



## MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FALL, 1993

### MINOR LEAGUE HISTORY JOURNAL

We are currently accepting articles and photo essays for volume 3 of the MLHJ. This year's issue will include the minor league chronology. Submit your material to David Kemp, Minor League Committee, Rex Stucker Chapter SABR, Box 85224, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57118. The editorial process will begin in the near future. Please get those articles in as soon as possible.

### ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The long awaited first volume arrived in early June. Research carried out by various members of our committee over the past decade was incorporated into the completed text. Several of our committee people, too numerous to mention, contributed to the first volume.

Committee member, Miles Wolff, a first edition editor, and the staff at Baseball America, which includes committee member, Dave Chase, are interested in establishing a formal relationship between the minor league committee and Baseball America. This would involve contributions to the second volume of the Encyclopedia. The committee would be responsible for conducting and completing research for the second volume. Subjects will include minor league affiliations and team nicknames prior to 1963. Also corrections and additions will be contributed.

Lloyd Johnson, committee member and first editor, is accepting additions and corrections at the present time. Lloyd's address is: Double Play, P.O. Box 22481, Kansas City, Missouri, 64113.

Lloyd is currently in need of researchers to carry out work on unbalanced standings. Several final standings which appear in the guides do not balance out. The records do not balance out. You need two teams to play a game. Researchers need to examine the local papers in order to establish the correct number of games played in each league and the correct final standings. Listed below are the leagues with unbalanced standings and no record standings. If you are interested in reconciling and correcting the schedules and locating missing standings please contact Lloyd. You will need to have access to the newspapers for the league towns or a town in the vicinity of the franchise which published the records and game results.

**Unbalanced Standings:**

1903 D Cotton States League  
1903 D Iowa-South Dakota League  
1903 D Kitty League  
1904 D Southwestern League  
1905 D Canadian League  
1905 D Interstate League  
1905 D Iowa State League  
1906 D South Central League  
1906 D Southern Michigan League  
1907 second half, D Gulf Coast League  
1907 D Maine State League  
1907 D Oklahoma-Arkansas-Kansas League  
1907 D Southern Michigan League  
1907 D Wisconsin State League  
1908 D Oklahoma-Kansas League  
1909 C South Atlantic League  
1910 both halves, D Eastern Carolina League  
1910 D Southern Illinois League  
1910 D Washington State League  
1910 D Western Virginia League  
1911 C Minnesota-Wisconsin League  
1911 second half, C South Atlantic League  
1911 D Canadian League  
1911 D Eastern Carolina League  
1911 D Eastern Kansas League  
1911 first half, D Kitty League  
1911 D Northern State League of Indiana  
1911 D Western Carolina League  
1912 D Iowa State League  
1912 second half, D Mountain States League  
1912 D Texas-Oklahoma League  
1912 D Western Tri-State League  
1913 D Empire State League  
1913 D MINK League  
1913 D Texas-Oklahoma League  
1913 first half, D Western Tri-State League  
1914 D Georgia-Alabama League  
1916 A Eastern League  
1916 D East Texas League  
1916 both halves D Kitty League  
1920 both halves, B Western Canada League  
1920 D South Dakota League  
1921 second half, B Western Canada League  
1921 first half, C Piedmont League

1921 second half, D Alabama-Tennessee League  
1921 first half, D Georgia State League  
1921 D Mississippi State League  
1921 second half, D Southwestern League  
1922 B South Atlantic League  
1922 both halves, C Western Association  
1922 D Blue Ridge League  
1922 second half, D West Texas League  
1923 AA American Association  
1923 second half, C Piedmont League  
1923 first half, C Southwestern League  
1923 second half, C Western Association  
1923 D Blue Ridge League  
1924 AA American Association  
1924 C Piedmont League  
1924 D Appalachian League  
1924 D Kitty League  
1924 B West Arkansas League  
1925 B Michigan-Ontario League  
1925 both halves, D Cotton States League  
1925 D Florida State League  
1925 D Mississippi Valley League  
1926 first half, C Middle Atlantic League  
1926 first half, D East Texas League  
1926 D Eastern Shore League  
1927 B New England League  
1930 second half, B Central League  
1932 second half, B Central League  
1932 second half, C Western Association  
1934 first half, C Western Association  
1934 both halves, D Bi-State League  
1935 both halves, D Bi-State League  
1935 second half, D Northern League  
1936 second half, D Alabama-Florida League  
1940 B Quebec Provincial League

**The following leagues are missing the final standings:**

1903 D Southwest Iowa League  
1904 D Oregon State League  
1906 D Georgia State League  
1906 D Southwest Washington League  
1906 D Arkansas-Texas League  
1912 D Rocky Mountain League  
1914 D Virginia Mountain League  
1916 D Potomac League  
1919 B International Northwest League

Copies of the first volume of the Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball are available through the minor league committee. They may be ordered at \$ 34.95 per copy plus \$4.00 shipping and handling through the Minor League Committee, SABR, Box 85224, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57118

#### MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STARS: COMPREHENSIVE VOLUME

The minor league committee is proposing that the material and statistics compiled and contained in the first three volumes of the Minor League Baseball Stars be combined into one comprehensive volume. The new volume will contain complete records for approximately 600 players in alphabetical order. Updates of all time season and career records will be included. The new volume will also include another dozen overlooked stars not included in the first three volumes. This includes players who are currently active. There will be numerous statistical additions and corrections included. Send additions and corrections to David Kemp.

**San Diego Meeting:** Nearly forty members attended the committee meeting chaired by Bob Hoie. Discussions concerned the *Minor League Baseball Stars*, the *Minor League History Journal*, and recently released, *Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball*. Copies of the *Minor League Baseball Stars* and the *Minor League History Journal* were on hand at our table. A special thanks to our committee members who tended to the table during the convention. Copies of the *Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball* were at Joe Naiman's neighbor's house. Several members from the West Coast were in attendance. As a result several new members were recruited.

#### Another Committee Chairman's Great Adventure:

The new independent Northern League hosted various historical events this past season. The Rex Stucker Chapter SABR sponsored a reunion of former Sioux Falls Canaries for opening day, June 15. Over a dozen former Sioux Falls players were attendance as special guests of the Sioux Falls team. Martin Dries of the 1930 Canaries was the oldest former Canary in attendance.

Later in the season, committee member Lloyd Johnson was present as part of the Johnson Night festivities at the Sioux Falls Baseball Stadium. Lloyd sold and autographed Encyclopedias of Minor League Baseball.

The Saint Paul Saints hosted SABR night on August 19. Representatives of the Halsey Hall Chapter were on hand to display and promote SABR and its publications. Saints owner, Mike Veeck credits SABR with getting his father, Bill elected to the Hall of Fame.

Each season Minor League Committee members contribute information, stories, and materials to numerous franchises as they celebrate minor league history.