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# 1

## **CORRECTION!**

# **PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE IS ALIVE!**

**"The report of my death was an exaggeration."**

*Mark Twain*

In our February 2022 *SDTW Newsletter* we reported on the loss of our friend, the Pacific Coast League (1903-2020).

Then, in mid-March we learned the following

*"Major League Baseball is pleased to restore the historic names for each of the Minor Leagues that our fans are familiar with," said Peter Woodfork, Major League Baseball's Senior Vice President of Minor League Operations and Development. "We are excited for what the future holds for each of these leagues and the communities that make up Minor League Baseball."*<sup>1</sup>

At the same time that we found out that the PCL was being "restored" we also were rewarded to see the league's new logo, shown below. Here is a description of the art:

*"At the foreground of the new mark is the water and shoreline that gave the league its name in the early years of the 20th century when it was nearly a de facto third Major League, featuring the best players in the western United States. (Tacoma is the only team located on the water in the modern iteration of the league.) Beyond the shore are four geological features. Pine trees on the left represent the Pacific Northwest and the evergreens that dot much of the West, a red rock formation in the middle symbolizes the league's Southwest clubs and palm trees on the right are reminiscent of destinations like Las Vegas. In the background, two mountain peaks evoke the Rockies, Cascades, Sierra Nevadas and more regions that dominate the geography of many of the circuit's teams."*<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Minor League Baseball, "Historical league names return, new logo for Triple-A Pacific Coast League also unveiled," March 16, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Tyler Maun, "PCL gets new logo alongside restored name, Tripe-A circuit honors geographic landscape with redesigned mark," March 16, 2022.

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## **TRIVIA QUIZ**

### **HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PADRES?**

*by Greg Funk*

(1 point for each correct answer, Max total =24)

1. Name the three players who have won 3 consecutive Gold Gloves playing for the Padres.
2. Who is the most recent NL Gold Glove winner at third base other than Nolan Arenado?
3. Who had the only Padres 50-homer season? Who had the second most homers in a season?
4. Who hit the Game 161 triple off Trevor Hoffman to deny the Padres the clinching of a third consecutive postseason appearance?
5. Name the 5 current Padres pitchers (including those on IL) with a uniform number under 20.
6. Name the four Padres pitchers not named Musgrove to pitch at least 8 innings of no-hit ball.
7. What Padre pitcher had the most consecutive Opening Day starts (four)?
8. Who is second to Tony Gwynn in lifetime San Diego batting average (minimum 5 seasons)?
9. During the period 2007 thru 2010, three pairs of brothers played together for the Padres. Name them.
10. Who were the other three players involved in the 1990 trade in which the Padres acquired Fred McGriff?

*NOTE: No cheating is allowed. Family members can be consulted though. Answers are provided on the back page. However, you must first attempt to answer each of the Qs and then read thoroughly all the articles in the Newsletter before turning to the last page.*



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## A DIE-HARD CUBS FAN SHARES HIS COLLECTION WITH YOU! MEET ERIC HANAUER ...

by Tom Larwin



Over the years Eric Hanauer has been a familiar face at our chapter’s regional meetings. At one of those meetings—January 30, 2010—Eric treated us to a presentation that he titled “Shooting the Cubs.”

The use of the word “shooting” in this case was related to Eric being a professional photographer. While his primary photography subjects deal with scuba diving, the Cubs place a close second. His 2010 presentation featured a variety of photos he had taken during his experiences watching Chicago Cubs players in action. He typically would shoot about five games a year, at both Wrigley field and Hohokam Stadium in Mesa, Arizona (which served as the Cub’s spring training site through 2013).

Also, Eric has been a contributor to SABR’s BioProject authoring biographies of three well-known Cubs:

- Bill—don’t call him “Swish”—[Nicholson](#)
- “Smiling” Stan [Hack](#)
- “Slamming” Sammy [Sosa](#)

By now, you can probably surmise that Eric is a Cubs fan—a “Die-Hard” Cubs fan. This brings us around to the subject of our article.

In 2016 Eric donated his personal collection of Cubs *Vine Line* magazines to the Sullivan Family Baseball Research Center (BRC) on the 8th floor of San Diego Public Library’s Central Library.

The *Vine Line*’s first issue was published in March 1986 and its last one, in December 2018. Over its 33-year history almost 400 issues were published. Hanauer’s collection, permanently housed in the BRC, totals 346 issues or 87% of the total number.<sup>3</sup>



The magazine served as the official magazine of the Chicago Cubs and included in-depth articles, inside stories, and photographs of players and team officials from throughout the entire Cubs’ organization. It is a unique resource for anyone doing research into players who have appeared on the Cub’s major and minor league rosters from 1986 through 2018.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> The collection begins with Vol.1, No. 1, March 1986, and its last issue is, Vol. 31, No. 4, April 2016.

<sup>4</sup> As reported in the June 2021 *SDTW Newsletter*, San Diego had its version of a team magazine with a publication called *Baseball Gold*. A total of 48 issues were published between 1982 and 1986, and all are available in the BRC, courtesy of its publisher, SABR member Fred Rodgers.

We contacted Eric to learn a bit more about his baseball photography experiences and his attachment to Chicago's Cubs. The Q&A follows:

**Q: First off, any advice for taking photos at ball games?**

**EH:** The time of day is important ... the best time for photos is an overcast day, providing even light with no harsh shadows. Evening light provides warm, pleasing colors during the first few innings of a night game. Night games are the most difficult, due to low light which limits shutter speeds. I normally use auto focus for my action shots.

