



Eighth Annual
Southern Association
Baseball Conference



March 5TH | 2011

Eighth Annual Southern Association Baseball Conference | Special Guests:

Roy Hawes Born in Shiloh, Illinois, Roy Hawes' professional baseball career spanned 14 seasons, including three games with the Washington Senators in September 1951. A longtime resident of Chattanooga, Hawes spent six seasons with the Lookouts (1952-1955 and 1959-1960), and in 1959, enjoyed his strongest year at the plate, with a .299 average and sixteen homeruns. The lefthanded power hitter, who also spent seasons in Atlanta and Austin (Texas League), earned a well-deserved reputation as a fan favorite, both on and off the diamond.

Alan Koch A native of Decatur, Alabama, and raised in Demopolis, Alan Koch excelled in sports. He played baseball for Auburn in the late 1950's, and after college, signed with the Detroit Tigers, who sent him directly to Birmingham. In 1961, he posted a 15 & 10 record for the Barons, earning a promotion to Syracuse, of the International League. With the AAA Chiefs, he went 11 & 2 and got a late-season call-up to the Tigers. Koch spent the 1964 season with the Tigers until a mid-season trade to the Washington Senators.



Woodlawn High School's first baseball team, 1922. Billy Bancroft, first row, second from right.
Courtesy of Mrs. Billy Bancroft and Chuck Stewart.

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Rickwood Field | Birmingham, Alabama
Saturday, March 5th, 2011

9:00	A.M.	Morning coffee and donuts
9:30	A.M.	Welcome and introductory remarks
9:45	A.M.	John Simpson “The Original Clown Prince of Baseball: The Mischievous Hub Perdue in the Early Southern Association”
10:30	A.M.	Dan Creed “Roy Hawes: A Fan Favorite on the Diamond and Beyond”
11:15	A.M.	Morning break – Collector Exhibits
11:30	A.M.	Special Guest A.H. Roy Hawes, MLB and Southern Association Veteran
12:15	P.M.	Lunch with Special Guest Alan Koch, MLB and Southern Association Veteran
1:00	P.M.	Skip Nipper “Buster Boguskie: The Mayor of Sulphur Dell”
1:45	P.M.	Chuck Stewart “Billy Bancroft: Birmingham’s First Sports Hero”
2:30	P.M.	Clarence Watkins “Spook Jacobs: Life in the Minor Leagues”
3:15	P.M.	Closing Remarks, Book Signings and Collector Exhibits

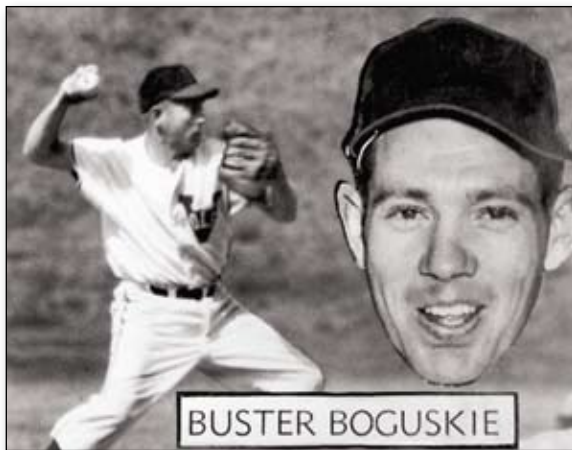
On the Cover: Hub Perdue, original T-206 baseball card. *Courtesy of John Simpson.*



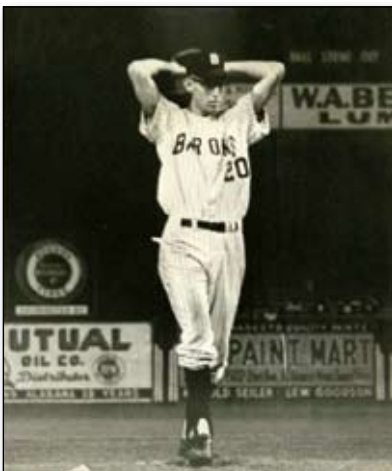
Head shot of Spook Jacobs is the one used on card.
Courtesy of Clarence Watkins.



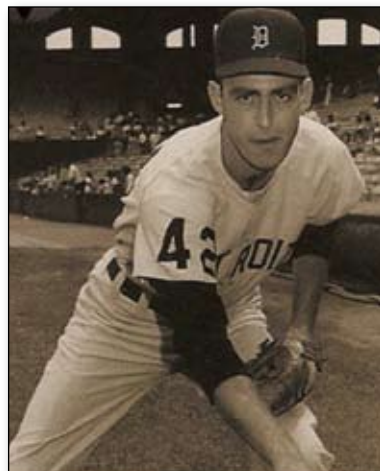
Mobile players including spook Jacobs, inspecting airplane
 at Mobile Air Force Base. *Courtesy of Clarence Watkins.*



