

# KELTNER'S HOT CORNER



## Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter

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#### Virtual Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, April 12 @ 7PM CT  
Professor Mary Hums Managing Professional Baseball



#### Keltner Chapter Meeting

May 6 @ 11AM  
J&B's Blue Ribbon Bar & Grill  
**Save the Date!**



#### Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference

July 20-22 - Detroit  
More Info [Here](#)



#### SABR 51

Chicago, July 5 - 9, 2023  
Palmer House – Chicago  
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### New Members

**Forest Allen – Madison**  
**Zak Kindl – Marquette University**  
**Matt Rucinski – Marquette University**  
**Bill Adler - Marquette University**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Keltner Virtual Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, April 12 @ 7 PM CT

**Professor Mary Hums – University of Louisville**

The professor will talk about her Management of Professional Baseball Course that is part of the university's Sports Management Program as well as talk about the game she loves - baseball.

**Save the Date!**



#### Spring Chapter Meeting

Saturday, May 6 @ 11AM  
J&B's Blue Ribbon Bar & Grill



Our next in-person meeting (what a concept!) will be on the first Saturday in May. We are working with the Brewers anticipating having a member of Baseball Operations join us to talk about so many different topics from the change in leadership, players, the new rules, and answers your questions. We are also working with two other speakers including member Matthew Prigge who has a new book about to be published on Milwaukee Brewer opening days.

**Save the Date!**



### February Meeting Recaps

#### Recap Virtual Chapter Meeting with Josh Maurer - Brewer's Radio Broadcaster



We were honored to have Josh Maurer as one of our guests when we held our first in-person meeting in over two years last April, welcoming him to Milwaukee as the new radio guy. We had a repeat performance in February discussing how his first year as a major league broadcaster went as well as talking baseball. He became a baseball fan because of Harry Kalas (and Richie Ashburn) wanting to become

a broadcaster someday. He talks about working with Bob Uecker during spring training and how welcoming Uek and the broadcast team were. He was amazed with the veteran broadcaster's stamina, and he learned a lot from him. Maurer 's first year exceeded his expectations, and he was glad it was over as there was so much happening and new things to learn with ballplayers, ballparks, cities, etc every day. In a discussion on the new rule changes, Josh talks about how it will change how they broadcast games, especially with the pitch count. He was asked about his daily routine and had an interesting reply. Being the new guy, how did he get to know the players and start to build the necessary relationships. And Josh was given an opportunity to ask us a question and you will see we did a good job ducking the reply. And there was so much more. Thanks Josh, you're becoming one of our favorite guests.

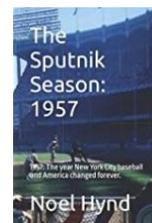
The best way to know Maurer better is to listen (or relisten) to the recording, you'll be glad you did. It's easy to do so; click on Josh's picture or [here](#).



## Recap Keltner Book Club Virtual Meeting Special Guest - Noel Hynd, author of *The Sputnik Season: 1957*



Author Noel Hynd, with a picture of the Polo Grounds in the background, joined the book club meeting on February 18 discussing *The Sputnik Season: 1957*. Why did Noel use this name for the book? Because the Russians launched Sputnik on October 4<sup>th</sup> setting off the space age on a World Series travel day. Also, the translation for Sputnik is co-traveler and the baseball season had co-travelers after the season which he discusses. The book covers the season throughout baseball,

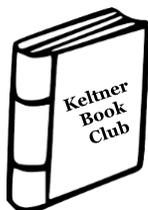


and we had a lively discussion on the Billy Martin incident (or was it) at the Copacabana on his 29<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Yankees "special" relationship with the Kansas City A's and much more. In addition to writing several baseball books including *The Giants of the Polo Grounds*, he writes far more in another unrelated genre. Hynd's book is full of interesting stories, and he spins a good tale or two in the recording which you can see by clicking on his picture or [here](#).

Jack Liebl was the winner of the drawing for a copy of the book. You can find more info about the book [here](#).



## Keltner Book Club News By Mary Shea



A new book club selection will be forthcoming. As always, please let us know if you'd like to conduct a meeting on a book of your choice.

In recognition of Women's History Month, here's a list of suggested reading and other information on women in baseball. There's no shortage of fascinating histories and commentary of women and girls and their involvement with our national pastime.

### Books

[\*Breaking into Baseball - Women and the National Pastime\*](#), by Jean Hastings Ardell

[\*No Girls in the Clubhouse - The Exclusion of Women from Baseball\*](#), by Marilyn Cohen

[\*Women at Play - The Story of Women in Baseball\*](#), by Barbara Gregorich

[\*Encyclopedia of Women and Baseball\*](#), Edited by Leslie A. Heaphy and Mel Anthony May

[\*Stolen Bases - Why American Girls Don't Play Baseball\*](#), by Jennifer Ring

[\*Curveball - The Remarkable Story of Toni Stone\*](#), by Martha Ackman

[\*Making My Pitch - A Woman's Baseball Odyssey\*](#), by Ila Jane Borders, with Jean Hastings Ardell

[\*The Incredible Women of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League\*](#), by Anika Orrock

And several books by or about Effa Manley, the only woman to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

[\*Negro Baseball ... Before Integration\*](#), by Effa Manley and Leon Herbert Hardwick

[\*Queen of the Negro Leagues - Effa Manley and the Newark Eagles\*](#), by James Overmyer

[\*Baseball's Leading Lady - Effa Manley and the Rise and Fall of the Negro Leagues\*](#), by Andrea Williams

## Links to Explore

### All-American Girls Professional Baseball League

The “League of Their Own” from 1943-1954 is still going strong in its mission to preserve women’s baseball history and support girls and women playing the sport. Their annual reunion will take place in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in August of 2023. You can join the league as an associate member and attend with the original players. Their [website](#) contains lots of info on the history of the league, including a player database.



### Baseball for All

This is an amazing organization that supports girls playing baseball, run by Justine Siegal, a trailblazer herself. It conducts girls’ tournaments, often the only opportunity for girls to play baseball with other girls. You can learn more [here](#).

### US Women’s National Team

Many baseball fans don’t know that the US has a [Women’s National Baseball Team](#) that competes internationally. Japan is actually the powerhouse in women’s baseball, and these players representing their countries from all over the world are highly skilled. More information on global competition can be found through the [World Baseball Softball Confederation](#):

**Ila Borders** was the first woman to pitch for a NCAA men’s baseball team and earn a win at the collegiate level. She later played professionally for men’s minor league teams for four seasons. We were honored to have her join us for a virtual meeting last year, which can be viewed [here](#).



### Women in Baseball Week 2023 is coming!

Join in July 23-29, 2023, wherever you are, anytime during the week. [Women in Baseball Week](#) is an annual, worldwide event recognizing the value, diversity, and cultural significance of women in baseball. Women play a vital role in all aspects of the sport north, south, east and west—help us celebrate each one! Tournaments, teams, libraries, museums, and individuals will join the International Women’s Baseball Center to recognize women’s contributions to baseball around the globe.



### International Women’s Baseball Center

“At [IWBC](#), education is the cornerstone of our mission to protect, preserve, and promote all aspects of women’s baseball, both on and off the field. We strive to inspire the next generation of players by helping them realize their dreams not only of participating in the sport, but also of passing on all they will learn and achieve for generations to come.”



The future of baseball is female!

Please submit any questions, comments, or book suggestions to [Mary Shea](#).

Happy reading! – Mary



## Monthly Baseball Poll

With the disappointment expressed by Corbin Burnes following his defeat in arbitration, what will be his future with the Brewers?

