

# 1957 Season Baseball Card Set

1957 was, by almost any measure, a watershed year in baseball. In many ways, it served as the game's gateway to the future. It was the end of an era, and all kinds of things were changing. Prior to the season, the peerless Jackie Robinson was, astonishingly, traded from Brooklyn to bitter rival New York. Robinson never played a game for his new club, however, opting to retire instead.

At the conclusion of the season, the Brooklyn and New York organizations retired themselves, at least from the cities in which they'd resided for so long. They re-surfaced in Los Angeles and San Francisco in 1958.

A new champion emerged in Milwaukee, a team which had moved from Boston in 1953 and, sadly, was destined to remain in Wisconsin for only 13 years. Hank Aaron, who had never hit more than 27 homers in a season, launched 44, including the pennant-winner against St. Louis. Over the course of his career, he would hit a few more. Warren Spahn was the staff ace during the regular season, but Lew Burdette came up big in the Series with three complete game wins over the favored Bronx Bombers, including shutouts in Games #5 and #7.

The changing of the Big League guard was by no means complete, though. Thirty-eight-year-old Ted Williams (.388) and thirty-six-year-old Stan Musial (.351) won the batting titles.

A couple of players with also-rans put together spectacular individual seasons: last-place Washington's Roy Sievers posted 42 homers and 114 RBI, and seventh-place Chicago's Ernie Banks ripped 43 long balls and drove home 102 runs.

Willie Mays hit .333 with 35 homers and 38 steals, and crosstown rival Mickey Mantle rang up a .365 average with 34 HR. Over in Brooklyn, Duke Snider had 40 dingers of his own.

Cleveland's fireballing Herb Score, the Junior Circuit strikeout king in 1956 and perhaps the most promising young pitcher in the game, was hit in the eye by a line drive off the bat of Gil McDougald on May 7 and was lost for the season.

This is a completely new Card Set, with all cards and Master Symbols calculated from scratch using contemporary APBA formulas. There are 25 players for each of the 16 teams. The 1957 Card Set can be used with the APBA Professional Baseball Board Game (on page 6) and the APBA Baseball Master Board Game (on page 8). Due to licensing restrictions, a few players in this Card Set are not identified by name.

