

SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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The day has finally arrived when we can announce that the Player Image Index is on-line!

THE PLAYER IMAGE INDEX IS AVAILABLE TO YOU FROM THE SABR WEBSITE

The Player Image Index has been uploaded to the Pictorial History Committee's portion of the SABR website. It resides there in Excel spreadsheet format. It is available to you by downloading it to your computer. Here are the steps for reaching and downloading the file.

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.

Be patient. It takes about 12 to 15 minutes to download this file via a regular dial-up connection; of course, it will go faster via a high-speed line.

My thanks go to Cary Smith and F.X. Flinn for placing this file on the SABR website.

Eventually, the Player Image Index will become part of the SABR Encyclopedia on the SABR website. The SABR Encyclopedia can be found via the Research Tools tab after you have logged into the members-only section of the website. That's the same area of the website where you will find Pro-Quest and other on-line research tools.

Thanks also go to all of you who have contributed the finding of images for this project. The Player Image Index could not have been built without extensive help from a lot of SABR members.

Once you start looking at the Player Image Index, if you find some errors in the entries, please let Cary Smith or me know. Given the volume of records which we keyed into this file, there are bound to have been some errors which occurred simply from fatigue.

USING PRO-QUEST FOR PHOTOS

Pro-Quest is a wonderful tool for doing newspaper research when you are looking for baseball players who have been mentioned in the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, or Chicago Tribune.

However, it's a bit tricky to find photos through this tool, because its search function is keyed to articles, not to photos. Sometimes if a player's name is mentioned in the headline for an article, you'll find a photo in conjunction with that article. At other times, it's best to click on "Page Map" to get a sense for whatever photos might have appeared on that page of a newspaper sports section.

If you do find a ProQuest photo which interests you, it's likely that you'll want a larger version than what is displayed via "Page Map."

Once you have arrived at the "Page Map" for the page which interests you, click on "Page Image - PDF." It may take a few minutes for the PDF version to show up on your screen. Once it's there, you'll see a percentage number in the tool bar along the top of the page. There is a + symbol to the immediate right of that percentage number. If you click on the + symbol, you'll see that the image of the page starts to enlarge. You can then focus on the photo which interests you and that photo will appear in an enlarged form.

MORE ON-LINE SITES FOR FINDING PLAYER PHOTOS

Evelyn Begley has mentioned a number of websites which are useful for photo research. They are as follows:

<http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eagle/> -- for the Brooklyn Eagle newspaper 1841-1902

<http://www.aafla.com/search/search.htm> -- for Baseball Magazine 1908-1918

<http://www.sportingnews.com/archives/conlon/exhibit.html>-- for the Conlon collection

<http://www.ebbets-field.com/Vintage%20Baseball%20Cards/Vintage%20Baseball%20Cards%20Home.htm> -- for baseball cards of Brooklyn NL players.

<http://www.ebbets-field.com/By%20the%20Numbers/Home.htm> -- to see photo displays of Dodger players organized by their uniform numbers.

http://www.worldkidmag.com/world_kid_5_web/loc_web/antique_baseball_baseball_cards_library_of_congress.htm -- provides an overview of the Library of Congress collection of old baseball cards.

MISSING PLAYERS WHO WENT TO COLLEGE

The website baseball-reference.com now lists the college or colleges a player attended along with the other data pertaining to specific major league players. Using that tool, I am able to inform you of the colleges and years attended for some of the 20th century players for whom we still have been

unable to catalogue an image. Here are some examples:

Fred Bailey, outfielder -- Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA
1916-18

Edward "Lee" King, outfielder -- University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA 1916-19 Jim Park,
pitcher -- University of Kentucky 1915-17; was Athletic Director there starting in 1917.

Roy Garvin Sanders, pitcher -- William Jewell College, Liberty MO
1917-18

Jim Tennant, pitcher -- In 1929, he attended both Elizabethtown
College, Elizabethtown PA and George Washington University,
Washington DC.

If any of you are interested in contacting these colleges in hopes of
finding images of these players, please let me know. It would be
useful to coordinate centrally so that the colleges are not besieged by multiple requests from us.

COMMITTEE MEETING AT SABR 34 IN CINCINNATI

I appreciated Cary Smith's stepping in for me at nearly the last minute to chair the meeting, as an old injury kept me from making the trip to Cincinnati. Thanks to the many of you who attended the meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing you next year in Toronto.