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President's Message

Remembering Dave Paulson

Long-time SABR member Dave Paulson of Columbia unexpectedly passed away recently. I knew Dave very well. For 25 years we attended dozens, possibly scores, of SABR functions together, usually carpooling.

Dave left the world better than he found it, and his contribution to the SABR community is considerable. In 1998 he began a monthly meeting among friends to talk about baseball in Columbia, descriptively called "Talkin' Baseball". The first few gatherings had only a half-dozen or so attendees, but it soon grew. In time, baseball authors asked if they could attend and talk about their research or publications. Dave had presenters schedule well in advance, sometimes 10 or 12 months in advance. Talkin' Baseball is now a SABR staple.

One of his best gifts to SABR was his involvement with the Oral History Committee. He had a gracious

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Q&A with Orioles' Eve Rosenbaum

Eve Rosenbaum was hired by the Orioles as their director of baseball development in 2019 and is the highest-ranking woman in the organization. She hails from Bethesda and is a Harvard graduate. She worked for the Astros from 2015-2019 under O's vice president of baseball operations and general manager Mike Elias when he was scouting director there.

The Baltimore Chop: A *Baltimore Sun* article last year mentioned that you received a SABR membership as a bat mitzvah present. Are you still a member?

Eve Rosenbaum: We still get copies of the SABR journals at my parents' house in Bethesda. I believe we get them in the spring and the fall. [Editor's note: Her father, who joined SABR in 2007, is a member. He calls the Bob Davids Chapter home but also belongs to BRRC.]

TBC: Your title is director of baseball development. What exactly do you do?

ER: I get this question a lot, and it's a fun one to answer because my job is a lot of fun. I work across all the departments in baseball operations and make sure we are all on the same page. There are several departments within baseball operations: amateur scouting, international scouting, pro scouting, advance scouting, research and development, player health and performance, player devel-



opment, major-league operations and administration, and minor-league operations and administration. When you work in one department, there's so much going on year-round that it can be hard to know what is happening in other areas of the front office. I fill in those gaps and make sure we are all following the same baseball philosophies. For example, our coaches are constantly learning about what types of swings and pitches are easier to improve or harder to improve. That information should get back to our scouting departments so that we are able to pump our farm system full of players who we think can thrive with our coaching staffs. Fortunately, we have very talented player

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SABR Day 2022—In Person, Feb. 6



SABR Day without the computer screens is on tap (pun intended) at Peabody Heights Brewery, where we last met in 2020.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 6 (the week before the Super Bowl) from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Watch for details on speakers, food, beverages, our annual raffle and chapter elections.

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Calendar

Regularly scheduled events

All are Zoom meetings until further notice (registration links are sent by the chapters)

Peeps @ The Peeb

First Wednesday of the month, 7-9 P.M. unless noted

Talkin' Baseball

Since 2001, Bob Davids Chapter hosts a guest speaker

First Saturday of the month, 9 A.M.

Called Shot Lunch

BYO lunch and talk baseball

Third Wednesday of the month, noon

Baltimore Baseball Babble (new)

Free-for-all baseball chat, not recorded

Last Sunday of the month, 7-9 P.M.

November

17: Called Shot Lunch, Orioles radio and MASN broadcaster Geoff Arnold

28: Baltimore Baseball Babble-Inning 8

December

1: Peeps @ The Peeb, Orioles and Bowie Baysox PA announcer Adrienne Roberson

4: Talkin' Baseball, Jack Bales, "The Chicago Cub Shot for Love: A Showgirl's Crime of Passion & the 1932 World Series"

15: Called Shot Lunch, BBRC Virtual Holiday Party

February

6: BBRC SABR Day, Peabody Heights Brewery, 10 A.M.

15: Orioles pitchers and catchers report

March

31: Orioles opener vs. Blue Jays, Camden Yards

31: Nats opener at Mets

April

4: Nats home opener vs. Phillies

August

25-27: SABR 50, Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor

Getting to Know ... Paulette Morant

In March 2020, just as the pandemic had begun to exert itself in our lives, Paulette Jones Morant followed a suggestion and joined SABR.

"A friend from the board of Rickwood Field Birmingham thought I might enjoy the organization, and indeed I have," says the native of Norfolk, Virginia, a retired teacher of Spanish who lives in Arlington.

The Mets occupy a special place in her baseball heart. Her first game was in 1965 at Shea Stadium with her maternal grandfather, "who had adopted the Mets after losing his beloved Dodgers". Her favorite baseball memory is from four years later: "The Miracle Mets and their superb 1969 World Series championship. As Tug McGraw said, 'You gotta believe'."

Her favorite players are Willie Mays and Jackie Robinson. The Mets and the hometown Nationals are her favorite teams. She adds "and a long time ago the San Francisco Giants, because of Willie Mays". Favorite ballpark? Nationals Park.

Morant lists her hobbies as photography, reading, baseball history and music history.

The latter segues into something people may not know about her.

"During my undergraduate years at the University of Virginia, a friend and I had a weekly classical music program that ran for three years. We loved it," she says. "Our station [UVA's WTJU-FM] reached a 50-mile radius around Charlottesville, a big deal at the time (1971-1974).



Trivia Corner

Miguel Cabrera became the 28th member of baseball's 500 homer club on August 22, 2021.

Two of the 28 are native Marylanders. Two players hit #500 while playing for the Orioles. Four others played for the O's, and three hit #500 off Oriole pitchers. Name these 11 players.

Bonus: Six players in the "club" met the O's in the post-season. How did they do?

Answers on Page 4.

Save the Date!



SABR 50
August 17-21, 2022
Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor

My First Major-League Game, June 2, 1961, at Fenway Park

Red Sox 4, Orioles 2

By Mark R. Millikin

Sixty years ago, my dad took me to my first major-league game, the Orioles vs. the Red Sox at Fenway Park on Friday night, June 2, 1961. The scorebook I still have from that game tells me part of the story, but I had to look through the Boston Globe and Baltimore Sun to fill in the narrative.

It wasn't long after my family moved from Baltimore to Randolph, Mass., (a suburb of Boston) that I got my bug for baseball.

