John J. Scannell Found To Be Patrick J. Scanlon

It's tough enough to find a missing ballplayer but when you don't know his proper name that makes it doubly difficult. Such was the case with John J. Scannell. But Bob Richardson was able to solve the mystery and is the November winner of the *Find of the Month* award. Although we list him as Scannell, most of the Boston newspapers referred to him as Scanlon. Bob was able to put together a series of newspaper notes that showed our player to be Patrick J. Scanlon, who played with Springfield in 1883 and Atlanta, Boston, and Holyoke in 1884. His obituary had a few slight errors such as playing for Macon instead of Atlanta and the Boston Blues instead of the Boston Unions, but the evidence now points to Patrick J. "Darby" Scanlon as our missing 1884 player. Another fine job of research by Bob Richardson.

That Time Of Year Again

It is time again to let me know if you wish to continue on the committee in 1992. If I don't hear from you by the time of the next newsletter you will be dropped. Please don't renew if you do not intend to contribute. We currently have a mailing list of 93 and that is a lot of envelopes to stuff every month. Please consider seriously what you can devote to the committee.

New Members

Please welcome Heidi Zieman, 5555 Kraus Road, Clarence, New York 14031 and Jerry Gregory, 3409 Reedy Drive, Annandale, Virginia 22003 to the bio committee. Heidi's code number will be Z3 and Jerry's will be G3.

A Country By Any Other Name

Chito Martinez was born in Belize City. However, at the time of his birth, the country was known as British Honduras, so that is how I will list him. Thanks to Bill Weiss and Norman Macht for sending along Martinez's birth.

New Addresses

We now have current addresses for Ben Quintini, Billy Sullivan, Herman Reich, Barry Latman, Glenn Mickens, and Lee Walls. Thanks to Joey Beretta and Bill Weiss for sending them along. Joey would also like to know the proper pronunciation of the last name of Morris "Red" Badgro. Can anyone help him out?

It Pays To Be Patient

The questionnaire on Albert Schellhase arrived in the Hall of Fame the other day. Schellhase's grand-nephew addressed it to Cliff Kachline and began by saying, "I am replying to your letter dated July 9, 1982..." So I guess we can never give up hope.

He Ain't Heavy, He's A Ballplayer

Pete Palmer would like to know how we should handle players who gain or lose a lot of weight over the course of their careers. For example, we list Mickey Lolich with a weight of 170 pounds. As someone once quipped at a SABR convention, that was probably his birth weight. If anyone has any suggestions on how to handle this please let me know.
Television Deceit

I tuned in to the show *Charlie Hoover* expecting to see a documentary about our elusive missing ballplayer. However, it turned out to be a stale sitcom. I think it’s unconscionable that they would play a terrible joke like that on our committee. I certainly wouldn’t produce a show about the first woman ballplayer and name it *Amelia Earhart*.

**Robert Wright Turns 100**

Please wish Robert Cassius Wright a very happy 100th birthday. On December 13 Wright will reach the century mark and for the first time in history, we will have two living ex-ballplayers over 100. Thus Wright becomes the first player to reach 100 and not be the oldest living player. Also wish happy birthdays to the following players who are celebrating birthdays in December:

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**Hey, Hey We’re The Meinkes**

We list a player by the name of Frank Louis Meinke who played for Detroit in 1884-85. We have complete birth and death information on him. In the *Sporting News* issue of April 30, 1936, there is an obituary for Francis Menke. Menke was a former minor league manager and scout who died April 19, 1936 in Decatur, Illinois. The obituary states that Menke played for Grand Rapids in 1883-84. When that league blew up, Detroit took on some of Grand Rapids' players. One of these was Menke who played second base until Hardy Richardson took his place. That is stretching a bit since Menke or Meinke only played three games at third. But I now question whether we have the right guy identified as the ballplayer. Does anyone know anything about this player?

