1945.

**1957:** NL President Warren Giles proposes that only fans attending a game get a vote for the All-Star game after 8 Redlegs are voted to the squad via ballot box stuffing .. George Zuverink and Frank Zupo become the first "Z" battery as the Orioles lose to the Yankees.... The Women's Temperance Union charges that baseball has become "beerball" with so many broadcasts sponsored by brewing companies.... Billy Hoelt singles and hits 2 HRs off Skinny Brown in a 10-2 Detroit win... Athletics owner Arnold Johnson denies any ties to Yankee ownership before the Celler commission.... Ernie Banks and Chuck Tanner each hit inside the park HRs in a Cub win over the Bucs at Forbes Field.. The Giants announce they will leave New York at the end of the season, but do not confirm San Francisco as the locale.



## And Down the Stretch They Come- - - - Contenders Run to the September Wire

by John Ungashick

The explosions of "Fat Man" and "Little Boy" in early August finally convinced the Japanese to throw in the towel and the entire world (except Germany & Japan) went wild with joy. Hundreds of top ballplayers would soon be released from the armed services and 1946 promises to be a very interesting year.

The Brooklyn Dodgers, on the strength of a gaudy 17-4 home record, won 24 games in the month and climbed into the Eastern Division lead by 2 1/2 games over the Fortress. The Cinderella Ohio Redbirds, who looked to be making a strong bid in August, collapsed and fell out of contention. In the West, the Whales clipped a half game off the Marauders lead and now stand 6 1/2 out, but time is getting short.

Phil Cavaretta fell off in the month and his average sank to a "mere" .383, but it was good enough to maintain his lead in the batting races. Chuck Wokman of the Dodgers only had 3 dingers and is now in a 3-way tie with teammate Tommy Holmes and Vern Stephens of the Whales in the home run derby. Mickey Haefner of the Marauders and the Whales' Harry Feldman shared the lead with 17 victories apiece.

The Marauders won four of their first five from the lowly Bears, but the Bruins rallied to take the last two, including a come from behind 7-5 win in the finale to slow down the AV pennant express. The Plundering Herd took 5 of 7 from the Trees in a series which featured 5 one-run nail biters. The West Warwick Monarchs, who were for some strange reason adopted the monicker "Quahogs," were only 9-12 August and were shutout

in half their losses. Only 4 homers were hit in the 3 series, one by each team. In the series with the Fortress, Claude Passeau pitched and won a 10-inning complete game when Kerby Ferrell ripped a bases loaded single in the last of the 10th.

Sid Jakucki of the Federals pitched two shutouts against the Quahogs. In a 12-9 slugfest featuring the Monarchs and Hornets, Dixie Walker went 5-5 to lead the "gnats to victory. The Bears won a heart stopper against the Whales when Lou Finney singled home the game winner in the bottom of the 9th. The frustrated Whales hit into three DPs and stranded 12. The remaining six games went to the Whales.

The Bears were down 6-0 in the 8th inning, but rallied for 4 in the 8th and 4 more in the 9th to beat the Elephants and relief ace Andy Karl 8-7. The Pacyderms got revenge by blasting the Bruins 15-5 later in the series in a game featuring 7 errors and 12 walks. The lowly Acorns were down 12-7 in the top of the 9th against the Elephants when they exploded for 6 and took a 13-12 lead. Evanston came back to topple the Acorns 14-13.

Bob Feller of the Elephants had an 11-K, 1 walk performance over the Trees. Andy Karl won 3 and saved another for the Elephants in a 4-3 series win over the Whales. The Dodgers won two wild extra stanza games in the month. The Monarchs outhit them 16-10, but stranded 16 as Brooklyn won in the 12th for a 6-5 win. In another, the Ohio Redbirds' skipper was soundly criticized for 2 intentional walks in the bottom 12th at the Brooks then watching the next hitter slap a single for a 7-6 win.

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## Maris Caper Exposed!!!

Now it can be told. As we have all expected, there were some "under the table" dealings when the Kansas City Athletics acquired Roger Maris from the Indians in June 1958.

