

SABR Minor League Newsletter

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Bob Davids

I am sure that you are all aware that Bob Davids passed away on Sunday, February 10. There have been many tributes to him already, but I would like to make a couple of brief comments here. The minor leagues were one of Bob's big interests and he was a member of the Minor League Committee from its inception. He was the editor of the three volumes of *Minor League Stars*. Bob was not only the founder of SABR, he was one of the best researchers in the organization. He was always willing to help other people with their research. He spent many hours in the Newspaper Division at the Library of Congress, digging up information to fulfill requests. We will miss him.

New Members

Will Christensen; 612 Blenheim Road, Columbus OH 43214; (614) 447-1207; e-mail: will@baseballtroth.com; *Columbus Dispatch* available back to 1871; history of baseball in Columbus and the West Texas-New Mexico League, all time great minor league players; will help with requests - SOME.

Jason Christopherson; 4908 Fairfax Street, Eau Claire WI 54701; (715) 831-0545; e-mail: jschris@pressenter.com; *Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, Milwaukee Journal & Sentinel, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Minneapolis Star & Tribune* available; Northern League, especially the history of baseball in Eau Claire; working on Museum database project; will help with requests - SOME.

Joe Dinda; PO Box 197, Mulliken MI 48861; (517) 649-2379; e-mail: jowo@mwlguide.com; has many BB guides, Blue Books and NA publications; access to Michigan State Library which has most Michigan newspapers; Midwest League (MWL), business aspects of minors, farm systems; working on history of the MWL; will help with requests - SOME.

Ron Henry; H&R Computing, Suite 142, 3031 Ewing Avenue South, Minneapolis MN 55416-4227; (612) 925-9114; e-mail: auricle99@aol.com. Questionnaire will be sent.

Marty Resnick; 16654 Soledad Canyon Rd. #143, Canyon Country CA 91387; e-mail: marty@fanaticsonly.com. Questionnaire will be sent.

Bob Walker; 1475 St. Lawrence Court, Fenton MI 48430; (810) 714-0986; e-mail: rwalker650@aol.com; travels on business throughout Michigan and has access to most libraries in the state; history of minor league baseball in Louisville, minor league stadiums; will help with requests - LITTLE.

Change of Address

Jay Gauthreaux; PO Box 62458, Lafayette LA 70596
John Husman; 5960 Indian Trail, Sylvania OH 43560-2230
Jimmy Keenan; e-mail: keenanirish7@aol.com
Jim Price; e-mail: mrlatah@attbi.com

Jerry Malloy Negro League Committee Conference

The fifth annual conference will be held in Memphis on July 18-20. Dave Chase is one of the hosts and he has asked us to let people know that they are accepting proposals for presentations, and that all SABR members are invited. Contact Dave at 175 Toyota Plaza, Suite 300, Memphis TN 38103; (901) 722-0207; e-mail: dchase@memphisredbirds.com.

50 Year Reunion of the Eau Claire Club

Jason Christopherson would like to organize a fifty year reunion of the Eau Claire Club of the Northern League. Several other reunions of this nature have been held recently and they have been a big hit with the players. The following is the list of all players on the club who appeared in the league averages (10+ g). You may recognize one or two of the names. Jason needs help in locating these players. Any clues to their whereabouts will be helpful. Jason's address is listed under New Members.

Henry Aaron	William Bowers	Charles Doehler	Arthur Howard	George Patterson
Marion Adair	Robert Brown	Richard Engquist	Donald Jordan	Kenneth Reitmeier
Donald Auten	Orlando Casellas	James Fairchild	George Kornack	Gordon Roach
Earl Bass	William Conroy	Ronald Gendreaux	Robert MacConnell	Tyler Robinson
Lantz Blaney	Wes Covington	John Goryl	Chester Morgan	Elmer Toth
				Michael Walsh

2000 Cups of Coffee

Marc Okkonen is working on a book entitled, *2000 Cups of Coffee*. This project was mentioned in a previous newsletter. For those who may have forgotten, the book will have a brief biographical sketch of every player who played in ten games or less in the major leagues. On a vast project like this, Marc can use some help. Dig out your encyclopedia and spot a few players with whom you are familiar. Marc needs minor league club assignments, even if the player did not appear in any games for the club, colleges attended, other baseball positions (manager, umpire, coach, front office), and any significant non-baseball facet of their life. Pictures of the players are being sought. There will be no statistics included.

