

AROUND THE HORN
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A New Look For SPB

As most of you know, SPB is expanding into another league and era with the 1944 season. Since many of you are managers in each league, the monthly newsletter will be covering events occurring in SPBI-55 and SPBII-44. So please read the newsletter carefully to keep up to date on events which may effect you.

SPBII-44 BALLPARK DRAFT

The SPBII-44 ballpark draft was conducted on January 28, 1994 with the following results. The order listed below also represents the order in which the parks were drafted.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Ballpark</u>
Federals	Forbes Field
Roosters	Ebetts Field
White Sox	Comiskey Park
Fire	League Park
Flying Insects	Braves Field
Acorns	Fenway Park
Fortress	Briggs Stadium
Dodgers	Crosley Field
Constables	Wrigley Field
Bears	Sportsman's Park (NL)
Elephants	Yankee Stadium
Marauders	Polo Grounds
Gold Sox	Sportsman's Park (AL)
Redbirds	Shibe Park (NL)
Whales	Shibe Park (AL)

MORE SPBII-44 NEWS

The 1944 player draft will be held on February 19, 1994 so make sure that your draft list arrives at the league office NO LATER THAN February 18, 1994. As of this date several managers are planning to be in attendance and all managers are invited to join in the fun.

NEW SPB ADMINISTRATION IN PLACE

With the advent of SPBII-44, it has become necessary to balance some of the administrative functions of both leagues onto other managers. In order to lighten the load so to speak, the following managers have been appointed as league officials.

SPBI-55 League President: Tom Falduto

SPBI-55 Statistician: John Turnbull

SPBII-44 League President: Gary Plunkitt

SPBII-44 Statistician: John Ungashick

A new League Constitution is being written to cover both leagues and will be sent to each member upon completion. The Constitution will outline the responsibilities of the league officials as well as update all rule changes for both leagues.

SPBI-55 NEWS

At last years rookie Draft Vern Easley proposed that the 2nd round of all future Rookie Drafts be drawn at random with each team having a single selection chance. The issue was voted on during January 1994 and eight (8) managers, representing a majority, voted to adopt this proposal. Accordingly, the 2nd round of each Rookie draft will be drawn entirely at random with each team having a single selection chance. The managers participating in the voting were:

Gary Plunkitt	Yes	1/02/94
Jim Wheeler	Yes	1/02/94
Steve Ehresman	Yes	1/02/94
Jeff Nicholson	Yes	1/04/94
Tom Falduto	Yes	1/04/94
John Turnbull	No	1/06/94
Vern Easley	Yes	1/08/94
John Ungashick	No	1/13/94
Lou Ross	Yes	1/13/94
Rick Ryan	Yes	1/14/94
Red Sears	No	1/28/94

CORRECT THAT NO-HITTER

This time I'll try and get it right. The SPB League's first ever regular season no-hitter was thrown by Ducks HARRY BYRD against the Black Sox. The previous newsletter listed the unfortunate victim of Byrd's gem as the Bluebirds. At any rate, check the enclosed boxscore and scoresheet for more details.

LETS GET THESE TRADES RIGHT

Once more NO SPB LEAGUE player trade is considered OFFICIAL until all of the following events occur. Each manager MUST:

- o Have paid his league dues for the upcoming season.
- o Must submit IN WRITING the details of the trade.
- o Must submit IN WRITING a list of players to be waived.

No manager has fulfilled all of these conditions as of this date, therefore any trade already reported to the league office in considered unofficial.

DOCTOR DIAMOND

Seems like the Doctor has fallen victim to his own medicine this month and will be taking some time of to recuperate. The league eagerly awaits the Doctor's unique perspective on league events and looks forward to the Doctor's end of season wrap up in March.

SPBI-55 WAIVER LISTS

The SPBI-55 Waiver list for each team is due at the league office NO LATER than February 28, 1994. On the accompanying form each manager is to list, in order of preference, the first 20 players on his 32 man roster. Depending on his teams final record, the first 18, 19, or 20 players will be protected. The remaining players will be considered waived and join the pool of rookies to be drafted for the 1956 season. If you have any questions on this procedure please consult the league constitution or contact your league president. In the event a teams waiver list is not received by the due date, the league president will determine that teams protected and waived player list.

ALL-STAR GAME

All managers submitted their ballots and the SPB ALL-Star game has been played. Red Sears is working on the write up of the game, so watch for all the details in next month's newsletter.

IT'S PIERCE VS. SCORE IN SPBL ALL-STAR GAME

BROOKLYN - Billy Pierce of the Lafayette Blue Sox, the hottest pitcher in the Seasons Past Baseball League with a 12-2 record and a microscopic ERA (0.98) will oppose Herb Score (12-5, 3.39 ERA) of the Evanston Black Sox in the league's All-Star Game this afternoon at Ebbets Field.

Pierce leads a dominant Harridge Division pitching staff featuring 15-game winner Warren Spahn and Billy Hoelt (13-2, 2.58) of the division-leading Schaumburg Saxons and Don Newcombe (13-4, 2.44) of the Pacific Cascades.

Pierce and Score were named starting pitchers by Commissioner Jim Wheeler in the wee hours this morning, following his release on bail after a brawl among league officials resulted in the arrest of a dozen people at the Waldorf Hotel.

Wheeler, commenting briefly on the incident, said, "It was just a little misunderstanding that got out of hand, but I can assure you all of the owners were sober, I swear."

SPBL managers voted eight members of the first-place Frankfort Tigers to the Giles roster. Four teams - the Saxons, Cascades, Quartz Hill Wind, Rossville Cubs - each placed five players on the Harridge squad.

The ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out by former baseball commissioner William D. (Spike) Eckert. He is a last-minute replacement for another former baseball commissioner, A.B. (Happy) Chandler, who was hospitalized following last night's incident at the Waldorf.