1. Burnes will be traded before the start of the 2023 season.
2. Burnes will be traded before the 2023 season trading deadline.
3. Burnes will be traded before during the offseason before the 2024 season.
4. Burnes will sign a long term contract with Milwaukee.

PLEASE reply with your choice 1, 2, 3 or 4 to [Dennis](#) and a comment if so inclined with your reason.



### Contribute to the *Keltner Hot Corner*

Do you have an article or topic you would like to publish in the newsletter? If so, that’s great. Please contact [Dennis](#).

## SABR Baseball Memories



Reminiscence (recalling pleasant memories of the past) is an effective intervention to help improve the quality-of-life for people dealing with Alzheimer's, dementia, chronic health issues, and loneliness. Since 2015, members of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) have been developing and delivering baseball reminiscence programs in partnership with chapters of the Alzheimer's Association, Veterans Administration facilities, and local senior/memory care organizations.

What has been learned is talking about baseball often is a great way to get the people with memories issues to remember their early memories, playing or attending a game, a player or a World Series which gets them talking about baseball. A number of chapters in Texas, New York, Connecticut, and California have programs as well the Hemond Arizona Chapter where I learned on SABR Day about the program they are rolling out.

The reason I am mentioning this is we have been approached by Jacob Sawyers, the Dementia Care Specialist for Walworth County about partnering with them to develop a program. He told me that state law now mandates that every county have a Dementia Care Specialist so there is a great need for help. We have set a goal of having something to start with by summer (y'know that season without snow!).

Although we have a great deal to learn, this is something we need to do; using the game we love to help others struggling yet wanting to remember. Please take the time to learn more about SABR Baseball Memories [here](#). There are several reports on what SABR is doing and on baseball reminiscing, please read. Plus, some videos as well to watch and learn.

I am going to learn as much as possible to understand the how, what, when and where's. I will reach out to the other chapters as well. But I cannot nor should not do this alone. Who would like to join me on adding Wisconsin to the states helping the memory challenged by talking baseball? Do you understand the challenges of dementia or know someone who had it? PLEASE contact [Dennis](#) and let's make the difference together.



### Get to Know

#### Get to Know...Jacob Pomrenke

If you were trying to identify a future SABR members at a young age, would this person be high on your prospect list? "My first baseball memory is watching the player introductions from the 1987 All-Star Game in Oakland. My parents recorded the All-Star Game on a VHS tape, and I spent the rest of the summer waking up very early, watching a replay of that game quietly before anyone else was awake, and then going outside and re-creating the play-by-play of all 13 innings by myself using a T-ball set in the back yard."

Jacob Pomrenke was born in 1982 in Baltimore, just in time for the start of Cal Ripken's consecutive games hit streak. The oldest of three siblings, he was a second grader when they moved to the Atlanta area where he grew up.

Jacob's formative baseball years were during the Braves dynasty in the 1990s and by the time he turned 12, they had played two consecutive years in the World Series, "I was hooked for life." As a left-hander, Pomrenke pitched and played first base all the way through high school and into American Legion ball. As he tells the story, "I may have been the only little league pitcher with a circle changeup, thanks to [Tom Glavine](#), my favorite pitcher who I tried to emulate on the mound. Never mind that my changeup and my fastball were thrown at interchangeable speeds."



Starting out his career in the newspaper industry, Pomrenke was a writer and editor for a decade. His first job was with his hometown *Gainesville Times* in Georgia before moving to Southern California where he worked for several papers. He then joined SABR staff in 2011 as the Director of Editorial Content which he said entails, "I manage the SABR.org website and all of the tremendous research that our members are publishing online, plus our social media accounts, web projects, media/research requests, and anything else that we might have going on!"

He was very familiar with SABR, joining in 1998, while in high school, a Christmas gift from his parents. Jacob was obsessed with baseball history from an early age reading anything baseball related. "I devoured all the SABR magazines and newsletters sent to me in the mail every year." It wasn't until 2010 when he attended his

first SABR convention in Atlanta. “It was one of the best weekends of my life. It was a bit intimidating at first because I didn’t really know anyone, but by the end of the event, I had met a bunch of new baseball friends and was already looking forward to the next one.” Since then, he has had many opportunities to see those new friends, as Pomrenke has helped plan and coordinate every convention.

As most SABR members know, Pomrenke is very interested in the Black Sox Scandal, as he relates, “I was fortunate to discover an email discussion group established by the late Gene Carney back in 2003.” SABR formed the [Black Sox Scandal Research Committee](#) in 2008, with Jacob volunteering to edit the [committee newsletter](#). Two years later during the Atlanta convention, he was elected as the committee chair, a position he still proudly holds.

Most of his baseball writing is centered around the Black Sox Scandal, including the committee’s 2015 Digital Library book, [Scandal on the South Side](#), and the [Eight Myths Out](#) project in 2019. Jacob has written articles for the BioProject, Games Project, *Baseball Research Journal*, and *The National Pastime*, plus non-SABR publications like the Hall of Fame’s *Memories and Dreams* magazine. Pomrenke’s most recent project was an interesting opportunity to work with the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission on a dramatic re-creation of the Black Sox criminal trial which debuted last October at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois.

Jacob is married to Tracy Greer, a retired roller derby skater/coach who is now an MLB editor at *The Athletic*. They live in the San Francisco Bay Area with their “indomitable 16-year-old tortoiseshell cat, Nixey Callahan, “All of our pets get Deadball Era nicknames.”

If Jacob was lucky enough to have a time-machine opportunity, what baseball event or person would he like to return to see. His response was expected, “Obviously, the 1919 World Series is number one for me, for both personal and professional reasons.” But if he could fenagle a second trip, “A classic ballpark I’d most like to visit would be the Polo Grounds, so any game there would be on my wish list. A Giants-Dodgers game with [Willie Mays](#) and [Jackie Robinson](#) in the lineup would be hard to beat!”

When asked what he would you like the membership to know about him that that we may not be aware of, Jacob responded, “My favorite non-baseball hobby is curling, an ice sport I’m not very good at but where I always have a great time. I live a few miles away from the first dedicated curling facility in northern California and it’s a lot of fun to get on the ice every week and throw some rocks.”

For final words of wisdom, Jacob added, “I’ve been fortunate to know so many wonderful SABR members who were so generous with their time whenever I needed help on a project or had any questions. I’ve always strived to do the same with everyone I meet. If you’re at a SABR event and I’m around, please stop and say hello, no matter how busy I may look. Or feel free to reach out over email or social media. The people I’ve met through SABR are by far my favorite part of being a member - for 25 years and counting.”



### Possible Joint Chapter Meeting at the Field of Dreams



The Field of Dreams Chapter in Iowa and Minnesota’s Halsey Hall Chapter in Minnesota have discussed holding a joint chapter meeting at the Field of Dreams. I emailed Minnesota’s Stew Thornley to see if we could participate and he was happy to hear of our interest. Since Dan Evans, the Chief Operating Officer for the Field of Dreams, is a SABR board member and president of the SABR Rocky Mountain Chapter, he will understand what we want to see and do and will make it an experience we may never forget.

Plans, details, date, etc. are just being developed. If this is something you may be interested in doing, please let [Dennis](#) know. We are not looking for commitments currently but interest in an event at the Field of Dreams.

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SABR's **Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference** will be held on Thursday, July 20 to Sunday, July 23, 2023, in Detroit, Michigan.

All baseball fans are welcome to attend. Registration and hotel information is available below.

