



**TOP 100
ST. LOUIS
BROWNS**



This project began as a simple question, “Who were the best players to ever play for the St. Louis Browns?” I looked for a list of players that would help me with this question, but I could not find one. As I began this project, I soon discovered hundreds of players that I was not familiar. Each player I researched made an impact within the history of the Browns. Some of these players were more successful than others, but each one of them reached their goal of playing in Major League Baseball.

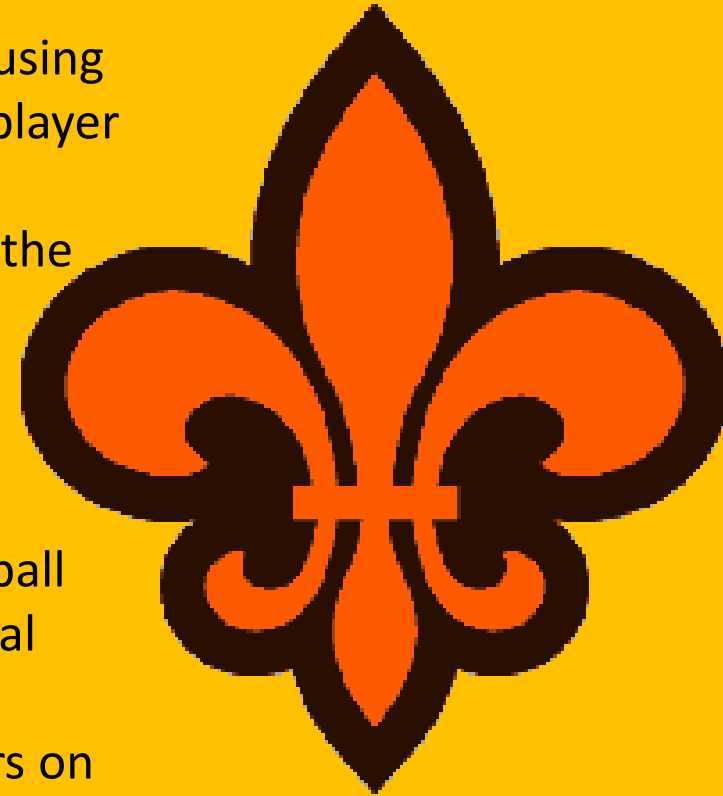
The goal of this list is to identify who these players were, and what they were able to accomplish while playing in St Louis. It is also to start a conversation to remember their accomplishments, and how they reached their goals. The more I researched these players, the more I appreciated who they were and the time period they played for the Browns.

I hope you enjoy this project, and this small introduction to these 100 St. Louis Browns.

~ Jeff Huelster

HOW WAS THIS LIST COMPRISED?

- ❖ Each player on this list played at least 3 seasons with the Browns.
 - ❖ The Browns had approximately 764 players in the 51-year history. By focusing on players who played 3 years within the organization, this reduced the player count to 213.
 - ❖ This also looks at the players who had a chance to build a following with the Browns fans.
- ❖ The study focused on 5 primary statistics for both Pitchers and Hitters. The statistics for each player were compared to the rest of the players on this list.
 - ❖ The statistics that were studied were simple.
 - ❖ Since Browns history covers several different eras of baseball (Deadball Era, Depression Era, War Years, etc.), the statistics reflected individual accomplishments.
- ❖ Pitchers were compared to Pitchers. Hitters were compared with other Hitters on the list.
 - ❖ Once the players were ranked according to their individual stats, a number was given to where they ranked on the list.
 - ❖ The players were eligible to gain extra points from their accomplishments.



BREAKDOWN - BROWNS HITTERS

- ❖ 119 field players were involved in this study.
- ❖ The statistics that were examined for these players included 1) Batting Averages, 2) On-Base Percentage, 3) Slugging Percentage, 4) Fielding Percentage, and 5) WAR (Wins Above Replacement).
 - ❖ These statistics were examined because they focus on the individual achievement on the field of play.
- ❖ Once each players' statistics were recorded, they were compared to the other players.
 - ❖ With 119 players, the list was divided into 10 sections awarding specific points to each player in the section. The players in the top 10%, were awarded 10 points, the players in the next 10% were awarded 9 points. This continued until the players in the lowest 10% were given 1 point.
- ❖ There were 5 statistics for each player, so player could receive up to 50 points depending on where they appeared in each statistical list.

