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TIEMANN WINS TOP SABR AWARD

AT SABR'S CONVENTION BANQUET Saturday evening, June 27, in St. Louis, Bob Tiemann was awarded the society's highest honor, the Bob Davids Award, presented annually to a member of SABR "whose contributions to SABR and baseball reflect the ingenuity, integrity and self-sacrifice" of SABR's founder and past president. "Voluntary activities in the areas of administration and research are among those contributions considered" in selecting the recipient of the award.

Tiemann, who has traced every major league game and pennant race since 1871, is one of the most active contributors to SABR projects as well as one of the society's most productive researchers. Chair or co-chair of the Nineteenth Century Committee since 1987, he organized the National Association Box Score Project, and co-edited *Nineteenth Century Stars* with Mark Rucker. With Rich Topp he developed the manager roster used in *Total Baseball*, for which he and Topp were awarded a Macmillan-SABR Award. He edited *The National Pastime* for 1990, and has written two books about Cardinal and Dodger classic games. As a member of the 1992 SABR Convention or-

ganizing committee he edited the convention publication, *St. Louis's Favorite Sport*.

Retires as Co-Chair; Ivor-Campbell Named

Earlier in the day, at the annual meeting of the Nineteenth Century Committee, Tiemann announced his retirement as committee co-chair. He will remain active in committee projects, as head the NA Box Score Project and compiler of player statistics for *More Nineteenth Century Stars*. On Sunday, June 28, at the SABR board meeting, Fred Ivor-Campbell, co-chair with Tiemann since last fall, was appointed to chair the committee.

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY GAME RETURNS TO TROY, WORCESTER

AFTER THE 1882 SEASON, Troy and Worcester were dropped from active membership in the National League to make room for new clubs in the larger markets of New York and Philadelphia. But as a sop, the abandoned clubs were awarded "honorary membership" in the league; last month they awoke, Rip-Van-Winkle-like, to take up where they had left off 110 years ago. In a pair of home-and-home games on June 6 and 20, played by 1882 rules (except that both were shorter than nine innings, and—in Worcester, at least—substitution of players from the bench was permitted without the pretense of injury), Troy and Worcester wowed sizeable crowds of hometown fans with 2-0 and 3-1 victories respectively.

Top amateurs from the two cities made up the nines, which were attired in period uniforms. Input from a number of SABR members plus competent play on the field combined to create a level of verisimilitude that stirred among spectators considerable interest in the nineteenth century game. Both games, especially the first one, played in Troy, received extensive press and television coverage.

At Troy an elaborate monument was unveiled honoring the city's former major leaguers. In Worcester, committee member JOHN RICHMOND HUSMAN threw out the first ball after unveiling a monument to his great grandfather J. Lee Richmond, who, pitching for Worcester in 1880, hurled major league baseball's first perfect game. Husman also contributed an article on Richmond to the Worcester game program (which also featured a brief history of the Worcester club and a piece on Worcester resident Ernest L. Thayer's *Casey at the Bat*.)

Other committee members who contributed to the events were RICH PUFF, who edited the Troy game commemorative program, *Troy's Baseball Heritage*; JOHN THORN, who umpired the game in Troy; and DAVID PIETRUSZA, who broadcast the Worcester game to the fans in attendance, explaining the 1882 rules and interpreting unfamiliar action on the field. Committee member (and SABR president) LLOYD JOHNSON, who attended the festivities in Troy, was quoted frequently by the media.

Copies of *Troy's Baseball Heritage* (which features Puff's history of baseball in Troy, and includes a brief piece on the Troy-Worcester rivalry and an excerpt from Pietrusza's book, *Major Leagues*, among its several articles on Troy baseball) can be obtained by sending \$5 per copy to Tom Blair, City Manager's Office, City Hall, 1 Monument Square, Troy, NY 12180.

[JIM COSTELLO and RICH PUFF provided NCN with the newspaper stories of the games (and the hoopla surrounding them) on which much of this report is based.]

BOX SCORE PROJECT MOVES AHEAD

WITH THE COMPLETION OF STATISTICS for 1872 and 1873, the committee's National Association Box Score Project moves on to 1874-75, the NA's final two seasons. Bob Richardson's compilation of the 1873 stats will be published in the October issue of *NCN*, but readers who want it sooner may request a copy from *NCN* compiler Fred Ivor-Campbell.

NEW BASEBALL JOURNAL COMING

THE FIRST ISSUE OF *NINE*, a scholarly semi-annual publication formidably subtitled *A Journal of Baseball History and Social Policy Perspectives*, is scheduled for September. Founded and

edited by Bill Kirwin, a faculty member at the University of Alberta, *Nine* seems a haven for the kind of articles and reviews that once would have found a home in the defunct *Baseball History*.

Nineteenth century baseball is represented in the premiere issue by Mark Savoie's "Drawing the Line: The Trials of African-American Baseball Players in the International League (1886-1889)."

Prospective contributors are invited to contact editor Kirwin at: Faculty for Social Work, #300, 8625 112th St., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 1K8.

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The Nineteenth Century Committee welcomes to its roster:

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DEPARTURES

Drew Apoldite, Martin Babicz, David A. Bennett, Keith Heidorn, Ed Triplett, Terry Williams, and William M. Yoder, who are no longer members of SABR, have been dropped from the committee membership list.

