

**AROUND THE HORN**  
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**HAIL TO THE VICTORS**

The inaugural season of SPBII-44 is now history and the new World Champion's are the Chicago Whales led by manager Tom Falduto. Tom is no stranger to the post season having also won the SPBI-55 crown. So hats off to Tom on another fine job of putting together a winning team.

Somewhere lost in the turmoil of continual managerial changes is the fact that both divisions ended the season in ties. As you know, this is a feat that has never occurred in the Majors. My person opinion is that this demonstrates how exciting our divisional league setups can be. Let's hope to see it happen again when all the managers involved can truly appreciate the excitement of a closely fought pennant race.

**45 ROOKIE DRAFT**

The SPBII-45 Rookie Draft will begin at 12:00 NOON C.S.T. on October 22, 1994. Once again, Gary Plunkitt will be hosting the gala event.

The draft will follow the same format as in previous years. Those managers participating by telephone will receive a ONE ring phone signal from draft HQ when it is their turn to make a draft pick. At this signal, the manager receiving the call will contact draft HQ at#317-654-4990 and receive the names of the latest players drafted. After receiving the draft picks, the manager will have five (5) minutes to make his 45 draft selection. This procedure will be repeated until all eligible players have been selected. It appears that the draft will be at least 14 rounds long.

Also, managers participating in person will be subject to the 5 minute rule. If any manager cannot make his draft pick within the allotted time, the Commissioner will make that team's selection.

**45 DRAFT ORDER**

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	REMAINING ROUNDS
1). Trees	1). Whales	1). Fortress
2). Elephants	2). Monarchs	2). Bears
3). Fortress	3). Bears	3). Acorns
4). Acorns	4). Elephants	4). Whales (Hornets)*
5). Hornets	5). Hornets	5). Federals
6). Redbirds	6). White Sox	6). Gold Sox
7). Federals	7). Fortress	7). White Sox
8). White Sox	8). Redbirds	8). Elephants
9). Marauders	9). Marauders	9). Dodgers
10). Gold Sox	10). Gold Sox	10). Marauders
11). Dodgers	11). Dodgers	11). Whales
12). Bears	12). Federals	12). Redbirds
13). Monarchs	13). Acorns	13). Trees
14). Whales	14). Trees	14). Monarchs

If you are participating by a written draft list, the Commissioners Office MUST have your list by Wednesday October 18, 1994.

## MORE 45 TRADES

- 14). Hornets trade SNUFFY STIRNWEISS and MIKE GUERRA to the Gold Sox for TOMMY BROWN, EMIL VERBAN, and DANNY GARDELLA.
- 15). Whales send HERSH MARTIN to the Elephants for HY VANDENBERG and HAL WAGNER.
- 16). Whales swap OSCAR GRIMES to the Hornets for JIM TABOR and Hornets THIRD ROUND DRAFT PICK.

## SBPI-56

By now all should have received the latest stat disk from John Turnbull. It appears that another dogfight is in the making for the winner of the Western Division. In the East, well the Tigers rule the jungle.

Several managers have expressed concerns over the inflated performances of left handed batters and conversely, the deterioration of quality left hand pitching. I have discussed this matter with Tom Tippett and he is checking the problem. I hope that Tom will have a resolution to the situation before to the December 1994 beginning of the SPBII-45 season. Since the 1945 and 1957 seasons will be using the next 50 AB limit for hitters, the lofty hitting totals may decrease. If not, then we may need to discuss other measures such as expansion, stricter AB limits, or increasing the pitchers limits. At any rate, until I hear back from Tom, I am hesitant to make any other modifications. Any ideas that you may have are welcome to be expressed.