

A RELATED REPORT ON THE FLY-BY-NIGHT'S 1975 DRAFTING OF PLAYERS

Well better late than never I guess is this report on the 1975 draft. At first I planned to publish this in the March newsletter, but I never had time. I also felt that time was getting along and it would seem worthless to publish this at this late date, but the persistence of Steve Walters has paid off. Steve, who has been asking for a list of the draft now has it as well as everyone else.

The draft for the Fly-By-Night was a very unique one in my opinion. Instead of designating certain teams having first choice to a certain group of players, the managers themselves decided on what position they would like to draft from at what time and also their choice of players for each position as they were available. The draft I believe took the commissioner "out of it", in other words I made little choice in what players you chose, I merely (along with Randy Poppe, who helped me with the draft) just read who you wanted and when and gave him to your team, or whoever was available that you wanted.

I will not go into deciding which players could be drafted for which positions, for I did this according to which position was listed first on their card. This caused some confusion but not a whole lot. The second part which confused several managers was that there were 25 positions to be drafted, listing for example "Starting Pitcher" only provided you with 1, but "Starting Pitcher" had to be listed as many times as you wanted one. Also the distinction between regular and reserve players was a hard decision to make - National League players had several foul-ups and if only some of these players would have had a few more at bats it would have made things a lot easier for me.

Probably the most important thing or most noticeable thing I did in the draft was selecting the priority of teams. That is, if two teams wanted the same position drafted at the same time, and also wanted the same player, the team with priority would get him and the next team would get the next player on the list. Actually the priority system only had to be used maybe 10 times at the most during the drafting of over 400 players. You managers did the job yourselves. The priorities were achieved by random, each team getting 1st priority in 3 rounds, 2nd priority in 3 rounds, etc and a new rotation every 8 rounds. The 25th round had a new rotation also.

Here's how the draft went. If there are any questions about it, feel free to ask, I no longer have the manager's draft list, I threw them out and also my mind has forgotten some, so still feel free to ask about it,

- 1st Round-Amer. Lan-Ryan sp, TC-Jackson rf, Mon-Hunter sp, Fla-Grich 2b, Kal Jenkins sp, Chi Wood sp, Cal Perry sp, Ida Tiant sp
-Nat. Mur Cedeno cf, Gal Morgan 2b, WJ Capra sp, Pun Bench c, PE McGlothen sp, Car Cash 2b, Tal May c, Haw Millan 2b
- 2nd Round-Amer. Ida Gamble lf, Lan Burroughs rf, TC Lyle rp, Mon Blyleven sp, Fla Tanana sp, Kal Evans rf, Chi Orta 2b, Cal Murphy rp
-Nat. Haw Concepcion ss, Mur Bowa ss, Gal Matlack sp, WJ Lopes 2b, Pun Smith rf, PE Hernandez ss, Car Metzger ss, Tal Madro sp
- 3rd Round-Amer. Cal Harrah ss, Ida Miller rp, Lan Hargrove 1b, TC Kaat sp, Mon Terry sp, Fla Kendrick cf, Kal Foucault rp, Chi Palmer sp
-Nat. Tal Oliver cf, Haw Messersmith sp, Mur Simmons c, Gal Rooker sp, Pun Sutton sp, WJ Brasell ss, PE Germino cf, Car Carr rf
- 4th Round-Amer. ~~Cal~~ Johnson sp, Cal Carow 2b, Ida Guellar sp, Lan Fisk cf, TC Belanger
Mon Munson c, Fla Spikes rf, Kal Campaneris ss
-Nat. Car Buckner lf, Tal Carlton sp, Haw Sanguillen c, Mur Seaver sp, Gal Marshall rp, WJ House rp, Pun Stennett 2b, PE Diarker sp
- 5th Round-Amer. Kal Blue sp, Chi Dent ss, Cal Money 3b, Ida Randle 2b, Lan Nelson 2b, TC Lindblad rp, Mon Grimalley sp, Fla Mayberry 1b
-Nat. PE Schmidt 3b, Car Madlock 3b, Tal Helms 2b, Haw Murray rp, Mur Rader 3b, Gal Barr sp, WJ Garvey 1b, Pun Evans 3b
- 6th Round-Amer. Fla Lownstein lf, Kal Henderson cf, Chi Busby sp, Cal Healy c, Ida Allen 1b, Lan Madich sp, TC Fitzmorris sp, Mon Scott 1b
-Nat. Pun Lomborg sp, PE Rader c, Car Folkers rp, Tal Garber rp, Haw Montanes 3b, Mur Carroll rp, Gal Monday cf, WJ Rose lf

