



Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report
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New Ballplayer Discovered

Ivan Edward Bigler, long thought to be a "phantom" ballplayer, was shown to be a real player by Dick Thompson. For this, Dick wins the coveted *Find of the Month* award. Dick discovered that Bigler pinch-ran for Bill Rumler of the St. Louis Browns in the game of May 6, 1917. At one time, Bigler was thought to be a misprint for Sisler. However, George Sisler played the entire game at first base. After Bigler's playing career ended, he became a football coach for a college in Worcester, Massachusetts. By the way, Lee Allen obtained a questionnaire for Bigler (filled out by Bigler himself) in 1966.

Charles Newman

We had listed Charles Newman as catching for St. Louis on June 13, 1891. Ralph Horton determined that the catcher that day was actually John Munyan so Newman becomes an 1892 debut player. His new debut date is September 11, 1892.

The Missing

From last month's list of recent missing players, Ralph Horton has located Ed Mickelson alive and living in Chesterfield, Missouri. Bill Haber has located Ignatius Andrew Muich living in a nursing home in St. Louis and Frank McElyea living in Newburgh, Indiana.

New Twins

We have an addition to last month's list of

twins. Bob Richardson sends along the news that Edward J. Trumbull had a twin sister named Rose.

Birthday List

There are two nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in October. Be sure to send them a card.

October 20	James Uchrinsko	91
October 22	Ike Kahdot	90

More Birthday Info

Speaking of birthdays, Dave Smith has written a computer program that will produce two reports. The first is a report of all ballplayers born on your birthday. (The "greatest" ballplayer born on my birthday was Clyde Barnhart. Ecceh!) The second is a report which will list the first 20 major leaguers younger than the person in question. If you are interested in receiving copies of these reports for your birthday, Dave will be happy to send them to you for an SASE.

The Rest of the Missing

Here are the remainder of the players from the 1940-60 era whose whereabouts are unknown. If you have a current address or death date for any of these players please let me know.

Donald Alexander Robertson (1954)
Phoenix, Arizona

Richard Bernard Strahs (1954)
Chicago, Illinois

Camille Oscar Van Brabant (1954)
Royal Oak, Michigan

Charles White (1954)
Vancouver, British Columbia

Thomas Edward Carroll (1955)
St. Albans, New York

Juan Francisco Delis (1955)
Havana, Cuba

Don Eugene Leppert (1955)
Memphis, Tennessee

John Calvin Powers (1955)
Birmingham, Alabama

Arthur Leonard Swanson (1955)
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Richard Morley Tettelbach (1955)
Woodridge, Connecticut

Roberto Enrique Vargas (1955)
Caguas, Puerto Rico

Thomas James Acker (1956)
Wyckoff, New Jersey

William D. Bradford (1956)
Faitfield Bay, Arkansas

Harold Lloyd Griggs (1956)
Pompano Beach, Florida

Arnold Barry Latman (1957)
Tarzana, California

Carl Eugene Powis (1957)
Houston, Texas

Charles Henry Rabe (1957)
Darien, Illinois

Robert Lee Will (1957)
Naperville, Illinois

John Charles Anderson (1958)
Great Falls, Montana

Edward Oliver Bowsfield (1958)
Anaheim, California

Find This Guy, I Dare You

Since you all have done such a remarkable job of solving some of the *Mysteries of the Month*, I decided to make the September one a little tougher. Smith (no first name) pitched one game June 5, 1884 for the Baltimore Unions. Now I wouldn't just give you that without a clue. Your clue is that he was a local amateur with the Actives club. Now if you think that finding a Smith in the city of Baltimore might be tough, be happy that the Union Association didn't have a franchise in Tianjin, China. In Tianjin, there are 2000 people named Zhang Ying. Can you imagine the headache that name would have caused us?

The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	13513	75	99.448
Total Complete Births	12763	825	93.929
Total Complete Deaths	6721	513	49.463
Total Assumed Alive	6354		46.762
Total Bats	12171	1317	90.236
Total Throws	12448	1040	92.289
Total Heights	12322	1166	91.355
Total Weights	12252	1236	90.836
Total Debut Dates	13588	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9902	3686	72.873
Total Completion			91.9201

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

1928 Strelecki, Edward Henry	Name: Edward <u>Harold</u> Strelecki	(HF)
	B: Apr 10 1905	
1914 Williams, Rees Gephardt	No New Information	(B7)

New Information Received:

1879 Adams, George	Weight: 185	(R1)
1879 Allen, Cyrus Alban	Weight: 160	(R1)
1917 Bigler, Ivan Edward	New Player	(T3)
	Debut: <u>May 6 1917</u>	
	B: <u>Dec 13 1892</u>	
	<u>Bradford, Ohio</u>	
	D: <u>Apr 1 1975</u>	
	<u>Coldwater, Michigan</u>	
	BRTR Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: 150	
1949 Burgess, Forrest Harrill	D: <u>Sep 15 1991</u>	(C1)
	<u>Asheville, North Carolina</u>	
1944 Carter, Arnold Lee	D: <u>Apr 1989</u>	(H1)
1903 Doscher, John Henry, Jr.	Weight: 205	(T1)
1891 Duke, Martin F.	B: 1867	(T1)
	<u>Zanesville, Ohio</u>	
1884 Graham, Bernard	Name: Bernard <u>W.</u> Graham	(R1)
1952 Koshorek, Clement John	B: Jun 20 1925	(S9)
	D: <u>Sep 8 1991</u>	
	<u>Royal Oak, Michigan</u>	
	Height: <u>5-04.5</u>	
1910 Liese, Frederick Richard	BL Height: <u>5-08</u> Weight: 150	(C1)
1967 Loughlin, Larry John	Is Alive	(H1)
1886 Mack, Cornelius Alexander	D: <u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>	(D5)
1963 Martinez y Diaz, Gabriel Antonio	D: <u>Aug 24 1991</u>	(H1)
	<u>Miami, Florida</u>	
1875 Mason, Charles E.	Weight: 175	(R1)
1891 Newman, Charles	Debut: <u>Sep 11 1892</u>	(P1)
1946 Neill, Thomas White	D: <u>Sep 22 1980</u>	(H1)
	<u>Houston, Texas</u>	
1879 O'Leary, Daniel	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: 165	(R1)
1941 Peek, Stephen George	D: <u>Sep 21 1991</u>	(H1)
	<u>Syracuse, New York</u>	
1881 Powell, Martin J.	Height: <u>6-00</u> Weight: 170	(R1)
1884 Smith,	Debut: <u>Jun 5 1884</u>	(P1)
1890 Snyder, Charles	BR	(B3)
1945 Wheeler, Edward Raymond	B: <u>May 24 1915</u>	(H1)
1909 Winchell, Frederick Russell	TR	(C1)