

## SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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### MISSING PLAYER LIST DOWN BELOW 1,000

The Missing Player List for the Player Image Index project now stands at 978 players. Thanks to all of you who have contributed photos and have made it possible to meet our goal of trimming the list to below 1,000.

As you might imagine, we are now down to those players whose photos or other images are very difficult to find. For twentieth century players, the longest major league career belongs to Charles "She" Donahue, with 62 games. About 82% of the missing players had major league careers lasting 20 games or less. The missing players with the five longest careers are Mike Muldoon, 495 games, 1882-86; Jim Holdsworth, 318 games, 1872-77 plus 1882 and 1884; William B. "Bill" Foley, 250 games, 1875-79 plus 1881 and 1884; Emil Gross, 248 games, 1879-81 and 1883-84; and John "Jerry" McCormick, 202 games, 1883-84.

### PLAYER ID'S ADDITION TO DATA BASE ALMOST COMPLETE

Cary Smith has been working for about the last nine months on adding Lahman ID Codes to each of the records in the Player Image Index. He has completed over 90% of this chore, and expects to be finished shortly. After this step is complete, we can begin to work on getting the Player Image Index placed on the SABR website. I'm hopeful that this will happen in 2004.

### PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAYER IMAGE INDEX CONTINUES TO GROW

The following are new contributors to the Player Image Index and have not been recognized in previous newsletters: Charlie Bevis, Bruce Donnola, Frances Flaherty Knox, Walter Kuczvara, Fred Leinheiser, John Lewis, and Bill Weiss. The total number who have contributed at least one photo to be catalogued in the Player Image Index now stands at 74.

### SYMBIOSIS

Within SABR, there is a great deal of opportunity for the work of one committee to be useful to the work of another. Let me cite a few examples. Marc Okkonen has gained a great deal of experience and knowledge about players' associations with minor league teams, as he has sought to find their photos in team photos. Marc is currently digitizing a number of minor league rosters for the Minor League Committee. The Scouts Committee is always on the watch for information

about which scout signed which ballplayer. Rod Nelson's interest in the signing of 1930's major leaguer Howdy Groskloss led to a contact with the latter and the provision of his photo to us. In the process, we learned that it was Honus Wagner who signed Groskloss. An inquiry from Frances Flaherty Knox about a 1919 photo showing players from the Boston Red Sox and Baltimore Dry Docks semi-pro team led to enough interesting information about her father, [Pat Flaherty](#), that I ended up writing a biography of him for the BioProject. As reported in the last newsletter, the Ballparks Committee and this committee have gotten together to launch the Ballpark Photo Index project. We're always dependent on the work of the Biographical Committee to keep us up to date with changes in the lists of players who were major league ballplayers. We appreciate the help which other committees have given us, and we hope that we are providing assistance to them as well.

#### 20,000 PHOTOS BEING AUCTIONED

Cary Smith brought to our attention that a North Little Rock, Arkansas, dealer by the name of Sports Cards Plus is conducting a series of auctions of baseball photos on eBay. When completed, Sports Card Plus will have auctioned 20,000 photos. If you would like to view their part of the eBay website, you should go to the following URL:

<http://cgi6.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewSellersOtherItems&include=0&userid=lexibell&sort=3&rows=25&since=-1&rd=1>

#### SPALDING GUIDES ON INTERNET

A limited number of Spalding Baseball Guides have been scanned and are now available on the Library of Congress website. The website address is:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/spaldinghtml/spaldinghome.html>

Click on Browse by Title to get to the list of available Spalding Guides. Once you have selected the year of the Guide which interests you and you have clicked on View Page Images, you may have to browse through a few pages to find the Table of Contents for that Guide. The page listed in the Table of Contents will differ slightly from the page on the website, so you may have to do some more browsing within the Guide. As an example, in the 1917 Spalding Guide, the Table of Contents is on Image 10. The beginning of the section on the International League is listed in the Table of Contents as on page 151, but the first International League team photo is on Image 157.

#### SABR 34 PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Our Committee meeting will take place from 9 to 10 am on Friday, July 16th at the SABR National Convention. Cary Smith will be presenting some electronic views of the Player Image Index by projecting from his laptop. Paul Healey will be present to discuss the Ballpark Photo Index. We hope to see many of you there.