

draft moved along slowly. Very slowly. Initially, managers had fifteen minutes to make a selection. By the third round, however, commissioner Jim Wheeler realized that, at the rate this drama was unfolding, the 1955 rookies would not be doled out until 2001. Thus, Commissioner Wheeler imposed a five-minute time limit for each manager's pick for the duration of the draft. By the fifth round, very little of value was left anyway. A flip of a coin could have been used to assign the remaining "talent" to each team: Heads you lose; tails you don't win. Still, these guys had come prepared, and, by Abner Doubleday, they were going to take their full five minutes to chose between Lino Donoso and Webbo Clarke.

Poor John Turnbull! Serving as the operator standing by for the draft, John had to pronounce the names of dozens of ball players, many of whom barely qualified for a cup of coffee in the majors. Ever tried to say "Wiesler," "Chakales," "Giel," and "Mrozinski" after sitting in an upstairs room with twelve large, sweaty bodies for five stressful hours?

John's contributions to the league's success were not limited to answering the phone, however. Upon his arrival at East Boone Street in Frankfort, Indiana, each manager received a professional-looking 1954 yearbook, complete with World Series results, final stats, rookie lists for the next four seasons, and John's own "Bermanisms":
Ken CHEF Boyer DEE; Bill BEAST OF Virdon; Hank ALUMINUM

Foiles; Carl Erskine YOU SHALL RECEIVE; and, of course,
Al GUNS AND Rosen.

So, whom did the fourteen Seasons Past League managers
select with their first-round draft picks? The following
is a list of 1955 rookies drafted by the managers:

<u>First</u>	Roberto Clemente	Toronto Titans	George Kaldis
<u>Second</u>	Ken Boyer	Gurnee Falcons	Frank Papp
<u>Third</u>	Dick Groat	Dayton Flyers	Jim Wheeler
<u>Fourth</u>	Dick Donovan	Pacific Cascades	Lou Ross
<u>Fifth</u>	Harmon Killebrew	Nebraska Knights	John Turnbull
<u>Sixth</u>	Elston Howard	Dayton Flyers ^{Ducks}	Jeff Nicholson
<u>Seventh</u>	Jim Bunning	Quartz Hill Wind	Mike Cascarano
<u>Eighth</u>	Hector Lopez	Evanston Black Sox	John Ungashick
<u>Ninth</u>	Gus Triandos	Dayton Flyers	Jim Wheeler
<u>Tenth</u>	Bill Virdon	Rossville Cubs	Rick Ryan
<u>Eleventh</u>	Larry Jackson	Dayton Ducks	Jeff Nicholson
<u>Twelfth</u>	Elroy Face	Lafayette Blue Sox	Steve Ehresman
<u>Thirteenth</u>	Frank Lary	Mountain Park Minors	Vern Easley
<u>Fourteenth</u>	Sandy Koufax	Heartland Bluebirds	Andy Langert

Approximately five and a half hours after it had begun, the
1955 rookie draft for the Seasons Past League came to an
end. Each manager left with a full roster of thirty-two
active players (Players serving in the military do not count
toward the thirty-two man limit.). Several managers left
the draft with the swagger of serious pennant contenders,
confident that their decisions had shaped their teams into
powerhouses. A few left with nagging doubts about their

personnel, hoping that future draft days would treat them more kindly. All, however, left with the feeling that the day had been special because people who had once been only voices on the telephone were now friends.

If a mail league has excellent managers, it will survive for many mythical summers of punching computer keys or rolling dice. The Seasons Past League is fortunate to have fourteen super managers at the key boards. Also, managers in a mail league must keep two rules in mind, one for managing at home and one for preparing instructions for the road. The home manager must live by the Golden Rule of Mail Leagues: "Don't manage the visiting team DUMBER than you manage your own." The visiting manager, when preparing his teams' instructions, must live by the KISS rule: "Keep it simple, stupid!" As the Seasons Past League enters its second year, the future looks "simply golden."

