

# Hobby Notes

In the last issue we noted the "discovery" of what we thought was a new 1948 Leaf variation of Satchel Paige. We had been shown a Paige with a number "8" contrary to the Beckett and Krause listings showing number "6". We assumed, incorrectly as it turns out, that since these two, allegedly independently done, checklists had Paige as number "6", then that indeed, was the correct number.

Approximately five readers called to tell us they also had number "8". Two readers added that the Sport Americana book had listed the Paige card as "6" until their fourth issue, when it mysteriously changed to "8". A subsequent conversation with Jim Beckett, indicated that this was the time that Sport Americana was computerized and the transcription error went unnoticed until now. A spokesman for Krause indicated their list was contracted for with an experienced collector who was to be able to verify each card on the list. At this time, it seems safe to say that there is no "6" and that "8" is the only way the Leaf Paige can be found . . . . . Larry Fritsch, who was one of the callers that advised us on the Paige, also had other interesting news. Larry's plans for a museum in the Cooperstown area have changed somewhat. Previously, his plans called for a card museum several miles from the Hall of Fame. The site has been changed to be much closer to the Hall and the new expected completion date is Spring. In our conversation, Larry also revealed that he was the one that had bought the T206 Doyle card that has received so much publicity. What was more interesting was the story that Larry told about the Doyle card. In our last issue we indicated that Jim Beckett had indicated that he would not list the new Doyle card because it was one of a kind. I agreed with his thinking. Well, it turns out the card is not one of a kind, that Fritsch had another one for years. Larry indicated that he had been advertising for Doyle cards for years, any Doyle card. We had always noted his ads and thought Larry was just trying to find the two tougher Doyle cards (the throwing pose and the one with "N.Y." only). Larry explained that wasn't what he was doing, that he had found a "Doyle, N.Y. Nat'l" (hand above head), much to his disbelief. He indicated that over the course of the next few years he went through hundreds and hundreds of Doyle cards trying to find a second copy of his rarity. He couldn't find one until he saw the auction in SCD. At this time, if two rare Doyle cards exist, we would change our thinking about the listing of the card and would think the \$10,000 price is not unreasonable. In other words, Wagner move over! . . . . . One of the great mysteries to us is how