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Hello To All You Minor League Researchers:

This is the first newsletter of the Minor League Committee. It is hoped that it will match like-minded researchers with similar interests and bring together those that have needs from another part of the country with those willing to help research.

The committee has several projects in mind and this is one way to seek support. Minor League Stars I and II were successful publications; and work has already begun on MLS III. A list of cities that have had professional teams; an individual all-time players list; a history of the farm system; and league and team rosters are just some of the areas the Committee hopes to work on. This newsletter has been an idea of Vern Luse for some time. Vern believes that the newsletter can become a vehicle to improve and assist the research done on the minor leagues.

The Minor League committee is looking to create a research data base. We are asking you to submit your name and current address. Please list previous research you have conducted, current research, and tentative plans for future research. We hope to create a data base which will create a research exchange. There are several people who are working on related subjects but are not aware of each other's work. This resource will become an invaluable source for researchers.

Examples:

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Minor League Stars records,

South Dakota State League, Northern League, Nebraska State League, Western League, Competition between Black independent teams and organized minor league teams.

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Northwestern League, 1902 - 1917.

Michael do you have anything to add?

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Minor League Stars

With the successful reception of Minor Leagues Stars I and II, work is beginning on MLS III.

The first two volumes focused on players who met this minimum criteria: 10-year players with a .333 B.A.; or with 300 HRs; or with 2500 hits (2000 for 19th Century players), and pitchers with 250 victories or 2000 strike outs.

More players have been discovered and some others have achieved these levels since the publication of MLS II. If you are working on career records or know of players who meet this criteria we want to know about them. If there are players you believe are at least as qualified, we want to know about them.

Another question: Should we feature players who had a more impressive single season record or career numbers, regardless of classification.

Some interest has been expressed in putting together a book (or pamphlet) containing the playing records of people who achieved fame in other endeavors. An example is Gov. Cuomo of New York and Sen. Dominici of New Mexico put in some time in the minors. In fact computing his 54.00 ERA at Albuquerque in 1954 may have provided Dominici the training needed to become Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

The only players expelled from the NFL--Merle Hapes and Frank Filchok played in the minors as did one of the few players ever expelled from the NBA--Ralph Beard.

The great basketball coach Pete Newell, Hockey HOFer Babe Dye, NFL All-pro Jimmie Giles, 'pro wrestler' Randy Savage, broadcaster Tom Brookshier and of course actor Chuck Connors are but a few who played in organized ball.

We would appreciate any names you can supply (with documentation if possible) for consideration for this list.

For the second issue we would like to address the issue of what batting average should be considered the highest all time batting average in Minor League history. Remember Walt Malmquists .477 in the 1913 Nebraska State League was a creation of a rampaging statsman. Willie Mays Aiken hit .454 in the Mexican League in 1986. Is this the new all time best? Was it the result of the different ball used? What criteria should be used? Should there be a minimum number of at bats? What is the relative batting average in comparison with the league averages? We would like your opinion.

I hope you enjoyed the first issue we are open to any suggestions and contributions.

Dave Kemp

These are the additions we have for MLS to date. Do you have any additions or corrections?

Jim Olgesby had a 44 hitting streak for the 1933 Los Angeles Angels. Olgesby hit .385 during the streak. His streak has been overlooked because it occurred during Joe DiMaggio's 69 game streak.

Deaths:

Brooks Holder, June 7, 1986,
at Pinoli, California

Bill Steineke, July 20, 1986

Pit Koehler, December 8, 1986

Bobby Crues, December 26,
1986

Zeke Bonura, died March 9 ,
1987 at New Orleans

We are interested in your comments and feedback in order to make MLS III as informative, useful and entertaining as possible. Replies should be sent to:

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**Additions/Corrections to Minor
League Baseball Stars, Vol. I
(Revised Edition)**

Bunny Brief: 1914 Kansas City 1B-2B-OF
1918 Kansas City 1B-2B-OF
1919 Kansas City 1B-2B-OF

Walter Carlile: 2B 3B HR
1902 Crookston 5 3 4
1903 Crookston 11 5 1
1904 Crookston 6 5 5
(started season here)

Buster Catham: 1926 Springfield 71 RBI

Moose Clabaugh: Died on July 11, 1984 at
Tucson, Az.

Bob Crues: Died on December 26, 1986 at
Amarillo, Tx.

Bud Fowler: Real name, John W. Jackson,
born 1858, in the state of New York.
2B 3B HR
1889 Greenville 22 7 1

John Gill: Died on December 26, 1984
at Nashville, Tn.

George Hogriever:
1889 Hamilton
12-2B, 3-3B, 44-HR
1903 Indianapolis
G AB R H AVG
139 564 96 149 .264

Frank Huelsman: 133 lifetime minor league
HRs

Tom Jordan: 1943 Chicago Amer. (vol. ret.)
1944 Chicago (started season
here)
1945 Chicago Amer. (vol. ret.)
1948 St. Louis
(started season here)

Clarence Kraft:
1910 Evansville Cent. PH
1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000

1913 Clarksdale OF-P-1B
2B 3B HR
1917 Wilkes-Barre 30 13 7
1910 McLeansboro S. Ill.
5-0 w-1 record, 2 HR

Bill Krieg: 1885 Hartford East C-3B
11 35 3 11 3 0 0 - .314
1895 Rockford
did not lead league in triples.