Marc has several specific questions. He wants to sort out the careers of four sets of players with similar names who played during the same period. The players in bold type are the Cup of Coffee players.

Michael Joseph Lynch; born St. Paul MN; of; Chi-NL 1902
Michael Joseph Lynch; born Holyoke MA; p; Pit/NY-NL 1904-07

John A. "Sandy" McDougal; born Buffalo NY; p; Bro-NL 1895, St.L-NL 1905
John H. "Dewey" McDougal; born Aledo IL; p; St.L-NL 1895-96

Charles Elmer Miller; born Warrensburg MO; ss; St.L-AL 1912
Charles Hess Miller; born Conestoga PA; ph; Balt-FL 1915

John J. O'Neill; born New York City; c; NY-NL 1899, 1902
John Joseph O' Neill; born Ireland; c; St.L-NL, Chi-NL, Bos-NL 1902-06

Three players used an assumed name for a portion of their career and they need to be tracked under both names.

Alex Mustaikis played briefly under the name Al Martin in the 1940s (Toronto in 1940 for sure).
Bill DeKoning played under the name Bill Callahan for Clinton-Three I (year unknown).
Ben Rochefort played under the name Ben Gilbert for London/Kitchener-Michigan-Ontario (1919 for sure).

Send information to Marc at 889 Woodside #1, Muskegon MI 49441, (231) 755-1240; e-mail: okkonenm@aol.com

Report From The National Pastime: The Museum of Minor League Baseball

Swales Collection

Bradshaw Hall Swales attempted to do in the 1920s what we are attempting to do now. We have computers and 35 volunteers. Swales had Ernie Lanigan. There is evidence (shaky handwriting) that Swales was working on his rosters and card files up to his death. Shortly after his death in late 1927, his wife donated his collection to the New York Public Library where it resides in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Room. It is probable that Lanigan used the Swales data for his *Cyclopedia* (1922), and in turn, Thompson and Turkin likely used the Swales data for their *Barnes Encyclopedia* in 1948.

The card collection consists of 8,000 player career records on index cards. The set covers players who appear in his roster books. The last entries in the card files appear to be 1925. Informational data on the cards are first name, last name, date of

birth, date of death, height, weight, bats, and throws, colleges-both graduated and attended, teams, leagues, years, and positions. No statistics, but he did list semi-pro and amateur teams. It appears that he garnered data from spring training rosters. Lloyd Johnson has copied all of the biographical data for the 400 players who did not play in the Major Leagues. This is available to researchers. Contact Lloyd for details.

Photocopying Needed

There is an urgent need for someone who has access to the Spalding Baseball Record (most likely at the Hall of Fame, Sporting News, SABR Library, or AAU in LA) to photocopy the batting and pitching statistics from the following years of the Record. To avoid duplication let Lloyd Johnson know what you plan to provide.

League	Page	Year	League	Page	Year
Central	109	1908	Carolina Assn	178	1912
So. Michigan	139	1908	Central	216	1912
Texas	134	1908	Central Assn	229	1912
Three-I	162	1908	Kitty	205	1912
Virginia	114	1908	Michigan St	187	1912
Western	178	1908	Northwestern	150	1912
Central Assn	189	1909	PCL	127	1912
Ohio-Pennsylvania	163	1909	So. Michigan Assn	173	1912
Central Assn	214	1910	South Atlantic	168	1912
Illinois-Missouri	224	1910	Virginia	210	1912
Applachain	136	1911	California	206	1913
Blue Grass	211	1911	Tri-State	144	1913
Carolina Assn	197	1911	Tri-State	168	1914
Central	258	1911	Central	142	1917
Central Assn	160	1911	Central Assn	162	1917
Nebraska St	140	1911	Eastern	131	1917
Ohio-Pennsylvania	180	1911	Texas	153	1917
PCL	219	1911	Virgina	174	1919
Southwest Texas	206	1911	Texas	156	1920
Tri-State	155	1911	Virginia	177	1920
Union Assn	201	1911			

Please send them to Lloyd Johnson. He will reimburse you the cost of photocopying and postage.

