

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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GREETINGS, NEW ENGLAND SABR-ITES!

We will be back at our new springtime home for our next meeting. McCoy Stadium under a tent was enjoyable, but it's now in our rear-view mirror (and soon, perhaps, to be no more). We hope to see you at the First Baptist Church, 75 Park Street, North Attleboro, Massachusetts, on Saturday, June 10. The meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. and end at 4:00 P.M., with time out for lunch. We hope to have a fun program. The church is close to downtown North Attleboro and is easy to get to. (Driving directions below.)

New location, same program: Research presentations, baseball lunch, baseball trivia contest, baseball book raffle, guest speaker(s). We have one speaker confirmed and one possible.

Conformed: SABR member **Dan Schlossberg**, whose most recent of his many books is *Baseball's Memorable Misses: An Unabashed Look at the Game's Craziest Zeroes*. He'll spin some tales based on his research and will have copies of his book for sale.

Still awaiting confirmation: **Tommy Harper**, 15-year major leaguer, veteran of the Big Red Machine, the Red Sox, and other teams, including the late lamented Seattle Pilots. Tommy lives in Sharon, Massachusetts, and the last I heard was that he was checking his schedule to see if he could come. We'll keep you posted.

Other attendees with books for sale are invited to bring them along, even if they prefer not to do a presentation.

We have some presentations lined up. If you want to get on the list, let me know. The number of presentations we can accommodate is always flexible, and if you sign up for one but get bumped, you automatically go to the head of the list for the November meeting.

Feel free to wear a mask if you wish, but it's not mandatory.

Contributions to the book raffle are always in order.

And please remember to RSVP if you plan to attend the meeting. An email to me (lenlevin5@hotmail.com) will be sufficient. And I'd appreciate it if you would RSVP sooner rather than later.

Good Baseball Reading

John Vorperian's list of recommended baseball books will be back in the next issue of this newsletter. If you have a recent book or two to recommend, let me know and I'll pass it along to the membership.

Trivia

Making it a habit. When Aaron Judge and Paul Goldschmidt won MVP honors after the 2022 season, it was the fifth time (dating back to 1941) that a Yankee and a Cardinal were the MVP's in the same season. Can you name the winners the first four times?

Thanks, Dan S. Can you name five Cy Young Award winners who were charged with felonies?

Number 1. In 1956, when the first Cy Young Award was given, there was only one winner for both leagues. Who was the winner?

Number 2. And who was in second place behind the 1956 Cy Young winner?

Life begins at 40. What pitcher has the most victories after reaching age 40?

Our boy. What pitcher with Southern New England connections is the last one to have made 40 starts in a season?

Draft to Hall. The major-league amateur draft began in 1965. A player selected in that draft was the first draftee to be elected to the Hall of Fame. Who is he?

Gotham HOFer. Who was the first Yankee pitcher elected to the Hall of Fame?

Here's a surprise. When Rickey Henderson achieved a record 130 stolen bases in 1982, how many times was he caught stealing?

Speedster. What former Red Sox player had the most stolen bases in the major leagues in the 1990s?

A corker. Pitcher Charlie Williams had a relatively mundane major-league career, but he has a distinction no other player has. Do you know what it was?

Beat them. Who are the only two players in the twentieth century with more than 200 hits in a season in which he turned 40?

Fine distinction. What is the only college to produce two players with 3,000 major-league hits?

Double threats. Who are the two members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who have played in a World Series?

Starting young. Who holds the major-league record for most starts in a season as a teenager?

Managing. What current major-league manager has won the Manager of the Year Award in four different decades, but has never managed in the World Series?

High picks. Hall of Famer Dave Winfield was the fourth overall pick in the 1973 free-agent draft. What Hall of Famer was picked just ahead of him?

It wasn't Manny. Which Hall of Famer wore number 24?

Think back. Who was the last pitcher with consecutive 20-win seasons?

All-Star trio. What former Boston player was a teammate of Hank Aaron in 1963, Willie Mays in 1964, and Roberto Clemente in 1965?

Five for Three. Since divisional play began in 1969, three pitchers have made Opening Day starts for five different teams. Who are they?

Guess this one. When Jackie Robinson made his major-league debut vs. the Boston Braves on April 15, 1947, three other Hall of Famers were on the field. Who were they?

Tops at The Stadium. Four players hit 200 or more home runs at the original Yankee Stadium (1923-2008). Can you name them?

Latecomer. What Hall of Fame pitcher is the only one who has defeated all 30 current major-league teams?

