

NEW!

1939 Season APBA Baseball Card Set

A Year of Historic Beginnings & Endings

That was the year that was! The Great Depression came to a close as World War II began. As the old saying goes, it was "out of the frying pan and into the fire!" In the baseball world, Joe McCarthy piloted his Bronx Bombers to a fourth consecutive World Series title, making him the first manager ever to do so. Joe DiMaggio won the batting title with a .381 average and mound leader Red Ruffing won 21 games for the Bombers. Probably the saddest ending in all of sports came that year, too, as Ironman Lou Gehrig retired, soon to die from a rare neuromuscular disease.

Though Boston could only manage a second-place finish, the Fenway Faithful had the start of a Hall-of-Fame career to celebrate, watching a 20-year-old

rookie outfielder named Ted Williams as he drove in a league-leading 145 runs. Lefty Grove's 2.54 ERA led the circuit, while teammate Jimmie Foxx's 35 homers won the league crown. Meanwhile, third-place Cleveland had its own 20-year-old star, hard-throwing righthander Bob Feller, whose 24 wins were tops in the league.

Over in the Senior Circuit, pitching carried Bill McKechnie's Cincinnati team to the pennant. Righthanders Bucky Walters and Paul Derringer were #1 & #2 in the league in wins, with 27 and 25, respectively. Runner-up St. Louis had the hitters that year, led by batting champion and home run king Johnny Mize. Outfielders Joe Medwick and Enos Slaughter joined Mize as .300 hitters. In his first year as player-manager, Leo Durocher took the Brooklyn Bums all the way to a third-place finish. Fellow player-manager Gabby Hartnett's Chicago club went the other way, falling from first to a finish at the bottom of the First Division.

Re-create History or Re-write It with APBA

APBA's 1939 Season Baseball Card Set lets you re-enact that exciting season right in your living room. If you were the Cincinnati skipper, could you have unseated McCarthy's juggernaut? Or could you have erased McKechnie's 4-1/2 game lead and taken the St. Louis team to the pennant and a date with the Bronx Bombers? Find out with APBA! You can play the rosters just as they existed in 1939 or draft your own teams. What would it have been like with Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio batting in the same lineup? How about having veteran Lefty Grove and young Bob Feller as your 1-2 lefty-righty aces? APBA lets you re-write baseball history... and have fun doing it!

