New Ballplayer Discovered

We had listed Michael Joseph McDermott’s record as beginning with Louisville in 1889, then continuing with Louisville in 1895-96, and Cleveland and St. Louis in 1897. Bob Richardson was researching the Eastern New England League of 1885 and found a Michael McDermott on the team. This McDermott was definitely not from St. Louis and the 1895-96 definitely was.

Bob Bailey had found a reserve list of the 1889 Louisville team which indicates that the pitcher was Michael H. McDermott, same as the New England pitcher. So Bob Richardson tracked McDermott until he located his death in 1947. McDermott’s obituary confirmed that he was the 1889 Louisville pitcher. Hence we have a new ballplayer and Michael Joseph McDermott becomes an 1895 debut player. Bob’s outstanding research earns him the November Find of the Month award.

Renewal Time

It’s that time of year when you write to let me know if you would like to remain on the committee for 1995. If I don’t hear from you, you will be dropped from the mailing list. It’s really difficult to put out this newsletter without contributions from members of the committee, so I hope that you will all contribute as much as you can.

A Suggestion

If you noticed in your SABR renewal notice, you can earmark contributions to SABR to go to research committees. So if any of you have any extra money laying around after spending it on death certificate searches, you can donate it to the committee.

Neola and Wadena

In the summer of 1883 within a few weeks of each other, there were two children born in Neola, Iowa who later played third base in the major leagues! Neola was a railroad town of a few hundred persons. What is the probability that such a small town could produce two such players? Coincidentally, both men were nicknamed “Red”: Red Downs and Red Morgan.

Compared to Wadena, Indiana, Neola, Iowa was a veritable metropolis! In the fall of 1887, Wadena had 54 inhabitants. It is very difficult to locate Wadena, which consists of fewer than ten houses on one dead-end street. Within a few weeks of each other, this village produced two men who would later become major league stars. Doc Crandall was one of the first relief pitchers and an excellent hitter/fielder. His father owned the general store, the only commercial enterprise in town. Cy Williams would later win four home run titles. Doc also had two brothers who pitched in the high minors. If every city in the U.S. had put together a “town team” in 1915 or so, this town of 54 would have to have been one of the strongest entries.

Thanks to Cappy Gagnon for this article.

Merry Christmas

Did you know that the 1965 New York Mets had 2 pitchers born on Christmas Day? Al Jackson (8-20) and Dennis Musgroves (0-0) were both Christmas babies. Jack Hamilton joined them the following year. Here is a complete list of Christmas babies, a list which includes some outstanding ballplayers:

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Birthday List

There are no Christmas nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in December, but there are four celebrating birthdays in the month if you'd like to send a card.

Dec 1  Red Badgro  92
Dec 5  Ray Moss    93
Dec 13  Al Smith   91
Dec 17  Karl Swanson 91

William Claude Coyle

Our November Mystery of the Month comes courtesy of Bob Richardson. William Claude Coyle, the July 7, 1893 Boston pitcher at Pittsburgh pitched in New England (Brockton, Hartford, Augusta) in 1896. He was listed as being from Bellevue, Pennsylvania but born in Louisiana. There is a William J. Coyle in the Pittsburgh city directory 1893-1905 living in Bellevue. He was manager of the PFW&C Railway. In 1899 W. C. and L. B. Coyle, salesmen, are also at the same address. The 1900 census shows only William J. (B: 01/1848 Kentucky), his wife Eugenia (B: 06/1853 Kentucky), and daughter Pearl (B: 08/1880 Pennsylvania). However in 1880 the family also includes William C. (B: 01/1848 Kentucky), Bertrand L. (5, B: Kentucky), and Edith (2, B: Kentucky).

By 1910 Eugenia is widowed but her four children are still living. In 1920 she’s gone but there’s a Claude W. Coyle (48, B: Kentucky) living at 860 Water Street in Meadville, Pa. The Meadville public library said that Coyle was gone from the city directory after 1925.

Bob suggests checking Pittsburgh for the death of Coyle’s father, probably around 1905 to obtain an obit. Then maybe his son would be buried in the same cemetery. Anybody want to work on the Coyle family?
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New Information Received:

1887 Beecher, Edward H.
1940 Bonham, Ernest Edward
1969 Brooks, Robert

Name: Edward Harry Beecher
Debut: Aug 5 1940
D: Oct 11 1994
   Harbor City, California

1950 Cuellar, Jesus Patracis

D: Oct 11 1994
   Tampa, Florida

1927 Dear, Paul Stanford
1930 Desautels, Eugene Abraham

D: Nov 5 1994
   Flint, Michigan

1941 Dusak, Ervin Frank

D: Nov 6 1994
   Glendale Heights, Illinois

1942 Ferens, Stanley
1968 Hague, Joe Clarence

D: Nov 5 1994
   Hempfield Township, Pennsylvania

D: Nov 11 1994
   San Antonio, Texas

1902 LePine, Louis Joseph
1932 Madjeski, Edward William

B: Jul 20 1908
D: Nov 11 1994
   Montgomery, Ohio

1914 McAvoy, George H.

Name: George Robert McAvoy
B: Mar 12 1884
   East Liverpool, Ohio

1889 McDermott, Michael H.

New Player
B: May 6 1864
   Fall River, Massachusetts
D: May 7 1947
   Fall River, Massachusetts

TR
Debut: Sep 2 1889
Delete 1889 Louisville record
Debut: Apr 20 1895

1889 McDonald, Larry Benard
1895 McGann, Ambrose

B: Nov 24 1967
B: 1875

1922 McNamara, Timothy Augustine

Weight: 170
D: Nov 5 1994
   North Smithfield, Rhode Island

1946 Moore, Anselm Winn

Name: Ansel Winn Moore
D: Oct 29 1993
   Pearl, Mississippi

1884 Mullin, Henry J.
1931 Murphy, Walter Joseph
1884 Scanlan, Michael B. (MGR)
1884 Seery, John Emmett
1898 Snyder, Frank C.
1930 Winsett, John Thomas

Height: 5-09 Weight: 160
D: Mar 23 1976
B: Nov 1843
D: Aug 2 1930
Height: 6-03 Weight: 180
D: Jul 20 1987

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