❖ Example:



	Batting Average	On-Base Percentage	Slugging Percentage	Fielding Percentage	WAR	Total
Hank Arft	4	7	6	10	4	31
George Stone	10	8	7	5	10	40
Chet Laabs	6	7	10	8	9	40

BREAKDOWN - BROWNS PITCHERS

- ❖ 94 pitchers were involved in this study. The Pitchers Breakdown was the same as the Hitters Breakdown.
- ❖ The statistics that were examined for these players included 1) Earned Run Average, 2) Winning Percentage, 3) Opponents Batting Average, 4) WHIP {Walks Hits per Innings Pitched}, and 5) WAR (Wins Above Replacement).
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❖ Example



	ERA	Winning Percentage	Opponents Batting Avg.	WHIP	WAR	
Tom Ferrick	7	10	9	9	6	41
Ernie Nevers	4	2	3	6	4	19
Urban Shocker	8	10	9	9	10	46

BREAKDOWN – EXTRA BASES

The second part of the statistical breakdown involved individual accomplishments by each player. Extra points, I like to call them “Extra Bases”, were awarded to each player for such milestones and awards they reached.

- ❖ **5 points** were awarded to players who were enshrined in the MLB Hall of Fame
- ❖ **4 points** were awarded to players who reached MLB Milestones (MVP, Rookie of the Year, etc), or Outstanding Achievement (No-Hitter, Hitting for the Cycle)
- ❖ **3 points** were awarded for every time a player led the American League in a category specific to their position. (Categories such as errors, hit batters, and other ‘dubious’ honors were not included)
- ❖ **2 points** were awarded to every player who was selected to an All-Star team, as well as every member of the 1944 American League Championship team
- ❖ **1 point** was awarded for every year a player missed while serving in the Armed Forces
- ❖ These “Extra Base” points were added to the points the players earned through their statistical numbers.
- ❖ Once all the points were gathered for each player, the list of Pitchers were compared to the Hitters and the final Top 100 Browns were determined.

❖ Final Examples:

	Points from Statistics	“Extra Bases” Points	Total Points
Hank Arft	31	0	31
George Stone	40	42 (14x3 AL Leader)	82
Chet Laabs	40	11 (2 All Star/ 3x3 AL Leader)	51
Tom Ferrick	41	0	41
Ernie Nevers	19	0	19
Urban Shocker	46	21 (7x3 AL Leader)	46



BREAKDOWNS OF THE TOP 100

BREAKDOWN BY POSITION

C	4
1B	6
2B	7
SS	5
3B	5
OF	30
P	43

If a player played multiple positions, then his primary position was counted



BREAKDOWN BY DECADE

1900s	14
1910s	19
1920s	17
1930s	21
1940s	24
1950s	5

If a player's career extended into 2 decades, then the decade in which he spent the most time was counted.



TOP 100 ST. LOUIS BROWNS

Enjoy....."Go Browns"

POINTS

TOP 10

- ❖ George Sisler 143
- ❖ George Stone 82
- ❖ Oscar Melillo 78
- ❖ William Jacobson 75
- ❖ Sam West 74
- ❖ Heine Manush 74
- ❖ George McQuinn 71
- ❖ Harland Clift 71
- ❖ Ken Williams 68
- ❖ Urban Shocker 67



#1 George Sisler



- ❖ Pitcher, 1st baseman
- ❖ 1915 - 27
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws : Left

- ❖ “Gorgeous George” is the iconic player of the St Louis Browns
- ❖ June 1915 – Signed as a free agent out of the University of Michigan
- ❖ June 28, 1915 – In his MLB debut, entered in the 6th inning as a pitcher, giving up only 2 hits and striking out 2. He recorded his first MLB hit
- ❖ **1922 – He was awarded the first American League MVP**
- ❖ **Led the American League in 39 Offensive categories in his 12 Browns career**
 - ❖ **He was a 2-time American League Batting Champion -1920 (.407) 1922 (.420)**
 - ❖ **1920 – His 257 Hits was an MLB record for 64 years**
- ❖ “Hit for the Cycle” twice in his career
 - ❖ August 8, 1920 vs. Washington, and August 13, 1921 vs Detroit
- ❖ **1939 – He was elected to the MLB Hall of Fame in the 2nd class**