League Summaries Needed

The project has no data on the following leagues. These leagues must be compiled from scratch (box scores) and some people are already working a league or two. You may not want to compile averages yourself, but you can help by obtaining box scores. If you want to work on this project, please contact Lloyd Johnson first. We do not want to duplicate efforts.

Year	League				
1877	League Alliance				
1884	Connecticut				
1885	Colorado				
1887	Northeastern	Southwestern			
1888	New Mexico	East Interstate	Indiana St	New Mexico	
1889	Middle States				
1890	International Assn				
1891	Connecticut				
1892	Michigan	Mich-Wisconsin	Nebraska		
1895	International	Interstate	New York St	Northeastern	Texas
1896	Connecticut	Interstate	Kansas	Northeastern	Texas
1897	Central Kansas	Michigan			
1898	Kansas	Southwestern			
1899	Illinois-Iowa	Montana Texas			
1900	Canadian				
1901	Penn State	Inter-Mountain			

1902	Missouri Valley	Michigan St	Cotton States	N. Carolina	Iowa-SD	
1903	Kitty	SW Iowa	Calif St Texas	S. Texas		
1904	Kitty	Tri-State	Oregon St.	Southwestern	SW Wash	
1905	Kitty	Tri-State	Missouri Valley	Ohio-Penn	SW Wash	
1905	Wisconsin	N. Texas	Copper County	Empire St	Kansas St	Canadian
1906	Empire St	Interstate (PA)	POM	South Central	Interstate Assn	
	Calif St	Ark-Tex				
1907	West Penn	Hudson River	Calif St	New Hampshire	Empire St	
1908	Okla-Kansas	Maine	Gulf Coast	Atlantic	Cen Kan	Inland Empire
1909	West. Canada	Inter-Mountain	Indiana St.	Arkansas St.		
1910	West Virginia	Virginia Valley	Indiana St.	Indiana-Mich	South Illinois	
	S. Calf. Trolley	San Joaquin Val				
1911	West Assn	Kitty	NE Arkansas	Minn-Wis	Indiana St	
	Missouri St.	Cen. Calif	Twin States			
1912	Wash State	Oklahoma St	Rocky Mountain	Central Int	Cotton St	
	Texas-Okla	Iowa State	Wis-Ill	Minn-Wis		
1913	S. California	MINK				
1914	VA Mountain	Appalachian	Ohio State			
1915	Nebraska St	Blue Ridge	Calif St	Louisiana St		
1916	Kitty	Potomac				
1917	Cen Texas	Virginia				
1919	Int Northwest					
1920	Louisiana St	Georgia St				
1921	West Texas	Texas-Okla.	Georgia St	Mississippi St	Alabama-Tenn	
1922	Oklahoma St.	Kitty	Appalachian	West Tex		
1923	Oklahoma St.	Kitty	Blue Grass			
1924	Oklahoma St.	West Arkansas				
1925	Florida St	Appalachian				
1926	Gulf Coast	Blue Ridge	Cotton States	E. TexasE. Shore		
1928	Florida St	Eastern Shore	Southwestern	Texas Assn	Tri-State	

Batting Data Needed

Many leagues are missing batting figures which are considered to be important:

1878	Pacif C-ab, h, xbh					
1879	Nat Assn-xbh					
1883	NWL-xbh					
1885	NYS-xbh					
1886	NWL-xbh	Hud River-r,xbh	WL-g, xbh			
1887	Calif-xbh	S. Mich-xbh				
1888	Calif-xbh	Central-xbh	Int Assn-xbh			
1889	Atlan Assn-xbh	Mich St-xbh	Tex-r, xbh			
1890	Atlan Assn-xbh	Tri-St-r, xbh				
1891	I-I-xbh	Wis St-xbh				
1892	SL-xbh	Penn St-xbh				
1895	Penn St-xbh	SL-xbh				
1896	Atlan Assn-r, xbh	EL-xbh	NEng-xbh	SL-xbh	WL-xbh	
1897	Atlan Assn-xbh	Can-xbh	EL-xbh	Oh-WV-xbh	Texas-xbh	
1898	Atlan Assn-xbh	Conn St-xbh	EL-xbh	NYS-xbh	WA-xbh	
1899	EL-xbh	NYS-xbh	WL-xbh			
1900	EL-xbh	Mon St-xbh	NYS-xbh	WL-xbh		
1901	Calif-xbh	Conn St-xbh	NYS-xbh	SA-xbh	Three I-xbh	WA-runs
1902	AA-xbh	Calif-xbh	NYS-xbh	North-xbh	PacNW-wbh	Three I-xbh
	WL-xbh					
1903	Cen-xbh	Cot St-g, r, xbh	MoVal-r,xbh	NYS-xbh	North-xbh	SA-xbh
	Three I-xbh					
1904	Cen-r, xbh	Cot St-xbh	Delta-xbh	Iowa St-xbh	MoVal-r,xbh	
	Hud Riv-g, r, xbh	NYS-xbh	North-xbh	SA-xbh	Texas-xbh	
	Three I-xbh	WL-xbh				
1905	Interstate-ab,h,xbh	Iowa St-xbh	NEL-xbh	NYS-xbh	North-xbh	SAL-xbh
	SA-xbh	S. Tex-xbh	Three I-xbh			