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- 7th Round-Amer. Mon Holtzman sp, Fla Slaton sp, Kal Sundberg c, Chi Rivers cf,
Cal Hassler sp, Ida Dobson sp, Ian Rudl lf, TC Doyle 2b
-Nat. WJ John sp, Pun Taylor rp, PE Gross rf, Car Blair sp, Tal Robinson cr,
Haw Caldwell sp, Mur Morales lf, Gal Reitz 3b
- 8th Round-Amer. TC Garland rp, Mon Rojas 2b, Fla Kobel sp, Kal Yastrzemski lf,
Chi McNally sp, Gal Lelich sp, Ida Fingers rp, Ian Decker sp
-Nat. Gal Grote cr, WJ Foote c, Pun Perez lb, PE Torre lb, Car Gannon rp,
Tal Gullett sp, Haw Krabesky rp, Mur Bonds rf
- 9th Round-Amer. Cal Piniella lf, Kal Freehan lb, Chi Melton 3b, Ian Maddox cf,
Fla Blomberg ofr, TC May sp, Mon Kingori xp, Ida Otic cf
-Nat. Tal Zisk rf, WJ Forsch rp, Haw Crawford rf, Gal Jorgensen ofr,
Mur Sizemore 2b, Car Brett sp, Pun Kessinger ss, PE Perez 2b
- 10th Round-Amer. Ida Lee sp, Cal Ellis lf, Kal Campbell rp, Chi Forster rp,
Lan Moret sp, Fla Washington ofr, TC Tenach lb, Mon Patek ss
-Nat. PE Morton sp, Tal B'Acquisto sp, WJ Coy 3b, Haw McBride cf,
Gal Harrelson ifr, Mur Koosman sp, Car Leon rp, Pun Wynn cf
- 11th Round-Amer. Mon Reynolds rp, Ida Darwin rf, Cal North cf, Kal Brown sp, Chi
Hermann ofr, Lan Yount ifr, Fla LaFlore ofr, TC Jackson rp
-Nat. Pun Stargell lf, PE Aaron ofr, Tal Brock lf, WJ Cardenal rf, Haw
Watson lf, Mur Kirby sp, Car Ellis sp
- 12th Round-Amer. TC Drago sp, Mon Robinson 3b, Ida Nettles 3b, Cal Murcer rf,
Kal Pando 3b, Chi Cooper lb, Lan Wallace rp, Fla Nettles ofr
-Nat. Car Forshh sp, Pun Williams rp, PE Jones lf, WJ Wilson sp, Tal Niezko
Haw Norman sp, Gal Reuss sp, Mur Griffin sp
- 13th Round-Amer. Fla Bechte ifr, TC Baylor lf, Mon Tovar lf, Ida Dal Canton sp,
Cal Bixd rp, Kal Sutherland 2b, Chi Duskey rp, Lan Horton ofr
-Nat. Mur Milner lb, Car Grubb of, Pun Rogers sp, PE Reed sp, Tal May lb,
WJ Hernandez rp, Haw Roberts sp, Gal Renko sp
- 14th Round-Amer. Ian Williams c, Fla Dumbry ofr, TC Sprague rp, Mon Stanton rf,
Ida Upshaw rp, Cal Bradford ofr, Kal Singer sp, Chi McDaniel rp
-Nat. Gal Breialeben sp, Mur Montague rp, Cal Yeager c, Pun Jones sp,
PE Zamora rp, Tal Rau sp, WJ Davis cf, Haw Bailey 3b
- 15th Round-Amer. Chi Splittorf sp, Ian Duffy ss, Fla Forter c, TC Blair cf,
Mon Brye cf, Ida Brinkman ss, Cal Burleson ifr, Kal Rodriguez rp
-Nat. Haw Giusti sp, Gal Lintz ifr, Mur Parker ofr, Car Zahn sp,
Pun Ontivaros ifr, PE Hough rp, Tal Helmar 3b, WJ Schueler sp
- 16th Round-Amer. Kal Miller ofr, Chi Downing cf, Lan Bibby sp, Fla Borgmann cf,
TC Fosse cr, Mon Garbo ofr, Ida Dancan c, Cal Champion sp
-Nat. WJ Aber rp, Haw Kison sp, Gal Griffey ofr, Mur Thornton ifr,
Car Ruthvan sp, Pun Kranespool ofr, PE Kingman ifr, Tal Miller rp
- 17th Round-Amer. WJ Petrocelli 3b, Cal Rodriguez cr, Mon Brohamer 2hr, Fla Valentine 1
Kal Davis dh, Lan Hood rp, Ida LaHoud ofr, Chi Moses cr
-Nat. Gal Berigon rp, WJ Sadecki sp, Mur Johnson c, Pun Cosgrove rp,
PE Gibson sp, Tal Billingham sp, Haw Curtis sp, Car Johnstone ofr
- 18th Round-Amer. Chi Griffin ifr, TC Beniquez ofr, Cal Hands sp, Mon Sharp ofr,
Fla Pagan sp, Kal Moore cr, Lan Bull 3b, Ida Alou ofr
-Nat. Car Foster ofr, Gal Bonham sp, WJ Tolan ofr, Mur Torres sp,
Pun Kirkpatrick ifr, PE Sosa rp, Tal Corral cr, Haw Hitterwald cr
- 19th Round-Amer. Ida Cowans ofr, Chi Johnson lf, TC McGraw ifr, Cal Muser ifr,
Mon Thompson ifr, Fla Moran sp, Kal Spencer ifr, Lan Griewe ofr
-Nat. Haw Taylor ifr, Car Cruz ofr, Gal Robertson ifr, WJ Todd rp,
Mur Apodaca rp, Pun Rudolph cr, PE Moffitt rp, Tal Office ofr
- 20th Round-Amer. Ian Alomar ifr, Ida Solaita ifr, Chi Colborn sp, TC Stanley ofr,
Cal Lemanczyk rp, Mon Etchebarren cr, Fla Gossage rp, Kal Bonds ofr,
-Nat. Tal Hutton ifr, Haw Brown ofr, Car Paciorek ofr, Gal Anderson ofr,
WJ Milbourne ifr, Mur Robinson ofr, Pun Luzinski ofr, PE Lum ifr
- 21st Round-Amer. Kal Acosta rp, Lan Odom rp, Ida Oglivie ifr, Chi Gregosi ifr,
TC Verysar ifr, Cal Hamilton sp, Mon Michael ifr, Fla Pole sp
-Nat. WJ Oates cr, Tal Murrell ofr, Haw Goodson ifr, Car Auerbach ifr,
Cal Hill cr, Mur Martinez ifr, Pun Stone sp,

