



# MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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## VOLUME THREE OF MINOR LEAGUE HISTORY JOURNAL ARRIVES

The Minor League History Journal is now available through the Minor League Committee. Volume III has an all time, record, seventy two pages. The record number of pages might be the result of the inordinate number of academic members contributing to this year's issue, or the exceptional calibre of baseball research contributed to the 1994 edition. Please note that the Pioneer League is a member of the National Association.

This year the MLHJ will be ordered directly through the Minor League Committee. Send \$7, plus \$2 postage and handling to:

Minor League History Journal  
Minor League Committee SABR  
Box 85224  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57118

The delay in publication was the result of the process of review and evaluation carried out by the SABR board. The following guidelines were established:

The publication shall be coordinated through the Minor League Committee. The publication will be a special publication of the committee and will not be marketed as a SABR publication. Distribution will be carried out by the Minor League Committee. Each member should contribute to the Minor League History Journal along with considering submission of their work to the general SABR publications, Baseball Research Journal and the National Pastime. The Publications Director will contribute to the creation of the MLHJ with editorial comments and direction. The cover of the MLHJ will be more "commercial" in nature. The Minor League History Journal was created in order to provide an expanded means for disseminating information and research on the history of the Minor Leagues. The MLHJ will continue to carry out this purpose.

## ON-LINE PROJECT

Andy McCue is looking for participants to handle the minor league portion of the On Line Project. Dave Kemp continues to maintain the Index of Minor League Researchers; a directory of minor league publications and interests. The Index will provide an excellent beginning source for the project. Please contact Andy McCue, 4025 Beechwood Place, Riverside, California, 92506, or Dave Kemp if you are interested in the project.

## MINOR LEAGUE/ BLACK TEAM COMPETITION

David Kemp's and Phil Dixon's article in volume two of the Minor League History Journal discusses the tradition of games played between organized, minor league teams and black or integrated, independent teams. They are interested in beginning documentation of these performances. They have been concentrating on competition in the Upper Midwest. What is the extent of these performances? Did the number of games fluctuate each season? Were they prevalent in only specific areas of the country? If you are interested in becoming involved in this project you may contact David Kemp, 1214 S. Norton, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57105, or call, 605-338-8006. There should be some rather interesting contests unearthed. The Kansas City Monarchs claimed that they didn't lose a game in Omaha for over fifteen years.

# ENCYCLOPEDIA UPDATE

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Carlos Bauer, John Benesch, Bob Hoie, James Holl, Chuck Howell, David Kemp, Bob McConnell, Ray Nemec, Terrance O'Brien, John Pardon, Tim Rask, Jamie Selko, Ron Selter, Tom Shrimplin, David Thomas, Dick Thompson, and Bill Weiss have contributed to the encyclopedia project.

The list of missing standings is now down to three leagues. Terrance O'Brien sent in the 1914 Virginia Mountain and 1916 Potomac Leagues. The remaining leagues are the 1906 Arkansas-Texas, 1906 Georgia State, and 1912 Rocky Mountain Leagues.

Missing and unbalanced standings in the Minor Leagues 1902-1992:

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| A Eastern League, 1916                                       | D Florida State League, 1925, first half                                     |
| B Michigan-Ontario League, 1925, second half                 | D Georgia State League, 1906 missing; 1921, first half                       |
| B New England League, 1927, both halves                      | D Georgia-Alabama League, 1914   |
| B Quebec Provincial League, 1940                             | D Gulf Coast League, 1907, second half                                       |
| C Minnesota-Wisconsin League, 1911                           | D Iowa-South Dakota League, 1903   |
| C Piedmont League, 1921, first half; 1923, second half; 1924 | D Kitty League, 1903; 1911, first half; 1916, both halves; 1924, second half |
| C South Atlantic League, 1909; 1911, second half; 1922       | D Maine State League, 1907   |
| D Alabama-Florida League, 1936, second half                  | D Mississippi State League, 1921, both halves                                |
| D Alabama-Tennessee League, 1921, second half                | D Mountain States League, 1912, second half                                  |
| D Appalachian League, 1924, second half                      | D Northern League, second half   |
| D Arkansas-Texas League, 1906 missing                        | D Northern State League of Indiana, 1911                                     |
| D Atlantic League, 1914                                      | D Rocky Mountain League, 1912, missing                                       |
| D Bi-State League, 1934, both halves; 1935, both halves      | D Southern Illinois League, 1910   |
| D Blue Ridge League, 1922; 1923                              | D Washington State League, 1910  |
| D Canadian League, 1905; 1911                                | D West Arkansas League, 1924, both halves                                    |
| D Cotton States League, 1903; 1925, both halves              | D West Texas League, 1922, second half                                       |
| D East Texas League, 1916; 1926, both halves                 | D West Virginia League, 1910   |
| D Eastern Carolina League, 1910, both halves; 1911           | D Western Canada League, 1911  |
| D Eastern Shore League, 1926                                 | D Wisconsin State League, 1907   |
| D Empire State League, 1913, second half                     |  |

Lloyd and Miles Wolff have expressed interest in including independent leagues in the second volume of the Encyclopedia. Please note the research and article on the 1903 Pacific Coast League by Carlos Bauer in the new MLHJ. The 1903 PCL is one of the most significant independent leagues. We would like to establish the criteria for considering an independent league. What do you think should be the requirements for an independent league?

## JUNIOR WORLD SERIES

Committee member, Bob Bailey is researching all of the Junior World Series since 1904. He is collecting newspaper accounts and boxscores from each participant's city. The cities needed are: Buffalo, Baltimore, Syracuse, Omaha, Tulsa, Tidewater, and Richmond. Bob needs help in covering some of the AAA interleague series. He needs assistance for games in Albuquerque, Seattle, and Portland. Bob's address is: 12129 Briargate Lane, Goshen, Kentucky, 40026. Phone is: 502-228-5269. Bob will reimburse all costs for copying. Be sure to catch Bob's excellent article on the Greatest Junior World Series Comeback in the third volume of the Minor League History Journal.

**Minor League Committee Meeting, Arlington, Texas:** We have requested that the Minor League Committee meeting be at its usual time of late Saturday morning. For those planning to attend the Texas Convention please check the June SABR bulletin for exact time and location. We are planning another newsletter, hopefully with a discussion on archiving minor league records, prior to the convention. John Pardon is coordinating the initial portion of the discussion. We have several archivists in the minor league committee. Please send all comments and suggestions to either John Pardon, P.O. Box 728, Crugers, New York, 10521, or David Kemp, 1214 S. Norton, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57105

*Separating The Men From The Boys: The First Half Century of the Carolina League*, written by committee co-chairman, Jim Sumner, is now available for \$17.95, plus \$4.00 postage and handling from John Blair Publisher, 1406 Plaza Dr., Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 27103-1470; phone #: 800-222-9796.