- **Registration:** [Click here to register online for the 2023 Malloy Conference](#). Full registration is \$160 before May 26, \$180 afterward. Students: \$50 before May 26, \$65 afterward. Single-day registration is also available for \$70 for Friday or Saturday. Extra tickets can be purchased for the Thursday “meet and greet” reception at Hamtramck Stadium, Thursday bus tour, Friday night’s Tigers-Padres ballgame at Comerica Park, or the awards banquet on Saturday night. All of these sessions are included in the full registration package.
- **Information Packet:** [Click here to download a full information packet](#), including schedule and sponsor information, for the 2023 Malloy Conference.
- **Hotel:** [Click here to book your room online](#) at the St. Regis Hotel at the special group rate of \$129/night (plus tax). Our host hotel is located at 3071 W. Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48202. Call 313-873-3000 for questions about your hotel reservation. Hotel block deadline: June 19, 2023.
- **Contact:** For questions, email [Leslie Heaphy](#).
- **More Information:** See more information on the conference [here](#).



### Cory Ritterbusch Games Project

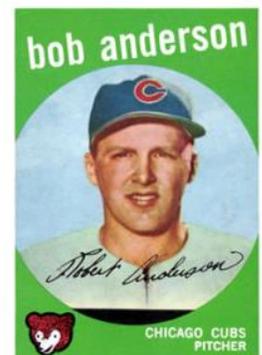
Ken Keltner chapter member [Cory Ritterbusch](#) has written his sixth Games Project article all based on famous games at Wrigley Field that had nothing to do with the Chicago Cubs. When asked how he learned about this game and why he wrote about it, Cory replied, “The two balls in play instance have come up a few times in my life before. I think I forgot about it each time until I would hear it again. Then it came up on my feed on 'This day in baseball history' and I thought, "perfect"! It took 16 months to put it together.” The radio broadcast of the play is linked in the Notes, #10, for your listening enjoyment. Thanks, Cory, for the work to write this interesting article. His next target is an article on Pat Hughes.

#### **June 30, 1959: Two balls in play lead to Cardinals’ protest at Wrigley Field** **This article was written by Cory Ritterbusch**

The Chicago Cubs-St. Louis Cardinals rivalry has provided many memorable moments since the nineteenth century, but the circumstances could not have been more mundane when the two teams met at [Wrigley Field](#) in June 1959.

They were in fifth and sixth place respectively amid championship droughts.<sup>1</sup> This Tuesday afternoon game had just 9,885 in attendance. It proceeded routinely until the top of the fourth inning, when history was made – a baseball oddity for the ages.

St. Louis had scored in the first inning against Chicago starter Bob Anderson. [Bill White](#), a preseason acquisition from the San Francisco Giants who went on to be a key member of the Cardinals’ World Series champions in 1964, doubled and came home on [Ken Boyer](#)’s single. A second Cardinals run followed in the second inning when [Dick Gray](#) singled in venerable [Stan Musial](#), age 38 and in the 18th season of his Hall of Fame career.



The Cubs cut the deficit to 2-1 in the third, as St. Louis's [Larry Jackson](#) walked [Ernie Banks](#) to load the bases, then walked [Dale Long](#), sending [Tony Taylor](#) home with an unearned run.

Anderson retired [Gino Cimoli](#) for the first out in the top of the fourth and Musial came to the plate with the bases empty. With his distinguished tenure in St. Louis winding down, Musial entered the game batting .259 and hitting sixth in the order.

Out of Musial's 10,972 major-league at-bats by the time he retired in 1963, this may have been the strangest.

Musial worked the count to 3-and-1. Anderson's next pitch was inside and high, whizzing by catcher Sammy Taylor and traveling to the backstop. Home-plate umpire [Vic Delmore](#), in his fourth season in the NL, signaled ball four.

Ignoring the ball, Taylor began a heated discussion with Delmore, arguing that the pitch ticked Musial's bat. Anderson walked toward home plate to help Taylor press his case.

Musial, urged on by the Cardinals dugout, broke for second to take advantage of the lack of attention being paid to the ball. Delmore absentmindedly produced a new ball from his pouch and put it in Taylor's glove, seemingly hoping to end their argument. Taylor flipped it to Anderson.<sup>2</sup>

In the meantime, veteran Cubs third baseman [Al Dark](#) had alertly run behind home to get the live ball – which, in the confusion, might have been touched or picked up by a batboy or longtime Wrigley Field public-address announcer Pat Pieper, who was seated in a folding chair by the first-base dugout.<sup>3</sup> With Musial now almost to second, Dark threw from the backstop.

At the same moment, Anderson became alerted to do the same with his ball. It arrived first, sailing over Tony Taylor at second. Dark's ball arrived, too – a one-hop to shortstop Banks on the third-base side of the second-base bag.

Musial, who while sliding saw Anderson's throw enter the outfield, headed to third but was quickly tagged by Banks with the ball thrown by Dark. Musial – apparently not feeling Banks' tag – continued to third, where the umpires told him he was out.

Immediately, managers and players were on the infield trying to make sense of what happened. On two occasions, the umpiring crew (Delmore, Shag Crawford, [Al Barlick](#), and Bill Jackowski) broke away for private discussion.

Crew chief Barlick, after 20 minutes, called Musial out on the premise that he was tagged off the base by the original ball, thrown by Dark to Banks.<sup>4</sup>

The umpires ruled Musial safe at first base via base on balls. When play was about to resume, Cardinals manager [Solly Hemus](#) came out of the dugout, again, to declare that St. Louis was playing under protest. He alleged that the ball had been touched by a batboy before Dark retrieved it, and that it should have been ruled a deadball at that moment.

The protest was moot after the Cardinals scored in the seventh and eighth innings to pull away for a 4-1 win. The Cardinals stole on Taylor a total of six times, with four of the steals leading to St. Louis's final two runs. Jackson retired 19 of the last 20 batters he faced to close out the complete-game four-hitter.

Immediate print reaction to the “two balls” play was colorful. The *Chicago Tribune* reported, “Baseball reached a daffiness ceiling in Wrigley Field Tuesday. ... Two baseballs were thrown almost simultaneously, promoting perhaps the most hilarious moments ever witnessed in the staid north side park. Not even [Bill Veeck](#) [who had purchased the Chicago White Sox before the 1959 season] could conjure up such a zany episode.”<sup>5</sup>

The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* wrote, “Baseball rules take into account the use of only one ball at a time, and so it isn't surprising that two such activated spheres can cause no end of consternation. ... [T]he tangled web of events divided most participants and observers into 57 varieties of opinions.”<sup>6</sup>

What happened to the original ball is still in question. Research indicates that no two stories are exact. Recorded descriptions include:

1. Cubs batboy Bob Schoenfeldt picked it up and threw it to Pieper, but it was intercepted by Dark.
2. It ended up in Pieper's hand, and he dropped it “like a hot potato” when he realized the play was active.
3. Pieper had actually put the ball in his ball bag, and a different ball was produced as the ball in play.<sup>7</sup>
4. The Cardinals batboy picked it up and rolled it to Pieper.

We will never know what exactly happened to the ball after it went by Delmore and before it got in the hands of Dark. The trip the second ball took is also in question.

