New Ballplayer Discovered

Harold Dellinger discovered that the James Donnelly who played for Kansas City (UA) in 1884 is not James B. Donnelly, who had a lengthy major league career. It was James J. Donnelly, who played up in Minnesota and was from the Boston area. Further research by Joe Simenic and Dick Thompson confirmed Harold's findings. For this, Harold wins the final 1998 Find of the Month award.

Member Movement

Please welcome Jim Sandoval, Gary Peeler, and Neil Nelson to the bio committee. Jim's address is 144 Smith Vassar Road, Harvest, Alabama 35749 and his code number will be X8. Gary's address is 1332 Greene 724 Road, Paragould, Arkansas 72450 and his code number will be P6. Neil's address is 9407 NW 80th Terrace, Weatherby Lake, Missouri 64152 and his code number will be N5. Also, Joey Berretta and Mike Welsh have moved. Joey's new address is 28114 SE 430th Street, Enumclaw, Washington 98022 and Mike's new address is 1339A Stonleigh Court, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048. Cliff Kachline didn't move but the street he lives on did. Cliff's new address is 2063 County Highway 33, Cooperstown, New York 13326.

Renewal Time

It's time to tell me if you'd like to remain on the mailing list for 1999. If I don't hear from you, you will be dropped from the list. Either write me or send me an e-mail at Bbxpert@aol.com.

Can Anyone Top This?

I received an obituary on Elmo Plaskett from the St. Croix Avig newspaper. The obituary mentions that Plaskett was one of 17 children. Does anyone know of any ballplayers who had more siblings?

John Thomas

Bob McConnell would like some help in tracking down a minor league player by the name of John M. Thomas. Thomas played for Omaha from 1902 through 1905, for Lincoln from 1906 through 1911, and for Des Moines in 1912. He led the Western League in home runs 4 times. One note stated that he was from St. Louis; another stated that he was running a millinery store in Redfield, South Dakota in 1907. If you can help Bob, drop him a line.

Washington Research

Richard Topp wrote in reference to last month's mystery - the 1884 Washington (UA) club. Rich says that the Library of Congress is actually not the best library in Washington for finding old newspapers; the Martin Luther King library is. Anyone want to do a little research there?

Selko Notes

Here are a few more tidbits from the files of Jamie Selko. Ivy Shriver was an All-American end and assistant football coach at the University of Georgia. Gordy Windhorn was state champ in 3 events in an Arizona high school and went to Arizona St. on a track scholarship. He played no baseball in either high school or college. Robert L. Hall won the Detroit decathlon championship. Whitey Wietelmann played pro basketball. Bots Nekola went 27-0 during his career at Holy
A History Lesson

Richard Malatzky is putting together a list of ballplayers named after famous people. I did an article once on ballplayers named after presidents. These guys were named after some lesser known personalities.

We have Thomas Edison Alston, Henry Clay Baldwin, Stonewall Jackson Beach, Ethan Allen Blackerby, and Charles Dickens Bold. You have probably heard of all of those guys. How about these?

Artemus Ward Allen - Artemus Ward was the pen name for Charles Farrar Browne, well known humorist who was a favorite of Abraham Lincoln.

Robert Sherwood Bailey - Robert Sherwood was a famous playwright who won many Pulitzer prizes for drama.


David Solomon Birdsell - King David and his son King Solomon.

Edwin Forrest Bligh - Edwin Forrest was a famous American actor of the 19th century.

Elmer Ellsworth Leonard - Elmer Ellsworth was the first Union hero of the Civil War. He was killed in the first battle.

The KOM League

Normally our committee concentrates on major league players, but I thought I would mention the KOM League. It was a minor league which ran from 1946-1954. John Hall publishes an incredible monthly newsletter on the league and is attempting to track down all KOM League veterans. I have a large list of players he needs to find. If you would like to help out, please let me know.

Birthday List

These former players will be celebrating birthdays in January and February of 1999. Be sure to send them a card.

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New Monthly Data

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1998 Barrett, Michael P.
1998 Caruso, Michael J.

1926 Cronin, Joseph Edward
1998 Davis, Benjamin Matthew
1884 Donnelly, James B.

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1998 Drew, David J.
1998 Fontenot, Joseph D.
1924 Gaston, Nathaniel Milton
1998 Glauber, Keith H.
1934 Grissom, Lee Theo

1941 Grodzicki, John

1989 Guthrie, Mark Andrew
1945 Harrist, Earl

1947 Haugstad, Philip Donald

1890 Honan, Martin Weldon
1956 Host, Eugene Earl

1998 Kubenka, Jeffrey S.
1998 Loewer, Carlton Ernest
1929 Liska, Adolph James

1998 Maxwell, Jason Ramond
1941 Miller, Ronald Arthur

1939 Newhouser, Harold

1884 O'Brien, William Smith
1998 Pickering, Calvin E.
1962 Plaskett, Elmo Alexander

1930 Riddle, John Ludy

D: Barnstable, Massachusetts (B4)
Name: Michael Patrick Barrett (W1)
Name: Michael John Caruso (W1)
BS (V1)

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Name: Mark Christopher Davis (C1)
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Debut: Jul 11 1884 (C1)
Name: David Jonathan Drew (W1)
Name: Joseph Daniel Fontenot (W1)

D: Barnstable, Massachusetts (B4)
Name: Keith Harris Glauber (W1)
D: Oct 4 1998 (CL)
Corning, California

D: May 2 1998 (C1)
Daytona Beach, Florida
BRTL (P1)
D: Sep 1 1998 (F3)
Simsboro, Louisiana

D: Oct 21 1998 (C1)
Black River Falls, Wisconsin
B: May 29 1869 (T1)
D: Aug 20 1998 (C1)
Nashville, Tennessee
Name: Jeffrey Scot Kubenka (W1)
BR (V1)
D: Nov 30 1998 (C1)
Portland, Oregon

B: Mar 26 1972 (H8)
Name: Roland Arthur Miller (C1)
D: Jan 6 1998 (C1)
Ferguson, Missouri
D: Nov 10 1998 (C1)
Detroit, Michigan
TR (M1)
Name: Calvin Elroy Pickering (C1)
D: Nov 2 1998 (C1)
Christiansted, Virgin Islands
D: Dec 15 1998 (C2)
Indianapolis, Indiana

1952 Schmees, George Edward
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    San Jose, California

1941 Sessi, Walter Anthony
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    Mobile, Alabama

1947 Shofner, Frank Strickland
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    Crawford, Texas

1946 Sisler, Richard Allan
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    Nashville, Tennessee

1938 Smith, David Merwin
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    Whiteville, North Carolina

1955 Thurman, Robert Burns
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    Wichita, Kansas

1937 Turner, James Riley
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1911 Walker, Clarence William
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1933 Wright, Albert Edgar
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