

SABR Minor League Newsletter

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New Members

Jeff Bobin; 1716 Seventh Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010; (724) 846-1934; e-mail: jbobin@fvi.net; researching early 1900's Beaver Falls, PA teams. (Questionnaire will be sent).
Steve Lawrence; newspaper available - *Providence Journal*; library available - Rhode Island Historical Society; interests - New England League, 1946-49 & player stats, including those not in the guides; has complete career stats for pro players, 1946-94; will spend SOME time to fill requests.
Rachel Miner; newspapers available - *Huntsville Times*, Birmingham papers; interests - teams in Alabama and players from Alabama, Huntsville Stars, Southern League; compiles player career stats, especially for obscure players; will spend SOME time to fill requests.
There are 144 members on the roster.

Change of Address

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Annual Convention

The annual SABR convention this summer was one of the more successful conventions. Twenty-two people attended the Minor League Committee meeting. Bill McMahon gave a report on the Farm Club Project. Lloyd Johnson, speaking for Dave Chase, gave a report on the progress of The National Pastime: Museum of Minor League Baseball. This report is included elsewhere. Lloyd also gave a report on the next edition of *The Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball*. Bob McConnell discussed the 19th Century Project and the Less Than Ten Games Project. A suggestion was made to start an Umpires Project. We will ask the Umpires Committee if they are interested in making this a joint project.

Tribute to Larry Zuckerman

Committee member Larry Zuckerman passed away in late June. He was an expert on ballparks, both major and minor. He traveled all over the country digging up information. He also pinpointed many major league home runs as inside-the-park for the Home Run log. This is an area in which the log is somewhat weak. The following is an appreciation of Larry by Carlos Bauer:

When I first met Larry Zuckerman, I knew he had been a chopper pilot, but only found out over the years that he was rated for every flying machine from balloons to 747s, and even was one of the few people who had a rating for sea planes.

That, I believe, tells us a lot about Larry Zuckerman. Never one to go around bragging about all that he had accomplished in his short life, Larry just went out and did it, letting the fact carry him to conclusions rather than the other way around which is so common now.

Larry was not that well-known in SABR circles, yet he was one of the best baseball researchers ever. Some may have heard that he was a ballpark researcher. Let me state as clearly as possible- he was the best ballpark researcher ever. That research took him multiple times to every major league city, where he read every newspaper that he could lay his hands on. Not only that, he would read every book on the history of that city for the oft chance that he would stumble upon some fact. He searched insurance maps and birds-eyes for park locations. In doing his "Ballparks of California," "Ballparks of the West," and his "PCL Ballparks" projects, he cut no corners either. On every project he began, he used the same rigor.

Many times I went with Larry on research trips. I can't tell you how much I learned at his side poring over old newspapers on adjoining microfilm readers, or searching out obscure photos in historical societies.

In his quests, Larry Zuckerman never left any stone unturned - and no matter how good it looked to me, he was never satisfied. When he found that fence distances didn't seem to correspond to the ratio of inside-the-park home runs to over-the-fence ones, he went out and documented every home run from 1876 through 1927, and thus was able to correct fence distances long-thought to be carved in stone. What the many of the park logs showed was that there had to have been inner fences at some of these parks with outrageous fence distances. Then he went out and found those new distances.

Years ago, in another Minor League Committee Newsletter, I wrote that Larry Zuckerman must have come from the Planet Krypton for his prowess in baseball research. His death proved that he was only mortal, but what he left behind will enrich us for all times.

I will miss Larry no end, as we all should. Larry Zuckerman, baseball researcher, as *Sporting Life* would say, ". . . has joined the great majority . . ."

Tribute to Ed Brooks

Ed Brooks, one of the early members of SABR, passed away recently. One of his big interests was compiling career records for minor league players and he was a big contributor to the three volumes of *Minor League Baseball Stars*. The following is a tribute to Ed, written by Gene Wood:

Some 29-30 years ago I was writing a column for a sports hobby publication. In one column I bemoaned the fact that I was unable to complete the career record of Rosie Cantrell because he had been omitted from the batting stats in the guide for Pine Bluff in 1939 although he was shown in the fielding stats. I mentioned that I had contacted J. P. Friend, Howe News Bureau, *The Sporting News* and anyone else I could think of, without any results.