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY BASEBALL RESEARCHER'S LIBRARY

EACH BOOK ON THIS LIST has been recommended by one or more of the following contributors: LEFTY BLASCO, MARK COOPER, DAN GINSBURG, RALPH HORTON, FRED IVOR-CAMPBELL, JACK KAVANAGH, JACK LITTLE, DICK SCHRADER, DEAN SULLIVAN and NEWT WEAVER. Some readers will quarrel with some of the selections; others will wonder why works they view as crucial for nineteenth century baseball research have been omitted. Look at this list as a starting point, to be supplemented in future issues of NCN by your comments on present titles and suggestions for books you feel should be added. Let's hear from you.

For the sake of manageability, this list has been limited to books and other works published separately, like special issues of periodicals, monographs, and academic theses and dissertations. (An annotated list of the best articles on nineteenth century baseball would make a worthy project for some ambitious researcher.) Also omitted are such obviously essential sources as the modern baseball encyclopedias, and the nineteenth century annual guides (many of which are available in modern reprints, and which deserve a list of their own).

Comments are identified by the contributors' surname initials.

Adelman, Melvin L. *A Sporting Time: New York City and the Rise of Modern Athletics, 1820-1870*. 1986. "The definitive examination of the growth of baseball and cricket in NYC. This book, based on his groundbreaking dissertation (which includes even more detail than the book), has inspired much research." (Su)

Allen, Lee. *One Hundred Years of Baseball*. 1950.

Anson, A. C. *A Ball Player's Career*. 1900. "Helpful on early club information, rosters, games." (W)

Ashe, Arthur R. *A Hard Road to Glory: A History of the African-American Athlete 1619-1918*. 1988. "The first of three volumes, this includes an impressive 34-page roster of black teams prior to 1920, as well as a brief history of black baseball." (Su)

Bartlett, Arthur. *Baseball and Mr. Spalding*. 1951.

Benson, Michael. *Ballparks of North America . . . 1845 to Present*. 1991.

"Not as charming, but far more comprehensive than *Green Cathedrals*, which remains a valuable source." (Su)

Bowman, John, and Joel Zoss. *Diamonds in the Rough*. 1989. "Stimulating challenges to baseball dogma and the conventional wisdom." (IC)

Casey, Harry J. *The History of Baseball*. 1912.

Chadwick, Henry. *The Game of Base Ball*. 1868; rpt. 1982. "Game stories for important games of the previous season, star players at various positions, how to keep score the old way, a glossary that includes terms you don't hear any more, the rules, and lots more." (L)

Charlton, James, ed. *The Baseball Chronology*. 1991. "Both [this book and Orem's *Baseball 1845-1881*] are essential for researching 19th century

events, because they trace events on a day by day basis. In addition to supplying great information, having the dates is helpful in looking to other sources such as newspapers." (G)

Church, Seymour R. *Base Ball*. Vol. 1, 1845-1871, 1902; rpt. 1974. "Apparently there was never a vol. II. The book is a miscellany, especially strong on the history of the game in California. It has bios (especially Cal McVey), photos, box scores of famous games, roster of 1871 NA players with age, height, weight, and many anecdotes extending well beyond the ostensible cutoff of 1871." (Sch)

Ellard, Harry. *Base Ball in Cincinnati*. 1907; rpt. 1987. "Harry had access to scrapbooks and his father's Red Stockings club records." (L)

Gipe, George. *The Great American Sports Book*. 1978. "Easily accessible baseball history 1860-present." (W)