1906	Cot St-xbh	Hud Riv-r, xbh	Iowa St-xbh	Kan St-xbh	NEL-xbh	NYS-xbh
	No Copper-xbh	Oh-Penn-xbh	SA-xbh	S. Tex-xbh	Three I-xbh	WL-xbh
1907	Cen-xbh	Conn St-xbh	Cot St-xbh	Gulf C-xbh	Iowa St-xbh	
	Interstate-xbh	Maine St-xbh	No Copper-xbh	Oh-Penn-xbh	OAK-xbh	POM-xbh
	SAL-xbh	SA-xbh	S Car-r, xbh	Three I-xbh	WA-xbh	WL-xbh
	W Can-xbh	Wis-xbh				
1908	Ark-g, xbh	B Grass-g, xbh	CarAss-xbh	Cot St-xbh	NYS-xbh	North-xbh
	S Car-xbh	Oh-Penn-xbh	Penn-WV-xbh	SAL-xbh	SA-xbh	Wis-III-xbh
1909	B Grass-xbh	CenKan-xbh	E Car-xbh	NE Ark-xbh	NYS-xbh	S Car-xbh
	Penn-WV-xbh	S Mich-g, xbh	SAL-xbh	SA-xbh	Wis-III-r,xbh	
1910	Cot St-xbh	MINK-xbh	NYS-xbh	SA-xbh	SAL-xbh	
	SW Tex-xbh	Three I-xbh				
1911	CenKan-xbh	Mich St-xbh	MINK-xbh	NYS-xbh	SAL-xbh	SA-xbh
	Virg-xbh					
1912	Border-xbh	Can-xbh	CenKan-xbh	Ill-Mo-xbh	Neb St-xbh	NYS-xbh
	SA-xbh	Three I-xbh				
1913	CenAss-xbh	Cot St-xbh	GAL-xbh	Kan St-xbh	NB-Me-xbh	
	Neb St-r, xbh	NYS-xbh	Tex-OK-xbh			
1914	CenAss-xbh	GAL-xbh	Geo St-g	Interstate-xbh	Kan St-xbh	Neb St-xbh
	NYS-xbh					
1915	NYS-xbh					
1916	East-xbh	GAL-xbh	NYS-xbh	SAL-xbh		
1917	NWL-g	NYS-xbh	SAL-xbh			
1919	Florida St-g, xbh					
1920	S Dak-r, xbh					
1921	Cot St-xbh					
1923	Cot St-xbh	N Dak-g				
1924	Lone Star-xbh					
1930	Blue Grass-g, xbh					
1933	Northern-runs					
1934	Northern-runs					
1935	Northern-runs					
1936	Kitty-xbh					
1937	Car-g	Geo-Flor-g, xbh				
1938	Cape Breton-g					
1939	Coast Plain-xbh					

There was an appeal in the newsletter of last April for members to check their local newspapers for pre-season rosters. Rosters usually appear close to opening day. There was a good response to this appeal. We repeat it here.

Another big need is first names. As you probably know, published averages usually did not include first names prior to World War II.

