

SABR MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER, AUTUMN, 1990.

Your new newsletter editor is Jim Sumner, 3215 Warwick Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606, home phone number 919-851-5921. Contributions for the newsletter can be sent either to me or to chairman David Kemp. Speaking of addresses, David's address, the SABR Directory notwithstanding, continues to be P.O. Box 85224, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57118. We hope to get the newsletter out on a quarterly basis, but can only do so if we receive contributions from the committee membership. Along those lines, let me know what suggestions you have for the newsletter. We have a few articles in hand that are too long for the newsletter format. We can either expand the newsletter to include this, which will cost money, or issue our own publication. Although the latter alternative would be as low budget as possible, it would almost certainly require charging a modest fee. Basic membership simply won't cover it. The Negro League Committee is already sailing these uncharted waters. We need input from the committee membership. Let David or me (preferably David) know what you think. Do we want to expand our publishing, and if so, under what conditions? Can the membership generate enough short but substantive articles to make this work? Let us know.

CONVENTION REPORT

Lloyd Johnson chaired the meeting in the absence of David Kemp. Over 20 members were in attendance. Business discussed included:

Dick McBane is currently at work on the history of the Akron Yankees in the Mid-Atlantic League from 1935-1941.

Bob McConnell reported on the progress for the selection of candidates for Minor League Stars III.

John Pardon reported on the progress made by he and Jerry Jackson on compiling minor league teams, cities, and affiliations.

Bob Koehler is currently working on Milwaukee's involvement in the American Association.

Ralph Horton reported that we have received permission from The Sporting News to use their facilities for minor league research. Contact archivist Steven Gietschier, at P.O. Box 56, St. Louis, Missouri 63166 for further details.

One of the limitations of the Minor League Committee office in responding to requests for information concerning the minor leagues is the fact that it does not have easy access to yearly guides of minor league records. David Kemp has to depend on Bob Hoie's library for reference. We hope to obtain complete sets of Reach, Spalding, and TSN guides. These guides will then become part of permanent collection of the committee and will be housed by the chairman. David Kemp is currently on the look-out for for copies through local used book stores. Contributions to the collection will be greatly appreciated.

UPDATE: TWO TRIPLE PLAYS

It turns out that the reported two triple plays in the 1905 Kansas City game were actually the result of a misprint of a 1904 game, improperly identified in a later American Association record book.

Bill Weiss has identified the following double triple play game from the 1978 California League:

July 28, Lodi 11, Fresno 7. Fresno at bat, 1st inning: Tom Reynolds on third, Tom Anthony on second, Bob Brenly on first; Jim Rothford lines out to shortstop Don Ruzek; Ruzek throws to second baseman John Shoemaker for the second out and Shoemaker throws to first baseman George Kraage, who tags Brenly for the third out.

In the fifth inning, with Brenly on second and Rothford on first, batter Bill Young grounds to third baseman Harold Drake. Drake touches third for the first out, throws to Shoemaker, who relays to Kraage for the 5-4-3 triple play.

John Dowling, 315 South Third Street, Waukegan, Illinois, 60079 has compiled a complete statistical record for the Three-I League, 1901-1961. He is still working on other aspects of the league's history and is interested in corresponding with others who share an interest in the Three-I League.

Larry Epke has compiled a list of 1980s minor leagues. The list includes division, cities, years, and affiliations. The Mexican League is not included. Copies are available from David Kemp or the compiler. Larry's address is 22448 Ridgeway, Richton Park, Illinois 60471.

Jon Scher of Baseball America and Joe Bosco, author of The Boys Who Would Be Cubs, are interested in doing an oral history of noted minor leaguers; a project discussed by this committee since at least the middle 1970s. Jon is interested in suggestions for inclusion and current addresses. We hope to include similar interviews in upcoming Committee publications. Along those lines we need to update possible death dates of those players profiled in MLS I and II. We need information on any of the following players. Information on current addresses for MLS III are being collected in cooperation with the Biographical Committee. This updated information will be included in the text.

MINOR LEAGUE STARS I

Larry Barton
Joe Bauman
Carlos Bernier
Ronald Camacho
Jack Cassini
Steve Dalkowski
Russ Derry
Gus Dugas
Cecil (Dynamite) Dunn
Paul Easterling
Hector Espino
George Ferrell
Lewis Flick
Ray Flood
Tony Freitas
Miguel Gaspar
John Gill
Jack Graham
Frank Gravino
Pete Gray

MINOR LEAGUE STARS II

Teolindo Acosta
Rogelio Alvarez
Ramon Arano
Karl Black
Earl Browne
George Brunet
Ramiro Caballero
Moises Camacho
Frank Carswell
Bob Churchill
Ray Dandridge
Francis Dasso
Harry Davis
Yank Davis
Steve Demeter
William Deister
Joe Dwyer
Ross Eldred
Charles English
Robert Fausett