*“George Sisler is the nearest thing to a perfect ballplayer”
~ Ty Cobb*



BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 52.0

143 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
12 yrs	1647	6667	1091	2295	343	145	93	962	.344	.384	.481	.987

#2

George Stone

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1905-1910
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws : Left

"Stone can and does hit the ball with terrific force, when it looks as though he is going to let it pass without attempting to hit it, so close is the leather to him before he starts his stroke."

~ Sporting News 1906 in describing Stone's batting style

- ❖ December 26, 1904 – Browns acquired “Silent George” in a trade with the Boston Americans
- ❖ **1906 – He was the first Browns player to win the American League Batting Title with a .358 average**
 - ❖ Also reached career highs in Hits (208), Triples (20), and Stolen Bases (35)
- ❖ **Led the American League in 14 categories in his time in St. Louis**
 - ❖ **1905 – Hits (187), Total Bases (259)**
 - ❖ **1906 – B.A. (.358), OBP (.417), Slug. (.501), Total Bases (291), WAR (8.0)**
 - ❖ **1910 – Fielding Percentage (.972)**
- ❖ Reportedly Loved playing the Violin more than playing baseball



BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 26.0 (Cliff Floyd)

82 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
6 yrs	846	3269	426	984	106	68	23	268	.301	.360	.396	.958

#3

Oscar Melillo

- ❖ Infielder
- ❖ 1926 - 35
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws : Right

After leading the AL in errors in 1929, he turned his fielding around to become one of the best 3B of his era.

- ❖ Colorful nicknames include “Ski” and “Spinach”
- ❖ Prior to the 1926 season, the Browns sent 5 players to Milwaukee of the American Association for Melillo
- ❖ April 18, 1926 – In his MLB debut, he would enter as a pinch hitter and take over at 3rd base
- ❖ **He would finish in the Top 10 of American League MVP voting in 1931 and 1933**
- ❖ Led the American League in 14 categories over his 10 years with the Browns.
- ❖ **His 572 Assists at Second Base in 1930 is still an MLB record.**
- ❖ **May 23, 1929 – He would “Hit for the Cycle” vs Cleveland**
- ❖ Suffered from Bright’s Disease which brought him “Popeye” status
 - ❖ Cartoonist E.C. Seger knew of Melillo’s illness and success



BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.5

78 pts

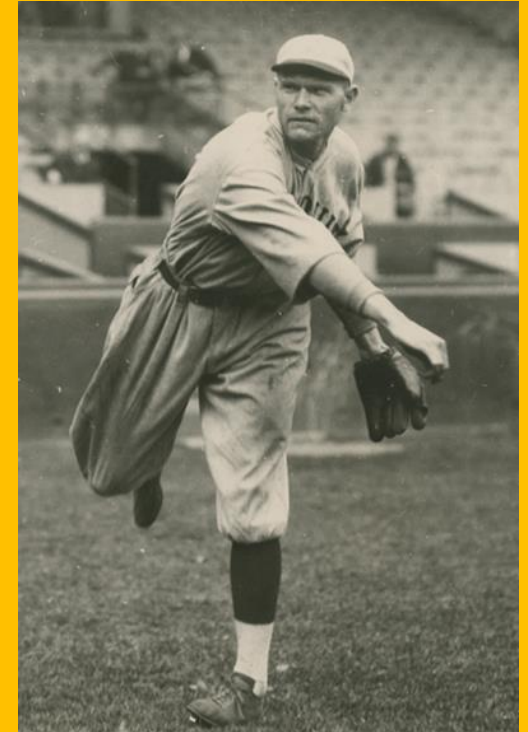
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10 yrs	1147	4280	498	1124	183	58	21	470	.263	.306	.347	.970

#4 William Jacobson

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1915-26
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws : Right

