



SECOND CHANCE NEWS



“ The Second Chance News breaks all the rules of Historical Baseball Simulation journalism. It breaks all rules of grammar, syntax, and linguistics as well. ”

-Tucker Carlson

You always have the look of someone who is in need of a diaper change.

Notes From The Commissioner

1916 is upon us. Douglas Slothower has taken over the Turks franchise, packed up in the middle of the night and moved to Sin City. The Vegas Vipers get the 1st pick in a horrible draft year. I have a feeling that won't stop the Vipers from being a force to be reckoned with in the near future.

The Shamokin Stogies will be defending their SCL title, and it is every GM's duty to make sure that doesn't happen!! Let's throw in the Warbirds as well. Adam lives and dies by his sabermetrics, let's show him once again what "old school" baseball is all about.

Lastly, this newsletter doesn't just have to be me flapping my lips, and drawing subliminal penises. (If you say penises out loud it sounds funny) I know my sense of humor is not only hysterically funny, juvenile, and grating on most people's last nerve, so maybe less of me is better. I have used V's writings from his wonderful blog in every newsletter. Dave Nemecek and Jimmy Keenan have contributed as well. Thank you for your efforts.

Please don't hesitate to send me something for inclusion in *The Second Chance News*. It can be almost anything baseball related, or SCL related. Personal, impersonal, funny, sad, creative, eclectic, sabermetrical, "old school", any nonsense is welcome.

Thank you, and let's have a great competitive and fun 1916 season.

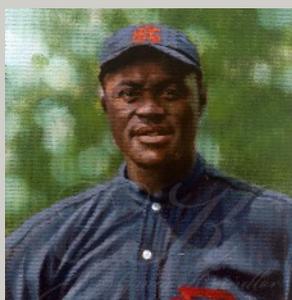
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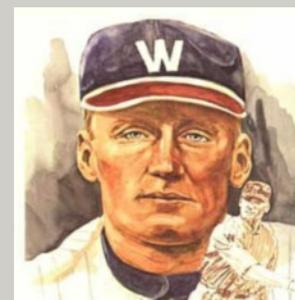
1915 In The Second Chance Baseball League

Records Broken/Milestones In 1915:

1. Pop Lloyd (Blue Meanies) won his 2nd straight SCL batting title. His .351 average is the lowest average to win the title.
2. Gavvy Cravath (Skeeters) hit 43 Hrs and drove in 147, both SCL records.
3. Dizzy Dismuke's (Blue Meanies) 22 wins led the SCL, it is the lowest win total to lead the league.
4. Gene Packard (Gorillas) led the SCL with 19 saves, the lowest total to lead the league.
5. The Kenmore Miners won 20 straight games.
6. Jose Junco (Crimson Tide) allowed a league record 23 HRS.
7. Frank Wickware (Robins) hit a league record 28 batters, breaking his own record by 1. He has led the league in this category for 3 straight years.
8. The Stogies hit a League record 120 triples.
9. The Crimson Tide allowed a League record 71 HRS.
10. Walter Johnson has 133 wins in the SCL. He is the only pitcher with 100+ career wins.
11. The Kenmore Miners became the 5th team with a 100 win season. No team has done it more than once.



POP LLOYD



WALTER JOHNSON

The Future of the Second Chance League

1. Can we expand to 16 teams?

With the addition of 85-100+ Negro League players is it feasible to do this?

Even though the majority of these players are part-time with less than 350 ABs and 125 IPs, I still think we should have enough players to comfortably do this. What do you think? Should we expand for the 1917 season?

2. Finalize a keeper/draft pick/trade keeper rule. The rule that has been in the original constitution has not been followed, nor has it been enforced by me, because it was a little confusing. This year's keepers/trades etc for several teams is not close to following the intended rule. So, I'm going to try to make it simple...I think.

16 Keepers(50% rule applies)

Any trades for players, before the draft will not count toward your keepers.

When it's all said and done the only rule is: The computer will always draft your final 8 players.

If you have just 16 Keepers-you draft 6 manually, the computer drafts your final 8 picks.

If you have just 12 Keepers- you draft 10 manually to get to 22, the computer drafts your final 8.

If you have 16 keepers and an additional 4 players acquired by trade- you manually draft 2 players, the computer drafts the final 8.

If you have 16 Keepers, plus 5 draft picks in the 1st 2-3 rounds. You would have just 1 more manual pick after the 3rd round, the computer drafts the final 8.

When You reach 22 players on your active roster, you are done drafting, the computer will finish your final 8 picks.

Simple....right? Maybe? I think so.