Six years old when we moved there in August 1957, by the following spring I was playing at the minor-league level of the North Randolph Little League program, and I played there from 1958-1962, while my dad managed (head coaches they were called) each team I played on. Lucky for me that even though Dad was not an avid fan of baseball while he grew up and became an adult in Baltimore, he encouraged my keen interest in the game.

I had a split personality as a baseball fan while living in Randolph—rooting equally for the Red Sox and Orioles out of loyalty for where I lived and where I was born. The 1960 Orioles excited me when they challenged the big-name New York Yankees (Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Yogi Berra, Whitey Ford and the rest) for the American League pennant until early September, when the Yankees increased their lead over Baltimore. The Orioles had a long list of young star players on their 1960 team—third baseman Brooks Robinson and first baseman Jim Gentile had their breakout seasons as major leaguers. Shortstop Ron Hansen was named the 1960 AL Rookie of the Year, and Gus Triandos was our power-hitting catcher. The starting rotation for manager Paul Richards was one of the best in baseball in 1960—rookie Chuck Estrada (tied for most wins, 18 in the AL), Milt Pappas, Steve Barber, Jack Fisher, Hal "Skinny" Brown and spot starts by Hoyt Wilhelm. Our two best hitting outfielders were Jackie Brandt and Gene Woodling. Poring through daily box scores in the Boston Herald and studying Topps baseball cards in 1961 made me feel like a baseball statistics expert.

By 1961, Dad decided to take me to a game at Fenway Park, and I chose the Orioles vs. the Red Sox. The American League expanded from eight to 10 teams for the 1961 season and a 162-game season, up from the standard of 154 games per season. The National League was poised to expand to 10 teams in 1962.

By waiting until 1961 to go to my first game, we missed seeing my first baseball idol, Ted Williams, by one year. While Ted retired at the end of the 1960 season, Jackie Jensen

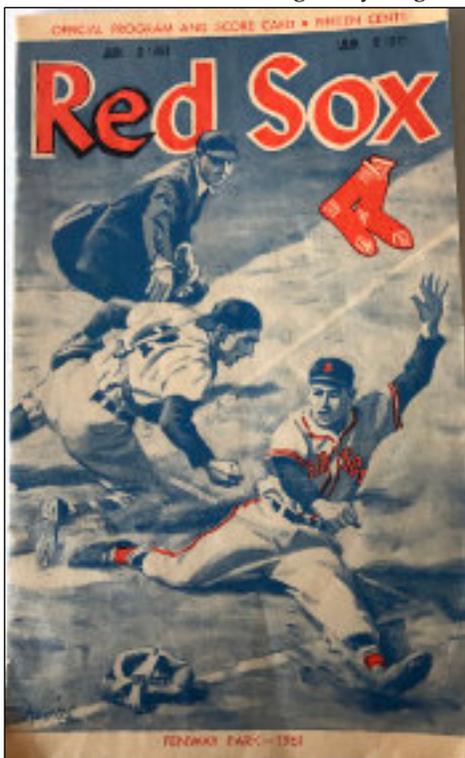
announced he was returning as an active player for the Red Sox for the 1961 season after sitting out the 1960 season mostly due to his fear of flying in airplanes. I was stunned that Jensen was retiring on the heels of leading the AL in runs batted in in 1959. Jensen had been my other favorite Red Sox player in 1957-59, so I, along with many other Red Sox fans, was thrilled he was returning as a Red Sox player. Rookie Carl Yastrzemski was the Red Sox new left fielder in 1961, but he was missing in Boston's June 2 lineup, possibly because he was a left-handed batter and the Orioles' starter was left-handed Billy Hoedt.

Walking up the runway in Fenway Park with Dad and viewing the emerald-green grass and the huge left-field Green Monster for the first time is still etched in my memory. It was my first brush with the smell of hotdogs, cigars and cigarette smoke, and vendors yelling, "hot dogs, peanuts!" at a live game. Hearing nearby leather-lung fans exhort a Red Sox batter or pitcher or denounce an umpire's call brought a grin to my face. The Orioles scored in the top of the first inning off Red Sox rookie pitcher Don Schwall when Brandt walked with one out, moved to second on Brooks' single and scored on Gentile's single. In the top of the third, Brandt led off with a double off the center-field wall but tried to stretch it into a triple and was thrown out by perfect throws from Jensen to Don Buddin to Frank Malzone. In the bottom of the fifth inning, Rip Repulski led off with a double and Buddin singled him home to tie the score 1-1. Then in the bottom of the eighth, Chuck Schilling led off with a single, moved to second on Jensen's single and scored on Malzone's single for a 2-1 Red Sox lead. In the top of the ninth, Hansen belted a triple off Schwall, barely missing a home run when it bounced off the top railing of the right-field fence back onto the field. Oriole right fielder Whitey Herzog smacked a single with two outs to drive home Hansen for a 2-2 score. As an avid fan of both teams, I rooted for whoever was batting. In the bottom of the ninth, the Red Sox's Jim Pagliaroni walked and was replaced by pinch runner Tom Brewer. Then the Red Sox's power-hitting Vic Wertz smashed a long, game-winning homer into the center-field bleachers for a Boston win. After the June 2 Oriole-Red Sox game, Gentile was leading the AL in runs batted in with 46 in the Orioles' first 46 games. He was second in home runs (13), tied with Roger Maris and one behind league leader Mickey Mantle (14).

The Orioles finished in third place in 1961 with a 95-67 win-loss mark, behind the first-place Yankees (109 wins and 53 losses) and the second-place Tigers (101-61). The Red Sox landed in sixth place with 76 wins and 86 losses.

My favorite pastime in 1961 was tracking Roger Maris' and Mickey Mantle's pursuit of Babe Ruth's single-season home run record of 60. Maris fell one shy of Ruth's record of 60 homers in his first 154 games, but broke Ruth's single-season record in the Yankees' 162nd game. I kept a close eye on Gentile's RBI total all season compared to Maris and Rocky Colavito. Final 1961 statistics showed Maris with 142 runs batted in, Gentile at 141 and Colavito at 140. Gentile slugged five grand slams in 1961 and two in one game. For the season he had 97 fewer at-bats than Colavito and 104 fewer at bats than Maris. Years later, research by SABR member Ron Rakowski showed Maris only had 141 runs batted in, in 1961, so Gentile is now considered a co-leader for AL RBI for that season.