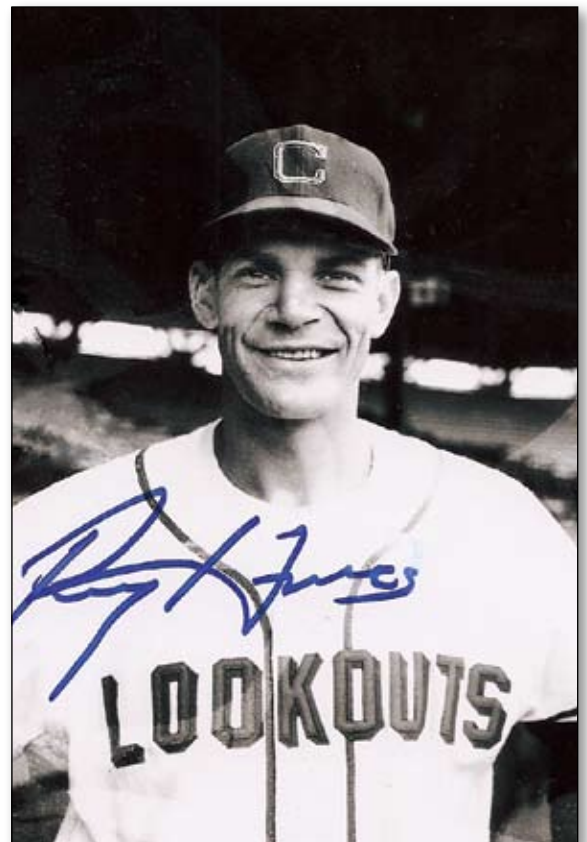
Buster Boguskie, the Mayor of Sulphur Dell.
Courtesy of Skip Nipper.



Alan Koch, Birmingham Barons,
 1960 – 1961.
Courtesy of Clarence Watkins.



Alan Koch, Detroit Tigers,
 1963 – 1964.
Courtesy of Clarence Watkins.



Roy Hawes, all time home run leader of the
 Chattanooga Lookouts. *Courtesy of Dan Creed.*



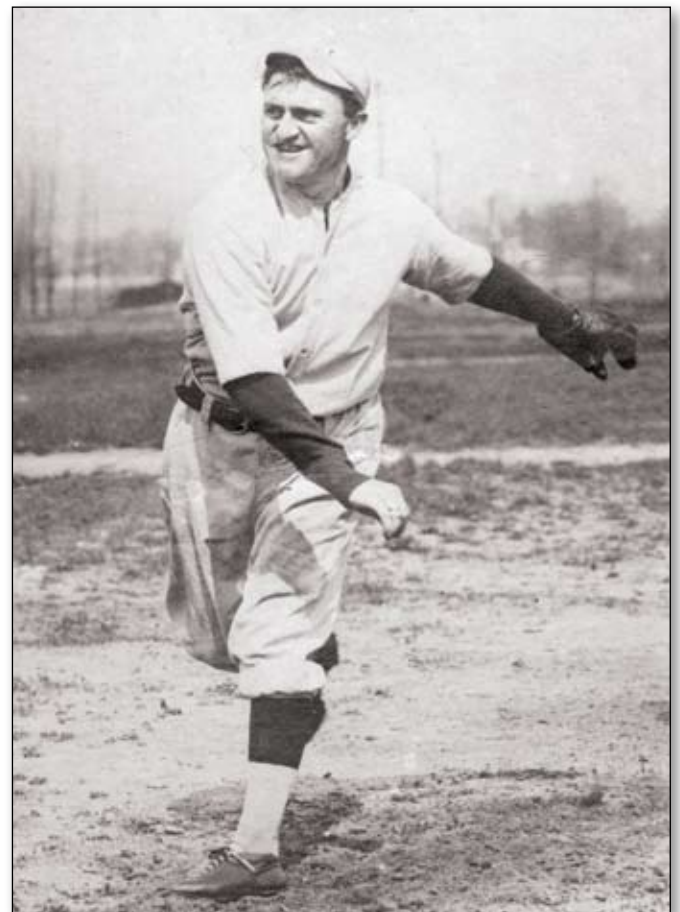
Baron teammates Billy Bancroft and Shine Cortazzo, July 1930.
Courtesy of Mrs. Billy Bancroft and Chuck Stewart.



Billy Bancroft, manager, Selma Cloverleaves, 1939.
Courtesy of Mrs. Billy Bancroft and Chuck Stewart.



Hub Perdue, with the Boston Braves.
Courtesy of "Boston Globe" and John Simpson.



Young Hub Perdue.
Courtesy of Jimmy Perdue Family Papers and John Simpson.

