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Not everything that counts can be counted;
not everything that is counted is worth counting.

—Albert Einstein

From The Chairman: Welcome to two new members of the Records Committee:

Lefty Blasco; 14949 Blythe Street; Van Nuys, CA 91402 and

Bob Fulton; 364 Water Street; Indiana, PA 15701; (412) 349-9068.

I am enclosing an updated roster of Records Committee members. If there are any errors in your listing, please let me know. The omitted phone numbers are because I don't have them. If you send them to me, I will include them in the next newsletter.

Pete Palmer informs me that the members of the subcommittee on protests and forfeits are generally agreed on what to do about most of the categories involved, i.e. NL protested games 1876-1890 and tied games 1878-1884. There is disagreement, however, on the protested games of 1910-1919. There are ten games in this group including two in 1918 which if counted, would make Edd Roush the NL batting champion instead of Zack Wheat. Any and all input is welcome. The other members of the subcommittee are **Bob Tiemann**, **Richard Topp**, **Frank Williams**, **Joe Wayman**, and **Jeffrey Platt**.

In the October newsletter I passed on **John O' Malley's** request for clarification of Tim Keefe's correct strikeout total for his game against Pittsburgh on May 8, 1884. John said the Pittsburgh Dispatch credited him with eight strikeouts, while the game-by-game totals from the Hall of Fame credited him with six. **Frank Cunliffe** researched the game in four other Pittsburgh newspapers and determined that the correct number should be eight. John now has a complete game-by-game listing for Tim Keefe for the years 1883-1889. The 14 page listing can be obtained from **Len Levin**; 282 Doyle Avenue.; Providence, RI 02906. The cost of reproduction is 11 cents a page; there are 14 pages of data.

Bill Gilbert, who tracks what he calls "triple milestone seasons" (.300 BAV, 30 HR, 100 RBI) says that the strike ruined what may have been a record amount of players accomplishing this feat. Three--**Jeff Bagwell**, **Frank Thomas** and **Albert Belle**--had already passed those figures when the strike began, and Bill thinks that the following were on target to do so: **Ken Griffey, Jr.**, **Rafael Palmeiro**, **Paul O'Neill**, **Chili Davis**, **Mo Vaughn**, **Moises Alou**, **Kevin Mitchell**, **Andres Galarraga**, **Mike Piazza**, **Fred McGriff**, **Barry Bonds**, **Dante Bichette**, and **Sammy Sosa**. Be patient Bill, unfortunately more expansion is on the way.

Courtesy of Tom Zocco here is a list of twenty-game winners with the fewest total career victories.

<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Lifetime Wins</u>
Henry Schmidt	BKL (N) ¹	1903	22 (22-13)	22 (22-13)
Buck O'Brien	BOS (A) ¹	1912	20 (20-13)	29 (29-25)
Johnny Beazley	STL (N) ¹	1942	21 (21-6)	31 (31-12)
Bill James	BOS (N) ¹	1914	26 (26-7)	37 (37-21)
Roscoe Miller	DET (A) ¹	1901	23 (23-13)	39 (39-45)
Scott Perry	PHI (A) ¹	1918	20 (20-19)	40 (40-68)
Lou Fatte	BOS (N) ²	1937	20 (20-10)	41 (41-40)
Nick Maddox	PIT (N) ¹	1908	23 (23-8)	43 (43-20)
Gene Bearden	CLE (A) ¹	1948	20 (20-7)	45 (45-38)
Carmen Hill	PIT (N) ²	1927	22 (22-11)	49 (49-33)
Roger Wolff	WAS (A) ¹	1945	20 (20-10)	52 (52-59)
Dickie Kerr	CHI (A) ¹	1920	21 (21-9)	53 (53-34)
Herb Score	CLE (A) ²	1956	20 (20-9)	55 (55-46)
Wayne Garland	BAL (A) ¹	1976	20 (20-7)	55 (55-66)
King Cole	CHI (N) ¹	1910	20 (20-4)	56 (56-27)
Jimmy Dygert	PHI (A)	1907	21 (21-8)	57 (57-49)
Ron Bryant	SF (N)	1973	24 (24-12)	57 (57-56)
Scott Errickson	MIN (A)	1991	20 (20-8)	57 (57-54) Still active
Mike Norris	OAK (A)	1980	22 (22-9)	58 (58-59)
Hugh Bedient	BOS (A)	1912	20 (20-9)	59 (59-53)
Pete Schneider	CIN (N)	1917	20 (20-19)	59 (59-86)

Now that its Hall of Fame voting time again, here is an interesting compilation by Walt Wilson of players who were selected for the All-Star game at least eight times but are not in the Hall. This is definitely not an endorsement by either Walt or me, just a list.