Here's a word of advice about shooting photos from the stands. It's a lot harder now with the protective nets. People in the first row can shoot through them, but nobody else can. If I were shooting from the stands today, I'd go in the second deck with a lens of at least 400mm. There were times I had to do that at Wrigley when it rained, and got some nice shots

**Q: What's the background in you being a "die hard" Cubs' fan and residing in California?**

**EH:** I've been a Cubs fan since age of nine, growing up on the south side of Chicago (White Sox territory). Moving to California in the 60s, my loyalties didn't change. For over 20 years now, my wife and I have traveled to Chicago for a Cubs' homestand. For most of those, I had the opportunity to shoot the games from the photographers' well.

**Q: As a Cubs fan it is understandable why you subscribed to the *Vine Line* ... but saving 346 issues suggests an emotional attachment. What prompted you to hang on to all of these copies?**

**EH:** Before the age of the internet, Cubs' *Vine Line* was one of the only ways to catch up on features about the Cubs, their farm system, their fans, and Wrigleyville. Old issues were too valuable to throw away, so they just accumulated. I do the same with scuba diving books and with magazines that I wrote and photographed for. Finally, I realized I wasn't reading the old *Vine Lines*, and ought to donate them somewhere that others may read them.



**Q: Can you tell us about your photographs and where they have been published?**

**EH:** A couple of *Vine Line* issues published my photographs. I've had literally thousands of photographs published in diving magazines, but getting published in *Vine Line* and in the Cubs' program made me feel like I'd finally made it into the majors. It happened when Steve Green, the Cubs' team photographer, was stuck in Chicago during spring training. He needed some shots for the magazine and scorecard, so he asked me to do it. Earlier this spring Steve retired after 40 years as the Cubs' team photographer. It's the longest tenure in the history of the team. Above all, he got a ring in 2016.

**Q: How about a story about any unique or special situations that happened while taking a baseball action photograph?**

**EH:** Here's one! I was lining up a potential shot at second base, not watching the hitter or the ball. Suddenly a ball ricocheted off my hand and hit me in the chin. All the other photographers looked at me wide-eyed. I said, "I'm OK." One of them didn't agree and handed me a towel. I wiped my chin, and it was full of blood. The ushers escorted me to the first aid station, where they applied butterfly bandages to stop the bleeding, and advised me to go to the ER for stitches within the next couple of hours. I wanted to go back into the well to shoot another

inning so I wouldn't be gun shy (like getting back on the horse that threw me). The people in the stands gave me an ovation, and the photographer who gave me the towel also gave me the ball that hit me. After shooting another inning I took a cab to the ER, and got five stitches in my chin.

The story doesn't end there. About a week later I received another ball in the mail, autographed by Michael Barrett, the batter who hit the foul ball. The message was "I hope you're OK. Send me a picture of your wound."

I didn't, because I figured Steve Green put him up to it.

A couple of weeks later, Barrett, a catcher, got hit in the crotch by a foul ball. He suffered a testicular hematoma, and was out for nearly the rest of the season. Needless to say, I didn't ask for a picture of his wound.

**Q: Finally, can you share a couple of photos that you consider favorites?**

**EH:** Sure, here (below) are a few.

For about a season and a half, Jake Arrieta was the best pitcher in baseball. This was shot during a one-hitter against the Reds.



Action on the basepaths is harder to capture than pitchers and hitters. Here Anthony Rizzo scores against the Brewers.

Matt Murton in the dugout at Petco Park after a painful loss to the Padres.



Kris Bryant signs autographs before the game. The paper in the fan's hand in the foreground provided a reflector for Kris' face.



Sammy Sosa's homer hop. At first, I was disappointed that the autofocus on my camera locked on the crowd instead of Sammy. But now I realize the crowd reaction is what makes the photo come alive.



I'm more at home at home underwater than on a baseball field. This great white shark was shot at Guadalupe Island, Mexico, and is probably my most widely published image.

*Eric is a widely published writer and underwater photographer, with nearly 1,000 magazine articles and five books. His scuba diving adventures have taken him to some 50 countries. For 35 years his day job was Associate Professor of Kinesiology at Cal State Fullerton where he also coached swimming and water polo and founded the scuba diving program.*

*As for the other part of his life, baseball, Eric has been a Ted Williams SABR Chapter member for 17 years. As you have read, he has been a lifelong Cubs fan since attending his first game in Wrigley Field at the age of 9.*

*His fifth book has just been published as an e-book and is available on Apple and Amazon for \$15. It's a history of sport diving, entitled "Diving Through the Decades." For more information, go to [www.wisedivers.com](http://www.wisedivers.com).*



Eric Hanauer



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## SAN DIEGO'S 300+ SAVE RESUMÉ BUILDERS

by Wayne M. Towers

In terms of quality relief pitching, Padres fans have had the opportunity to enjoy three Hall of Fame careers:

- **Rollie Fingers**, in the 1970s
- **Rich Gossage**, in the 1980s
- **Trevor Hoffman**, in the 1990s and early 2000s

They have also seen Mark Davis win the Cy Young Award in 1989 and Butch Metzger capture Rookie of the Year in 1976 (see “Six Noteworthy San Diego Padres Relievers” on pages 4 and 5 of the May 2020 *SDTW Chapter Newsletter*).

Through 2021, in and among these achievers, fans also witnessed parts of seven relief careers of 300 or more saves, plus two more relievers who stood a chance to surpass the 300 save benchmark. By and large, relievers typically were peripatetic “hired guns,” rarely staying with a single team throughout their careers. They were invaluable to contending teams, lifesavers to managers of struggling teams, but a luxury for middle-of-the-road teams playing out the string.

