

**AROUND THE HORN**  
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**3 NEW MANAGERS**

Since we last talked there have been several managerial chances made in SPBII-45. Three (3) new managers will assume the reigns at that conclusion of the 1944 season. This enables each new manager to participate in October's 1945 Rookie Draft. The new managers are as follows:

<u>Manager</u>	<u>1944 Team</u>
Rick Ryan	Erie Fire
Tim Johnson	Wooster Roosters
Don Zminda	Greenfield Insects

An updated address list has been enclosed with this newsletter. Be sure to give Rick, Tim and Don a call welcoming them into the fold. Also, be sure to inspect the new division realignment for the 1945 season. As always, primary emphasis has been placed on alignments that encourage head to head play.

**Pennant Playoff-44 West**

Early reports from league stat John Ungashick indicate that the Chicago Whales and Antelope Valley Marauders have ended the 1944 season in a dead heat, tied for first place in the Western Division. Tom Falduto and Mike Cascarano will each play a single game of a three (3) game series. If neither team wins both games, President Gary Plunkitt will play the final game in computer v computer mode.

The final outcome of the Eastern Division race also hangs in the balance. At last report, outgoing Greenfield manager Bill Marcotte has yet to play any of his final 21 home games. Only 2 1/2 games separate the Insects from the number one spot held by the Wooster Roosters. My sources tell me that the Roosters fell on bad times during the final month of the season, so a double tie is within reason.

**1945 Rookie Draft**

As soon as the final outcome of the 1944 season is known, the random order of the 45 Rookie draft will be announced. Each team will be notified of his position in the first two (2) rounds. As you may recall, positions 1 thru 12 and 3 thru 14 of the 1st and 2nd rounds are selected at random. The two pennant winners draft in the 1st round at positions #13 & #14 and #1 & #2 in the 2nd round. Beginning with round Three, the order of draft is based upon reverse order of finish. Make your plans now to participate either in person, by phone or draft list for the SPBII-45 Rookie Draft. The draft will be held Saturday October 22, 1994 12:00 C.S.T. at Frankfort, Indiana.

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You may have noticed from the latest stat disk that the Mickey Mantle led Frankfort Tigers are taking the Eastern Division apart. Over in the West it looks like another typical nailbitter pennant finish is in the making. "Break up the Tigers" will be the cry that joins "Remember the Alamo" as a rallying point for the 1957 season.

League stat John Turnbull, now the proud father of a new baby boy named Aaron, asked me to remind you that he will publish any exciting game accounts, boxscores or unusual events. Let John know of your wild and wacky series events.

### 1945 Trades

A few trades in SPBII-45 are now official with both league dues submitted and written notification to the Commissioners Office. Here they are:

12. Gold Sox trade CURT DAVIS, HERSH MARTIN, and RAY MUELLER to the Whales for DANNY GARDELLA and BUDDY ROSAR.
13. Marauders ship GUY CURTRIGHT to the Bears for PETE COSCARART.

### Batting Limits

As you know beginning with the 1957 season, batters will be limited to the next highest 50 at bats over their actual total i.e., 107 AB=150 AB, 155 AB=200 AB. The change was also targeted to become effective with the 1946 season. I would like to propose that this rule be effective with the 1945 season as well. We still have a higher level of offense than in real life, a fact that can be attributed to the increased number of at bats for the better players. It only makes sense that we place as strict a limit on hitters as we do on pitchers. In looking at the rosters it appears that plenty of scrubs are underused. These players must get their AB's to reproduce an accurate level of both hitting and pitching. What do you think?