17 times	Pete Rose	1965, 1967-1971, 1973-1982, 1985 (Currently ineligible)
12 times	Nellie Fox	1951-1961, 1963
12 times	Mike Schmidt	1974, 1976-1977, 1979-1984, 1986-1987, 1989 (Not yet eligible)
12 times	George Brett	1976-1986, 1988 (Not yet eligible)
11 times	Bill Freehan	1964-1973, 1975
11 times	Carlton Fisk	1972-1974, 1976-1978, 1980-1982, 1985, 1991 (Not yet eligible)
11 times	Gary Carter	1975, 1979-1988 (Not yet eligible)
10 times	Steve Garvey	1974-1981, 1984-1985
9 times	Frank McCormick	1938-1946
9 times	Joe Gordon	1939-1943, 1946-1949 (In the military 1944-1945)
9 times	Elston Howard	1957-1965
9 times	Ron Santo	1963-1966, 1968-1969, 1971-1973
9 times	Joe Torre	1963-1967, 1970-1973
9 times	Dave Concepcion	1973, 1975-1982
9 times	Fred Lynn	1975-1983
8 times	Bob Johnson	1935, 1938-1940, 1942-1945
8 times	Walker Cooper	1942-1944, 1946-1950 (In the military 1945)
8 times	Vern Stephens	1943-1946, 1948-1951
8 times	Gil Hodges	1949-1955, 1957
8 times	Del Crandall	1953-1956, 1958-1960, 1962
8 times	Harvey Kuenn	1953-1960
8 times	Tony Oliva	1964-1971
8 times	Nolan Ryan	1972-1973, 1975, 1977-1979, 1981, 1983 (Not yet eligible)
8 times	Ted Simmons	1972-1974, 1977-1979, 1981, 1983
8 times	Jim Rice	1977-1980, 1983-1986
8 times	Lance Parrish	1980, 1982-1986, 1988, 1990 (Not yet eligible)

Walt Wilson has compiled a list of batters (through 1993) who hit at least 30 home runs but had fewer walks than homers. You will notice that the list is of predominantly post-1960 sluggers.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>BB</u>
1929	Al Simmons	PHI (A)	34	31	1979	Dave Kingman	CHI (N)	48	45
1936	Hal Trosky	CLE (A)	42	36	1980	Tony Armas	OAK (A)	35	29
1947	Walkep Cooper	NY (N)	35	24	1980	Bob Horner	ATL (N)	35	27
1956	Joe Adcock	MIL (N)	38	32	1983	Tony Armas	BOS (A)	36	29
1961	Orlando Cepeda	SP (N)	46	39	1984	Tony Armas	BOS (A)	43	32
1961	Dick Stuart	PIT (N)	35	34	1986	Dave Kingman	OAK (A)	35	33
1962	Ernie Banks	CHI (N)	37	30	1987	George Bell	TOR (A)	47	39
1965	Mack Jones	MIL (N)	31	29	1987	Joe Carter	CLE (A)	32	27
1966	Felipe Alou	ATL (N)	31	24	1987	Andre Dawson	CHI (N)	49	32
1966	Joe Pepitone	NY (A)	31	29	1987	Cory Snyder	CLE (A)	33	31
1968	Ernie Banks	CHI (N)	32	27	1991	Andre Dawson	CHI (N)	31	22
1975	Dave Kingman	NY (N)	36	34	1991	Matt Williams	SF (N)	34	33
1976	Dave Kingman	NY (N)	37	28	1992	Juan Gonzalez	TEX (A)	43	35
1977	Butch Hobson	BOS (A)	30	27	1993	Juan Gonzalez	TEX (A)	46	37
1979	Bob Horner	ATL (N)	35	27	1994	Matt Williams	SF (N)	38	27

Incidentally, Kingman's 35 home runs in 1986 are the most ever for a player in his final season. Here are the top seven.

Dave Kingman	Oakland	1986	35
Ted Williams	Boston	1960	29
Hank Greenberg	Pittsburgh	1947	25
Roy Cullenbine	Detroit	1947	24
Jack Graham	St. Louis (A)	1949	24
Joe Gordon	Cleveland	1950	19
George Brett	Kansas City	1993	19

Speaking of home runs here are a couple of Dave Vincent's discoveries from the Tattersall/McConnell Home Run Log. The first is for most career home runs hit without a grand slam, and the second is most home runs allowed without giving up a grand slam.