Only Trevor Hoffman (582 of 601 career saves, 1993-2008 with the Padres), played the bulk of his 300-plus save career in San Diego. His tragic wingman, Rod Beck (20 of 286 saves, 2003-2004), had he lived, likely could have crossed the 300 mark in a following season

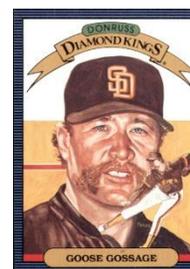
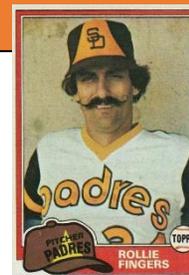
Hall of Famers Rollie Fingers (108 of 341, 1977-1980) and Rich Gossage (83 of 310, 1984-1987) built their resumes in San Diego, but had notable glories elsewhere. Fingers brought hope to a struggling franchise, but was better known for successes with the Oakland Athletics (1968-1976) and Milwaukee Brewers (1981-1985). Gossage helped the 1984 team to the National League pennant, but was best known as a formidable presence with the New York Yankees (1978-1983, 1989).

Similarly, the remaining six relievers built their resumes in San Diego, but added to them elsewhere. Two distinguished now-retired relievers were the redoubtable Fernando Rodney (17 of 327, 2016) and the more familiar Huston Street (80 of 324, 2012-2014). Rodney achieved his success with 11 teams, while Street pitched for a “mere” four teams.

Two other resume builders active through 2021 were Craig Kimbrel (39 of 372, 2015) and Mark Melancon (39 of 244, 2021). Kimbrel, already well past the 300 save benchmark, could, within his next season or two, join the exclusive 400 save club currently comprising (through the 2021 season):

- 652 - Mariano Rivera
- 601 - Hoffman
- 478 - Lee Smith
- 437 - Francisco “K-Rod” Rodriguez
- 424 - John Franco
- 422 - Billy Wagner

The next two or three seasons could also see Melancon added to the 300 save club.



Last, but not least, Randy Myers (38 of 347, 1992,1998) and Brad Hand (46 of 127, 2016-2018) treated Padres fans to quality left-handed relief pitching. At the end of the 2021 season, Myers' 347 saves stood third all-time among left-handed relievers, behind Franco (424) and Wagner (422), and just ahead of Arnoldis Chapman (314 through 2022). Hand had a reasonable shot at 300 career saves, but was thwarted somewhat by the shortened 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning in 2022, he needed some combination of a half-dozen 30 save seasons and/or four seasons in the mid-40s, to reach the 300 save level.

From Rollie Fingers in 1977 through Rich Gossage and Trevor Hoffman to Mark Melancon in 2021, Padres fans had multiple opportunities to view actual and potential 300 save careers

All in all, the 300 saves club added greatly to San Diego's rich relief pitching history.

PASSING THROUGH SAN DIEGO ON THE WAY TO 300+ SAVES								
Pitcher	RHP/ LHP	Status	CAREER		PADRES			% Padres of Career Saves
			Years	Saves*	Years	Saves	Rank, All-Time Padres	
<b>Trevor Hoffman ... and the Resumé Builders</b>								
<b>Trevor Hoffman</b>	RHP	Retired, HoF	1993-2010	<b>601</b>	1993-2008	552	1	91.8%
<b>Craig Kimbrel</b>	RHP	Active	2010-2021	<b>372</b>	2015	39	11	10.5%
<b>Randy Myers</b>	LHP	Retired	1985-1998	<b>347</b>	1992;1998	38	13	11.0%
<b>Rollie Fingers</b>	RHP	Retired, HoF	1968-1985	<b>341</b>	1977-1980	108	3	31.7%
<b>Fernando Rodney</b>	RHP	Retired	2002-2019	<b>327</b>	2016	17	19	5.2%
<b>Huston Street</b>	RHP	Retired	2005-2017	<b>324</b>	2012-2014	80	5	24.7%
<b>Rich Gossage</b>	RHP	Retired, HoF	1972-1994	<b>310</b>	1984-1987	83	4	26.8%
<b>Rod Beck</b>	RHP	Retired	1991-2004	286	2003-2004	20	18	7.0%
<b>Mark Melancon</b>	RHP	Active	2009-2021	244	2021	39	11	16.0%
<b>Brad Hand</b>	LHP	Active	2011-2021	126	2016-2018	46	10	36.5%
<b>Other Pitchers in Padres' Top 10 All-Time Saves</b>								
<b>Heath Bell</b>	RHP	Retired	2004-2014	168	2007-2011	134	2	79.8%
<b>Craig Lefferts</b>	LHP	Retired	1983-1994	101	1984-1987, 1990-1992	64	7	63.4%
<b>Mark Davis</b>	LHP	Retired	1980-1994	96	1982-1989, 1993-1994	78	6	81.3%
<b>Gary Lucas</b>	LHP	Retired	1980-1987	63	1980-1983	49	9	77.8%
<b>Kirby Yates</b>	RHP	Active	2014-2020	57	2017-2020	56	8	98.2%

\* - through 2021

**P.S** Did I miss any of your favorite Padre relievers? If so, please let me know at [wctowers@yahoo.com](mailto:wctowers@yahoo.com) .

I would be happy to produce an article on Yates, Bell, Lefferts, Mark Davis and even Butch Metzger, plus any and all reader nominations, for a future newsletter.