In July 2010, the Elias Sports Bureau officially recognized the scoring error giving Maris one too many runs batted in in 1961; the following month the Orioles gave the 76-year-old Gentile a \$5,000 bonus because Orioles general manager Lee MacPhail told Jim that his \$30,000 contract for 1962



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Steve Barber Was Overshadowed by Homers

By Francis Kinlaw

Following a 1960 baseball season that produced Baltimore's first dreams of a modern-era pennant and realistic expectations of future contention, the Orioles slipped back a notch in 1961 by falling from second to third place in the standings despite winning 95 games with an expanded American League schedule.

However, the 1961 campaign is remembered most of all for the exploits of a powerful New York Yankees team and impressive home-run totals by several sluggers—especially Roger Maris of the Bronx Bombers. One of those long-ball hitters, Jim Gentile, thrilled Orioles fans by slamming 46 homers and driving 141 runs across home plate.

While the offensive statistics registered by Maris and Gentile (as well as Mickey Mantle, Harmon Killebrew, Rocky Colavito, Norm Cash and others) were outstanding, they cast a shadow over the success of a young Baltimore left-hander, who, at the ripe age of 23, matched a modern Orioles club record with 18 victories and doubled the organization's previous record of shutouts in a season by blanking opposing teams on eight occasions. (Joe Coleman had pitched four shutouts in 1954, and Jim Wilson did the same in 1955. Milt Pappas allowed no runs in four games in both 1959 and 1961.)

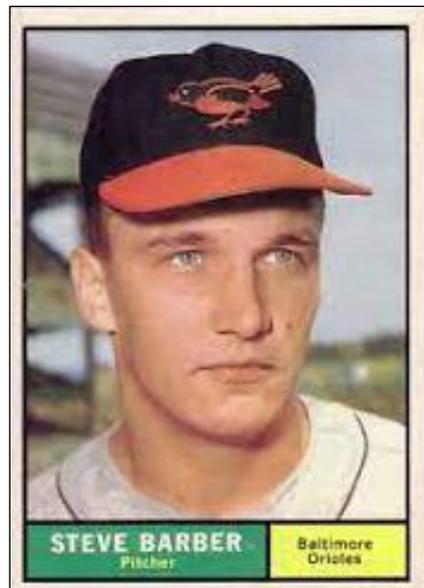
Barber won 18 games and lost 12 in 1961, and his earned run average was a respectable 3.33. He did exhibit control issues, striking out 150 batters but issuing 130 bases-on-balls. His "home-road splits" were reasonably balanced as he won 10 of 16 decisions in Memorial Stadium and eight of 14 in cities other than Baltimore.

His best win-loss records were achieved against the Yankees (4-2), Kansas City Athletics (3-0), Boston Red Sox (2-0), and Minnesota Twins (2-0). He was slightly less successful against the Cleveland Indians (3-2), Chicago White Sox (2-2), and Washington Senators (1-1). He did go winless against the Detroit Tigers, losing all three of his decisions against the Bengals in high-scoring games.

The southpaw's eight shutouts that surpassed previous club records by a substantial margin are certainly worthy of further mention. He stymied the Athletics' offense three times and the feared Yankees lineup twice. His other three

goose eggs were posted against the Twins, White Sox and Indians. Five of the eight shutouts occurred in Memorial Stadium.

Having joined the Orioles in 1960 and contributed a record of 10-7 and an ERA of 3.22 to that season's pennant drive, Barber remained in a Baltimore uniform until being traded to the Yankees on July 4, 1967. He won 95 games as an Oriole while losing 75 decisions. His journey through the major leagues continued until 1974 with appearances for the Seattle Pilots, Chicago Cubs, Atlanta Braves, California Angels and San Francisco Giants.



Trivia Answer

Marylanders with 500+ Home Runs

	Total	Hometown
Babe Ruth	714	Baltimore
Jimmie Foxx	534	Sudlersville

Hit #500 as an Oriole

	Total	Date of #500
Frank Robinson	586	Sept. 13, 1971
Eddie Murray	504	Sept. 6, 1996

Also Played with the O's

	Total	Years with O's (HRs with O's)
Jim Thome	612	2012 (3 home runs)
Sammy Sosa	609	2005 (14 home runs)
Rafael Palmeiro	569	1994-98, 2004-05 (223 home runs)
Reggie Jackson	563	1976 (27 home runs)

Hit #500 against the Orioles

	Total	Date of #500	Pitcher
Harmon Killebrew	573	Aug. 10, 1971	Mike Cuellar
Manny Ramirez	555	May 31, 2008	Chad Bradford
Mickey Mantle	536	May 14, 1967	Stu Miller

Postseason Home Runs

	Total	Vs. Orioles
Manny Ramirez	29*	2 in 1996 ALDS, 2 in 1997 ALCS
Reggie Jackson	18	2 in 1971 ALCS
Alex Rodriguez	13	1 in 1997 ALDS
Miguel Cabrera	13	1 in 2014 ALDS
Mike Schmidt	4	0 in 1983 World Series
Harmon Killebrew	3	2 in 1970 ALCS
*Major-league record		

Big Train Base Ball & Holiday Auction

Cal Ripken League Collegiate Baseball League champion Bethesda Big Train will hold its annual Big Train Base Ball & Holiday Auction in two parts. Each event will include an online auction where you can do your holiday shopping.

The opener is Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Davis Family Picnic Pavilion at Shirley Povich Field (10600 Westlake Drive, Bethesda). Due to COVID precautions, this is a ticketed event limited to 100 people, who will have an opportunity to be photographed with the Big Train's new sculpture of "Shirley & Walter" and to meet sculptor Toby Mendez.



Part 2 will run from 7-8 P.M. on Sunday, Dec. 5. It is a virtual event open to all through bigtrain.tv and features ESPN's Tim Kurkjian presenting his annual assessment of the World Series and the MLB season. Ripken League Hall of Fame manager Sal Colangelo will present awards to 2021 MVP Matt Thomas and the other outstanding players. Volunteers and supporters will also be honored.

