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Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter

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Free Virtual Event

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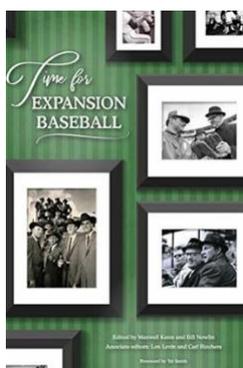
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Ken Keltner Virtual Chapter Meeting Thursday, August 20, 2020, 7 PM "Time for Expansion Baseball," by Maxwell Kates

Join us for a discussion on Maxwell Kates's edited publication, "Time for Expansion Baseball." Max is a long time SABR member and friend of the Ken Keltner Chapter.



The past twenty years have yielded dozens of SABR bio projects, including "There's Joy in Braveland" and "Harvey's Wallbangers." Have you ever wondered what it took to write, edit, and produce a SABR bio project? Join Maxwell Kates as he discusses the making of "Time for Expansion Baseball." The book, which was co-edited with Bill Nowlin, was an anthology which covered the formation and players on all 14 expansion teams. The presentation will cover stories about the

genesis of the book, the essays, the photographs, and more, all in a race against time to meet a deadline of November 2018. This will be an encore presentation of last month's "Talkin' Baseball" discussion, featuring additional material on the Milwaukee Brewers.

All participants will be entered into a drawing to win a copy of "Time for Expansion Baseball."

Watch for Zoom instructions in a separate email or contact [Dennis Degenhardt](#).

Do you have a suggestion for future meetings, let us know?

**Virtual Chapter Meeting
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July 21, 2020 Ken Keltner Virtual Meeting on High School Baseball Coaches



Our July, Ken Keltner Virtual Chapter Meeting was on high school baseball coaches hosted by retired TV 6 Sports Director Tom Pipines. The coaches who brought 114 years of coaching baseball at the high school level included Keltner members Tom O'Connell (51 years), Ron Kading (41 years) and John Strohmusch (22 years). They discussed why they became a high school baseball coach, the most challenging aspect of coaching, how the high school game has changed over the years and the

best all-around Wisconsin baseball player they have seen. And more including some good smack talk.

Click on the picture to enjoy the fun and interesting meeting again or for the first time if you were unable to attend live.

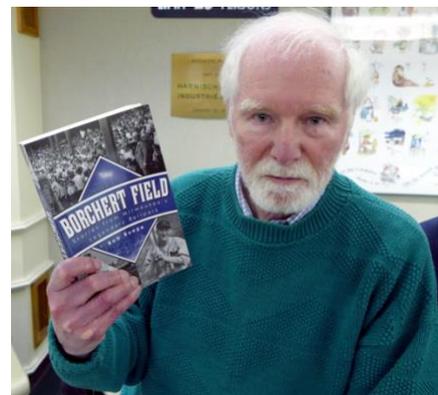
Get to Know...

Monthly, we ask a SABR member to answer a series of questions so the membership can get to know other Keltner members better. If there is someone you want featured in **Get to Know...** let Dennis know.

This month's **Get to Know...**

Bob Buege

The person most responsible for our Milwaukee chapter is Bob Buege. In 2000, when chapters played a larger role in the annual SABR convention, Bob convinced the national office that we could hold a convention here even though we didn't have a local chapter. He recruited fellow Badger State members through the old printed newsletter to help him organize the meeting. About 20 of us met regularly at the old Derry's Pub where many of us first met Bob and his leadership was instrumental as the Chair of the very successful SABR 31, one of 28 conventions (1990 - 2017) he attended. From there, he helped keep the group together forming the chapter becoming our first president.



Buege was born in Milwaukee's Walker's Point neighborhood the day before Bob Feller no-hit the Yankees at Yankee Stadium in 1946. The middle of three brothers, his birthplace is presently surmounted by the largest four-faced clock in North America.

His earliest baseball-related memory occurred in 1953 when an older student on the playground at Hawthorne School gave him a Bowman baseball card of [Carl Furillo](#) because he had doubles. Buege had no clue to what it was and the numbers on the back of the card made no sense to him.

As most of us know, Buege's favorite team was and always will be the Milwaukee Braves. He was at Game Four of the 1957 World Series when [Eddie Mathews](#) smacked his tenth inning, game winning home run with [Felix Mantilla](#) on base cementing Mathews as his favorite player. Mantilla replaced [Nippy Jones](#) who got on with the famous shoe polish hit-by-pitch incident.

