

# KELTNER'S HOT CORNER



## Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter

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### Upcoming Events:

#### Keltner Book Club

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August 14 @ 2 PM (CDT)



#### Stories with Tim Dillard

J&B' Blue Ribbon Bar  
August 21 @ 11 AM (CDT)



#### Tailgate/Brewers Game

American Family Field  
August 26 - 1:10 Game Time

[RSVP](#)



#### [SABR/IWBC Women in Baseball Conference](#)

September 10-12



#### Beloit Snappers Game

Saturday, September 11, 6:35PM  
With the Chicago Chapter

[RSVP](#)

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### Upcoming Events

#### Keltner Book Club Meeting

#### Estabrook Park Beer Garden

(enter park from Hampton Ave)

Saturday, August 14 @ 2:00 PM

We'll be having our first in-person book club meeting at the beautiful Estabrook Park Beer Garden here in Milwaukee, where we'll discuss a [A Year of Playing Catch](#), by Ethan D. Bryan. There will be plenty of room to play catch, too. **Bring Your Glove(s) and Baseballs**

Jim Cryns author of [On Story Parkway: Remembering County Stadium](#) will talk about his book and he will have copies available for sale.

Afterwards, stick around to talk baseball, play catch, and buy donated Brewer stuff to benefit AAGPBL and Keltner Chapter.

Unable to join us? Meet the author in a short Zoom meeting

Topic: Mary Shea's Zoom Meeting

Time: Aug 14, 2021 02:00 PM Central Time

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 782 4724 0657 - Passcode: catch



### Dillard Style, Baseball Stories and More with Tim Dillard

Saturday, August 21 @ 11AM

In-person: J&Bs Blue Ribbon Bar, 5230 W. Bluemound Rd.

Or virtually, [register in advance for Zoom](#)



Tim Dillard spent 15 years in the Brewers organization, last appearing in majors in 2012. Yet, he's probably the most popular minor leaguer of all time. And now he is transitioning to broadcasting. Many fans consider left-handed pitchers to be unique and Dillard is the most lefty of any right-hander. He has an upbeat, witty manner and loves telling stories. SABR members, love hearing stories. Sounds like the perfect match!

Join us for our first in-person meeting in 18 months. If unable to make it in person, join us on [Zoom](#).

**Brewer Game/Tailgate Party**  
**American Family Field**  
**Thursday, August 26 - Game Time 1:10**

Several out-of-state SABR members, Mark Armour and Jeff Bower are doing their annual tour of different ballparks and are coming to Milwaukee on August 26 for a day game versus the Cincinnati Reds. Are you interested in join us for a tailgate party prior to the ballgame? You would help Mark check that off his list of things to do.



To help us with planning please RSVP to [Dennis](#) by August 10, tailgate, ballgame or both?



**Beloit Snappers Baseball Game with Chicago Chapter**

**Beloit's New ABC Supply Stadium**  
**Saturday, September 11 @ 6:35 PM**



Our friends with the Emil Rothe - Chicago Chapter are planning a game at the Beloit Snappers new ABC Supply Stadium versus the South Bend Cubs on September 11th. They have invited members of the Ken Keltner Chapter to join them in the event.

The Snappers, now a High A affiliate of the Miami Marlins, just moved into their [new stadium](#) making this excellent opportunity to see the new ballyard.

Since this game is on the last weekend of Beloit's season, please RSVP to [Tim Czuba](#) of the Chicago chapter by **August 10** so arrangements can be made including tickets. Please direct questions regarding the event to Tim or [Dennis](#).



**July Chapter Meetings**

**New American Association Team**  
**& New Ball Park in Oconomowoc - 2022**

**Tom Kelenic**



On Thursday, July 8, the Ken Keltner Chapter welcomed Tom Kelenic, the managing partner of the Lake County Dock-Hounds who are joining the American Association of Professional Baseball in 2022. They are also building a new 2,500 seat ballpark, Wisconsin Brewing Park, at a site that will be known as 'Lake Country Live' in Oconomowoc.

Kelenic is also the proud father of Jarred Kelenic, one of the top major league prospects who made his debut with the Seattle Mariners in May. We asked the proud dad about being there to see his son's debut and his big second game where Jarred smacked his first big league dinger. The discussion included why he built a baseball facility, Infinity Fields Baseball Park ,10 years ago in Waukesha and how this grew with some of Wisconsin's top baseball prospect and others training there. He talks about the challenge of finding a site to build a ballpark, for a new team, a multi-year quest including four communities and oodles of money. Learn why they are joining the American Association and what was needed for league approval. Tom talked about what he wanted in the designing the ball yard, and how they will put the team together. It is a good opportunity to see a new team and field from the grass roots.

As the team progresses toward opening day next May, we will follow the team's process monthly in the *Keltner Hot Corner* (see page 7) with a goal to hold a chapter meeting at the ballpark and attend a Dock-Hounds ballgame next spring.

## Talkin' Baseball Southshore Park Beer Garden

A group of SABRen met on Saturday July 24 at Southshore Park's Beer Garden to talk baseball (and stuff) plus enjoy a brew or two. Although the weather was iffy most of the day, it cleared and the rain stayed away. Luckily, with the sun shining a nice shade spot was found.

Mary facetimes Dennis to join the meeting but it was noisy enough making that difficult so everyone waved.

With this summer waning, we need to take advantage of the Beer Gardens next summer doing a tour and Talkin' Baseball.



## February Meeting Guest, Marjorie Adams, Passed Away on July 7th

In February, Corky Gaskell of the Halsey Hall Chapter (Minnesota) gave a presentation on Doc Adams along with the baseball pioneer's great-granddaughter, Marjorie Adams. Not only was she an interesting guest, Marjorie was an excellent ambassador building the case for why Doc is a Hall of Famer. She passed away on July 7. Although Marjorie will not be here to see Doc's election by the Early Baseball Committee later this year, we can support here efforts by signing the [petition](#) on the [Doc Adams website](#). Click on the [February meeting](#) to revisit the presentation. Read her *New York Times* [obituary](#).



## Keltner Book Korner Book Club News by Mary Shea



Hey Keltner Bookworms,

**Book Club Meeting - In-person!**

***A Year of Playing Catch***

**Saturday, August 14th, 2 PM CT**

**Estabrook Beer Garden, Milwaukee (enter park from Hampton Ave)**

The beer garden is in beautiful [Estabrook Park](#), next to the softball field. Beer, wine, food, and soft drinks are available for purchase (no cash sales). Feel free to bring your own food, but please purchase drinks from the beer garden. We'll be discussing *A Year of Playing Catch*, by Ethan D. Bryan. He will join us via Zoom for about 30 minutes if you cannot attend. Please remember to bring your glove and a baseball if you'd like to have a catch, hopefully we have arms left to do so. I'll be sporting my 40's and 50's models.