- Goldstein, Warren. *Playing for Keeps: A History of Early Baseball*. 1989. "An attempt to assess the social forces at work in early baseball clubs and on players. If you like collegiate vocabulary and social studies you will like this one." (L) "A brief but first rate scholarly look at baseball's evolution. Includes intriguing analysis of the role of the press in promoting baseball." (Su)
- Hall, Henry, ed. *The Tribune Book of Open-Air Sports*. 1877. (George E. Stackhouse, "Base Ball," pp. 67-102.)
- Henderson, Robert W. *Ball, Bat and Bishop*. 1947. "The book that exploded the Doubleday myth." (IC)
- Hetrick, J. Thomas. *Misfits! The Cleveland Spiders in 1899*. 1991.
- James, Bill. *The Bill James Historical Baseball Abstract*. 1986; paperback ed, extensively revised, 1988.
- Kelly, Mike. "Play Ball": *Stories of the Ball Field*. 1888. "The pioneer player autobiography." (IC)
- Kennedy, MacLean. *Great Teams of Baseball*. 1929; rpt. 1988. "Includes articles on sixteen early baseball dynasties, eight of which are pre-1900." (H)
- Kirsch, George B. *The Creation of American Team Sports: Baseball and Cricket, 1838-72*. 1989. "First-rate academic work. Following Adelman's lead, Kirsch includes fascinating data on occupational and socioeconomic background of players on teams in the Newark/NY corridor." (Su)
- Knowles, R. G., and Richard Morton. *Baseball*. London: 1896.
- Lanigan, Ernest J. *Baseball Cyclopedica*. 1922; rpt. 1988.
- Lansche, Jerry. *The Forgotten Championships*. 1989. "Includes more data, more authoritative [than *Glory Fades Away*]." (Su)
- Lansche, Jerry. *Glory Fades Away: The Nineteenth-Century World Series Rediscovered*. 1991.
- Leitner, Irving A. *Baseball: Diamond in the Rough*. 1972. "Formation of baseball clubs." (W)
- Levine, Peter. *A. G. Spalding and the Rise of Baseball*. 1985. "Solidly scholarly; beats Bartlett." (IC)
- Lieb, Frederick. *The Baseball Story*. 1950. "Some narrative history and chronology." (W)
- Lipset, Lew, ed. *New York Clipper Woodcuts 1879-1880*. 1984. "Portraits and biographical sketches reprinted from the *Clipper*." (IC)
- Lowenfish, Lee, and Tony Lupien. *The Imperfect Diamond*. 1980; rev. ed. 1991 (which credits only Lowenfish as author). "A labor view of baseball labor relations. Includes the Brotherhood and its league." (L)
- Lowry, Philip J. *Green Cathedrals*. 1986; 2d ed. 1992. "All 19th century major league parks are included, but less adequately in the 2d edition than in the first." (IC)
- MacFarlane, Paul, ed. *Daguerreotypes of Great Stars of Baseball*. 1981. "This book, which has appeared in earlier and more recent editions, gives *The Sporting News* version of the stars' stats." (IC)
- Moreland, George. *Balldom*. 1914; rpt. 1989.
- Morse, Jacob. *Sphere and Ash*. 188f. "An early history of the game. It includes notable games and tours, the International Association, and other things that modern histories don't mention." (L)
- O'Neal, Bill. *The Texas League: A Century of Baseball*. 1987. "Has a good chapter on early Texas ball." (L)
- Orem, Preston. *Baseball 1845-1881*. 1962. "Scores, partial rosters, events taken from newspapers." (W) "A prime resource." (H) "Lack of sources aggravating, not entirely trustworthy, but valuable nevertheless. The depth of Orem's research is amazing. Orem completed ten other volumes covering the years 1882-1891, totaling over 600 pages, including a detailed 33-page index. The Library of Congress has eight of the volumes [they lack vols. 5 (1885) and 7 (1887)] in spiral-bound form." (Su)
- Palmer, Harry C. *Athletic Sports in America, England and Australia*. 1889. "Baseball takes up more than half the book; there are brief biographies of sportswriters of the time; good color plates." (K)
- Peterson, Harold. *The Man Who Invented Baseball*. 1969. "Traces the very origin of baseball!" (W) "Strangely, the only biography of Cartwright. Also includes discussion of many of baseball's ancestors and a few—too few—of Cartwright's diary entries." (Su)
- Peverelly, Charles A. *The Book of American Pastimes*. 1866. "Invaluable source of pre-Civil War teams, despite its pro-New York bias." (Su)
- Phillips, David R. *That Old Ball Game*. 1975. "Some legends and games from the 1850s to 1930s." (W)
- Phillips, John. *1895 Cleveland Spiders*. 1990. "One of a series on Cleveland baseball teams, about six of which are pre-1900. Very good." (H)
- Phillips, John. *Fall Classics of the 1890s*. "Game stories and box scores for the 1892 Championship Series and the Temple Cup series. Fills the gap between the 1880s World Series that John G. Tattersall researched and chronicles of the modern World Series." (L)
- Pietrusza, David. *Major Leagues*. 1991. "Summarizes the formation of major leagues, both successful and unsuccessful. Includes efforts to revive the American Association." (L) "Spectacular! Especially important for discussion of planned leagues (e.g. 1900 AA) which never got off the drawing board. Authoritative, but fun to read." (Su)
- Porter, David L., ed. *Biographical Dictionary of American Sports: [a] Baseball*. 1987. "The best such work available—longer entries and brief bibliographies." (Su) [b] *1989-1992 Supplement* . . . 1992.
- Rankin, William. *The History of Baseball*. 1909.
- Reichler, Joe, and Allison Danzig. *The History of Baseball*. 1959. "Great work on early baseball." (W)
- Richter, Francis C. *A Brief History of Baseball*. 1909.
- Richter, Francis C. *Richter's History and Records of Base Ball*. 1914. "Not only a good history, but includes copies of many important documents and records (1883 National Agreement, World Series data, Brotherhood Manifesto and Spalding's response, etc.) difficult to find otherwise." (Su)
- Riess, Steven A. *City Games: The Evolution of American Urban Society and the Rise of Sports*. 1989.
- Riess, Steven A. *Touching Base: Professional Baseball and American Culture in the Progressive Era*. 1980. "Compares and contrasts baseball and urban growth in Atlanta, Chicago and New York from roughly 1890-1920. Includes interesting discussions of baseball spectators and the occupational mobility of players. His *City Games*, which also covers many other sports, is also excellent." (Su)
- Ritter, Lawrence. *The Story of Baseball*. 1983. "History of the game since 1846." (W)
- Ruff, Elwood. *Base Ball and Base Ball Players*. 1912. "Anecdotal approach to text not entirely reliable, but, like Richter, includes many noteworthy documents, lists (including Radbourn's 1884 games) and box scores. One of a cluster of books (along with Richter, Spalding and Spink) issued after the 'revelation' of the Doubleday creation." (Su)
- Ryczek, William J. *Blackguards and Red Stockings: A History of Baseball's National Association, 1871-1875*. 1992. (Reviewed in this issue of NCN.)

