

SABR Pictorial History Committee

Player Image Index Update

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The Player Image Index Project continues to move forward, and I would like to recognize some Pictorial History Committee members who have recently made great contributions. A special thanks to **John Pardon** who has located photos of several players in a recent PII Update and also has contributed suggestions relating to all levels of the project. In his work for the project, John cited photos of Al Bashang, Dick Bass, and Des Beatty from contemporary Reach and Spalding guides.

Tony Szabelski has continued his yeoman's work for the committee by locating college photos of Vance McLlree and Tom Grubbs. Among his many contributions, Tony also referenced a 1912 Zeenut baseball card of George McAvoy.

The contributions made by **Marc Okkonen** to the project have always been impressive. I particularly want to acknowledge the photo that Marc had located in the September 16, 1915, issue of *The Sporting News* that included both Ted Turner (who played in one game for the 1920 Cubs) and also John Kibble (who played five games in 1912 for Cleveland). Marc also found an International League photo in the December 2, 1915, issue of *TSN* that included Albin Carlstrom ('11 Red Sox), Lester Channell ('10, '14 Yankees), and George Gaw (who played with the '20 Cubs).

George Brace has cited a number of team photos from baseball guides, including a 1908 Erie team photo including Des Beatty and a 1918 Omaha team photo that includes Harry Baumgartner. I would also like to recognize **Bill Hickman** and **Bob Richardson** for their contributions to the project.

The Player Image Index Project is now mentioned on the Research Committees page of the SABR website. There is also a direct e-mail link to me on that page. This section is designed to provide a brief overview of the project for people who are interested in becoming involved. This area can be found online at:

<http://www.sabr.org/old/committ.htm#pichist>.

Periodically, I provide an online Player Image Update to PHC members who have provided their e-mail addresses to the Committee. This serves the dual purpose of getting information to members quickly while also reducing our mailing costs somewhat. If you have an e-mail account and would like to be included, I will make sure that you receive all electronic communication that I send to PHC members regarding the project. I would also be glad to accept photo citations sent to me electronically.

To follow is a list of players for whom photo citations are particularly sought after by the PII Project. All of these players appeared in ten major league games or fewer between 1901 and 1950. In some cases, the Committee received citations for at least one photo of a given player listed below, but we would like to find another for confirmation of identity or to find a higher-quality image.

As always, I would like to recognize **Marc Okkonen** for contributing all of the collegiate and minor league information included below so that members can better research photos. Marc continues to be invaluable to the Committee and to this project, and Tom and I thank him for providing us with this information. Please know that this information is meant to assist researchers and that it may or may not represent a given player's complete college or minor league background.

Andy Bednar—Andre Jackson Bendar pitched in a total of five games for the Pittsburgh Pirates between 1930 and 1931, compiling no record. The right-hander played for McCook of the Nebraska State League in 1929 and with Tulsa of the Western League in 1932.

Roy Beecher—LeRoy "Colonel" Beecher pitched briefly in both 1907 and 1908 for the New York Giants. In 1907, he started two games and went the distance both times, compiling a very respectable career 2.57 ERA. Beecher played part of 1907 with Springfield of the Illinois League and he pitched for Rochester of the Eastern League in 1909.

Jodie Beeler—Joseph Sam Beeler appeared in three games for the 1944 Cincinnati Reds. The infielder also played part of 1944 for Birmingham of the Southern Association.

Clarence Beers—Clarence Scott Beers had a very short major league career, pitching 2/3 of one inning for the 1948 St. Louis Cardinals. A right-hander, Beers also pitched for Houston of the Texas League in 1947 and for Columbus of the American Association the next year.

Jim Begley—James Lawrence "Imp" Begley played in two games at second base for the 1924 Cincinnati Reds. Marc indicates that he may also have played for the University of San Francisco.