Also, we are looking for suggestions for a book or author for a future meeting, please let us know. We can set up a virtual or in-person meeting.

Brewers promo items from previous seasons will be for sale for \$5-10/each, cash only, please. All proceeds will go to the Ken Keltner Chapter and the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League - Players Association. Thank you to the Milwaukee Brewers for donating these items.

Jim Cryns author of [On Story Parkway: Remembering County Stadium](#) has been invited to join the meeting as well to talk about his book and will have copies available for sale.

Please contact [Mary Shea](#) with any questions. Hope you can join us!

Mary



## Get to Know...

### Get to Know...Dave Heller

For baseball fans, being involved in any aspect of the game is often a dream come true. Syracuse, New York native, Dave Heller, had a unique opportunity, working with the renowned writer and Negro League baseball researcher [John B. Holway](#) while in college.

Dave Heller was born on March 19, 1968 in Syracuse where he grew up with an older brother, Steve. Dave shares a birthday with one of SABR's, 16 founders [L. Robert "Bob" Davids](#). (Since 1985, the Bob Davids Award has been considered SABR's highest honor.) Also sharing that date are Hall of Famers, pitcher, [Joe McGinnity](#), born nearly a century earlier, and Phillies "Whiz Kid", [Richie Ashburn](#). The lifelong Baltimore Orioles fan, who played ball as a youth, shared his earliest baseball memory, "I remember watching an Orioles game with Brooks Robinson up, Paul Blair tried to steal home and was caught." He went on, "Of course, this was many years ago and I can't verify these details being accurate but I know someone was caught stealing home and I am fairly certain Brooks was batting." At age 12, his favorite player was the O's [Ken Singleton](#).

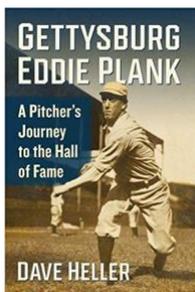


After attending Jamesville-DeWitt High School, Heller enrolled at American University in Washington, DC majoring in Communications (Broadcast Journalism) with a minor in Psychology. While there, a friend told Dave that he saw a baseball posting on a job board that may interest him, the Holway job. The Chair of SABR's Negro League Committee sent Heller information (and checks!) and they talked on the phone but they never met. The work entailed going to libraries, looking up box scores and obtaining the information requested. Heller said, "It was loads of fun though and I wish I did more of it," adding, "It was a great experience." He didn't know much about the Negro Leagues and the lack of coverage compared to the majors, "was a little eye-opening." And he summed up the experience, saying, "I'd say it was the perfect gig for me - I loved baseball and it just fostered that love and opened the door to the Negro Leagues."

Dave married Shelly Muchmore in 1996 at Cincinnati's Union Terminal, which he recently learned is the site where the 1869-70 Red Stockings matches occurred. Shelly is a diet clerk at Children's Hospital. The dedication to Heller's Ted Williams book reads, "For my wife Shelly. When she walks down the street, they should say, there goes the best damn wife there ever was." They have two boys, Laben, 22, just graduated from Case Western Reserve University and will soon start a job in Washington, DC. The younger son, Kieran, 19, attends Concordia University-Chicago where he also is on the basketball team.

While living in Florida in the late '90s, Dave joined SABR, then let his membership lapse for a while. He returned because "I love the research aspect, baseball history and staying connected in some way to the game no matter how much I use the services provided." And the research bug planted by John Holway festered and years later surfaced leading to four books.

The first, written in 2003, was [As Good As It Got: The 1944 St. Louis Browns](#). As an Orioles fan he needed to learn more about the much maligned ancestor Browns. Wanting to know more about the strategy Teddy Baseball's opponents used against him, Heller researched, interviewed and penned 2013's [Facing Ted Williams: Players from the Golden Age of Baseball Recall the Greatest Hitter Who Ever Lived](#). Number three, published in 2017 was [Ken Williams: A Slugger in Ruth's Shadow](#). Like his first book, Dave wanted to learn more about a member of the St. Louis Browns, the answer to the trivia question, "who was baseball's first 30-30 hitter." His fourth book is on the way soon, waiting for a release date. Interest in Plank grew when he was thinking doing about another research project and realized he knew very little about him when he was looking at the 300-game winners. He started digging into the 326-game winner, found some inaccuracies, which sparked his interest in learning more that led to the book.



The Whitefish Bay resident moved to Wisconsin in September 2005, joining the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* as a sports web producer. He went to Badgers games, live blogged them, posted audio from **August 4, 2021**

the locker room, wrote blogs, posted content from the paper to the website, and other duties as assigned. Since June of 2013 he has been a Digital Content Manager for then Fox Sports Wisconsin and now Bally Sports Wisconsin and Bally Sports North. What does a Digital Content Manager do? His reply, “I do some writing, cut some video and help oversee a small staff, which clips game highlights, writes, creates graphics, posts to social media, etc.”

Although he had not played baseball since his youth, he has participated in baseball. After his brother, Steve mentioned the fun he had playing with the 1869 Reds vintage team in Cincinnati, he suggested his kid brother may enjoy it too. Heller looked for a local vintage baseball club, did delight in the experience and has been a member of the Milwaukee Grays since 2008; he is their catcher (sometimes called the behind). What draws him to the vintage version? For starters, “It’s fun with good people, everyone is competitive and wants to win with very few jerks.” But it’s more than the fun aspect. He continued, “It’s just a bunch of baseball lovers who want to play the game from a different era; plus, it’s fun when people watch and ask questions.” Dave summed it up saying, “Really, it’s a baseball and baseball history lover’s dream - as long as your body can hold out.”

When asked what baseball event he would want to go back in time to see, he replied, “June 12, 1903, Cleveland at Philadelphia. [Addie Joss](#) vs. [Rube Waddell](#). The game went 14 innings and was won on an Ollie Pickering walk-off home run. Would love to see how the game was played back then, not to mention this Hall of Fame matchup, especially Waddell, who fanned 14.”

What else would you like us to know about you? “I love baseball, obviously, and always up to talk about it. Never too old in life to make new friends.” And, any final words of wisdom? “Luck is the residue of design.”