- Seymour, Harold. *Baseball: The Early Years*. 1960; paperback rpt, 1989. "The first, and still the most comprehensive, scholarly history of the nineteenth century game." (IC)
- Smith, Robert. *Baseball*. 1947; rpt. 1970.
- Somers, Dale A. *The Rise of Sports in New Orleans, 1850-1900*. 1972. "After Tarvin's *Seventy-Five Years* . . . the second book on the growth of baseball in the South. A superior effort." (Su)
- Spalding, A. G. *America's National Game*. 1911; rpt. 1992. "Early years are well covered." (W) "Of three recent reprints, the most useful is the one just published by the Univ. of Nebraska Press; it includes the complete text in facsimile, an index, and a sound (though disappointingly brief) introduction by Benjamin G. Rader." (IC)
- Spink, Alfred. *The National Game*. 1910. "Rosters and history." (W)

- Sports in North America: A Documentary History*. 1992-. (Vol. 3 is reviewed in this issue of NCN.)
- Sullivan, Dean A. "The Growth of Sport in a Southern City: A Study of the Organizational Evolution of Baseball in Louisville, Kentucky, as an Urban Phenomenon, 1860-1900." MA thesis, George Mason Univ., 1989. "Despite the awkward title, my thesis includes an interesting analysis of the developmental pattern of professional, semi-pro, local amateur and children's teams. Also includes a chapter on Louisville 'cranks' and spectators." (Su)
- Tarvin, A. H. *Seventy-Five Years on Louisville Diamonds*. 1940.
- Tattersall, John. *Early World Series 1884-1890*.
- Thorn, John, and Mark Rucker, eds. *The National Pastime*, Spring 1984. "This pictorial issue contains the most extensive selection of photos on 19th century baseball published to date." (IC)

- Tiemann, Robert L., and Mark Rucker, eds. *Nineteenth Century Stars*. 1989.
- Vincent, Ted. *Mudville's Revenge: The Rise and Fall of American Sport*. 1981. (Includes a 134-pp. section on 19th century baseball.) "If this book had footnotes, it would be a classic. Like Riess, Vincent discusses political background of club owners." (Su)
- Voigt, David Quentin. *American Baseball*, Vol. 1, *From Gentleman's Sport to the Commissioner System*. 1966. "Scholarly yet lively." (IC)
- Wallop, Douglass. *Baseball: An Informal History*. 1969. "An interesting narrative." (W)
- White, Sol. *Official Baseball Guide*. 1907; rpt. 1984. "The place to begin in researching early black baseball." (IC)

BOOK REVIEWS

BLACKGUARDS AND RED STOCKINGS: A History of Baseball's National Association, 1871-1875. By WILLIAM J. RYCZEK. McFarland & Co., Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640. 1992. xii + 272 pages. Cloth. \$35.

Reviewed by DEAN A. SULLIVAN.

EVERYONE INVOLVED IN NINETEENTH CENTURY baseball research has experienced exasperation at the ignorance of writers who assume that baseball emerged from the mist as a fully evolved sport in 1901. Those who deign to start earlier devote a few pages (or paragraphs) to the National League (not the American Association or any other major league), mostly to demonstrate how far baseball had advanced by 1901. When I heard of Ryczek's history of the National Association, I crossed my fingers and raced to purchase it.

For the most part *Blackguards* is an excellent guide to a murky period in baseball's past. Ryczek accurately and entertainingly details the action on the field and, to a lesser extent, off the field. He keeps us abreast of the changing rules and conditions which baffled many of the NA's players—and umpires. The text concludes with eight pages of statistics, culled from the Michael Stagno Collection. For the first time, we have an account of the first major league.

Still, there are some flaws, many of which involve Ryczek's choice of sources. For instance, he insists that the NA was "directed, produced and performed" by players, even after describing NA player-president Robert Ferguson's complete lack of interest in the job. Had he consulted Warren Goldstein's *Playing for Keeps*—arguably the best book on early baseball—he would have learned that the players did not rule. While Ryczek expertly mined the Chadwick and Spalding scrapbooks, the Harry Wright correspondence, and the New York *Clipper*, he ignored other potentially valuable sources. Why rely on a forty-year-old biography of Spalding, when Peter Levine's recent (and more impartial) work is available? Why use the *Clipper* almost exclusively while virtually ignoring daily papers in major NA cities like Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago? Why are there no

citations from annual guides like *DeWitt's* or *Beadle's*? I expected a wider range of sources to emerge from ten years of research.

Another minor problem involves the structure of the book. Ryczek divides the five years of the NA into twenty-seven chapters, many with ambiguous titles. As a result, I frequently lost track of which season was which, forcing me to consult the ample footnotes in search of a date.

Despite these misgivings, I strongly recommend *Blackguards and Red Stockings*. It is likely to be the standard work on the NA for some time to come. The NA has been well served.

SPORTS IN NORTH AMERICA: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY. Vol. 3: *The Rise of Modern Sports, 1840-1860*. GEORGE B. KIRSCH, editor. Academic International Press, P.O. Box 1111, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562. 1992. xviii + 390 pages. Cloth. \$72 when purchased as part of the set; \$92 when purchased separately.

Reviewed by FREDERICK IVOR-CAMPBELL.

IF THIS VOLUME—THE FIRST TO BE PUBLISHED in Academic International's new series of reference works—is an accurate indication of things to come, you may want to pressure your library to send in its standing order. About fifteen volumes are envisioned, covering an astonishing variety of sports in Canada and the United States from colonial days to the present. Volume 3 covers sixteen categories of "sport," from the expected, like aquatics and football, to the unexpected, like "blood (animal) sports" and "work sports" (firemen trials, steamboat racing).

Baseball is not given, in this volume, the space it will receive in the two volumes covering the final four decades of the century, when the game dominates the sporting scene (in the United States at least). But the documents Kirsch selects to represent baseball's infancy, though few in number, provide a nice sense of the game's early development. And the volume, taken as a whole, provides the baseball researcher with a rich contextual background of sport of the era.

Kirsch reprints the Knickerbocker rules for 1855 rather than the original 1845 rules. But these latter are readily available elsewhere (in *Total Baseball*, for example), and a comparison of the two sets of rules shows that the game changed hardly at all in its first decade. By 1858, though, just three years later, the rules (which Kirsch also provides) have been significantly revised, and more than doubled in number. Kirsch gives us, for further contrast, the 1858 rules of the "Massachusetts Game," an ancestral form of baseball that was losing ground to the New York version.

