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a newsletter for those who appreciate the hobby of card collecting

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THE BEST JOB OF ALL?

Mark Shelton interviews George Hewitt, minor league beat writer for "Dodger Dugout," a publication of the Los Angeles Dodgers

FCO: How did you get involved in the hobby?

GH: In 1990, I started the greatest hobby in the world. I became the beat writer for a small newspaper called, "Dodger Dugout". It is a paper for Dodger "nuts" and player parents. It also keeps track of all teams in the Dodger system. I write a biweekly column on the Bakersfield Dodgers. My son and I see about 60 games a year as we travel up and down California. We are allowed on the field before and after the games. We are also allowed in the club house and the press box. My son is developmentally disabled and the trips are special for both of us.

FCO: Are there any special personalities that stand out from the interviews you've done?

GH: I have done many interviews in my four years, and the one that stands out most is the one I did on Steve Boros. Steve was the director of the Dodgers minor league operations. He had a reputation of being a great baseball mind, but colorless. I found him to be anything BUT colorless. He went out of his way to help me get a good interview. The best part may have been after the interview, he let me hold his World Series Championship ring!

FCO: When did you first start collecting Baseball Cards?

GH: I started collecting cards as a kid, and can remember buying bubble gum cards with every nickel my parents gave me. I would be looking for any Dodger or Mickey Mantle card. Even then, I traded away all cards that were not Dodgers or Mickey.

I had many good cards and was surprisingly careful with my cards. However, I was a "Navy brat" and we moved a lot, and I lost all my cards. At the time I was upset, but it was not that big a deal to me as I could get more cards - right? WRONG!

FCO: What kind of cards do you collect?

GH: I am not a collector of cards in the sense that I think most people are. I only collect cards of people I have met or teams that I like. My collection is not a hobby or an investment. My collection is more like a memory of good friends.

FCO: Do you have any favorite cards?

GH: My most complete collection are my Mike Piazza rookie cards. My two most prized card are a 1964 Sandy Koufax, and a K-Mart 20th Anniversary Topps card (#42) of Don Drysdale.

FCO: We'll bet your favorite team is the Dodgers, right?

GH: I am a long time Dodger fan. I started rooting for the Dodgers in 1947 as a six year old kid. Later that same year, I also started rooting for the Rams. In 1950, as a nine year old, I started cheering for the Celtics, and added my final team in 1980, rooting for the North... oops!, Lone Stars. Only in 1980, they were the California Seals, then the Barrons, then the North Stars, and finally the Lone Stars. My collection of "junk", as my

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BOWMAN PROOF CARDS

by Dave Hornish

For those of you who think I write about nothing but Topps cards, I am pleased to present some tidbits on 1952 and 53 Bowman proof cards and some 1956 prototypes. 1952 was an interesting time to collect baseball cards, mainly due to the first major offering from Topps. Except for some brief incursions into the scene by Topps in 1949 and 1951, Bowman had the baseball card market pretty much to itself from 1948 to 1951, but in 1952 Topps caught them napping in a big way with their landmark 407 card set.

Seeing their market share take a rather large dip, Bowman did some experimenting in the summer of 1952 and printed a sheet of 18 cards, featuring various cards from that year's small set, but "jumboized" to 2 1/2 by 3 3/4 inches. These cards are black and white and do not have a facsimile autograph on the front and are blank backed. Of the 18 cards, I have been able to identify seven: Berra, Thomson, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hooper, Mapes and Wynn. To say these are rare is an understatement along the lines of "Bill Gates is pretty well off."

Obviously, Bowman was preparing for the 1953 color set when they prepared these proofs and they responded to the challenge laid down by Topps by producing a classic set. In preparing the aesthetically stunning 53's however, they did what card manufacturer's have been doing for over eighty years and composed a series of pre production proofs to check the cards before they were issued.