<u>Batters</u>		<u>Pitchers</u>	
Glenn Davis	190	Jim Palmer	303
Ron Kittle	176	Harvey Haddix	240
Claudell Washington	164	Mike Krukow	196
Willie Kirkland	148	Mike Boddicker	182
Hector Lopez	136	Eric Show	171
George McQuinn	135	Jimmie Key	165
Dale Long	132	Gary Peters	157
Norm Siebern	132	Joaquin Andujar	156
Ed Kranepool	118	Curt Young	142
Bing Miller	116	Hal Schumacher	139

RECORDS POTPOURRI: Bob Fulton raised a question about the listed record for Most Consecutive Hits Allowed, Game. The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book (1994 edition) on page 81 shows Bill Reidy of the 1901 Milwaukee Brewers as the AL record-holder with ten, and Erskine Mayer (1913 Phillies) and Bob Forsch (1989 Astros) as the NL record holders with nine. The Elias Book of Baseball Records (1994 edition) page 88 shows the same thing. Bob claimed that the Brooklyn Robins got ten consecutive hits off Pittsburgh pitcher Heinie Meine in a game at Pittsburgh on June 23, 1930.

I checked the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Brooklyn Eagle and they concur. In fact the Eagle says that Brooklyn got twelve consecutive hits. There were ten in the sixth inning with the third out made on the basepaths. Then in the seventh, the first two Brooklyn batters got hits. However, they were off the new Pittsburgh pitcher, Leon Chagnon. Fortunately this game is one for which Dave Smith, of Retrosheet, has play-by-play. Dave confirmed that Brooklyn did indeed have ten consecutive hits in the sixth inning, and that the National League record in this category should belong solely to Heinie Meine. This is another demonstration of the immense value of Retrosheet to all researchers, and why we should support it in any way we can.

I have sent this information off to Craig Carter of The Sporting News and Seymour Siwoff of Elias with the request that they make the corrections.

The currently accepted National League record for Most Consecutive Road Games Lost, Season is 22 by Pittsburgh in 1890 and New York in 1963. See The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book (1994 edition) page 131 and The Elias Book of Baseball Records (1994 edition) page 141. Bob Tiemann has discovered that the 1890 Pittsburgh club actually lost 41 consecutive road games and that is the NL (and major league) record. The streak began following a 7-5 victory at Brooklyn on July 17 and ended with an 8-6 win at Cincinnati on Sept. 13. Here is a brief summary of the streak.

<u>Loss</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
1,2	July 18,19	@ Brooklyn	20-22	Aug. 21-23	@ Philadelphia
3-5	July 21-23	@ Philadelphia	23,24	Aug. 25,26	@ Boston
6,7	Aug. 1 (DH)	@ Brooklyn	25,26	Aug. 27 (DH)	@ Boston
8	Aug. 2	@ Brooklyn	27,28	Aug. 28,29	@ New York
9	Aug. 4	@ Brooklyn	29,30	Aug. 30 (DH)	@ New York
10-12	Aug. 6-8	@ Cincinnati	31-33	Sep. 1 (TH)	@ Brooklyn
13-15	Aug. 13-15	@ Cleveland	34	Sep. 2	@ Brooklyn
16	Aug. 16	@ Chicago	35-37	Sep. 8-10	@ Chicago
17	Aug. 18	@ Chicago	38-39	Sep. 11 (DH)	@ Cincinnati
18,19	Aug. 19 (DH)	@ Chicago	40-41	Sep. 12 (DH)	@ Cincinnati

Joe Dittmar has come across a 20-inning game between Washington and Cleveland in 1971 that affects two existing records. In the game, which began on September 14 and was concluded on September 20, pitchers from both clubs issued a combined total of 30 bases on balls, 19 to Washington batters and 11 to Cleveland batters. These totals appear in the Washington Post, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland Press, New York Times and the Official American League day-by-day records.

1. This game should replace the one listed in The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book (1994 edition) page 59 as the American League record for Most Bases on Balls by Both Clubs, Extra-inning Game. That is the 12-inning game between Boston and Detroit on September 17, 1920 in which 28 bases on balls were issued. Joe points out that there were also 30 bases on balls in a game between Philadelphia and Detroit in 1916, but that was a nine-inning game.

2. This game also established the American League record for Most Left on Base in an Extra-inning Game. Washington stranded 25 runners. Both The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book (1994 edition) page 70, and The Elias Book of Baseball Records (1994 edition) page 117, correctly list the record as 25. However, both show Kansas City, who stranded 25 against Texas in 18 innings on June 6, 1991 as the record holder. However, as Joe discovered, Kansas City merely tied the record that Washington had established.