In a few days I received a letter from Ed Brooks. No, he couldn't help with my Cantrell problem but he recognized that I was a person with interests strikingly similar to his own. When I had accumulated five or six guides in 1942 I began to compile career records of many of my favorite minor leaguers. By the time Ed read my column I had a collection of guides back to 1911. Ed probably didn't start as early, but by the time he contacted me he had no doubt caught up or passed me in career records. We hit it off immediately and were friends from that time. Ed was already a member of SABR and encouraged me to join, which I did in 1974.

Ed was a major contributor to all the volumes of *Minor League Baseball Stars*. But to me, his major effort was the monumental task of unearthing material on the life and times of Bill Sisler, a nomadic minor league pitcher from 1923 to 1948. Ed's task was complicated by the fact that Sisler's real name was Seeler, which wasn't known to Ed for quite some time. For Ed's fine article on Sisler's life and wanderings, see V. #17 (1988), *Baseball Research Journal*.

Ed and his wife Mickey visited our home several years ago and I was a guest in their home when we attended the SABR convention in Albany in 1989. A few years ago one of my sons established a Bed and Breakfast in Sharon Springs, NY, a few miles from Ed and Mickey, and we were able to enjoy visits with them when we visited our son.

Ed wasn't in the best of health in the last few years but I was not prepared to take the call from Ed's son, Bill, on the evening of August 11, giving me the sad news that Ed had died suddenly at home that morning.

I never had a better friend in all my life and I'm sure all of those who knew him will say the same. So long, Ed. I know that at last you're finally able to interview Bill Sisler in person.

Georgia Leagues Reunion

We have been in touch with Clint Chafin (not yet a SABR member) recently. Clint is the son of Bobbie Chafin who pitched for the Griffin, GA Tigers in 1949-50.

Bobbie passed away several years ago and Clint made an unsuccessful search for a photograph of his father in a Tiger's uniform. However the search led to the organization of a reunion of former players of the Georgia-Florida, Georgia State and Georgia-Alabama Leagues by Clint.

The reunion was held August 18 at the Museum of Colquitt County History in Moultrie, Georgia. The Moultrie newspaper gave the reunion very good publicity. There was a great turnout of former players, family and friends. Food was served and the reminiscing went on for hours. A list of the players follows:

Ace Adams	Jack Flowers	Thomas Proctor	Tom Spampinato
Allen Baskin	John Grice	Harry Raulerson	Harry Spillman
Danny Bass	George Harrington	Warren Roddenberg	Sonny Stevenson
Billy Bledsoe	Arnold Heft	Parnell Ruark	Walter Strickland
Jim Castaneda	Lou Kahn	Arthur Schmidt	Clair Troxell
Mark Chafin	Bill Kivett	Dick Scott	Bud Willis
Joe Chambers	Ken Markham	T. E. Smith	Milton Wrenn
Jack Daughtry	Deane Mink	Hank Spain	Tex Young
Paul Eames	Floyd Moser		

Clint is already planning for another reunion next year. If you can supply the names and addresses of any players who played in the Georgia minor leagues, contact Clint at 1179 Sixth Street SW, Moultrie, GA 31768, or phone (229) 985-9723 after 5 pm, or e-mail, cchafin@surfsouth.com. A web site for the reunion is in preparation.

A two page history of the Georgia-Florida League was handed out at the reunion. If you would like a copy, write to Bob McConnell.

In a related note, John Hall has organized a very active reunion organization for the 1946-52 Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri (KOM) League. Their web site is: <http://members.tripod.com/jhall03/>

Less Than Ten Games Project

We would like to get more committee members involved in this project. The only new information comes from Ron Selter who has the Pacific Coast League from 1931 thru 1948, and Jack Dougherty who provided the batting records for the 1925 American Association.

Nineteenth Century Internet Sub-Committee

As mentioned in the last newsletter, a sub-committee was formed in June of those with e-mail who were particularly interested in the Nineteenth Century. While it has not been used as extensively as we had visualized, there has been an exchange of some interesting items. The subjects included: roster of Toledo players, the two Charles Householders, 1881 Akrons, Billy & George Geer, Civil War veterans, and no-hitters. There are presently nine members. If anyone else is interested, contact Reed Howard at rhoward@udel.edu.