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**The Scoreboard**

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New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:
1890 Schellhase, Albert Herman        BR       (HF)

New Information Received:
1981 Agosto y Gonzalez, Juan Roberto
1943 Becker, Heinz Reinhard
1982 Belliard y Matias, Rafael
1956 Brunet, George Stuart
1984 Calderon y Perez, Ivan
1987 Caminiti, Kenneth Gene
1945 Christopher, Lloyd Eugene
1977 Clancy, James
1983 Daulton, Darren Arthur
1987 Fox, William Henry
1986 Fraser, William Patrick
1901 Friel, William Edward
1989 Guthrie, Mark Andrew
1901 Hayden, John Francis
1990 Howard, Thomas Sylvester
1930 Jolley, Smead Powell
1986 Jones, Barry Louis
1989 Machado y Rondon, Julio Segundo
1944 Mann, Ben Garth
1987 Manwaring, Kirt Dean
1991 Martinez, Reynaldo Ignacio
1889 McCoy, Arthur Gray
1895 McDougal, John H.
1942 McElvey, Frank
1892 Murphy, Daniel Joseph
1910 Newnam, Patrick Henry
1919 Pasquariello, Michael John
1981 Pena y Vasquez, Alejandro
1884 Pyle, Harry Thomas
1944 Ramos y Garcia, Jesus Manuel
1979 Righetti, David Allan
1986 Rivera y Pedraza, Luis Antonio
1980 Salazar y Garcia, Luis Ernesto
1948 Sawatski, Carl Ernest

Height: 6-02    Weight: 190
D: Nov 11, 1991
Dallas, Texas
(P1)
(H1)

Height: 5-06    Weight: 160
D: Oct 25, 1991
Poza Rica, Mexico
(P1)
(W1)

Height: 6-01    Weight: 220
(P1)

Height: 6-00
(P1)

Name: Lloyd Eugene Christopher
(H1)

Height: 6-04    Weight: 220
(P1)

Height: 6-02    Weight: 195
(P1)

B: Sturbridge, Massachusetts
(R1)

Height: 6-01
(P1)

Weight: 165
(T3)

Height: 6-04
(P1)

BL
(R1)

Height: 6-02
(P1)

D: Nov 17, 1991
Alameda, California
(T1)

Height: 6-04    Weight: 225
(P1)

Height: 5-09    Weight: 165
D: Sep 11, 1980
(H1)

Height: 5-11    Weight: 185
(P1)

B: Belize City, British Honduras
(W1)

B: Jul 1864
(D2)

TR
(C1)

Is Deceased
(H1)

Weight: 156
(R1)

BL
(C1)

Name: Michael John Pasquella
Real name: Michael John Pasquariello
(HF)

Height: 6-01
(P1)

B: Nov 29, 1861
(D5)

D: Dec 26, 1908
(H4)

Caracas, Venezuela

Height: 6-04    Weight: 195
(P1)

Height: 5-09    Weight: 170
(P1)

Height: 5-09
(P1)

D: Nov 24, 1991
Little Rock, Arkansas
(C1)

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1884 Scannell, John J.

1989 Seanez, Rudy Caballero
1987 Sharperson, Michael Tyrone
1990 Shumpert, Terrance Darnell
1913 Smith, Robert Ashley

1910 Steele, William Mitchell
1912 Thompson, Thomas Homer

1884 Vadeboncoeur, Eugene F.
1927 Wilke, Henry Joseph
1984 Winningham, Herman Son
1989 Yielding, Eric Girard

Name: Patrick J. Scanlon
B: Mar 25, 1861
Nova Scotia
D: Jul 17, 1913
Springfield, Massachusetts
Height: 5-10  Weight: 185

Name: Homer Thomas Thompson
B: Jun 1, 1891
D: Jun 21, 1921
West Los Angeles, California
Name: Onesime Eugene Vadeboncoeur
B: Jun 1, 1891
D: Jun 21, 1921
West Los Angeles, California
Height: 5-11  Weight: 185
Height: 5-11