## **Borchert Field, the Bonus Chapters**

**By Bob Buege**

During the February Keltner Book Club meeting featuring Bob Buege and his awesome book, [Borchert Field Stories from Milwaukee’s Legendary Ballpark](#), we learned that 13 chapters were not included in the book. We asked Bob if he would like to place them in the *Hot Corner*; he happily agreed. We’ll feature one monthly into 2022. Thanks, Bob!

### **Brewers on The Gridiron**

They were usually called, in the fashion of the day, “the Milwaukeees,” a simple and obvious moniker for a ballclub from Wisconsin’s largest city. On August 4, 1888, less than three months after they began playing baseball in Athletic Park, the Western Association team from America’s beer capital was called “Brewers” for the first time by the *Milwaukee Sentinel*. The name stuck. For the next 64 years Milwaukee could lay claim to a ballclub with that name—in the major-league American Association, the Western League, the inaugural American League, and the minor-league version of the American Association.



For a few months in 1934, Milwaukee actually had two teams with that name, one in baseball and one in football, both calling Borchert Field their home. The pigskin version was a third attempt to bring professional football to the city. The Badgers and the Nighthawks had previously failed. The Milwaukee Football Brewers came into existence on September 13 when they were officially admitted to the Tri-State League, although they had been working out a few times before that. They joined the La Crosse Old Style Lagers, the Fort Atkinson Black Hawks, the Chippewa Falls Marines, and a team from Iron Mountain, Michigan. (That makes two states, the league’s name notwithstanding.)

The impresario—well, manager maybe—of this gridiron group was Henry Tolle, the longtime keeper of Borchert Field’s press gate. Tolle was also locally prominent because he promoted wrestling matches in the ballpark as well as in South Side Armory and other venues around town. He had some

experience as an amateur “rassler” in Germany, so when his sewing machine store did not pan out, he knew where to turn. He had a creative streak that enabled him to put on grappling shows that caught people’s attention. He once hired a man to wrestle an alligator, but unfortunately the reptile died the day before the scheduled event. Tolle dreamed up a battle royal involving six blindfolded contestants. Perhaps his favorite gimmick was born when he noticed a large pile of dirt underneath Borchert Field’s centerfield bleachers. He asked if he could have it and was told he could. He took it to the Riverview indoor skating rink, mixed it with water, and staged “rassling in the mud” for a packed house. This later evolved into wrestling in molasses and feathers, which proved very popular.

The players that the Brewers recruited for their first season had all enjoyed football success at some level, but they had not been together as a unit. One of their leading passers and runners, quarterback Shorty Mendelsohn, had played for the Milwaukee Nighthawks in their abortive 1930 season. He was a local boy who as a kid had sold peanuts in Borchert Field. He became a sprint champion on the Marquette University track squad as well as a football star. Shorty’s father was the director of concessions at Borchert Field. Later he became the secretary of the baseball Brewers. In 1936 Shorty would take over the concessions position from his father. After that he progressed to oversee the ticket office and, when County Stadium opened in 1953, he became the manager of the new park.

Floyd Ronzani, the Brewers’ left guard, was also a product of Marquette. He was a fine athlete who labored in the shadow of his older brother, Gene. It was Gene who scored the touchdowns, earned nine letters and All-America honors, and then starred for the Chicago Bears before becoming the second-ever head coach of the Green Bay Packers. During the season when Floyd was a Brewer, Gene played for George Halas and finished second in the NFL in touchdown passes thrown and third in touchdown passes caught.

Next to Floyd Ronzani on the left side of the line was tackle Herb Schwarze, a 260-pound giant who established shot put records at Milwaukee’s Washington High School and the University of Wisconsin. Herb set a world record at the national AAU meet in Madison Square Garden. After his track career expired and he had to earn a living, he turned to professional wrestling, first as a grappler, then as a referee. His next step was joining the Milwaukee Football Brewers.

To Schwarze’s left at the end position was Idaho native Dick Haworth. The fact that he played football at all was nearly miraculous. When he was six years old, his parents were told he would never walk again, permanently crippled by polio. The doctors were wrong. Two years after that, a doctor said Dick had a heart leakage that would take his life within a year. Once more the limits of modern medicine were displayed. Haworth went on to a productive college football career as a Wisconsin Badger.

One of the Brewers’ more intriguing players was Santo Curro, son of immigrant storekeepers in Milwaukee’s Little Italy. Curro had been the quarterback at Lincoln High School, noted as a fine passer and an explosive runner. He would always be best remembered for one play against Riverside High School on October 27, 1928. After an incomplete pass by Riverside on fourth down, Curro’s team took over at their own six-yard line. Curro dropped back to punt on first down, a common strategy in those times. From five yards deep in the end zone, he evaded a fierce rush and kicked the ball downfield as hard as he could. Aided by a slight tailwind, the ball soared some 70 yards, landed at the Riverside 35-yard line, then rolled steadily toward the goal line and crossed it before coming to a stop. No one present had ever before seen a punt that traveled over 100 yards.

Right tackle Ken Radick, another Marquette grad, offered what had to be the Brewers’ most impressive resume. He had played two seasons with the Green Bay Packers, 1930 and 1931, and in each of those years Curly Lambeau’s boys had won the NFL championship. Radick was also a pro wrestler. He fought and pinned Fritz Shaddock the night after the Brewers’ first game.

Another of the Brewers had a Packer connection. Cy Holmes, a bruising fullback from Ripon College, had a tryout with Green Bay in 1931 but failed to make the cut. Rugged center Tony Greco, a teammate of Curro’s in high school, earned All-City recognition twice. Like Holmes, he played football at Ripon and was named All-Midwest, starring on both offense and defense. Clayton Boll had captained the Milwaukee State Teachers’ College team and twice earned all-conference honors as a

pile-driving fullback. And at the helm, Brewers' coach Marty Larsen had been quarterback and coach of the team sponsored by the Korb brothers that won the 1927 Milwaukee city amateur championship.

Three days after being admitted to the Tri-State League, the Brewers played their first game, taking on the La Crosse Old Style Lagers in La Crosse. The Milwaukee team had some success running the ball but no success in scoring. They failed to get any points, and the two touchdowns they allowed were both gifts. In the second quarter, Curro had a punt blocked in the end zone. Sharky Lowe of the Lagers fell on it for a touchdown. The Brewers tried some razzle-dazzle on the kickoff to start the second half. The receiver lateraled to Curro on a reverse, but he fumbled. Former Milwaukee prep star Steamy Huennekens picked up the pigskin on the 21-yard line and ran it in for a touchdown. The final score was 12-0.

