



AROUND THE HORN

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Tigers, Saxons Capture '58 Flags - - - Skippers Plot '27 & '59 Draft Strategy

by LOU ROSS

It took long enough, but the Frankfort Tigers finally unleashed their full potential and stepped to the top of the hill in the ADML-I 1958 Eastern battle.

Although the full and final '58 stats are unavailable at press time, Gary Plunkitt has been confirmed as the pennant winner. He will meet Tom Falduto's Schaumburg Saxons in the World Series, to be played on May 4th, the day of the 1927 draft.

The Saxons held off the onslaught of the High Desert Mavericks, winning the Western Division by the slimmest one game margin.

A full series recap and '58 stats will be run here next month. For details on how the race unfolded, see the section for **1958 Game Reports** on beginning on Pg. 3.

There was another No-hitter during '58. It came in August and was tossed by Sal "The Barber" Maglie for the Falcons against the Rifles, a 1-0 victory. Ted Williams doubled home Pete Runnels in the 1st for the only run to best Sam Jones. Maglie walked only one and struck out

three batters.

Who will be the team to beat in SPBII-47? Check out if the Fortress will repeat in the Preview on Page 4.

A list of the new managers and alternates, with addresses and e-mail is included on Page 3.

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Dotting the "I's"

A few team name corrections. Gary Plunkitt's club in the new 1927 league will be now be known as the **HOOSIER THUNDERBOLTS**.

Also, the correct spelling for the '27 Seattle franchise is **RAINIERS**. It does rain there quite a bit, but the "I" stays in Mount Rainier.

Beginning with the 1959 campaign, John Turnbull's traveling road show will settle down as the **Albany (NY) Empires**. It is rumored that with former NY Governor Mario Cuomo out of work, he will be managing the newly-minted Empires.

Bob Buonaccorsi, who took over the old Mountain Park Minors, has dubbed his '59 entry the **SMITHFIELD SENIORS**.

Also adding a local flavor will be Don Zminda. He has turned the Albions into the **Evanston Zees**.

Commissioner's Forum

by Jim Wheeler

In all the years that we have been involved in **Seasons Past Baseball**, this period has been perhaps the most hectic.

We have just completed two more tight pennant races, are preparing for the inaugural player draft for **SPB-III 1927**, throwing out the first pitch for **SPB-II 1947** and setting the groundwork for the **1959 SPB-I** campaign.

First, the 1927 draft will be hosted by Gary Plunkitt on **Saturday, May 4th at Noon CDT**. Following the usual SPB procedure, those participating via telephone will receive one ring when it is their turn to draft. You will then call **317-654-4990** to receive the latest picks and will have **FIVE** minutes to make your next choice. The same limitation will apply to those drafting in person.

Yet, as the organization has gone "global" to a degree, there are some situations which need to be immediately addressed.

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DIAMOND DUST

I am growing increasingly concerned with the way Manager Profiles are not being followed. During the final months of the 1958 season, there were at least 3 managers reported that their MP was not followed and players were overused. In one case, a manager failed to list **ANY** lineup and then complained that his players were overused. The computer manager will, in that case, randomly assign lineups and usage.

This is going to be a growing problem as stricter AB limits are implemented. Since the CM **only** uses lineups #1 & 2, unforeseen problems continue to mount up.

The solution here is twofold. A home manager should at the very least, **LOAD EACH GAME INDIVIDUALLY**. It does not take long. Look at the MP, make a list of the pitchers and start both teams in **HUMAN** mode. At the start of the game, change to Computer for the visitor.

The visiting manager should clearly note, either on the disk or with a brief note, that there are **multiple lineups**, to be used against certain pitchers. In one case, a manager detailed 5 lineups, the MP was not reviewed and the same lineup was used for **EVERY** game! Sending MP sheets defeats the purpose of a paperless league!

I am sure that with these few minor attentions to detail, we can alleviate some of the misconceptions and problems we have had in the past.

And remember, roster limits are now at **25** for Home Teams, **30** for Road and **28** in Head-to-Head contests. Good luck.

1927- Judge Landis conducts a 3-day hearing on charges that 4 games in 1917 were thrown by the Tigers to White Sox. Three weeks later, citing accuser Dutch Leonard's refusal to appear at the hearings, Landis clears Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker of any wrongdoing and orders them reinstated. Both are declared free agents. Cobb signs with the Athletics and Speaker with the Senators...Burleigh Grimes is traded from Dodgers to Giants in a 3-way deal with Phillies...Giants swap George Kelly to Reds for holdout Ed Roush... Babe Ruth signs for \$70,000 per for 3 years...