Edward Barrow: Yankees Business Manager and President

Part 2: Building a Dynasty, 1920-45

By Fred Glueckstein

With Babe Ruth gone and Harry Frazee planning to sell more players to raise money for his theatrical business, Edward Grant Barrow gave serious thought to leaving Boston. On Frazee's recommendation, New York Yankees co-owners Jacob Ruppert and Tillinghast L'Hommedieu "Cap" Huston offered Barrow the position of business manager.

Barrow accepted and moved into the club's front office on October 29, 1920. The first thing Barrow did was to send for skipper Miller Huggins. "You're the manager," said Barrow. "You'll get no second guessing from me. Your job is to win and my job is to see that you have the players to win with. You tell me what you need and I'll make the deals. And I'll take full responsibility for every deal I make."

Barrow was a tireless worker. When he went out to lunch, it was downstairs to grab a sandwich and a cup of coffee. Often, he would eat in. Everyday a barber came in and shaved him between telephone calls. When the Yankees were at the ballpark, Barrow spent mornings in the office and afternoons at the ballpark. Spending all day in the office when the club was on the road, he was the last person out of the office when darkness fell.

Feeling that the spotlight was for the players alone, Barrow never visited the clubhouse, the manager's office, or went onto the field. Nicknamed Cousin Egbert and Cousin Ed by the New York press, he was involved in every aspect of the Yankees' operations. Sportswriters followed his dealings closely. His round face and glasses, sweeping forehead and black, bushy eyebrows were often seen in the sports pages of the city's newspapers.

Barrow found that Ruppert and Huston were constantly feuding and interfering with the team. When Barrow gave explicit orders for both men to stay out of the clubhouse, they were surprised at his boldness but agreed.

Working to improve the club immediately, Barrow made a trade with his former employer, the Boston Red Sox, for pitcher Waite Hoyt and catcher Wally Schang. In 1921, Hoyt won 19 games and Schang batted .316 for the Yankees. The club won the first pennant in the franchise's history. Facing the New York Giants in the 1921 World Series, the Yankees lost the series, five games to three. (In 1903 and 1919-21, the World Series was best of nine.)

Looking to further improve the club in 1922, Barrow bought Lawton "Whitey" Witt, a center fielder, from the Philadelphia Athletics, and in midseason he obtained third baseman Jumpin' Joe Dugan from the Red Sox.

Both moves paid off as Witt played in 140 games and batted .297, while Dugan played in 60 games and hit .286. With Bullet Joe Bush winning 26 games and Hoyt 19, the Yankees won the pennant for the second straight year in 1922. However, for the second straight year, the club lost the World Series to the New York Giants, four games to none and a tie.

After the second World Series loss to the Giants, Huston wanted Huggins fired. Ruppert disagreed, and when they couldn't resolve their differences, Huston agreed to sell his interest to Ruppert for \$1,500,000. Ruppert asked Barrow to raise part of the money, \$350,000.

Barrow went to his old friend Harry M. Stevens, a food concessionaire, for a loan. Stevens hated Huston because the Yankee co-owner tried to break the Stevens' family concession at the Polo Grounds, where the Yankees and Giants had been co-tenants since 1913, and put his own son in their place.

Stevens loaned the \$350,000 to Barrow, who then endorsed Stevens' check over to Ruppert. In return for the money, Barrow received a 10 percent interest in the club and repaid Stevens out of the dividends.



"Batteries for Today's Game," a cartoon by Burriss Jenkins Jr. depicts Yankees owner Jacob Ruppert as pitcher and business manager Ed Barrow as the catcher, with team members in background labeled "Murderers Row". It is signed by the artist in the lower right-hand corner. (Baseball Hall of Fame)

Now in control of the club, Ruppert gave Huggins absolute authority over the players. Firmly believing his role was finding the best players for the club and spending Ruppert's money judiciously, Barrow worked hard behind the scenes.

The 1923 season was momentous. In April, the new Yankee Stadium opened. That year, Yankees scout Paul Krichell saw a young ballplayer named Lou Gehrig play for Columbia University and enthusiastically recommended him to Barrow, who signed him. Gehrig joined the Yankees midway through the season and made his major-league debut at age 19 on June 15.

By September, the club had clinched its third straight pennant, finishing the season 16 games ahead of the Detroit Tigers. Pitcher Herb Pennock was one reason for the club's success.

Obtained from the Red Sox at the start of the season, Pennock won 19 games, and for the third consecutive time, the Yankees met the Giants in the World Series. This third time was the charm, as they defeated the Giants in six games for their first world championship.

Before Clark Griffith, president of the Washington Senators, named Bucky Harris manager of the club in 1924, he asked Barrow if he wanted the job. Barrow declined, preferring to remain with Ruppert. As it turned out, the next couple of years were less successful for the Yankees and Barrow: The club finished second in 1924, two games behind the Senators, while in 1925, the Yankees finished seventh, 28½ games behind the Senators.

Based on recommendations from the scouting staff, Barrow bought the contract of outfielder Earle Combs from Louisville of the American Association before the 1924 season.

Barrow and Huggins felt the Yankees had lost their will to win. Even before the 1925 season, both men knew that the franchise had to be rebuilt. Barrow told scouts Paul Krichell, Joe Kelly, Ed Holly, and Bob Gilks to find new talent. They were successful.

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Coming Together, Finally, in 2021

By Peter Coolbaugh

It had been a long two years since the last BBRC outing, when we went to see the Wilmington Blue Rocks in 2019. Finally, with the easing of COVID rules, the Baltimore and Philadelphia chapters put together a joint Triple A game to see the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders on September 4.

Nearly 30 SABR members and friends came to PNC Field for a Saturday doubleheader at in the borough of Moosic, Pennsylvania. Folks from the Harrisburg, Williamsport, and Manhattan chapters joined their Philly and Baltimore brethren for an evening of baseball in the Northeast Pennsylvania mountains.

Those who arrived early enough before the gates opened were treated to a brief presentation by several folks from the RailRiders front office. SABR members got to sit behind the dugout on the third-base side while we heard from team president John Adams, director of communications Adam Marco, and broadcaster Joe Vasile. Stories of their time in minor-league baseball and particularly their time in Scranton and dealing with the parent club were the main topics. All three graciously took questions from SABR members as well.

