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Since APBA released its 1949 season card set, the clamor for additional past seasons has increased dramatically. One of the keenest attractions in any prospective card set is an abundance of good hitters. Consequently, the 1930 season has been, far and away, the one most requested by APBA fans.

THE COMPLETE 1930 SEASON CARD SET IS NOW AVAILABLE.

From a hitting standpoint, the 1930 season will very likely never be equalled or even approached. From April through September, the hitters simply went wild. Since 1950, no major league club has compiled a team batting average of .300 or better. In 1930, no less than nine teams turned that trick.

NL: LATE SPURT WINS FOR CARDS

The Cardinals captured a four-team race by streaking to 44 wins in their last 57 games. Every Cardinal regular hit at least .300, with Frankie Frisch (.346), Chick Hafey (.336, 26 HR) and Sunny Jim Bottomley (.304) the big run producers. Platooned rightfielders George Watkins and George Fisher hit .373 and .374 respectively, and spitballer Burleigh Grimes was the stopper of the pitching staff with 16 victories.

The defending champion Cubs had to settle for second despite a record-setting year by Hack Wilson (.356, 56 HR, 190 RBI) and a tremendous comeback season by Gabby Hartnett (.339, 37 HR). Rightfielder Kiki Cuyler hit .355 and led the league with 37 steals, while veterans Woody English (.335) and Riggs Stephenson (.367) hit with their usual consistency. A thin mound staff was headed up by Pat Malone, one of only two 20-game winners in the NL.

The Giants' roster reads almost like an all-star team, but New York finished five games off the pace. The Polo Grounds hosted Bill Terry (.401, 23 HR), the league's last 400 hitter, Mel Ott (.349, 25 HR), Fred Lindstrom (.379, 22 HR) and Travis Jackson (.339), quite an array of hitters, and Carl Hubbell and Fred Fitzsimmons were among the pitchers.

Brooklyn led through most of the early going, but the Dodgers collapsed in the dog days of August and wound up fourth. Workhorse Dazzy Vance led the league's most respectable pitching staff, and Babe Herman (.393, 35 HR) and Del Bissonette (.336, 16 HR) anchored a solid batting order.

The Pirates were the best of the league's also-rans, with a 20-game winner in Ray Kremer and a pair of immortals in Pie Traynor (.366) and Paul Waner (.368). Leftfielder Wally Berger was the sixth-place Braves' big gun with a .310 average and a rookie record 38 HR. Veterans George Sisler (.309) and Rabbit Maranville were the mainstays of the Boston infield, with Socks Seibold the top moundsman. Harry Heilmann (.333, 19 HR) and Tony Cuccinello (.312) were the bright spots for the rebuilding Reds.

The Phillies were one of history's most interesting last place clubs, with a murderous offense, a shaky defense and just awful pitching. Phillie hurlers allowed nearly seven runs per game, enough to offset the effects of two fabulous hitters—Chuck Klein (.386, 40 HR, 170 RBI, 107 extra base hits) and Lefty O'Doul (.383, 22 HR).

AL: A's BREEZE TO 2ND STRAIGHT TITLE

The Athletics defended their world championship of 1929 without a really serious challenge until the World Series. Lefty Grove, with a 28-5 record, was the majors' top winner, and George Earnshaw added 22 more victories. Al Simmons' .381 mark led the league in hitting, but Simmons' 36 HR fell one short of team leader Jimmie Foxx (.335). Mickey Cochran hit .357, Jimmie Dykes .301, and leadoff man Max Bishop drew 128 walks. This club lacked nothing; it was also a superb defensive aggregation which paced the AL in fielding.

The Senators were baseball's biggest surprise, moving from fifth to second in the standings. Shortstop Joe Cronin (.346) was the sparkplug of a team which had Heinie Manush (.350, 49 doubles), Sam Rice (.349) and Sammy West (.328) in the outfield. Firstbaseman Joe Judge was a .326 hitter and Alvin Crowder and Bump Hadley were the top pitchers.

No one could match the Yankees in hitting (.309) or homers (152), but the Bombers suffered from the lack of a stopper on the pitching staff. No New York hurler could do better than 15 wins, despite the offensive support of Babe Ruth (.359, 49 HR), Tony Lazzeri (.303) and Lou Gehrig (.379, 41 HR), a trio which drove in an incredible 448 runs among them. Earle Combs (.344), Bill Dickey (.339) and Ben Chapman (.316) also had fine years.

The Cleveland Indians possessed still another awesome attack. Firstbaseman Eddie Morgan hit .350 with 47 doubles and 26 homers while secondbaseman Johnny Hodapp's .354 mark included a league-leading 51 doubles. Outfielders Dick Porter (.350) and Earl Averill (.339, 19 HR) were always dangerous. Tireless Wes Ferrell won 25 games, second only to Grove.

Charlie Gehringer (.330, 16 HR) and Dale Alexander (.326, 20 HR) carried the biggest bats for fifth-place Detroit, but veteran Marty McManus (.320, 23 steals) was still a threat as well. The St. Louis Browns were not a good club, but neither were they a pushover. Goose Goslin (.308, 37 HR) and Red Kress (.313, 16 HR) solidified the middle of the lineup, and Lefty Stewart (20-12) was very consistent on the mound.

The White Sox' pride and joy was 22-game winner Ted Lyons, but Chicago had little else in the way of pitching. The big noises on offense were Carl Reynolds (.359, 22 HR) and Smead Jolley, a .313 hitter whose fielding was notorious. The Red Sox had the weakest attack in the majors with outfielder Earl Webb (.323, 16 HR) the only regular above .300.

1930 CARD SET — 320 PLAYER CARDS — ONLY \$10.00

The 1930 card set, containing twenty player cards per team in sixteen team envelopes and a lineup sheet, is priced at \$10.00 (\$10.60 to Penna. residents and \$11.00 to all foreign purchasers). Note that this is a card set only, NOT a complete game, and that no XB's are available. Extra lineup sheets cost 25¢ each.

Each set also includes an injury table to be used with the latest APBA refinement—an injury factor on every card which enhances the realism of the duration of player injuries. Naturally, all other APBA innovations over the years (F, S, W, X, Y, Z, 42, etc.) appear on the appropriate cards as well.

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