

Society for American Baseball Research Baseball Records Committee

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

REFLECTIONS AT FORTY THOUSAND FEET

While flying home from another outstanding convention, I thought some more about the awarding of wins and losses to managers. I suggested in the last newsletter that the Baseball Records Committee might want to undertake the Herculean task of attempting to determine who the actual managers were for each major league game. Such a project was the main topic of discussion at our meeting in Scottsdale. The overwhelming majority of those present thought it was a good idea, although most agreed it would be a most difficult task.

The more I thought about it the more I was convinced that the man in the dugout making the decisions is the manager for that game, rather than the official manager who may be in another city that day. Yet, on the other hand, for each team only one man signed a contract that said he is the manager. So even if that man is in another city, or even if he is undergoing brain surgery, legally, he is the manager. Clearly, one can make strong arguments in support of either position.

At this point the solution that several people suggested at the meeting of a two-tier system started to make more and more sense. I see such a system as follows.

- 1) One set of records that shows the official manager's won-lost mark from the day he is hired until the day he is fired.
- 2) A separate set of records showing the won-lost marks for the men who actually managed each game.

That second set might remain "in-house" for a while, but it would be nice to have if needed. As usual, I welcome all comments, criticisms, suggestions, etc.

MORE CORRECTIONS TO PITCHING RECORDS

The first two corrections were submitted by Frank Williams; the others by Walt Wilson.

1880 PROVIDENCE: George Bradley saved 2, not 1

1891 PITTSBURGH: Jim Galvin won 15, not 14; Mark Baldwin won 21, not 22 and saved 1, not 0

1899 CLEVELAND: Jim Hughey had 33 starts, not 34; Frank Bates had 20 starts, not 19

1899 PHILADELPHIA: Jack Fifiield had 12 starts, not 11; George Wheeler had 4 starts, not 5

1930 PHILADELPHIA (AL): Roy Mahaffey had 17 starts, not 16; Jack Quinn had 6 starts, not 7

1930 PITTSBURGH: Erv Brame had 28 starts, not 29; Glenn Spencer had 11 starts, not 10

1932 ST. LOUIS (AL): Lefty Stewart had 31 starts, not 32; Sam Gray had 19 starts, not 18

1932 BROOKLYN: Sloppy Thurston had 19 starts, not 20; Ray Phelps had 9 starts, not 8

1932 CHICAGO (NL): Pat Malone had 32 starts not 33; Charlie Root had 24 starts, not 23

1932 CINCINNATI: Larry Benton had 22 starts, not 21; Ray Kolp had 18 starts, not 19

1934 BOSTON (NL): Ed Brandt had 29 starts, not 28; Fred Frankhouse had 30 starts, not 29

1934 BROOKLYN: Dutch Leonard had 21 starts, not 20; Johnny Babich had 18 starts, not 19

1934 PITTSBURGH: Larry French had 34 starts, not 35; Bill Swift had 25 starts, not 24; Ralph Birkofer had 23 starts, not 24; Red Lucas had 22 starts, not 21; Waite Hoyt had 17 starts, not 15; Bill Harris had 1 start, not 2; Leon Chagnon had 0 starts, not 1.

ANOTHER CALL FOR RECOGNITION OF RUSS FORD'S ROOKIE SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENT

The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book's recognizes Ed Summers as holder of the American League record for Most games won by rookie, season. Summers, won twenty-four for Detroit in 1908, but two years later, in 1910, Russ Ford won twenty-six for New York.

I mentioned this to Craig Carter, the editor of the TSN Record Book, five years ago, (as detailed in the February 1994 Baseball Records Committee newsletter). Craig said that because Ford had pitched in a game in 1909 (he pitched three innings) he could not be considered a rookie.

Now I realize, as I said then, that there were no specific rules governing rookie status in 1910, although when SABR conducted its Retroactive Rookie of the Year survey in the mid 1980's we used forty-five previous innings as a cut-off, the amount used for a 154 game schedule when the BBWAA began their selections in 1947.

Russ Ford was chosen as the American League's Rookie of the Year for 1910 in both that survey and in the Hypothetical Rookie of the Year Award selections conducted by Bill Deane for Total Baseball. Ford is also recognized as holding the American League record for wins by a rookie by Elias's *The Book of Baseball Records*.

Although this is less a factual error than it is a difference of interpretation, I believe that while there is no official guideline here, there are sufficient precedents in baseball mores and "natural law" to recognize someone as a rookie whose only previous major league experience consists of three innings pitched in one game.