3. Do we expand the Playoffs to include 2 more teams? And how do we run a postseason with 6 playoff teams?

4. We need names for the Post Season Awards.

I was thinking about using retired or near retired players for the Awards.

The Addie Joss Excellence in Pitching Award. We could use Christy Mathewson as well. Any suggestions?

The Honus Wagner Excellence in Hitting Award. Suggestion?

Rookie of the Year.....open for suggestions as well.

Let me know.

5. The 1916 SCL All-Star Game will be played in the Baker Bowl, Home of the ArkLaTex Robins.

A SECOND CHANCE PLAYER YOU SHOULD KNOW

Rube Foster- Gashouse Gorillas



-VERDUN 2's Blog

Eastern Colored League in 1923. The existence of two leagues occasioned the adoption of a postseason set of games dubbed the Negro Leagues World Series.

Foster, by 1926 was developing signs of mental instability. He was confined to a sanitarium in Kankakee, Illinois and died there in 1930 and was buried in Blue Island, Illinois. Due to economic problems his Negro National League collapsed the following season.

Foster was the most influential figure in early 20th Century black baseball. He was a great pitcher, an excellent judge of talent, and a decent manager. His skills at running a league weren't altogether good, but the very idea of establishing a league and making it successful until the Great Depression are memorable events in their own right and largely overshadow his skills at running a league. In 1981, he was elected to the Hall of Fame.

The Negro Leagues, at least the ones we think of, had a specific founder. His name was Rube Foster. He was a visionary, an entrepreneur, and one heck of a pitcher.

Born in Texas in 1879, Foster took a path north to baseball glory. A number of other black players from the same era did much the same. Hall of Fame catcher Louis Santop, for instance, went from Texas through Oklahoma to Philadelphia. Foster ended up in Chicago. Between 1902 and 1910 he established himself as the dominant pitcher in black baseball. Through stints with the Union Giants, X-Giants, and Leland Giants, Foster gained a reputation not only as a great pitcher, but a knowledgeable baseball man. This led to stints as manager of the Leland Giants and ultimately the Chicago American Giants. Foster took over managerial duties of the American Giants in 1911 and remained field leader until 1926, by which point he was no longer pitching. Between 1911 and 1919 the American Giants ruled black baseball in the midwest, their only rival being the Indianapolis ABCs.

By 1920 it was becoming evident that black baseball needed more structure, more accountability, more set schedules, in short it needed a league. Foster moved to set up the Negro National League with himself as president. As both president of the league and owner of one of the clubs, Foster immediately ran into problems with other teams accusing him of favoring his own team in matters of scheduling and player dispersal. This led to an early split in the league and the founding of a rival



Notable players making their SCL debut in 1916:
Burleigh Grimes-the only HOFer.
Urban Shocker-a 4-time 20 game winner.
Charlie Grimm- Chicago Cubs standout.
Greasy Neale- member of the 1919 Champion Reds, and owner of an unfortunate nickname.
 And not much else-Draft Wisely!



Burleigh Grimes Urban Shocker Charlie Grimm Greasy Neale

TEAMS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The New Jersey Skeeters have a winning record in all 6 SCL seasons.(That should end in 1916) The Warbirds have 5, and the Gorillas, Robins and Rebels have 4 apiece.

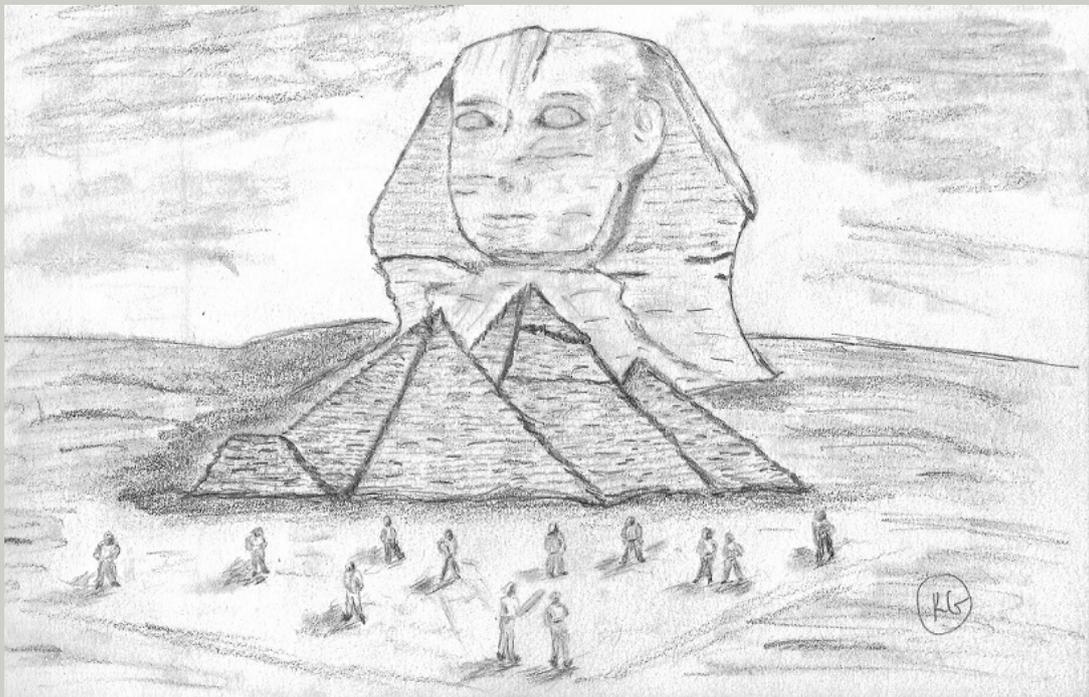
The record for consecutive winning seasons is held by the present day NY Yankees. They have not had a losing season since 1992. If things shake out, 2018 will put them at 26 straight seasons.