In some ways, the most useful document in the baseball section of the book is an 1859 comparison of baseball with cricket, which describes cricket in a way any non-cricketer can comprehend. Newspaper accounts of specific baseball games, dating from 1845, 1858 and 1860 illustrate the developing sophistication of baseball reporting.

Kirsch, a rising star in the field of sport history, prefaces the volume, each section, and each document with an informative

and almost always illuminating introduction. Indeed, his general and sectional introductions sometimes outshine the documents themselves. In combination, the introductions and documents make for an outstanding overview of American and Canadian sport of the period.

Handsomely printed, the book is as pleasing to hold and ponder as it is fruitful to read. But researchers will take umbrage at its user-hostile copyright notice, which demands written permission for the "reproduction or utilization" of "any part" of what is, at its heart, a collection of documents long in the public domain.

[Readers are invited to review new books pertinent to nineteenth century baseball research. Query first to be sure your choice has not already been assigned. Currently assigned for October review: Mike Sowell's July 2, 1903, and Philip Von Borries' Legends of Louisville.]

MAJOR LEAGUERS WHO ATTENDED COLLEGE Part II: 1885-1900

Compiled by Cappy Gagnon

1885

PETER WOOD, M.D., Western Univ. of London
(Canada), 1893.

1886

DANIEL BICKHAM, A.B., Princeton, 1886.
WILLIAM FINLEY, Columbia Law School, 1887.
WILLIAM IRWIN, *unconfirmed* at Ohio Wesleyan.
GEORGE WINKELMAN, Georgetown.

1887

MARK BALDWIN, Penn State prep class, 1887; M.D.,
Baltimore Medical Coll. (now Univ. of Md), 1900.
DOC HALL, M.D., Rush Medical (Chicago), 1887.
DOC LEITNER, *unconfirmed* at Fordham; M.D.,
Bellvue Medical (N. Y.).
GEORGE TOWNSEND, M.D., Bellvue Medical (N. Y.).

1888

COUNT CAMPAU, Notre Dame prep program.
FRANK DWYER, Hobart, class of 1890.
HARTMAN OBERLANDER, Syracuse.
BEN SANDERS, B. Engineering, Vanderbilt, 1892.
LEON VIAU, Dartmouth, 1884-87.
WOODIE WAGENHORST, A.B., Princeton, 1888;
A.M. Princeton, 1892; Penn law school.

1889

WILLIAM GARFIELD, Oberlin Prep & College, 1882-
89, A.B., 1889.
MIKE SULLIVAN, LL.B., Boston Univ., 1896.

1890

SUMNER BOWMAN, LL.B., Pennsylvania, 1891.
HIRAM CHURCH, Syracuse, 1886-87.
ARTIE CLARK, Brown, 1885-86; A.B., Williams,
1889.
ED EITELJORG, played football at Depauw two years
after major league debut.

ROBERT GIBSON, Penn State, class of 1889; B.S.,
Washington and Jefferson.

JOHN KEEFE, Holy Cross, 1889.

WILLIE MCGILL, *possibly* Notre Dame prep program;
pitched first varsity game at Notre Dame while in
third major league season.

HARRY TAYLOR, *reportedly* at Cornell.

1891

TOM CAHILL, Holy Cross Prep, 1882-84; A.B., Holy
Cross, 1888; Pennsylvania Medical, 1888-90.
JIM DARRAGH, D.D.S., Pennsylvania, 1891.
TOM DOWD, Brown, class of 1893; Georgetown.
GEORGE FOX, *unconfirmed* at Georgetown.
BERT INKS, Notre Dame.
HUGH JENNINGS, St. Bonaventure, 1894-97; Cornell,
1901-04.
JOHN MCGRAW, St Bonaventure, 1892-95.
BILL MERRITT, Holy Cross Prep, 1890-91.
JOHN O'CONNELL, Northwestern.
PHIL SAYLOR, Ohio Wesleyan.

1892

BERT ABBEY, Vermont, 1887-91.
DANIEL DAUB, Granville Academy and Denison, 1890-
96.
JOHN HOLLISON, Dunham Medical College.
MARK McGRILLIS, *unconfirmed* at Pennsylvania.
JOHN SHANNON, Lawrence Scientific School at
Harvard, 1897-99; *unconfirmed* at Holy Cross.
WILL THOMPSON, D.D.S., Pennsylvania, 1897.
FRED WOODCOCK, Dartmouth class of 1891; A.B.,
Brown, 1891.

1893

JESSE ALLEN, B.A., Amherst, 1893; M.D.,
Pennsylvania, 1897; Ursinus 1904.
JAMES BANNON, Holy Cross, 1892-94.
DICK BROWN, *unconfirmed* at Johns Hopkins.

RED DONAHUE, Villanova, 1890-93.
 JACK MCCARTHY, Holy Cross, 1892.
 FRANK O'CONNOR, Dartmouth; M.D., Long Island Medical, 1898.
 DENNIS O'NEIL, A.B., Holy Cross, 1892; Yale Law, 1892-93.
 DOC PARKER, M.D., Herring Medical College.
 JOHN STAFFORD, Holy Cross Prep, 1890-93.
 OTIS STOCKSDALE, *unconfirmed* at Johns Hopkins.