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**"BASEBALL RAMBLINGS" FROM DOUG HARVEY****Baseball Hall of Fame Umpire****Part 2**

*Doug Harvey was a National League Umpire for 31 years, 1962-1992, and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2010.*

*He is one of 10 umpires recognized by the HoF.*

*Doug was a guest at our Chapter's regional meeting on January 29, 2000. His remarks were recorded.*

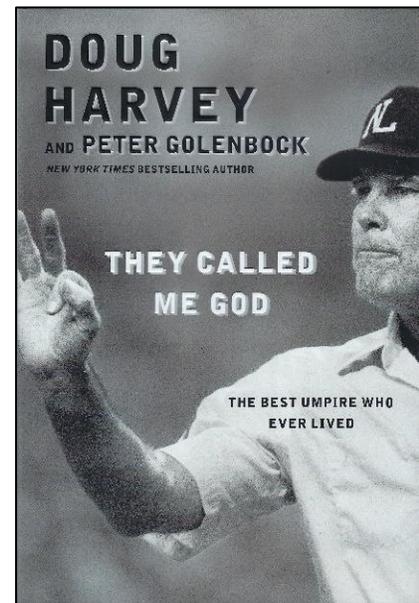
*Part 1 of his transcript was printed in our February 2022 Newsletter. Follows is the second part of his remarks. Part 3 will be in the October 2022 Newsletter.*

*Enjoy "listening"!*

**Getting to the Major Leagues**

**T**his lesson that Bob<sup>5</sup> gave me, when I got into the minor leagues... [Professional] baseball is 124 years old, 1876 it was started. I'm the only umpire to go from Class C baseball to Triple A to the major leagues, in the period of one year. I went to Triple A one year and then was in the major leagues. I'm the only one to ever do that in the history of the game. It will never be done again... there is no Class C!

But because of what Bob taught me I went into the minor leagues, and the guys said – you got to remember I was about 6'2" and 170 pounds, good looking fella, liked a few drinks, liked to toddle a few. And my partners would always say, 'Hey, let's go down to the Kern River, there's broads down there. C'mon, we'll go down and chase the broads for the afternoon'; it's hot and everything. Fresno, California. Air conditioning in those days in our hotels... they would put a big, big fan at the end of the hallway. If you wanted your room air-conditioned, you opened up the transom and cracked the door a little bit, then you put something against the door so somebody didn't sneak in in case you fell asleep and took a nap. But I remember those days and I tell them, 'No, I've got things I've got to do, just got to do some things... I've gotta do some laundry, call my Mom'; well, I lied!" Probably the only lies I ever



<sup>5</sup> "Bob" refers to Bob Farrell, whom was introduced by Harvey in Part 1. Here is what he had to say about Farrell: "I had a great coach by the name of Bob Farrell, who said, 'You have less talent than any of the starting five on our basketball team.' Farrell was our football coach and he coached the basketball team because the coach that was coaching it got sick and quit." Ref: February 2022, SDTW Newsletter, p.15.

told in my life. But I got in there and I tell you what I did; it got me to the major leagues quicker than anything, other than the fact that I could umpire, was the fact that I studied my rule book two hours every day for every day that I put in the minor leagues. Two hours every day... I never missed.

So it got to where... what was his name, second baseman for the old New York Giants, but he was the manager at Fresno and [I] was up there umpiring the ball game. He had a runner at second base. It was a young fellow named Vic Davalillo<sup>6</sup> was pitching for Visalia... Vic Davalillo... was a pitcher in the minor leagues. Vic was pitching and he went into his stretch and just about the time he looked back this guy broke for... [Buddy Kerr](#) was this manager's name<sup>7</sup>... second [and] raced toward third, and I spun and I start [to call the runner] out. Well... when that guy went, [Vic] just turned and threw it to third base. The guy reversed, dives back to second base, and I say, 'You're safe.' Out comes Buddy! "Ha! Ha! Got you, Harv! Got ya! Got ya! Got ya!" I said, 'Do you really. Buddy?' He says, 'A man can't throw to an unoccupied base, it's a balk!' Now this is getting loud that quick. I said (softly), 'Buddy, I'm so proud of you.' Buddy and all of the idiots in the stands are going nuts. 'You don't even know what the hell is going on.' But he's hollering out there and I just told him quietly, 'Buddy, I'm so proud of you' and he got this dumbfounded look that I strived for. He thinks this is really something. 'What do you mean, Harv?' I said, 'To think that somebody in this God-forsaken league is studying the rule book besides me. That pleases me so much' ... (Kerr) 'Don't give me that, Harv; it's a balk, it's a balk, it's a balk.' ... (Harvey) 'I am so proud of you and I realize the rule you are speaking of, it's 8.05, a to m, 13 ways to balk; you are speaking specifically of 8.05j, which states a man cannot throw to an unoccupied base.' I read on, '...comma, except for the express purpose of making a play... where the hell was he running to?' (Kerr) 'Goddamn it, Harv, you got me again.' And, you gotta remember that this is my second year of umpiring in professional ball.

## A Break in San Diego

The reason that I got the job in the California league is I was in San Diego and I get 155 games three years in a row here, in five months of baseball. I was working tripleheaders on Saturdays and doubleheaders on Sundays. But I had it my mind that's when I was going to give it a shot, and I told the guys I watched the great Don Larsen throw his perfect game on TV and I was working at the Playhouse Bar up on El Cajon Boulevard. I was bouncer there from 10 o'clock at night to 2 o'clock in the morning. Then we'd scrub down the bar and everything in there and then we'd open the bar at 7:30 in the morning so that the early drinkers could come in... I'd pour em' their drinks and forget them and go scrub down the steak cooking plate in the kitchen and then mop the floors and then head for San Diego State. That was my job.

But one day I was standing there and we were watching this game and I'm watching Larsen do his job and I said, 'That's it, boys' and they said, 'What, Harv?' I said you guys are going to be watching me on that someday. (them) What are you talking about? I'm going to umpire in the major leagues. And I got

<sup>6</sup> [Vic Davalillo](#) had a 16-year MLB career as an outfielder and played with six teams (1963-1980).

<sup>7</sup> This is Harvey's recollection and his story, but for the record, Davalillo played for Visalia in 1958. The Fresno manager that year was [Mike McCormick](#); Kerr managed the team in 1960, when Davalillo split time between Topeka and Havana/Jersey City.