Dave Chase heads this project. He can be reached at 175 Toyota Plaza, Suite 300, Memphis TN 38103; (901) 722-0207; e-mail: dchase@memphisredbirds.com. He is assisted by Lloyd Johnson. Lloyd can be reached at 205 West 66th Terrace, Kansas City MO 64113; (816) 822-2516; e-mail: lloydj@msn.com.

Toledo Opening Day - By John Husman

There is a lot of baseball excitement in and around Toledo, Ohio. A new downtown park will open for our Mud Hens on April 9. One of the many events going on around the opening is a card show at the Toledo Art Museum:

Play Ball! Baseball Cards from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Play Ball!, in a community partnership with the Toledo Mud Hens, celebrates Toledo's rich baseball heritage, the city's contributions to the National pastime, and the opening of Toledo's new ball park, Fifth Third Field.

Jefferson R. Burdick (1900-1966) assembled more than 300,000 artifacts in his Collection of Trade and Souvenir Cards and Other Paper Americana and devised the universal system for identifying all printed materials. He donated the entire collection to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1947, and then spent 16 years, as a volunteer, mounting the entire collection in binders. The day following the completion of his enormous task, he admitted himself to a hospital where he died. Included in his collection is one of EVERY baseball card printed from 1887, the year the first card was printed, through 1959.

I am helping with labels, etc. and need some quick assistance with several minor league players identification in order to determine if there was a Toledo connection:

Is William O' Neil of Minneapolis (card 1909-11) Toledo' s William O' Neill of 1921-3?
Is Herman Armbruster of St. Paul (card 1909-11) Toledo' s HarryArmbruster of 1907-8?
For Peter O' BrienSt.Paul (card 1909-11), what was his known name?

Replies to John Husman at 5960 Indian Trail, Sylvania OH 43560; jhusman@buckeye-express.com.

1909 New England League Statistics

Bob Richardson has completed the stats for the 1909 New England League. He is missing first names of some players and is asking for help on the following. If you can help with any of these players, write to Bob at 386 Riverway #4, Boston MA 02115. "From" indicates residence; OexO indicates prior club.

Andrews - Lowell	Ellis - Fall River; p, from Phila.	Miller - Lawrence; of, from Cleve.
Behan - Lawrence	Foster - Worcester	Miller (Pfanmiller) - Lawr.; ex JC
Berger - Lawrence; p, ex Elmira	Guest - Worcester; ss	Rutherford - Lawrence
Campion - Lowell	Hallman - New Bedford	Schwab - Fall River
Clunk - Lawrence; of, from JC	Kelly - Lowell; 1b,of, from Syra.	Sheehan - Lowell; of, from St. Louis
Conway - Worcester	Leahy - Haverhill	Smith - Lowell/New Bedford
Cummings - Fall River	Martin - Worcester	Stultz - New Bedford; p ex. Roch.
Dunlop - Worcester	McLean - New Bedford/Lowell	Teed - Worcester
Volboth - Fall River; 1b,of, from NYC	Walsh - Lynn	Walsh - Lawrence
Walters - Lowell; from Wash DC		
Krich, G. W. - Fall River/New Bedford; p, from St. Paul, Duluth or Zearing IL		
Newashe - New Bedford; ex Carlisle U., trial Philadelphia A' s		

Other Statistics

Tom Kayser is compiling two statistical lists; one is a list of every game in the history of the Texas League that went 16 or more innings; and the other is a list of every game in which one team scored 20 or more runs. Your input on these projects will be welcome. If you want to make a systematic search for a specific period of time, let Tom know so a duplication of effort can be avoided. Send all information to Tom Kayser, President, Texas League, 2442 Facet Oak, San Antonio TX 78232.

Gary Fink has compiled the 1947 Sunset League stats for "less than 10 games" and "less than 45 innings pitched" players. He also has a roster of these players with bats, throws, height, weight, date of birth, and previous years played. Karl Knickrehm assisted with this compilation.

Carlos Bauer has completely reworked the 1904 Pacific Coast League stats. There were many errors in the published averages and "games played" was not included in the averages. Carlos is working on the 1905 PCL stats. He reports that he is using at least two box scores for every game. This work is under the auspices of the PCL.

Ron Selter has compiled the batting stats for "less than 10 game" players in the 1930 Pacific Coast League.