Jacobson's credentials are superior to many of the old-timers enshrined in the "Hall of Fame"
 ~ Sporting News, 1977

- ❖ His "Baby Doll" nickname came while playing minor league ball in Mobile. Came from the song "Oh, You Beautiful Doll"
- ❖ August 18, 1915 – Browns traded Bill James to Detroit for Baby Doll Jacobson and \$15,000
- ❖ Excellent power hitter and superior fielder
 - ❖ **Hit over .300 in 7 consecutive seasons (1919-25)**
 - ❖ Led the American League in 7 Defensive categories in his 10 years with Browns
 - ❖ **1924 - His 488 Putouts by an Outfielder was an MLB record for 24 years**
 - ❖ **.986 Fielding Percentage led the American League**
- ❖ April 17, 1924 – "Hit for the Cycle" vs the Chicago White Sox



BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 27.9 (Lloyd Waner)

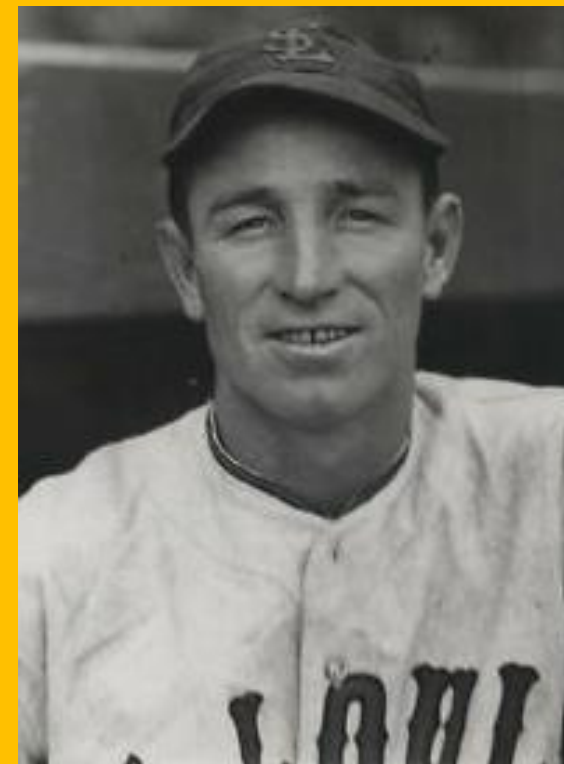
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10 yrs	1243	4755	711	1508	269	88	76	704	.317	.364	.459	.972

#5 Sam West

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1933-38
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws : Left

- ❖ December 14, 1932 – Browns acquired West within a 7-player trade with Washington
- ❖ He would be a 4-time American League All-Star (1933-35, 37)
 - ❖ **First Browns player selected to the All-Star game (DNP)**
- ❖ **Led the American League in 4 Defensive categories in his 6 years with Browns**
 - ❖ **Fielding Percentage in 1933 (.987) and 1935 (.988)**
 - ❖ **Double Play by CF in 1934 (3) and 1937 (6)**
 - ❖ **Assist by CF in 1934 (14)**
 - ❖ **Putouts by CF (449) in 1935**
- ❖ **Hit over .300 in 5 of 6 seasons with the Browns**
- ❖ **Would serve in World War II from 1943-45**



“The art of converting base hits into putouts is exemplified by Sam West, knows no equal among major league outfielders”

~ Washington Post

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 15.2 (Kevin Pillar)

74 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
6 yrs	711	2681	439	819	155	36	45	328	.305	.386	.441	.981