As the gates opened, SABR members were allowed to walk around or go directly to the Party Deck on the third-base side club level. There, an all-you-can-eat buffet was laid out that included ballpark fare and pulled pork along with BBQ chicken, drinks, and desserts. The team mascot Champ came by to visit during the first game, and a good time was had by all who attended.

Triple A baseball has existed in that region since 1989, when the then Red Barons were the affiliate of the Phillies through 2006. The Yankees took over in 2007, and until 2012 the team was the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees. With the renovation of Lackawanna County Stadium into PNC Field for the 2013 season, the team was rebranded the RailRiders and continues to be the Triple A team for the Yankees.

The BBRC and Connie Mack-Dick Allen chapters would like to thank Rob Judge from the RailRiders sales department for being so flexible and easy to work with in getting tickets and making the day so special. The home team did drop both games that night to Buffalo but finished well over .500 for the 2021 season.

Congrats to SABR national board member and mega-Yankees fan Tara Krieger, who won the autographed baseball given to the group by the team as a thank you for coming.



SABR members from the BBRC, Connie Mack-Dick Allen Chapter and New York join RailRider mascot Champ for a photo op during the first game. (Photos courtesy of Jeff Orner and Teresa Egbert)

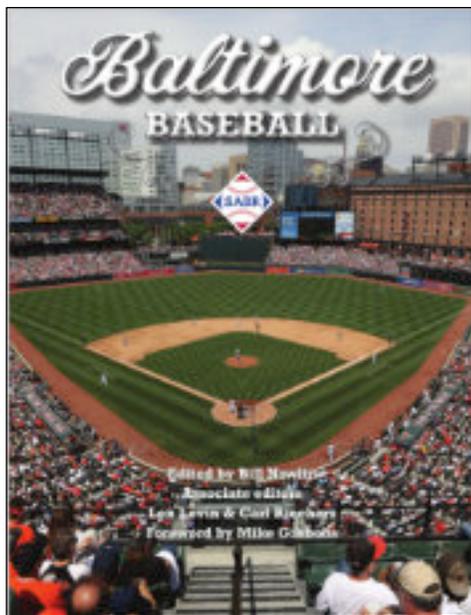
Tara came from Manhattan to see her Triple A club for the first time.

The BBRC did not hold an event at Camden Yards in 2021, but we plan to have a chapter event at Oriole Park sometime in the spring before the August national convention. And likely we will be partnering again with DC or Philly for another minor-league outing in 2022. Be on the lookout for that.

Although 2021 was an odd year, it was great to be back at the ballpark again with the ultimate baseball fans. See you all in 2022.



Peter Coolbaugh (in red shirt) joins (from left) RailRiders broadcaster Joe Vasile, director of communications Adam Marco and team president John Adams on the dugout roof as they field questions from SABR members.



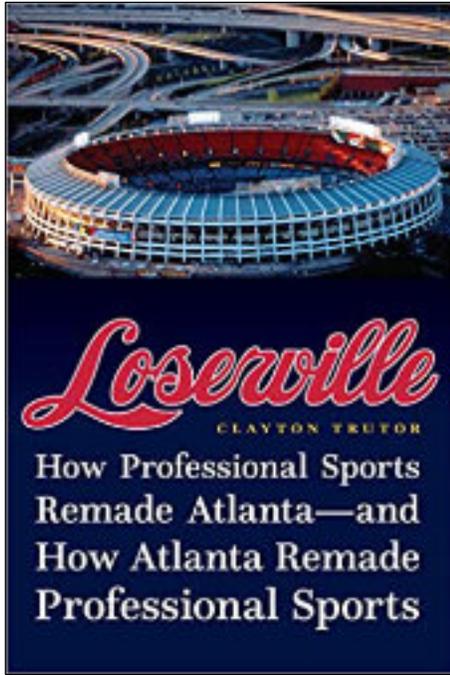
BBRC members contributed the lion's share of articles in SABR's new publication *Baltimore Baseball*. Join panelists John Burbridge, Bill Haelig, Jimmy Keenan, Mike Gibbons, Paul Scimonelli, David Stinson, and Peter Coolbaugh for the book launch at the Babe Ruth Museum, Nov. 13 from 1-3 P.M.



Atlanta: From 'Loserville' to Sports Business Model

By Clayton Trutor

In July 1975, the editors of the *Atlanta Constitution* ran a two-part, front-page series entitled "Loserville, U.S.A." Lewis Grizzard, the newspaper's special assignments editor, who later made a name for himself as an up-market Southern humorist, wrote both pieces. The provocatively titled series



detailed the futility of Atlanta's four professional sports teams in the decade since the 1966 arrival of its first two major-league franchises, the Atlanta Braves of Major League Baseball's National League and the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League. Two years later, in 1968, the Hawks of the National Basketball Association relocated to Atlanta from St. Louis, becoming the city's third major professional sports franchise. In 1972, the Flames, an expansion team in the National Hockey League, began play, making Atlanta one of only nine North American cities with franchises in all four major professional sports leagues and the first southern city to achieve this distinction. The excitement surrounding the arrival of four professional franchises in Atlanta in a six-year period gave way to widespread frustration and, eventually, widespread apathy toward its home teams. All four of Atlanta's franchises struggled in the standings and struggled to draw fans to their games. "Atlanta's decade long involvement with major-league sports," Grizzard wrote, "has been a major-league flop."

1975 proved to be the nadir of a decade marked by the unmet expectations of the region's big-league franchises. That July, the Braves were in the midst of their franchise's worst season in nearly a quarter-century, eventually falling 40½ games behind the Cincinnati Reds in the NL West. The Braves had the league's second-worst attendance that season, averaging 6,600 fans per game at Atlanta Stadium, a facility that could accommodate nearly 53,000 for baseball. In fall 1974, the perennially hapless Falcons broke single-game and season-long NFL records for no-shows: fans who purchased tickets to a game, but chose not to attend. 143,488 tickets, or 35.1% of those sold by the Atlanta Falcons for the 1974 season, were purchased but went unused in their seven home dates. During their 1974-75 season, the Hawks drew slightly more than one-half of the NBA's per-game average attendance while finishing 29 games out of first place. The 1974-75 Flames finished last in their division and drew the second-worst average home attendance in their conference.