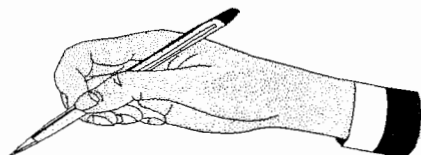
Just like certain teams in SPB which have been taken advantage of by various unnamed managers, the A's were always being duped by the Yankees during the '50s. Arnold Johnson, the A's owner, had extremely close ties to the Yanks. Johnson had purchased both Yankee Stadium and Blues Stadium in KC and was in a lease arrangement for both with New York. The tangled road grew more twisted when the Yanks waived indemnity payments to their farm club in KC when Johnson's group purchased the Philadelphia A's from Connie Mack.

Of the 18 trades between the two teams from 1955-60, two stood out the most. The Yanks' top young pitcher, Ralph Terry, needed major league experience after he had dominated AAA batters. To get him the work, he was sent to the A's in '57, served his basic training and when he was ready, came back to the Bronx.

When Maris went to KC from the Tribe, it was felt that a deal with the Yanks had already been arranged. AL Prexy Will Harridge smelled a rat and ordered the Athletics to keep Maris for at least 18 months. So, on December 11, 1959, a few short days after the moratorium expired, Maris was shipped to NY along with Joe DeMaestri and Kent Hadley for Hank Bauer, Don Larsen and Norm Siebern.

Except for one more trade between the clubs in May 1960 (Bob Cerv for Andy Carey), the plundering had come to a resounding conclusion.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



by LOU ROSS

One of the purposes for expanding this newsletter a few months ago was to provide variety and a diversion from the humdrum administrative functions of leagues. In addition, it has offered us all a forum and an opportunity to communicate for those of us too far away to remain in regular contact..

In recent months, some of the common courtesy reporting aspects have been neglected by some. Thankfully, the majority still adhere to the basics. Just a few things that could be readily handled with a note would be to inform the opposing manager when there was a rain delay, if and when a hitter or pitcher left with an injury or if there was some other unusual event which took place.

Or, to notify if there's a problem. Too often, we all sit tight, waiting for "someone to do something." That is why I was somewhat surprised when I found out that there are managers out there who feel MY use of certain unlimited pitchers as starters, only to relieve them early with better starters to maximize usage was disconcerting and deemed unfair. Okay, I was taking advantage of a loophole in the rule and will cease this practice. All anyone should have done is SAY SOMETHING.

Back before the computer manager, when certain managers assumed the role of a rival manager in games in which they were not involved, leading to some questionable results and

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## SHOWDOWN AT HIGH NOON IN '57 WEST RACE

Picture one of those 1950's black and white cowboy movies. The scene opens with a pan of the majestic mountains, birds flying by, hunters and gunslingers poised for the kill. The aristocratic and proper gentleman drives by in his stage-coach and proclaims, "Go ahead, kill yourselves off. I'll get to town before you."

If you can picture Tom Faduto of the Saxons this way, just wait. Tom is lying in the bushes waiting for the Rifles, Cascades, Mavericks, Falcons and Bluebirds to massacre each other while he saunters away with the West flag in SPB for '57.

In a race that might well resemble a draw to the death in the final four months of play, the top five teams are separated by only eight games. Each club is above .500 after beating up on the Eastern Division, so something has to give down the stretch.

The Cascades (14-11) were knocked from their pinnacle by the upstart Rifles, led again by thumper Roy Sievers, 18-7 for the month. The Bluebirds and Falcons were both a fine 15-10, but only enough to remain two and four games back respectively. The champion Mavericks barely scraped the break-even barrier with 13-12 and fell two games more off the pace.

Then there are the Saxons. At 15-10, they moved above the .500 clip by four and are making their move. Even the Black Sox fattened up their record against the East going a respectable 12-13 for May.

Back East, the vaunted Tigers shook loose of the Cubs (8-17) with a 14-11 record, dropping the grinning Bears six off the pace. The Pelicans reversed their

opening month mark with a 14-11 trip to second place, two back. The Blue Sox scurried to a 13-12 mark on the strength of a 5-game sweep of the Cascades. John Turnbull's Knights rusted out at 5-20 and were saved from a free fall to the cellar by the Minors who posted a 10-15 record.

