



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report
May 1995**

New Ballplayer Discovered

While researching the 1872 National Association, Bob Tiemann discovered that Bill Barrett, who we listed as playing for both the Olympics and Atlantics in 1872, actually only appeared as an emergency substitute for the Olympics for a game in Baltimore on May 7. Bill Barrett was from Baltimore.

The Barrett who debuted with the Atlantics on September 18 and played through the end of the season was a different player who came from the Burnside club of Brooklyn along with fellow nameless major leaguers Kavanaugh, Higby, and Lowe. (If anyone can find a Burnside roster, there would be a goldmine of information there.) So for this, Bob wins the *May Find of the Month* award.

Top Days

I was wondering the other day which days of the year were the birthdays of the most major leaguers, so I compiled a list. Interestingly, Christmas Day is tied for the top spot with 61. I am listing the top five days as well as the bottom five days along with my subjective choice as the best ball player born on that day.

Top Five

Day	Number	Best Player
Nov 18	61	Deacon McGuire
Dec 25	61	Pud Galvin
Oct 6	59	Ruben Sierra
Jul 8	55	Ivy Wingo
Oct 4	54	Frank Crosetti
Aug 4	54	Jake Beckley

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Bottom Five

Day	Number	Best Player
Feb 29	10	Al Rosen
May 31	17	Kenny Lofton
Nov 14	22	Jimmy Piersall
Dec 30	22	Sandy Koufax
May 8	23	Dan Brouthers
Apr 17	23	Jake Daubert
Jun 21	23	Rick Sutcliffe

A Reminder

This is just a reminder that our committee meeting in Pittsburgh will be Saturday at 7:30 AM. Please let me know in advance any items you would like discussed.

Back to the Drawing Board

I have been searching for Matthew Porter for the past 15 years. I discovered that he died in Mexico in September of 1906. Bob Anderson sent me a note that he found an S.K. Porter who died in Pijijiapan, Mexico during that month.

Jose Jimenez wrote Pijijiapan. They searched their records as well as their cemeteries and found no record of Matthew. Does anyone have any other suggestions?

A Reward

Jose also wrote that there is a person in Venezuela offering \$1000 to anyone who can tell them the burial site of missing ballplayer Luis Castro. This certainly tops the \$500 offered by Bill Haber. Does that provide any incentive?

Biographical Research Guidebook

Jon Dunkle has volunteered to put together a Biographical Research Guidebook. This would be a tool for committee members who would like to track down missing players but may not know

how to go about it. It would include such things as census records, death certificates, church records, the Social Security Death Index, state death indexes, etc. Jon needs people to send him the methods that they use and he will put the book together. This is a great idea and I hope everyone can help Jon. Please write him at 1113 Neal Street, Greensboro, North Carolina 27403.

Birthday List

There is only one nonagenarian celebrating a birthday in June. Lief Erickson (the ballplayer, not the explorer) turns 93 on June 25. Be sure to send him a card.

Lookin' For Lukens

Albert P. Lukens pitched in 3 games for Philadelphia in 1894. We list him as being born in 1872 in Vineland, New Jersey. Actually, he was born in 1869 in Wheeling, West Virginia and his real name was Albert Prince Hall. (No, I don't have Prince Albert in a can.) Albert is our *May Mystery of the Month*.

His parents were Albert P. Hall and the former Mary Catherine Blatner, who were married May 1, 1863. Albert had 3 sisters: Laura (Born 1863), Ida B. (Born 1865), and Julia (Born 1867). Ida married Henry Siebricht on March 12 1882. Albert's mother, Mary, apparently divorced Mr. Hall and married John P. Lukens. Apparently, Albert used this name rather than Hall.

Albert later married Mabel Ward Parsons. Mabel died in October 1946 in Philadelphia and is buried in Vineland, New Jersey. It is unknown what happened to Albert. There are enough clues here that we should be able to track down some members of his family and hopefully, that will lead to Albert.

The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	14198	73	99.489
Total Complete Births	13512	759	94.682
Total Complete Deaths	7106	478	49.793
Total Assumed Alive	6687		46.857
Total Bats	12915	1251	91.169
Total Throws	13162	1004	92.913
Total Heights	13147	1019	92.807
Total Weights	13082	1084	92.348
Total Debut Dates	14271	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9973	4298	69.883
Total Completion			92.2152