There is a discussion group using e-mail that is administered by Paul Wendt for John Husman's Nineteenth Century SABR Committee. It involves questions and the exchange of information on all facets of Nineteenth Century baseball. To subscribe send an e-mail to: 19cBB-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

American Association Internet Sub-Committee

Rex Hamann would like to organize an internet sub-committee for the American Association. He has talked to Bob Koehler (Milwaukee), John Husman (Toledo) and Stew Thornley (Minneapolis) about the project. The objective would be to gather information on the history of the league from its founding early in the Twentieth Century and compile statistics - in other words, anything and everything about the league. Committee members interested in this project can contact Rex at 14201 Crosstown Blvd., Andover, MN 55304, or e-mail: pure457@aol.com

Rex previously lived in Ohio, and while there one of his interests was locating the graves of former players. A big find was the unmarked grave of Nick Cullop in the Mifflin Township, Ohio cemetery. Nick, of course, was one of the great minor league players. The discovery led to the community organizing a campaign for a headstone. The local newspaper ran an article along with a picture of two township officials with a temporary marker at the gravesite. The township trustees contacted the New York Yankees (Cullop played in a couple of games for the Yankees in 1926) and the Yankees assured them that they would pay for a headstone as no Yankee should be lying in an unmarked grave.

1-0 No-Hitters

In the last newsletter, we had a story on pitchers throwing no-hitters winning their game, 1-0, with a home run. Tom Keyser, president of the Texas League, writes that Doyle Lade's game was a seven inning second game of a doubleheader. Lade also hit a double in the game. Tom also mentions that Charley Jackson of Fort Worth threw a no-hitter against Dallas on May 26, 1904. Jackson hit a triple and scored the only run of the game.

1945 Newark Bears

Tony Szabelski sent a team photo of the 1945 Newark Bears (International League) and he needs help in identifying the players. He obtained the photo from the family of Mike Portner, one of the players in the photo. If anyone thinks they can help, write to Tony at 622 North Lincoln Avenue #G06, Addison, IL 60101, and ask him for a copy of the photo. 1945 Newark players in ten or more games:

Dick Baker	Joe Dwyer	Frank Makosky	Murray Rothman
Joe Buzas	Jack Farmer	John Maldovan	Bill Steinecke
Jerry Crosby	Harry Garbett	Charles Mistor	Bill Sucky
Clarence Difini	Frank Hiller	Walt Nowak	Hugh Taylor
Hal Douglas	Goldy Holy	Phil Page	Walt Van Grofski
Dan Doy	Bill Houtz	Mike Portner	Phil Weintraub
Frank Drews	Steve Kuk	Bill Rabe	Roy Zimmerman
Karl Drews	Ed Mackey	Nick Rhabe	

Second Quarter Progress Report of the Minor League Statistics Project - Lloyd Johnson

The National Pastime: Museum of Minor League Baseball News

Dave Chase is producing a National Pastime museum newsletter on a regular basis to disseminate information about the progress of the project. There was much delay in Lloyd Johnson's work with the statistics due to his involvement in the Negro Leagues Conference in Kansas City. The event may move to Memphis next year. Y' all come.

New Man on the Job

Carlos Bauer photocopied and input statistics from *The Sporting News* 1923-1942 that augmented the published ones. Bauer computerized the statistics not published in the guides, but compiled by SABR members, and others, (original research 1877-1893) plus finished the 1894 Penn State League (started by Vern Luse). Carlos compiled the 1938 and 1939 seasons as well as forming and analyzing the checklist of averages-we-have and averages-we-need.

Old Men on the Job

Jamie Selko is working on birth and death records (slow going). Johnson is scanning the published averages and will soon tackle the 1946-1962 era. Recently, he input the birth and death dates for more than 600 minor league players discovered in the Swales card-file collection.

Swales Collection

No word from the New York Public Library on the microfilming of the Rosters. The cost of microfilming the card file was too much. We had counted six cards per microfilmed page and the Library counted 1 or 2. That difference added quite a lot of money. The roster project is still on.

Computerization and Format

An earlier discussion between David Chase and Ray Nemecek concerning statistics and format led to the Kansas City meeting at the Negro Leagues Conference among Chase, Lloyd Johnson, and Carlos Bauer about format of the database. Bauer and Johnson will work on standardizing the columns of data.