Dark later recalled, “When the ball got by the catcher, I took off after it. I didn’t know whether it hit the bat or not. It didn’t matter. My job was to get the ball. It rolled back to the bench where Pat Pieper used to sit. Pat picked up the ball and I yelled ‘drop it, drop it’ and he did. While this is going on, Musial is trotting down to first base and the first base coach starts waving his arms in a whirlwind. ... About this time, Delmore puts a new ball in play and gives it to Taylor. He sees Musial heading for second and throws the ball to Banks.”<sup>8</sup>

The second-base umpire, Jackowski, interviewed in 1994, recalled the same story as Dark, but thought the errant ball came from Anderson, not Taylor. “The catcher said, ‘give me a ball,’ and Vic gave him one. I felt sorry for Vic. It could have happened to anyone.”<sup>9</sup>

The game was being called by Jack Quinlan on Chicago’s WGN Radio. Quinlan did an admirable job keeping up, alertly informing listeners, within 30 seconds of play-by-play, that the action involved two baseballs. “The big point is, which is the official baseball?” wondered Quinlan.<sup>10</sup>

Much of the blame was placed on Delmore. Vic “The Deacon” Delmore worked in the Kentucky-Illinois-Tennessee League and the Southern Association before being promoted to the NL in 1956. He was well-liked. At the close of the 1959 season, National League President [Warren Giles](#) – whose secretary at the league office was Delmore’s wife – dismissed the umpire. This play was assumed to be the reason.<sup>11</sup>

Despite an uproar from supporters and many letters to Giles, Giles stuck with his decision.<sup>12</sup> On June 10, 1960, less than a year after this game, Delmore died at the age of 44.

Dark recalled, “I do remember everyone laughed at Vic Delmore. That play ruined him, and he was a great fellow and a good umpire. But he was out of the league at the end of the year and dead a year later.”<sup>13</sup>

We will never know the *exact* paths the balls took to create the bizarre scene, but its circumstances were unfortunate, the product of inattentive players and umpires and possible interference by nonparticipants. With the continual refinement of the game and its surveillance, it’s impossible to think something like this would happen again at baseball’s highest level. Today, it’s an anecdote reflective of how simple the game once was.

## Acknowledgments

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## Notes

<sup>1</sup> The Cubs had not won a National League pennant since 1945 or a World Series since 1908; they did not win either again until 2016. The Cardinals’ most recent championship was in 1946, when they won the NL pennant and World Series; they returned to the postseason in 1964, winning the pennant and World Series.

<sup>2</sup> Robert Morrison, “Cards Steal One from Cubs After Odd-Ball Play on Musial,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, July 1, 1959: 4C.

<sup>3</sup> Pieper began working for the Cubs in 1904, became the public-address announcer in 1916, and served in that capacity until 1974. He traditionally sat at the brick wall behind home plate and provided balls to umps along with traditional PA duties.

<sup>4</sup> Edward Prell, “Musial Walks into Center of Hilarity,” *Chicago Tribune*, July 1, 1959: 60.

<sup>5</sup> “Musial Walks into Center of Hilarity.”

<sup>6</sup> Robert Morrison, “Cards Steal One from Cubs After Odd-Ball Play on Musial.”

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<sup>8</sup> John C. Skipper, *Take Me Out to the Cubs Game: 35 Former Ballplayers Speak of Losing at Wrigley* (Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland Press, 2000), 110.

<sup>9</sup> John C. Skipper, *Umpires: Classic Baseball Stories from the Man Who Made the Calls* (Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland Press, 1997), 110.

<sup>10</sup> Recording of WGN Radio Broadcast of “Two Balls” Play, “6-30-1959 Cubs-Cards, ‘two balls in play,’ YouTube.com, accessed January 17, 2023, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4hDjmS\\_FSc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4hDjmS_FSc). Here is a transcription of the play, covering 30 seconds of airtime: “There’s a ball and it goes all the way by Taylor, ball four, and Musial’s trotting up to first

base. But Taylor's not chasing the ball, instead he's arguing with plate umpire Vic Delmore, evidently claiming that it hit Musial's bat. Musial now is on his way to second base, the throw down to second base sails over Tony Taylor's head into right-center field, THERE'S ANOTHER BALL coming from around the plate somewhere, it's taken by the shortstop Ernie Banks, Musial gets up from his slide and is going to try for third base and Banks runs him down and puts the tag on Musial. Boy, what a big rhubarb we have on the field right now!" Quinlan then paused before saying, "The big point is, which is the official baseball?" Quinlan believed the second ball was thrown by Anderson.

11 Another possible reason is mentioned at the end of Delmore's obituary: "His friends insisted that he had been dismissed because at the end of the 1959 baseball season he had married Miss Bochmann, who was in charge of umpiring assignments in Mr. Giles' office." "Vic Delmore, 43, Former Umpire," *New York Times*, June 11, 1960: 21.

12 "Vic Delmore, 43, Former Umpire."

13 Skipper, *Take Me Out to the Cubs Game*, 110.



## Schabowski's Super Stumpers

By Rick Schabowski  
March Trivia

Rick continues on a roll with some interesting and challenging questions that include his other passion, basketball just in time for March Madness.

- 1) I played MLB for three seasons and on the hardwood floor, I was the second player in NBA history to connect on 900 three-point shots.
- 2) I was on the 1946 NBL champion Rochester Royals, and also played for the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- 3) Name the season and the player when the last pitcher joined the MLB 300-win club.
- 4) I played MLB for 12 seasons and spent two seasons in the NBA as a power forward for the Minneapolis Lakers from 1958-60.
- 5) I was drafted on the same day for an NBA team and also a MLB team. I chose baseball and I have a HOF Plaque hanging in Cooperstown.



Do you have a baseball trivia question or two, heck even 12, to stump Our Stumper? If so, send your brilliance to [Rick](#) to see if you can trip him up and he'll include it in a future *Keltner Hot Corner* giving you credit - bragging rights - for your stumper(s).

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## Monthly Wisconsin Born SABR Bios

Of the 254 Wisconsin born major leaguers, 93 have SABB Bios written on them. If you are interested in getting to know these guys better, we will include a SABR Bio monthly starting from the oldest with a completed bio to the most recent. Yes, that will take eight years to complete, and longer as new bios are finished. If you are interested in seeing the entire list of these players, or there is a Wisconsin born player that interests you and you would like to see him have a SABR Bio, contact [Dennis](#).

This month's Wisconsin bio is on Cal Broughton, the fifth Wisconsinite to play in the big leagues and the 617<sup>th</sup> major leaguer.

**Cal Broughton**  
by [David Stalker](#)

Cecil Calvert Broughton, one of just a handful of Wisconsin natives in the major leagues when he broke in, was born on December 28, 1860, in the township of Magnolia, in the southern part of the state not far from the Illinois state line. His parents, Aaron and Lynda Broughton, were natives of New York, married in Wisconsin on October 20, 1847. Calvert had two older brothers, Norman Francis (Frank) and Arthur, and two sisters, Mary Emma and Lillian.

All three sons were involved in baseball, playing for various local teams. Cal was the only brother to make it to the major-league level. In 1880 he was the catcher for the Evansville (Wisconsin) Mutuals. His brother Arthur

was on the team as a substitute. The following year he signed with the Janesville Mutuals for a salary of \$5.00 per game. After the season, on December 14, he and Harriet (Hattie) Chase were married in a double ceremony with another couple in the Old Grand Hotel in Janesville. After a wedding trip to Milwaukee, the couple settled on the Broughton family farm.



Abner Dalrymple was the first Wisconsin-born major leaguer, signing with the Milwaukee Grays of the National League in 1878. By then, however, he had moved with his family to Warren, Illinois, where he attended grade school. John Morrissy, from Janesville, played for the Buffalo Bisons in 1881 but died of tuberculosis in 1884 at the age of 27. Joe Straub, a Milwaukee native, played for the Troy Trojans in 1880, the Philadelphia Athletics (American Association) in 1882 and the Columbus Buckeyes (AA) in 1883, but finished his life in Colorado.

Because Cal Broughton and Tom Morrissy played baseball in Wisconsin, before, during and after their major-league careers, it may be easy to consider them the “forefathers” of major-league baseball in Wisconsin. The two played together in 1884 and 1887 with Milwaukee, and on local teams after their major-league careers. Both began and ended their lives in the state.