UPDATES FROM THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

1. Jim Smith wants to add a game to his list of games in which a team scored in all nine innings. Playing at home, the KC Royals scored in all eight innings of their the September 14, 1998 16-6 victory over Oakland.
2. We mentioned that Tom Shieber and Bruce Markusen had disputed the media claims that Mike Morgan was the first man to appear in games with 11 different major league teams. (Deacon McGuire played for 12 and Pop Smith played for 11.) However, Joe Dittmar points out that Morgan is the first man to *pitch* for 11 different big league clubs. He had been tied at ten with Bob L. Miller and Ken Brett.
3. Babe Ruth scored 177 runs in 1921, not 1927.

SOME RECORD BOOK OMISSIONS

These come from Greg Beston who found them while tallying games for *Retrosheet*.

The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book (p. 45) shows a record for Most runs by both clubs, eighth inning. The National League record is 14, done twice, both times in 1954. Greg found a third occurrence. On April 27, 1975 (1G) at San Diego, the Atlanta Braves scored nine runs in the top of the eighth, and the Padres scored five runs in the bottom half.

Elias's *The Book of Baseball Records* does have the Atlanta-San Diego game and also the June 29, 1996 game between Colorado and LA in which the Rockies scored eight runs in the eighth inning and the Dodgers scored six.

The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book (p. 118), under "Historic Firsts," shows the second game of the July 18, 1954 doubleheader between St. Louis and Philadelphia to be the Last forfeited game in the National League. However, Greg says the last forfeited game in the NL was the Dodgers' forfeit to the Cardinals at Dodger Stadium on August 10, 1995.

HACK WILSON

Without again going over the details of who did what, let's just say that we are pleased that various members of the Baseball Records Committee contributed to the case for giving Hack Wilson his missing RBI in 1930. We are also gratified that the Elias Sports Bureau and Major League Baseball, via Jerome Holtzman, have accepted this change. Let us now turn our efforts in new directions. Perhaps we can get the powers that be to accept that in 1961 Roger Maris had only 141 runs batted in (not 142), and that Mickey Mantle had 131 runs scored, not 132. Also, it would be a boost to the credibility of all record-keepers if the various sources could agree on a hit total for Cap Anson.

MOST GAMES PLAYED BY FAMILIES

This list is from Ted DiTullio. The list of family members centers around fathers and sons, but also includes grandfathers and nephews who shared the same last name.

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| ALOU | 6,048 | Felipe 2,082; Matty 1,667; Jay 1,380; Moises 919* |
| BOONE | 4,782 | Bob 2,264; Ray 1,373; Brett 939*; Aaron 206* |
| BELL | 4,597 | Buddy 2,405; Gus 1741; David 451* |
| ALOMAR | 4,089 | Robby 1,717*; Sandy, Sr. 1,481; Sandy, Jr. 891* |
| MAY | 4,027 | Lee 2071; Carlos 1,165; Derrick 791* |
| BONDS | 3,846 | Barry 1,997*; Bobby 1,849 |
| GRIFFEY | 3,625 | Ken, Sr. 2,097; Ken, Jr. 1,528* |
| McRAE | 3,304 | Hal 2,084; Brian 1,220* |
| CRUZ | 3,294 | Jose, Sr. 2,353; Hector 624; Jose, Jr. 310*; Tommy 7 |
| JAVIER | 3,186 | Julian 1,622; Stan 1,564* |
| SISLER | 3,101 | George 2,055; Dick 799; Dave 247 |
| KENNEDY | 2,974 | Terry 1,491; Bob 1,483 |
| BERRA | 2,973 | Yogi 2,120; Dale 853 |
| WALKER | 2,917 | Fred (Dixie) 1,905; Harry 807; Ernie 131; Ewart (Dixie) 74 |
| WILLS | 2,723 | Maury 1,942; Bump 831 |
| SCHOFIELD | 2,689 | Dick, Jr. 1,368; Dick, Sr. 1,321 |
| HEGAN | 2,631 | Jim 1,666; Mike 965 |
| SMALLEY | 2,525 | Roy, Jr. 1,653; Roy, Sr. 872 |
| FRANCONA | 2,427 | Tito 1,719; Terry 708 |

* Active players. I have adjusted active player totals to include games through September 26, 1999.

This list, also from Ted DiTullio, is of the most games played by brothers only.