Statistics Roster

Staff, Jamie Selko and Carlos Bauer, many Cal leagues, plus original research & consultation, 1898-1903, 1908-1917, 1920-1926, 1928-1930, 1966, 1971, 1974-1975, 1982; Mike Welsh, 1896; Jerry Jackson, 1904-1905; Karen Atwater, 1902 N. Carolina; Davis Barker, 1915 Central Texas, 1911-1912 Tex-Okla, 1905 & 1907 North Texas, 1925 Texas Assn, 1921-1922 West Texas, 1916 East Texas, 1902 Texas League; David Kemp, 1902 Iowa-South Dakota League; Tom Stillman, 1906-1907; Terrence O'Brien, 1907 Maine State League; Daniel Papillon, 1912; Jim Sandoval, 1919; Dave Chase, 1911 NE Ark and 1923 Cotton States; Mike Holton, 1928; Neil Nelson, 1931, 1932; Walter LeConte, 1933; Alain Usereau, 1948; Chuck Partington, 1949; Scott Cowan, 1958; Dave Quinn, 1959; Mark Turner, 1960; Amy Randall 1962; Arthur Knight, 1967, 1969; Gary Pearce, 1968; Janet Ebner, 1973; Jason Christopherson, 1980; Evelyn Krache, 1983

Ron Selter, computerized PCL (1903-1957) and WTNM stats

Arthur Knight, AAA & AA leagues, post-1962, 1955, 1956

Sean Forman, major league statistics

W. C. Madden, All-American Girls Professional League

Carlos Bauer, PCL biographical data 1903-1957

Bill Castle, Biographical data 1940-1949

Rich Bozzone, Newspaper clippings

Bob Hoie, Unpublished League Statistics

Jimmy Keenan, Newspaper clippings

Bob Rives, Newspaper clippings

David Skinner, Newspaper clippings

Scott Fiethumel, Hall of Fame research and Utica

John Pardon, Hall of Fame research

Marc Okkonen, Newspaper clippings
Bob Bailey, Newspaper clippings
Bob McConnell, less than 10 games and 45 innings pitched
Miles Wolff, *Minor League Digest*

G. Reed Howard, 19th century rosters
Joe Murphy, Newspaper clippings
Ray Nemec, ongoing consultant
Tom Hufford, *Minor League Digest*

As a result, we have on hand many Cal leagues, and the following complete years 1898-1904, 1908-1917, 1919-1926, 1928-1931, 1938-1939, 1948, 1973, 1980 and 1983.

Partial seasons exist in 1932, 1966-1967, 1969, 1971, 1974-1975, 1982 plus we have PCL 1930-1957 batting statistics plus AA and IL batting and pitching.

Comment

The most intriguing part of the project is coming up. That is first name research. The biographical portion is still the most difficult, especially death data. We are creating the database of professional baseball. Due to scanning and increasingly difficult tasks, we have finally reached a point where we have more volunteers than work. Our goal at The National Pastime: Museum of Minor League Baseball for the next six months is to effectively utilize our man (and woman) power as well as producing quality work.

A Most Unusual Game - From Bill Weiss in the July California League Newsletter

Before the regularly scheduled Visalia at Modesto game of July 26 of this year, the two teams completed the game of May 28 which had been suspended with two outs in the top of the first inning when a water pipe under the baseline broke. The game counted in the first half standings and Modesto's 6-4 win could have a bearing on who becomes the wild card team in the Northern Division playoff. It gave the A's a 23-47 first-half record and kept them from tying the club record for the worst half-season mark. The 1977 A's, featuring Rickey Henderson, were 22-48 in the second half.

While the game itself was unremarkable, it did have some unusual twists. Aaron Nieckula was the starting catcher on May 28 and had one putout in the first inning. On June 2, the parent Oakland Athletics transferred him to Visalia. In the seventh inning, he entered the game at 1B for Visalia, going 1-for-1. Thus, he is in the game for both teams, so on his record for the year to date he is shown as playing 26 games for Modesto and 31 for Visalia, but only 56 games total.

Shane Bazzell was the starting pitcher May 28 for Modesto and worked 2/3 inning that was played but he had pitched 7 shutout innings for his ninth win on July 25, the night before. He was replaced by rookie Mike Wood who went on to pitch 5-1/3 innings with 7 SO, 1 BB and one run and 3 hits allowed for his second win. By the rules of baseball, the game is recorded as that of May 28, a week before Wood was drafted by Oakland in the 10th round.

