New Ballplayer Discovered

We had listed John F. Driscoll as playing with Buffalo (NL) in 1880, Pittsburgh (AA) in 1882-83, Louisville (AA) in 1884, and Buffalo (NL) in 1885.

Bob Richardson found evidence that this was not John F. Driscoll, but another Driscoll. He found a note in the *Boston Herald* of 07/26/1885 which stated, "Driscoll is a Providence player who has participated in amateur games in that city."

I sent this information to Joe Simenic for him to research it. Joe found a note in the 03/02/1901 *Sporting Life* that a Dennis Driscoll had been killed in an explosion in Providence and that he had once been a member of the Buffalo club in the National League. I sent this back to Bob, who found an obit in the *Providence Journal* mentioning that Dennis Driscoll had played with Buffalo in the National League for a year in the mid-1880s. Great teamwork by Bob and Joe, who share this month's *Find of the Month* award.

Joe Flynn Found

Bob Richardson has been busy. Bob also tracked down missing 1884 Union Association player Joseph Flynn. Bob discovered a note in the 09/06/1884 *Salem Evening News* that "Flynn of the Boston Unions is a Providence boy." No one had ever looked in Providence since we had always listed Flynn as being from Philadelphia. Bob also discovered that Joseph Flynn was the father of John Anthony Flynn, first baseman of the 1910-11 Pirates and 1912 Senators. This makes the Flyans one of the earliest father/son combinations.

Miller Huggins

Wayne McElreavy sent me a photo of Miller Huggins’ headstone. It says, "Miller J. Huggins 1878-1929." Of course, we have Miller Huggins born in 1879. Can anyone confirm Huggins’ year of birth?

Another New Player Discovered

We had the record of the 1873-74 Baltimore player Jones assigned to the infamous Charles Wesley Jones. Charles Weaver has discovered that this record actually belongs to a man named Levin Jones. Now we just need to track down Levin Jones.

Player Deleted

Since we have added two new ballplayers this month, it only seems fair that we delete one. Joe Simenic discovered that the 08/20/1914 game in which William Dewitt Schwarz was credited as being the Yankee catcher was actually caught by Pius Schwert. (Isn’t Pius Schwert one of your favorite names?) William Schwarz was a career minor league first baseman who never got above A ball.

The Baseball Digest List

Owen Ricker and Lefty Biasco each sent me the complete list of the 100 players which were listed as missing in Baseball Digest of 1962-63. I will publish 10 each month with a note about whether we have found them. These were the 10 listed in June of 1962:

McGuire (1894) - Still missing and identity a mystery.
Carter Ward Elliott - Died 05/21/1959 in Palm Springs, California.
Walter Kingsley Irwin - Alive in 1962. Died
08/18/1976 in Spring Lake, Michigan.
Frederick Andrus - Died 11/10/1937 in Detroit, Michigan.
Richard Proctor - Name was Noah Richard Proctor. Died 12/17/1954 in Richmond, Virginia.
Franklin Lloyd Milliken - I have no idea who this player is.
Charles S. Abbey - Died 04/27/1926 in San Francisco, California.

New Web Page

Richard Matatzy has created a web page listing the 100 oldest living ballplayers as well as deaths for 1998-2000. The address is:

http://hoxley.tripod.com/grid1obscure.html

Birthday List

The following nonagenarians are celebrating birthdays in May and June. Make sure you send them a card.

May 17  Michael Balas  90
May 21  Mace Brown  91
May 23  Willis Hudlin  94
June 20  Bill Werber  92
June 25  Ralph Erickson  98
June 28  Joe Cascarella  93

The Lyston Brothers

Our Mystery of the Month comes to us from Reed Howard. Reed has been working with a man named Jimmy Keenan, the grandson of John M. Lyston, to put together the careers of his grandfather and his grandfather's brothers. One of his brothers is William Edward Lyston, whom we list as playing with Columbus (AA) in 1891 and Cleveland (NL) in 1894.

Reed discovered that the 1894 game was not pitched by William Lyston, but by his brother, John Lyston. An article in the Baltimore Sun of June 14, 1894 stated, "John Lyston, the Baltimore amateur pitcher, was at Union Park Wednesday practicing for the benefit of Captain Tebeau. Tebeau was favorably impressed and will give the Baltimorean a trial." Then the following day the same paper said, "Lyston, of Baltimore, started in to pitch for the Spiders, but was taken out in the early part of the fourth inning."

