

SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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PLAYER IMAGE INDEX CONTINUES TO GROW

Our Missing Players List now stands at slightly fewer than 900 players. This means that we have catalogued images for approximately 15,300 major leaguers.

In addition to finding images of previously missing players, we have been working to catalogue additional images for those players already represented in the Player Image Index. By doing this, the user of the Player Image Index is offered more leads when a photo of a particular player is desired. We have especially concentrated on cataloguing multiple images for players whose major league careers ended before 1946. Since that year, images of players have become more plentiful both in production and retention. The total number of images catalogued in the Player Image Index is now approximately 23,500.

As mentioned in the September 2004 Committee Newsletter, these are the steps for reaching and downloading the Player Image Index from the SABR website:

Go to the SABR website, www.sabr.org.

Click on Research.

Click on Pictorial History.

Click on The Player Image Index in the dark green banner at the top of the page.

RIGHT-click on "Player Image Index" under Downloads at the right side of the page.

Choose "Save As" in the pop-up box which emerges.

Store the Player Image Index in whatever folder you choose on your computer.

The downloadable version does not contain all the latest update to the Player Image Index. There is a bit of a lag time between when an image is first catalogued and when that record appears in the version of the Player Image Index appears on-line.

NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PLAYER IMAGE INDEX

The following new contributors have found at least one image for the Player Image Index project since participation was last reported:

Dave Davis

Dennis Dillon
Liz Fitch
Ron Kading
Randy Kula
Jay Langhammer
Norman Macht
John Sheahan
Terry Simpkins
Jim Watkins
Max Weder
Mark Zeigler

Thank you to all of those who have helped us make so much progress in this project. There are now 86 people who have made contributions.

MIS-IDENTIFICATIONS

A few of the images we catalogued have been identified as being associated with the wrong players. These mis-identifications will be corrected, but this newsletter will serve as an advanced alert to them.

A Player Image Index record indicated that Bert Graham appeared in an on-line panorama photo of the 1910 St. Louis Browns. Dave Davis did the sleuth-work to figure out that the photo was taken earlier in the season before Graham made his debut with the Browns. So even though the caption said "Graham," the player pictured was actually Bill Grahame.

Bob Richardson reported that for a Joel Sherman image, one should go to a team photo in the 9/9/1917 Springfield (MA) Republican, and not to the Hartford team photo in the 9/7/1915 New Bedford Standard, as previously indicated in the Player Image Index. The New Bedford Standard image is of Lester "Dan" Sherman.

A couple of 1909-10 Obak baseball cards turned out to be of the wrong players, so we'll be deleting the Obak entries for Charles "Lou" Boardman and William G. Lindsey.

The 1990 Target Dodgers baseball card set is a good source to pick up lots of photos of players who spent some time with the Brooklyn National League team. However, in their haste to assemble this enormous (1,144 cards) set, the set producers made some mis-identifications. We thought we had caught most of the errors, but we have two corrections to make in the Player Image Index. (1) The Max West card pictures Max Edward West, the Boston Brave, rather than Walter Maxwell "Max" West, the Brooklyn player. Thanks to the helpful staff at the Waco-McClellan County Library in Texas, we now know that an image of Walter "Max" West appeared in the May 2, 1927 issue of the Waco News and Tribune. (2) The Dolly Stark card pictures Albert "Dolly" Stark, the major league umpire rather than Monroe "Dolly" Stark, the Brooklyn player. Our other entries for Monroe Stark, the T206 card and the Cleveland Plain Dealer photo, are still appropriate.

BALLPARK PHOTO INDEX

Paul Healey continues to work on the Ballpark Photo project. We are still cataloguing images of major league parks. After that phase is completed, we will move on to minor league parks. We thank Ron Selter for his participation with Paul on this project. If you would like to contribute to the cataloguing of ballpark photos, please contact Paul at paulhealey@yahoo.com. Paul would welcome more participants.

PHOTO WEBSITES

Frank Russo's site, The DeadBall Era, was originally at <http://www.thedeadballera.crosswinds.net>. It is now at <http://www.thedeadballera.com>. The Player Image Index is in the process of being corrected for those entries where the old address was used.

The SABR chapter in the Northwest has begun putting team photos onto its website. You might want to check them out at the following webpage: <http://nwsabr.sabr.org/images.htm>

For those who might want to refer to photo websites previously mentioned in this Committee's newsletters, you can find all our newsletters from the past two years at:

<http://www.sabr.org/sabr.cfm?a=cms,c,255,5,0>

Click on Newsletters in the banner across the top of that webpage.

LATINO BASEBALL DOCUMENTARY

Anthony Salazar, Vice-Chair of SABR's Latin America Research Committee, reports that a documentary is being made of Latino baseball. The producers, located in New York City, are looking for help with images. The announcement is inserted below.

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SEEKING STILL PHOTOS, HOME VIDEO AND IMAGES OF LATINO BASEBALL PLAYERS, CARIBBEAN WORLD SERIES AND LATIN STARS OF THE PAST FOR DOCUMENTARY FILM ON HISPANICS IN BASEBALL

Filmmaker Dan Klores is seeking black and white and/or color photos and 8mm footage of Latino baseball players, Caribbean World Series, Mexican League of the 1940's, and Latin stars of the past for his new documentary film "Viva Baseball" which is scheduled to air on Spike TV® in September 2005.

The documentary will chronicle the rich history of Latino baseball players in the Major Leagues and the struggles they've overcome to succeed and thrive in "America's pastime."

Minnie Minoso, Orlando Cepeda, Felipe Alou, Preston Gomez and Roberto Alomar are among the Latino baseball greats already interviewed for this film.

Please contact Adam Schiff at 212-981-5216 if you have any images. Proper accreditation will be given to owners of the images.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Just a reminder that the SABR convention will be held in Toronto, Canada, from August 4 through August 7. We will hold a Pictorial History Committee meeting at SABR 35, and I hope to see many of you there.