In addition, Gerald Laird was in the original lineup in right field, but was at third base when the game resumed. With manager Greg Sparks' approval, Laird played eight positions, winding up behind the plate, his normal spot. He did everything but pitch. Laird is one of Oakland's big bonus players and perhaps Sparks and pitching coach Glenn Abbott were thinking of what disaster befell Jose Canseco several years ago in Texas when he tried to pitch an inning as a lark.

Mexican League Career Home Run Record

The last newsletter carried a story on Nelson Barrera breaking the Mexican League career record for home runs of 453 and approaching the all time minor league record. John Matthews sent Barrera's final figures for the season. Nelson hit his 9th and final HR on June 3, and played his last game on June 26. Since he was the manager of his team, he must have reached the decision to hang Ôem up. He needs five HR to tie the all time record. Maybe he will make a comeback next year. After all he will only turn 44 during the upcoming season.

Hall of Fame Teammates

The compilation of Hall of Famers who were teammates on a minor league team has stirred up a great deal of interest. Bob Hoie wants some ground rules established. So here are a couple of simple rules: (1) The Hall of Famers must be elected as players, therefore people such as Connie Mack are ineligible. (2) Non playing managers on the minor league team are not eligible. (3) Teammates are defined as players who are on the squad at the same time, but do not have to appear in the same game. Bob points out that Greg Maddox and Tom Glavine have been together on the Braves for nine years and can certainly be considered as teammates. Yet, they probably never appeared in a game together. We will publish a revised list in an upcoming newsletter.

Several people have compiled lists of all of the Hall of Famers who have played for a particular minor league franchise. Let' s start a project to compile these. List players elected to the HofF as managers or umpires, and non-playing managers, separately. Stew Thornley has come up with fourteen players and a manager for Minneapolis. The complete career playing record for all Hall of Famers should be readily available. So, get busy and make a list for your favorite minor league team.

Questionable Stories Concerning Home Runs

The Minor League Baseball Alumni Association carried full page ads in *Baseball Weekly* during the recent season. These ads included various interesting stories and facts on the minor leagues. The ad in the August 29 issue had a story on home runs. It mentioned three home run feats which are questionable:

(1) Switch hitter Jesse Ibarra hit grand slam HR from each side of the plate in a 1997 game. The story stated that this was the first time this feat had been accomplished in eighty years. We have never found any other player who has turned this trick. Some record books credit Lu Blue with hitting grand slam homers from each side in a 1917 game for Martinsburg of the Blue Ridge League. In checking the box scores for the entire season Blue did not have any two HR games, let alone two grand slam HR games. Martinsburg was a low scoring team and reached the eight run total in only several games during the season.

(2) Roger Harris of Richmond - Blue Grass League is credited with two grand slam homers in the same inning in a 1912 game. The player' s correct name was Haines, not Harris. This feat was reported in *Sporting Life* and the *Louisville Courier-Journal*. However, the box score (which proved out) showed that Richmond scored only ten runs in the 7th inning. A minimum of eleven runs would have to be scored in order for the batter to hit two grand slams.

(3) John Cantley of Opelika of the Georgia-Alabama League is credited with three grand slam HR in a game in 1914. The *Talladega Daily Home* is the original source of this story. Opelika defeated Talladega, 19-1. The box score showed Opelika scoring as follows: 7-7-0 1-0-0 2-2-X. If this line score is to be believed, Cantley could not have hit three grand slams. Incidentally, Cantley was a pitcher.

Forrest "Frosty" Kennedy

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Gary Fink has been on the trail of Frosty Kennedy. Kennedy was an outstanding minor league player and his record appears in the first volume of *Minor League Baseball Stars*. A player named Kennedy played in one game for Riverside of the Sunset League in 1947. Gary asked Jim McConnell (not a SABR member) for help in determining that this player was Frosty. They have determined that Frosty was their man. We get a big kick out of adding lines to player' s records, even if it involves only one game. The following is an interesting letter from Jim McConnell to Gary (note that Kennedy played for Riverside in 1948-49):

Thanks for your note of long, long ago and the info on Frosty Kennedy. Sorry this has taken so long to get back to you, had to re-check his scrapbooks and talk to his brother, his oldest son and his ex-wife.