Cal played for a Janesville-Beloit combination team in 1882, before beginning his major-league career in 1883 with the Cleveland Blues, making his debut on May 2. Family records indicate that he may have been the first left-handed catcher in the major leagues, as does his obituary from *The Sporting News* in 1939. Various other baseball sources have him right-handed. Wearing his St. Paul uniform, on his N172 Old Judge baseball cards, he has a glove on his left hand.

With Cleveland, Broughton did not see much playing time, playing in only four games as a backup for [Doc Bushong](#). Bushong would not have been a stranger to Broughton, having played for Janesville in 1877, along with [John Montgomery Ward](#). On July 15 the Blues sold Broughton to Baltimore of the American Association, for whom he got into nine games as the third-string catcher.

For 1884 Broughton joined Milwaukee of the Northwestern League. At the end of the season he became a major leaguer again as Milwaukee joined the Union Association, a one-year major league. Milwaukee played 12 games in the Union Association and Cal played in 11 of them. Tom Morrissy was also on the team. One of Cal's games was a no-hitter thrown by Ed Cushman against Washington on September 28. In 1885 he began the season with St. Louis of the American Association, signing for a salary of \$1,800 for the season. Once again he was a backup to Doc Bushong, and played in only four games. On August 1 he was sold to the New York Metropolitan, where he was reunited with Ed Cushman. He played in 11 games before being released on September 9.

In 1886 Broughton headed south, joining the Memphis Grays of the Southern Association. He caught and played the outfield in 82 of the team's 89 games. The *Albany Journal* quoted a Memphis newspaper as stating, “There was no better catcher in the south and ... he was a prime favorite with the crowds.” Near the end of the season Broughton was presented with a gold medal engraved with his name and the inscription “Efficiency, Faithfulness – From his legion of Memphis friends for services behind the bat and in the field. 1886.” Still, on September 4 Broughton was sent away by Memphis, sold to the Syracuse Stars of the International League. With the Stars, he wrapped up his season playing in five games.

On January 20, 1887, the *Albany* (Wisconsin) *Vindicator* reported that Broughton was to receive \$1,500 from the Milwaukee Cream Citys of the Northwestern League for the 1887 season. Other than taking some time off in July to nurse a sore thumb, Broughton enjoyed a fine season, playing in 105 games and batting a very respectable .303. His teammates included Tom Morrissy and Ed Cushman.

In November 1887 Broughton signed with the Detroit Wolverines of the National League for the 1888 season at a reported salary of \$2,100. He suffered a broken finger and played in just one game for the Wolverines, on April 21. It was Broughton's last major-league game. He was sold to the Minneapolis Millers of the Western Association and remained with them until August. The team played its last game on August 18 the franchise was sold to Davenport, which also had a team in the Central Inter-State League. Broughton finished the year with St. Paul of the Western Association, and also played for St. Paul in 1889 and most of 1890. In 1889 Broughton was awarded a bronze medal for throwing a ball 350 feet in a competition in St. Paul.

On September 4, 1890, Broughton was sold by the St. Paul club to Seattle of the Northern Pacific League. Broughton's last year in professional baseball was 1891, when, at the age of 30 he played for Lowell of the New

England League. Before the season ended he returned home and completed the season with a team in Edgerton, Wisconsin.

In 1895 Cal rented out the farm and he and Harriet moved to Evansville. (The farm remained a Broughton property until 1937.) In October of 1895 Cal purchased a billiard parlor in Evansville. He continued to play baseball, and was captain of the Evansville team.

On July 4, 1895, the Evansville team traveled to Edgerton to play the later town's team as part of the holiday celebration. Almost half of the Evansville team was a Broughton: Cal as the catcher, Arthur at shortstop, Frank at first base, and Ray (Frank's son) at third base. Evansville won the game, 10-7. (The catcher for Edgerton was a young Billy Sullivan, Sr., before he made the major leagues.) Later, Evansville and Edgerton faced off in a very competitive series. Each team won one game and they decided to play a final game on neutral grounds, Athletic Park in Janesville. Baseball enthusiasts from Evansville, Edgerton, and elsewhere came to see the game.

Evansville, called the All Americans in the box score, won 9-5. Broughton sealed the victory in the ninth with his second home run of the game. According to the *Wisconsin Tobacco Reporter*, a newspaper in Edgerton, half of the farmers in Green County ran on to the field and shook hands with Broughton.

When Evansville opened its 1896 season, against the Sharon team, Broughton's old Milwaukee teammate Tom Morrissy, from Janesville, was in the Evansville lineup, and together they helped Evansville in a 10-1 victory. The news later that season was not so good. On July 2 the *Evansville Review* reported that Broughton had mangled and dislocated his thumb severely while playing a game in Durand, Illinois. Cal was unable to catch, but played briefly in right field.

Broughton continued to captain the Evansville team and guided it to the Wisconsin State League championship and victory over the Northern champion, Wausau. In 1897 Broughton played with several Wisconsin teams, including Evansville, Sharon, and Janesville. In a couple of July games he traveled as a member of the Janesville team to Waupun to face the hard-throwing [Doc Adkins](#) of the Prison City team. Waupun easily won both games, 12-5 and 14-0. Throughout the season the Waupun newspaper complained about the behavior of opposing players and fans but wrote that "Happy Cal" Broughton captured the favor of the spectators by his genial manner. (His obituary in *The Sporting News* said, "Broughton was the idol of the youngsters in all the cities he played, and he always had a bunch of them following him from the park, as he often bought them candy and made them his pals.")

In October 1897 Evansville played host at its home grounds, Drivers Park, to an African American team, the Chicago Unions, before a crowd of 1,200. The Unions won, 9-8. Broughton caught for the home team and had two singles.

Harriet Broughton opened a restaurant in downtown Evansville in 1898. The following year, Cal was elected as Evansville's first police chief. He held the position for 17 years. His baseball teammate Fred Gilliam was his assistant. Together they chased and captured criminals, often intercepting them coming through town on the train. Gilliam succeeded Broughton as police chief in 1917, when Cal went to work for the D.E. Wood Butter Company. In 1927 he returned to police work, this time acting as an assistant to Gilliam.

Broughton continued to play baseball during his time as police chief. On October 14, 1906, at the age of 45, he reunited with [Billy Sullivan](#) in Edgerton, this time as teammates. This was shortly after Sullivan's Chicago White Sox team called the Hitless Wonders had beat the Chicago Cubs in the World Series. The White Sox played Edgerton, but Sullivan played for the local team. He was the catcher, and Cal moved to first base. In front of a crowd of more than 2,000 the White Sox won, 13-2.

In 1925, at the age of 64, Broughton competed in the Evansville Twilight League. The younger players marveled that he could still catch and send the ball for a ride. Only as a base runner did he lose his ability, calling for a pinch-runner. But he said he was now done playing the game.

The Broughtons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1931. Three years later Harriet died. Two years after the death of his wife, Cal suffered a stroke and became an invalid, spending the last few years of his life in bed at the home of a nephew, Orville Jones. His great-niece, Arlene Broughton Ferguson, said she remembered visiting him and recalled how crooked his fingers were from catching way too many baseballs without a mitt.

Roundy Coughlin, a sportswriter for the *Wisconsin State Journal*, of Madison, and some friends visited Cal at the Jones home. Among them were former teammates and friends, several of whom played on the 1896 Evansville state champion team. Broughton told the visitors how he and Charles "Decker" Newman played

some postseason exhibition games. In one of the games, at Monroe, Newman, who was an outfielder in his brief major-league career, threw out a record seven men at home plate, firing rifle-shot pegs right into Cal's mitt.

