

Halsey Hall Research Committee – September 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees (13): Stew Thornley, Dave Lande, Bob Komoroski, Art Mugalian, Ed Edmonds, Glenn Renick, Terry Bohn, Dan Levitt, Rich Arpi, Darryl Sannes, Gene Gomes, John Buckeye, Daniel Dorff

1. Pre-meeting banter and baseball talk
2. Meeting started at 7:00 p.m. Reviewed August 19 meeting minutes. John Buckeye moved to approve and Art Mugalian seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Fall Chapter meeting
 - a. Currently have three research presentations approved as follows:
 - i. Sam Sundermeyer: “Last Ounce of Magic: Win Probability of the 2009 Twins”
 - ii. Stew Thornley: “The Old Guards vs. Werden’s All Stars, 1933 Game at Nicollet Park”
 - iii. Bob Tholkes: “In the Year of Base Ball Fever (1867): Baseball Clubs”
 - b. Holding fourth research presentation for new presenter until October 5.
4. Fall Chapter Meeting guest speaker
 - a. Mark "Lunch" McKenzie, the longtime baseball coach (now assistant coach) at Concordia University in St. Paul will be the guest speaker. Because of his schedule, he will speak before lunch starting at 10 or 10:15 a.m.
5. Some items
 - a. Gene Gomes will send out a chapter e-mail about Frank White’s October 26 Target Field event about African American baseball in Minnesota.
 - b. Six members from the chapter attended the Fred Souba Hot Stove League breakfast at Manning’s on September 14.
 - c. The next chapter book club will meet on October 19 at Barnes and Noble in Har-Mar Mal in Roseville. The book to be discussed will be “Summer of Shadows: A Murder, A Pennant Race, and the Twilight of the Best Location in the Nation” by Jonathan Knight.
 - d. No one from the chapter attended the recent Women’s Baseball Conference.
 - e. Glenn Renick discussed his recent article on Face Book regarding the 1879-1880 *New York Clipper* woodcut prints of ballplayers.
 - f. Steve Ginader’s recent Game Story about the Phillies-Cardinals in 1967 was his sixteenth published game story. Kudos to Steve! Steve, a former chapter member, is now a member of the Hemond-Delhi chapter in Arizona.
6. Research roundtable

- a. Bob Komoroski highly recommended "9 ONLINE: A virtual Baseball Conference" to be held October 24-25. Registration is \$40. Bob is a regular attendee at NINE conferences.

7. Other Items

- a. Stew Thornley asked whether his pending presentation in partnership with the Hennepin History Museum can be used to document the chapter's MVP status. Gene Gomes will research this and verify how it can be documented for use for MVP status.

8. Trivia time – our 35th themed quiz: by Ed Edmonds

1. This second baseman from Torrance South High School in California started his MLB career in 1966 for the Boston Red Sox. In five games, he managed 3 hits in 18 at bats. He played in 3 World Series, and his MLB career ended in 1973 with the Oakland A's. His 2 back-to-back errors created one of the most interesting showdowns in World Series history between a team owner and the Commissioner. He did play in Japan in 1975. Mike Andrews

2. Known for giving up a famous home run, this hurler pitched many years for the Brooklyn Dodgers, but he spent part of 1954 with the New York Yankees. He graduated from New York Mount Vernon High School and attended NYU, where he played baseball and basketball. He was 6'-3". Ralph Branca

3. This player could best be described as a utility infielder (he played 2B, SS, and 3B) for 11 seasons in the 1950s and 1960s. He played for the Reds, Senators, Dodgers, Tigers, Angels, Indians, and Cardinals. He was an All-Star for the Senators in 1958 despite hitting only .263 for the season. Plus, the answer to the question of whether he played in that All-Star game, is, of course, no. This man attended Long Beach Polytechnic High School in California. Additional hint - he has a strong nickname. Rocky Bridges

4. This pitcher, who spent his high school years at Newberry High School in South Carolina, did play in the 1958 All-Star game, and he finished his career with 105 wins, 100 losses and a 3.29 ERA. He would make a lot of money in the modern game for his 1,817 innings and 479 career games. He played for the Giants, Orioles, Pirates, and Braves. He won 19 games for the 1962 Giants, but lost game one of the World Series that year. Billy O'Dell

5. Another utility infielder for the Red Sox, Twins (1961), Angels, Phillies, and Kansas City Athletics, this graduate of Susan Miller Dorsey High School in Los Angeles, finished his career with a .221 batting average. In his 10 years, he hit a total of nine home runs. Those long balls came against such pitching aces as Ike Delock, Tom Sturdivant, Bob Turley, Harry Byrd, and Ray Moore. Six of them were solo shots, and the other three produced 2 RBIs. Billy Consolo

6. Another graduate of Susan Miller Dorsey High School in Los Angeles, this player's career included over 350 games in left field, second base, and third base for the White Sox and Orioles.

He received MVP votes in four different years, but he only landed on an All-Star team in 1971. He struck out in his one pinch-hitting appearance in that All-Star game. Don Buford

7. This player, who graduated from St. Andrew's Parish High School in Charleston, South Carolina, before becoming an All-American at Clemson, was primarily an outfielder during his 12-year career for the Indians, Expos, Cubs, Braves, Giants, and Reds. His career batting average was .238, and he hit only 6 home runs in 2,039 plate appearances. Unlike the answer to question 5 above, two of this player's home runs came off HOFers Jim Bunning and Don Drysdale. He scored 2 runs with only 2 plate appearances in the 1970 NLCS including the go-ahead run in the 10th inning of the first game after hitting a triple and the winning run in game 3. He batted 3 times in 3 games for the losing side in the 1970 World Series. Ty Cline

8. This catcher graduated from Chico High School in Chico, California. He played 9 years for the Phillies and 3 years for the Orioles as a backup behind the plate. With the Orioles, he did not play in either the 1969 ALCS against the Twins or the 1971 World Series. However, in the 1969 World Series, he was a perfect 2-for-2 in his team's loss to the Miracle Mets. He had a .233 career batting average. Clay Dalrymple

9. This righty, a graduate of William L. Dickinson High in Jersey City, New Jersey, put together a career 54-56 W-L log in a 6-year career for the Yankees and Kansas City Athletics. A 1956 All-Star selection, this pitcher is best remembered for his sole World Series win during the Yankees 1955-1958 World Series stretch (2 wins, 2 losses) - a 9-0, 3-hit masterpiece (2 by Duke Snider, and 1 by Carl Furillo) in game 7 of the 1956 World Series. Johnny Kucks

10. This shortstop and third baseman had an excellent 16-year career playing primarily for the Reds and Twins (1969-1971). He also played for the Rangers, Indians, and Angels. He was a 4-time All-Star for the Reds and a 1971 All-Star for the Twins. He amassed 1,725 career hits including 118 home runs. He was a native of Cuba. So, if you thought the theme had something to do with U.S. high schools, that is not the case. Leo Cardenas

Bonus

If you have not figured out the theme, this should help. This German-born hurler established a MLB record playing for 14 teams during his 17-year career. Those teams were the Dodgers, the Rays, the Tigers, the Diamondbacks, the White Sox, the Cardinals, the Nationals, the Cubs, the Braves, the Marlins, the Padres, the Orioles, the A's and the Blue Jays. Edwin Jackson

The Trivia Time theme: Possible very useful answers for the Immaculate Grid.

9. Next meetings: October 21 and November 18. October quiz master: Gene Gomes

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Central.