"Being a White Sox fan meant measuring victory in terms of defeat. A 6-5 loss was a good day. A big rally was Wally Moses doubling down the rightfield line." Humorist Jean Shepherd

1947—Dodgers officially put Jackie Robinson on their roster and he goes hitless in 3 trips during his debut, a 5-3 win over the Braves. Coach Clyde Sukeforth manages that first game with Leo Durocher under suspension. In a surprise move, scout Burt Shotton assumes control on the 3rd day of the season. He is driven to the ballpark in a taxi arrives late and manages in street clothes.... Robinson gets his first major league hit, off the Braves' Glenn Elliot in Brooklyn...In his NL debut, Hank Greenberg singles home the only run as Pirates beat Cubs 1-0 for Rip Sewell... Johnny Mize hits 3 straight HRs in 14-5 Giants loss to Braves, the 5th time he has done it ...April 27th is Babe Ruth Day at all ML parks. A crowd of 58,339 are on hand at Yankee Stadium to honor Ruth, but Yanks lose 1-0 to the Senators. and Sid Hudson.

1958-59: Braves go up 3-1 in World Series, but lose in seven. In game six, Hank Bauer homers in the 10th for a 4-3 Yankee win....Ed Mathews strikes out 11 times... Ford Frick fines 22 Braves players \$50 each for divulging their WS share and Ryne Duren is fined \$250 for giving an umpire the choke sign during the WS... The American League announces that Kansas City will play 52 night games in '59, a new league mark... Bob Turley wins the Cy Young by a 5-4 vote over Warren Spahn... New York Mayor Robert Wagner announces preliminary plans for a 3rd ML. Chairman Bill Shea, of what will become the Continental League, says it is apparent that the NL will ignore NY and that the new league will be free to raid ML rosters... Red Schoendienst is diagnosed as having tuberculosis.. Tigers trade Billy Martin and Al Cicotte to Cleveland for Ray Narleski, Don Mossi and Ossie Alvarez... The AL MVP is Jackie Jensen who wins over Bob Turley and Rocky Colavito...Will Harridge announces his retirement as AL President while Warren Giles is given a new 5-year deal as Prexy of the NL... Giants trade Ruben Gomez and Valmy Thomas to the Phillies for Jack Sanford...Dodgers trade Gino Cimoli to the Cardinals for Wally Moon and Phil Paine..

Coming Next Month

- ◆ **Final '58 Stats and World Series recap**
- ◆ **1927 SPBIII Preview**
- ◆ **Opening Month '47**
- ◆ **Closer Look at '59 Draft**
- ◆ **More Memorabilia**
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Trade Market

The 1958 casualty list hadn't even been counted and SPB-I GMs were wheelin- and dealin' in preparation for 1959. The early list of trades thru 4/24:

116- BLUE SOX send Richie Ashburn and Ray Moore to **BLACK SOX** for Vic Wertz and Andre Rodgers.

117- PELICANS trade Lew Burdette to **CUBS** for Jim Grant.

118- PELICANS move Jackie Jensen and Dick Sisler to **TIGERS** for Al Dark and Wes Covington.

119- PELICANS swap Jim Brosnan, Ted Kluszewski and Jerry Lynch to **BLUE SOX** for Roy Face, Charlie Maxwell and Sox' 4th round draft choice.

120- BLUE SOX trade Harry Anderson to **CUBS** for Tex Clevenger.

There are two **1947** trades which have not been reported:

55. GOLD SOX sent Rudy York and Johnny Hopp to **MONARCHS** for Dixie Walker and Bert Haas.

62. BEARS move Joe Stephenson to **HORNETS** for Gene Mauch.

1958 GAME REPORTS

On their way to the Eastern title, the Tigers defeated the Minors, Express and Blue Sox four-of-seven in each September series. The Pelicans were able to win 4 in head-to-head combat, but failed to overtake the growling Bengals.

Jackie Jensen was the catalyst for the Pelicans, with 3 HRs and 9 RBI. They won despite batting only .221 for the seven games. John Callison was 5-for-10 for the Tigers.

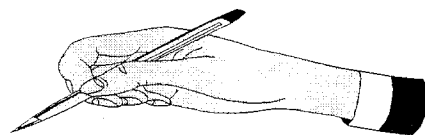
It was all for naught as the Cubs took a five-spot from Hatteras, head-to-head. The Pelicans folded under the pressure of the race. Pitching dominated as the Pelicans scored only 20 runs and the Cubs a mere 24. Jim Grant won two for the Cubs and after the season, skipper Jim Wheeler was so impressed, he traded for the young right-hander.