## DOUG HARVEY

UMPIRE

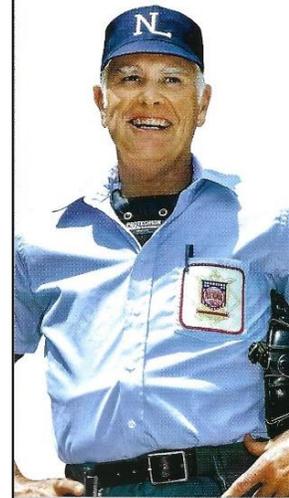
**Born:** March 13, 1930, South Gate, CA

**Died:** January 13, 2018, Visalia, CA

**Height:** 6-2 **Weight:** 195

NL 1962-92

A methodical, authoritative umpire in the National League for more than three decades, Doug Harvey became so revered that players, managers and even fellow umpires dubbed him "god." Harvey joined the Senior Circuit's umpiring crew in 1962, the last umpire hired in the big leagues who did not attend umpire school. Working 4,674 games over 31 years – including 18 seasons as a crew chief – Harvey often drew assignments to the game's biggest events, including six All-Star Games, nine National League Championship Series and five World Series.



CLASS OF

**2010**

laughed out of the bar that day. Laughed out of the bar. Eight years later they were watching me on TV working my first World Series in 1968. You have to make your promises in life to yourself. You have to set goals. There was no doubt in my mind. I didn't learn these things in school. I learned them the hard way.

I'm the last of the umpires to not go to umpires school. I did not attend any school, I did it the hard way.

But I was umpiring here locally and I'll finish that quick story, and I got to the ballpark down in El Cajon... it was a semipro game. And I didn't know anything about it and I just got there and I was assigned to work the bases. Two-man system. Then this other fellow was supposed to work and he got out his shin guards stepped on this thing and slapped his shin guard on him... (the man went) 'Oh-oh my God.' I said, 'What's wrong with you?' 'Uh,' he says, '...just a stitch.' 'Oh, God damn.' I said, 'What the hell is wrong?' (man) 'I don't know.' I says, 'Can you stand up?' (man) 'Yeah, it's when I bend over.' 'Fine, you work the bases, I'll work the plate.' You always carried your gear and wore the same pants on the bases as you did behind the plate. So, it was no big deal. Get in my little '36 Ford that I had, slapped on those shin guards, and get out there and I'm working alone.

About the third inning the guy catching he says, 'Hey kid, you're doing a pretty good job.' I said I appreciate that. (catcher) He said, 'Well, especially for so important a game.' Whoops! I said, 'What do you mean an important game?' He said, 'You don't know, do you?' No sir, I don't. He said this is the final game of the five-game set between LA county, which we are, and San Diego county for the championship between the two counties. I said 'well, that's nice, I mean...' I guess it's big to him and, you know, I could have asked him what's it going to mean to you... probably a party when they get home... I don't know. But, we go back in and in the next half inning he comes out and he says, 'By the way,' he said, and he named the guy, ... 'the guy at the first base,... was he supposed to work the plate?' I said, 'Yeah.' He said, 'He is supposed to work the final game for three straight years and he hasn't worked the plate yet.' I said, 'No kidding.'

We finished the game, no problems there, and everything works out fine and I walk over there and I'm not in too good a mood. The guy says, 'Hey, Harv; thanks.' I say, 'No problem.' And I'm taking off my gear and I don't want to hear it. And the guy walks up and he said, 'Young fellow, you worked a pretty good game.' And I said, 'I'm glad you realized it.' And I'm kicking 'em off and I'm really mad. And this guy said, 'Well... you have a minute to talk?' I said, 'Not really, what's on your mind?' I'm teethered. The guy hands me a card. He says, 'My name is Mr. Murphy... I'm the head scout for the Milwaukee Braves.' He said, 'Did you ever thought about turning professional?'

I said, 'Yeah, I've written 50 letters and I can't get anybody to answer one. They want me to go to school and I can't afford it... I broke my leg and split the bone eight inches playing football at San Diego State and was in cast for 27 weeks... It took another 20 weeks [to] straighten out my left foot, which was cut in at about a 25-degree angle... 'Now I'm working my ass off to pay off that \$800 God dang gasoline

"Silver"	"Doug"	Scotch	Irish-Indian		
Name		Position	Bats	Throws	
Harvey, Harold Douglas		Umpire	R	R	
Born-Place	Date	Married			
South Gate, Calif.	Mar. 13, 1930	Yes			
Address	Veracruz, Calif.	Height	Weight		
10231	San Diego, California	6'2"	185		
Teams Played With					
California League 2/58-res. for 59-res. for 60-res.					
for 61-dft. to Pacific Coast League 11/28/60-61-					
61-rel. to National League 9/5/61- 62-63- 64-65-					
66-67- 68-69-70-71-72- 73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-					
83-84-85-					
Married Joy Ann Glascock, September 24, 1960.					
Douglas Lee 11, Scott Justin 1.					

From *The Sporting News* Card file

bill that I worked up when I wasn't working 'cause the coach at San Diego State took my working job on campus.

He said, 'Whew, you had it pretty good.' I said, 'Yes, I have.' He said, 'If I can get you a job, do you want to go to work?' Whoa... did I calm down. I said, 'I certainly would.' He said, 'Fine, there's my card... if you don't hear from me, or in a week, you call me at that number.' I said, 'Fine.'