The Brewers' next game was played in a quagmire in a steady rain in Fort Atkinson against the Black Hawks. Only about 500 diehard fans paid to watch. Neither team could make a first down in the opening period. Both teams scored in the second quarter, but the game was mostly a duel of punts. On the first play of the final quarter the Hawks scored on a three-yard run. That proved decisive in a 13-7 Fort Atkinson victory.

The Brewers finally played a home game in Borchert Field on October 7, a non-conference match against the Cleveland Panthers. The Brewers, led by tackle Ken Radick, controlled the line of scrimmage throughout but neither club could put points on the board until the final quarter. Cy Holmes was able to plunge through the line twice for TD's to give Milwaukee a welcome 13-0 victory.

On October 14 the Brewers had a chance to avenge an earlier loss, hosting the La Crosse Lagers. The Brewers felt that they were much improved and could beat them this time, but frequent fumbles did them in. Milwaukee's best opportunity came in the first quarter when they drove to the La Crosse four-yard line. Three running attempts gained nothing, however, and Curro's pass on fourth down fell incomplete in the end zone. The score stayed at 0-0 until late in the last quarter when the Lagers recovered a Curro fumble and finally battered their way to paydirt. The scoring play was a surprise end run by Lagers QB Hank Voelker. The result was a bitter 6-0 Brewers defeat.

The last two Sundays in October allowed Milwaukee's new pros to save face. Playing both games in Borchert Field against non-league opponents, the Brewers trounced the Oshkosh Tigers, 26-0, and the Uihlein Schlitz Beers, 25-0. Tony Greco blocked a punt that led to the first Milwaukee touchdown against the Beers. The game was never close. All season the Beers had been protesting that they were the better team and deserved to be admitted to the Tri-State League, not the Brewers. The 1,200 fans who witnessed the contest would have argued to the contrary.

The Brewers finished out of the running for the conference title, which was shared by La Crosse and Chippewa Falls. The following season the league reconfigured without a Milwaukee representative.



### What's Happening with the Dock-Hounds in Oconomowoc?



There is a new minor league team coming to the area, the Lake Country Dock-Hounds playing in a new ballpark, Wisconsin Brewing Park in Oconomowoc. We will follow their progress monthly; watching the stadium go up, putting together a team, and plans to make this a fun atmosphere for young and old as they work towards their American Association opening day in May 2022. The Keltner Chapter will meet there in the spring.

General Manager, Trish Raspberry, gave the *Hot Corner* an update on where they are as of the last week of July. "Looking at the stadium's build progress, the Footings & Frost Walls will be completed by the end of this week. Next week, masonry will start on the field & bowl."

"From the business side, we're finalizing our ticket packages and working on our ticket system build. August 10<sup>th</sup> we will be announcing our Field Manager, Assistant Manager and Pitching Coach."

Watch the 45 second [video](#) of the creation of the Dock-Hounds logo.

For more information about the Dock-Hounds, visit their [website](#).



**Third Base Dugout being poured**



**Ground breaking on June 29**



## **Wisconsin Major League Debut - 2021** **By Dennis D Degenhardt**

With the midpoint of the 2021 baseball season past, we have three new Wisconsin born players who have made their major league debut in 2021. This month we cover the third, Owen Miller.

**Owen Robert Miller**, born in Mequon on November 15, 1996, made his debut with the Cleveland Indians on May 23 at age 24, the 22,399th big leaguer and 252nd from Wisconsin. The oldest of three children of Thomas and Rose Miller, attended Ozaukee High School in his hometown where he played football, basketball and baseball. Excelling at basketball, Miller set a new school scoring record of 1,115 points as well as making the Big East all-conference team in three consecutive years; second team as a sophomore and first team both as a junior and senior. As a freshman on the diamond, he was the Warriors shortstop and most valuable player; plus, he was named all-conference second-team. Miller did not play on his high school baseball team after that year, instead, he was on an elite travel team, Hitters Club in Racine.



After graduating high school with high honors in spring of 2016, Miller enrolled at Illinois State University in Normal on a baseball scholarship. In his freshman season, he was the starting shortstop appearing in all 54 of the Redbirds games. Owen's season included four, four hit games and one with five RBIs. The right handed hitter led the team in six categories, hits, 77, fourth in the Mississippi Valley Conference (MVC); batting average, .328; a conference leading, 23 doubles; plus .368 SLG; 44 RBIs; and 117 total bases. After the season, Miller included on the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America Team, Baseball America's Freshman All-America Second Team, plus All-Mississippi Valley Conference Honorable Mention. He was also on the Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award.

In his second season, Miller was the shortstop in all 56 games, achieving a .972 FLD%. He finished second in the conference in hits and fourth with 19 two-baggers, earning all second-team honors. He topped State in hits, extra-base hits, doubles, homers, batting average, runs and RBIs. Owen's 81 base knocks, tied for the second best season in school history. He enjoyed 26 multiple hit games, 12 with multiple runs batted in, and a personal best 13-game hitting streak. Illinois State qualified for the 8th and last seed in the conference tournament even though they finished with a 2-18 record. The Redbirds had a Cinderella run, advancing to the title game. Entering the ninth inning, they were tied versus the defending champions, Dallas Baptist, before falling 10-6. Miller had a base knock in each of their five tournament contests coming close to his only goal, "I want to win the conference with my team. I'd love to have a dogpile celebration."<sup>1</sup> The excellent student was the only sophomore among 13 baseball athletes on the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First Team.

<sup>1</sup> Nate Head, "Shining Sophomore," *The Daily Vidette, Illinois State University*, April 13, 2017.  
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The junior in 2018, appeared in all 52 contests, adding to the streak of never missing a game in three years. It was the year where Miller's national reputation grew; ranked third in hits per game, 1.69; 17th in hits, and 20th with a .384 BA. He capped off the season being named a Third Team All-American. Miller's 88 hits set a new Redbirds all-time season record. The first-team Missouri Valley Conference shortstop was second in batting average and third in hits. During the season he had several highlights including a career best 17-game hitting streak and a 5-for-5 day against Valparaiso in May, including bashing a cycle.<sup>2</sup> With a .973 FLD%, he was solid defensively, too. He was on conference Scholar-Athlete honor roll, again. In Owen's three college years, he slashed, .345/.383/.511 with an OPS of .894. Of his 246 base hits, 79 were for extra-bases with 57 doubles, five triples and 17 homers.