Trivia answers

Making it a habit. 1942: Joe Gordon/Mort Cooper; 1943: Spud Chandler/Stam Musial; 1985: Don Mattingly/Willie McGee; 2005: Alex Rodriguez/Albert Pujols.

Thanks, Dan S. Denny McLain, Ferguson Jenkins, Vida Blue, LaMarr Hoyt, Dwight Gooden.

Number 1. Don Newcombe.

Number 2. Sal Maglie, who got 4 votes to Newcombe's 10.

Life begins at 40. Phil Niekro, with 121 wins from age 40 to 48.

Our Boy. Charlie Hough, who spent much of his youth in Rhode Island. He made 40 starts for the Rangers in 1987, and no one has done it since.

Draft to Hall. Johnny Bench, selected by the Reds in the second round of that 1965 draft.

Gotham HOFer. Jack Chesbro, elected in 1946. (Chesbro was a Southern New Englander, having been born in North Adams, Mass.)

Here's a surprise. In the same season that Henderson set a record for stolen bases, he set a record for caught stealing: 42.

Speedster. Otis Nixon, who had 478 stolen bases in the 1990s. Nixon played in the outfield for the Red Sox in 1994.

A corker. He was the only player ever traded for Willie Mays. Williams went from the Mets farm system to the Giants in exchange for Mays in 1972.

Beat them. Sam Rice in 1930 and Paul Molitor in 1996.

Fine distinction. The University of Minnesota (Dave Winfield and Paul Molitor).

Double threats. Jim Thorpe (1917 World Series with the New York Giants) and Deion Sanders (1992 World Series with the Atlanta Braves).

Starting young. Bob Feller (36 starts as a 19-year-old in 1938).

Managing. Buck Showalter, MOY in 1994 (Yankees), 2004 (Rangers), 2014 (Orioles), and 2022 (Mets).

High picks. Robin Yount.

It wasn't Manny. Tony Pérez.

Think back. Roy Oswalt of the Astros in 2004 (20-10) and 2005 (20-12).

All-Star trio. Del Crandall of the Boston/Milwaukee Braves. At the tail end of his career, he played with Aaron on the 1963 Milwaukee Braves, Mays on the 1964 Giants, and Clemente on the 1965 Pirates.

Five for Three. Bert Blyleven (Twins, Rangers, Pirates, Indians, Angels); Gaylord Perry (Giants, Indians, Rangers, Padres, Mariners); and Liván Hernandez (Marlins, Giants, Expos, Twins, Nationals).

Guess this one. Pee Wee Reese and Arky Vaughn of the Brooklyn Dodgers and umpire Al Barlick.

Tops at The Stadium. Mickey Mantle (266 home runs), Babe Ruth (259), Lou Gehrig (251), and Yogi Berra (210).

Latecomer. Randy Johnson.

R.I.P. John Michael Adamson (Orioles 1967-69); Jesús Alou (Giants 1963-68, Astros '69-73, Oakland A's '73-74, Mets '75, Astros '78-79); Sal Bando (K.C. Athletics 1966-67, Oakland A's '68-76, Brewers '77-81); Mike Baxes (Kansas City Athletics 1956, '58); Mike Beard (Braves 1974-77); Vida Blue (Oakland Athletics 1969-77, Giants '78-81, Royals '82-83, Giants '85-86); Tom Browning (Reds 1984-94, Royals '95); Dick Burwell (Cubs 1960-61); Bill Campbell (Twins 1973-76, Red Sox '77-81, Cubs '82-83, Phillies '84, Cardinals '85, Tigers '86, Expos '87); Ron Campbell (Cubs 1964-66); Nate Colbert (Astros 1966, '68, Padres '69-74, Tigers '75, Expos '75-76, Oakland Athletics '76); Virginia (Carver) Craig (South Bend Blue Sox, AAGPBL, 1953, Fort