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| ALOU | 5,129 | Felipe 2,082; Matty 1,667; Jay 1,380 |
| WANER | 4,542 | Paul 2,549; Lloyd 1,993; |
| DiMAGGIO | 4,245 | Joe 1,736; Dom 1,399; Vince 1,110 |
| BOYER | 3,871 | Ken 2,034; Clete 1,725; Cloyd 112 |
| AARON | 3,735 | Hank 3,298; Tommy 437 |
| RIPKEN | 3,702 | Cal 2,790*; Billy 912 |
| DELAHANTY | 3,597 | Ed 1,835; Jim 1,186; Frank 287; Joe 270; Tom 19 |
| SEWELL | 3,534 | Joe 1,903; Luke 1,630; Tom 1 |
| MAY | 3,236 | Lee 2071; Carlos 1,165 |
| BRETT | 3,056 | George 2,707; Ken 349 |
| JOHNDSON | 3,018 | Bob 1,863; Roy 1,155 |
| CRUZ | 2,984 | Jose, Sr. 2,353; Hector 624; Tommy 7 |
| NETTLES | 2,940 | Graig 2,700; Jim 240 |
| GWYNN | 2,926 | Tony 2,327*; Chris 599 |
| TORRE | 2,923 | Joe 2,209; Frank 714 |
| WAGNER | 2,866 | Honus 2,792; Butts 74 |
| YOUNT | 2,857 | Robin 2,856; Larry 1 |

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SUDDENLY IT'S OVER---GAME-ENDING TRIPLE PLAYS

These game-ending triple plays come from the files of Jim Smith and Herm Krabbenhoff. Ken Forsch, Tippy Martinez, and Barry Jones (pictured below) are the last three pitchers to reap the benefits of one.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>LG</u> | <u>On Base</u> | <u>Batter</u> | <u>Pitcher</u> |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 09/13/1876 | NL | 1,2 | Redleg Snyder (CIN) | Lon Knight (PHI) |
| 06/22/1882 | AA | 1,2 | Johnny Peters (PIT) | Will White (CIN) |
| 07/12/1884 | AA | 1,2,3 | Sam Kimber (BKL) | Tip O'Neill (STL) |
| 07/28/1884 | AA | 1,2,3 | Bill Greenwood (BKL) | Billy Taylor (PHI) |
| 06/23/1885 | AA | 2,3 | Jimmy Macullar (BAL) | Bobby Mathews (PHI) |
| 07/07/1888 | AA | 1,2,3 | Billy Shindle (BAL) | Red Ehret (KC) |
| 09/29/1890 | PL | 1,2 | Billy Nash (BOS) | Bert Cunningham (BUF) |
| 04/23/1891 | NL | 1,2,3 | Darby O'Brien (BKL) | John Thornton (PHI) |
| 05/22/1891 | NL | 1,2 | Mickey Welch (NY) | Billy Rhines (CIN) |
| 04/24/1899 | NL | 1,2 | Tom O'Brien (NY) | Joe McGinnity (BAL) |
| 05/05/1903 | AL | 1,2,3 | Harry Davis (PHI) | Snake Wiltse (NY) |
| 07/14/1905 | NL | 1,3 | Ed Abbaticchio (BOS) | Bob Ewing (CIN) |
| 05/06/1911 | AL | 1,2 | Bill Carrigan (BOS) | Russ Ford (NY) |
| 06/12/1913 | NL | 1,2 | Marty Berghammer (CIN) | Dick Rudolph (BOS) |
| 07/24/1915(2G) | AL | 1,2 | Nap Lajoie (PHI) | Sam Jones (CLE) |
| 09/06/1924(2G) | NL | 1,2 | Joe Schultz (PHI) | Art Nehf (NY) |
| 05/31/1927 | AL | 1,2 | Homer Summa (CLE) | Rip Collins (DET) |
| 09/07/1935(1G) | AL | 1,2,3 | Joe Cronin (BOS) | Oral Hildebrand (CLE) |
| 08/07/1936 | AL | 1,2 | Tony Piet (CHI) | Denny Galehouse (CLE) |
| 04/28/1938 | AL | 1,2 | Joe Glenn (NY) | Lefty Grove (BOS) |
| 09/10/1940 | AL | 1,2 | Bob Kennedy (CHI) | Ken Chase (WAS) |
| 05/22/1953 | AL | 1,2 | Irv Noren (NY) | Bob Porterfield (WAS) |
| 08/29/1953 | AL | 1,2 | Karl Olson (BOS) | Virgil Trucks ((CHI) |
| 09/29/1955(2G) | NL | 1,2 | Bobby Hofman (NY) | Jack Meyer (PHI) |
| 09/17/1966 | AL | 2,3 | Andy Etchebarren (BAL) | Tommy John (CHI) |
| 05/30/1967 | NL | 1,3 | Phil Gagliano (STL) | Don Nottebart (CIN) |
| 06/03/1977 | AL | 1,2,3 | John Wathan (KC) | Tippy Martinez (BAL) |
| 04/21/1978 | NL | 1,2 | Ron Cey (LA) | Ken Forsch (HOU) |
| 09/08/1991 | NL | 1,2 | Chris Sabo (CIN) | Barry Jones (MON) |