## '57 MAY STANDINGS

Eastern	W	L	PCT	GB
TIGERS	27	23	.540	
PELICANS	25	25	.500	2
CUBS	21	29	.420	6
BLUE SOX	19	31	.380	8
GRAYS	18	32	.360	9
KNIGHTS	17	33	.340	10
MINORS	14	36	.280	13
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
RIFLES	35	15	.700	
CASCADES	34	16	.680	1
BLUEBIRDS	33	17	.660	2
FALCONS	31	19	.620	4
MAVERICKS	29	21	.580	6
SAXONS	27	23	.540	8
BLACK SOX	20	30	.400	15

Here are the statistician's selections for May honors:

Team: Rifles, 18-7, .261 BA, 3.27 ERA  
 Player: Ted Williams .360, 10 HR 17 RBI, 23 runs  
 Starter: Billy Pierce 3-1, 1.93, 3 CG, 28 hits, 7 walks in 42 IP  
 Reliever: Turk Farrell 1-1, 8 saves, 1.42 ERA with only 7 hits, 4 walks in 12.2 IP

One followup to the April numbers. Mike Cascarano, who has no life, researched past SPB data and it seems that Roy Sievers' 43 RBI for the Rifles in the first month is a new record. The previous high appears to be Ted Williams' 36 during August 1956.



# Dr. ♦ Back in Surgery: The SPB Saga....3 Seasons of PC Follies

by Steve Ehresman

Ah, spring! A middle-aged man's fantasy turns to thoughts of his SPB franchise (OK, Turnbull, you're excluded). For three seasons, 1954-56, Gary "The Creator" Plunkitt and Jim "Sarge" Wheeler mailed out disks and a league constitution, the two cornerstones of our unique community of desktop dreamers. The Doctor, like the rest of you, has schemed, cheered, and groused his way through various versions of game-playing reality to achieve the perspective he now possesses and shares in a desultory fashion.

Once again, spring has arrived, both literally and figuratively, as the SPB season is underway. As has been the case since the first "Play Ball" of the first gentlemen's meeting on the lawn generations ago, prophets have tried to look into the sands of time and predict the autumnal shape of pennant races almost before the first buds appear on the springtime trees. The Doctor, though rather tardy (rare for one accustomed to being on the cutting edge of societal evolution), will offer his own, shall we say, "early season" analysis of SPB '57.

Has anyone ever noticed the difference between SPB's two divisions? One has the '54 champs, the Bluebirds; the '55 winners, the Saxons; and the surprise '56 champs, the Mavericks. The other has the perennial bottom feeders of the league: the Knights, Grays and this year's sorry version of the once highly-regarded Minors. Not to mention the reigning royalty of mediocrity, the Blue Sox and the renamed Pelicans. This year, however, Rick "The Rocket" Ryan, a charter member of the so-so brigade himself, threatens to blow the top off SPB, a la Gary Plunkitt, only with potentially better results than the clawless Bengals.



After all, it's Rick at the keyboard, not "The Creator." And in a year for upstarts, Frank Papp may finally have the team he's been waiting for ever since he wore short pants and collected bubble gum cards.

To compensate for being late with this report, the Doctor has included a little something extra for each SPB franchise. As the venerable Harry Caray, the Curmudgeon's drinking buddy, often says of a dramatic baseball situation, "They outta make a movie."



Unfortunately, it's been done with wildly varying results. Everything from the classic "Pride of the Yankees" to the horrendous kiddie hit, "Rookie of the Year." Thus, the Doctor will do the most famous Cub

Fan/ Bud Man one better by saying, "They ought to write a literary classic."

That's just what the Doctor will suggest for each team in the SPB this spring, a literary classic that gives an appropriate description of that team's fortunes in our three, going on four, seasons of play.

Let's begin with the best team in the SPB, Rick Ryan's Rossville Cubs, then proceed through the rest of the division also-rans:

**CUBS:** Rick's Cubbies have hibernated through 3 SPB seasons. Well, folks, the Doctor has news for you: the Cubs are coming out of hibernation. This team has home run potential to frighten the Babe and Lou themselves. Banks, Mathews and Mays! And look for the wind to be blowing out of the Friendly Confines all season. Considering Rick's less than illustrious history, however, this franchise reversal can best be described as The Mouse That Roared.

**PELICANS:** New name. Same old team. "Sarge" likes those Vic Power-Dick Groat-Bill Virdon types. You know, all glove, little or no pop. On the other hand, the Pelicans do have

wings...er...ARMS. In Forbes Field, these Birds should win a lot of low-scoring contests, rather the opposite of the philosophy of the slug-it-out-or-die Ryan. To win, "Sarge" will have to rely heavily on his park and mound crew, which the Doctor will tag with the cognomen The Octopus. Unfortunately for Hatteras, 8 (tentacles, i.e. good pitchers) may NOT be enough.