SECOND CHANCE WORDS

From Bull Durham - Ron Shelton

I believe in the Church of Baseball. I've tried all the major religions, and most of the minor ones. I've worshipped Buddha, Allah, Brahma, Vishnu, Siva, trees, mushrooms, and Isadora Duncan. I know things. For instance, there are 108 beads in a Catholic rosary and there are 108 stitches in a baseball. When I learned that, I gave Jesus a chance. But it just didn't work out between us. The Lord laid too much guilt on me. I prefer metaphysics to theology. You see, there's no guilt in baseball, and it's never boring,....I've tried 'em all, I really have, and the only church that truly feeds the soul, day in, day out, is the Church of Baseball.- Annie Savoy



Albert Spalding's World Tour in 1888/1889 saw American baseball played in Australia, Naples, Rome, Paris, London, Glasgow, Belfast, Dublin and Egypt. There is a picture of the ballplayers climbing all over the Sphinx, as well as an awesome photo of baseball being played in the shadow of the Great Pyramids of Giza. I always thought that they were a couple of the coolest baseball photos ever taken.

This drawing is a mashup of that event. The Sphinx is peering over the pyramids, wondering how much more damage these Americans can do to him, while also pondering the intricacies of the double-switch.

I think the Sphinx turned out decent, the pyramids are representable, and the little tiny ballplayers faintly resemble human beings. And if you look closely, not a penis to be found! (See previous newsletter)

“The Statue of Liberty is no longer saying, 'Give me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses.' She's got a baseball bat and yelling, 'You want a piece of me?'” -Robin Williams

Robin Williams be dead 4 years in August



SCL STUMPERS

WHO ARE THESE SECOND CHANCE LEAGUE STARS?

1. This guy looks like a catcher, has the nickname of a catcher, and sometimes played 1st base with his catcher's mitt???

Current Robins' player, Bill "Rough" Carrigan won Championships as a Player/Manager for the 1915, 1916 Red Sox.

2. He's a little older, but he still has that look on his face, that says, "I know everything about the rules of baseball. And if you disagree, I will kill you." Who is this current SCL player?

Current Miners' player Johnny Evers had a 180-192 record as a Manager over 3 seasons.

3. This former Robins' player is a member of the Cuban Baseball Hall of Fame?

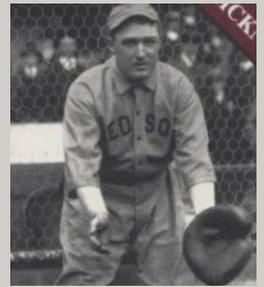
Armando Marsans was one of the first 10 men inducted into the Cuban Baseball Hall Of Fame in 1939.

Three more SCL Stumpers for you:

1. This surly looking catcher was nicknamed Pancho. He's been described as, "Not full of fun; he won't take a joke because he doesn't give one. He just wants...to win, and baseball to him is serious business."

2. Another catcher. This guy scalded his right arm and leg when he fell in a vat of boiling soap. The horrible scars restricted his ability to fully extend his right arm.

3. Damon Runyan described this player as, "He is an aggressive, chatty little chap, with a powerful punch in his bat, and he does not believe in hiding his light under a bushel. He is always swinging with his whole soul in every swing, and with his right cheek bulked out under the influence of the largest 'chaw' of tobacco ever worn by any man in baseball."