Buege attended UW-Madison, UW-Whitewater, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Milwaukee for his Master's Degree. Following college, he became an English teacher (1968-2002) at Pulaski High School and then a lecturer at UW-Milwaukee (2002-2008) after retiring from Pulaski.

Buege joined SABR in 1988 to obtain the organization's membership list for the purpose of selling his first book, *The Milwaukee Braves: A Baseball Eulogy* (still considered the go-to book on the Milwaukee franchise). He has written two other baseball related books, *Eddie Mathews and the National Pastime*; and *Borchert Field: Stories from Milwaukee's Legendary Ballpark*; all great books to read. In addition, he has written about 200 baseball-related articles and books about Pine Bluff, Wisconsin, UW Provision Company, and Milwaukee's Pulaski High School.

An excellent and tenacious researcher Buege is currently writing an article about [Warren Spahn](#) and working on much more.

Buege is married to Margaret and they have two daughters with two grandsons and three granddaughters (all excellent unicyclists).

When asked for final words of wisdom, Buege stated that joining SABR was one of the best decisions he ever made.

Keltner Book Korner



The latest book for the Ken Keltner Book Club is "[The Wax Pack](#)". It's an interesting tale of a 34 year-old professor spending his summer trying to visit 13 of the remaining 14 players in a 1986 Topps Wax Pack. How many of us would have liked to have met the players we unwrapped when buying baseball cards? His adventure and interactions with the players make for an enjoyable read that that you don't want to put down. The [Boston Globe](#) has an excellent review of the book.

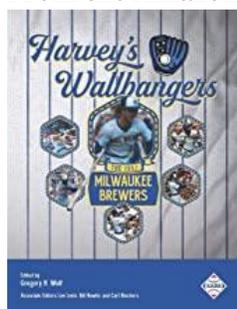


The Ken Keltner Book Club will meet on **August 5, 2020 at 7 PM** to discuss the book. All are welcomed to join the Zoom meeting. Contact Dennis for login info.

Do you have a recommendation for the next book for the Keltner Book Club? We are always looking for suggestions. Or, have you read a good book lately, or a stinker? Share your thoughts with the chapter. Send your comments to [Dennis](#) to be include in the *Keltner Hot Corner*. Or, if you have recommendations, send those, too.

"Harvey's Wallbangers: The 1982 Milwaukee Brewers"

From the Amazon writeup: "Harvey's Wallbangers: The 1982 Milwaukee Brewers" commemorates a team that captured the hearts and imagination of baseball fans not just in Wisconsin, but around the country. Named for skipper Harvey Kuenn, the home-run slugging club was filled with a memorable cast of characters, future Hall of Famers, and All-Stars: from Robin Yount, Gorman Thomas, Ted Simmons, and Rollie Fingers to Cecil Cooper, Ben Oglivie, Paul Molitor, and Don Sutton. They were a close-knit and resilient group that weathered controversies and slumps to capture the AL East crown on the last day of the season, overcome a two-games-to-none deficit to win the best-of-five League Championship Series, and move to within one game of winning the World Series."



This book is the result of the tireless work of more than 40 SABR members who researched and wrote all of the biographies, game accounts, and essays as well as fact checking and editing. Keltner member authors included, Isaac Buttke, Ken Carrano, Dennis D. Degenhardt, Greg Hoffmann, Lee Kluck, Rick Schabowski, Gregory Wolf, and Mario Ziino.

If you would like a printed copy of the book and support the Ken Keltner Chapter, we have books available for \$26 including shipping. Contact [Dennis](#) to arrange for your copy. The net proceeds will go to the chapter.



Bert Thiel, Milwaukee SABR Convention Speaker Passed Away on July 31.

Pitcher Bert Thiel, one of the two remaining members of the Boston Braves, passed away on July 31, 2020 surrounded by family in his home of 67 years in Pella, WI at age 94. Del Crandall is now the only surviving Boston Brave.

The Wisconsin born player, pitched in only four games in the majors in 1952 but had 145 victories over 14 minor league seasons, ten years in the Braves organization. He tossed two no-hitters including the Milwaukee Brewers last no-no on August 16, 1951.

