

**AROUND THE HORN  
THE SPB NEWSLETTER**

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**NEW DRAFT FORMAT**

Effective immediately, the first 12 picks of the 1st Round of any SPB rookie draft will be selected at random. All twelve (12) teams will have an equal chance to obtain any of the first twelve (12) positions in the draft. Picks #13 and #14 will be awarded to the two teams competing in the World Series. The World Series runner up will pick in the #13 spot and the World Series winner picks last at spot #14.

With the second round of the rookie draft, SPB will break the mold of traditional mail league drafts by recognizing the importance of producing a winning team. The winner of the World Series will have the #1 pick in the second round and be followed by the World Series Runner up with the #2 pick. The remaining 12 picks of the 2nd Round will then be drawn at random. All twelve (12) teams will have an equal chance to obtain any remaining position in the 2nd draft round.

The remaining rounds of the Rookie Draft will be in reverse order of finish. The team with the fewest number of wins will draft in the #1 spot to be followed in order by the remaining teams. The team with the highest number of wins will draft in spot #14 throughout the remainder of the draft.

Many of you are aware of my strong concerns regarding the unique situation this league finds itself. By knowing with virtual certainty exactly how a player will perform, all uncertainty has been removed from the league. By creating an aura of unpredictability in the rookie draft, the league will counteract any possibility of managerial manipulation aimed to enhance a teams draft status. The league cannot survive without this drastic change. I applaud you all for bearing with me during this difficult transition phase.

Currently in the works is a new league constitution, which will closely detail the order of the rookie draft. Additionally, the role of the newly formed Rules Committee will be documented. In the future, any changes to the League Constitution will first be approved by this important committee.

**SPB NEWS**

The SPBII-44 draft was held Saturday, February 19, 1994. Managers present at the draft were Bill Marcotte, Jerry Daily, Tom Mink, Gary Plunkitt and Jim Wheeler. Each teams roster is enclosed with this newsletter. A detailed listing of each round of the draft will be included in the next newsletter.

**SEASONS PAST BASEBALL**

Jeff Nicholson, manager of the SPBI-55 Dayton Ducks will be resigning at the completion of the 1955 season. Jeff has also elected not to continue with a franchise in SPBII-44. We wish the best of luck to Jeff in his many other leagues and thank him for efforts in making Seasons Past Baseball a reality.

Paul Kenyon of Lincoln, RI will be taking over the reins of the Dayton team. Paul has yet to announce his team's name but my guess is that it may have something to do with presidents. Paul is an experienced mail-leaguer and can be reached at 401-333-6145, so give him a call and welcome him to the league.

A new address list is enclosed that corrects several typos from the previous offering. Please replace the old address list with the current version.

Please remember that all SPB leagues will be using PTP's Version 5.0 or higher for league play. There is no need to purchase the season data disk, as your league dues are used to purchase the disks directly from Luke Kraemer.

### 1956 TRADES

Several managers have met the requirements for trading players for the 1956 season. Here are the OFFICIAL trades as reported to date.

47. BlueSox trade DUKE SNIDER, HANK BAUER, VIC POWER, JIM RIVERA, WALKER COOPER, DON LARSEN & 3rd round draft choice to the Tigers for DALE LONG, WALLY MOON, JIM LEMON, JIM BUSBY, HERM WEHMEIER, & 2nd round draft choice.
48. BlueSox trade DALE LONG, TED LEPCIO, BILLY GARDNER, & MURRAY DICKSON to Cubs for DEE FONDY, GENE BAKER, 1st round draft choice, and 2nd round draft pick.
49. Flyers trade GIL HODGES & DON ZIMMER to Tigers for VIC POWER & CARL ERSKINE.

### IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 28, 1994: SPBI-55 protected list due at league office

MARCH 25, 1994: SPBII-44 final rosters due at league office

APRIL 1, 1994: SPBII-44 Season begins-PLAY BALL!!!!

APRIL 16, 1994: SPBI-56 Rookie Draft-Lafayette, Indiana

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## 1956 ROOKIE DRAFT ORDER

Besides the SPBII-44 draft that was held on February 19, 1994, the order of the first two SPBI-56 rookie draft was selected. Here is the order:

### 1st Round

1. Falcons
2. Paul Kenyon
3. Black Sox
4. Flyers
5. Mavericks
6. Minors
7. Blue Sox
8. Cascades
9. Knights
10. Bluebirds
11. Rifles
12. Cubs
13. World Series Runner Up
14. World Series Winner

### 2nd Round

1. World Series Winner
2. World Series Runner Up
3. Flyers
4. Falcons
5. Rifles
6. Blue Sox
7. Cascades
8. Paul Kenyon
9. Bluebirds
10. Cubs
11. Black Sox
12. Knights
13. Mavericks
14. Minors

The order for the remaining rounds the 56 Rookie draft will be published when all the final stats have been submitted to John Turnbull.

The mantle of decision having fallen upon the gentlemen heretofore named, they bore their responsibility with true dignity. Many of the selectors accompanied their list of choices with explanatory and even enthusiastic comments justifying their selections and setting forth the various pros and cons which impelled them to make one choice rather than another. What some of them had to say is recorded on the following pages.

Here, then, is the All-Star Team of the Decade, as selected by 190 sports writers and editors—a Selection Committee of men who have followed baseball closely and zealously for many years, and are most qualified to make a judgment about America's ballplayers.

### THE ALL-STAR TEAM OF THE PAST DECADE

	FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM	THIRD TEAM
FIRST BASE . . . . .	<i>Gil Hodges</i>	<i>Mickey Vernon</i>	<i>Ted Kluszewski</i>
SECOND BASE . . . . .	<i>Nellie Fox</i>	<i>Red Schoendienst</i>	<i>Jackie Robinson</i>
SHORTSTOP . . . . .	<i>Phil Rizzuto</i>	<i>Pee Wee Reese</i>	<i>Ernie Banks</i>
THIRD BASE . . . . .	<i>George Kell</i>	<i>Ed Mathews</i>	<i>Al Rosen</i>
OUTFIELD . . . . .	<i>Ted Williams</i>	<i>Mickie Mantle</i>	<i>Al Kaline</i>
	<i>Stan Musial</i>	<i>Hank Aaron</i>	<i>Jackie Jensen</i>
	<i>Willie Mays</i>	<i>Duke Snider</i>	<i>Richie Ashburn</i>
CATCHER . . . . .	<i>Yogi Berra</i>	<i>Roy Campanella</i>	<i>Del Crandall</i>
LEFT-HANDED PITCHER .	<i>Warren Spahn</i>	<i>Whitey Ford</i>	<i>Billy Pierce</i>
RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER	<i>Allie Reynolds</i>	<i>Robin Roberts</i>	<i>Early Wynn</i>
RELIEF PITCHER . . .	<i>Elroy Face</i>	<i>Jim Konstanty</i>	<i>Hoyt Wilhelm</i>
PINCH HITTER . . . . .	<i>Johnny Mize</i>	<i>Enos Slaughter</i>	<i>Dusty Rhodes</i>
MANAGER . . . . .	<i>Casey Stengel</i>	<i>Al Lopez</i>	<i>Leo Durocher</i>