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SECOND CHANCE NEWS

What's News:

The 1925 Hall Of Fame ballot is completed. You guys are tough. I would think that Sherry Magee (the SCL's 1st Hitter of The Year Recipient), Honus Wagner (The Hitter of The Year award is named after him!), and Sam Crawford (144 career triples, plus every Hall of Fame needs a Wahoo in it) would get more love. Jimmy Lyons got a lot of votes, he has some really nice numbers, but he had just 3 of 12 seasons where he appeared in over 120 games. In 7 seasons he didn't reach 80 games. I know what you're saying. "If he's on the ballot I can vote for him." I totally agree.

In the 1st ballot we were tasked with 10 votes, while this last one was just 5. I think we'll settle on 8 votes for all future HOF ballots. This leaves some room for sentimental picks (Buck Weaver), pioneer picks (Wagner) HOF worthy picks, but I'm not picking him because I don't like him picks (Heinie Zimmerman) and HOF worthy picks, which this year equaled "zero."

The final totals:

Hippo Vaughn/ Heinie Zimmerman-10

Sherry Magee-8

Sam Crawford/ Clyde Milan/Jimmie Lyons-7

Honus Wagner/ Eddie Cicotte-6

Buck Weaver-4

Spottswood Poles/ Benny Kauff/ Eddie Plank-3

Joe Wood-2

Jimmy Austin/Donie Bush/Bill Pettus/Eddie Foster-1

Claude Hendrix/Fred Toney/Doc Wiley-0

Any player that received 2 votes and has not appeared on 3 ballots will be included in next season's ballot. The 1926 ballot will consist of 28 players. I think we have 2 legitimate HOFers making their debuts.



Honus Wagner



"Wahoo" Sam Crawford



Buck Weaver

COME ON GUYS....MAKE THIS HAPPEN.....3 FOR THE HALL!!



Players of the Week: 5/25-6/8

Hitters:

- 1. Jules Thomas(Vipers) .428-8-19, 16 runs,
- 2. John Beckwith(Miners) .368-6-12, 15 runs
- 3. Cool Papa Bell(Skeeters) .345-5-13, 14 runs



Pitchers:

- 1. Larry Benton(Skeeters) 3-0, 0.00, No Hitter
- 2. Freddie Fitzsimmons(Milkmen) 2-0, 1.13, 2-shutouts
- 3. William Bell (Stogies) 2-1, 1.44



Bullet Joe Rogan leads the SCL with 14 wins and 84 strikeouts. And for good measure he's hitting .354 with a league leading 20 triples.

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GAME OF THE WEEK:

6/11/1925, Gorillas vs Skeeters Shibe Park

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

	AB	R	H	BI	AVG		AB	R	H	BI	AVG
Gorillas						Skeeters					
Wilson, J	1b 3	0	0	0	.371	Bell, CP	cf 4	0	0	0	.351
Scales	ss 4	0	0	0	.287	Joseph, N.	3b 5	1	1	0	.263
Williams, K	lf 4	0	0	0	.305	Simmons	rf 3	1	1	1	.392
Harper	rf 4	1	0	0	.326	White, C	lf 4	0	3	1	.292
Russell	cf 3	0	0	0	.262	Riggins	ss 4	0	0	1	.299
Dykes	3b 3	0	0	0	.332	Bressler	1b 4	0	0	0	.059
Johnson, B	c 1	0	0	0	.237	Jackson, D.	2b 3	0	0	0	.276
Dihigo	2b 2	0	0	1	.245	Hargrave, P	c 4	0	1	0	.238
Burrus	ph 0	0	0	0	.341	Benton, L	p 4	1	3	0	.424
Smith, C	2b 0	0	0	0	.265			35	3	9	3
Miller, J	p 2	0	0	0	.258						
Cox	ph 1	0	0	0	.250						
Holloway	p 0	0	0	0	.143						
Petty	p 0	0	0	0	.000						
	27	1	0	1							

	INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA	
Gorillas										
Miller, J	L 4-5	6.0	7	3	2	2	0	74	45	6.59
Holloway		1.0	1	0	0	0	1	15	11	3.20
Petty		1.0	1	0	0	0	0	8	5	10.27
		8.0	9	3	2	2	1	97	61	

	INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA	
Skeeters										
Benton, L	W 5-4	9.0	0	1	0	5	7	131	78	3.20
		9.0	0	1	0	5	7	131	78	

GHG: Burrus batted for Dihigo in the 7th
 Cox batted for Miller, J in the 7th
 Smith, C inserted at 2b in the 7th

E-Russell, Dihigo 2, Joseph, N.. RBI-Dihigo(14), Simmons(68), White, C(21), Riggins(43). SB-White, C(2). K-Scales 3, Dykes 2, Miller, J 2, Bressler. BB-Wilson, J, Russell, Johnson, B 2, Burrus, Simmons, Jackson, D.. SH-Bell, CP. HBP-Dykes. HB-Benton, L. GWRBI: White, C. Temperature: 87, Sky: partly cloudy, Wind: right to left at 6 MPH.

The 1st no-hitter of 1925, and just the 2nd since Dave Brown's(Pines) no-hitter in the 1920 World Series.

The Gorillas managed to score a run on an error by Newt Joseph at 3rd, 2 walks and an rbi groundout. Benton also managed 3 hits of his own, raising his season average up to .424.

This was the 3rd no-hitter for the Skeeters. Babe Adams(1910) and String Bean Williams(1918) tossed the other two. It was also the 20th no-hitter in SCL history.

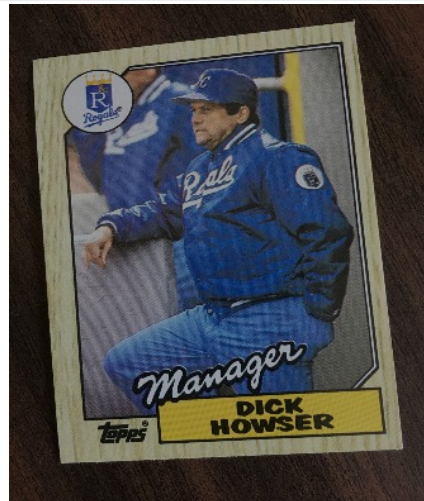
More research on SCL no-hitters seems like a worthy project for an upcoming newsletter.



Does Larry Benton look like he has a lazy eye? I can relate, as I suffer from a lazy pinky on my left hand. An affliction that I endure one day at a time.



Card of The Week:



Dick Howser- Will never play in the SCL.

Thank you David Kuehn(whose last name I misspell every time.) for sending this 1987 Topps card in. If you're like me, whenever a manager card showed up in my pack of Topps, I felt like I was getting ripped off. I never considered that the vast majority of these guys were former ball players. For me they were just some old guy wearing a jacket.

Howser played 8 seasons in MLB, playing with the Kansas City A's, Indians and Yankees. He was an All Star in his rookie season and came in 2nd for Rookie of the Year, behind Don Schwall in 1961. He never came close to his 1961 totals of .280/.377/.362 with 37 stolen bases, mostly due to recurring injuries. He retired from playing after the 1968 season.

He was hired by George Steinbrenner as Yankee manager in 1980 and he proceeded to lead the Yankees to a 103 win season. After losing to the Royals in the ALCS, Steinbrenner fired him, because Steinbrenner's a dick. Howser went on to manage the Royals for 6 seasons, winning a World Series in 1985. In 1986 he managed the Royals for half a season, stepping down in July due to severe headaches brought on by a brain tumor. After several operations, and other experimental treatments including injection of cancer-killing lymphocytes, Howser passed away on June 17, 1987. He was just 51 years old. I always rooted for the Howser managed Royals....because Steinbrenner was a dick.

Because Dick Howser debuted in 1961 he will never get a chance to play in the SCL. At our current pace 1961 wouldn't happen until 2035. I would be 76 years old, muddle headed, and living on vanilla pudding. Actually, not much different from 2021, just less hair.