Four 1953 color proofs are known: Slaughter, Spahn, Fain and an action shot that has been named by *Baseball Cards Magazine* as "Play at the Plate." The Slaughter card is identical to the issued variety, but the Spahn is a completely different shot. The Ferris Fain proof is unique, since Bowman didn't issue a card of him that year, making it likely Topps had Burrhead under exclusive contract. Remember, 1953 was the first year Topps and Bowman started threatening legal action against each other and Topps had to pull six cards from its set when it discovered Bowman had the players depicted thereon under contract. The Fain card must have been pulled by Bowman, because he appears only on Topps cards from 1953 on. It's possible that he was the first casualty of the bubble gum wars, though as the six "phantom" Topps cards are high numbers and ol' Ferris never made it onto a Bowman pasteboard. "The Play at the Plate" card would have been interesting as an issued specimen, but for reason we'll never know, it was pulled.

In 1955, prior to being bought out by Topps, Bowman produced three prototype cards for 1956 and even a market study to determine which design they should use. Clem Koshorek was, for some reason, featured on the prototypes, which resemble a) a 1958 Hires Root Beer card, b) a hybrid 53 Bowman photo atop the text block of a 1958 Hires card and c) a 1962 Topps football card, but with two equal size photos

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Moonlight's CONLON CORNER

This column might seem a little hastily put together. You see, I just opened up my first box of 1994 Conlon cards and really want to get back to them. I would like to share my favorite photos; unfortunately, I only have enough space for a few:

#25 Hughie Jennings (COLOR) - Doing his famous "Ee-Yah" yell. Craziest thing. Now colorized, he leaps right in your lap.

#1000 Ty Cobb - Conlon's most famous photo of them all, Cobb stealing third over Jimmie Austin at New York's Hilltop Park. Dirt flying, spikes up, teeth clenched - this photo epitomizes Cobb. Looking back to my youth, I recall it being this photo that captivated my love for early baseball (If you don't believe me, then ask my son, Ty!).

#1075 The Polo Grounds - See this card and you have to dream of being at that 1934 All-Star game. There were over 25 future Hall of Famers there that day.

#1165 Johnny Evers - He measured at 5'9" and 125 pounds. That bat looks awful heavy on him.

#1219 Honus Wagner - While I think the picture of Hans is great, it's the empty stands in the background that I noticed. Maybe everyone was out trying to find his baseball card!

#1290 Bunny Brief - Yes, that's his name. Would you believe that's what he changed it to?! Was there something worse?!

There's more great photos... plenty more... and the stories too. I've got some cards to get back to! C'ya!

If you would like to get on Megacards mailing list for a free Conlon product catalog and other offerings, call them toll-free at 1-800-396-3214. Tell 'em Moonlight sent you!

Moonlight

Want to know more about Conlons & old-time ballplayers? Send questions to Moonlight's Conlon Corner, Dept. FCO, P. O. Box 340546, Milwaukee, WI 53234.

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FCO's 1st Annual Tops & Flops Prognostication Contest

The dawn of a new baseball season is upon us. Teams have taken the field in new ballparks, experts from all walks of life are predicting stardom for the next rookie phenom and the rocking chair for many grizzled veterans.

FCO wants to know what you, our loyal readers think. We want to know your picks and pans for success and failure for baseball's 125th Anniversary.

We know FCO readers are knowledgeable fans, so we're making this a little tougher. We don't just want to know the best and worst, we want to know the players who will have the largest increase and decrease in the contest categories.

Each entry who correctly predicts a winner in any of the 20 categories will receive a baseball card of that player (subject to availability). The entries with the most correct answers will win one of several grand and glorious prizes, which have not been officially secured as of press time. In case of a tie, the earliest postmarked entry will be deemed the winner.

Batting

- Batting Average
- Hits
- Home Runs
- RBI

Managing

- First Fired
- First Hired

Starting Pitching

- Wins
- ERA
- Strikeouts

Relief Pitching

- Saves

* Batters must have had a minimum of 502 plate appearances in both 1993 and 1994.

Starting pitchers must pitch a minimum of 162 innings in both 1993 and 1994. Relief pitchers must make a minimum of 50 appearances in each season.

Statistics will be based on official American and National league statistics for both 1993 and 1994.

Deadline for entries is June 30, 1994

BOWMAN PROOF CARDS (from Page 1)

The one that looks like a 58 Hires is almost a dead ringer and I wonder if George Moll, the ad man who masterminded much of Bowman's success, had anything to do with the Hires set.

While Bowman's test and proof cards are no match for those produced by Topps, they are historically significant and let us catch a glimpse of the metamorphosing baseball card market of the mid 1950's. Should you ever run across one, consider yourself fortunate in the extreme.