The suddenly redhot Lafayette Blue Sox also put a crimp in the Hatteras hopes by taking six-of-seven at Lafayette.

In the opener, Billy Pierce helped his own cause by driving in the only run in a 1-0 win, defeating Joe Nuxhall. Virgil Trucks rode in for the save... Sox spotted Pelicans a 2-0 first inning lead on singles by Dick Gernert and Jerry Lynch.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Just a few items here this month to touch upon. First, thanks for the feedback on the memorabilia items carried in the last issue. It seems we all enjoy tying together the actual time period with today.

Second, I know that on occasion there are some typing errors in **AROUND THE HORN**. My staff has been unavailable for proof-reading recently, so bear with me. I do get bleary-eyed at times.

Next, the **WEB PAGE**. There has not been a great outpouring of input for this project, although I keep plugging away with the program design and content.

The intention is to highlight the history of SPB, the evolution to three solid leagues, pennant races and winners and the commitment we have all made to make each league successful.

Another copy of the Game Reports sheet has been included for you to provide series info to me. Please make copies.

Once again, any suggestions are more than welcome. LJR

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1947 SPB-II Preview

by Lou Ross

Expecting some major shifts of power as the 1947 opens? Some surprises perhaps?

After two relatively tight races in 1946, we can look for more of the same in the 1947 campaign. For starters, the Eastern Division is now the **AMERICAN LEAGUE** while the West has become the **NATIONAL LEAGUE**.

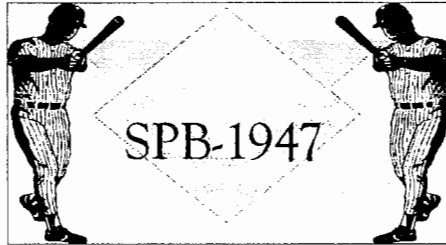
Some pretenders will make early runs, but when the dust finally clears, the top clubs will rise to the top. It will always happen. Let's take a look at the teams :

AMERICAN LEAGUE

FORTRESS- Won it all in '46 after a 92-62 mark and as expected, got better. Fine draft with hurlers Russ Meyer and Spec Shea and the usual quality fill-ins. An excellent defensive squad with Sherm Lollar behind the plate, John Mize and George Kell at the corners and Bobby Adams plus committee in the middle, the only possible downside. Power at all spots in the OF with Bill Nicholson, Andy Pafko and Sid Gordon leading the way. Oh, there are a few quality pitchers on the lines with Ken Heintzleman, Cy Young winner Hal Newhouser and Ralph Branca. There's plenty of depth here to give Gary Plunkitt a solid shot at another title.

DODGERS- Hung in with deep pitching to finish 3 back in '46, but if you're looking for a definition of "average," see the Dodgers. Pitchers for '47 are at the league average of 3.79 and batters are at the .262 average.

This will be a holding year for the Brooks, waiting for Duke Snider to blossom. Need a rebound year from Tommy Holmes and another good one from Dan Litwhiler and a better one from Joe Gordon. Pitching can be strong with Red Barrett, Schoolboy Rowe and Phil Marchildon. Excellent bullpen with Russ Christopher and Harry Gumbert, but too many potholes this trip.



GOLD SOX- Finished 18 back in '46 and made some key moves to bolster pitching staff with Jim Hearn and Al Benton in the draft. Bob Lemon is ready for stardom and he joins Harry Brecheen for a solid left-right duo. Sox will have to scratch for runs with Billy Johnson the big gunner at the plate. Good mix with John Wyrostek and Dixie Walker in the OF joined by Clint Hartung when the Hondo Hurricane is not on the mound. Steve Ehresman likes those OFs who he can convert into pitchers as was done with Bob Lemon. Somehow, they always pull out the key wins. Watch out!

MONARCHS- Played the spoliator role well in '46 and are coming on strong, starting in '47! Key trade with Sox brought in Johnny Hopp and Rudy York for power while Tim Johnson awaits Vic Wertz. Draftee Sam Mele will provide solid offense while Bobby Doerr-Hank Majeski give good defense and sufficient offense. Warren Spahn leads the pitching staff with Joe Dobson, but missing Sal Maglie will hurt. Rest of staff could be average, but Monarchs will be TROUBLE.

FEDERALS- Jerry Dailey had some tough choices to make at draft time and went for Larry Doby and Mel Parnell for the future. Lots of formidable names, starting with Stan Musial, Harry Walker, Gene Hermanski and Ken Keltner. Federals only have 10 pitchers on the staff and this could be a problem down the stretch. What's there is good with Allie Reynolds, John Schmitz, Walt Masterton and Nels Potter. But not enough to contend this season.

