Unknown Player Identified And Found

There's nothing like ending 1995 with a bang. On June 17, 1884, the Washington Nationals featured a battery of Thompson pitching and Rollinson catching. It was heretofore unknown who these players were. Bob Richardson has been able to identify Rollinson as William Henry Winslow, former catcher with Brown University, and also found his birth and death date. This amazing discovery earns Bob the December Find of the Month award.

A Sporting Life note of June 18, 1884 stated that "Tenney and Winslow, the well-known pitcher and catcher, graduates of Brown University, have signed with the Washington Nationals and will play against the Bostons on Tuesday." June 17 was the Tuesday in question, Bunker Hill Day in Massachusetts. Bob checked Winslow from 1881-1884 and came up empty. He then found a note that a Winslow, "who caught J Lee Richmond for four years at Brown" caught briefly for Holyoke of the Massachusetts States Association in July 1884. This prompted Bob to check back further at Brown and found that William Henry Winslow, class of 1880, had caught both Tenney and Richmond at Brown.

Bob then was able to track down Winslow's son. That's right, the son of a man born in 1856. His son remembers his father telling him about taking the train with J Lee Richmond to play in a game. (It is quite possible that Thompson is actually Richmond.) Winslow was a teacher at the time in Lee, Massachusetts, a 2.5 mile train ride from Boston, and would have had Bunker Hill Day off. Winslow played minor league ball in July and August of 1884 and 1885. An absolutely amazing find.

John Hillary Swaim

I have been searching for John Hillary Swaim of the 1897-98 Washington club for quite some time. I had tracked him to Youngstown, Ohio in 1925. Supposedly, he had moved to Florida. I wrote a lady to search the Florida death index for him and she sent me a 2 page list of all people named Swain or Swaim who died in Florida. None of these looked especially promising.

Then Joe Simenic found a letter from Swaim in a 1942 Sporting News stating that he lived in Umatilla, Florida and that he wanted to hear from his ex-teammates. Umatilla is in Lake County. I went back to the list that the lady had sent me and found a John H. Swain who died in 1945 in Lake County. I wrote Florida for the death certificate and was delighted when the birth matched the birth of our ballplayer and the occupation stated "ballplayer." Just like Joe Quest, the occupation of a 71 year old man referred to him as a ballplayer. Thanks to Joe Simenic for providing the key clue.

Member Movement

Brian Ten Eyck has moved. Brian's new address is 36330 Yocum Loop, Sandy, Oregon 97055. Please welcome Scott Schulf to the committee. Scott's address is 665 Brighton Avenue, Portland, Maine 04102. Scott's code number will be X5.

Simenic Says:

Didn't you all play that game when you were a kid? Joe Simenic checked out a few of the questions that I asked in the November newsletter. Frank Watt actually died in Washington, D.C. rather than the nonexistent Glen Cove, Maryland. Russell McKelvy did die.
October, 19, 1915 and thus our information is correct. And John S. Neuer is the proper name for the 1907 Highlander pitcher.

**Junior**

I have been asked this question a couple of times recently, so I thought I would respond to the question of using "Junior" in a player's name. I only list the name with "Junior" in the case of a player who had the exact same name as his father and the father either played or managed in the major leagues. Obvious examples are the Ripkens and the Griffey. (For those of you who only read boxscores prior to 1920, these are players from the "modern" era.) If they don't have the same first, last, and middle name (David Russell Bell, David Gus Bell, David Michael Bell), then I don't list the "Junior." And if they have the same three names, but their father is not a major league player (William Irvin Adams), then I don't list the "Junior."

**Oldsters**

Bob Davids suggested that I publish the list of the ten short-term players who lived the longest and the ten long-term (10 years or more) players who lived the longest. The list follows:

**Short-Term**

Chet Hoff 104-7
Robert Wright 101-7
John Daley 101-3
Paul Ots 100-11
Charles Emig 100-5
Edward Gill 100-2
Ralph Miller 100-1
John Hollison 99-3
George Winkelman 98-11
Ollie O'Mara 98-7

**Long-Term**

Milt Gaston 99-11
Dummy Hoy 99-6
Fred Parent 96-11
Larry Kopf 95-11
Joe Wood 95-9
Joe Oeschger 95-2
Ray Fisher 95-1
Elmer Flick 94-11
Edd Roush 94-10
Stan Coveleskie 94-8

Interestingly, the top guy on each list is the only one on each list who is still alive.