My new book *Loserville*, available for pre-order from the University of Nebraska Press, examines the pursuit, arrival, and response to professional sports in Atlanta during its first decade as a major-league city (1966–75). It scrutinizes the origins of what remains the primary model for acquiring professional sports franchises: offers of municipal financing for new stadiums. Other Sunbelt cities like San Diego,

Phoenix, and Tampa that aspired to big league stature adopted Atlanta's approach. Like the teams in Atlanta, the franchises in these cities have had mixed results—both in terms of on-field success and financial stability.

Unfortunately, this state of affairs has created a difficult situation for more established sports markets such as Baltimore. Baltimore has twice felt the sting of losing major professional franchises, both in the case of the Bullets and, much more dramatically, the Colts. The availability of alternate pro sports markets and the willingness of community leaders in cities across North America to make significant public investments in pro sports have proven costly both in the sense of cities like Baltimore losing franchises but also the perennial arms race that has emerged in stadium building. Loserville is an origin story for how this business model became business as usual in professional sports.

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Mark Millikin's scorecard from June 2, 1961.

would have been \$5,000 higher if he had led the AL in runs batted in in 1961.

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Mark Millikin is writing a book about the 1969-1971 Baltimore Orioles. His published books include *The Glory of the 1966 Orioles and Baltimore* and *Jimmie Foxx: The Pride of Sudlersville*. His most recent book is *The Joy and Heartache of Our 1960s Music*.

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Holly went to Salt Lake City in the Pacific Coast League to look at a second baseman named Tony Lazzeri. When Holly reported that Lazzeri was sensational, Barrow bought him after the 1925 season for \$50,000 and two players, a very high price in those days.

When Krichell and Huggins saw infielder Mark Koenig, they recommended that the Yankees obtain him. Barrow bought Koenig's contract from St. Paul of the American Association for \$35,000. Meanwhile, during the winter, Barrow got rid of Schang, Everett Scott, Wally Pipp and other veterans of the 1925 club.

When spring training opened in 1926, the Yankees were almost a new team. Combs played between Babe Ruth and Bob Meusel in the outfield. Gehrig was the first baseman. Two rookies were in the infield: Lazzeri and Koenig at short-stop. Rounding out the infield was Dugan at third, and Benny Bengough was behind the plate.

Unexpectedly, the Yankees won the pennant in 1926, but lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series, which is often remembered for Grover Cleveland Alexander's bases-loaded strikeout of Lazzeri in the seventh inning.

Still, for the Yankees, there was much to take pride in. Ruth bounced back from a poor season to hit 47 home runs and to drive in 146, which were both league highs. Gehrig, in his first full season as a regular, hit 16 home runs and batted in 107, and Lazzeri and Koenig played well in their rookie seasons. Pennock was outstanding, winning 23 games.

After the World Series, Barrow made a number of moves: Catcher Johnny Grabowski and infielder Ray Morehart were picked up from the Chicago White Sox; outfielder Cedric Durst and pitcher Joe Giard were obtained in a trade with the St. Louis Browns, and pitcher George Pipgras and infielder Julie Wera were signed from St. Paul.

Barrow's most important acquisition, however, was a journeyman minor leaguer named Wilcy Moore, who was obtained from Greenville of the South Atlantic League. Moore is often called baseball's first great relief pitcher.

The 1927 season was spectacular for the Yankees. They went 110-44-1 in 1927, winning the AL pennant by 19 games and sweeping the Pittsburgh Pirates in the World Series.

The team was named Murderers' Row and was widely considered one of the best teams in history. The nickname describes the first six hitters in the 1927 team lineup: Combs, Koenig, Ruth, Gehrig, Meusel and Lazzeri.

In his 1951 autobiography, *My Fifty Years in Baseball*, Barrow looked back at his contributions to the Yankees: "When I became business manager of the Yankees in October 1920, they had not yet won a pennant since they came into the league in 1903."

"When I resigned as president in 1945, the Yankees had won fourteen pennants and ten world championships, and I left behind the foundation of the teams that went on to win three more pennants and three world series, in 1947, 1949 and 1950," Barrow wrote.

As business manager from 1921 to 1939 and team president from 1939 to 1945, Barrow is credited with building the Yankee dynasty. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953.

Barrow's all-time Yankee team (from his autobiography)

1B	Lou Gehrig
2B	Tony Lazzeri
3B	Red Rolfe
SS	Frank Crosetti
LF	Bob Meusel

CF	Joe DiMaggio
RF	Babe Ruth
C	Bill Dickey
RHP	Red Ruffing
LHP	Vernon Gomez



Dave Paulson--The SABR File

- ☞ Joined SABR in 1983
- ☞ Longtime Bob Davids Chapter treasurer
- ☞ Longtime chair of Oral History Committee
- ☞ Conducted more than 75 interviews
- ☞ Interviewed, among others, Tommy Henrich, Roland Hemond, Elden Auker, Sam Lacy
- ☞ Organized and hosted monthly 'Talkin' Baseball,' featuring baseball authors
- ☞ Regular attendee of annual convention for the past quarter-century
- ☞ Longtime (and long-suffering) Washington baseball fan, saw the Nationals win the 2019 World Series



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manner, enabling him get many recorded interviews of retired ballplayers. Those recordings are now part of the great SABR library.

I can never answer a Dave Paulson question claiming that he was never in my kitchen because the photo at right was literally taken while Dave was in my kitchen!

Dave was the treasurer of the Bob Davids Chapter for as long as I've been in SABR. My first SABR activity was helping to stuff envelopes in Dave's kitchen back before the Society embraced electronic communication.

Dave and I attended non-SABR events as well: Washington Nats games, baseball presentations at the University of Maryland and George Washington University.



