Cornelius Doyle Found

Well, it didn’t take long. Cornelius J. Doyle, last month’s Mystery of the Month, has been found. It was actually rather simple thanks to Bob Richardson tracking Doyle and his sister Ellen to El Paso, Texas. I went to my local library and checked the Texas death index. I found a Cornelius J. Doyle who died July 29, 1931 in El Paso. I sent for the obituary through interlibrary loan and while it didn’t mention baseball, it did mention that his sister Ellen had died two weeks before. I have also sent for the death certificate which will hopefully give his birth date. Quite obviously our boy. Good work by Bob Richardson to track him down. For this, Bob wins the April Find of the Month award.

The 1908 Pittsburgh Pirates

Joe Dittmar sent me an article on the 1908 Pittsburgh Pirates which gave some interesting biographical information on the members of the club. The article gave their marital status, offseason occupation, political affiliation, and religion.

For example, Royal Shaw was a Democrat, Methodist, and an undertaker. Dan Moeller was a mechanical engineer, Prohibitionist, and a member of the United Brethren Church. Cy Young worked in a billiard hall. (I wonder if he ever won the Minnesota Fats Award.) Sam Leever was a powder manufacturer. Lefty Leifield and Owen Wilson were both butchers. Isn’t it a shame that we don’t get such fascinating information on today’s players? The last player I remember who even had an offseason occupation was Richie Hebner, who was a grave digger.

I Need Help

Here is where I really miss Bill Haber. I have 10 players that have been reported deceased, but I cannot confirm the date and place of death. Can anyone help?

Billy Wilson 1993 Unknown
Juan Rios 1995 Puerto Rico
Joseph Gantenbein 08/02/93 California
Vern Freiburger 02/27/90 California
James McDonnell 04/24/93 Michigan
Walt Whitman 02/06/94 Illinois
Charles Coles 01/15/96 Unknown
Charles Moss 10/09/91 Mississippi
Walker Cress 1996 Unknown
Gary Geiger 1996 Unknown

I have sent for death certificates for Gantenbein, Freiburger, and McDonnell. Moss supposedly died in Vicksburg but I couldn’t find an obituary in the Vicksburg paper. But if you can help track down any of the other guys, I would definitely appreciate it.

SABR Convention

I hope all of you are planning to come to Kansas City for the SABR convention. Contrary to popular belief, a tour of my house is not on the convention agenda. However, I plan to pass out a new missing player list to those of you who come to our committee meeting. That alone should be enough incentive to come.

Birthday List

There are only two nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in May. Chester Hoff, the oldest living former player celebrates his 105th on May 8 and Willis Hudlin turns 90 on May 23. Be sure to send them a card. Milt Gaston passed away on April 26 at the age of 100. Gaston was the 6th oldest player of all time and the only centenarian to have played 10 years in the major leagues.
More On Names

Several people commented on my list of unusual first names from last month’s report. Since you all seemed to enjoy that, Bill Weiss provided me with some unusual names of former minor leaguers.

First of all, there was one named after a president, Herbert Hoover Yoxtheimer. The Dodgers had two players in their minor league system named Robert Tweedy and Robert Twaddle while the Cubs had Willie Crummy and Ted Krappe (you might expect those guys to play for the Cubs.)

Heartsill R. Zolliecoffer, Cyril Methodius Honeychuck, Horatio J. Fatzinger, Jr., and Aloysius Mussenfechter were actually minor league ballplayers and not characters played by Groucho Marx.

There were a couple of interesting sets of twins, Lesse and Jesse Mensehouse, and Homer and Cromer Smotherman. We also had Precious Ellison Ross, Cleveland Lee Plump, Robert Burncrot, Rolla Schmutte, Hubert Poovey, Peaster Mumphord, Jr., Gasper Pivorunas, Shelton Belch, McPherson Crumb, Fladgit Zunk, Hazel Sweatt, Robert Snoddy, Calhoun Vasbinder, Pick Fikes, and Greed McKinnis. (Do you suppose Greed had a couple of brothers named Sloth and Envy?)

Finally, there is the minor league equivalent of Wenceslao O’Reilly Gonzales. He has the rather unique moniker of Vondolf Cortez McClamrock. They don’t come any better than that.

No, That Isn’t a Cartoon Character

In keeping with our theme of interesting names, our April Mystery of the Month is Seymour L. Studley. Studley played for the 1872 Washington Nationals and must have been quite a ballplayer. He played a grand total of five games, hitting a lusty .136. Yet, according to the encyclopedias, he had the nickname of Warhorse.

We list Studley as dying in 1874. I have seen him listed as dying in either Washington, D.C. or Rochester, New York. Researchers have been unable to unearth him in either city. (No, not the same way they unearthed Jesse James.) We need a date and place of death.
## The Scoreboard

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