Eighth Annual Southern Association Baseball Conference Featured Exhibit:

Player Gloves of the Southern Association

Birmingham-area baseball memorabilia collector Lamar Smith has assembled a special 21-glove exhibit for this year's Conference, highlighting the Southern Association careers of these intriguing, yet lesser-known ballplayers. In addition to the gloves, the exhibit includes details of the players' minor and major league careers, and features photographs of the players where available. Eleven Southern Association cities are represented, and in some cases, the glove on display is one of just a few known to exist. Fellow collector Clarence Watkins assisted with many of the photographs contained in the exhibit.



Player Gloves of the Southern Association, featured Conference exhibit, by Lamar Smith.
Courtesy of Lamar Smith.

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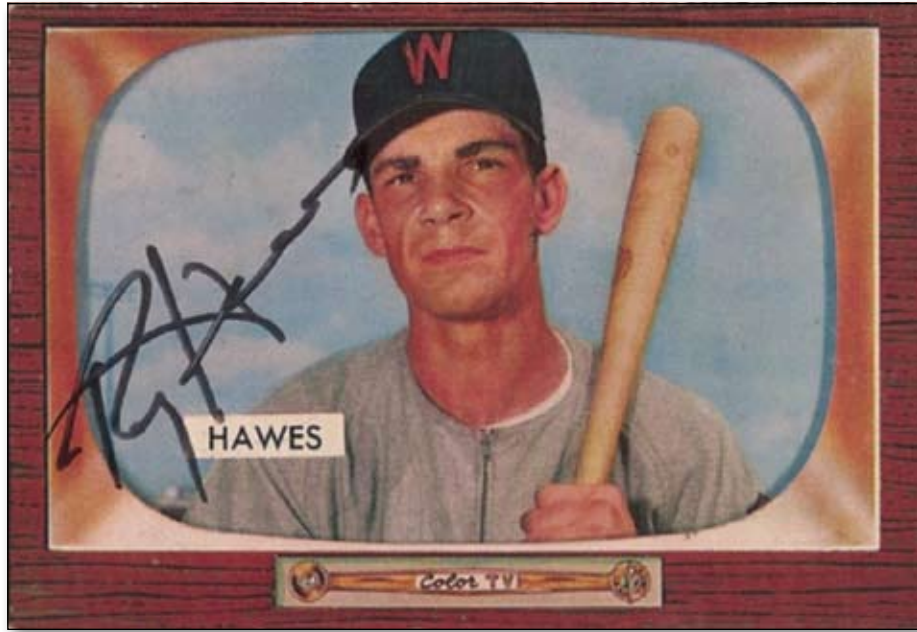
John Simpson Career educator and author, John Simpson holds a Ph.D. in American Political History from the University of Oregon, and has published extensively on the American Civil War. His work on the early history of baseball includes *American League Stars of the Deadball Era* and *The Greatest Game Ever Played in Dixie: The Nashville Vols, Their 1908 Season, and the Championship Game*. Most recently, he wrote the biography of Hub Purdue for the forthcoming SABR publication on the 1914 Miracle Boston Braves.

Dan Creed Chattanooga resident and graduate of Covenant College (Lookout Mountain, GA), Dan Creed is an avid collector of Lookouts memorabilia and longtime advocate for the preservation and redevelopment of Engel Stadium. His baseball accomplishments include 25 years as a college umpire, having hosted the 2006 Southern Association Conference at Engel Stadium and the 2008 Chattanooga Baseball Conference, as well as serving as a presenter at the 2010 SABR National Convention.

Skip Nipper A graduate of Memphis State University, Skip Nipper is past-president and current secretary of the Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association, and is president of the Grantland Rice-Fred Russell Chapter of SABR. A sporting goods sales representative with New Era Cap Company, he has also served previously as president of the Sporting Goods Agent Association. A frequent participant in previous Southern Association Conferences, he has also presented his research at the Conference on Baseball and Literature at Middle Tennessee State University and also the 2010 SABR National Convention.

Chuck Stewart Chuck Stewart, a serious collector of baseball history and artifacts, attended his first game at Rickwood Field in 1964. A resident of Auburn, Alabama, he has focused his collecting primarily on the history of Rickwood Field, and has acquired since childhood an extensive collection of vintage gloves and one-of-a-kind artifacts related to Rickwood, the Birmingham Barons, and the Birmingham A's. A long-time member of the Friends of Rickwood, he is the author of *Angels at Rickwood: Angels, Conductors, and Willie Mays*, a heartfelt story written for his daughter on her thirteenth birthday.

Clarence Watkins Author of the recently published *Baseball in Birmingham* (Arcadia Press), Clarence Watkins is a member of the Friends of Rickwood Board of Directors and is a long-time collector of Southern Association history. A 1972 graduate of Memphis State University, he is a member of Birmingham's Triple Play Club and SABR. He also presented his research at the 2010 SABR National Convention and the 2010 Jerry Malloy Conference. He is currently working on his second Arcadia book, *Baseball in Memphis*.



Roy Hawes, 1955 Bowman Baseball Card. *Courtesy of Dan Creed.*

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