A correction: last issue's article on Topps Punchboards had about five paragraphs that are floating around in cyberspace somewhere and didn't make it into the pages of FCO. The missing paragraphs are reprinted here in their entirety.

This set is another example of what I call a "Gelman job." To refresh your memory, Woody Gelman was Topps art director and he had a baseball card store on the side. He also liked to catalogue Topps' issues and one of the existing test punchboards has tape running down one side where it was pasted into his personal album of samples!

It's possible this set was never released to the public, or was only marketed at a few select locations. Topps liked to test cards near their headquarters in Brooklyn and sometimes only a box or two made it out of the factory and into the hands of the public. I like to think that Gelman managed to latch onto a box of everything Topps produced, which is plausible, but no wrappers have been reported for these cards, which probably either means 1) no official release or 2) release in Fun Packs. Fun Packs came out every Halloween and contained a variety

of Topps offerings. Designed to move product that had outlived its shelf life or was not deemed worthy of regular packaging and distribution, Fun Packs were initiated in 1966, I do believe.

There is much confusion regarding Topps Punchboards and the reference sources I have indicate years of issue from 1967 to 1969, but the inclusion of Bobby Richardson, who retired in 1966, makes it virtually certain the year of this test issue is 1966. This is further confirmed by the year of issue for the "regular" set, which I believe was released in 1967.

Now, I love a good hobby mystery, but the 1967 Topps Punchboards gave me fits. Unlike their test issue ancestor, these cards have only one small player photo in the upper left, showing the "team captain." A lineup of nine players runs down the card and each has punch out cells to the right of the name. The team captain is shown in the lineup as well, which includes one name for each position. Once I figured out the test issue was from 1966, I had to determine why Sandy Koufax was in *this* set, when he retired in 1966. I started by looking at the packaging.

Rack style packs have been known in the hobby for some time as being issued in '67, but wax packs (featuring Mickey Mantle, by the way) were thought to have been issued in 1968. Since these cards are unaccountably scarce, I had to work off an ad which fortunately listed players by team. A check of the [Baseball Encyclopedia](#) revealed all players shown in the ad were with their listed teams at the end of 1966. Further research indicated two players (Ken Boyer and Dick Groat) who were traded in mid-1967 from

MR. TRIVIA'S BASEBALL CHALLENGE

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Hitting

1. Who holds the major league record for most consecutive at-bats without striking out?
2. What pitcher holds the record for hitting the most home runs with 36? (And no, Babe Ruth is NOT the answer!)
3. In 1966 a pitcher hit two grand-slams in one game. Name the pitcher and the team he pitched for.

Pitching

1. Who is credited with originating the modern curve ball?
2. Everyone knows Al Downing threw Aaron's record breaking home run #715, who threw #714 and what team did he play for?
3. Who was the only pitcher to face both Babe Ruth and Mickey Mantle in regular season play?

Team Facts

1. Everyone knows Lou Gehrig replaced Wally Pipp, but who replaced Lou Gehrig?
2. What was Boston's American League team called prior to becoming the Red Sox?
3. What team had at least one 20 game winner in each season from 1968 to 1980?

Hitting: 1. Nellie Fox 2. Wes Ferrell 3. Tony Cloninger - Braves.
Pitching: 1. William "Candy" Cummings 2. Jack Billingham - Reds 3. Al Benton
Team Facts: 1. Babe Dalrymple 2. The Pilgrims 3. Baltimore Orioles.

their listed teams. So 1967 it was. Or was it? (Remember ol' Sandy!)

Mr. Koufax retired on November 18, 1966 and I believe the set was already in pre-production at that time. He was a big name player who had just walked away from the game in his prime. He was known to kids throughout the country; in fact, when I first started seriously collecting as a kid in 1970, a 1966 Sandy Koufax card I had brought a Hank Aaron in trade, a card which I had been trying to obtain for weeks and for which I had previously offered up everything short of my entire collection. So I

think Topps just decided to go with the name recognition factor to sell some cards in 1967. Plus, since other players in the set are listed in the "lineup" section of the Punchboard, it may have been more trouble than it was worth

Want to comment on Dave's musings? Have any questions about hard-to-find Topps issues or inserts? Do you have something old that need to be identified? Contact Dave Hornish through America Online (DavidH4646), CompuServe (70714,1273), or FCO.