1894

ALVA BURRIS, *unconfirmed* at Washington Coll.; M.D., Hahnemann Medical, 1909.
 FRANK GRIFFITH, Northwestern.
 YALE MURPHY, B.A., Yale, 1893.
 TOM SMITH, Fordham (St. John's Coll.), 1891-92; Holy Cross 1893-94.
 ANDY SOMMERVILLE, M.D., Tulane; Brown, class of 1898; Virginia Medical, 1897-1900; *unconfirmed* at Vermont.
 FRED STEERE, Brown, class of 1894, A.B. 1909.
 FRED TENNEY, Brown, class of 1894.
 BILL WYNNE, *unconfirmed* at Wake Forest.

1895

HENRY ADKINSON, A.B., Chicago, 1897; A.M., Chicago, 1898.
 ANDREW BOSWELL, Pennsylvania, class of 1897.
 FRANK BOWERMAN, Michigan.
 DANIEL COOGAN, Pennsylvania, class of 1895; A.B., Georgetown, 1895.
 JOE CORBETT, St. Mary's, 1889-93.
 JAMES GANNON, *unconfirmed* at Allegheny.
 JAMES GARDNER, *unconfirmed* at Allegheny.
 THOMAS MCCREERY, *unconfirmed* at Georgetown.
 ANDY MCFARLAND, Washington and Lee, class of 1896.
 JAMES MCJAMES, *unconfirmed* as South Carolina Medical College.
 AL ORTH, *unconfirmed* at DePauw.
 ARLIE POND, Ph.B., Vermont, 1889; M.D., Vermont, 1894; *unconfirmed* at Maryland.
 FRANK SEXTON, Brown, class of 1893; Michigan; M.D., Pennsylvania, 1898.
 FRANK SHANNON, Holy Cross "special classes," 1892-94.
 WILLIAM STUART, Penn State, class of 1896.
 WALTER THORNTON, Cornell College (Iowa) and prep dept., 1894-96.

1896

CHARLIE DEXTER, *unconfirmed* at the University of the South.
 DALE GEAR, Kansas, 1893-95.
 EDWARD LEWIS, Marietta, 1892-93; A.B., Williams, 1896; A.M. Williams, 1899; six honorary LL.Ds.
 ELISHA NORTON, Ohio State.
 HARVEY SMITH, Ph.B., Bucknell, 1894; M.D., Pennsylvania, 1897.

1897

ED ABBATICCHIO, *unconfirmed* at St. Mary's (N.C.)
 HENRY CLARKE, Williams, 1892-94; Ph.B., Chicago, 1896; *unconfirmed* at Michigan.
 ROY EVANS, Emporia.
 WILLIAM FOX, Holy Cross Prep, 1894-96, & College, 1896-97.
 RICHARD HARLEY, graduate of Georgetown.
 CHARLES HICKMAN, *unconfirmed* as D.C. area collegian.
 TOM LEAHY, played at Holy Cross, 1891-93, as "special student."
 JOHN PAPPALAU, Holy Cross Prep, 1895-97.
 LOU SOCKALEXIS, Holy Cross prep, 1894-97; Notre Dame, Feb.-Mar. 1897. (Borrowed train fare to Cleveland from the university to sign with Spiders. Expelled after drunk & disorderly incident in town.)
 CY SWAIM, *unconfirmed* at SCIO (Ohio).

1898

CHARLES CARR, Lehigh, 1904, in engineering.
 JAMES CASEY, Baltimore Medical College.
 DAVID FULTZ, Ph.B., Brown, 1898.
 WILLIAM LAUDER, Ph.B., Brown, 1898; Harvard.
 GEORGE MAHONEY, *unconfirmed* at Georgetown.
 PETER McBRIDE, Manhattan.
 WILEY PIATT, *unconfirmed* at Ohio Univ.
 MIKE POWERS, Holy Cross Prep, 1893-94, & College, 1894-97; Litt.B., Notre Dame, 1898; M.D. Louisville Medical.
 WALTER WILLIAMS, Bowdoin, class of 1896.
 VIC WILLIS, *unconfirmed* at Delaware.
 HARRY WOLVERTON, Kenyon, 1892-95.

1899

CHARLES ATHERTON, Penn State, 1891-95.
 GINGER BEAUMONT, *unconfirmed* at Beloit.
 JOHN BURKE, St. Bonaventure, 1897-1908. (Ordained as priest.)
 WALTER CURLEY, Univ. of Massachusetts, 1896; A.B. Holy Cross, 1898; Virginia Medical, 1898-99; M.D., Jefferson Medical, 1902.
 CLAYTON FAUVER, Oberlin Prep, 1891-95; Ph.B., Oberlin, 1894-97; LL.B. Western Reserve, 1900.
 LEO FISHEL, LL.B., Columbia, 1900.
 CHARLES FRISBEE, Grinnell College Academy, 1896-97; *unconfirmed* at Iowa State Univ.
 WILLIAM GOECKEL, B.A., Canisius, 1892; LL.B., Pennsylvania, 1896.
 CHARLES HARRIS, Mercer, 1897-99.
 MIKE HICKEY, Holy Cross, 1893-94.
 SKEL ROACH, LL.B., Northwestern, 1909.
 ROY THOMAS, B.S., Pennsylvania, 1894.
 HARRY WILHELM, *unconfirmed* at Westminster Coll.
 DAVIS WILLS, Virginia Medical College, 1897-1900.

1900

JEROME CHAMBERS, *unconfirmed* at Lenox Rhyne.

CHARLES HUSTING, Wisconsin, 1897-1900.
 CHRISTY MATHEWSON, Bucknell, class of 1902.
 EUSTACE NEWTON, *unconfirmed* at Morris Hale
 College.