FLYERS- The former Ohio Deadbirds are trying to change their luck with a new name, but success is a bit off. Vulnerable to teams with strong lefty hitters with no southpaws on the staff. Gave up Joe Hatten to Elephants to solidify IF with Hank Thompson and hurling with Bill Bevens, but will have to be patient waiting for Gil Hodges. Solid hitting with Yogi Berra, Dale Mitchell and George McQuinn, but this looks like a three-year plan for the Dayton Flyers.

HORNETS- Trader Rick Ryan was shuffling like crazy after a 64-90 season. Among those gone are Cass Michaels, Al Evans, Ted Wilks, and Spud Chandler. In are Jeff Heath, Clyde Kluttz and the big one, Mickey Vernon, obtained from the Federals for a number one draft pick. Pitching staff has loads of potential with Mickey Harris, Fred Hutchinson, Dutch Leonard and Ray Scarborough. Jerry Priddy and Johnny Pesky are an excellent DP combo with Vernon and Grady Hatton at the corners. Jim Hegan is almost there behind the plate and overall, this team is right on the fringe of being a true contender. A few more key moves and the Hornets might be able to buzz the upper regions of the American League. Cont. Page 10

Stat Import/Export and Manager Profiles

by Mike Cascarano
President SPB-III-'27

Listed below you will find instructions on how to Import/Export a manager Profile from a floppy disk or sub-directory using the latest version of Diamond Mind Baseball V6.0b

To "EXPORT" a manager Profile to disk:

From the Main Menu go to "Transfer", then go to "Stats/MP", then go to "Export".

Once there, use the following Export Options:

1. Transfer File Drive: a:, b:, or c: depending on the drive you are using.

2. Transfer file directory: Use the \ (backslash), unless you are exporting to a sub-directory on your c drive, then name that directory.

3. Export Statistics: Set to "No"

4. Export Manager Profile: Set to "Yes"

5. Export Scope: Set to "Team"

Then arrow down to "OK" and hit the Enter key. You will then have to place the highlight bar over your team and hit the Enter key. Your manager profile (2) files, will be exported to your destination disk.

To "IMPORT" a manager profile from disk:

From the Main Menu go to "Transfer", then go to "Stats/MP", then go to "Import".

Once there, use the following Import Options:

1. Transfer File Drive: a:, b:, or c: depending on if you are importing from floppy disk or E-mail sub-directory file.

2. Transfer File Directory: Use the \ (backslash) , unless you are importing from a sub-directory on your c drive, then name the directory.

3. Import Statistics: Set to "No"

4. Preview Only? Set to "No"

5. Import Type: Set to "Replace"

6. Import Manager Profile: Set to "Yes"

7. Import Scope: Set to "Team"

Then arrow down to "OK" and hit the Enter key. You will then have to place the highlight bar over the team whose profile you wish to import and hit the Enter key. Your opponent's profile will then be imported and ready to Play Ball.

If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please call or E-mail me.

STATS.....



Now I'll try to show you the easiest way to set up your game and player directories. By following these guidelines I

believe that submit-ing your monthly stats will be an easy task. This will allow the statistician to get the updated YTD stats back to you in a timely manner.

At the C:\ (substitute another hard drive letter if necessary) prompt, do the following:

1. Create a directory on your hard drive called **SPB27** by typing:
MD SPB27 <return>

2. Change to the SPB27 directory by typing: CD\SPB27

3. Create sub-directories within the SBP27 directory by typing:
MD APRIL <return>

MD MAY <return>
MD JUNE <return>
MD JULY <return>
MD AUGUST <return>
MD SEPTEMBR <return>
***note the spelling**
MD YTD <return>

4. When you receive the league player disk, copy it into EACH month's sub-directory within the SPB27 directory. From the A;\ or B:\ prompt or depending on which drive you are using, type the following:

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COPY *.*  
C:\SPB27\APRIL <return>  
COPY *.* C:\SPB27\MAY  
<return>  
COPY *.*  
C:\SPB27\JUNE <return>  
COPY *.* C:\SPB27\JULY  
<return>  
COPY *.*  
C:\SPB27\AUGUST <return>  
COPY *.*  
C:\SPB27\SEPTEMBR <return>  
*note the spelling  
(If the hard drive you'll be using is not C, substitute the appropriate letter)
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You now have a league disk in each directory: April, May, June, July, August and **Septembr**. Please play each month's games only in a month's subdirectory.

