



Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report
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John J. Scannell Found To Be Patrick J. Scanlon

It's tough enough to find a missing ballplayer but when you don't know his proper name that makes it doubly difficult. Such was the case with John J. Scannell. But Bob Richardson was able to solve the mystery and is the November winner of the *Find of the Month* award. Although we list him as Scannell, most of the Boston newspapers referred to him as Scanlon. Bob was able to put together a series of newspaper notes that showed our player to be Patrick J. Scanlon, who played with Springfield in 1883 and Atlanta, Boston, and Holyoke in 1884. His obituary had a few slight errors such as playing for Macon instead of Atlanta and the Boston Blues instead of the Boston Unions, but the evidence now points to Patrick J. "Darby" Scanlon as our missing 1884 player. Another fine job of research by Bob Richardson.

That Time Of Year Again

It is time again to let me know if you wish to continue on the committee in 1992. If I don't hear from you by the time of the next newsletter you will be dropped. Please don't renew if you do not intend to contribute. We currently have a mailing list of 93 and that is a lot of envelopes to stuff every month. Please consider seriously what you can devote to the committee.

New Members

Please welcome Heidi Ziemer, 5555 Kraus Road, Clarence, New York 14031 and Jerry Gregory, 3409 Reedy Drive, Annandale, Virginia 22003 to the bio committee. Heidi's code number will be Z3 and Jerry's will be G3.

A Country By Any Other Name

Chito Martinez was born in Belize City. However, at the time of his birth, the country was known as British Honduras, so that is how I will list him. Thanks to Bill Weiss and Norman Macht for sending along Martinez's birth.

New Addresses

We now have current addresses for Ben Guintini, Billy Sullivan, Herman Reich, Barry Latman, Glenn Mickens, and Lee Walls. Thanks to Joey Beretta and Bill Weiss for sending them along. Joey would also like to know the proper pronunciation of the last name of Morris "Red" Badgro. Can anyone help him out?

It Pays To Be Patient

The questionnaire on Albert Schellhase arrived in the Hall of Fame the other day. Schellhase's grand-nephew addressed it to Cliff Kachline and began by saying, "I am replying to your letter dated July 9, 1982..." So I guess we can never give up hope.

He Ain't Heavy, He's A Ballplayer

Pete Palmer would like to know how we should handle players who gain or lose a lot of weight over the course of their careers. For example, we list Mickey Lolich with a weight of 170 pounds. As someone once quipped at a SABR convention, that was probably his birth weight. If anyone has any suggestions on how to handle this please let me know.

Television Deceit

I tuned in to the show *Charlie Hoover* expecting to see a documentary about our elusive missing ballplayer. However, it turned out to be a stale sitcom. I think it's unconscionable that they would play a terrible joke like that on our committee. I certainly wouldn't produce a show about the first woman ballplayer and name it *Amelia Earhart*.

Robert Wright Turns 100

Please wish Robert Cassius Wright a very happy 100th birthday. On December 13 Wright will reach the century mark and for the first time in history, we will have two living ex-ballplayers over 100. Thus Wright becomes the first player to reach 100 and not be the oldest living player. Also wish happy birthdays to the following players who are celebrating birthdays in December:

Dec 4	Allen Conkwright	95
Dec 5	Ray Moss	90

Hey, Hey We're The Meinkes

We list a player by the name of Frank Louis Meinke who played for Detroit in 1884-85. We have complete birth and death information on him. In the *Sporting News* issue of April 30, 1936, there is an obituary for Francis Menke. Menke was a former minor league manager and scout who died April 19, 1936 in Decatur, Illinois. The obituary states that Menke played for Grand Rapids in 1883-84. When that league blew up, Detroit took on some of Grand Rapids' players. One of these was Menke who played second base until Hardy Richardson took his place. That is stretching a bit since Menke or Meinke only played three games at third. But I now question whether we have the right guy identified as the ballplayer. Does anyone know anything about this player?

The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	13706	75	99.456
Total Complete Births	12958	823	94.028
Total Complete Deaths	6742	510	48.922
Total Assumed Alive	6529		47.377
Total Bats	12368	1312	90.409
Total Throws	12642	1038	92.412
Total Heights	12534	1146	91.623
Total Weights	12455	1225	91.045
Total Debut Dates	13781	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9902	3879	71.853
Total Completion			91.9120