I agree with you: that "Kennedy" who played one game for Riverside in 1947 has got to be Forrest "Frosty" Kennedy.

Now, why the confusion? Well, it seems that Frosty got into some sort of beef with Riverside management about his signing (it had to be about money) and quit the team. Then, in the winter of 1947-48 while playing for a semi-pro team (the Ontario Pirates) he was signed by scout Babe Herman to a contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates. That clipping is still in his scrapbooks. Press account says he was going to be assigned to Santa Barbara in the California League for the 1948 season.

Well, even now a player can't sign with two teams. After Riverside filed a protest with O.B., Kennedy's contract was awarded to them for the 1948 season.

Since this represented quite a step down the pro ball ladder for Frosty, he was not happy about it. Actually, it gets worse. As you will note for 1949, he was originally set to play for Tacoma in the Western International League, a pretty hot Class B league with several ex-PCL players in it. Frosty was quite pleased with this, thinking he was back on track to reach the majors or at worst the PCL.

Then, as I understand this, Riverside filed another protest, saying Kennedy still had to fulfill the unexpired year on his contract from 1947. Thus, very much against his will, he wound up back in Riverside for 1949.

"Riverside pulled some underhanded s--- and got me back there for 1949", is the direct quote I took down from Frosty about returning to Riverside. "It was like losing a year for me. I should have been moving up the ladder instead of being stuck in the horses--- Sunset League for another year. I had nothing to prove there."

It might be interesting to note that, while Frosty and/or his wife kept a very detailed scrapbook of his pro career, they didn't bother to keep one for 1949. This despite the fact that Frosty hit .410 that year to lead the league.

Finally, Frosty's contract was sold to Atlanta after the 1949 season. Even that has a Riverside twist. It seems that late in the 1949 season the Riverside team gave a Frosty Kennedy Night. During that game, he was asked to pitch an inning. In doing so, he injured his throwing arm. Even with an operation in 1950 the arm was never the same. The bad arm cost him any chance he had to making a powerful lineup (Eddie Mathews was on the same team). And, in essence, that was Frosty's last, best shot of making the big leagues.

Hope all this helps. The only other thing I wanted to mention to you is that, it must be kept in mind that these contract cards reflect the TEAM'S version of transactions. For example, Frosty's sale to Atlanta was actually finalized prior to the end of the 1949 season, but since rosters were still frozen at that point it could not be recorded until a point after the season.

Anyway, Frosty was ahead of his time in many ways. He was a big advocate of the current-day free agency, and knowing what happened to him in his career you can see why.

Good luck with your project. Am enclosing a copy of an old article of mine which might prove interesting to you. If you have any further questions, please contact me. I promise to get back to you in a more timely fashion next time!

2001 Minor League Attendance

Baseball News, published by Minor League Baseball reported that attendance for regular season games this year soared over the 38.8-million mark, second only to that of the 1949 season. Four of the 15 leagues, Pacific Coast, International, South Atlantic, and New York-Penn, registered all-time record totals.

In the South Atlantic league two new teams, Lakewood (NJ) and Lexington (KY), shattered the previous league record. A spectacular new stadium for Brooklyn helped the Cyclones set a new New York-Penn record. The Lowell team of the NYP sold out every game for the second year in a row. Round Rock erased their own Texas

League record. Sacramento (901,214) and Memphis surpassed the previous Pacific Coast league record, and led all Minor League teams. In all, 29 teams established new franchise records.

Farm Club Project - 1930

Bill McMahon is continuing his work on the Farm Club Project. He has come up with the following information for 1930 and invites comments:

American League

Boston	Pittsfield - A (Df)
Chicago	Dallas - A (Df)
Cleveland	New Orleans - A; Terre Haute - B (owned); Frederick - D (owned)
Detroit	Toronto - AA; Beaumont - A; Evansville - B (owned); Wheeling - C; Raleigh - C; Fort Smith - C (owned)
New York	Jersey City - AA (Df); Albany - A (Df); Hazleton - B; Chambersburg - D
Philadelphia	Portland - AA (owned)
St. Louis	Milwaukee - AA (owned); Wichita Falls - A (owned); Topeka - A (owned); Springfield, MO - C (owned); Pine Bluff - D (Df)
Washington	Chattanooga - A; Hagerstown - D (Df)

