C. V. Matterson Found

A player known only as C. V. Matterson pitched for St. Louis of the Union Association on June 13, 1884. Richard Malatzky managed to identify him and track him down earning him the Find of the Month award.

Richard looked through the 1883-85 issues of Sporting Life and found him referred to as Matteson as well as Matterson. He is also mentioned as being from Ohio. Richard then went to the 1880 Ohio census and found all the Mattesons in Ohio who fit the logical age range. There were four of them, three of whom were brothers. They were Charles F (23), Claude L (21), and Clifford (18) and they lived in Seville, Ohio.

When Richard then looked at the 1900 Ohio census, he found a Clifford V. Matteson, born November 1861, and living in Seville, Ohio with his wife Cora. Richard Topp has access to an Ohio death index and found a death for Cora Matteson in Medina County on November 30, 1923. He sent this information back to Richard Malatzky, who then wrote the Medina County District Library. They sent him the obituaries of both Cora and Clifford Virgil Matteson, mayor of Seville, Ohio. The mayor died of acute indigestion December 18, 1931 in Seville.

Quoting from the obituary, "Matteson, whose early days were marked by his activity as a baseball player and who retained his interest in the national pastime to the end..." Obviously, this is our boy. Tremendous job of research!

A Mann's Resume

Cappy Gagnon compiled a rather interesting list of the jobs held by former ballplayer Leslie Mann.

1911-14 Attended Springfield (MA) College
1917-19 Physical Director, Army YMCA, Camp Logan, Houston, Texas
1919-21 Assistant Coach, Rice Institute
1922-24 Baseball Coach and Asst. Football and Basketball Coach, Indiana University
1924-25 Completed BS degree in PE at Springfield College
1925-26 Played with Boston Braves
1926-31 "Teaching by Motion Pictures"
1931-35 National Director, US Amateur Baseball Association
1934 Manager, Harrisburg Senators
1936 Executive VP & Sec., Amateur Baseball Congress
1936 Coach of Olympic Baseball Team in Munich
1936-37 Executive VP, US Baseball Congress
1938-39 Sec.-Treas., US Baseball Congress
1939-40 Graduate student, Springfield College
1940-41 Executive VP & Sec., USA Baseball Congress and Sec-Treas., Intl Assn of Baseball Federations
1941-43 Executive Secretary, YMCA (USO)
1943 Director, Mobile Service USO
1943-45 Mobile Service Director, USO Pacific Coast
1945-46 Athletic and Recreation Director, USO in Honolulu, Hawaii
1946-50 Exec. Sec., Int'l Amateur Football and Baseball Federation, Founder, USA Baseball Federation, Founder, USA Football Federation, Boston Braves Baseball National Director
1950-62 Athletic Films, Inc.

Died January 14, 1962 in Pasadena, California and in 1972 was elected to the Springfield College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Expansion Forgotten

Robert Schulz provided a list of players who
were selected in the expansion draft but never played in the major leagues.

1960  Don Ross    LA Angels
1961  Paul Roof   Houston Colts
1968  John Gloss  Montreal Expos
       Fred Katowczik San Diego Padres
       Dan Haynes    Kansas City Royals
       John Miklos   Seattle Pilots
       Bob Richmond  Seattle Pilots
       Paul Click    Seattle Pilots
1976  Alan Griffin Seattle Mariners
       Mike Weathers Toronto Blue Jays
1992  Ramon Martinez Florida Marlins
       Kip Yaughn    Florida Marlins

Claud Elliott's Disease

I recently received a letter from a SABR member who had obtained the death certificate of former pitcher Claud Judson Elliott. Elliott died in 1923 and the cause of his death was listed as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. As far as I know, Elliott is the first player to die from it. I bet you could stump your friends with this one.

Help Requested

Bob McConnell would like some help in tracking down a minor leaguer by the name of Frank B. "Pop" Weikart who played from 1888 through 1908. He was with Houston 1888-90 and 1896-97, Montgomery in 1892, Allentown in 1895, Austin from 1895-97, Mobile in 1899-99, Decatur in 1900, Shreveport from 1901-05, and Galveston in 1907-08. He tied for the home run lead in the Southern League in 1899; and led the league outright in 1902, 1904, and 1905. If any of you can help Bob, please let him know.

Birthday List

There are several nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in May and June, including our oldest former player, Chester Hoff. Make sure you send a card.

May 8  Chester Hoff  107
May 23 Willis Hudlin  92
June 4 Edward Marshall  92
June 9 Paul Gregory  90
June 20 Bill Werber  90
June 25 Lief Erickson  96
June 28 Joe Cascarella  91

The David Drew Mysteries

Our Mystery of the Month for March/April comes from Richard Malatzky. We list David Drew as the player who played with Philadelphia and Washington in the Union Association in 1884. Richard found a note from early 1884 stating that David Drew, of last year’s Maple Leafs of Milwaukee, has been signed by the Chicago Unions.

A little later in the winter, he found a note in the Johnstown, Pennsylvania notes that Drew, who lives in Johnstown, will probably play in Johnstown this year. Later in the winter, that Drew signed with Oil City in the Iron and Oil League.

On May 14-15, Drew played with the Philadelphia Keystones. Both games were played in Altoona. On May 20, Drew played for the Washington Nationals, also in Altoona, and then continued with them.

The Drew from Johnstown and David Drew were apparently two different players, so it would seem apparent that the Johnstown Drew would be the major league player. Johnstown is only 30 miles from Altoona. Does anyone want to look into this in Johnstown or Altoona?
### The Scoreboard

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New Monthly Data

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None

New Information Received:

1979 Ainge, Daniel Rae
1884 Bahret, Frank J.

Name: Daniel Ray Ainge
Name Frank E. Bahret
B: 1858
D: Mar 30 1888
Poughkeepsie, New York
(MC) (M3)

1907 Baxter, John Morris
1938 Bongiovanni, Anthony Thomas
1871 Burroughs, Henry S.

BL Height: 6-02 Weight: 200
B: New Orleans, Louisiana
B: New Jersey
D: Mar 31 1878
(R2) (T1) (M4)

1943 Candini, Milo Cain
1934 Castleman, Clydell

D: Mar 17 1998
Manteca, California
(CL)

1948 Clark, James
1941 Cook, Earl Davis

B: Baggaley, Pennsylvania
(D) (M4)

1973 Driessen, Daniel
1904 Elliott, Claude Judson

B: Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Name: Claud Judson Elliott
(D) (C1)

1911 Fisher, August Harris
1939 Gallagher, Joseph Emmett

B: Pottsville, Texas
D: Feb 25 1998
Houston, Texas
(T1) (D6)

1957 Kennedy, John Irvin

D: Apr 27 1998
Jacksonville, Florida
(NL)

1914 LaClaire, George Lewis
1884 Matterson, C. V.

Name: George Lewis LaClair
Name: Clifford Virgil Matteson
B: Nov 1861
M3)

1909 Powell, William Burris
1903 Raub, Thomas Jefferson
1923 Stone, Edwin Arnold
1940 Strincevich, Nicholas
1945 Walczak, Edwin Joseph

B: Taylor County, West Virginia
D: Feb 15 1949
Debut: Jul 30 1923
Delete real name
D: Mar 10 1998
Norwich, Connecticut
(C2) (C1)

1929 Weston, Alfred John

D: Nov 13 1997
San Diego, California
(C1)

1884 Wiley,
1969 Wilson, William Harlan
1961 Wyatt, John Thomas

Name: John Wiley
D: Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
D: Apr 6 1998
Omaha, Nebraska
(M3) (C1) (C1)