Thiel was part of a Brewers/Braves player panel held on Saturday, July 12 at SABR 31 and represented SABR that evening tossing out the first pitch before the Twins vs. Brewers contest won by Minnesota 5-3.

A SABR Bio is in the process written by co-authors Tom VanHyning of Mississippi and Dennis D. Degenhardt of The Keltner. The bio is in final edit and will be out soon.

Thiel's obit is at: <https://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituary/maynard-thiel>

Mary Shea to Speak at Chudnow Museum August 16th

Mary Shea will be a featured speaker at the Chudnow Museum's Founder's Day celebration on August 16. She will talk about women's baseball and the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, especially the Milwaukee Chicks. Also speaking is our friend Patrick Steele discussing why the Braves left Milwaukee. This will be a free virtual event, see the following for details.

FOUNDER'S DAY

8th Annual

CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020 1PM - 4PM

Speakers on the history of Milwaukee baseball!
Real and Online exhibit with vintage baseball items.
Vintage film of Borchert Field and County Stadium.
Online quizzes on Milwaukee baseball trivia.
Online benefit auction for the Chudnow Museum.

Details @ chudnowmuseum.org/founders-day-2020.html

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Mary Shea will be talking about women's baseball and the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, particularly the Milwaukee Chicks of 1944. The Chicks played just a single year in Milwaukee but won the league championship.

Patrick Steele's first book investigates all the issues behind the Milwaukee Braves' owners making the shocking announcement on October 1964 that they were moving to Atlanta. He explores on reasons why the Milwaukee Miracle went south.



Cory Ritterbusch Games Project

Keltner member [Cory Ritterbusch](#) of Shullsburg, Wisconsin enjoys researching and writing SABR Game Project articles. He has written three and is working on a fourth. Ritterbusch's first game was about his hero Pee Wee Reese that we included in June. His second, took place on April 27, 1947 the day his dad was born. He was interested in writing about Eddie Waitkus and when he found the connection with Babe Ruth Day and Ruth Ann Steinegan, "it sealed the deal." He has a new theme going with famous games that happened at Wrigley Field that have nothing to do with the Cubs. Below is the first game in his new series.

Do you have a game or date you're interested in knowing more, write a Games Project? Cory would be happy to help you learn how to write and research your game.

September 8, 1985: Reds' Pete Rose unknowingly breaks Ty Cobb's hit record

This article was written by Cory Ritterbusch

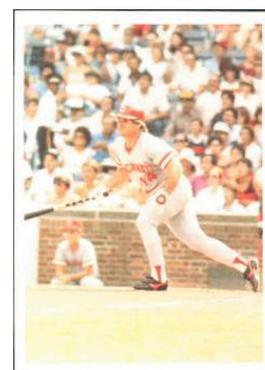
This Sunday-afternoon game in Chicago has a Shakespearean plot. Its twists and turns began 75 years prior and they continue today as a trivial footnote. It reads like a game from the Deadball Era: "Player/manager goes 2-for-5 — game suspended due to darkness." It's something young fans would be puzzled by today, along with myriad wacky anecdotes surrounding one of the most iconic and controversial characters in the game.

[Pete Rose](#) entered the weekend series with 4,187 hits, five away from breaking the career hits record, a culmination of a lifelong pursuit to become the game's Hit King. Reaching 4,192 was his life's purpose. Chasing the ghost of [Ty Cobb](#) at age 44, Rose was now the Reds' player-manager. His hitting was diminished, with a batting average of just .265 facing only right-handed pitchers. The Reds were holding on to a small pennant chance at 8½ games back and [Wrigley Field](#) had no lights yet. By the end of the weekend, with a few unexpected events, Rose tied Cobb and even attempted to break the record at twilight. This shocked Reds ownership, the sports world, players, and maybe himself.

In the series' first game, Rose connected for two hits: a rare wind-driven home run and a single for (number 4,189). The crowd showed Rose overwhelming admiration. At a postgame press conference he said he wanted to get the record hit in his hometown, Cincinnati. On Saturday Rose went 0-for-4. With left-hander Steve Trout expected to start Sunday, Rose would be sitting out. The Reds were going home after Sunday's game for a homestand and Rose could get his hit there in grand fashion. Reds owner [Marge Schott](#) had already planned the festivities. A large press entourage and Rose's wife, Carol, children, Tyler and Fawn, and agent Reuven Katz left Chicago Saturday.