National League

Boston	Providence - A
Brooklyn	Macon - B
Chicago	Reading - AA (owned); Los Angeles - AA (owned); Bisbee - D
Cincinnati	Columbus - AA (owned); Peoria - B (owned)
New York	Bridgeport - A; San Antonio - A (Df)
Philadelphia	none
Pittsburgh	Wichita - A; Columbia - B (owned)
St. Louis	Rochester - AA (owned); Houston - A (owned); St. Joseph - A (owned); Danville - B (owned); Scottsdale - C (owned); Greensboro - C (owned); Shawnee - C (owned); Waynesboro - D (owned)

The letter after the club name is the league classification. Df indicates that there was a *de facto* relationship (dealings between teams, but not an official working agreement).

Several question marks: St. Paul had some dealings with New York - AL, but was most likely independent. Toledo dealt quite a bit with Chicago - AL, but probably independent. *The Sporting News* suggested that Newark was affiliated with Boston - NL, but not much dealing, so called Newark independent. December edition of *The Sporting News* said that Cleveland had a piece of Decatur, but Indians were sending players to Terre Haute, so Decatur called independent. In April, Clarksburg received seven players from Chambersburg (New York - AL), but later appeared to be independent.

One item for 1931; Pittsburgh may have been subsidizing Altoona.

On Going Projects By Committee Members

John Benesch has compiled a very interesting list - players who led their league in a batting or pitching category and then led in a category (not necessarily the same category) at least twelve years later. Write to Bob McConnell or e-mail Reed Howard for a copy.

John Husman is working on a complete roster of Toledo players.

Marc Okkonen is hard at work on his 2000 Cups of Coffee project. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Marc is compiling data on all the minor league stops (no stats) for every major league player in ten or fewer games between 1900 and 1949.

Dan Ross is working on the stats for the 1886 Western League. Several future big league stars played in this league, including Jake Beckley, Bug Holliday and Pat Tebeau. Dan is also planning on doing the 1887 Nebraska State League.

Frank Williams has completed the full stats for the 1896 Naugatuck Valley League (this was a one year name change for the Connecticut League). Frank had previously done much work on this league. However, the *Bridgeport Morning Union Telegram* had been missing from the local library for nine years. This paper, with its great pitching information, was recently found, allowing Frank to complete his work. Williams has also made revisions to the 1898 Connecticut League batting and pitching stats.

Miscellaneous

Art Schott sent two interesting articles - "Meet the New Orleans Pelicans of 1901" and "1918 New Orleans Pelicans Recalled."

Bob Richardson posed a question in the July newsletter regarding Somerby Follanbee, a minor league player in 1906, being in the Basketball Hall of Fame. Mike Dempsey writes that, "According to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA, Somerby Follanbee is NOT an inductee."

Lew Ford of the New Britain Rock Cats - Eastern League socked four home runs in a game against Binghamton on August 19. Ford was not the most likely player that you would pick for a home run explosion. He had only four homers previously during the season, two for the Rock Cats and two earlier for Fort Myers in the Florida State League. He had only seven for Lowell - NYP in 1999 and nine for Augusta - SAL in 2000.

Lawrence "Crash" Davis, a minor league star, died in Greensboro, NC on August 31 at age 82. His name was appropriated for the star in the movie "Bull Durham."

The Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum publishes an annual review, which are available for 1984 thru 1997. They may be obtained for \$10 (US) each. Write to Box 1388, Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada SOM OEO.

Jerry Jackson and Mike Dempsey have raised a question about Fall Baseball leagues. There is a hodgepodge of players on the teams in these leagues. Should they be considered as traditional minor leagues? We welcome comments.