So it appears that the Cleveland game was pitched by John Lyston. William Lyston was mainly an outfielder and another brother, Mortimer Lyston, was a shortstop and outfielder. The mystery is who pitched the game for Columbus on August 29, 1891.
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1902 Barclay, George Oliver
1958 Bright, Harry James
1874 Brown, 
1940 Campbell, Clarence
1888 Clarke, William H.
1999 Colangelo, Michael G.
1997 Coleman, Michael D.
1902 Courtney, Edward Ernest
1947 Creger, Bernard Odell

1885 Driscoll, Dennis F.

1880 Driscoll, John F.

1993 Everett, Carl Edward
1884 Flynn, Joseph

1893 Frank, Charles
1920 Glenn, Burdette
1930 Gullic, Tedd Jasper

1996 Jensen, Marcus C.
1873 Jones, Charles Wesley

1873 Jones, Levin

1937 Jorgensen, Carl
1936 Kimberlin, Harry Lydle
1954 Lawrence, Brooks Ulysses

1891 Letcher, Frederick Thomas
1947 Levan, Jesse Roy
1891 Long, James M.

BR
D: Mar 13 2000
Sacramento, California
Name: Robert Brown
W: (R1)
(W5)
(C1)

M: (M3)

Sparta, Virginia
Height: 5-07 Weight: 160
(C1)
(M4)

Name: Michael Gius Colangelo
(C1)

Name: Michael Donnell Coleman
(C1)

Height: 5-08 Weight: 168
(R1)

D: Nov 30 1997
Lynchburg, Virginia

New player
(S1)

Debut: Jul 25 1885
D: Feb 21 1901
Providence, Rhode Island

Remove 1885 Buffalo (NL) record
(S1)

Record belongs to Dennis Driscoll

B: Jun 3 1971
B: Nov 1856
Rhode Island
(R1)

D: Feb 14 1932
Providence, Rhode Island

TL
TR
(TL)
(P1)

D: Jan 28 2000
West Plains, Missouri
(C1)

Name: Marcus Christian Jensen
(C1)

Remove Baltimore record in 1873 and 1874
(W5)

Debut: May 4 1875

New player
(W5)

Debut: May 14 1873
B: Baltimore, Maryland

D: May 2 1996
Santa Cruz, California
(C1)

D: Dec 31 1999
Poplar Bluff, Missouri
(M3)

D: Apr 27 2000
Springfield, Ohio
(D6)

1891 Letcher, Frederick Thomas
1947 Levan, Jesse Roy

Height: 6-00
B: Reading, Pennsylvania
(M4)
(B6)

Height: 5-10 Weight: 160
(M4)

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1950 Marrero, Conrado Eugenio (Ramos)  
B: May 1 1911  
Height: 5-05  
Weight: 170  
(C2)

1992 Martinez, Pedro Jaime  
B: Oct 25 1971  
Weight: 170  
(P1)

1962 Menke, Denis John  
B: Bancroft, Iowa  
D: Mar 29 2000  
(S7)

1944 Miklos, John Joseph  
Adrian, Michigan  
(M4)

1894 Murray, Thomas W.  
BR  
(H4)

1932 Musser, William Daniel  
D: Mar 2 2000  
Upper Sandusky, Ohio  
(C1)

1946 Ramazzotti, Robert Louis  
D: Feb 15 2000  
Altoona, Pennsylvania  
(C1)

1948 Rice, Harold Houston  
D: Dec 22 1997  
Bloomington, Indiana  
(C1)

1941 Rikard, Cully  
Name: Culley Rikard  
PP

1956 Sanford, John Stanley  
D: Feb 25 2000  
Memphis, Tennessee  
(C1)

1914 Schwarz, William Dewitt  
Delete player. Record belongs to Pius Schwert.  
(S1)

1914 Schwert, Pius Louis  
Debut: Aug 20 1914  
(S1)

1888 Weaver, William B.  
Height: 5-10  
Weight: 170  
(M4)

1944 Williams, Dewey Edgar  
D: Mar 19 2000  
Williston, North Dakota  
(C1)

1888 Wilmot, Walter Robert  
Height: 5-09  
Weight: 165  
(M4)

1997 Winchester, Scott J.  
Name: Scott Joseph Winchester  
(C1)