Broughton was always willing to share baseball stories with anyone who visited. He told of receiving a letter from a former teammate and later an umpire, [Bob Emslie](#). It was the first communication between them in nearly 50 years. The two had played together in 1883 with Baltimore. Emslie was a pitcher before spending 33 years as a National League umpire.

For years Cal read every issue of *The Sporting News* and, with a radio near his bed, he continued to follow baseball closely. Days before his death he asked if a native of Evansville, [Stanley Sperry](#), had begun spring training with the Philadelphia Athletics. Broughton died on March 15, 1939. His funeral was held at the Advent Church in Magnolia, Wisconsin. He is buried at Maple Hill Cemetery in Evansville. (Sperry, who died in 1962, is also buried there.) As of 2013 plans were being made to erect a monument to Broughton in Wisconsin.

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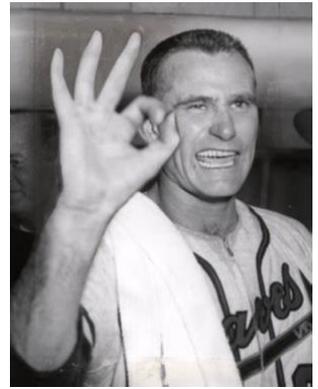
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## Lew Burdette: Nitro, West Virginia to Mayaguez, Puerto Rico to World Series MVP (Part 2)

[Lew Burdette](#) was MVP, 1957 World Series; 1956 National League (NL) ERA leader; 2x NL All-Star (1957, 1959); 1959 NL wins leader; with an August 18, 1960 no-hitter to his credit. This blog highlights his 1950-51 Puerto Rico Winter League (PRWL) season—one that helped the Boston Braves acquire him from the NY Yankees, on August 29, 1951, as a “throw-in” in the deal in which the Yankees paid the Braves \$50,000 for [Johnny Sain](#). (SABR Bio author Kupfer did not mention Burdette’s stint with Mayaguez.) Some pivotal items for Burdette were:



Burdette after besting NY Yankees, Game 7, 1957 World Series.

- 3-0 with a 0.67 ERA in the 1957 World Series, for Milwaukee, versus the NY Yankees.
- His first pro season, at 20, began with the 1947 Norfolk Tars, the same club where [Hiram Bithorn](#)—Puerto Rico’s first big-league pitcher (1942 Chicago Cubs), but not the Island’s first big-leaguer, also made his pro debut at 20.
- Nervous mannerisms such as fixing his jersey and hat, wiping his forehead, touching his lips, and talking to himself could, in the words of one of his managers, [Fred Haney](#), “make coffee nervous.” Burdette was rumored to throw a spitball.

Part II picks up with Burdette’s legacy via 1957 World Series pitching for Milwaukee versus the NY Yankees. It also includes two Tables on AL and NL 20-game winners who pitched in the Puerto Rico Winter League (PRWL), including Burdette.

### Burdette’s Big-League Highlights

Twelve hurlers won three games in an AL-NL World Series, including Burnette, per Table I.

**Table I: Twelve Hurlers with Three Wins—One AL-NL World Series**

Pitcher	Team	Year	G	SHO	W-L	IP	H	ER	K	BB	ERA	WHIP
Bill Dineen	BOS	1903	4	2	3-1	35	29	8	28	8	2.06	1.06
Deacon Philippe	PGH	1903	5	0	3-2	44	38	15	22	3	3.07	0.93
Christy Mathewson	NYG	1905	3	3	3-0	27	13	0	18	1	0.00	0.52
Babe Adams	PGH	1909	3	1	3-0	27	18	4	11	6	1.33	0.89
Jack Coombs	PHIL	1910	3	0	3-0	27	24	10	17	14	3.33	1.41
Joe Wood	BOS	1912	4	0	3-1	22	27	11	21	3	4.50	1.36
Red Faber	CWS	1917	4	0	3-1	27	21	5	9	3	1.67	0.89
Stan Coveleski	CLE	1920	3	1	3-0	27	15	2	8	2	0.67	0.63
Harry Brecheen	SLC	1946	3	1	3-0	20	14	1	11	5	0.45	0.95
Lew Burdette	MIL	1957	3	2	3-0	27	21	2	13	4	0.67	0.93
Bob Gibson	SLC	1967	3	1	3-0	27	14	3	26	5	1.00	0.70
Mickey Lolich	DET	1968	3	0	3-0	27	20	5	21	6	1.67	0.96
Totals			41	11	36-5	337	254	66	205	60	1.76	0.93

Source: Baseball Reference.

Tables II-III compare Burdette to Johnny Sain, acquired by the Yankees for \$50,000, with Burdette going to the Boston Braves, on August 29, 1951. Table IV lists World Series stats for five Braves’ hurlers, including Burnette.

**Table II: Lew Burdette’s Big-League Regular Season Stats Versus Johnny Sain**

Pitcher	G	GS	CG	SHO	W-L	IP	H	K	BB	ERA	WHIP
Burdette	626	373	158	33	203-144	3067.1	3186	1074	628	3.66	1.24
Sain	412	245	140	16	139-116	2125.2	2145	910	619	3.49	1.30

Source: Baseball Reference.

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**Table III: Burdette's 1957 and 1958 World Series Stats Versus Johnny Sain**

Pitcher	G	GS	CG	SHO	W-L	IP	H	K	BB	ERA	WHIP
Burdette	6	6	4	2	4-2	49.1	43	25	8	2.92	1.03
Sain#	6	2	2	1	2-2	30.2	27	15	6	2.64	1.08

#1948 Boston Braves; 1951, 1952, 1953 NY Yankees. Source: Baseball Almanac.

**Table IV: Burdette's World Series Stats Versus Four Cooperstown Hall of Famers#**

Pitcher	G	GS	CG	SHO	W-L	IP	H	K	BB	ERA	WHIP
Burdette	6	6	4	2	4-2	49.1	43	25	8	2.92	1.03
Glavine	8	8	3	0	4-3	58.1	33	38	20	2.16	0.91
Maddux	5	5	1	0	2-3	38.2	28	18	7	2.09	0.91
Smoltz	8	8	0	0	2-2	51	44	52	21	2.47	1.27
Spahn	8	6	3	1	4-3	56	47	32	13	3.05	1.07
Totals	35	33	11	3	16-13	253.1	195	165	69	2.56	1.04

#Atlanta Braves 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, and 1999 World Series stats for Tom Glavine and John Smoltz; 1995, 1996, and 1999 stats for Greg Maddux; 1948 Boston Braves, and 1957 and 1958 Milwaukee Braves stats for Warren Spahn. Source: Baseball Almanac.

Dr. Jeffery Hartsog, the author's former dentist in Jackson, Mississippi, was originally from West Virginia (WV). "I fell in love with the Braves and Lew Burdette in the 1957 World Series when I was 10 years old," recalled Hartsog via e-mail on January 7, 2023. Burdette was from WV, as I was and he won 3 games which helped the Braves beat the Yankees. Warren Spahn was the Ace but Burdette showed him up and won the Corvette!"

Haddix and Burdette were the first two 20-game winners in the NL, who pitched in the PRWL, per Table V. [Bob Turley](#), 1958 NY Yankees, was the first AL 20-game winner who pitched in the PRWL, per Table VI.