During college, he played in the summer collegiate wood-bat leagues, all but two games with the close to home Lakeshore Chinooks of the Northwoods League. Following Owen's freshman term, he led the 'Fish' with 68 games played, manning short with a few games at third, even one at first. He also topped the squad in ABs, hits and triples. He was the co-recipient of the Robin Yount Award, "Owen Miller was selected for his hard work and dedication to the team." Per the Chinook's website, "Miller was also always willing to spend extra time with the fans and attend any community appearance request"<sup>3</sup>. The following summer, playing twice under a temporary contract with the Harwich Mariners in the Cape Code league he was 2-for-6 with a double when he was released. Turning lemon into lemonade, Miller returned to the Chinooks as their starting shortstop and made a big impact in thirteen games before being injured, slashing .365/.417/.635. On July 3, 2017, he became the tenth Northwood's hitter to connect for the cycle. Two days later, he became the first and only league member to do it twice.<sup>4</sup> His last game was on July 17.

The 6 foot - 185 lb infielder was selected in the third round, 84th, in the 2018 MLB amateur draft by the San Diego Padres. The Friars area scout, Troy Hoerner, recommended Miller based on a workout at Petco Park, including a jack to center field with a wood bat. Hoerner was also impressed with his baseball smarts and work ethic.<sup>5</sup> Signing a contract with a \$500,000 bonus, he reported to the Tri-City (WA) Dust Devils of the short season Northwest League to start a very full year of baseball. Over 49 games he hit .335 with a .835 OPS with a .966 FLD% at shortstop. After participating in the Northwest/Pioneer League's, All-Star contest on August 6, Miller was promoted to the Fort Wayne of the Class A Midwest League; swatting a homer in his first game with the TinCans as their DH<sup>6</sup>. In 26 games, he batting .336. In his first professional regular season, he slashed .336/.386/.460 with an OPS of .846 in 75 games. He also was solid defensively with only 7 errors for a .966 FLD%. But Miller's season was not over; the parent club sent him to San Antonio for the Double-A Texas League playoffs where he was one of five Missions to appear in all eight games. After beating the Corpus Christi Hooks in five games, the Missions were swept by the Tulsa Drillers in three led by fellow Wisconsin shortstop, Gavin Lux who's 14 hits were the post season best. As the starting shortstop, Miller had San Antonio's most at bats, 35 and was second in hits with nine, batting .257 with a .697 OPS.

In 2019, he remained in the Texas League moving to the Padres new affiliate, the Amarillo Sod Poodles, replacing San Antonio. With another persuasive season underway, the right handed batter was leading the Texas League with 85 hits, second in all of Double-A, when he was selected to represent the South Division, 5-2 winners of the 83rd Annual Harsco Texas League All-Star Game, held in Tulsa. Miller played at three defensive positions in Texas, mostly around the key-stone bag, 71 games at short and 48 at second plus six times at the hot corner. Committing only nine errors (none at third) his fielding was .981. Continuing his custom of being the workhorse, Owen led the Poodles

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<sup>2</sup> Illinois State University Owen Miller Bio.

<sup>3</sup> The award was named for Yount, one the Chinook owners, per the award, because he was known throughout his career for playing the game with hustle, passion, determination, and professionalism as well as being a gentleman off the field.

"Chinook's Name 2016 Team Awards," Lakeshore Chinooks website news, October 17, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> The shortest major league time between cycles is nine days held by Aaron Hill in 2012.

<sup>5</sup> Jeff Sanders, "Day 2 draft tracker: Padres on a run of college picks," The San Diego Union-Tribune, June, 5, 2018.

<sup>6</sup> Jeff Sanders, "Owen Miller off to fast start with Fort Wayne," The San Diego Tribune-Union, August 10, 2018.

and Texas League with 507 ABs and 147 hits. Owen's 130 games played were the team's best but second behind the league leader's 131. For the season, he batted, .290/.355/.430 with 43 extra-base hits including 13 home runs for a .785 OPS. As a top prospect, he was invited to join the Peoria Javelinas in the Arizona Fall League to concentrate on second base. At the plate, Miller was 12-for-68, with a double and homer and .935 FLD% at the second sack.

The 2020 season started on an up-note with Miller's first a non-roster invitation to the Padres spring camp. Before returning to the minor league camp, he had a two run single in seven trips to plate. Then 2020 happened! He was sent home when COVID struck until baseball restarted when he was added to San Diego's 60-man summer camp. When the season started, Owen went to the Padres alternate site at the University of San Diego, to be ready if needed by the big league club; it didn't happen. But, being 2020, more was on the horizon. Miller was included in a deal at the trading deadline along with two minor leaguers and three veterans to Cleveland for Mike Clevinger, Greg Allen and the PTBN, finishing the year at the Indian's alternate site. He saw the trade as an opportunity, stating, "There is more of an opportunity to make an impact at the big league level in Cleveland. I've played short, second and third base. I even played a little first base with San Diego. I'll play anywhere they want."<sup>7</sup>

With a return of "more normal" baseball in 2021, Miller was invited to the Indians spring training in Arizona. He made a considerable impression in 24 exhibitions, slugging three two-baggers and a dinger with 6 RBIs; batting .395 with a .932 OPS. Demoted, he reported to Cleveland's alternate site in April until the minors started in early May; then the Indian's 16th rank prospect moved to Triple-A East Columbus Clippers. Playing all around the field, the hot bat continued smacking 20 hits in his first 40 at bat and was still batting .406, slugging a 1.067 OPS when he was recalled to Cleveland, on May 23.

After playing in Toledo, his manager, Andy Tracy, called him into the office to inform him he was going to The Show with Franmil Reyes suffering an injury. As the unsuspecting prospect told MLB.com's Mandy Bell, Tracy did so with a series of questions with Miller responding innocently to each, "Hey, you feel comfortable playing left field?" Since Owen was in left the previous night he replied, "Yeah, I feel pretty comfortable." Then the skipper asked, "What about first base?" and he replied, "Yeah, that's going pretty good." And then there was one more query, "Well, do you want to DH tomorrow to give your legs a rest?" And the soon to be rookie answered, "Yeah, that would be good." Then the proud manager added, "in Cleveland?" Miller shockingly asked, "What?" And Tracy said the magic words, "Yeah, you're going to the big leagues, man."<sup>8</sup>

On Sunday, May 23, DHing in the six-hole, the 24 year-old faced the Twins J.A. Happ. With two outs in the bottom of the first, with two runs plated and a runner on first, he stuck out swinging on four pitches; ending the inning. He would strike two more times on the way to a 0-for-5 day at the dish in a Cleveland 8-5 defeat. The following day in Detroit was better as Miller, starting at third, knocked his first big league hit, singling in his first plate appearance off Spencer Turnbull; then coming around to score his first run as the Indians beat the Tigers, 6-5.