At 10:30 Sunday morning [Steve Trout](#) arrived at Wrigley Field. He fell off his bicycle Saturday night, hurt his left elbow and shoulder, and still had gravel in his hand. Trout was having a problematic year already, so Cubs pitching coach Billy Connors and manager [Jim Frey](#) scratched him for right-hander Reggie Patterson. Patterson was in the minor leagues five days earlier, recovering from surgery in June for bullet wounds sustained in a mugging. Patterson had given up hit 4,189 to Rose on Friday in a relief outing. Smelling blood, Rose inserted himself into the lineup at first base, batting second.

Rose sent Patterson's first pitch to left-center for hit number 4,190. Marge Schott was at Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati for the Bengals-Seahawks football game. The news that Rose was playing spread through the ballpark just before halftime. Ears turned to portable radios. Sportswriters in



Cincinnati and Chicago were scrambling to cover the game. A Cincinnati scribe who had traveled home for the Bengals game returned to the airport. Writers at Chicago's Soldier Field made their way to Wrigley. Schott fretted about attendance losses if Rose kept hitting.²

Back at Wrigley, Rose grounded out in the third. Perhaps the unease among the sports world lay in the fact that Rose symbolized tough-minded, aggressive competition as the era's greatest hitter and his ability to get three hits in a game. Schott hastily called Reds GM Bill Bergesch and the club's publicity director, saying she didn't want Rose to play. "Wouldn't somebody please be sweet enough to go tell this to Pete?" she said.³ There was no response from Wrigley Field. It was fourth and 10 with 42 seconds remaining in the game at Riverfront when the announcement appeared on the scoreboard: "Pete Rose has tied Ty Cobb's all-time hit record."⁴ The 51,000 attendees responded with an ovation and chants of "Pete, Pete, Pete!" Back at Wrigley Field, Rose walked and scored on [Buddy Bell's](#) home run. It was Cubs 5, Reds 4 in the fifth.

The historic hit, a single to right, came off a Patterson screwball and Rose received a "thunderous" 3½-minute ovation from 28,269 attendees.⁵ He never took his foot off the bag, to avoid the pickoff, and Leon Durham stood close to get the TV exposure. The ball was on its way to Cooperstown. [Dave Parker](#), who had tried to persuade Rose not to hit, was on deck at the time. He reflected, "I just stood there and applauded the fact that it happened."⁶

Rose's next at-bat was in the seventh and the entire country had found a radio or TV. With a light rain beginning to fall, Rose took the count to 2-and-2 and grounded out to shortstop Shawon Dunston. Black clouds, lightning, thunder, and rain overtook Wrigley Field and sent the crowd for cover. Some wondered if Cobb's spirit had somehow been disturbed.⁷ The game, after moving swiftly, went into a 2-hour 4-minute rain delay.⁸ Just 10,000 fans remained when it resumed and most did not believe the game would continue or that Rose would play.⁹ The rest wanted to see history. Rose spent the delay in the locker room, watching football and tennis.

In the top of the ninth, with fireballer [Lee Smith](#) on the mound and the Cubs leading 5-4, Rose was due up fourth. Ron Oester and Max Venable both singled to get runners on first and second with [Eddie Milner](#) at the plate and Rose in the on-deck circle. On the dugout rail, Parker and Rose discussed the possibilities of bunts and intentional walks. Cubs broadcasters [Harry Caray](#) and [Steve Stone](#) were calling the game nationally with nightfall setting in. Milner singled to tie the game. Rose walked back to the dugout, leading Caray to exclaim "Rose will not hit!"¹⁰ After a quick chat with coach [George Scherger](#), he walked to the plate with a bat in hand, sending the remaining crowd into a frenzy. He would try to break the record!

Cubs fans abandoned their allegiances and chanted, "Let's Go Pete!" as the camera panned to a young Pete Rose Jr. in the dugout. It was just after 6 P.M. and darkening. Swinging aggressively, Rose struck out. Caray and Stone were surprised that "he was going for it" and Caray exclaimed, "It will wait for another day!"¹¹ In the dugout, the young Pete Rose asked his dad if it was tough to see. He replied, "Well it sounded like a strike, so I swung."¹² Smith would strike out the next two and the Cubs went 1-2-3 in the dark before the game was suspended, tied 5-5. One of the most historic games at Wrigley Field would not have a winner.