**TIGERS:** Still smarting from his stunning loss in the World Series, Manager Plunkitt unloaded most of his infamous Murderers' Row in an off-season everything-must-go sale. For once, Old Gary was willing to make reasonable trades, even with his farm clubs, located just down the turnpike in Rossville and Lafayette. Considering "The Creator's" trading history, (i.e. exploitation of lesser teams), his demise in the '56 series and self-imposed season in purgatory with merely mortal talent in '57 are examples of Crime and Punishment in SPB.

**BLUE SOX:** Whereas one Frankfort farm team has apparently gone on to achieve true major league status, the other, managed by the "Little Genius," continues to flounder. Every year is a rebuilding year in Lafayette. Starting pitching is the Achilles heel of this franchise, thanks to a few blockbuster trades. This team has a little of everything: power hitters, fielders, relief pitchers, Cabbages and Kings, but not ENOUGH of anything to do more than break even.

**KNIGHTS:** If the "Little Genius" has a rival in planning for the future ("He that lives upon hope will die fasting"—Ben Franklin) then John "Wait Til Next Year" Turnbull is it. Like his Lafayette counterpart, "Gunner" has a mixed bag of potential that never seems to gel. The Doctor sympathizes, Mgr. Turnbull, and shares your enthusiasm for long-term planning. Like you, the Doctor is looking forward to that glorious year, when fate finally smiles on your team. Say..... 1984. Fellow SPBers, you can almost hear John now, can't you: "Hey, look at Sandberg's stats! You know, Gooden is a rookie. How about Mike Schmidt? '84's going to be MY year, baby!"

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Dr. ♦

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**MINORS:** Once upon a time, long, long ago (1954 to be exact), "Vinegar Vern" looked down upon his domain and smiled. The Minors were in first place and all was right with the SPB world. Then, the Bluebirds pulled off an upset (At the time, because we were all naive, it appeared to be a stunning upset) and Manager Easley's world forever changed. Now stuck in the bowels of the SPB (or somewhere lower), the Minors have since struggled just to regain respectability. Vern's struggles have been well documented in SPB's yearbooks, under the column marked The Naked and the Dead.

So much for SPB's Third World, the division of also rans and never-has-beens. Now, on to the penthouse, the division of former champions.

**FALCONS:** At last, the SPB's venerable Frank Papp, like Rick Ryan, appears poised and ready for a Cinderella season. The drafts have been kind to Frank and the talent is there in '57, led by Teddy Ballgame, Frank Robinson and a balanced mound corps. Manager Papp, SPB's congenial Old Man and the Sea, is fishing for a really big one in 1957. Unfortunately, like Hemingway's character, he will have to fight off several sharks in his own waters to haul in THE prize.

**SAXONS:** Picking the Saxons for second place was a tough call; however, the SPB gods were brutal to Manager Falduto last season and the Doctor thinks they owe Tom a few favors in '57, enough to be in the thick of the pennant race. Besides, "The Great Faldini" has a knack for having the right players on the field at the right time (i.e. exploiting fluke players). So, fellow managers, never count this guy out. He has more tricks than The Wizard of Oz.

**BLUEBIRDS:** Andy Langert's powerful Birds, SPB's '54 champions, are picked for third only because the Doctor thinks Spahn and Friend are better than Sullivan and Drabowsky. Certainly, Andy's Heartland sluggers are formidable and MAY have enough power to short circuit both Gurnee

and Schaumburg. Over the years, the Bluebirds have acquired an image around the league: not flashy, but rock-solid; conservative, but always in the thick of the action; few super stars, but a lot of overachievers. Kind of like Forrest Gump.

**RIFLES:** The Doctor loves his team, or rather he loves its potential, especially its young pitching corps. Throw in a young Roger Maris and Bob Clemente, along with the potent bats of Roy Sievers and Smokey Burgess, and you have a contender for years to come. In the very near future, all of the SPB managers will hear from The Guns of August in Bob Calicchia's Rossmoor arsenal.

**MAVERICKS:** Like Andy Langert and Tom Falduto, not to mention Vern Easley and Gary Plunkitt, Manager Cascarano is about to discover that lightning does not strike twice. At least it hasn't in the three-year history of the SPB league. Stan "The Man" Musial is not enough, despite the great pitching duo of Whitey Ford and Jim Bunning. "High Desert Mike," The Man Who Would Be King will go back to being a mere commoner in '57.

