

# Society for American Baseball Research

## Records Committee Newsletter

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Not everything that counts can be counted;  
not everything that is counted is worth counting.  
--- Albert Einstein

From The Chairman: I am passing on a request that I received from Kathleen Gardner, Curator of the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame. They are planning their 1993 programs and activities, and are looking for people to make presentations on various baseball topics. These regional Halls of Fame are a valuable resource and should be supported. If anyone has anything related to baseball in Ohio, Ms Gardner would appreciate hearing from you. The address is Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame, 2901 Key St., Maumee, OH 43537. Ms Gardner can be reached at (419) 893-9481.

Bob Tiemann has discovered an additional 16 major-league teams, which had losing streaks of at least 13 games, that are not listed in The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book. Unfortunately they arrived too late to be included in the 1992 White Paper. They will be in the 1993 edition, in complete detail. SABR headquarters assures me that the 1992 edition will be mailed shortly.

1891 Louisville	AA	15	1877 Cincinnati	NL	13
1895 Louisville	NL	15	1884 Cleveland	NL	13
1889 Louisville	AA	14	1885 Detroit	NL	13
1890 Brooklyn	AA	14	1886 Louisville	AA	13
1898 Washington	NL	14	1886 Kansas City	NL	13
1905 St. Louis	NL	14	1888 Indianapolis	NL	13
1927 Philadelphia	NL	14	1890 Pittsburgh	NL	13
1876 Cincinnati	NL	13	1892 Baltimore	NL	13

Joe Dittmar has discovered another "record-setting" performance that never happened. Mike Kreevich, of the White Sox is listed as a co-holder of the AL, and major-league, record for having grounded into the most double plays in a game. He is supposed to have grounded into four, in a game at Washington, on August 4, 1939. In researching his forthcoming book, Joe found discrepancies in the various newspaper accounts of this game. Some said Kreevich hit into four double plays, and others said three. Thanks to some great detective work by Bill Deane, we now know that Kreevich grounded into only three. Goose Goslin, of the Tigers, (4-28-34) is now the sole holder of the AL record, and Joe Torre, of the Mets (7-21-75) is the NL record-holder.

The following is from Madison McEntire. It is for 20th century players only. Active players not included.

Players With Fewest Career RBI  
But Who Had A 100 RBI Season

Ray Pepper	170	101	St. Louis (AL)	1934
Bill Brubaker	225	102	Pittsburgh	1936
Buster Adams*	249	109	Phil/St. Louis (NL)	1945
Luis Olmo	272	110	Brooklyn	1945
Jim Greengrass	282	100	Cincinnati	1953
Austin McHenry	286	102	St. Louis (NL)	1921
Johnny Rizzo	289	111	Pittsburgh	1938
Dick Deitz	301	107	San Francisco	1970
Maurice Van Robays	303	116	Pittsburgh	1940
Smead Jolley	313	114	Chicago (AL)	1930
Ray Sanders	329	102	St. Louis (NL)	1944
Earl Webb	333	103	Boston (AL)	1931
Luke Easter	340	107	Cleveland	1950
Joe Hauser	356	115	Philadelphia (AL)	1924
Bob Cerv	374	104	Kansas City	1958
Harry Simpson	381	105	Kansas City	1956
Sam Leslie	389	102	Brooklyn	1934
Bill Sweeney	389	100	Boston (NL)	1912
Del Bissonette	391	113	Brooklyn	1930
Butch Hobson	397	112	Boston (AL)	1977

Jolley, Easter and Bissonette had two 100 RBI seasons.

\* Adams had 8 RBI for Philadelphia and 101 RBI for St. Louis.

The following list is from Bob Davids. It is for the most strikeouts in a game by a relief pitcher. As in many other pitching lists, Walter Johnson, although not generally thought of as a relief pitcher, is at the top.

Most Strikeouts In A Game By A Relief Pitcher

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>K</u>
July 25, 1913	Walter Johnson	Senators	11.1	15
May 11, 1911	Rube Marquard	Giants	8.0	14
June 15, 1965	Denny McLain	Tigers	6.2	14
Aug. 18, 1905	Rube Waddell	Athletics	7.1	12
June 3, 1933	Walter Brown	Yankees	6.1	12
Sept 22, 1974	Diego Segui	Red Sox	7.2	12
Sept 8, 1900	Bill Kennedy	Dodgers	9.0	11
May 11, 1963	Steve Hamilton	Yankees	8.1	11
June 11, 1963	Dick Radatz	Red Sox	8.2	11
May 10, 1964 (1G)	Sonny Siebert	Indians	6.0	11

One of the many statistics that Ted DiTullio tracks, is "outs made". Pete Rose made almost 10,000; that is more outs than many Hall of Famers, e.g. Ruth, Williams, Gehrig and DiMaggio had at-bats. Here is Ted's list of all players that made at least 6000 outs