Shop Talk:

The Guru Goes Shopping

The Guru spent a great deal of time on the road recently. Instead of his regular advice column, he filed reports on the following card shops he visited while travelling the U.S.

Bay State Coin Co.
31 Bromfield St.
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 426-7828
10AM-5PM Mon-Fri,
10AM-3PM Sat, Closed Sunday

This shop is a real gem! Perfect for the business traveler who has to rely on public transportation. Take the "T" (subway) to the Park Street station, and the card shop is a five minute walk away. You'll pass another card shop on Broomfield St. en route to Bay State Coin Co.

Ask to see their bargain priced cards. The person working the counter will produce three or four 800 count boxes, with each card in a soft sleeve, and individually priced. I purchased a 1954 Topps Jackie Robinson (#10) for \$8, a 1973 Nolan Ryan and a 1952 Dom DiMaggio for \$5 each. I left MANY good cards behind!

If you are filling sets, they have a good supply of commons fairly priced. The cards are sorted by year in 800 count boxes, but are not in numerical order. This makes it a little tough to locate cardboard from your want list, but at least you don't have to worry about messing up the order as you thumb through them!

Friendliness is their way of doing business. Be prepared to spend some time there, they like to talk baseball!

This shop is awarded a "9" (out of 10), on the Guru scale of

baseball card shops.

Jordans
9797 W Colfax, Suite 1-D
Lakewood, CO 80215
(303)239-8226
Open every day at 11AM.

If you are in the Denver area, you have got to locate this shop. Their display cases are loaded with fairly priced ballcards, and be sure to check the walls! One wall features bargain priced superstar cards in sleeves, thumbtacked to the paneling! Also, ask to see the bargain boxes.

Jordans has a tremendous supply of old non sport cards, and other weird stuff, including old plastic army men! LET'S HERE IT FOR PLASTIC ARMY MEN!

Last summer I had to drive to Idaho, and I made a slight detour to re-visit this store. They were even nice enough to let me use their bathroom! I can see it now...

Sports Card Shop
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Clean Rest Rooms

*"A TRAVELING
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This shop is awarded a "7" (out of 10), on the Guru scale of baseball card shops.

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Address all questions to: Ask the Guru, c/o Scott & Company, Dept. FCO, P.O. Box 340546, Milwaukee, WI 53234. Include your name, address and age. The guru will answer as many letters as he can.

A SPRING WITHOUT A ROBIN

FCO bids farewell to a legend

No doubt about it, spring has definitely arrived. Temperatures are rising, snow is melting, Spring Training is well underway and Opening Day is just on the horizon. This year is a little different. This year, there's something missing.

For the past twenty springs, fans of the Milwaukee Brewers have been able to see the first Robin of spring rather early. Specifically, they've seen him in Arizona, come early February. His name is Robin Yount.

This Robin has come to represent spring for Brewer fans for twenty of the Brewers twenty five years of existence. In Milwaukee, it just can't be spring without Robin.

There were good years, like 1982, after the Brewers' first ever playoff appearance and 1983, after the heartbreaking World Series loss, and there were bad years, after the

1984 season and after the injuries. No matter what the season before had brought, it was spring, and there was renewed hope. After all, there was a Robin in camp.

Twenty years, two MVP awards, one World Series appearance and countless numbers of memories later, Robin decided to hang it up. No longer would this Robin be the harbinger of spring for Brewer fans. He just didn't want to play anymore. He wanted to spend time watching his kids grow up. One press conference, little fanfare, a minimum of hype. He would exit as he played, quietly and with class, yet giving everything he had. A vanishing breed - a true professional.

Sure, there'll be other springs, there'll be other players, there'll be other teams. But for a lot of baseball fans, spring just won't be the same without Robin.

Dear FCO...

I read with interest Bob Neill's article on card flipping. I, too, have fantastic memories of flipping cards on the school bus, in the halls between classes, out in the yard at lunch time. But I must say, I never played any of the games Bob mentioned.

Our game was to flip the cards in a pile, one at a time, and if the color of the card you turned over matched that of the card you flipped on top of, you took the pile. I particularly remember doing this with the '73 set that had the different colored circles with the team names at the bottom.