Ralph Bell—Ralph Albert "Lefty" Bell pitched six innings over three games for the 1912 Chicago White Sox. His minor league career includes playing for Joplin of the Western Association in 1910; Lethbridge of the Western Canadian League in 1911; Burlington of the California League in 1911 and 1912; St. Joseph of the Western League in 1913; Winona of the Northern League in 1913; and Fargo-Moorhead of the Northern League in 1914 and 1915.

Joe Benes—Joseph Anthony "Bananas" Benes played in a total of ten career major league games for the 1931 St. Louis Cardinals. During that time, he played second base, third base, and shortstop. He played with Newark of the International League in 1922 and 1923 and also in 1930 for Columbus of the American Association.

Henry Benn—Henry Omer Benn's major league career consisted of pitching in one inning of one game for Cleveland in 1914. Benn pitched more extensively for Rockford of the Wisconsin-Illinois League in 1911 and also for Manistee of the Michigan State League in 1911 and 1912.

Joe Bennett—Joseph Rosenblum Bennett played in one game at third base for the 1923 Philadelphia Phillies. He never had an official major league at-bat. Marc indicates that Bennett may have played for Mobile of the Southern Association in 1918 and with Tulsa of the Western League in 1919.

Allen Benson—Allen Wilbert "Bullet Ben" Benson pitched in two games for the 1934 Washington Senators. He attended the University of South Dakota. The right-hander pitched for Albany of the International League in 1934 as well.

Sid Benton—Sidney Wright Benton appeared briefly in one game for the 1922 St. Louis Cardinals. He never retired a batter, walking two and not giving up a hit. He pitched for Syracuse of the International League in 1922 and with Fort Worth of the Western Association in 1923.

Stan Benton—Stanley W. "Rabbit" Benton played second base briefly for the 1922 Philadelphia Phillies. He played in six major league games, knocking in three runs. He played with Williamsport of the New York-Penn League in 1923; with Milwaukee of the American Association in 1930; and with Shreveport/Tyler and Beaumont of the Texas League in 1932.

Clarence Berger—Clarence Edward Berger appeared in six major league games for the 1914 Pittsburgh Pirates, collecting one hit. The right-handed throwing, left-handed hitting outfielder played with Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League and with Richmond of the International League in 1915.

Al Bergman—Alfred Henry "Dutch" Bergman played in eight games for the 1916 Cleveland Indians, appearing at second base three times. He attended Notre Dame University and also played with Greenville of the South Atlantic Association in 1919.

Bob Berman—Robert Leon Berman played in two games in 1918 for the Washington Senators, catching in one. He never had an official at-bat in the major leagues. Marc indicates that he may have played for City College of New York and for Fordham University.

Joe Bernard—Joseph Carl "J.C." Bernard pitched in one game for the 1909 St. Louis Cardinals, striking out two. The right-hander never gave up an earned-run.

Walter Bernhardt—Walter Jacob Bernhardt pitched in one game in 1918 for the New York Yankees. The right-hander did not give up an earned run in the two-thirds of an inning that he pitched. He attended the University of Pennsylvania and also pitched for Salt Lake of the Union Association in 1914 as well as Rochester of the International League in 1919.

Joe Berry—Joseph Howard "Hodge" Berry, Sr. is the father of Joe Howard Berry Jr., who played with the New York Giants briefly in 1921 and 1922. Hodge played in one game for Philadelphia at catcher in 1902, getting one hit in four at-bats. Marc indicates that he may have played for Rochester of the Eastern League in 1907 and 1908.

Harry Berte—Harry Thomas Berte appeared in four games for the 1903 St. Louis Cardinals. An infielder, he played with Denver of the Western League in 1904; with Cedar Rapids of the Illinois League in 1905; with Jacksonville of the Illinois State League in 1907 and 1908; and with Kearney of the Nebraska State League in 1911 and 1912.

Lefty Bertrand—Roman Mathias Bertrand was a left-handed throwing, right-handed batting pitcher with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1936. He pitched two innings in one game in his major league career. Bertrand played with Crookston of the Northern League in 1933 and with Winnipeg of the Northern League in 1935.

