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SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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SABR Convention



Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig was the keynote speaker at the Society for American Baseball Research convention in Milwaukee. More than 20 members from Minnesota attended the convention. Ted Hathaway gave a research presentation and also had an article in the convention booklet, *Baseball in the Badger State*.

Upcoming Events

Fall Chapter Meeting

Former Kansas City Athletics pitcher Dave Theis will be one of the featured guests at the Halsey Hall Chapter Meeting on Saturday, October 13 at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights.

Hot Stove Saturday Morning

The next Hot Stove Saturday Morning will be August 4 at the usual location, Baker's Square at 66th and Xerxes in Richfield.

The after-breakfast event will be a tour of the baseball graves at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Research News

Bob Tholkes has been busy in the 19th century again and reports that additional information has been uncovered about Andrew M. Thompson, manager of the St. Paul team in the Union Association in 1884 and for years one of the SABR Biographical Committee's missing players. Committee member Peter Morris found that Thompson died February 17, 1895 in his home town of Pecatonica, Illinois.

Stadium Visits

Last April Chuck Blomquist stopped by The Diamond in Lake Elsinore, California, home of the Lake Elsinore Storm, a Padres farm team in the Class A California League. "It's a beautiful ballpark with a mission style clock tower and office area," Chuck says. "The staff were very friendly, gave us caps and pins and let us wander around the park. Afterward, my cousin-in-law said he now understood why I like to hang around these little ballparks." The next month, Chuck visited Le Stade de Quebec, home of Les Capitales de Quebec in Quebec City. "The ballpark was built in 1939 and was home to Boston Braves and Montreal Expos farm teams, among others, until 1977. It was remodeled in 1999 for Les Capitales, part of the Eastern Division of the Northern League. It's in Queen Victoria park near the oldest part of the city, a very pleasant setting."

Deano Thilgen, along with several local SABR members, attended a Columbus Clippers game in Columbus on June 22. They watched Brandon Knight strike out 10 in seven innings in a 9-1 win over the Rochester Red Wings. It was "Raggae Night" and the Clippers were clad in tie-dyed jerseys of bright yellow, blue, green, red, and orange. "The colors likely distracted the Red Wing batters," says Deano, "for the first hit of the night, a single off the bat of Calvin Pickering, did not come until the fourth."

Seth C. "Dr. Fan" Hawkins made it to the new ballparks in Milwaukee and Pittsburgh in June, the 65th and 66th major league stadiums at which he has attended a game.

While in Nebraska for a church conference, Jerry Janzen attended a Lincoln Saltdogs game at Haymarket Park. Jerry said he "witnessed a fine game won by Lincoln, 3-2, but more interestingly, saw a left-handed throwing catcher."

On the way to and from the National Sports Collectors Convention in Cleveland, Fred Buckland saw games in Peoria, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Akron, Cleveland, and Milwaukee.

Directory Update

Ted Hathaway has a new e-mail address:
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August Birthdays

16—Deano Thilgen (also Puddin' Head Jones, Jinho Cho, Roger Cedeño, Gene Brabender, Buck Rodgers, Gene Woodling, Bob Fothergill, Baby Doll Jacobson, Tiny Bonham, Fess Parker, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Frank Gifford, Kathie Lee Gifford, Madonna, and Julie "The Catwoman" Newmar)

22—Mendal Mearkle (also Carl Yastrzemski, Paul Molitor, Ned Hanlon, Urban Shocker, Happy Felsch, Hipolito Pichardo, and Norman Schwarzkopf)

Quicksteps

The Quicksteps performed in a vintage base ball exhibition at the SABR convention in Milwaukee and also split their scheduled matches in July, losing to the Litchfield Blues Alumni, 8-1, and beating the St. Croixs, 11-8.

The Quicksteps wrap up their season with matches on Sunday, August 12 vs. Rochester and the St. Croixs at the History Center Grounds in Rochester, starting at 10 a.m.; Monday, August 13 at 7 p.m. at the Fridley Historical Society Grounds; Saturday, August 18 at 11 a.m. at the Bartholomew House Grounds in Richfield, and Saturday, August 25 at 1 p.m. at Ojibway Park in Woodbury.

Calendar

August 4—Hot Stove Saturday Morning,
8:30 a.m., Baker's Square,
Sixty-Sixth and Xerxes, Richfield
Lakewood Cemetery Tour at 10 a.m.

October 13—Fall Chapter Meeting
United Community Methodist Church,
950 Gould Avenue, Columbia Heights
Registration at 8:30 a.m.



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