We'd even try to set our cards up in a sequence that we thought would enable us to win. But there was this one kid, Peter Galinski, he always won. Always had a BIG stack of cards. He was my idol! Man, sometimes I wish I could go back just for a day and flip cards again.

You can't flip today's cards, they're too stiff, most of them don't have different colored emblems on them to flip and match. You think any of today's kids flip cards anymore? I doubt it. They don't know what they're missing!

— Wally Hitchcock

GREATEST JOB (from Page 1)

wife calls it, revolves around these teams. I also have many autographs

FCO: What are your fondest sports memories?

GH: Well, my favorite sport is baseball, and my favorite baseball memories are of minor league games. I can remember, as a kid, sneaking into the park in San Diego, to watch Luke Easter play, before he went up to the Indians - he still may be my most favorite player as he made a big impression on a young kid.

FCO: You must get to see an awful lot of games, do you have a particular favorite?

GH: The game I remember most was in an exciting 22 inning affair in 1990, in Stockton. The game was in the final round of the California League playoffs and featured both teams loading the bases in the 20th and 21st innings with less than two outs, and both teams having runners thrown out at home to send the game into the 22nd inning.

FCO: Earlier, you mentioned your son. How do the players react to him?

GH: Kenny is treated like a peer by the players, and he feels they are his friends rather than mine. As an example of how he feels, when we get to the park, Kenny calls me George, and when we leave, he calls me Dad. He has had very special relationships with certain players and coaches. Eric Karros was his first hero and was the first player who made Kenny into a fan. Eric would talk to Kenny before and after the games and treated him like an adult.

My favorite Eric Karros story took place in a game in San Jose. Kenny had just had a medication change and was sleepy from the new medicine. He slept from the third

through the eighth innings. Eric noticed this. After the game, he asked Kenny if he saw his hit. Kenny said yes, it was a good one. Well, Eric had struck out every time at bat, and asked Kenny how he could see his hit when he was sleeping! Then Eric asked Kenny if he would be at the game on the next night. Kenny said yes, and Eric promised Kenny a hit if Kenny would stay awake. The next night during his second at bat, Eric doubled, and while standing on second, flashed Kenny the thumbs up sign! Another nice story was when Goose Gregson, a very fine pitching coach for the Dodgers and Steve Minz, a pitcher, got off the team bus, drove 40 miles to a job training program that Kenny was in to talk to the kids. All while they were still in uniform. They also missed the teams pre game meal as a result.

Finally, Mike Piazza is another of Kenny's special friends. Mike spends a lot of time with Kenny. One of Kenny's most prized possessions is a signed bat that Mike gave him.

Because of my "hobby", I have met several people like Johnny Podres, John Roseboro, Reggie Smith, Lou Johnson, and Sandy Koufax. For a kid that grew up on Dodger baseball, this is almost heaven! My hobby allows a 53 year old man, with virtually no athletic skill remaining from his youth, a couple months of the year where he can feel like a kid again, and best of all, my "hobby" let's me spend the most enjoyable time in the world... on the road with my son.

For those of you that would like to get in touch with George, he can be found on America-On-Line, where he goes by the screen name of, what else, "BDodgers".

TOPIC TEAMS

RHP-Jim Golden
LHP-Vida Blue
RP - Joe Black
C-Gene Green
1B-Bill White
2B-Red Schoendienst
3B-Pete Rose
SS-Billy Almon(d)

Color Them Ballplayers

OF-Tim Salmon
OF-Ollie Brown
OF-Pete Gray
MGR-Chuck Tanner
Coach-Alvin Dark
Announcer - Red Barber
Thanks to Keith Summers of Marietta, GA for the idea!

THE BREAKFAST OF CHAMPION COLLECTORS

Bob Neill Looks at Collectible Cereal boxes

Are you looking for something to collect that will take up more space than your baseball card collection? Are you tired of having your wife say, "gosh, those cards do fill up the spare room nicely, but we sure could use some other form of cardboard to fill up the family room!"? Well, I've got the answer for you — sports related cereal boxes.

