

# Mule Kicks

By Stew (Mule) Thornley

## John Sevcik Scheduled for Spring Chapter Meeting

Former Twins' catcher John Sevcik has tentatively agreed to be a featured guest at the Halsey Hall Spring Chapter Meeting on Saturday, April 20 at the Northeast Minneapolis Library, 2200 Central Avenue NE. John cautions us that work commitments may make it necessary to cancel.

A couple other former Twins remain possibilities for the future. Craig Kusick had agreed to participate in the April 20 meeting but then called back with apologies when he discovered his niece is getting married in Chicago the same day; however, "Mongo" said he'd be happy to attend one of our future meetings. Tom Lundstedt, a catcher for the Twins in 1975 and now a professional speaker, also would like to attend a meeting but, unfortunately, is not available in April.

The Spring Chapter Meeting will open with registration at 8:00 and follow the usual format of research presentations, Chapter business meeting (with the election of three new directors), player panel, and assorted other activities along with the Yankees-Twins game that night. Registration for the meeting is \$8 and tickets for the game \$11 each (the money must be in by March 27 to get a ticket for the game).

### Mearkle Touches First

Mendal Mearkle was the first to send in his 1996-97 dues. Renewal notices will be going out this spring, but you can beat the rush by sending a check for \$12, made out to the Halsey Hall Chapter—SABR, to Box 2020, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0020.

### Research Needs:

- Jim Price is seeking information about John Barnes, who was instrumental in the formation of the Northwestern League in the 1880s and later became a key figure in professional baseball on the Pacific Coast. If you can help, contact Jim at 124 W. 27th Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99203-1850, 509-624-1957.
- Marion Anderson (Rt. 2, Box 838A, Ogilvie, MN 56358) is interested in community baseball teams in Minnesota from the 1910s through the 1930s, specifically town teams in Isanti County, Walbo, Spring Vale, and Dalbo.

### Pete Hepokoski's "Suitcase Team"

#### Minnesota-Philadelphia

They wore the uniforms of both the Phillies and Twins:

1B-Vic Power	C-Tom Nieto
2B-Tommy Herr	RH Starter-Frank Sullivan
SS-Billy Consolo	LH Starter-Steve Carlton
3B-Ron Clark	RH Reliever-Johnny Klippstein
OF-Larry Hisle	LH Reliever-Shane Rawley
OF-Wally Post	Manager-Gene Mauch
OF-Elmer Valo	

## Howard Luloff: Your Sports Voice

Howard Luloff's voice is becoming a familiar one in athletic venues across Minnesota as he is doing more and more public-address announcing for a variety of sports. Howard first did this type of announcing for basketball games at Bloomington Jefferson High School when he was a student there. A couple of years ago, he spotted an article in the *Minneapolis StarTribune* stating that announcers were needed for the Class A Amateur Baseball Tournament. Howard called the number listed, auditioned over the phone, and had the opportunity to do a game between Roseville and St. Paul at Parade Stadium. It was that game that again got Howard hooked on public-address announcing. This past summer, Howard announced a dozen games for a national AAU youth baseball tournament in Burnsville and Lakeville as well as the Men's Masters National Fast Pitch Softball Tournament at Dred Scott Field in Bloomington.

Howard now stays busy with a variety of announcing opportunities. He did volleyball for St. Louis Park High in the fall and does sophomore basketball for them when it doesn't conflict with his regular duties as the basketball announcer for Trinity High School. In addition, he does St. Louis Park hockey. Over the holidays, Howard announced a youth basketball tournament at Target Center and in early February traveled to St. Cloud for a hockey tournament.

When he has the chance, he likes to scout the teams and players that he'll later be announcing. "If there's one thing that's essential in public-address announcing," he says, "it's preparation."

Howard has a number of applications out for baseball announcing for 1996 and even got an offer from a minor-league team—the Helena Brewers of the Pioneer League. Howard declined, though, explaining that, "Western Montana is a little too long a commute."

Eastern Montana wouldn't be much better, Howard.

### Cow Chips

Jerry Janzen heard Dave Pallone speak on his experiences as a National League umpire and losing his job after being outed . . . David Gregory, another son of Stretch, has landed a small part (a Munchkin?) in a local production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Meanwhile, Stephen Gregory is recovering from his broken collarbone. As for Stretch, he's been corresponding via e-mail with Giants' third-base coach Wendall Kim.

### Directory Changes:

Dana Marshall has a new address: 4810 Highway 7, St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416 (same phone as before). As of February 9, the new address and phone number for Brenda Himrich and S. Mule Thornley will be 1082 Lovell Avenue, Roseville, Minnesota 55113-4419, phone 415-0791.