1915 SCL World Series

Shamokin Stogies vs Wheaton Warbirds

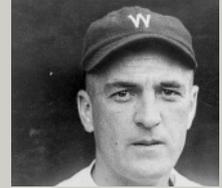


10/14/1915, Navin Field

GAME #1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1915 Warbirds	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	16	0	10	0
1915 Stogies	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	2	4	0

Tom Hughes vs Walter Johnson



Joe Judge knocked in a run in the 1st and 2nd inning, helping the Warbirds jump to an early 4-2 lead that the Stogies were unable to overcome. Judge finished with 4 hits, and Walter Johnson pitched the CG victory, while also hitting a double and a triple.

10/15/1915, Navin Field

GAME #2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1915 Warbirds	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	5	10	1	12	1
1915 Stogies	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	x	9	11	4	6	0

Eddie Plank vs Jeff Tesreau



The Stogies turned the tables in game 2, scoring 2 runs apiece in the 1st 2 innings. Vic Saier drove in 2 with a single, and Les Mann drove in a run with a triple. The Warbirds tied the game in the 4th on a Grand Slam by William Fischer. The 1st Grand Slam hit in the SCL World Series. In the 8th, the Stogies put the game away, scoring 5 runs, helped by a 2 run single from Rabbit Maranville, and a 2 run double by Claude Cooper.

10/18/1915, Forbes Field

GAME #3

Hank Robinson vs Dicta Johnson

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1915 Stogies	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	5	1
1915 Warbirds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	8	0



Vic Saier homered in the 2nd, and Rabbit Maranville homered in the 3rd. Hank Robinson pitched the CG shutout, putting the Stogies up 2 games to 1 in the Series.

10/19/1915, Forbes Field

GAME #4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1915 Stogies	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	9	1	7	1
1915 Warbirds	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	x	3	7	1	5	2

Tom Hughes vs Walter Johnson



Walter Johnson pitched a CG , and drove in the winnings runs in the 5th inning with a 2 run triple, his 2nd triple of the Series.

10/20/1915, Forbes Field

GAME #5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1915 Stogies	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	11	3	9	0
1915 Warbirds	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	7	0

Jeff Tesreau vs Eddie Plank



Trailing 2-0 in the 3rd the Stogies scored 3 runs all with 2 outs. Cristobal Torriente, Red Smith and Vic Saier all doubled off Eddie Plank. Lawrence Simpson pitched 3.1 innings of no hit ball to get the save.

10/23/1915, Navin Field

GAME #6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1915 Warbirds	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	7	3	12	0
1915 Stogies	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	5	6	7	1

Dicta Johnson vs Hank Robinson



A 4 run 1st inning for the Warbirds sealed this victory early. A Bobby Veach single was the only hit the Warbirds got in the 1st. 2 Walks and 2 errors aide their cause. Dicta Johnson pitched the CG, allowing just 2 unearned runs.

10/24/1915, Navin Field

GAME #7

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1915 Warbirds	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	3	6	0
1915 Stogies	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	x	3	8	0	8	2

Walter Johnson vs Jeff Tesreau



The Stogies took a 3-1 lead after 3 innings. A 70 minute rain delay forced Tesreau out of the game after the 2nd inning. The Stogies relievers were up for the challenge allowing just 1 run over the last 7 innings. Lawrence Simpson pitched 3.1 innings of 1 hit ball to get the save, giving the Shamokin Stogies their 1st SCL Championship.

The Stogies hit just .230 as a team with 19 extra base hits, scoring 26 runs. Claude Cooper led all hitters with a .389 average. Vic Saier hit .308 with 2 Hrs and 6 rbi.

The Warbirds matched the Stogies, hitting .239 with 19 extra base hits, scoring 22 runs. Bobby Veach hit .355 with a Series leading 11 hits.

Stogies pitching fared better than the Warbirds, with a 2.39 ERA, besting the Warbirds' 3.25 ERA.

This Series was won by the Stogies bullpen. 5 relievers combined to pitch 24 innings with a 1.13 ERA. They allowed just 3 runs, all by Carl Weilman.

Series MVP Lawrence Simpson allowed no runs in 9.2 IP. He saved 2, including a Game 7 three inning save.



