



# SECOND CHANCE NEWS

## What's News:

It's been a while since the last Newsletter. Adam's dog Austin, ate my laptop.

Barring a total collapse by the Skeeters, and a season ending winning streak by the Robins, it looks like the Playoff teams are set. Miners/Stogies/ Skeeters in the AL, Warbirds/Crimson Tide/Storm in the NL. If you were to check my pre-season predictions (and you should, because it's awesome) you'll notice that I predicted all 6 Playoff teams. (Unless V get's that miracle he's been asking for.) You'll also notice that Dan did not. Always trust your gut, that analytics crap will always let you down.

You might notice that Oscar Charleston is doing his Oscar Charleston stuff again. He's put together his 3<sup>rd</sup> straight 30/30 season and is just 3 Hrs short of a 40/40 season for the Crimson Tide. With 14 games to go, I like his chances. Cool Papa Bell (Skeeters) and Charleston have scored 166 and 162 runs respectively, both topping the SCL mark of 159 set by Babe Ruth (Pines) in 1923. The modern MLB record for runs scored (1903- forward) is held by Babe Ruth with 177 in 1921. The runs scored Top-20 in MLB consists of mostly Ruth and Gehrig, both left handed batters. The top RHB is SCL mainstay Rogers Hornsby (Pines). His 156 runs scored in 1929 puts him at #22. The last player to top 150 runs scored was Jeff Bagwell (152) in 2000.

Walter Johnson (Warbirds) started the season with 280 wins in the SCL He currently sits at 297 wins with 4 more starts left in the season. I'm rooting for those 3 wins.

## Some book recommendations:

Oscar Charleston: The Life and Legend of Baseball's Greatest Forgotten Player- Jeremy Beer

The Bona Fide Legend of Cool Papa Bell: Speed, Grace, and The Negro Leagues- Lonnie Wheeler

Both books are well written and should be on every SCL GM's bookcase.

The Baseball 100: Joe Posnanski

I balked at purchasing this book. Do I want to pay \$30 just to be reminded that Babe Ruth was also a pitcher, and hit 714 home runs? After seeing some reviews, I bought the book, and it's wonderful. It has some stat talk, but it's all about the stories of these players. Nobody does that better than Posnanski.

Banned For Life: The Benny Kauff Story- Jimmy Keenan.

Jimmy is the GM of the Baltimore Terrapins and this is his 3<sup>rd</sup> baseball book. It's currently available for the Kindle. Soon to be released in book form.

[https://www.amazon.com/BANNED-LIFE-Benny-Kauff-Story-ebook/dp/B09FZMND9D/ref=sr\\_1\\_8?crd=2K9RGCYRMUYTZ&dchild=1&keywords=jimmy+keenan+book&qid=1634994938&s=books&sprefix=jimmy+keenan+book%2Cstripbooks%2C104&sr=1-8](https://www.amazon.com/BANNED-LIFE-Benny-Kauff-Story-ebook/dp/B09FZMND9D/ref=sr_1_8?crd=2K9RGCYRMUYTZ&dchild=1&keywords=jimmy+keenan+book&qid=1634994938&s=books&sprefix=jimmy+keenan+book%2Cstripbooks%2C104&sr=1-8)

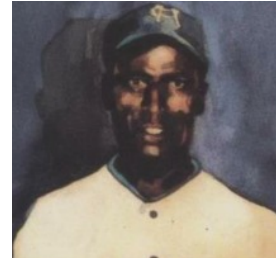
I know Jimmy put a lot of time in writing and researching this book. If you have a Kindle, show some love and download it today. If it's anything like his 2 previous books it won't disappoint.



**Players of the Week: 8/22-9/5**

**Hitters:**

1. Turkey Stearnes (Robins) .422-4-18
2. Chaney White (Skeeters) .364-5-19
3. Lou Gehrig (Pines) .318-4-20



**Pitchers:**

1. Hooks Dauss (Crimson Tide) 2-0, 1.95, 1-shutout
2. Bill McCall (Pines) 3-0, 2,16
3. Cliff Bell (Stogies) 2-0, 2.04



Mel Ott will probably be the 1<sup>st</sup> pick in the draft in 1927. Because the rich get richer, and the have not's will always not have, I predict the ping pong ball for the 1<sup>st</sup> pick will have the Pines name all over it. My prognosticating skills are flawless. It's inevitable. We need to accept it and move on.