They're as much fun to collect as cards, but have the added advantage of not allowing you to confine them to some hidden binder. They're big enough for you to display for the whole world to see. Joking aside, collecting cereal boxes can bring you back to what baseball cards were 15 years ago — a fun, not for profit, hobby. I started about 3 years ago and have amassed about 50 different boxes. For this article I will stick with Wheaties, the king of sport cereal boxes.

The connection between Wheaties and sports goes back to the 1930's. During that decade they issued a set of panels that contained baseball players, as well as other athletes. In 1952 they issued a set of 60 athletes in panels of 8 or 10 on the back of the box, a forerunner of the Post cards of the early 60's. Among the more notable baseball players in that set are Ted Williams and Yogi Berra. Throughout the years I can remember seeing (but unfortunately, not saving) famous amateur athletes such as Bob Mathias, on Wheaties boxes.

In the last 5 years they have started a new concept in sports related boxes, the regional issue. Commemorating various athletes and teams in their hometowns, they have been issuing boxes for a short period of time in one market. This makes collecting, or even knowing what to collect, a real challenge. Quite often there is no mention anywhere of a box being issued, and unless you know someone in that city it is gone before you have a chance to get one. This has happened to me several times in the

last two years, especially since I dropped the Prodigy on-line service, which served as my main network with collectors all over the country.

In an attempt to catalogue all the Wheaties boxes issued over the last few years, I will list the ones I know of. Any additions are welcome, and when I get enough I will publish a revised list. When you send information about a Wheaties box, please include the number found at the bottom of the side panel. I am also always willing to trade for any boxes I don't have (which, unfortunately, is quite a few). In a future issue I will list Kellogg's Corn Flakes and Sugar Frosted Flakes boxes. If anyone wishes to contribute to these lists, feel free to drop me a note here at FCO.

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| 1987 | Minnesota Twins |
| 1988 | Steve Largent
Washington Redskins
Denver Broncos (error?)
Walter Payton*
L.A. Lakers |
| 1989 | Johnny Bench |
| 1990 | Cincinnati Reds |
| 1991 | Joe Montana
Rod Carew
Pittsburgh Penguins
Fleer BKB Cards (8)*
New York Giants
Jim Palmer
Lou Gehrig*
Willie Mays*
Babe Ruth* |
| 1992 | Michael Jordan*
J. Jagr & Mario Lemieux
Pittsburgh Steelers
Minnesota Twins
Pittsburgh Penguins
Barry Sanders
Chicago Bulls
Washington Redskins |
| 1993 | Jordan (golfing)*
Minnesota Vikings
Dallas Cowboys
Larry Bird
Bulls 3-peat |
| 1994 | John Elway
Dallas Cowboys
Jordan Commemorative* |

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COLLECTOR PROFILE

Rick Ellison

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Screen names

Tripleplay (AOL)
USGV17A (Prodigy)

My dream is to retire, get in a motor home and visit every major league baseball park. When I am done I will start on the minorleagues. I have already visited Atlanta Fulton County Stadium, (took my 89 year old grandmother to her first Braves game) Seattle, Oakland (often), Candlestick (often), Brewers and Wrigley Field (Got a great picture of Harry Caray and shook his hand).

Address:

34385 Dobson Way
Fremont, Ca. 94555

Phone: (510) 797-9220

D.O.B. May 24, 1951

Occupation: Computer Analyst

2 children:

Crystal 16/Richard Jr. 13

My greatest thrill:

On July 11, 1993, I went with my son and a friend to Candlestick to an art show. Tom Rodrigues a Bay area artist, had painted life size portraits of some of the greats in the game. I was thrilled to walk on the field and see this wonderful art placed in the actual positions they used to man. There was a great painting of Willie Mays in the outfield making "The Catch". All of a sudden Willie Mays showed up on the field in person! I got his autograph, talked to him for a few minutes and even shook his hand! What a thrill it was to roam the outfield with Willie Mays at the Stick!

Hobbies: Old baseball cards, Computers, and on-line trading.

Favorite Teams: Reds, Giants, A's, Braves and Yankees!

Favorite Manager:

Sparky Anderson

Favorite Owner:

Peter McGowan and Group

I started collecting again about five years ago by doing flea markets with two close friends. We had a blast trading new stuff for older cards. I met the group of AOL OBCer's (Thanks, Guru) in November 1993 and have

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