William Kinsler Found

William Kinsler, who caught 1 game for the 1893 New York Giants has been found. Work by Richard Malatzky, Peter Morris, and Peter Mancuso led to capturing this Find of the Month. For many years, all we had on Kinsler was just his last name. Kinsler was listed in several articles as having come from Manhattan College. This was definitely the major league catcher. An article in the New York Sun showed that he lived on Manhattan Street. The city directory showed that this man was a policeman and appeared in the censuses that way as well. Peter Mancuso was able to find Kinsler’s death through his pension card from the New York police department. This showed that he died in Florida in 1963. His Florida death certificate showed his exact date and place of birth as well as his place and date of death. He is buried in Mt. Carmel cemetery in Tenafly, New Jersey. At the time of his death, he was 96 years old, making him the oldest living player before he died. He became the oldest on May 8, 1962 on the death of Frank Burrell. Great work by all involved!

Connell O Connell

We had listed Peter J. Connell as playing for New York (AA) in 1886. Patrick O’Connell played with Brooklyn in 1891. Using clues from the online Brooklyn Eagle newspaper and combining them with Reed Howard’s minor league records, Peter Morris and Richard Malatzky proved that these two records belonged to the same player. He was listed as Connell in 1886, but apparently his real name was Patrick O’Connell. So we have combined the records of these two players.

Heroes For Finding Hogan

Robert E. Hogan, who pitched one game for the St. Louis Browns in 1882 has been found by Richard Malatzky and Peter Morris. Apparently, the later record for this player belongs to someone else. Richard and Peter traced him through articles in the New York Clipper, Sporting Life, Sporting News, and The National Game. They were able to prove with some degree of certainty that the Robert Hogan, who died in 1932 in Yucaipa, California was the 1882 St. Louis pitcher.

Larry Yellen and Jay Dahl

The following is a note I received from Tom Hufford. It’s a pretty interesting story about Larry Yellen and Jay Dahl.

“Last week I received a notice about a new book that had been published by a fellow SABR member, Rob Trucks (Virgil’s great-nephew), called “Cup of Coffee.” It’s about 18 pitchers who had “cups of coffee” in the majors.
Rob was to be in Atlanta for a book signing, and would be accompanied by two of the book’s subjects who live here - Larry Yellen and Cecil Butler. I know Cecil, but had never met Yellen. Based on where this small, independent book store was (and the subject), along with lack of publicity, I figured not many people would show up. I was right - there were about 6 or 7, including the author’s friends.
I had a fascinating talk with Larry Yellen and his wife. He was shocked when I told him I had listened to his major league
debuted on the radio on September 26, 1963. I lived in the mountains in Virginia, our local radio station went off the air at sundown, and I could get night games from most of the big league teams, except the west coast. I listened to Houston’s games on a station from New Orleans.

I remembered that Houston brought all these kids up to the majors in September, and had started their "all-rookie" lineup on September 27. That was the game that Jay Dahl, 17, started. The other starters were Rusty Staub (19), Joe Morgan (20), Sonny Jackson (19, ML debut), Glenn Vaughan (19), Jerry Grote (20), Brock Davis (19), Jim Wynn (21) and Aaron Pointer (21). Joe Hoerner and Danny Coombs also debuted in that game, and 15 of Houston's 18 players in that game were 1963 rookies.

Anyway, the plan was for Larry Yellen to have started that game, and there was a story about it in the New York papers. His mother saw it, called him, and got on him about pitching on Yorn Kippur. Yellen said he hadn't even thought about that, he was just excited to make the majors. He mentioned it to manager Harry Craft and GM Paul Richards, saying he'd pitch anyway. They apologized for not knowing about the Jewish holiday, and said they'd move him up a day, so they moved his start up to September 26. That much of the story is detailed in the book. (and Yellen points out that this made him the first fellow not to pitch on Yorn Kippur - not Sandy Koufax, who attended the same HS as Yellen).

When they moved Yellen up a day, Houston decided to start Jay Dahl in the "rookie game." I remarked to Yellen "If you had gone ahead and pitched that game as scheduled, I wonder if Jay Dahl would have gotten into either of the remaining games (the last weekend of the season). You know that was his only big league game, before he was killed."

Yellen got a shocked look on his face, and said "you mean Jay Dahl is dead?" And he was shocked when I told him the story. He said he really didn't know Dahl that well, and in 1965 I see that Yellen was at Oklahoma City and Amarillo while Dahl was at Salisbury, NC. Still, you'd think that news like that (Dahl and a female passenger were killed, another player blinded in the accident) would spread through the organization. If not, you figure that in telling his story over the past 40 years, someone somewhere would have told Yellen about Jay Dahl!"

New Members

Please welcome Mark Hodapp, 1150 Dover Place, St. Louis, Missouri 63111 to the committee. Mark's code number will be H7. His e-mail is mhodapp@charter.net.

Bryan, Ohio

Bob McConnell sent me a note that two players we list as being born in Bryan, Ohio probably were not born there. Russell Charles Young has no record of his birth in the county records, nor in any local history or obituary. According to the California death records web site, he was born in Ohio, but apparently not in Bryan. Also, Robert Brown Kelly is listed as being born in Bryan, but the Goshen News-Democrat has him born in Goshen, Indiana. Would someone like to check these out?

A Missing Committee Chairman

For those of you who might be trying to get a hold of me around the middle of May, I will be unavailable as I will be on my honeymoon. But don't worry, I'll collect the e-mail and letters and answer you as quick as I can after I get back.

A Missing Yankee

Our Mystery of the Month concerns a player who played as recently as 1965. James Leroy Brenneman pitched for the Yankees in 1965. According to the Social Security Death Index, he died March 15, 1994. His last address was in Orange, California; however, he did not die in California. He graduated from Fruita High School in Fruita, Colorado, but they had no record of his death. We need to locate his death date and have no clue where to look.
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