About a week and half later I get a telegram and, 'You are now on our list of umpires to work the California State League.' I worked the California State League for three years, then met my wife there at the end of the first year and married her at the end of the third year. Told her before we got married, before we got engaged, 'I'm on an eight-year program to make it to the major leagues. If I don't have my foot in the door in eight years, I will be out of baseball. I want you to know I'm in my second year now where I'm in engagement, but I will quit.' She said, 'OK.' And she understood and she said, 'Go for it, big guy.' She's always been in my corner, she's done a great job.

## On the Road

You have to realize that people don't realize my average for being home in San Diego sleeping in my own bed when the Padres moved here... after the Padres are here... nine nights a season. Nine nights in seven months. Because we used to go to spring training for 30 full days. Now they only go for like 10 to 12, maybe 15 days. But when we were living in LA, then my average was maybe three nights because the only time I'd get is when I flew into San Diego, sleep over a night, pick up my family, drive them to LA, she'd drive the kids back, and I'd hop [on] an airplane and go on to San Francisco. We couldn't afford that \$50 flight for her to go up to San Francisco. We couldn't afford the extra cost it would cost to keep her in a hotel up there.

The one thing that I did promise her was ... any time that there was a special event I took her..., which after the first two was the All-Star Games in Cleveland and New York. We couldn't afford that, but after that... she flew to all World Series, and I flew her first class, which back then didn't cost as much. It cost like \$50 more to fly first class across the nation.

Well, you have to remember, when I signed on in 1962, my salary was \$7000. I was getting along on \$16 per day per diem. Per diem pays all meals, hotel, cleaning, \$2 a day to the clubhouse man, taxi cabs to and from the ballpark. So, you had to stretch pretty hard when you were in places like New York, and maybe Montreal. Most places like Cincinnati and places like that you get a real a room fairly cheap; see what you did; you found a hotel that had a guy that loved baseball as a manager. And you worked deals. I'll get you tickets, you'll give me a cheaper rate at your hotel. And that's kind of where it all led to.

But the guy got me the job I was three years in the California League. Told you about my thing with Buddy Kerr and all. Went from there to the Pacific Coast League, ... got married; at the end of the California State League and at our meeting I told the President, I am not looking for any special favors, but I'm a newly married, I've been married like four months. The guy sent me to San Diego one time the whole season!

Think that's good? [In] 1962 I had these two teeth knocked out by a Bob Gibson pitch. Spit the two teeth on the ground and broke them off at the gum line and spit them on the ground. Shag Crawford come in about three innings later and it's bleeding like hell and I'm just spitting and he says, 'You got blood on you!' I said, 'Yes.' He said, 'What happened?' I said, 'I lost two teeth.' He said, 'Are you nuts?' I said, 'No, they're down there some place!' He said, 'What are you doing? Why don't you go and have somebody look at it?' I said, 'They can look at it after the ballgame.' He knocked 'em in the second inning, I finished the ballgame. I went on and had a dentist look at them and he said, 'Well, it's going to take more work than this. You're going to have to take time off.' I said, 'Not in the world. Just give me something to stop the bleeding.' He gave me a shot in the arm with vitamin B and I went on my way.

Two months later they were infected and I called the league office and I said, 'I got two teeth that are broken in my face.' They said, 'You can't go home, we're sending [veteran umpire Al] Barlick home

tomorrow because he has to work the World Series because he suffered a heart attack a year and a half ago... we are going to make sure he is rested... you can't leave.' 'Is it OK if I go see a dentist? I paid for the last one.' They said, 'Oh, yeah, sure.' The dentist said, 'Here, take this cotton,' and he put it there. Well, I put the cotton there day in and day out. And it bled all over my pillow cases in the hotel and I said, 'That's BS.' So I threw the cotton away and I stuffed chewing tobacco in there.

And I went to the end of the season, and I remember September 15 I got call in the old Pittsburgher Hotel... remember those old big skeleton keys you used to have to carry, those big ones? I remember I just came out; we're going for a Saturday day game, and I come out and I locked the door and I started and then the phone rang. I stopped and I run back in and I got it just in time. Those big round black phones. And the wife says, 'Honey, I'm at the hospital and I'm going to have your child.'



After Harvey's January 2000 presentation he agreed to having a transcript made of his remarks.

There followed several iterations of edits that led to the copy you have read in Parts 1 and 2 of his "Ramblings" ... his title, not ours!

In early 2001, Harvey was selected by a vote of our chapter members to be one of the 26 "Most Influential Individuals in San Diego Baseball in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century." His letter from June 2001 expressing appreciation is shown to the right.

Along with the transcript we wanted to develop a record of the number of games he umpired. Back in 2000-2001 that was a more complicated task than it would be today with the various baseball internet sites.

Our initial draft is shown on the next page. On it are his handwritten comments ... very precise ones!

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Dear Mr. Jarwin:

I'm sorry I have taken this long to answer your letter of May 14<sup>th</sup>. It arrived at our house, when I was in Tennessee, on a speaking engagement.

When I arrived home, I called, but you were out, so I left word with your secretary. We left the next morning, for two weeks in Alaska.

The past week, I have been in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, it has been hectic!

I am honored to have been voted one of the Top 26 Most Influential Individuals in San Diego Baseball, 1900-1999! God only knows, I give my honored profession every thing I had, for 43 years. Actually, 47 years, in organized sports - from ages 16 until 62. Softball, Little League, Boy League, High School, College, Semi-Pro, military, minor league and major league! It's been a great life - not for everyone!

Thank you, and all those that voted - I am thrilled!

Regards,  
Doug Harvey

There are nine comments shown in light red in the copy to the right. These are in Harvey's handwriting. This was a draft from some 20 years ago in an attempt to get a career record. To help you read them, each comment is transcribed below.

