

# Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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Mike Mandel and Johnathan Gitelson

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I just realized that among my Mike Mandel photographer/baseball cards, I have a [Todd Walker](#):

Height: 6'1"  
Weight: 168  
Born: Salt Lake City  
Home: Gainesville, Fla.  
Throws: Right  
Bats: Right      FP: Just Chrome Aluma  
FC: Anso Memo    FF: for shortstop  
FD:                FPh: Dizzy Dean

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**Todd Walker**

Remember, if all of you bubble gum  
chewers out there really practice,  
and learn to really play the game,  
you too, can be Big Leaguers and  
someday, with lots of luck you can  
get your pitcher on a baseball card.  
So work hard and don't give up or  
sell out and you will really click,  
but it takes time and lots of expos-  
ure. So stand steady and learn to  
control your development. Shoot  
straight and, as they say in golf,  
keep your eye on the ball.

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Hard to believe these things are over thirty years old. Look at Larry Sultan then:

Height: 6'  
Weight: 150  
Born: Brooklyn  
Home: S.F.  
Throws: Right  
Bats: Switch  
FC: Leica M-2  
FD: Rodinal

FP: Portruga Rapid  
FF: Tri-X  
FPh: J.H. Lartigue

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## Larry Sultan

"Fear of a bat  
Fear of getting spiked  
Fear of the crowd  
I don't care who they are  
All ballplayers are afraid."

Birdy Tebbitts  
Cincinnati Redlegs  
and Lew Welch

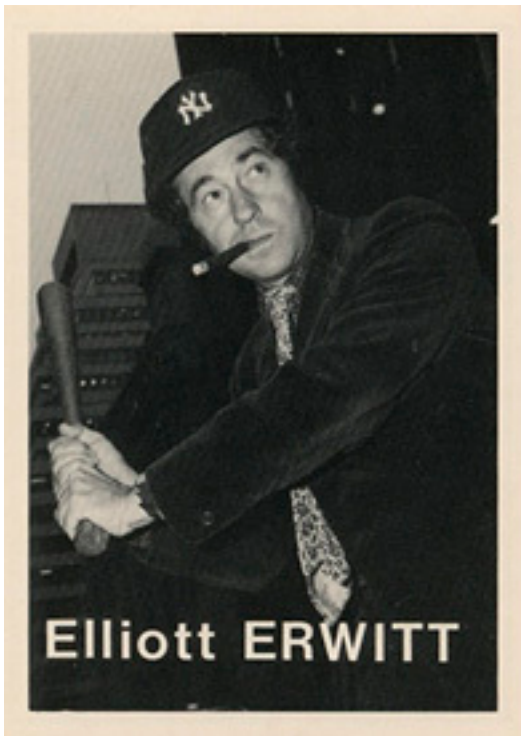
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and now:



One more favorite (not going to trade this one):



Height: Tall  
 Weight: Slender  
 Born: Paris  
 Home: New York  
 Throws: Yes  
 Bats: Yes      FP: N.Y. Times  
 FC: Argoflex    FF: Tri-X  
 FD: D-76        FPh: Fabian Bachrach

## Elliott Erwitt

5 lbs. onions  
 3 large carrots  
 1 green pepper  
 Several cloves of garlic  
 Salt  
 Tabasco sauce  
 Olive oil  
 4 lbs. lean hamburger  
 3 large cans of tomato paste  
 3 large cans of tomato sauce  
 3 large cans of peeled tomatoes  
 Brown the onions, combine the ingredients judiciously and cook for a long time.

--Salsa Bolognese

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I think that [Johnathan Gitelson](#) might be my generation's Mike Mandel. On Jon's [blog](#) he says he is a baseball fan. Maybe someone can talk him into doing a contemporary version of these cards. We know he has the graphic design talent:

# THE QUITTER

MY LAST PACK OF CIGARETTES EVER

 <small>1-1 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-2 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-3 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-4 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-5 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>
 <small>1-6 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-7 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-8 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-9 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-10 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>
 <small>1-11 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-12 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-13 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-14 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>	 <small>1-15 DAY THE SMOKING BEGINS</small>
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## 2 Comments

1. Great blog and great baseball cards – especially Larry Sultan. congratulations on baby William – have fun and enjoy the games.

*Comment by [colin pantall](#) – September 13, 2006 @ [2:05 pm](#)*

2. I have a complete set of mike mandel's baseball photography cards and am looking to sell them. any idea of how much there worth?

*Comment by [don](#) – February 5, 2008 @ [3:33 am](#)*