

# SEASONS PAST BASEBALL

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## DRAFT RESULTS

As you know the draft went off without a hitch. Steve Ehresman has written an excellent summary of the days events which saves me the task of doing so. At any rate, I'm sure you'll enjoy Steve's piece much more than any report that I could provide.

## RULE CHANGES

Several votes were taken on draft day that dealt with issues relative to the 1956 draft and protected lists. The rule changes are as follows:

The first 3 picks of the 1956 season rookie draft will be determined by an NBA lottery style selection. The team with the worst record will receive 3 chances for the #1 pick, the next worst team 2 chances and the 3rd worst team will receive 1 chance. The draft will be held immediately after all series results are received.

The 2 teams with the most wins at the completion of the 1955 season will be eligible to protect 20 players from the waiver list. All teams that finish .500 or above will be allowed to protect 19 players from the waiver list. All remaining teams will protect 18 players.

Vern Easley has proposed that the second round of the rookie draft be drawn at random. As you may recall a similar proposal for the first round was defeated. Let me know your opinion on this issue and I bring the issue to a vote.

## A FLURRY OF TRADES

18. Black Sox send BILLY GOODMAN, JIM RIVERA, 1ST ROUND DRAFT PICK, and 2ND ROUND DRAFT PICK to Blue Sox for WHITEY LOCKMAN, 1ST ROUND DRAFT PICK, and 2ND ROUND DRAFT PICK.
19. Tigers send LEW BURDETTE and #1 DRAFT PICK to Flyers for ERNIE BANKS.
20. Ducks trade TED KLUSZEWSKI and THIRD ROUND DRAFT PICK to Saxons for their #1 DRAFT PICK.
21. Blue Sox deal BOB KENNEDY, SOLLY HEMUS, and GRANNY HAMNER to Tigers for ANDY CAREY AND WAYNE TERWILLIGER.
22. Flyers trade THIRD ROUND DRAFT PICK to Ducks for GEORGE KELL.
23. Ducks trade TOBY ATWELL and GUS ZERNIAL to Black Sox for their THIRD ROUND PICK and CLINT COURTNEY.

24. Knights trade HOOT EVERS to Saxons for JOHNNY O'BRIEN.
25. Tigers send JOE DEMAESTRI & VIC RASCHI to Ducks for TED LEPCIO and HERM WEHMEIER.
26. Tigers trade WALT DROPO to Ducks for BOB LEMON.
27. Flyers send BILL SKOWRON, FRED HATFIELD, JIM GREENGRASS, BOB SPEAKE, and HOWIE POLLET to Minors for GIL HODGES, SID GORDON, BOBBY ADAMS, HANK MAJESKI, and RON MROZINSKI.
28. Tigers trade JOHNNY SAIN & DAVE HILLMAN to Cubs for FRED MARSH and SPEC SHEA.
29. Flyers send SID GORDON & EDDIE ROBINSON to Tigers in exchange for CHUCK TANNER & EDDIE WAITKUS.
30. Titans trade AL SMITH & ART DITMAR to Saxons for BOB PURKEY & BILL TUTTLE.
31. Saxons deal FRANK BAUMHOLTZ to Black Sox for EDDIE MIKSIS & MEL WRIGHT.
32. Blue Sox trade BOB HALE to Black Sox for WARREN HACKER.
33. Knights send PAUL LAPALME & MEL CLARK to Saxons for EDDIE MIKSIS & ALEX KELLNER.
34. Ducks trade BOBBY MORGAN to Saxons for BOBBY KLINE & HARRY DORISH.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

All trades must be reported to the league office by midnight Saturday August 21, 1993. After that time the 32 man rosters will be frozen and the league diskette mailed out.

**LEAGUE DUES ARE DUE NOW!!!** For those that I have not received dues from, please do so immediately.

Also please check your rosters and outfield ratings for accuracy. Let me know if I made any mistakes.

## The Seasons Past League

Draft Day: Saturday, July 17, 1993

It's the eve of the 1955 season. As a charter member of the Seasons Past League, a PTP computer league that used the 1954 player ratings for its inaugural season, you are about to participate in the league's first ever rookie draft. Whom will you select? Killebrew? Clemente? Bunning? How about that flame-throwing youngster Koufax? Do you want immediate help for the 1955 pennant chase? Or, do you want to build a dynasty for the future?

On July 17, 1993, a week after Nick Nolte, Bobby Knight, Shaquille O'Neal, and a cast of super stars regally descended on Frankfort, Indiana to film "Blue Chips," a dozen Walter Mitty managers quietly assembled in an upstairs room in this sleepy Midwestern town to distribute the rookies of 1955. Ranging in age from twenty-eight to fifty-something, these intense, but anonymous competitors came from many different places: Dayton, Ohio; Evanston, Illinois; Omaha, Nebraska; Lilburn, Georgia; and Issaquah, Washington to name but a few. Two additional managers participated in the draft, phoning in their picks from Palmdale, California and Toronto, Canada. All the managers arrived carrying brief cases, notebooks, computer print-outs, and heavy encyclopedias. Truly, this was a group that had done its homework. As one manager joked, "If only our high school teachers could see us now."

While a tempting spread of deli meat, dill pickles, and munchies awaited in the large kitchen, the managers

voted to restructure the 1956 draft, rewarding the three weakest teams with an NBA-style lottery to replace the 1955 method of automatically giving the first pick in the draft to the team with the worst record. Then, the 1954 championship plaque was awarded to Andy Langert, the Seasons Past League's first champion. As Andy delivered a modest and gracious acceptance speech, several managers gazed enviously at the elegant plaque, dreaming of the day it would grace the walls above their own PCs.

The draft had barely begun, with the Toronto Titans confirming what everyone had known for months by drafting Roberto Clemente with the first pick of the first round, when draft headquarters was rocked by a blockbuster trade between the Dayton Flyers and the hometown Frankfort Tigers. To the consternation of all Cub fans in the room, the Tigers swapped Lew Burdette and the third overall pick in the draft for Ernie Banks of the Dayton Flyers. Suddenly, the lowly Frankfort Tigers appeared poised for the hunt in 1955. The Flyers used their newly-acquired draft choice to select Dick Groat.

Moments after the excitement of the Banks' trade had died down, the Dayton Ducks ruffled the feathers of rival managers by acquiring the Schaumburg Saxons' first-round pick in exchange for big Ted Kluszewski and a third-round selection. Tom Falduto, manager of the Saxons, said, "Hey, the future is now." The Ducks, using Schaumburg's selection, added Elston Howard to the flock.

Then, the managers settled down to business, and the