REMEMBER, at the beginning of each new month you will need to make that month's sub-directory active using the DMB6 setup screen. For example - if you were playing April's games you would need to make the SPB27\APRIL sub-directory active on the DMB6 setup screen.

After EACH series, please give the entire league 999 days rest. It is easier to rest the entire league than two teams. **DO NOT ZERO OUT THE STATS AT ANY TIME !!!** If you zero out the stats that sub-directory will be **LOST! BACK-UP OFTEN, JUST IN CASE!!!!!**

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After you have played all your home games for a particular month, either copy all the files from that month's sub-directory to a floppy disk by typing the following:

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CD\SPB27\APRIL <return>
COPY *.* A: <return> or
COPY *.* B: <return>
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or prepare to zip the files for E-mail delivery. That subject will be discussed at a later date.

As you all are aware, the stat disk must be received by the respective league statistician no later than the **22nd of each month.**

After the statistician receives all the stat disks or files, he'll compile the stats and will have the YTD stats for the league. Each month, hopefully by the 27th of each month, each manager will receive a floppy disk or E-mail files which will contain the current YTD stats for all teams in the league. When you receive this floppy disk or E-mail file, copy it into the SPB27\YTD sub-directory by typing the following from floppy or hard drive prompt the following:

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COPY *.* C:\SPB27\YTD
<return>
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(If the hard drive you'll be using is not C, substitute the appropriate letter)

You will now be able to see the YTD stats for the league by making the SPB27\YTD sub-directory active on the DMB6 setup screen and using the Reports function within the games menu.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines or if you do not have enough hard drive space available, please give me a call:

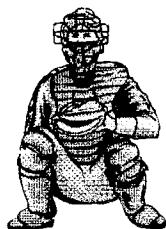
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More '27 Draft Positions

Here are the added draft positions for the **2nd Round** for **Catchers and Relief Pitchers** in the 1927 Draft:

Catchers:

1 Grunts	15 Barnstormers
2 Crackers	16 Wildcats
3 Tip-Tops	17 Spiders
4 Hawks	18 Rainiers
5 Thunderbolts	19 Stars
6 Gamblers	20 Clowns
7 Roses	21 Wizards
8 Wizards	22 Roses
9 Clowns	23 Gamblers
10 Stars	24 Thunderbolts
11 Rainiers	25 Hawks
12 Spiders	26 Tip-Tops
13 Wildcats	27 Crackers
14 Barnstormers	28 Grunts



Relief Pitchers:

1 Gamblers	15 Spiders
2 Grunts	16 Clowns
3 Hawks	17 Wizards
4 Barnstormers	18 Stars
5 Tip-Tops	19 Rainiers
6 Wildcats	20 Crackers
7 Thunderbolts	21 Roses
8 Roses	22 Thunderbolts
9 Crackers	23 Wildcats
10 Rainiers	24 Tip-Tops
11 Stars	25 Barnstormers
12 Wizards	26 Hawks
13 Clowns	27 Grunts
14 Spiders	28 Gamblers

'27 Drafts, '47 Starts

From P. 1

With the 1947 beginning on May 1st, the '27 draft on May 4, the season opener on June 1st and the 1959 draft on the same date, it becomes apparent that those who maintain excellent time management skills will rise to the top of the leagues.

The additional rounds for the '27 draft appear here on Page 6 and the opening two rounds of the '59 draft are on page 8.

Jim Wheeler had planned on having the 1927 National League Park Ratings available by this time, but prior commitments took precedence. These will be made available with the player disk which is in the final stages of preparation and will be available as soon as possible.

A schedule has been included with **AROUND THE HORN** for the 1927 managers. It includes each club's full season schedule in columnar form, listing home and away games. It's also an easy reference for opposing managers.

Have fun.

Pass the Virus Check

In order to prevent passing of potentially damaging computer viruses during disk transfers, be sure that you have a program on your system to check **all** disks. You should check a disk **BEFORE** doing any transfer to your system.

Norton Anti-Virus or **MacAfee** will detect and correct most viruses and each is updatable after registration via the internet. LJR



September '58

From Page 3

But the Sox exploded against John Podres for 6 in the 4th to provide Ray Semproch support for a CG win. The next day, the Sox jumped out to a 9-1 lead, then held on as Ralph Terry went the distance, 11-6. Charlie Maxwell and John Logan had 3 RBI apiece. Steve Ehresman's head was spinning the next day and Bob Rush matched zeroes with Bob Turley thru 8. Pelicans got one in 9th on a Gene Woodling triple, but Roy Face slammed the door. Three straight singles in the bottom half off Turley loaded the bases and Bob Lillis won it with a single.

