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Press Release

The Friends of Rickwood Field are very pleased to announce the first annual

Southern Association Baseball Conference

to be held in Birmingham, AL on **October 8-9, 2004**. This conference is dedicated to the preservation of the history of the Southern Association of Baseball 1901-1961, with scheduled events including an opening banquet on October 8th, followed by a league symposium on October 9th featuring individual authors and historians discussing their research and publications on Southern Association teams. The symposium will be held at Rickwood Field, America's oldest baseball park, and former home park of the Birmingham Barons, and will also include an opportunity to tour the park and run the base paths and roam the outfield of this storied ball park.

Please see below for additional conference details:

October 8th Reception 7:00P.M. Holiday Inn

Dinner 8:00P.M. 260 Oxmoor Road

Homewood, AL. 35209

205-942-2041

October 9th Southern Association Rickwood Field

Conference Directions to the park are

available online at rickwood.com

9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Lunch included with registration fee

Hotel Reservations:

For those coming from out of town, rooms may be reserved at the Holiday Inn Oxmoor – telephone number and address listed above. When making your reservations, you must refer specifically to the conference in order to receive the conference room rate.

Room reservations are the responsibility of individual attendees, and must be made by August 1, 2004 in order to receive this rate.

Conference registration must be received by September 15, 2004.

Cost: Conference and banquet: \$65 per person; Conference only: \$40 per person.

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