**Read Harvey's Comments About His Career Statistics**

**DOUG HARVEY**  
 Harold Douglas "Doug" "God" Harvey  
 Born: March 30, 1930, Southgate, CA  
 Attended San Diego State University, 1955-1956

Year	League	Games	Notes
1946-57	baseball, basketball, football officiating	6	All-Star Games (6 games)
1958	California State League	155	
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1961	Pacific Coast League	154	
1962	National	162	
1963	National	162	
1964	National	162	
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1966	National	162	
1967	National	162	
1968	National	162	
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1974	National	162	
1975	National	162	
1976	National	162	
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1979	National	150	
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1981	National	150	
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1986	National	150	
1987	National	150	
1988	National	149	
1989	National	150	
1990	National	150	
1991	National	150	
1992	National	150	
Minor League Totals		619	
Major League Totals		4,853	

**Handwritten Comments:**

- 1:** Remember, this doesn't take into account some 720 major league spring training games!
- 2:** I would have to look these up, but there were many years my crews worked as high as 175 games! We made up a list of rained-out games the other crews had lost! When on vacation, three times called to LA, SF, or SD to fill in one series for injured umpires.
- 3:** This is probably right, but I did not count my minor league games.
- 4:** (insert) 1982 Total All-Star games = 6 (not 5)
- 5:** (insert) 1970, '72, '76, '80, '83, '86, '89  
1974: '81 (5) (6)
- 6:** 70=3 83=4  
72=5 86=6  
76=3 89=5  
80=5 91=7  
LCS=38 games
- 7:** This info from my schedule books If you take off minor league stats, that would be appr 600 games  
5,501  
-600  
4,901  
Say "approximately 5000"!
- 8:** 1969? Padres @ Pitt (Cubs vs Mets @ Chicago, same day)  
Houston @ L.A. (1980?)  
(I'm sure there is at least 1 more, but I can't remember it)
- 9:** \*(1992) Blew my knee out missed almost 7 weeks, got back June 22nd.

**Other Handwritten Notes:**

- your comments with card 157 Baseball field & 160 game
- 1987 1977
- 1992
- League Championship Series (8 series)
- World Series (5 series)
- 1970-72, '76, '80, '83, '86, '89
- 1971+ '81
- (5) (6)
- 1988
- Total Post Season Games (55)
- Total Games = 5,501
- 4,853
- Due-game playoffs:
- Padres @ Pitt (Cubs vs Mets @ Chicago, same day)
- Houston @ L.A. (1980?)
- I'm sure there is at least 1 more, but I can't remember it
- Doug, these are my estimates from materials I have on hand
- If I can't get accurate numbers, then perhaps I should just list a total (estimated) and leave out the yearly figures.
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# 6 SDTW CHAPTER NOTES Year in Review

## Regional Meetings

We have not held any regional in-person meetings during the year due to the pandemic. Our Steering Committee reviewed this matter in May 2022 and decided to continue this position, at least through the coming summer months, and re-consider the matter at our next Committee meeting in the Fall 2022.

Over the past 12 months we have sponsored two chapter meetings via Zoom:

- October 19, 2021, with Jeff Figler, a nationally-recognized collectibles expert.
- February 19, 2022, with Jack Bales, author of the book. *The Chicago Cub Shot for Love: A Showgirl's Crime of Passion and the 1932 World Series.*

## Steering Committee Meetings

Our chapter's Steering Committee consists of nine members and a liaison member from the City of San Diego Public Library. We held three Committee meetings, all via Zoom, on: September 15, 2021, January 5, 2022, and May 18, 2022.

**Projects and Newsletters** (to view past newsletters go to: <https://sabr.app.box.com/v/sd-ted-williams-chapter>)

June-August 2021

### Grave Marker Project, Joe Quest.

Our Chapter completed a grave marker project in June 2021 for 19th Century player, Joe Quest. An article on the project, and SABR's role, was published in the August 30, 2021, *San Diego Union-Tribune*. The June 2021 *Newsletter* included an article on Joe Quest, and the project.



June 2021

**Newsletter.** Six articles, 16 pages.

October 2021

**Newsletter.** Eight articles, 23 pages.

February 2022

**Newsletter.** Six articles, 18 pages.

June 2022

**Newsletter.** Seven articles, 18 pages.



June-July 2022

**Grave Marker Project, Hick Carpenter.** This is our chapter's second grave marker project for a 19th Century player, Hick Carpenter. It is in the final stage of completion. Installation will be in late June or early July. SABR's 19th Century Committee has partnered with our chapter in sharing the funding of the project costs.



Installation will occur at Carpenter's grave site located at Mount Hope Cemetery and we expect to announce a date within the next few weeks.

On-going

**Digitization.** This past year we have digitized 89 *Guides* (1880-1951) and 68 *Baseball Registers* (1940-2007). Work-in-progress include digitizing items such as: official and unpublished minor league season records (some that date back to the 19th Century), scrapbooks (primarily containing box scores for various seasons and leagues), and personal files of player career records and minor league ballparks.

### City of San Diego Public Library (Baseball Research Center) Partnership

The [Baseball Research Center](#) (BRC)<sup>8</sup> was created in 1999 in a partnership between the San Diego Public Library and our chapter. It is located on the 8th Floor of the Central Library in downtown San Diego. As a chapter we provide volunteer support to Library staff in the management and operation of the BRC. Our general functions are to: (1) coordinate with the Library on the processing and organization of new material, (2) offer input related to acquisition of newly issued baseball-related items, (3) provide items for BRC displays, and (4) provide assistance with special research requests that are received.

The BRC has also served as a convenient venue for our chapter's in-person regional meetings.

The Library has a staff member, Jeremy Davies, who provides liaison with our chapter and serves as an ex-officio member on our Steering Committee.