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- 22nd Round-Fla Stanhouse rp, Kal Goltz sp, Len Terrell ifr, Ida Northrup ofr,
Chi Kelly rf, TC Lane ofr, Cal Ilenas ofr, Mon Segui rp
-Nat. Pun Hooten sp, PE Rettenmund ofr, Tal Tavera ifr, Haw Hahn ofr,
Car McMullen ifr, Gal Kendall c, WJ Arnold ifr, Mur Miller ifr
- 23rd Round-Amer. Mon Oliva dh, Fla Sells rp, Kal Powell ifr, Ian Coluccio ofr,
Ida Blackwell cr, Chi Hairston ofr, TC Montgomery cr, Cal Cardenas ifr
-Nat. Mur Parker rp, Pun Walker rp, PE Watt rp, Tal Lacy ifr
Haw Fuentes ifr, Car Chaney ifr, Gal McCovey 1b, WJ Dwyer ofr
- 24th Round-Amer. Gal Nettles ofr, Mon Mitchell ofr, Fla McGrae 3b, Kal Oliver ifr,
Ian Fuller ofr, Ida Choice waived, Chi Lee ofr, TC Cater ifr
-Nat. WJ Rosello ifr, Mur Carroll rp, Pun Grabarkewitz ifr, PE Harris ifr,
Tal Melendez ofr, Haw Choice waived, Car Boone c, Gal Baker rf
- 25th Round-Kal Schaal ifr, Fla Mason ss, Chi Meoli ifr, Gal Kubiak ifr, TC Hogan ifr,
Ian Santo ifr, Mon Sharon ofr, Ida Choice waived
-Nat. Pun Koideman ifr, PE Choice waived, WJ Mota ofr, Car Johnson 1b,
Haw Choice waived, Tal Foster ifr, Mur Thompson ofr, Gal Speier ss

TRADE-The following trade was supposed to have taken place for Series 11:

TALLAHASSEE (T. Warfel) sent Greg Gross to TRI CITY (S. Baker) for Juan Beniquez

November

CHICAGO sent Cecil Cooper, Dave Goltz and Paul Spittorff to KALAMAZOO for Steve Garvey and Kalamazoo's 5th Round Pick

PUNXSATANNEY sent Johnny Bench and Punxsatanneys 3rd Round Pick to GALACTIC for Rick Monday, Jerry Grote and Galactic's 8th Round Pick

NEW YORK sent Tito Fuentes, Bake McBride and New York's 1st Round Pick to TALLAHASSEE for Bill Hickro and Durt Hooten

CHICAGO sent Chris Chambliss, Carlos May and Chicago's 2nd Round Pick to LANCASTER for Nolan Ryan

CAROLINA sent Dave Cash, Rusty Staub, Mike Garman, Ralph Garr and Carolina's 5th and 6th Round Picks to PONY EXPRESS for Dave Kingman, Andy Thornton, Dave Radz, Don Carrithers and Pony Express' 1st and 2nd Round Picks

LANCASTER sent Jeff Burroughs, Doc Medich and Tom Grieve to KALAMAZOO for Ron Cey and Steve Foucault

CHICAGO sent Ed Herrman, Bill Melton and Doug Griffin to CAROLINA for Dan Briessen and Dock Ellis

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CAROLINA (G. Ittenbach) sent Carolina's 15th Round Draft Choice to TRI CITY (S. Baker) for Doug Griffin

CAROLINA (G. Ittenbach) sent Andy Thornton to TRI CITY (S. Baker) for Rudy May and Paul Lindblad

CAROLINA (G. Ittenbach) sent John Grubb, Ken Brett, Ed Herrmann, Rich Folkers, Carolina's 1st and 2nd Round Draft Choices to CALCUTTA (J. Jurgensen) for Gaylord Perry and Calcutta's 1st and 2nd Round Draft Picks