ARCHIBALD STIMMEL, *unconfirmed* at Gettysburg.

PLEASE NOTE: TOM SHEA and DICK THOMPSON contributed greatly to the compilation of these lists.

[Readers: NCN welcomes confirmations, additional information, and additional names of collegians whose major league careers began between 1871 and 1900. (See the update below.) Please cite your sources, which for confirmed listings need to be primary documents like a college's registrar records, archives, and alumni records.]

MAJOR LEAGUE COLLEGIANS: UPDATE

PART I OF CAPPY GAGNON'S LIST of major league collegians. (NCN, April 1992) inspired the following response:

DAN GINSBURG confirms the attendance of *Ren Wylie* (1882) at Geneva College. Ginsburg, the researcher who established Wylie's identity, "learned of his college activity both from his son and in correspondence with Geneva College."

JOHN HUSMAN confirms and expands on the record of his great-grandfather *J. Lee Richmond* (1879): Oberlin College (preparatory dept.), 1873-76; Brown Univ., 1876-80, A.B. 1880, A.M. 1883; College of Physicians & Surgeons (later Columbia Univ.), 1881-82; Univ. of the City of New York (later New

York Univ.), 1882-83, M.D. 1883. Confirmation was provided by archivists at Oberlin, Columbia, and NYU, by the *Brown Alumni Monthly*, and by Brown's June 1880 commencement program.

The Brown program also includes *Fred Clay Tenney* (1884) in its list of candidates for the A.B. degree.

BOB RICHARDSON, according to the feature report in the Biographical Committee's March newsletter, in identifying "Nevins" of the 1873 Elizabeth, N.J., Resolutes as *Alexander Brown Nevin*, has uncovered another collegian. Nevin, the report says, was graduated from Yale in 1874.

RICH TOPP clarifies the record of several players:

(1) the medical school attended by *Leonidas Lee* (1877) "is the University of Missouri Medical School at St. Louis . . . now [located] at the Columbia campus."

(2) *Laurie Reis* (1877) "attended Chicago University, which ran from 1859-1885. This has no connection with the present University of Chicago, which was founded in 1892."

(3) *Billy Sunday* (1883): "the Northwestern entry is somewhat of a gray area. Sunday was not an official student: he attended a few oratory classes to perfect his public speaking . . . in trade for . . . helping coach the baseball team."

(4) *Ned Hanlon* (1880): the Ned Hanlon who attended St. Laurent was not the American ballplayer, but "Ned Hanlon, one of Canada's greatest athletes, . . . a rower."

Topp also adds two players to the collegian list: *Charlie Comiskey* (1882) and *John Horan* (1884) attended St. Ignatius College (now Loyola University), Chicago.

FREDERICK IVOR-CAMPBELL

COMPILER'S COMMENTARY

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

OF THE SIX REQUESTS in "Help Wanted" this time, five come from non-committee members, including two from outside SABR (sent originally to the SABR office in Cleveland). I am encouraged by this additional bit of evidence that interest in nineteenth century baseball extends beyond the Nineteenth Century Committee, and even beyond SABR. And I am pleased that our committee is becoming known as a place to come for information.

I don't know of anyone on the committee whose interest in baseball is limited *only* to the nineteenth century; more typically, our interests encompass the whole baseball spectrum. But as our reputation as the nineteenth century experts expands, we have an increasing opportunity to promote interest in the era, and incentive to increase our own knowledge and understanding of baseball's early decades. I'm sure I'm not alone in welcoming this opportunity and challenge.

ST. LOUIS VIEWS

FOR ME, THE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT was talking with other Nineteenth Century Committee members, many of whom I had not met before. While I did little more than say hello to some, and missed others entirely, I managed to chat at least briefly with more than thirty of you—I left St. Louis more impressed and enthusiastic than ever about the splendid committee we belong to.

Thirty-one conventioners attended the annual committee meeting on Saturday morning. Bob Tiemann reported on the NA Box Score Project and announced his retirement as committee co-chair (see news item, p. 1). I mentioned the suggestion (whose

feasibility is being explored) that the biographies for *More Nineteenth Century Stars* be combined with those of the original *Nineteenth Century Stars* in a single volume. It would be published commercially, but also as a membership publication—part of the package that goes to all SABR members.

Much good input came from the floor. Scott Flatow alerted us to the Swales Collection at the New York Public Library. In this collection of baseball research materials (which are arranged alphabetically by person), Flatow has uncovered "major finds." Researchers can study the materials at the main library by prior arrangement.

Suggestions were made (1) that *Nineteenth Century Notes* publish brief biographies of figures not important enough for *MNCS*, and (2) that the committee establish a resource center, a file of research materials available to members. I'll be happy to publish biographies in *NCN* as space permits; but, after considerable reflection, I feel that nineteenth century research materials might better be handled by the SABR Research Exchange already in place (efficiently maintained by committee member Len Levin). What do you think?

Cap Gagnon likes the idea of a biography of *every* nineteenth century player. So do I. Would this formidable task make a worthy long-term committee project?

Bob McConnell would like to see a semi-scholarly history of the American Association (1882-1891), and asked that others interested in such a project contact him.

Rich Puff proposed as a committee project the compilation of pre-1871 teams and rosters. He is preparing project guidelines which will appear in an upcoming issue of *NCN*.

Later in the convention I had a chance to exchange a few words with Bob Bluthardt of the Ballparks Committee on a possible joint committee project to identify, locate and describe nineteenth century parks. Interested? Send a stamped, self-ad-

dressed envelope to Bluthardt (244 N. Oxford Dr., San Angelo, TX 76901) for details.