Extra base hits, players in less than 10 games, and a great deal of pitching information is missing from the published stats for the Eastern League for 1900 thru 1904. If anyone has worked on these stats, or is aware of the existence of any of them, please let us know.

American Association Newsletter

Rex Hamann has started an American Association Newsletter. The first edition went out in November of last year and featured an article on Nick Cullop. The second featured Bunny Brief, and the latest, in January, featured pitcher Stoney McGlynn. The cost is six dollars per year. Rex' s address is 14201Crosstown Blvd NW, Andover MN 55304-3311; (763) 862-8187; e-mail: pure457@aol.com. Rex also has a web site: <http://www.geocities.com/oldbrewers/AmericanAssociationNews.html>. Rex writes that he started the newsletter with the idea of spotlighting an individual player in each issue. He says that his interest in the AA stems from his acquaintance with Bob Koehler of Milwaukee.

Book Review by Bob McConnell: *Minor League Baseball Standings*

This 714 page book was authored by Benjamin Barrett Sumner, published by McFarland Press.

This book is divided into two sections; active and inactive leagues. The active section covers leagues (including five independent leagues) that were active during the 1999 season. Year-by-year standings include club, club nickname, wins, losses, percentage, games behind, farm club affiliation, and playoff results.

Four tables are shown at the end of the standings for each league. They are (1) all-time ranking of clubs based on W-L percentage, (2) all-time ranking based on W-L percentage of major league affiliation, (3) top ten winningest seasons by clubs, (4) top ten losingest seasons by clubs. Not all four tables are given for all leagues, especially for inactive leagues.

There are five appendixes: (1) Standings by major league organization. This gives the year-by-year, starting in 1932, standings for the farm clubs in each major league organization. (2) Standings by active franchise. This gives the all-time W-L record, including playoff games, for each active franchise. (3) Standings by location. This gives the all-time W-L record for locations (or cities). This appendix is divided into two tables, one for locations where fewer than 1,000 games were played, and one for locations where 1,000 or more games were played. (4) Explanation for imbalanced standings. This lists leagues and seasons in which the league wins and losses did not balance. (5) Other leagues, by reason excluded. There are three lists; seven commonly recognized major leagues, four major Negro leagues, minor leagues with insufficient information currently available, which lists over 100 19th century minor leagues and six 20th century Negro leagues.

All of the information in the book, with the exception of the various rankings, can be found in *The Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball*. The rankings are suspect. A spot check of the International League ranking by clubs revealed several glaring errors. Baltimore, Jersey City, Newark and Toronto, all long time members of the league, were omitted. Montreal, another long time member, was credited with playing only from 1912 thru 1917. Norfolk, which joined the league in 1969 as the Tidewater club, is credited in being in the league from 1918 thru 1999, with 12,248 games played.

The International League is the oldest continuous minor league, starting back in the 19th century as the Eastern League. It changed its name in 1912 without any change in the organization. Several other leagues changed their names in midstream. The book treats each of these as a separate league.

No league classifications are given. As noted previously, major league farm club affiliations are listed starting with the 1932 season, the same as in *The Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball*. Is this a coincidence?

The SABR Guide to Minor League Statistics (TSGTMLS)

The SABR Board of Directors has authorized a revised edition of TSGTMLS. Carlos Bauer, assisted by Bob Hoie, was the editor of the first edition. He has been asked to again be editor. This will not be a regular publication distributed to all SABR members. It will be sold at a nominal price with the expectation of at least breaking even.

For those of you not familiar with this book, it has a year-by-year listing of all minor leagues that had stats published in the various guides and weekly baseball newspapers. There is a section listing unpublished stats which have been compiled by various researchers and a section listing, year-by-year, all league box scores carried in *Sporting Life* and in *The Sporting News*. As you can see, this is a must for any minor league researcher.

For those of you who have a copy of the first edition, look it over carefully and send any additions or corrections to Carlos Bauer at 6315 Mercer Street, San Diego CA 92122; e-mail: carlosb@simplyweb.net

Gateway to The Majors

Bob Bluthardt has sent a flyer on *Gateway to the Majors*, a history of baseball in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, by SABR member Louis Hunsinger, and James Quigel. Bob McConnell will review this book in a later newsletter.