Hugh Luby: Died on May 5, 1886 at Eugene Ore.

Eddie Mulligan: 1916 Kansas City SS-OF

Moses Walker: 1895 Waterbury S. Conn.
C-OF
23 75 20 20 3 0 0 - .267

George Payne: Died at Bellflower, Ca.

Walt Tauscher: 1924 Shawnee
11 81 6-4 69 30
Okla. City West
3 6 0-0 11 8 5 3 4 7.50
1948 Greenville 1-0

Alltime Season Records:

Doubles (p. 7) John Butler 70
Wichita Western 1924

Highest Level of EBH (p. 8)
1923 Ben Paschal,
Charlotte, So. Atl. 36 22 26

Top Pitching Percentage (p. 10)
Joe Chabek 28-3 .903
Harrisburg, Tri-St. 1914

Longest Service With One Club (p. 16)
12 P Al Olsen, San Diego
P.C. 1939-43, 1946-52
11 P Roy Helser, Portland
P.C. 1942-52

Career Top 10 (p. 20)
Runs: Hogriever 2049
Hits: Jay Kirke 3165
B.A.: Tom Pyle .354
Games Pitched: Tauscher 867

Presented by Bob Hoie 3/30/87

Additions/Corrections to
Minor League Baseball Stars, Volume II

Player Records:

Rogelio Alvarez: 1960 Havana-Jersey City
1966 started with Buffalo

Earl Browne: 183 HR's

Ramiro Caballero (Gonzalez)

Ernie Calbert: 1913 Kansas City (Fed) OF
1 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000

Bull Durham: 1909 Fairmont
11-2B, 3-3B, 7-HR
McKeesport OF-1B-2B
8-2B, 1-3B, 8-HR

Roberto Fernandez: Born, Havana, Cuba

John Frisk: 1902 Denver OF-P
21-2B, 22-3B, 14-HR
1903 Denver OF-P
6 5 1

Ivy Griffin: 1934 Columbia-Asheville
1941 Madison (I-I-I) Manager;
did not play.
1942 Winnipeg (Northern)
Less than 10 games

Brooks Holder: Born, 1914. Died, June 7
1986 at Pinole, Ca.

Joe Katz: 1889 Greenville
28-2B, 15-3B, 13-HR

Pip Koehler: Died, December 8, 1986 at
Tacoma, Wa.

Sam LaRoque: 1885 New Britain (not Hart) 1B
61 240 45 81 15 7 3 - .338
1905 Greenville 1B-2B
25 1 0
1906 Beaumont
19 5 4

Jack Lelivelt: 1917 Kansas City OF-1B

Al Mele: 1934 started with Wheeling.
1939 started with Baltimore.

Francisco Rodriguez:
1985 Veracruz (Mex.) SS
2 5 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 .200

Earl Smith: 1911 Green Bay
13-2B, 4-3B, 1 HR

Bill Steinecke: Died, July 20, 1986

Miguel Suarez: 1985 Veracruz-Mont(Mex.)OF
114 383 49 99 12 0 3 49 4 .259
1986 Veracruz OF
89 274 25 65 3 0 1 14 1 .259

Tony Thebo: 1906 San Antonio
21-2B, 5-3B, 3-HR

Neb Wilson: 1948 started with Atlanta
1951 started with Shreveport
1953 started with Macon

Dick Wilson: 1955 (Not in O.B.)

Ramon Arano: 1985 Veracruz-Tabasco (Mex.)
18 95 4-9 131 59 47 18 24 4.45
1986 Veracruz (Mex.)
17 67 5-8 87 39 37 14 22 4.97

George Brunet: 1985 M.C. Tigers (Mex.)
2 .1 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0.00

Alfredo Ortiz: 1985 Veracruz-Tabasco (Mex.)
17 77 2-7 117 47 45 35 27 5.35
1986 Veracruz-Yucatan (Mex.)
10 37 1-1 40 21 19 5 5 4.62

Minor League Managers (p. 19)

Pennants: Coleman 8
Geraghty 5
A. Gilbert 2
Hopper 4
McCloskey 5
Meyer 7
Murry 6
O'Doul 2

Stan Wasiak (37 yrs) 2530* 2314 .522 7
(p. 33)

1981 Vero Beach
13 22 .371 (out 5/17)
10 13 .435

(in 8/1; out 8/24)

1985 Vero Beach 3S 67 73 .479
1986 Vero Beach 4S 68 70 .493

Jake Atz (p. 20): 1925 won playoff

Mike Kelly (p. 28): 1923 Pos. 2

Highest Level of Performance (p. 35)
Rickey Henderson 1977 Modesto

Annual HR Leader (p. 38):
1899 Erwin Beck Toledo Int. St. 25
1909 Cy Perkins Holyoke
1913 Charles Swain
Sacramento PCL (5) 39 total

Batting Average During Hitting Streaks
(p. 49)
44 Jim Oglesby, LA PCL July, 1933
174-67 .385

Notes:

p. 89 Kyle Rote, SMU All American, 1950,
joined Corpus Christi April, 1951.

p. 158 Ray Caldwell with McKeesport
(not Williamsport) before joining
Yankees.