BBRC Board Member Gibbons Honored by Museum Group

BBRC Board member Mike Gibbons, director emeritus of the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum will be honored by the International Sports Heritage Association (ISHA) with its W.R. "Bill" Schroeder Award. First awarded in 1985 in recognition of Bill Schroeder's pioneering contributions in the development of sports museums and halls of fame and as a founding father, past president and past secretary of ISHA, the award is given to those who have made significant and lasting contributions to the sports museum industry.

Gibbons joined the Babe Ruth Birthplace Foundation in 1982, and during his tenure the museum's collection has grown to one of the largest state sports collections in the world. Under his leadership, the Babe Ruth Birthplace Foundation tripled its operating budget and added the "Official Orioles Museum" and "Official Archive of the Baltimore Colts" to its titles.

He has served as president of ISHA as well as president of the Greater Baltimore History Alliance.

"It is a distinct honor to receive the Schroeder Award. I started attending ISHA conferences in 1988 and was privileged to have met some of the founders of the organization. Since the early 1980s I've worked with the staff and board of the Babe Ruth Museum to preserve Baltimore and Maryland's unique sports heritage, a mission vital to the very essence of our community. I am grateful to the International Sports Heritage Association for acknowledging our continued dedication to local sports," said Gibbons.

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evaluators and coaches who are hungry for new information that will help us develop major-league ballplayers.

I also spend a lot of time working with our research and development team. We have a very bright group of data analysts and software developers. They're constantly learning something new from all of the data that is collected during games and practices. I help make sure that knowledge doesn't get stuck in the academic research world and is instead disseminated to, and used by, all the other departments. Over the past few years, we have created a lot of sleek, cool tools that allow all members of our baseball operations department to explore and visualize data.

One other part of my job is weighing in on our roster construction and pro player transactions. This is the day-to-day stuff with which most baseball fans are familiar. These can be high-stakes decisions, so it's important to have sound processes that allow us to combine what the data tells us with what our eyes tell us when we watch players.

TBC: What was your college major? Did you ever imagine it would lead you to a job in your favorite sport, with the team you watched growing up?

ER: I majored in psychology and minored in philosophy. I can't tell you how often I get asked how studying psychology and philosophy led to a job in baseball. I think both of the subjects are fascinating, which is why I studied them.

Did I ever imagine they would lead to a job with the Orioles? I can't say that I specifically mapped it out, but I knew I wanted to work in sports, and I think psychology is applicable to basically everything in life. Psychology is studying humans and the human mind. Why do people make certain decisions? What motivates them? How do they communicate, argue, and persuade? How do neurotransmitters affect behavior? Does behavior change due to environment? Front offices are groups of people who weigh information and make decisions. Our psychology underlies every decision we make.

I wrote a lot of papers in college. I had to answer open-ended, complex questions in, say, 500 words. What is pain? What is consciousness? What is the ethical thing to do? Philosophy teaches you how to communicate effectively with all sorts of people. You need to explain difficult ideas in a way that anyone can understand. You anticipate counterarguments and prepare your responses ahead of time. After every sentence I wrote, I stopped and asked myself, does this sentence help the overall point I am trying to make? This process sounds an awful lot like writing work emails and making PowerPoint presentations.

TBC: How did you get into the data end of baseball?

ER: Right after college, I worked at the NFL in digital media business intelligence. My job was to analyze how people

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Orioles Career Leaders

At-Bats	
Cal Ripken	11,551
Brooks Robinson	10,654
Eddie Murray	7,075
Adam Jones	6,385
Brady Anderson	6,271
Boog Powell	5,912
Mark Belanger	5,734
Paul Blair	5,606
Nick Markakis	5,331
Brian Roberts	5,214

Runs	
Cal Ripken	1,647
Brooks Robinson	1,232
Eddie Murray	1,084
Brady Anderson	1,044
Adam Jones	875
Brian Roberts	810
Boog Powell	796
Al Bumbry	772
Nick Markakis	749
Paul Blair	737

Wins	
Jim Palmer	268
Dave McNally	181
Mike Mussina	147
Mike Cuellar	143
Mike Flanagan	141
Scott McGregor	138
Milt Pappas	110
Dennis Martinez	108
Steve Barber	95
Mike Boddicker	79
Scott Erickson	79

ERA (500 innings)	
Stu Miller	2.37
Hoyt Wilhelm	2.42
Eddie Watt	2.74
Pat Dobson	2.78
Jim Palmer	2.86
Billy O'Dell	2.86
Dick Hall	2.89
Jim Harden	2.95
Tom Phoebus	3.06
Robin Roberts	3.09

Hits	
Cal Ripken	3,184
Brooks Robinson	2,848
Eddie Murray	2,080
Adam Jones	1,781
Brady Anderson	1,614
Boog Powell	1,574
Nick Markakis	1,547
Ken Singleton	1,455
Brian Roberts	1,452
Paul Blair	1,426

Home Runs	
Cal Ripken	431
Eddie Murray	343
Boog Powell	303
Brooks Robinson	268
Adam Jones	263
Chris Davis	253
Rafael Palmeiro	223
Brady Anderson	209
Ken Singleton	182
Frank Robinson	179

Winning % (50 starts)	
Steve Stone	.656
Mike Mussina	.645
Jim Palmer	.638
Wally Bunker	.620
Mike Cuellar	.619
Dick Hall	.619
Dave McNally	.616
Alan Mills	.604
Milt Pappas	.598
Wei-Yin Chen	.590

Saves	
Gregg Olson	160
Zack Britton	139
Jim Johnson	122
Tippy Martinez	105
Stu Miller	100
Jorge Julio	83
Randy Myers	76
Eddie Watt	74
Dick Hall	60
Tim Lincecum	57

RBI	
Cal Ripken	1,695
Brooks Robinson	1,357
Eddie Murray	1,224
Boog Powell	1,063
Adam Jones	866
Ken Singleton	766
Brady Anderson	744
Rafael Palmeiro	701
Melvin Mora	662
Nick Markakis	658

Batting Avg. (1,200 AB)	
Roberto Alomar	.312
Miguel Tejada	.305
Bob Nieman	.301
Bob Boyd	.301
Harold Baines	.301
Frank Robinson	.300
Eddie Murray	.294
Javy Lopez	.293
B.J. Surhoff	.291
Tommy Davis	.291