Pelicans got one in the win column 7-4 as Bob Grim, in relief of Don Drysdale, defeated Ray Moore. Pierce won again the next day, 7-2 and in the loser leaves 'own game 7, Herb Moford flipped a 3-hitter to beat Nuxhall.

Sox finished off their 13-1 home mark with a sweep of the floundering Dis-Oriented Express.

A 13-0 slamming in the opener as the Sox posted 16 hits and 3 stolen bases! Semproch turned in another strong outing, yeilding only four hits. HRs by Wally Moon, Frank Malzone, Logan and Maxwell led the way. Milt Pappas of the Express checked out here as the Sox put up 5 in the 7th and two in the 8th to coast (?) 9-4. Terry got support from Trucks.

Game 3 was a nail-biter as Harvey Haddix and Pierce matched up. Steve Bilko's 2-run HR was key for the Sox. A late comeback in game 4. Rush and Jack Sanford were 2-2 through 6 when in the bottom 8th, Jim Lemon aunched one for the win.

The Sox could smell sweep and jumped on Pete Ramos early, leading 4-1 into the 8th, the Express picked up two off Face, on for Moore. Carl Furillo tripled, Joe Adcock doubled and later scored on a wild pitch. But that was it and the Sox prevailed 5-3.

Pappas returned in game six against Semproch and Harry Anderson drove home 2 with a 3-for-4 day and led a 3-1 win. In the finale, another getaway shutout as Terry permitted three singles and Torre's HR led the way to a 3-0 win.

As predicted earlier, John Ungashick's Evanston Black Sox proved to be the spoilers late in the season. The Sox won 4-of-7 from both the Rifles and Saxons.

Rifles got 20 hits in a 10-4 game three rout and stranded 16 runners! In game four, Phil Paine issued a sacks full walk to Larry Doby in the bottom of the 13th to give the Hose a 3-2 win. Game 5 was a double PERFECTO until two out in the 5th when Hector Lopez walked and on Tony Taylor's 2B, the lead-footed Lopez was nailed at the plate. Rifles broke the string in the 6th, but Dick Stuart clubbed one in the 7th for a 1-0 lead. They added one in the 8th and Ray Monzant, picked as one who could kill you, had allowed only one hit and walk thru 8. In the 9th, PH Bill Renna tied things with a 2-run HR, but in their last shot, the Sox got a game-winning bingle from Lopez for a 3-2 win. Sox won the 6th game 2-1 as the Rifles scoring drought continued, but the West Coasters scored 3 in the 8th inning of game 7 for a 4-2 victory.

Against the eventual pennant-winning Saxons, the Sox came back with 3 in the last of the 9th to steal a 6-5 win. Saxons romped 10-6 in the second and the third contest was scoreless thru the bottom 8th when the Sox got 3 and held on for the shutout. The Saxons squeaked by with a 5-4 win in the 9th and then the Sox got their most decisive win, 5-2 in game six. Early Wynn was the closer in the 9th inning. A four-run 8th inning was enough for the Saxons to salvage game seven, the game the ultimately put them over the top.

The Minors finished out their history in Mountain Park by winning their final two home series 4-3.

Minors eeked out a 3-2 opening game win, then Express got 16 hits, led by Cerv's 3 hits in a 7-3 win over Frank Lary. Orient won again with Haddix starting. Cerv had another big day with 4 hits and 3 more RBI. Minors won game four 4-1 behind Jones with a save from Billy Hoelt. Express won game 5, 3-2 and then Minors won the final two, 8-5 and 9-8. In the finale, they survived 4 errors and a pair of HRs from Furillo.

The Cubs were the final series at Mountain Park and the Minors made it a successful getaway. Lary tossed a CG 4-3 win in the opener. Dale Long drove home 5 in 2nd game, a 7-5 Cubs win. Robin Roberts fired a 7-0 M's zip in game 3, then ted Bowsfield bested Gomez in the 4th. Another CG for Lary in the fifth, Cubs won 6th by 5-3 on Mays' 3 RBI. In the finale, the veteran Robin Roberts closed out with a 4-1 five-hit gem.

That's All Folks!!!

