An Errant Cannonball Misses the Kaiser

Our November Find of the Month is awarded to John Schwartz. John found obituaries which corrected the death dates of Cannonball Crane, Sam Moran, and Kaiser Wilhelm. Like the headline?

Rube Waddell

I received a letter from a SABR member who is doing research on Rube Waddell. He would like to know anything about Waddell which may not be known. If you can help him, please write to him at the following address:

Lile Anderson
15816 28th Avenue NE
Seattle, Washington 98155

Stars in Stripes

Bill Weiss writes that the San Quentin prison baseball team in the 1930s had back to back managers who were ex-major leaguers. Jerry Downs played second base for the Tigers when they appeared in the 1908 World Series and Pete Schneider is famous for hitting 5 home runs in a minor league game.

An Evolutionary Marvel

Bill Weiss also has informed me that 1997 rookie Antonio Alfonseca has a claim to fame that no other major league player can make.

Alfonseca has 6 fingers on each hand and 6 toes on each foot. When the Marlins won the World Series, did you see him give the "high six" to each of his teammates?

One Gamers

Tom Ruane, a SABR member from Poughkeepsie, New York, has done research on one game major leaguers. He sent me the following facts.

28 men made their only appearance as a pinch runner: Jack Aragon, Ivan Bigler, John Corriden, Bob Daughters, Otis Davis, Joe Evers, Charlie Fallon, Ralph Gagliano, Gary Hargis, Mickey Harrington, Eddie Hunter, Dan Jessee, Owen Kahn, Mel Kerr, Mike Kosman, Tom Maher, Danny Mahoney, Garth Mann, Bob Mavis, Ray Medeiros, John Oldham, Gene Patton, John Sanders, Hank Schmulbach, Ralph Shafer, Ray Shook, Leo Taylor, and Ollie Welf.


4 players were hit by a pitch in their only plate appearance: Harvey Grubb, Cy Malis, Fred Van Dusen, and Ham Wade.
The only 2 people to appear in the same game were Harry O'Neill and Jim Schelle, who both appeared for the A's on July 23, 1939. Two of the pitching performances deserve mention. Jim Scoggins started for the White Sox on August 26, 1913. He walked the leadoff man, was removed from the game, and was saddled with the loss. Bill Childers came into the game in relief for Louisville on July 27, 1895, faced 8 batters, gave up 2 hits, walked 6, and then vanished completely. Childers has not been seen since.

Did You Know?

Did you know that there has never been a major league ballplayer named Heine? All the people known as Heine or Heinie, such as Zimmerman, Peitz, Groh, and Meine were all named Henry. I know of no one in the past 60 years of baseball who went by the name Heine.

Renewal Time

It is time to let me know if you wish to remain on the committee in 1998. If you are a regular contributor, don't worry about it. However, if you have been too busy to contribute, please write and let me know if you wish to remain a member. Otherwise, you will be dropped. My address is 8220 E. 135th Street, Grandview, Mo. 64030 and my e-mail is Bbxpert@aol.com.

Ever See This Book?

Bob Richardson saw an article the other day which mentioned a book called *Baseball and Baseball Players* by Elwood A. Roff (1912). It is described as a "history of the game with a history of everyone on and off the field ever connected with baseball and where and how they died." Sounds like it would be right up our alley. Does anyone know anything about this book?

Birthday List

There are four nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in December. Be sure to send a card.

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New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

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1997 Crowell, James E.  
1936 Dickshot, John Oscar  
1997 Franklin, Micah Ashanti  
1909 Getz, Gustave  
1951 Hairston, Samuel Harding  
1997 Hasegawa, Shigetosi  
1915 Hickman, David James  
1997 Hurst, Jimmy O'Neal  
1892 Kennedy, William P.  
1997 Kotsay, Mark Steven  
1954 Lary, Alfred Allen  
1911 Lewis, John David  
1950 Littlefield, Richard Bernard  
1997 Long, Ryan Marcus  
1951 McMillan, Roy David  
1946 Meyer, Russell Charles  
1895 Moran, Samuel  
1876 Morrill, John Francis  
1876 Pierson, David P.  
1952 Pope, David  
1997 Tatis, Ramon Francisco (Medrano)  
1997 Valdez, Mario A.  
1903 Wilhelm, Irvin Key

B: Sterling, Massachusetts (R1)  
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Name: Sean Thomas Casey (W1)  
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Name: James Everette Crowell (W1)  
D: Nov 4 1997 (T1)

Waukegan, Illinois  
Name: Micah Ishanti Franklin (MC)  
D: Red Bank, New Jersey (B6)  
D: Oct 31 1997 (C1)

Birmingham, Alabama  
Name: Shigetoshi Hasegawa (MC)  
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Name: William Park Kennedy (T1)  
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B: Sep 26 1928 (C1)  
B: Feb 14 1884 (T1)  
D: Nov 20 1997 (S9)

Detroit, Michigan  
Weight: 215 (MC)  
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D: Bonham, Texas (C1)  
D: Nov 16 1997 (C1)

Oglesby, Illinois  
D: Aug 27 1897 (BX)  
D: Brookline, Massachusetts (R1)  
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B: Jun 17 1921 (C1)  
B: Guayubin, Dominican Republic (MC)

TL (MC)

D: May 22 1936 (BX)