Arcadia Publishing

We have received literature from Arcadia Publishing. This organization publishes photographic histories of specific regional interest. Arcadia Publishing is starting an "Image of Sports" series and is soliciting material. They have published a pictorial history of Williamsport baseball, a companion to *Gateway to the Majors*. They stress that they are not a "vanity" press. If you have access to baseball pictures of a town or region, this is an excellent opportunity to get them published. Contact them at 224 State Street, Portsmouth NH 03801; (603) 436-7610.

Baseball Blue Book

The 2002 edition of the *Baseball Blue Book* is now available. The book lists all players in the majors, the minors (except the Mexican League) and the independent leagues in alphabetical order with their 2001 stats. The book may be ordered from Baseball Blue Book, PO Box 15006, Chesapeake VA 23328. The cost is \$54 with a 3 ring binder and \$45 in perfect bound for SABR members. Add \$3 for shipping and handling.

The Texas League Media Guide and Record Book

This book is again being offered to SABR members. Tom Kayser, president of the Texas League, does a great job on this book. Each year he adds new features. The cost is \$12, including shipping. Send to Texas League, 2442 Facet Oak, San Antonio TX 78232.

Minor League Baseball Stars: Volume IV

The Minor League Stars project is not dead yet. However, it is on life support system. Jamie Selko has submitted complete career records for the following:

Regulars

Paul Armstrong; 1940-54
Len Backer; 1925-38
George Biggerstaff; 1925-35
Keith Carpenter; 1946-59
Harry Clements; 1939-54
Buck Etchinson; 1939-53
Henry Ginglardi; 1920-28
Robert Holland; 1924-36
John Schinski; 1925-38
Baltazar Valdez; 1978-94
Fernando Villaescusa; 1978-95
Carlos Villela; 1978-94
George Watson; 1909-21
Robert "Red" Worthington; 1926-38

Pitchers

Burton Barkelew; 1938-55
Ed Cole; 1931-51
Herm Dominguez; 1975-95
Fred Fussell; 1923-39
Julius Grant; 1956-69
Gus Johns; 1920-34
Eddie Locke; 1950-59
Julio Moreno; 1948-66
Al Papai; 1940-57
George Payte; 1947-57
Juan Pizzaro; 1956-76
Garland Shiflett; 1955-72
Elmer Singleton; 1940-63
George Spencer; 1948-64
Max Surkont; 1938-63

In order to revive this project, we will have to have some Committee members let us know that they have, are working on, or are planning to work on some career records.

The 2002 Japanese Major & Minor Leagues Statistics Report

This book contains stats for all four Japanese professional leagues for the 2001 season. There are 13 stats for batters and 17 stats for pitchers. In addition, bats and throws, height and weight, and date of birth are listed for every player. With the number of Japanese players coming to play in the USA, these stats are of interest to followers of American baseball. The book may be ordered from Baseball Press Books, PO Box 22493, San Diego CA 92192-2493. The price is \$12.50, including shipping. California residents must add \$0.94 sales tax.

The Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball

Dave Chase, in conjunction with Miles Wolff, is looking for a publisher for the third edition of the encyclopedia. Baseball America, who published the second edition, is a good prospect. Dave is confident that the book can be put out early next year. He envisions a greatly expanded book. We hope that most of our Committee members have a copy of the second edition. We ask that you scour it and send additions and corrects, or your suggestions, to Dave and to Lloyd Johnson.

Requests for Information

Can anyone provide photocopied pictures of the Cranberry Ballpark and Buehler Ballpark located in Hazleton PA, (circa) 1920-1930? Contact Zigmund (Ziggy) D. Maciekowich at: zmaciekowi@aol.com

The Shenandoah Valley League operated during the 1920s. Winchester VA and Strasburg PA were two of the teams in this league. Can anyone provide the years this league operated and what teams were in the league? If you have any information on this League, please contact Jimmy Keenan at: Keenanirish7@aol.com.

New Home Run Record

With all the hoopla over Barry Bonds setting a major league home run record, another record seems to have been overlooked. Bonds' 73 home runs set an Organized Baseball record. Joe Bauman, playing for Roswell in the Longhorn League set the previous record of 72 in 1954.

A look back reveals that Bauman had an incredible year. He batted .400 with 188 runs scored and 35 doubles. The most incredible number is 224 RBIs. This was with only 498 official ABs due to being walked 150 times and hit by a pitch nine times. He had 456 total bases and a slugging average of .916.