Hal Betts—Harold Matthew Betts was a righthanded pitcher sometimes known as "Chubby" or "Ginger." He pitched in two major league games, and those games were ten years apart: in 1903, he pitched nine innings for the St. Louis Cardinals, and he pitched 3.1 more for the Reds in 1913. In between, Betts pitched for Schenectady of the New York State League in 1903 and 1904; with Scranton of the Eastern League in 1905; with Albany of the New York State League in 1907 and 1908; with Grand Rapids of the Central League in 1908; and with Yazoo City of the Cottage State League in 1911.

Lou Bevil—Born Louis Eugene Bevilacqua pitched in four games for the 1942 Washington Senators. He also played for Orlando of the Florida State League in 1948.

Charlie Beville—Clarence Benjamin "Candy Ben" Beville started two games for the Boston Red Sox in 1901, completing one. The right-handed pitcher also got two hits in seven career major league at-bats.

Charlie Biggs—Charles Orval Biggs finished with a major league record of 1-1 while pitching in six games for the 1932 Chicago White Sox. The right-hander pitched 24.2 career innings. Biggs' minor league stops included playing for Globe of the Arizona State League in 1930; with Shreveport-Tyler of the Texas League in 1932; and for Savannah of the South Atlantic League in 1937.

Steve Biras—Stephen Alexander Biras played two games at second base for the 1944 Cleveland Indians. He got two hits in his only two-major league at-bats, and he also knocked in two runs. One of his hits came in a pinch-hitting appearance.

Red Bird—James Edward Bird pitched five innings in one game for the 1921 Washington Senators. A lefthander, Bird pitched for Durant of the Texas-Oklahoma League in 1912; with Winston-Salem of the North Carolina State League in 1915; with Shreveport of the Texas League in 1922 and 1923; and with Mobile and Nashville of the Southern Association in the Southern Association in 1924.

Bill Bishop—William Henry "Lefty" Bishop pitched in two games in relief for the 1921 Philadelphia Athletics. He pitched a total of seven career innings.

Lloyd Bishop—Lloyd Clifton Bishop pitched in three games for Cleveland in 1914. The righthander attended the University of Kansas and Wichita State University, and he also pitched for Portland of the Pacific Coast League in 1915.

Bill Black—John William "Jigger" Black had five career at-bats in six games for the 1924 Chicago White Sox. He was a right-handed thrower and a left-handed batter.

Babe Blackburn—Foster Edwin "Charlie" Blackburn began his professional career by playing with Kansas City of the Federal League in 1915. The right-hander also played with the Chicago White Sox in 1921, pitching in one game. He attended the University of Chicago and played with St. Joseph of the Western League in 1916.

One question that has been brought up to me several times in recent weeks is whether it is acceptable for members to submit citations for players in their college or minor league uniforms, or even if yearbook photos are permissible to cite. While Tom and I would prefer to receive citations for photos of players in their major league uniforms, all photos portraying the ballplayer in question are welcome.

For those submitting citations for photos of the above (or of any major leaguers), here is a set of guidelines:

—In preparing citations, please try to include as much relevant information for each one you submit. The name of the publication in which the photo appears, the page number, and the names of all players who appear in the photo are particularly important. If there is supplemental information about the photo that would be helpful to researchers, please make a note of it within the citation. If you have any questions regarding the citing of photos, please feel free to contact me. It would certainly be a help to the Committee if you could submit citations on computer disk in Microsoft World format, but typed or handwritten citations will certainly be welcome.

—The Committee is always glad to provide PHC members with names of players on our most wanted list sorted by a given category. Players can be sorted by team, by date, or by a variety of other categories, as you would prefer.

—The ultimate objective of the project is to locate and cite photos for all major leaguers. Locating photos for players who appeared in ten major league games or fewer between 1901 and 1950 is only a starting point. If you have photo citations that you would like to submit for more recent players, please feel free to do so. The Committee is glad to receive citations for several photos of the same player, so please don't worry about duplicating others' work.

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