



Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report
March/April 2000

New Ballplayer Discovered

We had listed John F. Driscoll as playing with Buffalo (NL) in 1880, Pittsburgh (AA) in 1882-83, Louisville (AA) in 1884, and Buffalo (NL) in 1885.

Bob Richardson found evidence that this was not John F. Driscoll, but another Driscoll. He found a note in the Boston Herald of 07/26/1885 which stated, "Driscoll is a Providence player who has participated in amateur games in that city."

I sent this information to Joe Simenic for him to research it. Joe found a note in the 03/02/1901 Sporting Life that a Dennis Driscoll had been killed in an explosion in Providence and that he had once been a member of the Buffalo club in the National League. I sent this back to Bob, who found an obit in the Providence Journal mentioning that Dennis Driscoll had played with Buffalo in the National League for a year in the mid-1880s. Great teamwork by Bob and Joe, who share this month's *Find of the Month* award.

Joe Flynn Found

Bob Richardson has been busy. Bob also tracked down missing 1884 Union Association player Joseph Flynn. Bob discovered a note in the 09/06/1884 Salem Evening News that "Flynn of the Boston Unions is a Providence boy." No one had ever looked in Providence since we had always listed Flynn as being from Philadelphia. Bob also discovered that Joseph Flynn was the father of John Anthony Flynn, first baseman of the 1910-11 Pirates and 1912 Senators. This makes the Flynn's one of the earliest father/son combinations.

Miller Huggins

Wayne McElreavy sent me a photo of Miller Huggins' headstone. It says, "Miller J. Huggins 1878-1929." Of course, we have Miller Huggins born in 1879. Can anyone confirm Huggins' year of birth?

Another New Player Discovered

We had the record of the 1873-74 Baltimore player Jones assigned to the infamous Charles Wesley Jones. Charles Weaver has discovered that this record actually belongs to a man named Levin Jones. Now we just need to track down Levin Jones.

Player Deleted

Since we have added two new ballplayers this month, it only seems fair that we delete one. Joe Simenic discovered that the 08/20/1914 game in which William Dewitt Schwarz was credited as being the Yankee catcher was actually caught by Pius Schwert. (Isn't Pius Schwert one of your favorite names?) William Schwarz was a career minor league first baseman who never got above A ball.

The Baseball Digest List

Owen Ricker and Lefty Blasco each sent me the complete list of the 100 players which were listed as missing in Baseball Digest of 1962-63. I will publish 10 each month with a note about whether we have found them. These were the 10 listed in June of 1962:

Joseph R. Bennett - Alive in 1962. Died 07/11/1987 in Morro Bay, California.

McGuire (1894) - Still missing and identity a mystery.

Carter Ward Elliott - Died 05/21/1959 in Palm Springs, California

Walter Kingsley Irwin - Alive in 1962. Died

08/18/1976 in Spring Lake, Michigan.
Frederick Andrus - Died 11/10/1937 in Detroit, Michigan.

Richard Proctor - Name was Noah Richard Proctor. Died 12/17/1954 in Richmond, Virginia.

Franklin Lloyd Milliken - I have no idea who this player is.

Charles S. Abbey - Died 04/27/1926 in San Francisco, California.

Oscar John Georgy - Alive in 1962. Died 01/15/1999 in New Orleans, Louisiana

Joseph Patrick (Shags) Horan - Alive in 1962. Died 02/13/1969 in Torrance, California.

New Web Page

Richard Matatzky has created a web page listing the 100 oldest living ballplayers as well as deaths for 1998-2000. The address is:

<http://hoxley.tripod.com/grid1obscure.html>

Birthday List

The following nonagenarians are celebrating birthdays in May and June. Make sure you send them a card.

May 17	Michael Balas	90
May 21	Mace Brown	91
May 23	Willis Hudlin	94
June 20	Bill Werber	92
June 25	Ralph Erickson	98
June 28	Joe Cascarella	93

The Lyston Brothers

Our *Mystery of the Month* comes to us from Reed Howard. Reed has been working with a man named Jimmy Keenan, the grandson of John M. Lyston, to put together the careers of his grandfather and his grandfather's brothers. One of his brothers is William Edward Lyston, whom we list as playing with Columbus (AA) in 1891 and Cleveland (NL) in 1894.

Reed discovered that the 1894 game was not pitched by William Lyston, but by his brother, John Lyston. An article in the Baltimore Sun of June 14, 1894 stated, "John Lyston, the Baltimore amateur pitcher, was at Union Park Wednesday practicing for the benefit of Captain Tebeau. Tebeau was favorably impressed and will give the Baltimorean a trial." Then the following day the same paper said, "Lyston, of Baltimore, started in to pitch for the Spiders, but

was taken out in the early part of the fourth inning."

So it appears that the Cleveland game was pitched by John Lyston. William Lyston was mainly an outfielder and another brother, Mortimer Lyston, was a shortstop and outfielder. The mystery is who pitched the game for Columbus on August 29, 1891.