Struggling at the plate, batting .109 in 48 at bats, whiffing 23 times; he returned to Columbus on June 15. He was up and down several times between the Ohio cities as he continued doing well at Triple-A. On July 30, when Cleveland sent starting second baseman Cesar Hernandez to the Chicago White Sox, it created an opening for Miller to be named the keystone starter and recalled that day. Making his first start in his new role the following day in Chicago, he slugged his first four-bagger on an 0-1 count off the Pale Hose's Dallas Kuechel to deep center. He also walked and scored in the fifth inning in a slugfest won by Cleveland 12-11.

Owen's younger brother, Noah, was drafted 36th as a First Round Compensation Pick in the 2021 MLB amateur draft, signing with the Minnesota Twins.

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<sup>7</sup> Randy Reinhardt, "Busy season for ex-Redbird Despite pandemic, Miller trained, traded by Padres to Indians this summer," *The Pantagraph*, October 25, 2020.

<sup>8</sup> Mandy Bell, "Owen Miller makes debut with Cleveland," *MLB.com*, May 23, 2021.

## Wisconsin Players Selected in the 2021 MLB Draft

### Noah Miller, SS, Minnesota Twins

Ozaukee High School, selected in the First Round- Competitive Balance (36th pick). **Signed**

### Alex Binelas, 3B, Milwaukee Brewers

Oak Creek Graduate, selected in the third round (86th pick). **Signed**

### Tanner Kohlhepp, RHP, Detroit Tigers

The Eau Claire Memorial, selected in the fifth round (135th pick). **Signed**

### Theron Denlinger, RHP, Chicago White Sox

The Cuba City graduate, selected in the seventh round (215 pick). **Signed**

### Matt Osterberg, LHP, Philadelphia Phillies

Coleman graduate was selected in the 15th round (445h pick). **Signed**

### Joey Spence, C, Arizona Diamondbacks

West Bend East, selected in the 18th round (528 pick). **Committed to Notre Dame**

### Nathan Burns, RHP, Los Angeles Angels

The West Bend West, selected in the 19th round (561 overall). **Signed**

At least two of Wisconsin's baseball players inked undrafted free agent contracts:

Jacob DeLabio, RHP, 2018 Kenosha Tremper HS, (Kenosha's Carthage College), Houston  
Trevor Tietz, RHP, 2018 Watertown HS, Milwaukee



#1 Noah Miller



## On Story Parkway: Remembering County Stadium



*“On Story Parkway: Remembering County Stadium* is a new book about everything and anything Milwaukee County Stadium. Two and a half years in the making, it covers everything from; the county financing to demolition, Braves to Brewers, Pink Floyd to The Rolling Stones. Keep in mind the book is 620 pages with 152 photos never seen before. It includes 250 memories from former Braves and Brewers, Milwaukee media and most importantly the fans. It is not a coffee table book, but that's where you'll want to keep it for others to share in the memories. The book features memories from Robin Yount, Rollie Fingers, Bob Harlan, Chris Jacke, Mayor John Norquist, Tom Trebelhorn. and hundreds of fans. Foreword by Bud Selig. Thank god for baseball.” (From the [Amazon](#) website.)

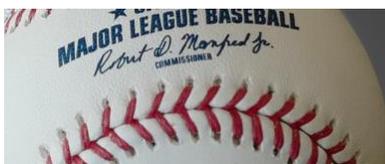
Dedicated to Henry Aaron, the book includes contributions from SABR members, Bob Buege, Dennis Degenhardt, Mathew Prigge, and Rick Schabowski. It is currently the #1 baseball book on Amazon.

Jim Cryns, the editor of the book will attend our August Keltner Book Club Meeting with copies available for sale.



## Opportunity to Participate in a New Project

I receive the following email with an opportunity to participate in a new opportunity. DDD



My  
**BASEBALL**  
*Story*  
The Game's Influence On America

### To Chapter Leadership

This message is being sent to you for potential distribution to your chapter members at the recommendation of SABR CEO Scott Bush. The purpose of this message is to invite SABR

members, representing all special interests, to submit their respective stories about how baseball touched their lives. The stories will be published in a commemorative book titled *My Baseball Story: The Game's Influence on America*. Please go to [www.MyBaseballStory.com](http://www.MyBaseballStory.com) for more details and how to submit your story. Approximately 200 stories will be selected from all submissions to be featured in the coffee-table book.

We are collecting stories from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds in response to the question, "What does baseball mean to me? ". However, we believe that the stories submitted by SABR members are very likely to be highly unusual due to the members exceptional passion for baseball.

You of all people know that baseball fans are a breed apart! Therefore, throughout our quest for the more remarkable stories, we hope to capture this unique sentiment; i.e., the fullest range of fan moments, experiences and insights from the super fanatics, the casual baseball fan, and from notables whose passion for the game is legendary.

Thank you for your help in achieving our goal. We are eager to read *your* story and those of your colleagues. I can be reached at 303-986-1919 or 303-475-8883.

Sincerely,

Nick Del Calzo, Project Director  
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## Summer of SABR



As part of SABR's 50th anniversary in 2021, all baseball fans are invited to join us online for the [Summer of SABR: Golden Celebration Series](#), presented by Major League Baseball and [Baseball-Reference.com](http://Baseball-Reference.com).

The final Summer of SABR sessions will be held August 10, (SABR's 50th Anniversary) and on August 13-14.

Tuesday, August 10 @ 7:00-10:00 p.m. EDT

- **SABR AT FIFTY – Honoring our Past, Shaping our Future**

On the occasion of our organization's fiftieth birthday, we will share the stage with six members who joined SABR at different points in our history (and stayed!). Each will share their thoughts on the organization as they first encountered it, the changes they've seen or been a part of, and the future they envision. Panelists include **Tom Hufford** (Founder, 1971), **Pete Palmer** (1971), **Tom Shieber** (1982), **Anthony Salazar** (1998), **Emily Hawks** (2008), and **Donna Muscarella** (2021).

- **IN CONVERSATION WITH HOWARD BRYANT – Baseball in the SABR Era and Beyond**

SABR is thrilled to host award-winning author, sports journalist, and radio and television personality **Howard Bryant** in conversation on all things baseball. We will explore a range of topics including the game on the field, front office hiring, labor and financial issues, the analytics movement, the game's changing demographics, and what baseball needs to do to remain viable, vital, and relevant going forward.