In 1910, during the famous American League batting title chase, Ty Cobb was mistakenly credited with two extra hits. Except for pioneer baseball statistician Pete Palmer, who brought this error to the attention of Major League Baseball in 1981, few knew what had just happened: Rose had broken Cobb's record. Cobb's total is now mostly accepted at 4,189. But this was no time to quibble. Rose said in a postgame interview, "I am trying to please 30,000 yelling for me and one lady back in

Cincinnati who, every time I get a hit, she's kicking her dog." Cubs manager Jim Frey, who attended the same high school Rose said, "Rose showed his honesty" in remaining in the game. Frey did not send a left-hander into the game, admitting, "I wanted to see Pete get the record here."¹³

Umpires first said the game was suspended but the National League later announced the game officially ended as a tie and would resume only if essential to the NL West pennant race. Some wondered about the hit number if Rose hit in a resumed game. However, it was stated clearly that the stats in this game counted. Schott said, "I'm hysterical. I've never spent a day like this in my life. No one bothered to inform me that Pete was going to play. If I find out that pitcher Trout doesn't have a bicycle. ..."¹⁴

To sports fans this was the final touch in a triumph of durability. Rose, in his 23rd season, fulfilled a lifelong mission, proof of relentless tenacity, focus, and health. His bat was imprinted: PR — 4192 and he had recently named his son Tyler.¹⁵ "Charlie Hustle" never held back in his career and his all-out style was legendary. Besides, he still thought the Reds were going to win the pennant and he could have won the game in the ninth with a knock. Chicago columnist Bob Verdi wrote, "Sunday's least surprising development was that Pete Rose decided to play and play hard. The Cincinnati Kid never needed much of a cue to give all, then let the hits and the theatrics fall as they may."¹⁶

Author's Note

The author was 8 years old at the time and was attending a church picnic with his family that Sunday. He heard the WGN radio call in between storms among a group gathering around the radio each at-bat.

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Virtual Chapter Meeting Survey

Please copy and paste to an email and send your replies to [Dennis Degenhardt](#).

All comments will be kept confidential.

1. Have you attended one of the Keltner Virtual Chapter Meetings, Yes or No? Please explain.
2. Have you attended any other SABR virtual chapter meetings, Yes or No?
3. The meetings have been held on weekdays in the evenings. What is the best time for you to attend the meeting? Evenings during the week, Saturday: morning, afternoon or evening? Sunday morning, afternoon or evening?
4. Is one meeting monthly too much or not enough?
5. What are our thoughts on two meetings monthly, one with more local content and the other national speakers/authors?
6. What type of content would you like to see in the meetings?
7. What other suggestions do you have for chapter meetings?

THANK YOU!

Wisconsin Players Push the Louisville Colonels through a Three-peat: 1960 to 1962, Part 3

by Rex Hamann of the *American Association Almanac*

(This is the third of a three-part article.)

Mike Krsnich. Born Sept. 24, 1931 at West Allis, Krsnich (pronounced KRIZ-nik) entered professional baseball in 1950 at the age of 18 with modest success for two D- league teams as an infielder. Before arriving with Louisville, he had two successful stints with triple-A Sacramento, a Braves farm, was probably just past his prime at the age of 29. In 1960 he earned a cup of coffee with the parent club before joining the Louisville Colonels under [Ben Geraghty](#) in 1961. Leading the league with 40 doubles was a strong statement that he still had the spark. And with a team-high 92 RBI, Krsnich ranked fifth among league leaders. His 1961 slash line (batting avg./on-base percentage/slugging percentage) would surely attract him back to the bigs for another shot at the Braves: .276/.332/.420 and 236 total bases. Playing third base in 101 games, he fielded .940, in addition to playing 43 in the outfield where he fielded .925. During the playoffs, Krsnich adapted well to being in the spotlight, appearing in all 13 games (six games at 3b; three in left field; seven in right field), he typically batted cleanup, taking the collar only twice. With his 18 hits in 52 at-bats, he batted .346, collectively ranking 10th (among qualifiers; including those with at least 15 at-bats in the playoffs that year), and third on the team, also ranking third in slugging with a mark of .596, seventh overall. Krsnich's best game came Sept. 14 in a semi-final's loss to Denver at Bears Stadium (later Mile High Stadium), producing two doubles and single in four at-bats. He did not homer during the playoffs, having collected nine during the regular season. During the semi-finals he batted .321 and slugged .607, while during the final round against Houston he batted .338, slugging .600, showing strength and consistency during the entirety of Louisville's postseason.