The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	15254	67	99.563
Total Complete Births	14584	737	95.190
Total Complete Deaths	7599	439	49.599
Total Assumed Alive	7283		47.536
Total Bats	13968	1245	91.816
Total Throws	14224	989	93.499
Total Heights	14233	980	93.558
Total Weights	14170	1043	93.144
Total Debut Dates	15321	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9984	5337	65.166
Total Completion			92.1161

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

1902 Barclay, George Oliver	BR	(R1)
1958 Bright, Harry James	D: <u>Mar 13 2000</u>	(C1)
	<u>Sacramento, California</u>	
1874 Brown,	Name: <u>Robert Brown</u>	(W5)
1940 Campbell, Clarence	D: <u>Feb 16 2000</u>	(M3)
	<u>Sparta, Virginia</u>	
1888 Clarke, William H.	Height: <u>5-07</u> Weight: <u>160</u>	(M4)
1999 Colangelo, Michael G.	Name: <u>Michael Gus Colangelo</u>	(C1)
1997 Coleman, Michael D.	Name <u>Michael Donnell Coleman</u>	(C1)
1902 Courtney, Edward Ernest	Height: <u>5-08</u> Weight: <u>168</u>	(R1)
1947 Creger, Bernard Odell	D: <u>Nov 30 1997</u>	(H4)
	<u>Lynchburg, Virginia</u>	
1885 Driscoll, Dennis F.	New player	(S1)
	Debut: <u>Jul 25 1885</u>	
	D: <u>Feb 21 1901</u>	
	<u>Providence, Rhode Island</u>	
1880 Driscoll, John F.	Remove 1885 Buffalo (NL) record	(S1)
	Record belongs to Dennis Driscoll	
1993 Everett, Carl Edward	B: <u>Jun 3 1971</u>	(P1)
1884 Flynn, Joseph	B: <u>Nov 1856</u>	(R1)
	<u>Rhode Island</u>	
	D: <u>Feb 14 1932</u>	
	<u>Providence, Rhode Island</u>	
1893 Frank, Charles	TL	(M4)
1920 Glenn, Burdette	TR	(P1)
1930 Gullic, Tedd Jasper	D: <u>Jan 28 2000</u>	(C1)
	<u>West Plains, Missouri</u>	
1996 Jensen, Marcus C.	Name: <u>Marcus Christian Jensen</u>	(C1)
1873 Jones, Charles Wesley	Remove Baltimore record in 1873 and 1874	(W5)
	Debut: <u>May 4 1875</u>	
1873 Jones, Levin	New player	(W5)
	Debut: <u>May 14 1873</u>	
	B: <u>Baltimore, Maryland</u>	
1937 Jorgensen, Carl	D: <u>May 2 1996</u>	(C1)
	<u>Santa Cruz, California</u>	
1936 Kimberlin, Harry Lydle	D: <u>Dec 31 1999</u>	(M3)
	<u>Poplar Bluff, Missouri</u>	
1954 Lawrence, Brooks Ulysses	D: <u>Apr 27 2000</u>	(D6)
	<u>Springfield, Ohio</u>	
1891 Letcher, Frederick Thomas	Height: <u>6-00</u>	(M4)
1947 Levan, Jesse Roy	D: <u>Nov 30 1998</u>	(B6)
	<u>Reading, Pennsylvania</u>	
1891 Long, James M.	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>160</u>	(M4)

1950 Marrero, Conrado Eugenio (Ramos)	B: <u>May 1 1911</u>	(C2)
	Height: <u>5-05</u>	
1992 Martinez, Pedro Jaime	B: <u>Oct 25 1971</u>	(P1)
	Weight: <u>170</u>	
1962 Menke, Denis John	B: <u>Bancroft, Iowa</u>	(V1)
1944 Miklos, John Joseph	D: <u>Mar 29 2000</u>	(S7)
	<u>Adrian, Michigan</u>	
1894 Murray, Thomas W.	<u>BR</u>	(M4)
	Height: <u>5-07</u> Weight: <u>150</u>	
1932 Musser, William Daniel	D: <u>Mar 2 2000</u>	(H4)
	<u>Upper Sandusky, Ohio</u>	
1946 Ramazzotti, Robert Louis	D: <u>Feb 15 2000</u>	(C1)
	<u>Altoona, Pennsylvania</u>	
1948 Rice, Harold Houston	D: <u>Dec 22 1997</u>	(C1)
	<u>Bloomington, Indiana</u>	
1941 Rikard, Cully	Name: <u>Culley Rikard</u>	(PP)
	D: <u>Feb 25 2000</u>	
	<u>Memphis, Tennessee</u>	
1956 Sanford, John Stanley	D: <u>Mar 7 2000</u>	(C1)
	<u>Beckley, West Virginia</u>	
1914 Schwarz, William Dewitt	Delete player. Record belongs to Pius Schwert.	(S1)
1914 Schwert, Pius Louis	Debut: <u>Aug 20 1914</u>	(S1)
1888 Weaver, William B.	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>170</u>	(M4)
1944 Williams, Dewey Edgar	D: <u>Mar 19 2000</u>	(C1)
	<u>Williston, North Dakota</u>	
1888 Wilmot, Walter Robert	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>165</u>	(M4)
1997 Winchester, Scott J.	Name: <u>Scott Joseph Winchester</u>	(C1)