

CINCINNATI REDS UNIFORM UPDATE # 1 May 2002

Dear Reds Fan,

I hope this note finds you well. Some time has passed since you received your Guide(s) on Cincinnati Reds Game Used Uniforms. Since my goal has always been to provide collectors such as yourself with the most accurate information possible, please note these changes or additions.

1. 1961 Home and Road uniforms can be found with the solid side panels. This may be attributed to a carry over of blank jerseys from 1960 as the style changed that year for both home and road jerseys.
2. 1967 home and road jerseys can be found with either the green 1961-66 rectangle MacGegor tag as well as the dark blue square MacGregor tag.
3. The Reds also wore a warmup/pitching shell from 1961-65 that was manufactured by MacGregor. The jacket is scarlet red with white buttons and features the same crest as the home jerseys from this period.
4. The 1969-1971 dugout jackets featuring the script CINCINNATI REDS appear to have been manufactured by KM PRO.
5. The mid 1970s Bull Pen Parkas appear to have been manufactured by Wilson.
6. Although I am still certain that 1975 road jerseys are tagged on the inside, there seems to have surfaced an example of a 1974 road jersey tagged the same way. I have not seen this jersey, just told about it. Remember that before the 1970s Guide came out, it was commonly

accepted that there was no way to tell what year a jersey was from between 1972-1975. Now we seem to be able to say a jersey is from 1972, 1973, 1974 or 1974/1975. What makes this tough is that all the star Reds players were on both the 1974-75 teams.

6. The possibility exists that not all 1976 H&B Bats have the Bi-Centennial Logo. See page 153 of the Relentless Reds as Bench has what appears to be a bat with B278 on the barrel, but no logo. This barrel style is currently attributed to the 1977-79 period. This is a 1976 photo as it is at Riverfront and the Reds did not wear the Bi-Centennial patch at home after the 1976 NLCS. Additionally, A 1976 H&B Concepcion gamer has surfaced with both the model number on the barrel and the knob. The bat also has the Liberty Bell Logo.
7. The Reds may have gone to a gray under-bill for their caps as early as 1975 as opposed to the previously believed 1977. Evidence of this can be seen in the new book *The book is just out... "The Sporting News-Heroes of the Hall; Baseball's All Time Best"*

Page 56-57 shows Johnny Bench in a shot from either 1974 or 75.. Pinpointed to this time frame because the presence of a 1974 yearbook in the picture makes it after 1973 and the fact that Tom Hall is in the picture makes it pre-1976.

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RECENT QUESTIONS:

Q: What should I look for in a 1976 NL Bicentennial Patch?

A: In the examples I have seen at Cooperstown and the ones that were sold out of the Reds 580 Gift Shop (taken from the uniforms).. They should be trimmed in red, be 3 ¾ in diameter, and have “© 1975 NL” stitched in white thread just above the “1876-1976”

Q: Are you going to do a Reds Guide for the 80's and 90's.

A: Had not thought much about it, but will probably do one now that there seems to be some interest for one.

Q: Where did you get all your roster information?

A: The 1970s Guide was done almost exclusively with programs and yearbooks. The 1939-59 and 1960-69 efforts made great use of Mark Stang's *Baseball By The Numbers*. Not a cheap book (around \$100), but much cheaper than a run of say 1950s yearbooks.

Q: When did the Reds first put names on the back of their uniforms?

A: Names were not added until the 1964 season. The also resulted in the size of the numbers on the back of the jersey going from 7 5/8 to 6". The names are also below the numbers.

Q: For older Reds jerseys with collars, is there a difference between a “sun collar” and a “cadet collar?”

A: Yes there is. A cadet collar is more square and has a very pronounced cut at the neck line, more in line with a cadet's uniform at a military academy. The sun collar is tapered all the way down to the front of the neck opening. If you have access to *“The Reds in Black & White-*

100 Years of Cincinnati Reds Images” by Rhodes and Stang, you can pictures of the difference:

Cadet Collar Fred Toney (p. 28)
Sun Collar Tom Sheehan (p. 63)

Q: What years did the Reds have patches on their jerseys?

A: Sort of long list, but here you go:
1925- National League Golden Jublie
1939- National League Centennial
1942- HEALTH Patch
1943-45 Stars and Stripes Patch
1951-NL 75 Anniversary Patch
1955- Mr. Red Sleeve Patch (Two Variations)
1956-Mr. Red Chest Patch
1969-100th Anniversary MLB Patch
1976 NL/BiCentennial Patch
1988 All Star Game In Cincinnati Patch
1990- World Series Patch
1994- 1869 Red Stockings Patch
1997- Jackie Robinson Patch
2000- 25/10 World Series Patch (Worn on undershirt)
2002- Last year in Riverfront 1970-2002- Patch

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or updates you might have. I would like to send something like this out a couple times of year. If you would like to get this in the future, Please send me a self addressed stamped envelope. That way I am not sending this information out to folks how have no interest.

Good Luck With Your Collection.

All The Best..... Dave