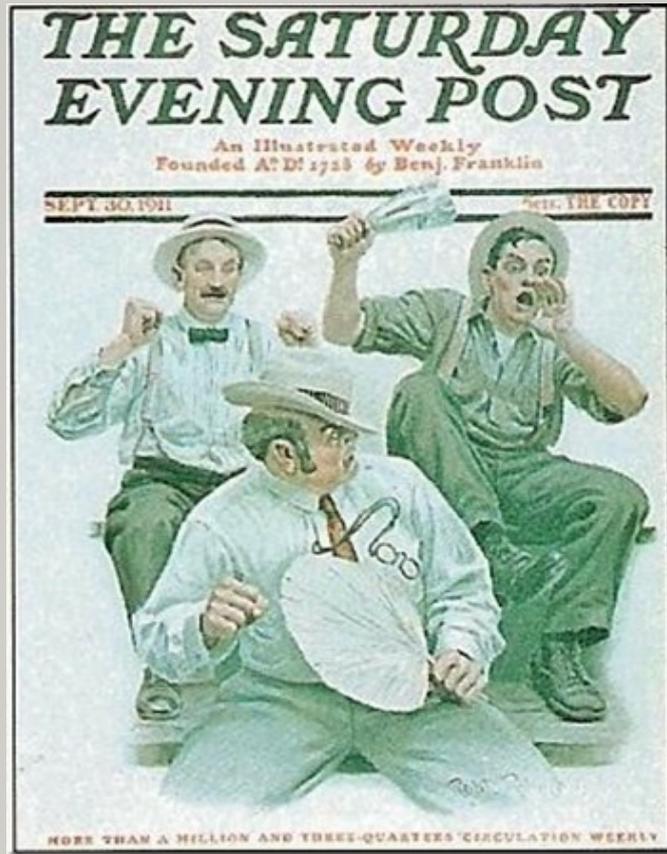
Lawrence Simpson pitched just 3 seasons in the Negro Leagues primarily with the West Baden Sprudels. 1912-1915. I could not find a picture of him to include in this write-up. He pitched just 89 innings in the Negro leagues 103 years ago. I honor him with this MVP Award, and for making good in his 2nd chance to show his stuff in the SCL.

Colonel Stogy's Championship Musings:

Casey Stengel once said something like this when he was asked for his secret to managing a winning ball club. "You've got maybe five guys who'll run through a brick wall for you and five guys who take turns lurking outside your hotel room awaiting the night you come home bleary-eyed so they can cold cock you into oblivion. The whole deal is keeping the other 15 guys on your roster away from the five who want you dead."

Colonel Stogy is still looking for the culprit who slammed him on the back in frustration and caused him to scarf his lit cigar when Miller Huggins's drive to deep right seemed certain to reach the seats and tie Game 7 of the World Series until a sudden gust of wind (that several spectators near the scene swear emanated from the nostrils of a ghostly figure all in black) blew it back within fingertip control of right fielder Claude Cooper.

Unfortunately there are about 17 candidates starting with Mike Prendergast, the Stogs' leading winner, who did not get a single Series start because the Colonel didn't like his lousy WHIP (Who paid attention to WHIPs in 1915? WHO EVEN HEARD OF THEM?). Then there was Joe Hewitt, batting up a storm but benched for dropping a routine fly ball early in the Series. The list goes on and includes Ferd Schupp who complained bitterly to captain Vic Saier when he was not called out of the pen in the 9th to bail out obviously tiring relief ace Lawrence Simpson. Vic Saier, the lone holdover from the cast of characters the Colonel inherited from the folding Reading Pretzels in 1912, and now he's threatening to retire! RETIRE! Seriously, the Colonel is mighty pleased to hoist the SCL cup, even though he may be on a liquid diet for quite a spell, and thanks to all the GMs who bore with his litany of efforts to deal Schupp for a feast of high draft picks and maybe an All-Star or two. The cup proudly goes beside the trophy the Colonel won at the 1993 Men's Senior League World Series in Phoenix with the son of ex-MLer Bob Ramazzotti at shortstop and at second base as his keystone partner, Sal Coats, the first woman to appear in Men's Senior League postseason play.



“Men Fans” by Robert Robinson September 30, 1911

Here we have 3 male spectators sitting in the bleachers watching a baseball game. The gentleman with the bow tie, has just watched his team make a great play, or maybe score a run. Since he wears a bow tie, he’s of a conservative nature, and his exuberance is tempered. He wants to jump up and scream, but it wouldn’t be proper, and besides his bow tie might come undone, and retieing those things is a real hassle.

The gentleman with the rolled up newspaper is obviously a working man. He doesn’t like what he sees, and isn’t hesitant to show his displeasure. He’s letting the umpire know he got that call wrong, and I’m guessing even from 300 feet away he’s getting his point across.

The man with the fan, is just that, a fan. A fan of the game, a fan of the players, a fan of a lazy late summer afternoon. The exuberant fan behind him has startled him out of his baseball reverie, or possibly a baseball nap. I’m guessing he might just move to another part of the bleachers to resume fanning with a little less distraction.