**Table V: NL 20-Game Winners with PRWL Experience**

Pitcher	Team	Season	W-L	PRWL Teams	PRWL Seasons
Harvey Haddix	SLC	1953	20-9	SJ	1952-53
Lew Burdette	MIL	1958	20-10	Mayaguez	1950-51
	MIL	1959	21-15		
Sam Jones	SFG	1959	21-15	SJ, Santurce	1951-52, 54-55
Joey Jay	CIN	1961	21-10	Caguas	1954-55
	CIN	1962	21-14		
Jack Sanford	SFG	1962	24-7	Ponce	1953-54
Sandy Koufax	LAD	1963	25-5	Caguas-RP	1956-57
	LAD	1965	26-8		
	LAD	1966	27-9		
Bob Gibson	SLC	1965	20-12	Santurce	1961-62
	SLC	1966	21-12		
	SLC	1968	22-9		
	SLC	1969	20-13		
	SLC	1970	23-7		
Ferguson Jenkins	CUBS	1967	20-13	Caguas	1964-66
	CUBS	1968	20-15		
	CUBS	1969	21-15		
	CUBS	1970	22-16		
	CUBS	1971	24-13		

	CUBS	1972	20-12		
Phil Niekro	ATL	1969	23-13	Arecibo, Mayagüez	1961-62, 63-64
	ATL	1974	20-13		
	ATL	1979	21-20		
Claude Osteen#	LAD	1969	20-15	Mayagüez	1960-61
	LAD	1972	20-11		
Bill Singer	LAD	1969	20-12	SJ	1965-66
Steve Carlton	SLC	1971	20-9	Ponce	1965-67
	PHIL	1972	27-10		
	PHIL	1976	20-7		
	PHIL	1977	23-10		
	PHIL	1980	24-9		
	PHIL	1982	23-11		
John Candelaria	PGH	1977	20-5	Bayamón	1974-76
Tommy John	LAD	1977	20-7	Ponce, SJ	1963-64, 65-66
Joe Niekro	HOU	1978	21-11	Mayagüez	1973-74
	HOU	1980	20-12		
Dwight Gooden	NYM	1984	24-4	SJ	1995-96
Tom Browning	CIN	1985	20-9	SJ	1994-95
Mike Krukow	SFG	1986	20-9	Caguas	1976-77
David Cone	NYM	1988	20-3	Arecibo, Ponce	1985-87
Denny Neagle	ATL	1997	20-5	SJ	1991-92
Mike Hampton	HOU	1998	22-4	SJ	1993-94
Russ Ortiz	ATL	2003	21-7	Manatí	2006-07

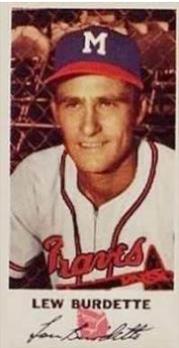
Source: Baseball Almanac.

**Table VI: AL 20-Game Winners with PRWL Experience**

Pitcher	Team	Season	W-L	PRWL Teams	PRWL Seasons
Jim Bunning	DET	1957	20-8	Caguas MGR	1974-76
Bob Turley	NYN	1958	21-7	SJ	1953-54, 62-63
Gary Peters	CWS	1964	20-8	Ponce, Mayagüez	1962-63
Dennis McLain	DET	1966	20-14	Mayagüez	1964-65
	DET	1968	31-6		
	DET	1969	24-9		
Jim Lonborg	BOS	1967	22-9	SJ	1970-71
Earl Wilson	DET	1967	22-11	Caguas	1959-60, 61-63
Dave McNally	BAL	1968	22-10	Mayagüez	1963-64
	BAL	1969	20-7		
	BAL	1970	24-9		
	BAL	1971	21-5		
Luis Tiant	CLE	1968	21-9	Caguas, Ponce, Santurce	1961-62, 64-65, 1982-83
	BOS	1973	20-13		
	BOS	1974	22-13		

	BOS	1976	21-12		
Miguel Cuéllar	BAL	1969	23-11	Arecibo, SJ, Santurce, Caguas, Bayamón	1963-67, 1968-72, 73-74, 76-77, 1979-83.
Sam McDowell	CLE	1970	20-12	Santurce	1962-63
Jim Palmer	BAL	1970	20-10	Santurce	1968-69
	BAL	1971	20-9		
	BAL	1972	21-10		
	BAL	1973	22-9		
	BAL	1975	23-11		
	BAL	1976	22-13		
	BAL	1977	20-11		
	BAL	1978	21-12		
Clyde Wright	CAL	1970	22-12	Ponce	1969-70
Vida Blue	OAK	1971	24-8	Ponce, Arecibo	1984-85
	OAK	1973	20-9		
	OAK	1975	22-11		
Pat Dobson	BAL	1971	20-8	Arecibo, SJ, Mayagüez	1965-66, 67-68, 69-70
Jim Colborn	MIL	1973	20-12	SJ	1970-71
Bill Singer	CAL	1973	20-14	SJ	1965-66
Ferguson Jenkins	TEX	1974	25-12	Caguas	1964-66
Wayne Garland	BAL	1976	20-7	Santurce	1979-80
Mike Caldwell	MIL	1977	22-9	Ponce	1973-74
Dennis Leonard	KCR	1977	20-12	Arecibo	1973-74
	KCR	1978	21-17		
	KCR	1980	20-11		
Eduardo Figueroa	NYN	1978	20-9	Caguas, Arecibo, Santurce	1966-1977, 1980-84
Scott McGregor	BAL	1980	20-8	Caguas	1976-78
Mike Norris	OAK	1980	22-9	Arecibo	1977-78
Lamar Hoyt	CWS	1983	24-10	Ponce	1980-81
Jack Morris	DET	1983	20-13	Mayagüez	1978-79
	DET	1986	21-8		
	TOR	1992	21-6		
Mike Boddicker	BAL	1984	20-11	Caguas	1980-81
David Cone	NYN	1997	20-7	Arecibo, Ponce	1985-87

#Osteen was pitching coach, 1991-92 SJ Metros. Source: Baseball Almanac.



Part I cited Burdette's 13-inning 1-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates, on May 26, 1959. [Harvey Haddix](#) retired 36 straight Braves before Félix Mantilla broke the spell by reaching 1B on an error. [Hank Aaron](#) was intentionally walked after a sacrifice bunt. Joe Adcock was credited with a game-winning double, for the 1-0 Milwaukee win but according to Dr. Jeffery Hartsog, who was listening to it via transistor radio but fell asleep sometime in extra innings: "Haddix pitched a perfect game for 12 innings. After [Félix Mantilla](#) got on, [Eddie Mathews](#) sacrificed him to second. They then [intentionally] walked [Hank Aaron](#). [Joe Adcock](#), my favorite player who was from Shreveport, LA, hit a home run. Aaron, thinking the game was over, cut across the mound after touching 2nd and Adcock passed in front of him. He was out, which is the reason the game ended 1-0 instead of 3-0. I lived just outside Philadelphia and usually couldn't pick up the

Pirates games, but somehow that night the atmospheric conditions enabled me to pick it up on my portable radio. Found out the score the next day.”

[Roberto Clemente](#) wasn't in Pittsburgh's line-up that night. As the story goes, Burdette later phoned Haddix, to congratulate him but Haddix hung up on him. Burdette's outstanding control—he did not walk any Pirates in 13 innings on May 26, 1959—showcased his big-league career average of 1.84 walks/nine innings. It places him fifth—from 1920 forward—behind [Robin Roberts](#) (1.73), [Greg Maddux](#) (1.8), [Carl Hubbell](#) (1.82), and [Juan Marichal](#) (1.82) for hurlers with 3,000+ career IP. [https://www.baseball-reference.com/leaders/bases\\_on\\_balls\\_per\\_nine\\_career.shtml](https://www.baseball-reference.com/leaders/bases_on_balls_per_nine_career.shtml)



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<a href="#">Joe Christopher</a>	rf	1	0	0	0
<a href="#">Harvey Haddix</a>	p	5	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>



NAME	POS	AB	R	H	RBI
<a href="#">Johnny O'Brien</a>	2b	3	0	0	0
b- <a href="#">Del Rice</a>	ph	1	0	0	0

<a href="#">Felix Mantilla</a>	2b	1	1	0	0
<a href="#">Eddie Mathews</a>	3b	4	0	0	0
<a href="#">Hank Aaron</a>	rf	4	0	0	0
<a href="#">Joe Adcock</a>	1b	5	0	1	1
<a href="#">Wes Covington</a>	lf	4	0	0	0
<a href="#">Del Crandall</a>	c	4	0	0	0
<a href="#">Andy Pafko</a>	cf	4	0	0	0
<a href="#">Johnny Logan</a>	ss	4	0	0	0
<a href="#">Lew Burdette</a>	p	4	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**a:** Flied out for Mejias in 10th inning.