MANAGER PROFILE DATA

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1959 Team Draft Order

- Round 1	- Round 2
1 Zees	1 WS Champion
2 Cascades	2 WS Runner-up
3 Falcons	3 Cubs
4 Rifles	4 Falcons
5 Mavericks	5 Zees
6 Blue Sox	6 Cascades
7 Cubs	7 Pelicans
8 Express	8 Rifles
9 Grays	9 Grays
10 Pelicans	10 Mavericks
11 Seniors	11 Black Sox
12 Black Sox	12 Blue Sox
13 WS Runner-up	13 Express
14 WS Champion	14 Seniors

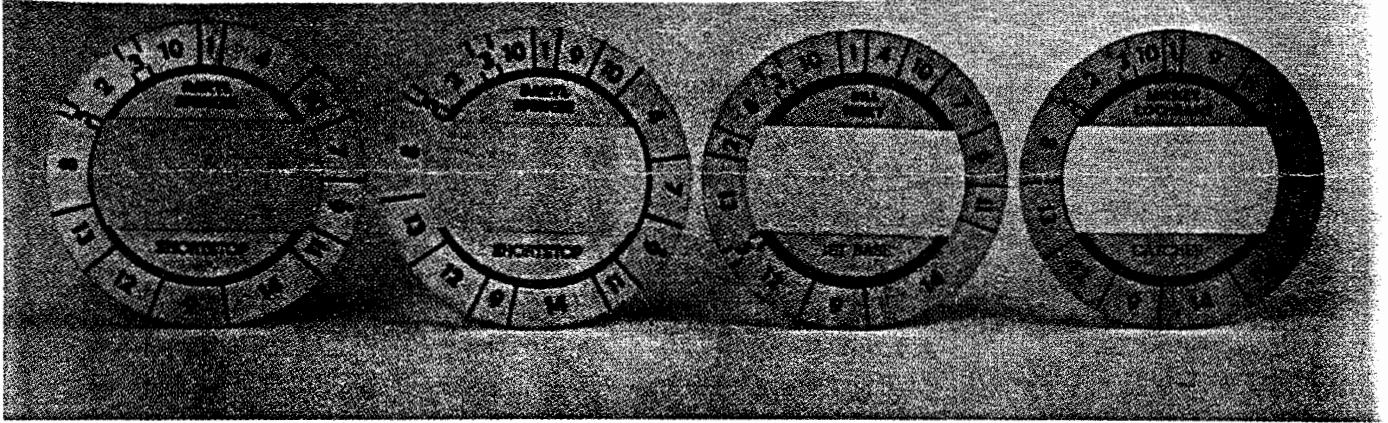
Top 20: '59 Draft Outlook

Without benefit of the final draft list of available rookies and veterans, here's a quick look at which players should round out the first twenty picks. These are not in order. We will surprise!!

1 Billy Williams	11 Bob Gibson
2 Maury Wills	12 Jim Perry
3 Zoilo Versalles	13 Larry Sherry
4 John Romano	14 Jack Fisher
5 Willie McCovey	15 Earl Wilson
6 Norm Cash	16 Ernie Broglio
7 George Altman	17 Jerry Casale
8 Jose Pagan	18 Bob Miller
9 Jerry Adair	19 Jim Coates
10 Jim O'Toole	20 Ken McBride

Tidbits and Memorabilia

Well, they're not exactly the high-tech, state-of-the art disks which we have grown accustomed to with *Diamond Mind Baseball*, but the disks with *Ethan Allen's All-Star Baseball Game* served us all quite well as youngsters. The accompanying photos are from **BASEBALL GAMES: HOME VERSIONS of THE NATIONAL PASTIME** by Mark Cooper, M.D., published by Schiffer Publications. The book is \$39.95 and is a wealth of information about the games which not only shaped our youth, but perhaps our father's and grandfather's. As we go along, I'll continue to utilize some pieces.

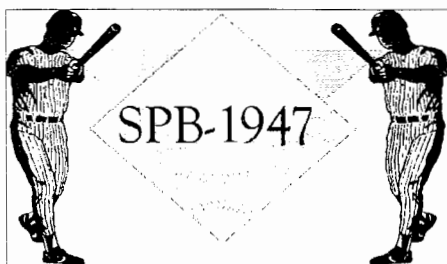


1959 and 1960 player discs. The black printed discs are regular all stars and the red printed discs are all-time greats. In 1959 the discs became paper and there are two number 10 spaces instead of one large 10 space. In 1960 they also split up the number 9 space. *Courtesy of Vincent Hink.*



1959 All-Star Baseball Game. The disc wells have disappeared, with the discs being stored under the board. We've left the score board off so you can see that storage compartment at the top of the board with the convenient hole for lifting it. Ethan Allen's name and image are in the lower right hand corner. The box top is slightly different with the Mr. Fun Spells Cadaco logo in the upper right hand corner. *Courtesy of Vincent Hink.*

