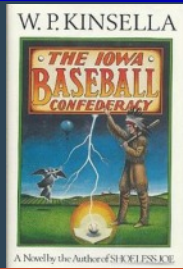




SECOND CHANCE NEWS



“ Whenever I read the official Newsletter of the Second Chance Baseball League, it makes me roll over in my grave.” - W.P. Kinsella

Notes From The Commissioner

Maybe I have too much time on my hands. Maybe I ate lead paint chips as a toddler. Maybe I just like to hear myself write. Whatever the reason, it seems to me that putting together a League newsletter just makes sense. (This coming from a guy that fell for a Nigerian email scam.)

What's going to be included, how often will I put one out? Who knows.

But anyone that wants to contribute may do so. I'm pleading actually. Send me your ideas, send me your baseball musings, send me a baseball haiku, send me your poor huddled masses. I'll take anything that pertains to the league, your life story, as well as relevant baseball history.

Thank you for your participation in the league, as well as any future participation in this newsletter.



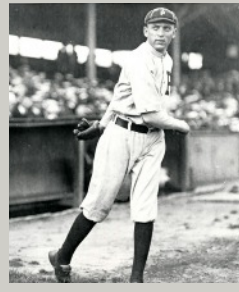
Ty Cobb- Shamokin Stogies

1912 In The Second Chance Baseball League

The 1912 draft started with the pick of Jeff Tesreau by the Shamokin Stogies GM, David Nemec. Tesreau's curveball was said to "bend like barrel hoops." David just hopes the DMB software doesn't straighten out those barrel hoops.



The draft ended 249 picks later with the pick of Erskine Mayer by the Momrow Warriors. GM Michael MacKay thought he was drafting Oscar Mayer. It was a long draft and he was hungry.



The Gashouse Gorillas look to make it 3 Championships in a row. Christy Mathewson leads a rather thin pitching staff. While Jake Daubert, Larry Doyle and Bob Bescher lead a strong offensive team. The ArkLaTex Superbas once again look like a playoff team thanks to Jose Mendez Pete Hill, and Rube Foster.

The Wheaton Warbirds, thanks to some off-season trading, puts up a starting rotation of Eddie Plank, Walter Johnson, Joe Wood, Ray Collins, and Chief Bender. GM Adam Graham just hopes his defense doesn't throw away a lot of ball games.

My Skeeters will hover around .500, beat up on the Turks all season, and win 1 more game than those pesky Gorillas.

FEARLESS PREDICTIONS:

- American League-
 1. Rebels
 2. Stogies
 3. Skeeters
 4. Gorillas
 5. Doughboys
 6. Wolverines
 7. Turks
- National League-
 1. Warbirds
 2. Superbas
 3. Caterpillars
 4. Terrapins
 5. Vinegars
 6. Meanies
 7. Warriors

The Warbirds beat the Rebels for the Championship.

A SECOND CHANCE PLAYER YOU SHOULD KNOW

Pete Hill-ArkLaTex Superbas

A Dozen Things You Should Know About Pete Hill

-From [VERDUN 2's Baseball Blog](#)

1. John Preston Hill was born in 1882 in Culpeper County, Virginia. There is some evidence that his family was owned during slavery by the family of later Confederate General A. P. Hill. The family lived in Culpeper County. Even that basic statistical information is in dispute. Although the information in the first sentence is the most commonly accepted information, some sources indicate his name was Joseph Preston Hill and he was born in Pittsburgh in 1880. All sources seem to agree his birthday was 12 October.

2. By 1899 he was playing outfield for the Pittsburgh Keystones. The 1900 US Census shows him living in Pittsburgh which is possibly where the confusion about his birthplace occurs.

3. He spent most of the first half of the first decade of the 20th Century playing center field for the Philadelphia Giants (led by Hall of Famer Sol White) and the Cuban X-Giants (which weren't Cuban but worked out of Trenton). He did spend much of the same period playing winter ball in Cuba, leading the league in hitting in the winter of 1910-11.

4. He joined the Leland Giants in 1908 and teamed with Rube Foster to dominate teams in the Chicago area.

5. When Foster formed the American Giants (also of Chicago) in 1911, Hill became both his primary offensive weapon and the team field captain. He is supposed to have gotten at least one hit in 115 games in 1911. The team played 116 games. The feat is not well documented and may be apocryphal. What little statistical information available shows batting averages of .400 and .357 for 1911 and 1912. Again those numbers are in dispute.

6. In 1919, Hill joined the Detroit Stars as player-manager. In his last year with Detroit, 1921, he hit .388 at age 39.

7. He remained a player and a player-manager through 1925 when he retired.

8. In retirement he ran the Buffalo, NY Red Caps and also worked for Ford Motors.

9. Pete Hill died in Buffalo in 1951.

10. Incomplete numbers at Baseball Reference.com show Hill with a .328 batting average, a .481 slugging percentage, 818 hits in 692 documented games, 513 runs scored, 47 triples, 48 home runs, and 455 RBIs. For 1911 and 1912 the information at Baseball Reference.com gives him batting averages of .365 and .399 as opposed to the numbers listed in point five above. Of the 116 games played in 1911 (of which he's supposed to have gotten a hit in 115) only 26 are documented (and show 35 hits).

11. In 2006, Pete Hill was elected to the Hall of Fame.

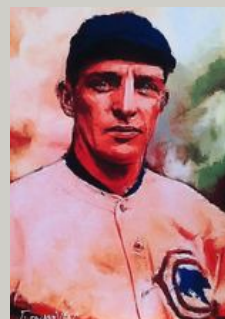
12. For years Hill's grave was unmarked. The Negro Leagues Grave Marker Project has discovered the site.



SECOND CHANCE STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW

After 2 seasons Frank "Wildfire" Schulte(Vinegars) is the career leader in home runs with 28.

And, not so surprisingly, "Wahoo" Sam Crawford(Stogies) is the career leader in triples with 41.



Teams You Should Know

The Gashouse Gorillas have won back to back Championships in the Second Chance League.

Only 7 teams have accomplished that feat in MLB history.

1. Giants
2. Cubs
3. A's
4. Red Sox
5. Reds
6. Blue Jays
7. Yankees

Only 2 teams have won as many as 3 in a row.

1. A's 1972-74(3)
2. Yankees 1998-2000(3)
3. Yankees 1949-1953(5)
4. Yankees 1936-1939(4)



THE LAST WORD



A Baseball Haiku- by Kevin G.

Baseball in the past
Gets a Second Chance today.
We remember when.

I know...pretty awesome! Let's see Walt Whitman write one just as good!

Saturday Evening Post Baseball June 6, 1908



This is the earliest baseball themed cover to appear on *The Saturday Evening Post* it's titled, "Watching Baseball Through A Fence." by Worth Brehm. I love this illustration because without knowing the title, I knew exactly what was going on here. 5 young boys desperately trying to get a glimpse of a baseball game taking place on the other side of a fence. Their only access is through a small knothole, large enough for one small boy to use. Not a baseball to be found in this illustration, but plenty of imaginary baseball action for sure. There was no special technique in watching baseball through a knothole, only the strong survived, as represented by this cover.

“ Ray, People will come, Ray. They'll come to Iowa for reasons they can't even fathom....The memories will be so thick they'll have to brush them away from their faces. People will come Ray. The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time.” - ~~Darth Vader~~ James Earl Jones