

SEASONS PAST BASEBALL

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ROOKIE DRAFT

This will be the final newsletter prior to the Rookie Draft. To reiterate, the 1993 Rookie Draft will begin at 1200 hours C.S.T. on July 17, 1993. The first ever Seasons Past Rookie draft is being hosted by Gary Plunkitt in Frankfort, Indiana. Those planning to attend the draft in person should contact Gary for lodging information as well as directions to his house.

At this point, I believe at least 12 managers will be attending in person. Mike Cascarano will be participating by phone while George Kaldis status is uncertain at this time. For those not planning to participate in person or by phone, you may submit a complete list of rookies in the order you would like to pick them. The league office will then make the picks for you based upon the list you submitted. If no list is received, the league office will make all of that teams picks.

As for the mechanics of the phone draft, we will follow this system. Draft Central (Gary Plunkitt's house) will call the manager who is scheduled to pick and let the phone ring one (1) time. The manager will then have five (5) minutes to call back to (317) 654-4990. The rookies who have been selected will be read to the manger and he will then have 15 minutes in which to make his player selection. This 15 minute rule will also apply to those attending in person. Hopefully, this time limit will keep the draft moving in a timely fashion. If the manager cannot complete his pick in the 15 minute time frame, he will lose that rounds pick!

MORE ON PLAYER RATINGS

As some of you may know, Gary Plunkitt, Luke Kraemer, and myself have signed a contract with PTP and Tom Tippit to produce past season disks. PTP will begin marketing these disks in conjunction with the release of version 5.0 of the game. Initially, these seasons will be modified versions of those seasons which we have already created. So how does this affect our league? First, Tom Tippit has provided us with all the tools needed to properly rate the players for seasons already produced. This pertains not just to the formulas needed to produce certain play results but also to the subjective ratings.

Second, this means that some of the subjective running, stealing, and fielding ratings WILL be changing. Those of you who have already acquired seasons from Luke may notice these new changes on the latest 1955 PTP season disk. However, for the upcoming 1955 Season Past our league will stick with the ratings published with the rosters in last months newsletter. But for all future seasons, we will use the ratings assigned to the players using the newly acquired formulas that Tom has provided.

Will these changes be drastic? Overall no as most players will move up or down closer to the average rating. However, expect a few

previously rated excellent or very good rated players to drop a rating or two. Overall these new ratings will help to increase the realism and accuracy of an already fine game.

OTHER FUNGOS

Other than the upcoming draft, the league remains static. Jeff Nicholson is still waiting for offers for Hank Aaron. By the way, he turned down my offer of Banks for Aaron.

Enclosed with this mailing you will find the 1955 league schedule, a revised page 1 of the League Constitution (please replace the previous issued page 1), and a wonderful write up of the 1955 season by our own version of Ernest Hemmingway, Steve Eshreman.

See you at the draft!!!!