1. Pete Rose	9797	36. Jake Beckley	6546
2. Hank Aaron	8593	37. Bill Dahlen	6541
3. Carl Yastrzemski	8569	38. Bert Campaneris	6532
4. Brooks Robinson	7806	39. Tommy Corcoran	6511
5. Willie Mays	7598	40. Buddy Bell	6477
6. Luis Aparicio	7553	41. Roberto Clemente	6454
7. Robin Yount	7529*	42. Doc Cramer	6435
8. Rabbit Maranville	7473	43. Lave Cross	6426
9. Stan Musial	7342	44. Dave Concepcion	6397
10. Lou Brock	7309	45. Andre Dawson	6386*
11. Reggie Jackson	7280	46. Carlton Fisk	6357*
12. Ty Cobb	7246	47. George S. Davis	6344
13. Dave Winfield	7181*	48. Nap Lajoie	6339
14. Al Kaline	7109	49. Zack Wheat	6322
15. Frank Robinson	7063	50. Bobby Wallace	6321
16. Tony Perez	7046	51. Harry Hooper	6319
17. Honus Wagner	7018	52. Paul Waner	6307
18. Rusty Staub	7004	53. Al Oliver	6306
19. Vada Pinson	6888	54. Sam Rice	6282
20. Ernie Banks	6838	55. Rod Carew	6262
21. George Brett	6784*	56. Steve Garvey	6236
22. Graig Nettles	6761	Mickey Vernon	6236
23. Joe Morgan	6760	58. Frankie Frisch	6232
24. Darrell Evans	6750	59. Larry Bowa	6227
25. Max Carey	6698	60. Eddie Mathews	6222
26. Bill Buckner	6682	61. Al Simmons	6208
27. Tris Speaker	6681	62. Mike Schmidt	6118
28. Mel Ott	6680	63. Luke Appling	6108
29. Dave Parker	6646	64. Don Baylor	6063
30. Billy Williams	6639	65. Harmon Killebrew	6061
31. Eddie Collins	6635	Bid McPhee	6061
32. Sam Crawford	6615	67. Cap Anson	6045
33. Willie Davis	6613	68. Red Schoendienst	6030
34. Nellie Fox	6569	69. Charlie Gehringer	6021
35. Dwight Evans	6550		

\* Active players

Other active players who made at least 5000 outs.

1. Ozzie Smith	5949	7. Alan Trammell	5129
2. Dale Murphy	5813	8. Lance Parrish	5035
3. Willie Randolph	5808	9. Jack Clark	5021
4. Lou Whitaker	5528	10. Cal Ripken	5020
5. Willie Wilson	5344	11. Alfredo Griffin	5017
6. Paul Molitor	5239		

RECORDS POTPOURRI: Jim Smith has looked at the seasons standings since division play began (1969) and compiled the standings across divisions. According to Jim, in those 24 years, the AL team with the best record did not go to the World Series nine times. It's even worse in the NL, where the team with the best record failed in the NLCS 11 times. Jim can barely conceal his disgust when he looks at the 1987 season. In that year, the world champion Minnesota Twins had the fifth best record in the AL and the ninth best overall.

Bill Gilbert has compiled a list of 20th century batters who had one year in which they hit above .300, had more than 30 home runs and drove in at least 100 runs. Bill believes that there are 43 such players, but he has been able to find only 41. Anybody know the other two.

1.	Ken Williams	St. Louis	AL	1922
2.	Jim Bottomley	St. Louis	NL	1928
3.	Lefty O'Doul	Philadelphia	NL	1929
4.	Wally Berger	Boston	NL	1930
5.	Goose Goslin	Was/St. Louis	AL	1930
6.	Gabby Hartnett	Chicago	NL	1930
7.	Babe Herman	Brooklyn	NL	1930
8.	Ripper Collins	St. Louis	NL	1934
9.	Joe Medwick	St. Louis	NL	1937
10.	Bob Johnson	Philadelphia	AL	1938
11.	Walker Cooper	New York	NL	1947
12.	Walt Dropo	Boston	AL	1950
13.	Del Ennis	Philadelphia	NL	1950
14.	Gus Bell	Cincinnati	NL	1953
15.	Al Rosen	Cleveland	AL	1953
16.	Wally Post	Cincinnati	NL	1955
17.	Roy Sievers	Washington	AL	1957
18.	Bob Cerv	Kansas City	AL	1958
19.	Rocky Colavito	Cleveland	AL	1958
20.	Norm Cash	Detroit	AL	1961
21.	Jim Gentile	Baltimore	AL	1961
22.	Dick Stuart	Pittsburgh	NL	1961
23.	Ron Santo	Chicago	NL	1964
24.	Willie Stargell	Pittsburgh	NL	1966
25.	Joe Torre	Atlanta	NL	1966
26.	Willie McCovey	San Francisco	NL	1969
27.	Boog Powell	Baltimore	AL	1969
28.	Tony Perez	Cincinnati	NL	1970
29.	George Foster	Cincinnati	NL	1977
30.	Fred Lynn	Boston	AL	1979
31.	Dave Winfield	San Diego	NL	1979*
32.	Reggie Jackson	New York	AL	1980
33.	Ben Oglivie	Milwaukee	AL	1980
34.	Pedro Guerrero	Los Angeles	NL	1982
35.	George Brett	Kansas City	AL	1985*
36.	Dwight Evans	Boston	AL	1987
37.	Jose Canseco	Oakland	AL	1988*
38.	Ryne Sandberg	Chicago	NL	1990*
39.	Cal Ripken	Baltimore	AL	1991*
40.	Frank Thomas	Chicago	AL	1991*
41.	Gary Sheffield	San Diego	NL	1992*

\* Active players