Fans may say, "Yeah, but that was in one of those hitters' leagues in the southwest". That may be true to some extent, but let us look at Bauman compared to other players in the league. The closest home run hitter was Lewis Hull with 43. Three players were in the 30s and seven were in the 20s. Today, everyone hits 20. Two of Bauman's teammates hit in double digits, one with 14 and one with 13. The entire Roswell team hit 143, thus Joe accounted for a little over one half of the team total. The eight team league total was 930. Bauman hit 7.75% of the league total. The runnerup in RBIs had 153 and only three players came within 100 of Joe's total.

Bauman had several other good seasons but, of course, none to match 1954. In his two previous seasons, he hit 50 and 53 homers. Thus, he hit 175 in three consecutive years. He led his league in home runs four times and had six seasons with 127 or more RBIs.

Two No-Hitters

Jimmy Keenan sent an article from the *Baltimore Sun* about Paul Sechrist, a pitcher with Cumberland, Middle Atlantic League, in 1925. Sechrist pitched a no-hitter against Scottdale on the last day of the season. Seven days later he pitched another no-hitter in an exhibition game against the Cumberland Baltimore & Ohio team, probably an industrial team representing the B&O Railroad. There were some pretty good industrial teams in those days.

Buzz Arlett - The Pitcher

Buzz Arlett was one of the great minor league sluggers. For many years he held the career home run record of 432. Yet, he started his career in 1918 with Oakland of the Pacific Coast League as a pitcher. On June 23, 1918, the Oakland club found itself short of pitchers and Buzz was called on to pitch in both games of a doubleheader at Los Angeles. He won the first game, 1-0, allowing only four hits. He lost the second game, 3-2, giving up nine hits. Both were nine inning games. A little over a week later, on July 3 at San Francisco, he pitched a three hitter and won, 2-0. The two Oakland runs were the result of a two run homer in the ninth inning by guess who?

1920 International League Home Run Leader

The official averages for the 1920 International League credit Frank Brower and Mike Konnick, both with Reading, with 22 home runs to tie for the league lead. Joe Herring, not a SABR member but a great researcher of baseball in Reading, has discovered that both Brower and Konnick hit 23 homers. These figures have been verified. It is amazing that errors were made on the leading home run hitters and that with the corrections they are still tied for the leadership. Anyone wishing to contact Herring may write to him at 1219 Fern Avenue, Reading PA 19607.

Miscellaneous

SABR Executive Director George Case has resigned.

Newt Weaver is still collecting early box scores and putting together club rosters for the 1850s thru the 1880s.

We mentioned in a previous newsletter that Bob Koehler is working on a year-by-year roster of Milwaukee players. He is now up to 1927. We suggest that other committee members undertake a similar project. It can be fun and it will be valuable to other researchers. Basically, a roster should include the player's full name, date and place of birth, bats, throws, height, weight, where played the previous year. Of course, all of this info may not be available but that is what you should seek.

Per Lloyd Johnson from the *Kansas City Star*; "Scott Patterson, former minor league baseball pitcher, is the star "hunk" on the TV series *Gilmore Girls*. His acting breakthrough came as Elaine's "spongeworthy" boy friend in a famous *Seinfeld* episode."

Jim Price has verified Ray Orteig's birth date and that he died on 12/20/19 at Yakima WA. See the July 2001 newsletter article on the Social Security Death Index.

The SABR web site, with its connection to the Minor League Committee, is creating a number of requests for information, and the assistance of committee members in helping to answer these requests is greatly appreciated.

The Committee's 19th Century web discussion group exchanged information on 19th Century players who had attended college, and Indians (or Native Americans) who played in the 19th Century. No hitter details have been provided to the *Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball* editors, college information shared with SABR's Collegiate Committee, and biographical information with SABR's Biographical Research Committee. Cross memberships are maintaining contact with SABR's Nineteenth Century Committee.

In the next newsletter, we will try to give you an update of the list of Hall of Famers who were teammates on a minor league club. We will be using a new set of rules; (1) teammates is defined as players on the club at the same time, but not necessarily appearing in a game together, (2) people who made the HOF as managers, umpires, etc. do not count.