



# EXTRA INNINGS NEWSLETTER

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## GUIDE TO BASEBALL LITERATURE

Here's the answer to a baseball bibliophile's prayer... and many questions. When we learned in the April SABR Bulletin that Anton Grobani had published his seven year research project, "Guide To Baseball Literature", we rushed in our order.

We are very pleased with this book about other baseball books. What faults we find in its organization are such that we can't really propose a better way to have done it. What ever way you separate into categories leaves some items meriting inclusion in more than one.

One value established by this book is that it provides a standard cataloging system and numbering index. There is a prefix number (1 to 33) to establish the category, followed by another set of numerals which follow a chronology more or less. The listings run through 1972 so these identifications can be expanded in future editions.

To baseball publication collectors this will now serve as a ready reference much as the Card Collector's Catalog coding does for those who glibly identify early tobacco issues as T-206. Applying that technique to "Guide To Baseball Literature", Leonard Koppett's "The Thinking Man's Guide To Baseball" will be referred to as 2-36.

"Guide To Baseball Literature" now identifies items for collectors by establishing that they do exist (somewhere) and can be sought for. Perhaps the greatest value will be to provide competent identification of books offered by mail, in auctions, etc. in collector publications. We have several times paid more than we should for something with a promising title which was a disappointment we'd have avoided had we a better idea of its content.

The author has done an absolutely fantastic job of identifying publications of the past. He has even dug into the periodicals which have proliferated so much; included paper cover items, booklets, etc. The scope of the project was so vast it is inevitable that some minor works have eluded the author's search. Absent from periodicals is "Fogels Baseball Magazine" which was a short lived publication (we've seen Vol. 1, No. 4) produced by Horace Fogel, once a sports writer, then the owner of the Phillies, who was forced out of the league by the other owners following his charges of bias against National League umpires and the league president in 1912.

However, it is a commendation of the scope of Anton Grobani's research that you have to look to such a minor item to find any kind of an omission.

"Guide To Baseball Literature" belongs in the hands of any serious collector of baseball books and other publications. It will save searching for non-existent items ("Who's Who In Baseball" which didn't appear between the first in 1912 and the next in 1916, for example). We will hope for an updating every five years or so. With this basic work now established, the future historian and collector will have a reliable guide to the many publications, both major and minor, which have been printed in the past.

Ed. "Guide To Baseball Literature" is available from Gale Research Company, Book Tower, Detroit, MI 48226. 363 pgs., hard bound, \$15.00.

## '22 BROWNS WIN IT!

Jon Landman's Summer League Newsletter - Number 3 August 2, 1974

### 1974 FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	GB	HOME RUN LEADERS
1922 Browns	8	3	-	Hodges (1955) 7
1929 Cubs	8	3	-	Hornsby (1929) 6
1927 Yankees	7	4	1	Covington (1957) 5
1969 Orioles	7	4	1	Mathews (1957) 5
1957 Braves	7	4	1	
1939 Yankees	7	4	1	PITCHING - WINS
1955 Dodgers	6	5	2	Kelp (1922) 3-0
1946 Cardinals	5	6	3	Malone (1929) 3-0
1961 Yankees	4	7	4	Conley (1957) 3-0
1969 Mets	4	7	4	Cuellar (1969) 3-0
1963 Dodgers	2	9	6	
1906 Cubs	1	10	7	

### PLAYOFF GAME R H E

1922 Browns	4	7	2
1929 Cubs	2	9	0

HR: Tobin, P. Collins, K. Williams  
WINNING PITCHER: Shocker  
LOSING PITCHER: Blake

### ONE-TEAM RECORDS:

MOST RUNS IN A GAME: 16 (1955(vs.1929))  
MOST HITS IN A GAME: 20 (1955(vs.1929))  
LEAST HITS IN A GAME: 2 (1963, 1906)  
LEAST HITS IN A WINNING CAUSE: 2 - 1906 beat 1969 O's, 4-3.