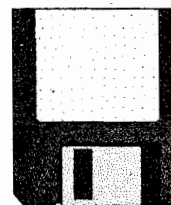
**CASCADES:** "Thanks, John, I needed that!" If Lou Ross hasn't said this to John Ungashick, he will. If not for Evanston, Lou "Mandrake" Ross' Cascades would wash up on the shore along with Moby Dick. As it is, both squads have a rare opportunity to become centenarians. That's one hundred game losers to the uninitiated. The Cascades have better pitching, however, and will finish ahead of "Long John's" sorry crew.

**BLACK SOX:** Is John Ungashick adept at the limbo? How low can you go, John. The Black Sox will test Manager Ungashick's patience and sense of humor this year. This Comedy of Errors will be playing in a ballpark near you this season and will feature a lineup of castoffs you may not recognize, even with a scorecard! Johnny O'Brien, limber up the ol' chicken wing. Evanston needs you.

That brings another Doctor Diamond albeit a belted Doctor Diamond, to a close, fellow managers. As always, the Doctor wishes each of you the very best for the remainder of the season. Keep doing what you're doing, and the Old Country Doctor will NEVER run out of material. ♦

## SON OF STATS REPORTING

Our esteemed (or is it steamed) '57 number cruncher, John Turnbull, has a few followup reminders to stat reporting.



If you want both MONTHLY and YTD stats to be sent back, please send TWO disks. Sending only one gets you back YTD in return.

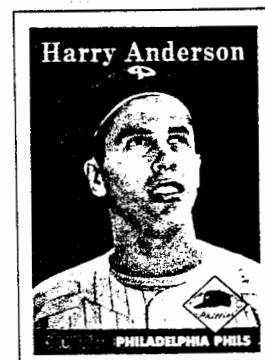
John also would like to be a very accommodating host with his Nebraska Knights before he leaves for Korea. So, send you profiles for any July or August series you are playing AT the Knights so he can have the series played before he goes overseas to protect our weather.

In addition, he requests that you send info on key pennant race games to Lou Ross for publication here in the newsletter.

(Ed. Note: For '45 managers, please do the same so I can complement John Unhashick's reports and keep the info flow moving along.)

## Separated at Birth..... Or Worth?

The resemblance is frightening. The teeth, the lips, the eyes. Could comedian Jerry Seinfeld be a direct decendent of OF Harry Anderson? Or could it be he's part of the lineage from NIGHT COURT's Harry Anderson. You be the judge.





# Phillies. . . . Not just a bad baseball team, but a bad cigar

I should know about Phillies being lousy cigars. My dad used to smoke them back when I was a youngster. But he would often get the giveaway booklets on *Baseball Rules* or the *Hall of Fame* or *Big League Secrets*.

Bob Calicchia came up with this copy of *Secrets* and wanted to share it with all of you.

Five major league stars of the day appeared in this publication, detailing some of the strategies and skills which made them stars of the era.

Sal "The Barber" Maglie showed his pitching form, Roy Sievers exhibited the batting prowess which has him at the top of SPB '57,

Del Crandall dons the tools of ignorance, Gil McDougald takes us around the infield and Richie Ashburn scampers around the bases and flawlessly covers the outfield.

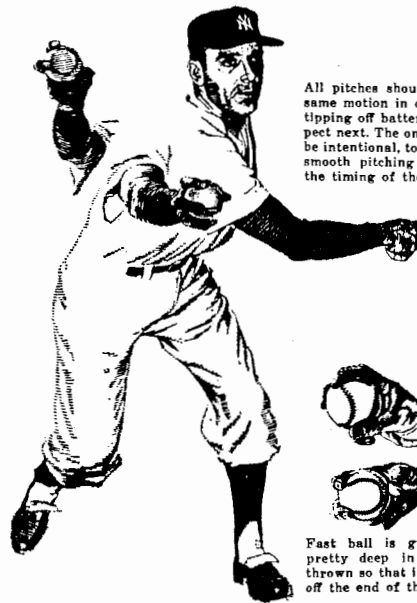
This month, we start with Maglie and Sievers and get to the remainder in future issues.