While I enjoyed the convention, I was embarrassed to see that of fifty-three convention research presentations, only three dealt with the nineteenth century, and of these only one was by a member of our committee (and a brand new member, at that). Worse, that presentation—Tom Hetrick's on the 1899 Cleveland Spiders—was scheduled at the same time as our committee meeting, so I missed it. The other two were Andy McCue's useful statistical analysis of nineteenth century baseball literature (there were 412 non-fiction baseball works published in the nineteenth century, but many were only pamphlets; only nineteen were hard cover books), and Jim O'Donnell's intriguing look at Mark Twain's vision of baseball. I had given some thought to presenting something on the nineteenth century game—but *did* nothing. We should undertake more nineteenth century presentations next year in San Diego. Is ten too many to aim for? I'll promise one, so there are only nine to go.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

JOHN O'MALLEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE republished the series of biographies on baseball's fifty leading ballplayers by sportswriter Sam Crane, which first appeared, beginning November 21, 1911, in the New York *Evening Journal*. Crane saw—and in many cases played with or against—the players he writes about, and while the accuracy of his reporting is sometimes clouded by faulty memory, these biographies provide a vital source of information for researchers.

BILL RUBINSTEIN SUGGESTS TOPICS for some interesting articles: (1) the creation and demise of the "right stop"—the tenth man of 1874; (2) what interleague play (mostly preseason and postseason) between the NL and AA suggests about the relative strengths of the two leagues; and (3) the 1874 Atlantics of Brooklyn, whose 2-42 season is the worst in major league history.

DON'T MISS . . .

HERE ARE SOME RECENTLY PUBLISHED works on nineteenth century baseball by committee members:

Biographical Dictionary of American Sports: 1989-1992 Supplement . . . just out, from Greenwood Press, includes 27 biographies of nineteenth century baseballers whose major careers began before 1901. Several are written by SABRites, including committee members BILL AKIN, FRED IVOR-CAMPBELL, LEVERETT SMITH, and JIM SMITH. (Six other committee members wrote on figures from twentieth century baseball and other sports.)

In the Shadows of the Diamond: Hard Times in the National Pastime, by JIM COSTELLO and Michael Santa Maria (Elysian Fields Press), deals mostly with the current century, but includes stories on Marty Berge, Jim Delahanty and Dave Orr.

JIM FREDLUND's brief piece on "the evolution of the pitching staff" in the July issue of his newsletter *Milestones and Memories*, illustrates not only how studying stats can improve our understanding of the development of the game, but also how much information and insight can be packed into a small space. (Fredlund offers his monthly newsletter for \$6.00 per year, the cost of shipping and handling: P.O. Box 679, Jessup MD 20794.)

RICH PUFF's history of baseball in Troy, in the program for the recent game in Troy (see "The Nineteenth Century Game Returns to Troy, Worcester," p. 1); and (if you can find a copy),

JOHN HUSMAN's piece on J. Lee Richmond's perfect game in the program for the Worcester game.

JIM RYGELSKI's story of pitcher George Washington Bradley, in the SABR 22 convention publication, *St. Louis's Favorite Sport*. The publication (which was edited by BOB TIEMANN), also includes items on the 1875 St. Louis Red Stockings, the St. Louis City Series, and the first quarter century of *The Sporting News*.

JOHN THORN's series of articles, in *Elysian Fields Quarterly*, on figures crucial to the development of baseball from its beginnings to the 1920s, begins in the journal's "Hot Stove Issue 1992" with the story of the "true" father of baseball—D. L. Adams—and continues in subsequent issues with pieces on Jim Creighton and King Kelly.

HELP WANTED

JON DUNKLE seeks help in researching the *Altoona* club (Union Association 1884) and its players. (See the list of new committee members for his address.)

MARIO LONGERIA (7503 Brandyridge, San Antonio, TX 78250) would like "as much biographical/personal information as possible, including photographs," on Vincent P. "Sandy" Nava, who caught for Providence in the 1880s.

ANDY MCCUE (4025 Beechwood Place, Riverside, CA 92506) would like to learn more about the non-baseball life of Ferdinand A. Abel (sometimes spelled Abell), who owned the Brooklyn Dodgers for nearly a quarter century, and died in Yarmouth, Mass., on November 8, 1913. McCue, who is researching the history of Dodger ownership, is especially interested in any lengthy obituaries of Abel that readers can turn up.

CLAUDIA PERRY (912 Memorial Village, Houston, TX 77024-4426) is looking for information on the 1899 *Galveston, Texas, Flyaways*, a black club.

RICHARD WHITE (Chenango Valley Central School District, 1222 Arterial Hwy., Binghamton, NY 13901-1680) seeks information on the careers of minor league pitchers Robert Higgins and William Renfro, who faced each other at Binghamton (International League) in June 1887.

JAY C. ZIEMANN (10372 E. Sutton Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85260) seeks sources of information on *baseball in the West*—especially San Francisco. He is writing a doctoral dissertation at Arizona State on "the social and political impact of baseball in the American West."

HELP OFFERED

RALPH HORTON, WHOSE REPRINTS of the early annual guides greatly facilitate nineteenth century research, will reprint (1) the Union Association guide (1884), and (2) *Richter's History and Records of Base Ball* (1914) if he can find complete copies, including covers, in a condition good enough for facsimile reproduction. If you have such a copy of either book, and are willing to part with it temporarily, please contact Horton at 9230 Grant Farm Trail, St. Louis, MO 63126.

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