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

1899 Bailey, Harvey Francis	Weight: 160	(M4)
1894 Ball, Arthur	Weight: 168	(M4)
1924 Barnes, Robert Avery	D: Dec 8 1993	(H1)
	<u>Peoria, Illinois</u>	
1938 Bartling, Irving Henry	Name: <u>Henry Irving Bartling</u>	(M4)
1872 Barrett,	New player with Brooklyn Atlantics.	(T4)
	Debut: <u>Sep 18 1872</u>	
	B: <u>Brooklyn, New York</u>	
1872 Barrett, William	Eliminate Brooklyn Atlantics record	(T4)
	B: <u>Baltimore, Maryland</u>	
1950 Bell, David Russell	D: <u>May 7 1995</u>	(C1)
	<u>Montgomery, Ohio</u>	
1934 Cohen, Sydney Harry	B: <u>May 7 1906</u>	(B3)
1897 Coleman, Pierce D.	TR	(M4)
1921 Cuyler, Hazen Shirley	B: <u>Aug 30 1898</u>	(M4)
1939 Drake, Thomas Kendall	B: <u>Aug 7 1912</u>	(B3)
1887 Flanagan, Edward J.	TR	(N3)
1871 Foley, Thomas J.	B: <u>1847</u>	(S1)
	<u>Chicago, Illinois</u>	
	D: <u>Jan 4 1896</u>	
	<u>LaGrange, Illinois</u>	
1912 Fournier, John Frank	B: <u>Sep 28 1889</u>	(M4)
1912 Goulait, Theodore Lee	B: <u>Aug 12 1889</u>	(M4)
1909 Gray, William Denton	B: <u>Dec 3 1878</u>	(M4)
	<u>Houghton, Michigan</u>	
1902 Hale, Ray Luther	B: <u>Feb 18 1880</u>	(M4)
1910 Hendricks, Edward	B: <u>Jun 20 1885</u>	(M4)
1897 Hoffmeister, Jesse H.	TR	(M4)
1891 Inks, Albert Preston	Name: <u>Albert John Inks</u>	(T1)
	Delete real name of Inkstein.	
1910 Kahler, George Runnels	Name: <u>George Runnells Kahler</u>	(M4)
1907 Killefer, Wade Hampton	B: <u>Apr 13 1885</u>	(M4)
1898 Kitson, Frank L.	Name: <u>Frank R. Kitson</u>	(M4)
	B: <u>Sep 11 1869</u>	
1915 Koob, Ernest Gerald	B: <u>Sep 11 1892</u>	(M4)
1939 Kramer, John Henry	D: <u>May 18 1995</u>	(C1)
	<u>Metairie, Louisiana</u>	
1911 Lehr, Clarence Emanuel	D: <u>Highland Park, Michigan</u>	(M4)
1872 Malone,	Name: <u>Martin Malone</u>	(T4)
1994 Mercedes, Jose Miguel	Name: <u>Jose Miguel Mercedes (Santana)</u>	(H1)
1943 Metkovich, George Michael	B: <u>Oct 8 1920</u>	(H1)
	D: <u>May 17 1995</u>	
	<u>Costa Mesa, California</u>	

1993 Miranda, Angel Luis	Name: <u>Angel Luis Miranda (Andujar)</u>	(H1)
1935 Moore, Terrence Bluford	Name: <u>Terry Bluford Moore</u>	(H1)
1905 Olmsted, Henry Theodore	B: <u>Sac Bay, Michigan</u>	(M4)
1943 Overmire, Frank	Name: <u>Frank W. Overmire</u>	(M4)
1911 Paige, George Lynn	Real Name: <u>George Lynn Page</u>	(M4)
	B: <u>May 5 1882</u>	
1943 Peck, Harold Arthur	D: <u>Apr 13 1995</u>	(C1)
	<u>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</u>	
1902 Post, Lewis G.	B: <u>Woodland, Michigan</u>	(M4)
1933 Prim, Raymond Lee	D: <u>Apr 29 1995</u>	(H1)
	<u>Monte Rio, California</u>	
1948 Scala, Gerald Daniel	Name: <u>Gerard Michael Scala</u>	(H1)
	B: <u>Sep 27 1924</u>	
	D: <u>Dec 14 1993</u>	
	<u>Fallston, Maryland</u>	
1902 Shields, Charles Jessamine	Height: <u>5-08</u>	(M4)
1893 Smith, Judson Grant	Name: <u>Grant Judson Smith</u>	(M4)
1989 Sosa, Samuel Peralta	B: <u>Nov 12 1968</u>	(H1)
1920 Spencer, Vernon Murray	B: <u>Feb 4 1894</u>	(M4)
1944 Verdel, Albert Alfred	D: <u>Apr 16 1991</u>	(T2)
1913 Wagner, William George	B: <u>Dec 25 1887</u>	(M4)
1913 Wares, Clyde Ellsworth	B: <u>Vandalia, Michigan</u>	(M4)
1911 Wilson, Lester Wilbur	B: <u>St. Louis, Michigan</u>	(M4)