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Orioles

19 Ed Blake (P)	4-5(Disab.)	
14 Ruben Castillo (P)	2-5	
15 Don Goodwin (P)	5-4	
24 Bob Galasso (P)	8-11	
8 Rich Richardson (P)	1-1	
23 Gary Robson (P)	2-5	
11 Bob Sekel (P)	3-4	
18 Myrl Smith (P)	5-10	
22 Paul Starkovich (P)	3-0	
17 Randy Stein (P)	12-5	
26 Mike Willis (P)	0-3	
6 Terry Clapp (C)	.269	27HR
3 Don Hickey (C)	.289	7HR
1 Bob Bailer (SS)	.288	
2 Rob Andrews (2B)	.289	2HR
10 Taylor Duncan (3B)	.276	7HR
18 Pat Renfro (IF-OF)	.207	7HR
4 Cass Safrit (IF-OF)	.252	
21 Dennis Silvey (1B)	.273	10HR
20 Wil Aeron (OF)	.232	2HR
5 Chuck Heil (OF)	.251	3HR
12 Arlynn Hines (OF)	.226	2HR
9 Bill O'Connor (OF)	.236	13HR
7 Cal Ripken, Manager		
Bill Cole, Trainer		

MONTGOMERY REBELS

17 Raul Colon (IF-OF)	.268
7 Mark Giegler (2B)	.275
9 Joe Staton (1B)	.283
24 Ike Blessit (OF)	.187
15 Leon Roberts (OF)	.271
21 Bob Molinaro (OF)	.363
14 Carlos Quinones(3B)	.167
5 Larry Elliott (SS)	.220
6 Steve Vasquez (3B)	.238
4 Curt Suchan (IF-OF)	.214
22 Paul Jata (C)	.250
2 Ron DelPapa (C)	.158
26 Terry Mappin (C)	.236
12 Fred Arroyo (P)	9-6
11 Chuck Kuhn (P)	5-0
31 Jerry Donahue (P)	0-1
23 Dave Lemanczyk (P)	2-0
8 Gary Ignasiak (P)	4-6
18 Vern Ruhls (P)	3-0
27 Butch Meggitt (P)	2-7
16 Fred Strine (P)	6-7
19 Chips Swanson (P)	9-5
20 Steve Grilli (P)	9-6
25 Fred Hatfield, Manager	
Bruce Beaupit, Trainer	

THE WISDOM OF OZ

O's Power to 4th in a Row, 3rd Over Rebs - The strong right arms of Bob Galasso and Bob Sekel combined to shut off the potent Montgomery bats Friday, and Don Hickey poled a key 3 run opposite field homer as the Birds won their 3rd straight game over the League leaders. Lefty Mike Willis who has pitched well despite an 0-3 record, shoots tonight for his 1st SL win and a sweep of the 4 game series.

O's on Radio Next Week from Montgomery - Live broadcasts of O's games from Montgomery will be aired next Friday and Saturday at 8:25 with Al Harazin at the mike. Dial Radio 1380 WKKE as the O's try to pick up more ground on the Western leader.

Coming Up - The next O's homestand opens one week from tomorrow, Sunday August 12 with an unusual 7:30 Sunday NIGHT GAME. WKKE "Pack the Park" Night follows on Tuesday (listen to "Key" Radio for details) with 10¢ Beer Night Thursday and Kids Free Wrist-hand Night Friday.



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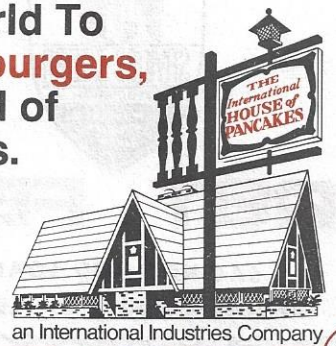
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BIRMINGHAM A'S



Three dismal years in a row, but "Bright" prospects. That's the story in Birmingham as new manager Harry Bright tries to help long-suffering A's fans (Are there any left?), sublimate three consecutive last place finishes. Parent club Oakland won all the marbles last year, but owner Charles O. Finley has apparently emptied AAA Iowa and AA Birmingham of shooters in the process.

1B Keith Lieppman was the best of the green and gold A's last year but A's GM Glynn West and Bright hope for some of Charlie O's wedding gown white coloring this year.

KNOXVILLE SOX



Off to a slow start, the Knox Sox rallied from 10 games back to almost nip the eventual champs, Montgomery, in a hot Western Division fight. Sox paid attendance was second only to Savannah as baseball returned to the Tennessee city after a seven year absence. 2B Jorge Orta (tabbed for Chicago duty this year), All Star SS Bucky Dent, 1B Jerry Hairston, and catcher Bruce Kimm were the socking-est Sox last year.

Jim Napier is in his first year as manager.

MONTGOMERY REBELS



We hate to repeat it, but the Rebs de-flocked the Birds three straight times in the League Playoffs last year to win the Pennant. Top Rebs were sluggers Joe Staton, Reggie Sanders (added in mid-season from Birmingham of all places), Marvin Lane and "there it goes again" Smoky Robinson. Whether any of these Tiger prospects will return is debatable, but some of the Rebs' young hurlers like Danny Fife or Steve Grilli might.

Watch for infield prospect Dan Meyer, a .407 hitter in A ball last year.

'73

Southern Preview

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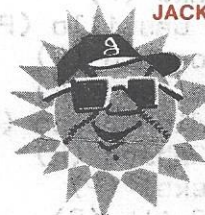
SAVANNAH BRAVES



"Scrap Iron", "Scraps", and a whole lot of other things. That's what they've called second-year Braves kommandant Clint Courtney, but no one can deny Courtney's managerial successes. A zealot on the fine points of the rules, Courtney had some horses last year as he wheeled players in and out of games like poker chips.

Top '72 stars were 3B Rod Gilbreath, SS Sugar Bear Blanks, 1B Jack Pierce, and CF Rowland Office, but slugging outfielders Hank Mc Graw and Greg Foreman were the Tee-pee types who gave the Birds migraine. Big Bobby Jack could be the Braves belter this year.

JACKSONVILLE SUNS



New owners brightened the Jax scene in '72, but the Suns faded badly. Only one-half game out of the Eastern lead in early July, the Suns were "e-rays-ed" by a late season eclipse, finishing some 17 games in arrears of the division winning O's.

Hurlers Al Autry, Doug Bird and Tom Reid along with early season slugger Frank Ortenzio were the brightest Suns. Likeable Billy Gardner returns for year #2 as skipper.

ORLANDO TWINS



The Twins (nee Charlotte Hornets) are the League's only 1973 transplant. Whether familiar faces like long time Southern star Minnie Mendoza and Juan Rios and younger stars like

'72's Bill Campbell, Dan Vossler and Craig Kusick can perform surgery on last year's 500 buzzing remains to be seen.

Will a change of scene produce fresh sting? Twins skipper Harry Warner hopes so.

COLUMBUS ASTROS



Freewheeling Columbus GM Jim Koger is the League's most uninhibited soul, featuring a wide variety of original and comic promotions. Koger uses parachute jumpers, Old West gunfighters, and a 6'8" cutie named "Big Orange" to keep his fans from dwelling too long on the Columbus Club, a perennial cellar contender in recent years.

Infielders Stan Papi, Jesus De la Rosa and lefty Mike Cosgrove who hurled for Houston late last year were the '72 big orbits. Wayne Terwilliger replaces Jackie Brandt as Manager.

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