Wayne Daisies '54); Bill Davis (Indians 1965-66, Padres '69); Don Denkinger (American League umpire 1969-98); Denny Doyle (Phillies 1970-73, Angels '74-75, Red Sox '75-77); Brian Dubois (Tigers 1989-90); Harry Dunlop (coach Royals 1969-75, Cubs '76, Reds '79-82, Padres '83-87, Reds '98-2000, Marlins '05); Carl Duser (Kansas City Athletics 1966, '68); Dave Elder (Indians 2002-03); Jean Faut (South Bend Blue Sox, AAGPBL, 1946-53); Maurice Fisher (Reds 1955); Tom Flanigan (White Sox 1954, Cardinals '58); Larry Lynn Foster (Tigers 1963); Dave Frost (White Sox 1977, Angels '78-81, Royals '82); Larry Gallagher (American League umpire 1979); Dick Groat (Pirates 1952, '55-62, Cardinals '63-65, Phillies '66-67, Giants '67); Roger Hambright (Yankees 1971); Bill Harrington (Philadelphia Athletics 1953, Kansas City A's '55-56); Butch Haynes (Negro Leaguer); Ray Herbert (Tigers 1950-51, '53-54, Kansas City Athletics '55, '58-61, White Sox '61-64, Phillies '65-66); Rudy Hernández (Washington Senators 1960-61); Alex Herrera (Indians 2002-03); Dave Hillman (Cubs 1955-59, Red Sox '60-61, Reds '62, Mets '62); Paul Hinrichs (Red Sox 1951); Vern Holtgrave (Tigers 1965); Wilbur Howard (Brewers 1973, Astros '74-78); Deacon Jones (White Sox 1962-63, '66); Fred Klages (White Sox 1966-67); Pete Koegel (Brewers 1970-71, Phillies '71-72); Larry LeGrande (Negro Leaguer); Don Leppert (Pirates 1961-62, Washington Senators '63-64); Tim McCarver (Cardinals 1959-61, '63-69, Phillies '70-72, Expos '72, Cardinals '73-74, Red Sox '74-75, Phillies '75-80, Hall of Fame); Dan McGinn (Reds 1968, Expos '69-71, Cubs '72); Pete Magrini (Red Sox 1966); Fred Marolewski (Cardinals 1953); Roman Mejias (Pirates 1955, '57-61, Colt .45s '62, Red Sox '63-64); Richard Nelson (American League umpire 1979); Dave Nicholson (Orioles 1960, '62, White Sox '63-65, Astros '66, Braves '67); Ernie Nimmons (Negro Leaguer); Ed Olivares (Cardinals 1960-61); Albie Pearson (Washington Senators 1958-59, Orioles '59-60, Angels '61-66); Bert Peña (Astros 1981, '83-87); Joe Pepitone (Yankees 1962-69, Astros '70, Cubs '70-73, Braves '73); Gaylord Perry (Giants 1962-71, Indians '71-75, Rangers '75-77, Padres '78-79, Rangers '80, Yankees '80, Braves '81, Mariners '82-83, Royals '83, Hall of Fame); Gary Peters (White Sox 1959-69, Red Sox '70-72); Jack Reed (Yankees 1961-63); Ted Savage (Phillies 1962, Pirates '63, Cardinals '65-67, Cubs '67-68, Dodgers '68, Reds '69, Milwaukee Braves '70-71, Royals '71); Mike Shannon (Cardinals 1962-70); Curt Simmons (Phillies 1947-50, '52-60, Cardinals '60-66, Cubs '66-67, Angels '67); John Stearns (Phillies 1974, Mets '75-84); Willie Tasby (Orioles 1958-60, Red Sox '60, Washington Senators '61-62, Indians '62-63); Frank Thomas (Pirates 1951-58, Reds '59, Cubs '60-61, Milwaukee Braves '61, Mets '62-64, Phillies '64-65, Astros '65, Braves '65, Cubs '66); Lee Tinsley (Mariners 1993, Red Sox '94-96, Phillies '96, Mariners '97); Ron Tomkins (Kansas City Athletics 1965, Cubs '71); Thomas Urbani (Cardinals 1993-96, Tigers '96); Sandy Valdespino (Twins 1965-67, Braves '68, Astros '69, Seattle Pilots '69, Brewers '70, Royals '71); Fred Valentine (Orioles 1959, '63, Washington Senators '64-68, Orioles '68); Kathryn Vonderau (Fort Wayne Daisies, AAGPBL, 1946, Muskegon Lassies '47, Chicago Colleens '48, Peoria Redwings '48-49, Muskegon Lassies '49, Fort Wayne Daisies '50-52, Muskegon Belles '53); Stefan Wever (Yankees 1982).

L'envoi. A final word: If you plan to come to the meeting, please make sure you RSVP (lenlevin5@hotmail.com). Hope to see you there.

Len Levin

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND SABR REGIONAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023, 11:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 75 PARK ST., NORTH ATTLEBORO,
MASSACHUSETTS**

THE PROGRAM

- 1. Guest speakers: DAN SCHLOSSBERG, SABR author
TOMMY HARPER, Red Sox, Reds, et al.**
- 2. Research presentations**
- 4. Trivia contests**
- 5. Baseball book raffle**
- 6. Ballpark lunch, refreshments, lots of good baseball talk**

\$7.00 donation to cover expenses. \$1.00 for children under 12.