1955 SEASONS PAST ROOKIE DRAFT JULY 17,1993

ROUND 1		ROUND 2		ROUND 3		ROUND 4		ROUND 5	
1 TITANS	CLEMENTE	1 TITANS	S.JONES	1 TITANS	CROWE	1 TITANS	CHITI	1 TITANS	MONZANT
2 FALCONS	K.BOYER	2 TIGERS	LONG	2 FALCONS	C.JOHNSON	2 TIGERS	MEYER	2 FALCONS	D.HOWELL(P)
3 FLYERS	GROAT	3 CASCADES	SIMPSON	3 TIGERS	FOYTACK	3 CASCADES	ARROYO	3 TIGERS	HILLMAN
4 CASCADES	DONOVAN	4 SAXONS	KLAUS	4 CASCADES	ZAUCHIN	4 SAXONS	ROEBUCK	4 CASCADES	BLACK
5 KNIGHTS	KILLEBREW	5 FALCONS	H.SMITH	5 KNIGHTS	RICHARDSON	5 FALCONS	MAAS	5 KNIGHTS	HARRIS
6 DUCKS	HOWARD	6 BLK.SOX	SCORE	6 SAXONS	SCHMIDT	6 BLU.SOX	FOILES	6 SAXONS	DYCK
7 WIND	BUNNING	7 KNIGHTS	RAMOS	7 WIND	PHILLIPS	7 KNIGHTS	MARTIN	7 WIND	G.STEPHENS
8 BLK.SOX	LOPEZ	8 WIND	KLINE	8 BLU.SOX	FREEMAN	8 WIND	GROSS	8 BLU.SOX	HALE
9 FLYERS	TRIANDOS	9 CUBS	STURDIVANT	9 DUCKS	CL.BOYER	9 CUBS	SUSCE	9 FLYERS	SPEAKE
10 CUBS	VIRDON	10 DUCKS	G.FREESE	10 CUBS	WIGHT	10 DUCKS	CAUSEY	10 CUBS	PALYS
11 DUCKS	L.JACKSON	11 FLYERS	MOORE	11 SAXONS	SHANTZ	11 FLYERS	SPOONER	11 DUCKS	BAUMANN
12 BLU.SOX	FACE	12 BLU.SOX	KUCKS	12 DUCKS	KING	12 BLK.SOX	ROGOVIN	12 BLK.SOX	VALDIVIELSO
13 MINORS	LARY	13 MINORS	CRAIG	13 MINORS	THURMAN	13 MINORS	J.PHILLIPS	13 MINORS	N.KING
14 BLUEBIRDS	KOUFAX	14 BLUEBIRDS	DELOCK	14 BLUEBIRDS	BESSENT	14 BLUEBIRDS	NEGRAY	14 BLUEBIRDS	PAULA

ROUND 6		ROUND 7		ROUND 8		ROUND 9		ROUND 10	
1 TITANS	MINARCIN	1 TITANS	WEISLER	1 TITANS	CHAKALES	1 TITANS	CECCARELLI	1 TITANS	GEO.FREESE
2 TIGERS	TANNER	2 FALCONS	BRIDEWESER	2 TIGERS	V.STEPHENS	2 FALCONS	COLEMAN	2 TIGERS	RASCHI
3 CASCADES	JOOST	3 TIGERS	BIRRER	3 CASCADES	M.SMITH	3 TIGERS	SCHALLOCK	3 CASCADES	FLOWERS
4 SAXONS	AGGANIS	4 CASCADES	DALEY	4 SAXONS	THORNBERRY	4 CASCADES	WADE	4 SAXONS	B.KLINE
5 FALCONS	H.ROBINSON	5 KNIGHTS	EVERS	5 FALCONS	UMPHLETT	5 KNIGHTS	PORTER	5 FALCONS	SCHULTZ
6 BLU.SOX	GIEL	6 SAXONS	J.O'BRIEN	6 BLU.SOX	CRISTANTE	6 SAXONS	KORCHECK	6 BLU.SOX	WHITE
7 KNIGHTS	SMALLEY	7 WIND	WOOLDRIDGE	7 KNIGHTS	HARRINGTON	7 WIND	CORWIN	7 KNIGHTS	MONTEMAYOR
8 WIND	DENTE	8 BLU.SOX	PAINE	8 WIND	RENNA	8 BLU.SOX	FRAZIER	8 WIND	TIEFENAUER
9 CUBS	SANTIAGO	9 FLYERS	TREMEL	9 CUBS	ORAVETZ	9 FLYERS	HOWELL-C	9 CUBS	ALTOBELLI
10 DUCKS	BLAYLOCK	10 CUBS	TAPPE	10 DUCKS	ABERNATHY	10 CUBS	ELLIOTT	10 DUCKS	BATTS
11 FLYERS	M.MARTIN	11 DUCKS	MEJIAS	11 FLYERS	WHISENANT	11 DUCKS	JACOBS	11 FLYERS	KRYHOSKI
12 BLK.SOX	BURBRINK	12 BLK.SOX	E.O'BRIEN	12 BLK.SOX	MALMBERG	12 BLK.SOX	GORBUS	12 BLK.SOX	SAFFELL
13 MINORS	CASTLEMAN	13 MINORS	B.TAYLOR	13 MINORS	SLEATER	13 MINORS	DINOSO	13 MINORS	FRIEND
14 BLUEBIRDS	BY.SHANTZ	14 BLUEBIRDS	STEPHENSON	14 BLUEBIRDS	PETERSON	14 BLUEBIRDS	ROIG	14 BLUEBIRDS	BOLGER

ROUND 11		ROUND 12		ROUND 13	
1 TITANS	DELIS	1 TITANS	NELSON	1 DUCKS	CLARKE
2 FALCONS	MERRIMAN	2 TIGERS	SAIN	2 BLK.SOX	GASTALL
3 TIGERS	EDWARDS	3 CASCADES	VALENTINE		
4 CASCADES	SCHOOMAKE	4 SAXONS	PASS		
5 KNIGHTS	SILVERA	5 FALCONS	MCDONALD		
6 SAXONS	COAN	6 BLU.SOX	C.KING		
7 WIND	SUDER	7 KNIGHTS	CLARK		
8 BLU.SOX	MELE	8 WIND	WESTLAKE		
9 FLYERS	MCCULLOUGH	9 CUBS	WADE		
10 CUBS	PYBURN	10 DUCKS	CD.BOYER		
11 DUCKS	KIPPER	11 FLYERS	PASS		
12 BLK.SOX	WRIGHT	12 BLK.SOX	J.COLEMAN		
13 MINORS	JOHNSON	13 MINORS	MROZINSKI		
14 BLUEBIRDS	LITRELL	14 BLUEBIRDS	PILLETTE		