Friday, August 13 @ 7:00-10:00 p.m. EDT

- **Baseball Labor Relations:** With baseball's collective bargaining agreement up for negotiation this offseason, SABR dissects current and historical labor relations.

Saturday, August 14 @ 3:00-6:00 p.m. EDT

- **Centennial Baseball:** SABR's Century Committee presents its research on baseball 100 years ago and memorializes the anniversaries of important milestones. We'll look at the Negro National League in its infancy in 1921, along with baseball's first radio broadcast, Babe Ruth and the Yankees' rise to dominance, and the 100th anniversary of the Black Sox trial.

**Registration:** [Click here to register for the Summer of SABR: Golden Celebration Series](#). Registration is \$35 for SABR members and \$50 for non-members.

We hope you'll join us for the final Summer of SABR: Golden Celebration Series! Visit [SABR.org/summer](http://SABR.org/summer) to learn more.

## Registration now open for 2021 SABR/IWBC Women in Baseball Conference

SABR and the [International Women's Baseball Center](#) have opened registration for the third annual [SABR/IWBC Women in Baseball Conference](#) on September 10-12, 2021, at Rockford University in Rockford, Illinois.

This year's conference theme is "Breaking Barriers: Women in Baseball Around the World."

- **Register:** [Click here to register online](#). The conference is open to all baseball fans.
- **Cost:** In-person attendance is \$100 per person, and includes access to all panels and presentations, social hour, reception/luncheon, pylon unveiling, goody bag, program, and 1 raffle ticket. Virtual attendance is \$75 per person, and includes access to all panels and presentations, program, and 1 raffle ticket. 1 ticket to reception/luncheon only is \$30 per person. Additional raffle tickets are \$5 apiece. Deadline to register: **September 3, 2021**.
- **Schedule:** Stay tuned for more details on panels and presentations.
- **Contact:** For questions, please contact [Leslie Heaphy](#) or [Kat Williams](#).

For coverage of the 2020 virtual conference, visit [SABR.org/women-in-baseball-conference/2020](https://www.sabr.org/women-in-baseball-conference/2020)



### Schabowski's Super Stumpers

By [Rick Schabowski](#)

August 2021

**This month's questions are about pitching.**

1. Which Brewers pitcher threw two wild pitches in an inning during the 1982 World Series?
2. As long as we're talking about wild pitches, who holds the MLB postseason record for them in an inning?
3. Who holds the Brewers team record for regular season saves?
4. Which Brewers pitcher led the league in game appearances for the 2019 season?
5. Name the pitcher, the year, and how many victories he had to lead the Brewers in games won in a single season?
6. Who leads the Brewers in all-time career wins?



### Answer to July's Trivia

1. In the Brewers first regular season game ever, Opening Day at Milwaukee County Stadium on April 7, 1970, they lost, 12-0, on a four-hitter by which Angels pitcher? **Andy Messersmith had eleven strike outs.**
2. Which Brewers had three of those four hits, which included their first ever extra base hit? **Steve Hovley**
3. Name the Angels player who was ejected in the fourth inning by home plate umpire Ed Runge for comments he made while in the on-deck circle. **Alex Johnson**
4. The Brewers won their first game on April 11, 1970 in an 8-4 victory against the White Sox. Which Brewer hit two homers and had four RBI's? **Danny Walton**
5. Who pitched the Brewers first complete game shutout? **Lew Krause on July 7, 1970, a four-hitter versus the White Sox.**
6. In 2018, Christian Yelich hit for the cycle twice. Who was the last Brewer to hit for the cycle before Yelich? **Jody Gerut on May 8, 2010 versus Arizona**

## The American Association Angle

### “The First Half Record of Milwaukee’s 1921 Brewers”

by Rex Hamann, Editor and Publisher of the *American Association Almanac*



While **Craig Counsell**’s 2021 Milwaukee Brewers sit atop the standings of the National League Central Division, we take another look back 100 years to focus on baseball in Milwaukee. In last month’s Hot Corner, the *Angle* provided comparisons between the 2021 and the American Association’s 1921 Milwaukee Brewers under **Jack “Rip” Egan**. As pointed out, the two teams bore distinctive signatures, with Counsell’s men reliant on strong pitching, while Egan’s boys were strong hitters.

The 1921 Milwaukee Brewers emerged largely successful as they completed the season’s first half with a record of 44-40 through July 13. After 84 games, Counsell’s crew was much more successful with 51 wins through July 3. The glaring example of team batting average for the two teams pointed out the “apples and oranges” contrast, as the 1921 team batted .301 through July 14,

differing sharply with 2021 Milwaukee’s exceptionally low mark hovering around .210 for most of the first half; through June 30 it stood at .218 as the team was finally providing some consistent firepower.

The first-half highlight for Egan’s men was the hitting of 34-year-old outfielder **Del “Sheriff” Gainer** whose hefty .370 batting average ranked fourth in the league (among qualifiers). Appearing in all 84 games, the West Virginia native, who’d suffered through a season-ending injury after just 37 games the previous year, picked up where he’d left off and was among the league leaders in total bases and stolen sacks by the end of the season.

Perhaps Milwaukee’s greatest point of pride was the young slugger nicknamed “Unser Choe” who grew up on the city’s south side, **Joe “Zip” Hauser**. “Choe” lit up the crowd at Borchert Field (still called Athletic Park as well as Brewer Field) with his first of what became a club-high 20 home runs on Opening Day in a win against the St. Paul Saints. Batting .357 at the season’s halfway point, the Brewers’ 22-year-old first-sacker was a key cog in the Milwaukee machine despite a tendency to strikeout, leading the league with 103 whiffs by season’s end.

The diminutive **Dinty “Cupie” Gearin**, pitcher and outfielder, ranked third among Brewer players at the half, batting .356 in 52 games. Appearing in 100 games at season’s end, the Rhode Island native was batting .307 to cap one of his best years. In his second of 12 seasons with the Brewers, the 5’4” Gearin was an asset to the team for his ability to get on base, with 36 bases on balls, over twice his number of strikeouts.

Speaking of getting on base, second baseman **Fred “King” Lear** was at the top of the Brewers’ heap with 116 free passes by season’s end, compared with 70 strikeouts. Batting .352 at the half, Lear was also at the top of his game with a slew of career-topping numbers, including 281 total bases. Another of Egan’s most dependable swatsmiths, the 27-year-old New York City native’s record is unique in that his final batting mark was actually higher than his midseason record, finishing at .358 in 153 games! Lear was also a demon on the base paths, absconding with 24 sacks on the season, tied with Gainer for the team lead.