Minor League Player Deaths reported through September 24, 2001 - Issue #6

Compiled by Ray Nemeč

Player	Span	DOD / POD	Informant
Amaro, Santos	1939/1955	5/21/01 Veracruz, Mexico	John Royster
Barillari, Alfred V.	1944/1956	6/25/00 New Rochelle, NY	Ray Nemeč
Baxter, Gerik S.	1999/2000	7/29/01 nr Indio, CA	David Chase
Bobzean, Eugene B	1947/1950	7/19/01 Temperance, MI	John Husman
Boguskie, Harold "Buster"	1946/1955	6/16/01 Nashville, TN	Al Quimby
Bounce, Frank	1952/1953	6/18/01 Cleveland, OH	Joe Simenic
Bragan, James A.	1950/1957	6/2/01 Stenett, AL	Dave Chase
Buccola, Victor	1941/1954	4/29/01 Sacramento, CA	Dick Beverage
Carolan, Eugene E.	1939/1947	6/12/00 Detroit, MI	Davis Barker
Carroll, Preston A., Jr.	1981	8/12/01 Quincy, MA	Steve Lawrence/Bob Bluthardt
DeGraaf, William	1957/1958	6/7/01 Tampa, FL	Bill Carle
Fenech, Samuel J.	1940/1945	5/9/01 San Francisco, CA	Joe Murphy
Gardner, Robert C.	1946/1954	7/6/00 Youngstown, OH	Ray Nemeč
Gould, Clay	1994/1995	6/23/01 Dallas, TX	Brent Horton
Gugich, Philip	1937/1939	3/30/01 Hemet, CA	Ray Nemeč
Hill, Eldon Dale	1940/1946	8/12/01 Keller, TX	Bill Weiss
Hinz, Henry E.	1946/1952	12/30/00 Spokane, WA	Jim Price
Johnson, Robert Wayne	1941/1955	5/13/01 Newport News, VA	Bob McConnell
Kiocko, John Joseph	1952	9/3/01 Plymouth Meeting, PA	Jack Moths
Knabe, Richard E.	1948/1953	6/12/01 Baltimore, MD	Bill Carle
Logan, George R.	1946/1948	6/27/01 Tulsa, OK	Bill Carle
Miller, Raymond F.	1947/1949	5/25/01 Spokane, WA	Jim Price
Monteiro, Joseph	1947/1955	5/29/01 Pawtucket, RI	Steve Lawrence
Moranville, Kendall	1950	5/7/01 Superior, NE	John Hall
Motley, Ryland	1947/1948	7/29/00 Garden Manor, SC	Davis Barker
Mullen, William B.	1947	3/29/00 Greenfield, IN	John Hall
Neal, Lawrence V.	1950/1954	5/20/00 Los Angeles, CA	Ray Nemeč
Ohr, Clifford	1951/1954	5/1/01 Missouri City, TX	John Hall
Pepper, Edward A.	1940/1945	8/3/01 Jefferson, LA	Art Schott
Phillips, Richard L.	1943/1946	5/21/01 Milford, Mass.	Bill Carle
Reid, John D.	1952	10/31/00 Holmes, FL	John Hall
Russell, Richard B.	1948/1950	10/17/99 Concord, NH	John Hall
Scotten, Trusten P.	1949	8/27/01 Grass Valley, CA	John Hall
Scully, William F.	1946	5/19/01 W. Hanford, CT	Richard Bozzone
Slaton, Frank	1971/1972	7/2/01 Lancaster, CA	Bill Weiss
Somenti, Bruno	1939/1947	4/27/01 Lake Forest, Ill.	Bruno Bertucci
Soinila, Olavi	1938/1940	10/17/00 Santa Cruz, CA	Tony Szabelski
Sorensen, Leroy (Roy)	1951/1957	7/1/00 Neptune, NJ	John Hall
Strommen, Clair	1942/1945	7/20/01 St. Paul, MN	Tony Szabolski
Thomas Brian K.	1985	5/15/00 Rowlett, TX	Davis Barker
Tiedemann, Albert F.	1943/1949	7/2/01 Baltimore, MD	Jimmy Keenan
Usich, Louis N.	1939/1943	6/9/01 Miami, FL	Richard Bozzone
Viverito, David J.	1948	5/27/01 Chicago, IL	Ray Nemeč
Wayne (Wodarczyk) Ed	1946/1953	1/25/99 Sayreville, NJ	Ray Nemeč
Weinberg, Michael T.	1990/1991	9/11/01 New York, NY	Dave Chase
Willis, Clarence Edward	1942/1949	1/10/01 Keene, NH	Dick Thompson
Woodall, Milton	1939/1942	6/22/01 Blue Earth, MN	Joel Rippel

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