**b:** Flied out for O'Brien in 10th inning.

**Double:** Adcock.

**Double Plays:** Logan-Adcock, Mathews-O'Brien-Adcock, Adcock-Logan.

**Error:** Hoak.

**Left On Base:** Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 1.

**Sacrifice:** Mathews.

### Line Score

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	R	H	E
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1
<b>Milwaukee</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0

### Pitching Notes

**Name**      **IP**   **H**   **R**   **ER**   **BB**   **SO**

[Harvey Haddix](#) 12.2   1   1   0   1   8

**Name**      **IP**   **H**   **R**   **ER**   **BB**   **SO**

[Lew Burdette](#) 13.0   12   0   0   0   2

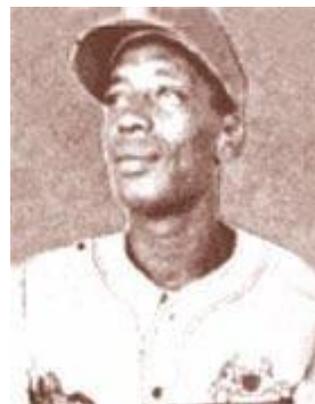
**Losing Pitcher:** Haddix (3-3).  
**Winning Pitcher:** Burdette (8-2).

## Game Notes

**Attendance:** 19,194.

**Length of Game:** 2:54.

**Umpires:** HP: Vinnie Smith, 1B: Frank Dascoli, 2B: Frank Secory, 3B: Hal Dixon



Santurce hero: 1B José St. Claire (Pepe Lucas).

### Post-Script

On February 17, 1951, the Santurce Crabbers won Game 7 of their finals versus Caguas Criollos, on Pepe Lucas's walk-off HR, off Mike Clark. Burdette had completed his third day of spring training with the Yankees in Phoenix, Arizona, the only year the Yankees trained there. The NY Giants facilitated this as a goodwill gesture to Del Webb, a Phoenix native, the Yankees co-owner, and VP. <http://www.sportsology.com/the-yankees-and-spring-training/> Burdette faced Lucas (José St. Claire), in the 1950-51 regular season, but recalled Santurce's two best hitters were [Willard Brown](#) and [Bob Thurman](#), when he corresponded with the author.

Santurce's 1950-51 owner was Manatí native Pedrín Zorrilla. Manatí is the "Athens" of Puerto Rico. The last MLB 20-game winner who pitched in the PRWL was Russ Ortiz, 2003 Atlanta Braves and 2006-07 Manatí Athenians. Ortiz's 31 innings for 2006-07 Manatí, reflected 2-1 W-L, 3.19 ERA, with 23 K's. He signed a one-year deal with SF on January 9, 2007, for \$380,000, to compete for a fifth-starter slot. [Brian Sabean](#), SF GM, noted: Ortiz's PRWL pitching showed "both increased velocity and renewed movement in his pitches and was signed on that basis." He pitched 49 innings for SF; had Tommy John surgery; and, retired in 2010. On January 3, 2023, Sabean—architect of 2010, 2012, and 2014 SF World Series crowns—became Executive Advisor to NY Yankees GM Brian Cashman.

Wayne Blackburn returned to manage Mayagüez (42-28) to the 1965-66 PRWL title, toward the end of Burdette's career. Luis R. Olmo managed last-place 1965-66 Santurce Crabbers (29-41). In 1972 and 1973, Burdette was the Atlanta Braves pitching coach under skipper Eddie Mathews. Several years later (1975-76 school year), the author met Eddie Mathews Jr., during an evening event at the University of Georgia (UGA), when both were UGA students.

Joey Black, a tourism research colleague of the author, 2000-2022, grew up in Hurricane, West Virginia, about 10 miles west of Nitro. Joey was a teenager in the late 1980s when he met Lew Burdette at Burdette Camping Center in Winfield, 13 miles north of Nitro. In 2001, Burdette was inducted into the Atlanta Braves Hall of Fame, <https://www.mlb.com/braves/history/braves-hall-of-famers>, and in 2008, into the Richmond Athletics Hall of Fame.

Burdette passed away in Winter Gardens, Florida, of lung cancer, on February 6, 2007. He was 80. [Red Smith](#) of the *New York Times* summarized Burdette's three pitching stats: wins, losses, and relative humidity.

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This article originally appeared on **Beisbol 101**. Jorge Colon Delgado administers a website, [biesbol 101](#). Its main purpose is to preserve history pertaining to the Roberto Clemente Professional Baseball League—once known as the Puerto Rico Winter League (PRWL)—via blogs, selected players' index with their stats, all-time records/league leaders, and other particulars. It also, via its writers, furnishes updates on the performance of Puerto Rico's ballplayers at the MLB, minor-league, and collegiate levels.

The site's six (6) writers include Jorge Colon Delgado, Luis Rodriguez Mayoral, Humberto Charneco, Tom Van Hyning, Angel Juarbe, and Jamil Laboy. Jorge wanted the blogs to reach a broader audience, e.g., Stateside readers. Thus, he contacted Tom, who's formative years were spent in Puerto Rico, about four (4) years ago to seek blogs—written in English—on Baseball with a Caribbean emphasis/focus. Tom wrote Puerto Rico's Winter League (1995) and The Santurce Crabbers (1999), published by McFarland.

Tom's journal articles focusing on Puerto Rico/the Caribbean have appeared in SABR's The National Pastime and Baseball Research Journal. He presented at two SABR National Conferences (1995 and 2018) and is a member of Mississippi's Cool Papa Bell SABR Chapter but also attends meetings of the Brooks Robinson/George Kell SABR Chapter in Arkansas. His three essays on Roberto Clemente appeared in the 2022 SABR book on Clemente titled Arriba!

Tom's chapter on the Caribbean Series was in a November 2022 book published by the University of Florida Press. Book title—Baseball and Cultural Heritage. As Tom is proud to say, "This was a pro-bono labor of love."

[I had the pleasure of partnering with Van Hyning writing the SABR Bio of Wisconsin's [Bert Thiel](#) with Tom covering Thiel's Caribbean baseball experience. He was fun to work with exhibiting great curiosity.]



### Notes from DDD

Due to an extremely busy March schedule, including a visit from family and a trip to Florida, I apologize because there won't be a March meeting because there was a very limited time remaining in the month to schedule a virtual meeting.

Also, as we approach summertime, we will most likely not hold any meetings because everyone is so busy, but we will try to organize group baseball games. One biggie may be on July 3 or 4 vs. the Cubs in conjunction with the SABR convention in Chicago starting July 5. I will start working with SABR on this shortly to see what is possible. We have heard from a number of members who would like to come to Milwaukee for a game.



Please [let me know](#) if you are interested as we see what is possible. Stay tuned for further details.



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March Answers:

- 1) Danny Ainge
- 2) Chuck Connors
- 3) Randy Johnson June 9, 2009
- 4) Steve Hamilton
- 5) Tony Gwynn (San Diego Padres, San Diego Clippers. June 10, 1981.

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