### TEAM HOME RUNS

1906	1
1922	8
1927	8
1929	17
1939	10
1946	2
1955	20
1957	21
1961	15
1963	7
1969 O	11
1969 M	8

### SHUTOUTS

Ford (1961)
Ruether (1927)
Townbridge (1957)
Wright (1922)
Cuellar (1969)

TOTAL: 128

Mr. Faulk: First of all, let me say I am an EI fan. I wish to discuss a few matters: 1) How many issues are left on my subscription? 2) Enclosed is one of my SUMMER LEAGUE NEWSLETTERS. In regard to the survey in the January issue, I would like to see a section on replays and leagues. Also possibly a classified section: this would help form PBM leagues. 3) I have a few of my own ratings that I feel were accidentally omitted in the EI rosters. Here they are: Otis T-1; Vukovich SD-3B; R. Jackson SD/T-1 (that is obvious); Millan MK; Bonds SD/T-1. 4) I am glad H. Washington is an AAR- few people realize that he is not deserving of an S. He stole 29 bases, but was caught 16 times; not by any means an outstanding season. Sincerely, Jon Landsman, Valley Stream, NY

Ed. 1) We have begun placing the date of all subscriber's expiring issues after their names on the address label for TTS. We'll leave it up to you guys from now on to keep up with your own expiration dates. All addresses should be converted to this form by the next issue. 2) We have printed Jon's newsletter above. We will try to print as many replays as space will allow in each issue and we will allow free space to anyone wishing to publicize

## FROM THE GRANDSTAND MANAGERS

We'll reprint below a few letters containing questions about "EI" that we've received in the past few months. The lead-in commentary is by GAMECRAFT and the answers are due to Jack. If the answers seem briefer than usual for Jack, it's because of the haphazard process we have of forwarding questioning letters to him for a possible answer, when and if he has the time.

The first letter is from Peter Nocerini, Milwaukee, WI, a news reporter for a suburban newspaper. Everyone please note the compliment about our quick service. That proves we don't always lag behind. However, we're not quite sure of what Peter meant by stating that he expected it to come a week later. Perhaps he has ordered from us before.

Dear Sirs: First of all, thank you for the quick shipment of the Extra Innings game. I, quite honestly, had been expecting it to come a week later. In the past several days I have been reading over the instruction sheets and I have several problems.....

**STRIKE OUTS BY BATTERS** - Is there an adjustment for PK and MK batters, as there is for PW and MW batters? This is implied in the second paragraph of the "Strike Outs By Batters" section, but it is not spelled out as it is in the "Walks by Batters" section. Please advise me. **ANS:** (We goofed. This section was omitted from the instructions. We'll reprint Jack's directions from "EI Newsletter," Vol. 3, No. 3.) A batter rated MK will be one who strikes out on less than 10% of his outs. A batter rated PK will be one who strikes out on more than 30% of his outs.

By "outs" we mean those times he is retired or, by hitting into a force play, causes an out and is charged a time at bat.

What we'll do is subtract hits from at bats and regard the remainder as outs. There'll be some at bats included when the batter reached first on an error. However, we are not provided stats which tell us this. Since major league teams field at less than 2% errors (and many of these are made on plays on runners other than the batter, etc.), it doesn't materially effect the way a batter is retired.

Now, for a reasonably effective way to employ the MK and PK factors without creating a mechanical monstrosity. When an MK player is at bat, reduce the pitcher's strike out lines by half. If the pitcher's K rating is 6-1-1 (a strike out on all rolls between 6-1-1 and 6-6-6) when he faced an MK player it would be 6-4-1. Rolls between 6-1-1 and 6-3-6 would be read from the Second Roll Chart as they appear and not converted into Ks for the pitcher.

For the PK rated batter we'd add half as many lines to the pitcher's strike out lines. If he was rated 6-1-1, when Reggie Jackson or any PK batter was at the plate they'd increase to 5-4-1 and any form of put out on the Second Roll Chart would be regarded as a strike out.

**INJURIES** - I quite frankly can't figure that section out - can't see how it all works together. The "First Roll" section under 2-2-3 to 2-3-4 says "All have limiting conditions relating to Second Roll action."

Then turn to the "First Roll Chart" itself. It lists, from 2-2-3 to 2-3-4 the various situations under which injuries take place.

Now turn back to page 7 and check out the "Injuries" section. Underneath the charts that tell how long ordinary players are shelved, special layoff periods for pitchers are listed. Pitchers? According to the limiting conditions in the First Roll Chart, it is impossible for pitchers to become injured unless they do so as batters or runners.