**An Ortega Lead**

Dan Dischley wrote me that Bill Haber had been tracking Phil Ortega, last month's *Mystery*, prior to Bill's death. Bill had apparently traced him to Los Angeles, then to San Diego, and finally to Mexico City. Does this help anybody in tracking him down?

**Birthday List**

There are five nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in January. Milt Gaston will celebrate his 100th birthday seven days after George Burns celebrates his. (This George Burns is a cigar-smoking comedian, not the Giant outfielder or Indian first baseman.) Make sure you send a card.

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**George McAvoic/Carey**

George McAvoic played one game with the Phillies in 1914. His minor league career was mainly confined to the state of Texas from 1909 to 1919. He was born on March 12, 1884 in East Liverpool, Ohio, apparently with the name George Carey. I'm not sure where the McAvoic came in. Both of George's parents, Samuel and Sarah Carey died in East Liverpool in 1914 and 1915, respectively. George had four brothers, Harry, Jess, William, and Elmer. It is unknown where George resided after his baseball career or whether he was using the name McAvoic or Carey. This qualifies George to be our final 1995 *Mystery of the Month.*
## The Scoreboard

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New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

1929 Badgro, Morris Hiram
1914 Barron, Frank John
1907 Brush, Robert
1953 Bruton, William Haron
1990 Carr, Charles Lee Glenn
1884 Creagan, Martin
1876 Curren, Peter
1954 Davis, James Bennett
1885 Derby, Eugene A.
1891 Eagan, William
1916 Fisher, Wilbur McCullough
1935 Gomez, Jose Luis (Gonzalez)
1909 Hagerman, Zeriah Zequiet
1898 Heidrick, John Emmett
1941 Judd, Thomas William Oscar
1969 Manuel, Charles Fuqua
1969 Martinez, Jose (Azcaruz)
1995 Meier, James Jason
1884 Murphy, William N.
1938 Powers, Leslie Edwin
1942 Rickert, Marvin August
1884 Rollinson,

1897 Sparks, Thomas Frank
1965 Spriggs, George Herman
1992 Suero, Williams (Urban)
1897 Swaim, John Hillary
1874 Taylor, Z. H.
1980 Valenzuela, Fernando (Anguamea)
1931 Watt, Frank Marion

B: Orillia, Washington  (B8)
B: St. Marys, West Virginia  (H4)
D: St. Marys, West Virginia  (C1)
D: Dec 5 1995  (D2)

B: San Bernardino, California  (C1)
Weight: 161  (R1)
Weight: 175  (R1)
D: Dec 6 1995  (W1)

San Mateo, California  (R1)

Fitchburg, Massachusetts  (S5)

B: Green Bottom, West Virginia  (H4)
Name: Jose Luis Gomez (Gonzales)  (D7)
B: Lyndon, Kansas  (Z1)
Name: R. Emmet Heidrick  (K1)

Ingersoll, Ontario  (C1)

B: Northfork, West Virginia  (H4)
B: Jul 26 1942  (C1)
B: Bayside, New York  (D7)
Name: William H. Murphy  (R1)
B: Mar 23 1864  (C1)

Springfield, Massachusetts  (R1)

B: Seattle, Washington  (B8)
B: Longbranch, Washington  (B8)
Name: William Rollinson  (R1)

Real name: William Henry Winslow  (R1)
B: Jun 10 1856  (R1)
Fairfield, Maine  (B8)

B: Ema, Georgia  (H4)
B: Lothian, Maryland  (W1)
D: Nov 30 1995  (C1)
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  (C1)

B: Washington, D.C.  (S1)

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