In the JWS, Krsnich batted and slugged .188 in four games against Buffalo.

Krsnich returned to the Colonels in 1962, one of three teams he played for that year, appearing in 37 games, with a .283/.364/.398 slash line. He did not appear in the playoffs as member of the Colonels that year, but he went on to play one more season in the Milwaukee system with the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1963. He played the remainder of his career with Japanese teams before closing out his pro career with one season in the Mexican League at the age of 37.

Bob Uecker. Perennial Milwaukee Brewers' play-by-play announcer and internationally recognized baseball funnyman Bob Uecker was born in Milwaukee on January 26, 1934. After attending Milwaukee Technical High School, "Uke" went pro as a catcher, joining the Milwaukee farm system in 1956 and playing for Boise of the Pioneer League (C) and Eau Claire of the Northern League (C) at the age of 22. He made the jump to triple-A in 1957, appearing in two games with the Association's Wichita Braves but spent most of the season with Eau Claire. In 1960 Uecker played eight games for the Indianapolis Indians before being traded to the Colonels for 28-year-old outfielder **Don Lassetter** on May 6, as reported in the *Indianapolis Star* (May 7, 1960), then platooning primarily with **Hawk Taylor** and **Stan Lopata**. He made no appearances in Louisville's 18 postseason games, including the JWS. In 1961, the budding "Mr. Baseball" had numbers approaching his career season of 1958 (split between Atlanta and Boise). But considering the level he'd advanced to, this was arguably his best season in baseball. With a slash line of .309/.422/.510, he showed it was only a matter of time before his batting skills caught up with his defensive talents. Appearing in 105 games for the Colonels, Uke caught 89 games, sharing duties with **Merritt Ranew** (42 games) and **Joe Torre** (26). In fact, he led the Colonels with his .422 OBP and .510 slugging among qualifiers (Torre slugged .532 in just 27 games), and ranked eighth among teammates with 160 total bases. However, he was unable to make much of a contribution to Louisville's playoff run, batting a mere .111 with only four hits in 36 at-bats (11 games). Two of them were home runs, the second of which was good for three runs against Houston's **Wallace "Butch" Mixon** in Game 3 of the finals with a "high home run over the left field wall" to give the hosts a 3-0 lead in the second inning for southpaw **Denny Lemaster** as the Colonels won the affair, 4-3, in regulation, giving the hosts a series edge of three games to none.

The American Association Almanac is a bi-annual print publication available by subscription. The Fall issue will focus on the American Association playoffs from 1953 to 1957 and will be published Sept. 1, 2020. This 30,000-word edition will feature many names familiar to baseball history lovers, such as former Milwaukee Brewers standouts Luis Marquez, Hank Ertman, Billy Klaus, Billy Reed, Gene Conley, Murray Wall, Virgil Jester and Dewey Williams, all of whom performed for the Toledo Sox in the 1953 playoffs. Next time the focus will be on hard-hitting catcher Hank Ertman from Sobieski, Wisconsin located in Oconto County, who had a career year with Milwaukee in 1952. For more information, please contact Rex Hamann by email: pureout@msn.com

Watch 2020 SABR Virtual panels and presentations



If you missed any or all of the SABR Virtual Research Presentations in July, you can still enjoy the nearly 40 Research Presentations that would have been part of the canceled SABR 50 covering a multiple of topics. Recommended is the July 12th presentations including Mike Hauptert's presentation "Steal of the Century: How the Red Sox Paid the Yankees to Take Babe Ruth." There is also a presentation with Leslie Heaphy, John Thorn, and moderator Jason Schwartz discussing a Half a Century in Half an Hour: SABR's 50 at 50 Project. To see the entire list of presentations, click on the SABR Virtual logo.



(Sorry the link does not work, click SABR Virtual)