Now check the "Injured Player" subsection, the last paragraph before the "Rating the Players" section starts. Events are listed here (such as catcher injured at a play at the plate) that are completely inconsistent with the First Roll Chart limitations.

Could you please clarify all this for me? Am I missing something in the instructions or what? **ANS:** If there are any inconsistencies in this aspect it results from my own ambivalence. As my own use of the game is for replay purposes, using each team's actual games played,

at bats, innings pitched per player, I don't utilize this phase. I included it because I'm aware that some table gamers like it for extra drama, gamesmanship, etc.

In the next (final?) edition of "EI", I'll alter the instruction on the First Roll Chart for 2-3-4 to read: Injury to runner on a put out at first base; if third out of the inning, injury to player covering first base.

This'll give the pitcher a chance to get hurt.

**SPECIAL DOUBLE PLAY RANGE** - Do you use this with the same procedure used for the regular double play situation? Specifically, can a batter's hit erase a DP in this situation too? Do you go to the Double Play Chart to find out the scoring (assists, etc.) or the play? - obviously, the one runner is out, but do you follow the same scoring as on the DP Chart? **ANS:** Yes, a batter's hit erases the DP. No, always score it 6-4-3. Yes, advance other runners not involved in DP. What happened was that the original design of DPs was mathematically pure for team DP totals. However, the idea of having an ensuing base hit cancel the DP reduced the totals. So, by adding in the Special DP Range, I got back the numbers I was losing. Teams are now registering DPs quite close to team totals; variables are DPs resulting from a failure to score on a would be sacrifice fly and a strike out in a hit and run situation with the runner being thrown out. Both result in DPs being registered and both results from optional choices by the manager.

**TRIPLE PLAYS & THE FIRST ROLL CHART** - Here I only need to know exactly what "If followed by In. F. fair fly ball" means. Is it "infield fair fly ball"? This refers to the listing on the First Roll Chart.

As I said, I've only had time to play half a game since receiving the game. You may be very AMUSED TO LEARN THAT I used 10 men in my batting order - it wasn't intended that way but that's what I found out when looking over the scoresheet. Seems that I chose two shortstops. **ANS:** An In F Fair Fly Ball is a reading from the second chart of a 3, 4, 5, or 6 (first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, short stop) making an unaided put out of a ball which is not a foul out. Virtually all triple plays start with a line drive to an infielder.

I think that covers the questions. I guess there's no end as every time you stitch up one thing, it seems to unravel another.

Anyway, we're going to continue working on the game today (minus one of my shortstops). At this point my 1969 Baltimore Orioles are leading my wife's '69 New York Mets. The Mets ended Dave McNally's no-hitter when the first batter of the game, Ed Kranepool, singled. Cleon Jones shipped him to third on another single. Kranepool then scored on Ed Charles' sacrifice fly to left.

But I managed to grab a 2-1 lead in the third inning off Tom Seaver (natch!). Andy Etchebarren opened the inning with a walk. After Dave Johnson and McNally flied out to right, Mark Belanger, one of my two shortstops, doubled in Etchebarren and Don Buford followed by singling in Belanger. Frank Robinson flied out to left to end the party. I got two runners on base in the fourth with two out and my wife did the same in the fifth but nothing came of it.

First observations: This is an extremely complex game. I'm well satisfied that it is very realistic and that a lot of work has gone into it. It's a simple game in that it goes without the needless complications I have seen in other games, thank God.

I just hope I'm going to be able to remember all the possibilities involved in the game. My best hope, I guess, is to read and reread the instructions and try to memorize that whole big book.

Anyway thank you for wading through all three pages. When I write in the future, I'll try to be briefer and I hope to have fewer questions.

And I promise to use only one shortstop in the future.

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the formation of a league using a Gamecraft game such as "EI." The more leagues that are formed, the more games that we sell; and the more games that we sell, the more money coming into Gamecraft. 3) We're always getting letters with disagreements on the subjective ratings. (They're done by Jack, incidentally.) We'll print opinions but we won't argue about them. Jon is definitely correct about Millan, however. He should be an MK. 4) On behalf of Jack, thanks.