

## Halsey Hall Research Committee Zoom Meeting Agenda & Quiz Dec. 16, 2024 Merry Christmas!

Attendees (11): Stew Thornley, Art Mugalian, Bob Komoroski, Dave Lande, John Buckeye, Doug Skipper, Darryl Sannes, Gene Gomes, Terry Bohn, Rich Arpi, Ed Edmonds

Pre-meeting discourse: Rocky Colavito passing; Stew saw Colavito HR at the Met in 1968; he once had seven hits vs Yankees; we think he's more deserving than Dave Parker for HOF.

1. Things coming up in SABR for us:

Frank Viola Zoom Tuesday Dec. 17; Gene sent out chapter email per Doug Skipper's request. Chapter Leaders meeting Thursday Dec. 19 topic: SABR Day events by chapters.

2. SABR Day is Feb. 1, 2025: Bob K. will contact author Zac Ford for a chapter Zoom event.

3. Spring Chapter Meeting plans: Dan Evans will speak at our meeting on April 19.

4. Research Roundtable -Around the Horn

Research at the History Center: Rich visited recently.

Projects: John said he's interested in looking up "team dugout celebrations", not just for HRs, and maybe like the "thumbs down" by Yankee fans. Stew said he's about to give up the idea for a plaque for the Pillbox, but Dave Lande said he can help. Terry Bohn is looking into a KC Monarchs 1938 Negro League game in N. Dakota.

5. Other items

-Recent board group meeting:

Twitter and Bluesky are up, thanks Bob K. and John Buckeye; Gene said we need a new email and password for Twitter/X. SABR Halsey Hall has 5 followers on Bluesky, according to Bob K. Facebook has 315 and Twitter/X has 809, but no new posts since August 2023.

-Gene will contact Gary Gillette (Michigan chapter) and John Bonnes about date for next Five-Chapter Zoom meeting covering the 2025 Season Preview.

6. **Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of John Buckeye Theme: The Birds and Bees**

1. The original name of this franchise who now brags about having the "Best Fans in Baseball" [™] was originally the Perfectos, until the owner's wife commented on "what a lovely shade of [BLANK]" their socks were. **Cardinals** (actually they were originally the St. Louis Browns).

2. The current name of the triple A franchise which belonged to the Twins back in 2000 when it was named something slightly different (more 90's let's say), which fits with the state nickname for the state which their home city is the capital of. Salt Lake **Bees**. They were the "Buzz" from 1994 to 2000 and "Stingers" 2001-05. Utah is the Beehive State.

3. Hall of Fame pitcher for the Phillies throughout the 50's and 60s, who finished in the top 7 in MVP voting five times (but never won it, nor a Cy Young) and also finished only 14 games shy of 300 wins. **Robin Roberts**

4. The original franchise of this name was a dominant force in the 1890s and featured several Hall of Famers, before they moved to greener pastures. The next franchise to bear this name shares a division with their forebears, having moved to a new location after having been muscled out of their old home city by a team referenced earlier in this quiz. **Orioles**

5. Craig, Jeff, and Derek (two of whom became shoe-in Hall of Famers) had a group nickname for a team that would only see serious postseason success after switching leagues and ownership. What was that nickname? **The Killer B's**

6. Phenomenal rookie starter for the Detroit Tigers in 1976, this guy gained a reputation for talking to the ball, throwing a lot of innings, and just becoming an all-around weird guy. He flamed out after several years, but his nickname relates to this quiz's theme!  
Mark "**The Bird**" Fidrych.

7. Andy Pettitte did a testimonial at the end of his playing days for this hygiene brand, who were releasing their "...Men Plus Care" line of body washes, soaps, and shampoos. **Dove**

8. These almost delayed a game between the Dodgers and Diamondbacks on May 1 of this past season. But then a heroic specialist came in to save the day. It was not Jason Stathem. I don't think. A **swarm of bees**

9. This solid starter fits phonetically with the theme, having pitched for eight teams in his career and collected 35 WAR, with a respectable 109 career ERA+. His best years were with the A's, D-backs, and Angels, and he was finished by 2016. **Dan Haren**

Bonus: Before killing something with a pitch that could have fit in this theme, this pitcher was also known by a nickname that morphed into one we now know him by better (presumably because he was not a huge fan of the first one). He was a WS MVP, Cy Young winner, and Perfect Game thrower in his career. What was that original nickname? Randy "**Big Bird**" Johnson

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7. Next meetings: Jan. 20, 2025

Next trivia quizzer: Stew

8. Meeting adjourned at: 8:18