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

1890 Schellhase, Albert Herman	BR	(HF)
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New Information Received:

1981 Agosto y Gonzalez, Juan Roberto	Height: <u>6-02</u> Weight: <u>190</u>	(P1)
1943 Becker, Heinz Reinhard	D: <u>Nov 11 1991</u>	(H1)
	<u>Dallas, Texas</u>	
1982 Belliard y Matias, Rafael	Height: <u>5-06</u> Weight: <u>160</u>	(P1)
1956 Brunet, George Stuart	D: <u>Oct 25 1991</u>	(W1)
	<u>Poza Rica, Mexico</u>	(H1)
1984 Calderon y Perez, Ivan	Height: <u>6-01</u> Weight: <u>220</u>	(P1)
1987 Caminiti, Kenneth Gene	Height: <u>6-00</u>	(P1)
1945 Christopher, Lloyd Eugene	Name: <u>Loyd Eugene Christopher</u>	(H1)
1977 Clancy, James	Height: <u>6-04</u> Weight: <u>220</u>	(P1)
1983 Daulton, Darren Arthur	Height: <u>6-02</u> Weight: <u>195</u>	(P1)
1897 Fox, William Henry	B: <u>Sturbridge, Massachusetts</u>	(R1)
1986 Fraser, William Patrick	Height: <u>6-01</u>	(P1)
1901 Friel, William Edward	Weight: <u>165</u>	(T3)
1989 Guthrie, Mark Andrew	Height: <u>6-04</u>	(P1)
1901 Hayden, John Francis	BL	(R1)
1990 Howard, Thomas Sylvester	Height: <u>6-02</u>	(P1)
1930 Jolley, Smead Powell	D: <u>Nov 17 1991</u>	(T1)
	<u>Alameda, California</u>	
1986 Jones, Barry Louis	Height: <u>6-04</u> Weight: <u>225</u>	(P1)
1989 Machado y Rondon, Julio Segundo	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>165</u>	(P1)
1944 Mann, Ben Garth	D: <u>Sep 11 1980</u>	(H1)
1987 Manwaring, Kirt Dean	Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>185</u>	(P1)
1991 Martinez, Reyinaldo Ignacio	B: <u>Belize City, British Honduras</u>	(W1)
1889 McCoy, Arthur Gray	B: <u>Jul 1864</u>	(D2)
1895 McDougal, John H.	TR	(C1)
1942 McElyea, Frank	Is Deceased	(H1)
1892 Murphy, Daniel Joseph	Weight: <u>156</u>	(R1)
1910 Newnam, Patrick Henry	BL	(C1)
1919 Pasquariello, Michael John	Name: <u>Michael John Pasquella</u>	(HF)
	Real name: <u>Michael John Pasquariello</u>	
1981 Pena y Vasquez, Alejandro	Height: <u>6-01</u>	(P1)
1884 Pyle, Harry Thomas	B: <u>Nov 29 1861</u>	(D5)
	D: <u>Dec 26 1908</u>	
1944 Ramos y Garcia, Jesus Manuel	D: <u>Sep 2 1977</u>	(H4)
	<u>Caracas, Venezuela</u>	
1979 Righetti, David Allan	Height: <u>6-04</u> Weight: <u>195</u>	(P1)
1986 Rivera y Pedraza, Luis Antonio	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>170</u>	(P1)
1980 Salazar y Garcia, Luis Ernesto	Height: <u>5-09</u>	(P1)
1948 Sawatski, Carl Ernest	D: <u>Nov 24 1991</u>	(C1)
	<u>Little Rock, Arkansas</u>	

1884 Scannell, John J.	Name: <u>Patrick J. Scanlon</u>	(R1)
	B: <u>Mar 25 1861</u>	
	<u>Nova Scotia</u>	
	D: <u>Jul 17 1913</u>	
	<u>Springfield, Massachusetts</u>	
1989 Seanez, Rudy Caballero	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>185</u>	(P1)
1987 Sharperson, Michael Tyrone	Height: <u>6-03</u> Weight: <u>190</u>	(P1)
1990 Shumpert, Terrance Darnell	Height: <u>5-11</u>	(P1)
1913 Smith, Robert Ashley	B: <u>Jul 20 1890</u>	(H1)
	<u>Woodbury, Vermont</u>	
	D: <u>Dec 27 1965</u>	
	<u>West Los Angeles, California</u>	
1910 Steele, William Mitchell	D: <u>Overland, Missouri</u>	(T1)
1912 Thompson, Thomas Homer	Name: <u>Homer Thomas Thompson</u>	(S7)
	B: <u>Jun 1 1891</u>	
1884 Vadeboncoeur, Eugene F.	Name: <u>Onesime Eugene Vadeboncoeur</u>	(T1)
1927 Wilke, Henry Joseph	D: <u>Jun 21 1991</u>	(S3)
1984 Winningham, Herman Son	Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>185</u>	(P1)
1989 Yelding, Eric Girard	Height: <u>5-11</u>	(P1)