Dick Greco
 Ted Gullic
 Dick Gyselman
 Joe Hauser
 Fred Henry
 Juan Herrera
 Bud Heslet
 Alexander Hooks
 Pete Hughes
 Smead Jolley
 Tom Jordan
 Frostie Kennedy
 Hilly Layne
 Bob Lennon
 Gene Lillard
 Ad Liska
 Hugh Luby
 David Mann
 Alexander (Red) McColl
 Howie Moss
 Gordon Nell
 Rocky Nelson
 Fred Nicholson
 Elmer Nieman
 Ted Norbert
 Jodie Phipps
 Bobby Prescott
 Bill Raimondi
 Jackie Reid
 Tony Robello
 Freddy Rodriguez
 Leo (Muscle) Shoals
 Norman Small
 Claudio Solano
 Dean Stafford
 Don Stokes
 John Stoneham
 Walter Tauscher
 Bill Thomas
 Bob Tiefenauer
 Harold Turpin
 Bernard (Frenchy) Uhalt
 George Washington
 Philip Weintraub
 Max West
 Hobart (Rabbit) Whitman
 Artie Wilson
 Jerry White
 Ab Wright

MANAGERS

John (Red) Davis
 Andrew Gilbert
 Stan Wasiak

Roberto Fernandez
 George Fisher
 Guy Fletcher
 Joe Fortin
 Robert Frierson
 Vinicio Garcia
 Roland Gladu
 William (Stubby) Greer
 John Griffins
 William (Skeeter) Hartman
 Mickey Heath
 John Hendee
 Richard Holder
 Leroy (Cowboy) Jones
 Irwin (Fuzzy) Hufft
 Lyle Judy
 Joseph Katz
 Edward Knoblauch
 Horace (Pip) Koehler
 Sam LaRoque
 Harry Layne
 Thomas Letcher
 Joe Macko
 Manuel Magallon
 Jim Matthews
 William McGhee
 Aurelio Monteagudo
 Joe (Martin) Munson
 Philip Nadeau
 Otho Nitcholas
 Alfredo Ortiz
 Isaac Palmer
 Roy Parker
 James (Zip) Payne
 Homer Peel
 Jose Pena
 Luis Polli
 Murl (Dutch) Prather
 Tom (Judge) Pyle
 George Rhinehardt
 Linnel Roberts
 Francisco Rodriguez
 Ed Rose
 Angel Scull
 Walter Sessi
 Charles (Bud) Shaney
 Bill Sharman
 Fred Sington
 Frank (Pat) Stasey
 William Steinicke
 Miguel Suarez
 James Walkup
 Nesbit Wilson
 Richard Wilson
 James Zinn

MINOR LEAGUE DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS FOR 1990

BATTING LEADERS:

Batting Average: .390 Nick Castaneda
 .388 (128-330) Yucatan (Mexican)
 .429 (6-14) Omaha (American Association)

RUNS: 109 Paul Faries, Las Vegas (Pacific Coast)

HITS: 189 Trench Davis, Saltillo (Mexican)

DOUBLES: 45 Eric Karros, San Antonio (Texas)

TRIPLES: 14 Ramon Caraballo, Burlington (Midwest)
 14 Tim Raley, Stockton (California)
 14 Kevin Ward, Tacoma (Northwest)

HOME RUNS: 33 Phil Plantier, Pawtucket (International)
 Short Season: 22 Paul Russo, Elizabethton (Appalachian)

RUNS BATTED IN: 114 Tom Dodd, Calgary (Pacific Coast)

STOLEN BASES: 82 Tom Goodwin
 60 Bakersfield (California)
 22 San Antonio (Texas)

PITCHING LEADERS

WINS: 23 Armando Reynoso
 20-3 Saltillo (Mexican)
 3-1 Richmond, (International)

WINNING PERCENTAGE (15 Decision Minimum):
 .938 Chris Hammond (15-1), Nashville (American Association)
 .909 Randy Marshall (20-2)
 13-0 Fayetteville (South Atlantic)
 7-2 Lakeland (Florida State)
 .869 Denny Neagle (20-3)
 8-0 Visalia (California)
 12-3 Orlando (Southern)

LOSSES: 16 Steve Bast, Pawtucket (International)
 16 Charlie Thompson, Charleston (SC) (South Atlantic)

EARNED RUN AVERAGE (112 inning minimum):
 1.47 Jeff Hoffman (116 IP), Greensboro (South Atlantic)

GAMES: 67 Todd Frohwirth, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (International)

COMPLETE GAMES: 14 Steve Maye, Salinas (California)

SAVES: 36 Richard Garces
 8 Orlando (Southern)
 28 Visalia (California)
 36 Barry Manuel, Charlotte (Florida State)

INNINGS PITCHED: 225 Armando Reynoso
201 Saltillo (Mexican)
24 Richmond (International)

HITS: 213 Joe Johnson, Pawtucket (International)

WALKS: 118 Pat Mahomes, Visalia (California)

STRIKEOUTS: 213 Brian Barnes, Jacksonville (Southern)

Mike Perez got his first major league save for St. Louis on September 14 against the Cubs. Perez had 31 saves this season for Louisville of the American Association, giving him a career minor league total of 122. We think this is the all-time minor league record.

Denny Neagle (20-3, .869) and Armando Reynoso (23-4, .852) came close to making the all-time minor league list with this season's performances. Chris Hammond's .938 (15-1) record at Indianapolis led the minors.

Nick Castaneda arrived in Omaha after the end of the Mexican League season as the leading hitter in the minors. He responded by going 6-14 to raise his season average to .390.