This past year we received a donation of books and publications from the Pacific Coast League (PCL) headquarters that closed in 2020. Two other donations are in process, one from a private party that would include books, publications and scrapbook articles, mainly related to the Pacific Coast League. A second major donation will be announced shortly.

Our role with these donations is to inventory, sort, and review the material on behalf of the Library. In certain cases, as noted above, we will also choose to digitize certain items.

### “New” Chapter Web Site

Our Steering Committee has decided to use the SABR.org Chapter page for our web site. This has saved us effort in trying to find a web master plus keeps the information on the site up-to-date. Our chapter newsletters and project reports are stored on the site, too.

The web site can be accessed via this link:

<https://sabr.org/chapter/san-diego-ted-williams-chapter/>



<sup>8</sup> Now called The Sullivan Family Baseball Research Center.

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## A LOOK BACK: "IS BASEBALL DECAYING?"

To the right is an editorial expressed some years ago in a San Diego newspaper.

Titled "Is Baseball Decaying" it had a rather serious tone throughout.

It's a bit long, but worth a read.

You will note that some of the issues identified of that period exist in today's major leagues. And, some have disappeared, fortunately.

Can you guess the year that this was written? A clue: a one-year subscription was \$9.00. Perhaps you remember when that was!?

The answer is on the following page.

### IS BASEBALL DECAYING?

Baseball, both professional and amateur, appears to be as popular as ever on the Pacific coast. But in the east, if one may judge by the utterances of some of the newspapers, the game is in a state of decadence, so far as public favor is concerned. Some journals attribute the deterioration of the sport, and the lessening interest, to the fact that players of the big clubs are bought and sold as chattels. But if this be the reason, it is remarkable that this chattel feature did not kill the game years ago.

Professional baseball may be said to have first shown its possibilities nearly thirty years ago, when a famous Cincinnati club, known as the "Red Stockings," made a tour of the eastern and middle western states with brilliant success. It is true that prior to that time there had been professional, or semi-professional clubs, such as the famous Atlantics of Brooklyn, the Mutuals of New York, the Athletics of Philadelphia, the Haymakers of Troy, and some others. But the money-making powers of the game were scarcely apprehended prior to the Red Stockings' remarkable tour. After that, professional clubs multiplied, leagues were established, and the term "national game," which long before had been given half in joke to baseball, was voted entirely appropriate.

But it should be remembered that even back in those early days, the fact that the players were hired, and very possibly had only a pecuniary interest in the success of the club with which they played, was a source of more or less criticism. It was not uncommon even then to read newspaper comments on this topic. The writers spoke of the superb physique, the trained skill, and thorough discipline shown by the players, and expressed regret that such fine specimens of manhood were little better than mercenaries. It is true that in the earlier days of professional baseball good players did not go from club to club as frequently as now. Famous catchers and pitchers, or phenomenal basemen and fielders, would play year after year with the same organization and become identified with it. Still, it was not uncommon for a player to leave his club for one that would pay him better. And although the commercial side of the game was a matter of gradual development, it prevailed to a great extent as far back as the early 70s.

So it would seem that the decadence of professional baseball in the east is hardly due to the commercial feature. The trouble appears to be that with the purely business side of the game being constantly pressed to the front, the attributes of wholesome, honest sport have been disappearing. The Springfield Republican recently declared that "the cause of the decline may be stated as rum, rowdiness and rebellion," and the New York Sun adds this comment to that verdict:

America is one of the two great sporting countries of the world. Its youth trains vigorously in all athletic exercises, and its age looks on with sympathetic interest. There is widely and deeply established, therefore, the habit of abiding by the decision of the referee, the indispensable arbiter of all healthy athletic competition. In all contests the loser is taught to lose in loyal submission to the referee's verdict. The man who refuses so to submit when called upon is marked unworthy, as an antagonist and unfit for competition, for the reason that competition not controlled by a referee, is, in its essence, a mere unrestricted "rough and tumble," and hence it is shut out from the domain of true sport, and often frowned on by the police.

Yet in such a country as the United States the managers of professional baseball, the national game itself, have kicked aside this foundation of order

in sports, this fundamental principle of fair play, and have cultivated a semi-riotous sort of game in which the referee is liable at any time, not only to abuse, but to actual assault from the players over whom he is supposed to preside. The disorderly element among the spectators, from which the example of the players takes the sense of restraint, may join the disturbance at any time. Games in which the umpire is not more or less brazenly defied with contradictions of his judgment have been scarcely ever played, and disputes between umpires and players or spectators have been liable at any time to grow into rowdiness, offensive and even dangerous.

Judging from the sort of entertainment they have provided, the rulers of the National League have conceived the American public to be more ruffianly than sportsmanlike in its tastes and spirit, and so the game of baseball has sunk in character until at last the public revolts. Revolt must come before regeneration.

It is very unlikely that the evils under which professional baseball is now laboring in the east, will put an end to it. It has become too firmly rooted. But that it will cease to be lucrative until it is reformed, will hardly be doubted.



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## LAST PAGE

## ANSWERS (to Trivia Quiz on page 2)

1. Tony Gwynn, Benito Santiago, Ken Caminiti
2. Chase Headley, 2012
3. Greg Vaughn;  
Fernando Tatis – 42 in 2021
4. Tony Gwynn Jr.
5. 1 – Mackenzie Gore 4 – Blake Snell  
11 – Yu Darvish 15 – Drew Pomeranz  
17 – Taylor Rogers
6. Clay Kirby, Steve Arlin, Andy Ashby,  
Chris Young
7. Jake Peavy
8. Bip Roberts .298. (Gwynn .338)
9. Brian & Marcus Giles  
Adrian & Edgar Gonzalez  
Scott & Jerry Hairston
10. Tony Fernandez, Joe Carter, Roberto Alomar

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