

SEASONS PAST BASEBALL

August 28, 1992

Welcome to our new league, Seasons Past Baseball. Now that we have 14 tentative managers on board, its time to start the player and stadium distribution process rolling. But before we get to those details, let me emphasize what I hope this league will be. Primarily, it will give us the opportunity to play and manage the teams from 1954 to 1971. That spans a huge chunk of baseball history and I'm willing to bet that most of us got "hooked" on baseball somewhere along those years. Hopefully, our league will develop into a perpetual replay, advancing one calendar year forward each season beginning with 1954. That way many of our heroes from Colavito to Clemente, Tiant to McClain can once again dominate the diamond.

I also want to stress that this will be a VERY low key effort aimed at minimizing the mundane tasks associated with leagues and replays. Concentrating on having fun and playing the game will be the main order of business. Using the computer version of PTP (either 3.02 or 4.0) will allow this, as all the stat keeping will be done through the stat import and transfer routine. We will also be publishing monthly news/stat letters as the season progresses. And if you know our league statistician, John Turnbull as I do, you can expect some out of sight reports. Just wait to you see his work on the distribution lists. We will also be including excerpts from The Sporting News covering the season we are currently replaying. As an example, I hope you will enjoy reading the 1954 season predictions made just a few weeks before opening day.

So here is how we will get started:

STADIUMS

Each manager will be asked to submit a list of stadiums ranked in order of personal preference from 1 to 14 (there are 2 versions of the Philadelphia ballpark, Al and New). Once all of the lists are received, each team will be assigned a computer generated random number from 1 to 14. Next, using the computer to generate random numbers, the stadiums will be assigned through a process of elimination. We will assign you your highest ranked undrafted stadium when your random number is generated. As an example, lets say that the Dayton Flyers have been randomly assigned #7. After all the other teams have been assigned a random team number, the selection process will begin. The random numbers will be created and lets say the number #7 is generated as the fifth number. This means that the Flyers would pick a stadium fifth amongst fourteen (14) selections. Based upon what stadiums were selected from the first four picks, the Flyers would be awarded their stadium from their preference list.

PLAYER DISTRIBUTION

Much like the stadium distribution, players will also be dispersed through the random number process. Using the same earlier assigned random team number from 1 to 14, players will be drafted by positions. Those positions will be: Catcher, 1st Base, 2nd Base, Shortstop, 3rd Base, Outfield, and Pitchers. There will be at least 2 rounds of drafting for each position and no team will have more than one (1) pick per any round. You will be asked to list your order of preference for players at each position after the stadiums have been assigned.

For example, lets say the random numbers generated for catchers are: 14, 10, 11, 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 8, 2, 12, 7, 6, and 13. This means that team #14 would pick first in the first round of catchers and team #13 would have the last pick in the first round. Round Two's random numbers would be generated and the process repeated until all players at that position are drafted.

Before the draft is held, you will have received notice of which park you will play in and also your teams random number for the player draft. We will not know the number sequence within the rounds until the draft is held. This way no advantage can be given to any team before the actual draft begins.

We plan to do ALL the drafting through the mail, so some initial deadlines will need to be enforced in order to get things moving. Wow, this is much longer than I expected and feel like its become a term paper, so lets get to some other basic information.

- o There will be two (2) seven (7) team divisions.
- o Each team will have a 30 player roster. All players are eligible each series.
- o The season will be 156 games long.
- o There will be 12 games against each opponent in six (6) game series.
- o This will be a WINTER LEAGUE running from October to March. However, this year we will begin in November and run to April.
- o A rookie draft will be held prior to the start of the next season. Like the NFL, this draft will be in reverse order of finish. Only players with 25 AB or 25 IP will be eligible for either the rookie or initial dispersement draft.
- o Each team will cut 10 players after the season ends, reducing the rosters to twenty (20) players. The players cut will be included in the rookie draft.
- o There are no trade restrictions, however rosters are frozen once the season begins.

- o Players will be limited in the following manners:

Batters with 130 or more games will have no AB limit but injuries will apply. Injuries will not carry over to the next series.

All other batters will be allowed an extra number of AB'S to the next fifty (50). For example, 209 AB will be allowed 250 AB. 255 AB will be allowed 300 AB and so on.

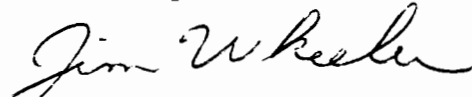
Pitchers will be limited to their number of starts, number of reliefs, or a combination of starts and relief jobs. However relief appearances cannot be counted as starts.

- o The league ERA (54 AL or NL) will be selected by coin toss on draft day and the strikeout figure will be increased by 25%.
- o League dues will be \$15.00 and should be sent back with your stadium lists. Make checks payable to Jim Wheeler.

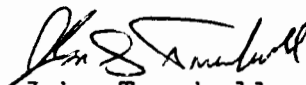
Well that about does it. As I mentioned, we want to start the season on November 1, 1992. So as a method of confirming your commitment in this league, I ask that each of you to mail me your stadium lists and dues so that they are received by September 19, 1992. You may also name your team on the form provided.

If you have any questions you can call me at (513) 236-4590 after 5:00 P.M. EST.

Sincerely,



Jim Wheeler
Commissioner



John Turnbull
Commissioner/Statistician

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