**GAME OF THE WEEK:**

8/26/1925, GHG25-VV25, Sportsman's Park (N)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1925 Gorillas	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	8	9	2	5	1
1925 Vipers	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	9	11	1	8	0

Gorillas					Vipers							
	AB	R	H	BI	AVG		AB	R	H	BI	AVG	
Wilson, J	1b	5	2	2	0	.332	Wells, W	ss	4	1	1	.279
Cox	1f	5	0	2	2	.236	Fothergill	rf	4	0	1	.342
Dykes	3b	4	2	1	1	.313	Hafey	pr	0	1	0	.299
Stephenson	rf	4	0	0	1	.222	Wheat	lf	4	1	3	.359
Russell	cf	3	1	0	0	.265	Hartnett	c	4	0	0	.256
Dihigo	2b	3	2	1	3	.301	Oms	cf	5	1	2	.331
Schang	c	3	0	1	0	.233	Hawkins	1b	3	0	0	.223
Maranville	ss	3	1	2	1	.276	Klugmann	ph	1	1	0	.213
Miller, J	p	4	0	0	0	.229	Allen, N.	2b	3	1	2	.258
Holloway	p	0	0	0	0	.250	Mokan	ph	1	1	1	.211
Uhle	p	0	0	0	0	.158	Russell, JH	3b	3	0	0	.229
		34	8	9	8		Eggleston	ph	0	1	0	.376
							Pennock	p	2	0	0	.203
							Hill, J	ph	1	0	0	.249
							Grove	p	0	0	0	.000
							Russell	p	0	0	0	.000
							Fabre	ph	1	1	1	.318
									36	9	11	9

Gorillas		INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA
Miller, J		8.0	8	6	5	4	2	132	76	5.65
Holloway		0.0	1	1	1	0	0	6	3	5.28
Uhle	BS 7, L 7-14	0.0	2	2	1	1	0	15	6	4.70
		8.0	11	9	7	5	2	153	85	

Vipers		INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA
Pennock		7.0	6	4	4	2	4	84	56	5.42
Grove		0.0	2	3	3	1	0	12	6	7.79
Russell	W 1-0	2.0	1	1	1	2	0	31	16	12.42
		9.0	9	8	8	5	4	127	78	

VV : Hill, J batted for Pennock in the 7th  
 Klugmann batted for Hawkins in the 9th  
 Mokan batted for Allen, N. in the 9th  
 Eggleston batted for Russell, JH in the 9th  
 Fabre batted for Russell in the 9th  
 Hafey ran for Fothergill in the 9th

E-Dihigo, Schang, Hawkins. 2B-Allen, N.(15). 3B-Cox(8). HR-Dykes(5), Dihigo(9). RBI-Cox 2(24), Dykes(80), Stephenson(10), Dihigo 3(39), Maranville(12), Wells, W(69), Fothergill(25), Wheat 2(83), Oms 2(80), Hill, J(26), Mokan(11), Fabre(7). CS-Russell. K-Wilson, J, Stephenson, Miller, J 2, Hartnett 2. BB-Dykes, Russell, Dihigo, Schang, Maranville, Wells, W, Fothergill, Wheat, Hartnett, Eggleston. SF-Stephenson. WP-Russell 2.  
 GWRBI: Oms  
 Temperature: 93, Sky: clear, Wind: out to right at 5 MPH.

There's one thing I've learned in my life that has always served me well: an 8-1 lead in the 9<sup>th</sup> is never a sure thing.

Jake Miller had allowed just 5 hits and 1 run heading into the 9<sup>th</sup> inning. He needed just 3 outs for the win. He didn't get it.

Alejandro Oms opened the inning with a single. An error, single, walk, and a single chased Miller to the bench. Crush Holloway faced just 1 batter allowing an rbi single to Willie Wells. George Uhle took the mound, and another Gorillas' error, a single, and a walk brought Oms up to the plate for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the inning. His walk-off 2 run single won it for the Vipers.

There hasn't been a Gorilla beat down like this since Fay Wray flirted with King Kong, and we all know how that turned out.



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## Card of The Week:



Jimmie Foxx- West Side Mets

This is a colorized 1992 Conlon Collection card of Jimmie Foxx. The date would make him 25 years old at the time of this photo. He looks like he's a teenager. He debuted in the SCL with the Mets at the tender age of 17. At 17 I was still trying to figure out what girls were all about. I was 10 years away from my 1<sup>st</sup> shave. I had long blonde hair and looked like a 12 year old Girl Scout. My sister Cathy was 3 years older than me and a picture of me showed up in her yearbook identified as Cathy Graham.(True story) Back in the 70's I was an adorable looking teenage girl. But I digress.

Foxx was nicknamed "The Beast". He hit prodigious home runs that according to Pitcher Jim Lindsey "were watched for 2 innings." He hit 35 + Hrs in 9 straight seasons. He won 3 Most Valuable Player Awards, and put together a Triple Crown season in 1933, hitting .356-48-163. His lifetime totals were .325-534-1951.



This is Jimmie Foxx in 1945, his last season in baseball. He was just 37 years old. He looks 50. Ballplayers aged quickly back then. Hard living, the sun beating down on you all the time, alcohol, alcohol, and more alcohol. I don't think living is as hard, and we've got sun block, but the culture of alcohol in baseball, and all sports is as strong as ever.