Fred Lear, sporting Milwaukee togs in 1921. (author’s collection)

Two additional Brewers regulars batted .300 or over at the half: Shortstop **Jimmy Cooney** batting second, and left fielder **Ty Lober** who had replaced third-baseman Alex McCarthy in the leadoff position by the first of June. The 26-year-old Cooney, another Rhode Islander, batted .309 in 82 games. After finishing the season with a team-fourth 264 total bases, Cooney had a career season, reaching the zenith of his productivity while finishing the year with a .295 batting mark. Lober, 28, was born in Pittsburgh but living near Milwaukee at the time; in 81 games he batted .300.

As another example, a look at the Minneapolis Millers offers additional proof of this. Playing at Nicollet Park with similar dimensions as Borchert Field, eight Millers batted above .300 at the half, including pitchers [Earl Yingling](#) at .355 (11/31) and [Grover Lowdermilk](#) at .324 (11/34). Outfielder [Reb Russell](#) was taking the league by storm with his .390 clip and already with over 125 first-half hits as well as leading the league with 90 runs scored.

National League averages during the first half were even more preposterous. Second baseman [Rogers Hornsby](#) of the St. Louis Cardinals claimed a .424 batting mark (80 games) but averages dropped considerably among qualifiers appearing in at least 50 games. Pittsburgh Pirate's second baseman [George Cutshaw](#) batted .378 through 61 tilts, outfielder [Cy Williams](#) of the Philadelphia Phillies .360, and first baseman [Ray Grimes](#) of the Chicago Cubs .357.

Team batting averages (TBA) reflected the elevated production. Kansas City ranked on top with an average of .320, better than 100 points over Counsell's 2021 team, a striking fact. However, the Blues were a sub-.500 team in fourth place, a sign that their offensive strength was not enough to compensate for their lack of pitching. Milwaukee was in a similar position, ranking fourth with a .306 TBA. In the cellar were the Columbus Senators who were in last place in the standings, with a .284 TBA and a .947 fielding average.

Modern fans might look aghast at the garish hitting stats of 1921 and well into the 1920s. Bearing in mind that this period represented the very beginning of the live ball era, what might appear as an anomaly could be explained by the presumption that pitchers had not quite adapted to the live ball, giving hitters the advantage. Consider that junk balls, such as spitters, etc., were still in use, legal or not, to help stem the tide, but the evidence is clear that batters held a distinct advantage throughout the 1920s.

Milwaukee's defense in 1921 was its saving grace with its league-leading .965 average at the half. with 124 errors through 85 games contrasted with runner-up Louisville (who claimed first place at the time and held on to win the league championship) with 137 through 87 games.

Jack Egan's 1921 Brewers were taking the right trajectory for a successful season, but which way would the original Brew Crew go during the second half of the 1921 season? More on that topic in a future edition of the Hot Corner. Thanks for listening!



*Hamann has published various articles on the topic of the old American Association and has three books to his credit: [The Milwaukee Brewers](#) (Arcadia, 2004), [The Minneapolis Millers](#) (Arcadia, 2014), and [The Millers and the Saints](#) (McFarland, 2014).*

*Those interested in learning more about the American Association are invited to view the [Almanac's blog site](#).*

*Copies of Vol. 17, No. 1 of the American Association Almanac (Spring 2021) are on sale. Anyone wishing to obtain an e-copy of the home run database for either the 1952 Milwaukee or the 1952 Kansas City season, please contact the author, [Rex Hamann](#).*

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## Emil Rothe Chicago Chapter Newsletter and Coming Events



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#### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

BY: PETER YEE

On June 5, 2021, I got a chapter email regarding lunch and a Schaumburg Boomers game in the evening. I was not able to go to the lunch because of a prior commitment, but I didn't have any plans for the evening, so I said, why not go to the Boomers game? It had been a while since I had seen a Boomers game. I remember going to see them play when they were the Flyers.

I had purchased a discounted ticket since I'm a Wintrust customer. The concessions were easier on the budget than the previous game.

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### Upcoming SABR Chicago Chapter Events

#### **Zoom Presentation (Save the Date)**

Saturday, August 21 – 2:00-3:30pm (central)

Panel discussion regarding 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Black Sox Trial. More details to follow.

#### **Baseball Game**

Saturday, September 11 – 6:35pm (central)

Join members from the Chicago and Milwaukee Ken Keltner SABR chapters as we gather to watch the Beloit Snappers take on the South Bend Cubs at newly-opened [ABC Supply Stadium](#) in Beloit, Wisconsin. If you are interested, please contact Tim Czuba right away at [timczuba1985@netzero.net](mailto:timczuba1985@netzero.net) so he can get a headcount. (Tickets will probably be about \$15 each.)

### Non-SABR Baseball Events

#### **Conversations with Chicago Collections - Chicago Cubs Virtual Event**

Friday, July 30 - 12:00-12:30pm (central)

CCC is proud to host the next installment of Conversations with Chicago Collections - Chicago Cubs. Join Patrick Manaher, Chicago Cubs Manager of Authentics and Archives to learn more about the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field and how their archival collections share the unique role each have played in Chicago and American history. Free and open to the public.

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#### **All-American Girls Baseball League Event**

Sunday, August 22 – 1:00-3:00pm (central)

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, Parade Field, 1S151 Winfield Rd., Wheaton, IL 60189

Batter up, because the time has come for one and all to play ball! Join the WWII Girls Baseball Living History League ballplayers to learn more about the All-American Girl Baseball League (AAGBBL), including the Rockford Peaches, Racine Belles, Kenosha Comets, and the South Bend Blue Sox. Watch the player's practice and hear more about the AAGBBL. Free event with paid parking.

[CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

#### **The Forgotten 1970 Chicago Cubs: Go and Glow Virtual Event**

Wednesday, August 25 - 12:00-1:00pm (central)

Many Chicago Cubs fans remember the beloved 1969 team, but William Bike finds the 1970 Cubs more interesting. He will walk us through his recently published book about the 1970 team including its interesting characters, Ernie Banks's 500th home run, "the basket" in the outfield and how the manager's radio show caused clubhouse chaos. Bike, an avid historian and journalist and long-time UIC staff member, is associate editor of Gazette Chicago and senior vice president of ANB Communications/Central Park Communications. Bring your questions and share your memories during this hour focused on the Chicago Cubs.

[REGISTER HERE](#)