'47 NATIONAL LEAGUE PREVIEW



ELEPHANTS- Stampeded their way to 102 wins before falling to the Fortress in the Series. John Ungashick was quite active in re-fortifying his club and appears to be in good position for another pennant run. Picked up Red Embree, Johnny Murphy, Joe Medwick, Joe Hatten and Elbie Fletcher. Solid! Bob Feller is back after leading the league in strikeouts and with Hatten and Howie Pollett from the left side, Steve Gromek and Ernie Bonham on the right, there is no rest. Probably the best catching in the league with Frank Mancuso, Bruce Edwards and Mickey Livingston. Joe DiMaggio, Hank Edwards and Elmer Valo will keep thumping in the OF slots. Drafter Willie Jones will be ready to take over 3B when Whitey Kurowski is ready to hang it up. Joe Medwick provides good pop off the bench. Can the Elephants get to 102 again? They'll give it a shot.

MARAUDERS- Came up 4 short last year and were not overly active in the trade mart. Did move slugger Roy Cullenbine for the Bears 3rd round pick which turned into Ray Coleman. Top pick Ferris Fain will move in at 1B, Frank Gustine and Billy Cox are in the middle with Frankie Gustine at 3B. Great OF with Sam Chapman, Enos Slaughter, Carl Furillo and Pete Reiser. The BEST lefty pitching in the league with Ed

Lopat, Dave Koslo and Mickey Haefner joining little Vic Lombardi, 20-3, 1.94 and TWO no-hitters in '46. And he didn't get the Cy Young! Could have problems with some of the heavy hitting RHs in the league. Overall, a strong club wich will be right in the hunt all season.

WHALES- Underachieved in '46 with only 83 wins, but made the right moves to succeed this year. Picked Wally Westlake in the 1st round. Aaron Robinson behind the plate gives good offense, but the IF is a question. Jake Jones is primed for a good year at 1B, the middle has Vern Stephens and Cass Michaels who can also play 3B and a full committee at 3B. Del Ennis established himself as a rookie in the OF with Stan Spence. Pitching led by Al Brazle, Ken Rafensberger, Murry Dickson and Early Wynn with Ted Wilks in relief. Good shot at 85 wins.

TREES- Finished 4 under .500 last year and made enough moves to pass the breakeven point in '47. Earl Torgeson joins Frank McCormick at 1B, great middle with Red Schoendienst and Lou Boudreau and Spider Jorgensen at 3B for power. Good OF with draftee Frankie Baumholtz, Bob Kennedy and Joe Grace. Except for Johnny VanderMeer, no other LHP! Johnny Sain cannot pitch everyday and beyond those two, not much else of note. Lots of runs scored and loads allowed, especially to teams strong with lefty sluggers.

WHITE SOX- Sputtered to a disappointing season, came up with Vic Raschi to solidify what can be a tough pitching staff. Ewell Blackwell, Preacher Roe and Dick Fowler round out the rotation with Harry Taylor in for

one good year. Ted Williams is the key here, but he has some hitting support with Bob Elliott, Eddie Stanky, Walker Cooper, Tommy Henrich and Ron Northey. Bobby Rhawn gives good pop off the bench and as an IF reserve. Should surpass the .500 mark if Williams is not pitched around as he was last year, leading the league in intentional walks.

ACORNS- Struck gold in the draft with the first pick, nabbing Jackie Robinson who moves right in and takes over at 1B. Emil Verban and Pee Wee Reese are solid in the middle and Bob Dillinger is solid at 3B. Phil Cavarretta will move to the OF with Charlie Gilbert and Jim Russell. Acorns were unable to move Hank Greenberg, so the slugger, only rated at 1B will probably just come off the bench. Second pick Joe Coleman joins an almost totally righty staff with Tex Hughson and Virgil Trucks. Acorns have finally stopped falling and are almost ready to grow.

BEARS- Team with the worst record in 1946 and losers of 101 games, the Bears made some subtle moves in the off-season to at least reach spoiler status. Larry Jansen will provide solid pitching and joins Ellis Kinder and Frank Papish on the thin staff. Les Moss behind the plate is adequate and the prime acquisition was Roy Cullenbine to hold down 1B. The IF will be a chess match with Bill Rigney, Pete Suder, Bob Calicchia's cousin Sibby Sisti and Gene Handley sharing the IF. Not a bad OF with Dave Philley, Dick Wakefield, Pat Mullin and oh yes, that guy Ralph Kiner who could reach the 55+ HR mark in SPB '47...