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## **Press Release**

The Friends of Rickwood Field are very pleased to announce the first annual

### **Southern Association Baseball Conference**

to be held in Birmingham, AL on **October 8-9, 2004**. This conference is dedicated to the preservation of the history of the Southern Association of Baseball 1901-1961, with scheduled events including an opening banquet on October 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by a league symposium on October 9<sup>th</sup> featuring individual authors and historians discussing their research and publications on Southern Association teams. The symposium will be held at Rickwood Field, America's oldest baseball park, and former home park of the Birmingham Barons, and will also include an opportunity to tour the park and run the base paths and roam the outfield of this storied ball park.

Please see below for additional conference details:

October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Dinner	7:00P.M. 8:00P.M.	Holiday Inn 260 Oxmoor Road Homewood, AL. 35209 205-942-2041
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Association Conference	9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.	Rickwood Field Directions to the park are available online at <a href="http://rickwood.com">rickwood.com</a>  Lunch included with registration fee

#### Hotel Reservations:

For those coming from out of town, rooms may be reserved at the Holiday Inn Oxmoor – telephone number and address listed above. When making your reservations, you must refer specifically to the conference in order to receive the conference room rate.

*Room reservations are the responsibility of individual attendees, and must be made **by August 1, 2004** in order to receive this rate.*

***Conference registration must be received by September 15, 2004.***

Cost: Conference and banquet: \$65 per person; Conference only: \$40 per person.

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