Innings Pitched	
Jim Palmer	3,948
Dave McNally	2,652 $\frac{2}{3}$
Mike Flanagan	2,317 $\frac{2}{3}$
Scott McGregor	2,140 $\frac{2}{3}$
Mike Cuellar	2,028 $\frac{2}{3}$
Mike Mussina	2,009 $\frac{2}{3}$
Dennis Martinez	1,775
Milt Pappas	1,632
Steve Barber	1,414 $\frac{2}{3}$
Sidney Ponson	1,375 $\frac{1}{3}$

Strikeouts	
Jim Palmer	2,212
Mike Mussina	1,535
Dave McNally	1,476
Mike Flanagan	1,297
Mike Cuellar	1,011
Milt Pappas	944
Steve Barber	918
Scott McGregor	904
Dennis Martinez	858
Chris Tillman	847

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used our mobile applications, and then use that information to help us design better apps. From my previous answer you can probably tell that app development was certainly not something I studied in college. I had to learn on the fly how to use Adobe Analytics software and how to work with a group of developers overseas in a different time zone. Then I got hired by the Astros to work in international scouting. One of my main focuses was to modernize our international scouting department and incorporate technology into our tryouts. Yet again I had to learn on the fly how to use new technologies and how to work with people from different countries and cultures. The technology that we used produced data, such as things that now seem commonplace like exit velocity and launch angle. By talking with R&D and other departments, I learned how to interpret the data, and from there I figured out how I wanted to use that data in my scouting reports and signing recommendations.

TBC: As a young baseball fan, were you a stats nerd, either the old-fashioned numbers variety or sabermetric/Bill James-type stats?

ER: I was a minor stats nerd. I always knew a ton about the game and did a lot of reading. Plus, we went to the majority of home Orioles games each year, so I got very familiar with all the stats on the Jumbotron and in game programs. I played a computer game where I built a team and then constructed lineups. I was pretty good at math in school, too. Kids these days would probably leave me in the dust, though. My 9-year-old nephew already cares about OPS and barrels.

TBC: With the understanding that a lot of what you deal with is proprietary, what sorts of data do you deal with? How many people do you work with/supervise? How are the Orioles' data personnel organized—are there subgroups, and do different groups work with each other, with different personnel groups (scouting, on-field, etc.)?

ER: So much of what baseball players do is measurable. I wear a watch that tells me how well I slept and automatically detects when I'm swimming laps. This is true even though, much to the dismay of my third-grade self, I am not a professional athlete. The professionals are tracked by

MLB's Statcast system, which provides data both to teams and to MLB's spectacular Baseball Savant website. Our analytics team drives a lot of the research that we do, but we don't have walls between departments—literally, we have an open office plan. Our data analysts and software developers work with every single department. Every few weeks, we revisit all of the research and software requests to discuss what has been accomplished, what is still in the works, and which future projects should be prioritized. Then within each department, people are always doing their own research, building their own online and Excel tools, reading new articles, and sharing ideas that our analytics team can rigorously test. Our director of player development preaches collaboration and humility with the mantra “a rising tide lifts all boats”. I think that mindset has spread to the entire organization.

TBC: Do you play fantasy baseball (or did you)? Does your job, and the analytics it requires help in fantasy baseball, or are these two different baseball worlds?

ER: I retired from fantasy baseball in high school. A girl in my math class started a fantasy league, and I quickly realized that my ratio of playing fantasy baseball to doing homework—never mind going to softball practice and sleeping—was out of whack. I would guess there is some crossover between fantasy baseball and front office work. Both require a deep passion for the game.

TBC: Do you hear from young girl baseball fans? Are any of them stats nerds?

ER: I do. Some I meet at fields or events, and some get in touch with me through mutual contacts. I think statistics and analytics is a great way into the game for a lot of girls and women. Anyone can study and excel at math and computer science. Those skills are in demand not only in baseball, but in all businesses these days, and I don't see that demand going away. There is more of an emphasis on STEM education at early ages than ever before, and that gives all young kids a whole new way to engage with the sport, even if they themselves are not great players.

TBC: Anything you'd like to add?

ER: I can't wait for the fans to flood back into Camden Yards. Hi to my family who I'm sure are reading. And Go O's!

--Ruth Sadler

Some Final Words on All Those 2021 No-Hitters

Date	Pitcher(s)	Team	Vs.	Score	Pitcher's record (2021)
April 9	Joe Musgrove	Padres	Rangers	3-0	2-0 (11-9)
April 14	Carlos Rodon	White Sox	Indians	8-0	2-0 (13-5)
May 5	John Means	Orioles	Mariners	6-0	4-0 (6-9)
May 7	Wade Miley	Reds	Indians	3-0	4-2 (12-7)
May 18	Spencer Turnbull	Tigers	Mariners	5-0	3-2 (4-2)
May 19	Corey Kluber	Yankees	Rangers	2-0	4-2 (5-3)
June 24	Zach Davies, Ryan Tepera, Andrew Chafin, Craig Kimbrel	Cubs	Dodgers	4-0	
Aug. 14	Tyler Gilbert	D'backs	Padres	7-0	1-0 (2-2)
Sept. 11	Corbin Burnes, Josh Hader	Brewers	Indians	3-0	

2021 was one for the no-hitter record book.

There were nine major-league no-hitters, breaking the 1884 record of eight (when the National League, American Association and Union Association teams played about 110 games) and the modern-era record of seven (1990, 1991, 2012 and 2015).

According to ESPN, 2021 was the first time there were six no-hitters before June.

☞ The season's first no-hitter (by San Diego native Joe Musgrove), on April 9, was the first in the Padres' 53-year history, giving every current team at least one.

☞ The Indians were the first team to be no-hit three times in one season, and Zach Plesac became the second pitcher to start three games in which his team was no-hit (Jim Perry, with the Twins in 1970 and the Tigers twice in 1973, was the first).

☞ Interestingly, the Orioles and Diamondbacks, who finished with the majors' worst record (52-110) were not no-hit but each had a pitcher with a no-hitter (John Means for the O's and Tyler Gilbert for the D'backs in his first major-league start). The Rangers, with the third-worst record (60-102), were no-hit twice.

--Ruth Sadler