## SAL MAGLIE ON THE ART OF PITCHING

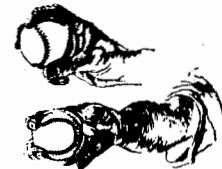
TOLD TO ROY TERRELL

Illustrations by Anthony Ravielli

One of baseball's most skilled craftsmen, 41-year-old Salvatore Anthony Maglie has accumulated a vast fund of pitching love in the two decades since he threw his first strike across the plate in organized baseball. He has pitched on four championship teams and been a winner in both leagues. He has won as many as 22 games in a season and, for the Giants, won 59 in three years. Supposedly washed up in 1956, he became the key figure in Brooklyn's heart-catching pennant drive, winning 12 games and pitching a no-hitter against Philadelphia. When Maglie talks about pitching, even the major leaguers listen, for here is a man who knows.



All pitches should be thrown with same motion in order to keep from tipping off batter as to what to expect next. The only variation should be intentional, to break up normally smooth pitching rhythm and spoil the timing of the batter.



Fast ball is gripped tight, held pretty deep in the hand and is thrown so that it will slide straight off the end of the fingers.

## ROY SIEVERS ON THE ART OF HITTING

TOLD TO ROBERT CREAMER

Illustrations by Robert Riger



When Roy Sievers beat out Ted Williams and Mickey Mantle to win the American League's home-run and runs-batted-in championships in 1957, the casual fan began to realize what major leaguers had long appreciated: that here was one of the finest hitters in the game. Rookie of the Year in 1949, Roy later suffered a bad slump and a disabling shoulder injury that almost brought about his retirement. A successful operation restored his strength and the beautiful swing so admired by his fellow professionals.



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It was a close call for team of the month. The Dodgers won more games than anyone else, but had the advantage of an extra series while the Elephants actually had a better percentage. However, the nod goes to the Dodgers as they performed under the pressure of a pennant race while Evanston was merely playing out the string.

**'45 August Standings**

Eastern	W	L	PCT	GB
Dodgers	78	48	619	
Fortress	72	47	605	2.5
Redbirds	70	56	558	8
Gold Sox	60	66	478	18
Hornets	58	68	460	20
Federals	52	64	412	26
Monarchs	48	85	361	33.5

Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Marauders	82	44	651	
Whales	79	54	594	6.5
Elephants	71	55	563	11
White Sox	55	64	462	23.5
Trees	58	68	460	24
Bears	56	70	444	26
Acorns	43	83	341	39

Player of the Month was another nail biter as the top contenders were Wally Moses of AV (.385 BA, .467 OBA, 25 runs, 25 RBI) and Augie Galan of the Elephants (.392, .500OBA, 24 runs, 17 RBI). Moses wins by the narrowest of margins,

Al Hollingsworth of the Marauders won Pitcher of the Month honors on the strength of a 4-0 record, 1.21 ERA and 3 complete games. Evanston's Andy Karl was named as Reliever of the Month as he posted a 4-1 record with 6 saves and a 1.56 ERA in 12 games.

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Mike Cascarano added some points based on his play in Strat and the more precise profile delininations.

You can fine tune with an added level of customization by preventing use of a specific batter against either LHP or RHP. Like Bob, he concurs with more specific bunt controls, more clearly defined hit-and-run options. For pitchers, either a quick or slow hook, do not use in a blowout or remove in a blowout.

The Editor would like to see a refinement of the ongoing base running situation of having every hitter who singles go to second and force the cutoff play with a lead runner on second. We could also more clearly specify OF positioning depending upon the batter or game situation: swing to left, right, play straight away or in those late inning cases, play the OF in.

The opinions are being compiled and maybe we can put our vast knowledge of PTP to viable use by affecting future upgrades.

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perhaps costing a pennant, the situation was resolved rather easily via discussion. As were the accusations of certain skippers dumping games to attain better draft positions was resolved.

The bottom line is that the platform exists to air out troublesome situation and head off a problem.

A spoken or written word is much more effective than thoughts and impressions which fester deep inside and generate unnecessary bad feelings.

Let's play baseball!!!

**NEXT MONTH IN "THE HORN"**

- ◆ More Mgr. Profile Info
- ◆ Goodbye to Wartime Ball and many players
- ◆ Quiz Results & Answers
- ◆ '45 & '57 Season Updates
- ◆ '46 Draft list Preview
- ◆ ....and more goodies