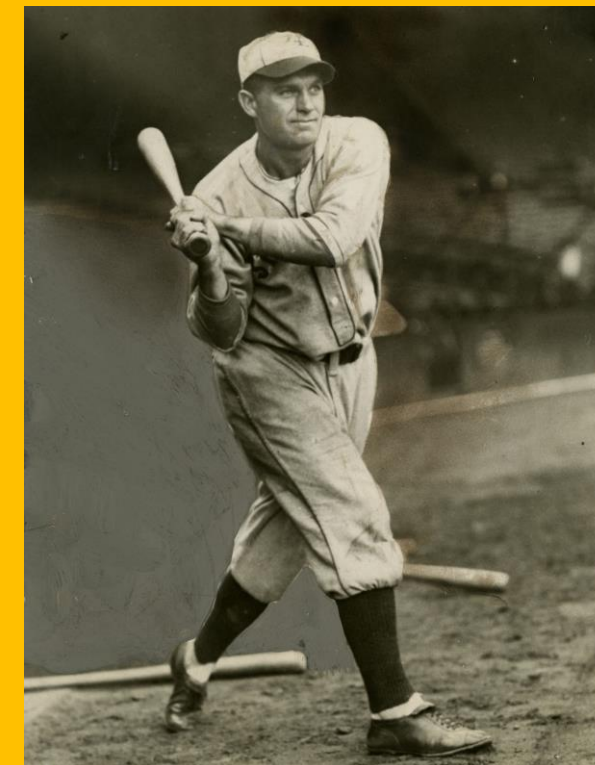
#6 Heinie Manush



- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1928 - 30
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws : Left

Traded away with General Crowder to Washington in 1930 in a “fit of rage” by Browns Owner Phil Ball for Goose Goslin. Many consider this the worst trade in Browns history

- ❖ December 3, 1927 – Browns send 3 players to Detroit for Heinie Manush and Lu Blue
- ❖ **1964 - He was voted into the MLB Hall of Fame**
- ❖ Only played 3 seasons in St. Louis, but 2 of his best career seasons were while playing with the Browns.
 - ❖ **1928 - Raised his Batting Average by 80 points in first season with Browns**
 - ❖ **1928 – Led the American League in Hits (241), Doubles (47), Putouts by LF (350), and Fielding Percentage (.992)**
 - ❖ **1929 – Led the American League in Doubles (45)**
- ❖ 1928 – Runner-Up in American League MVP voting to Detroit’s Mickey Cochrane



BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 12.3

74 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	345	1410	215	510	108	34	21	218	.362	.399	.531	.989

#7 George McQuinn

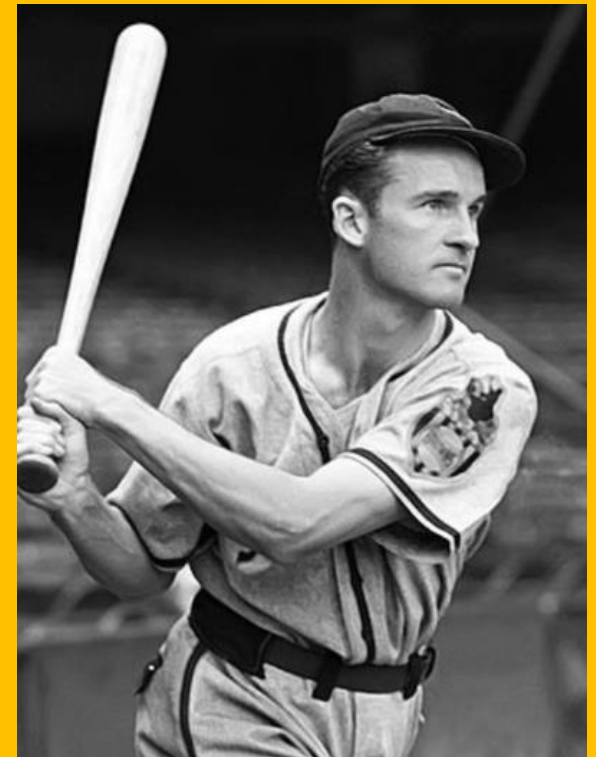
- ❖ First baseman
- ❖ 1938 - 45
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws : Left

How valuable was George McQuinn? Yankees and Dodgers were both prepared to make trades for him.

- ❖ Yankees wanted him to replace Lou Gehrig
- ❖ Dodgers were rumored to trade 1941 MVP Dolph Camilli

- ❖ October 5, 1937 – Browns acquired McQuinn from the Yankees in the Rule 5 Draft
- ❖ **4-time American League All-Star (1939-40, 42, 44)**
- ❖ Known as one of the best fielding 1B in his era, and he was often compared to George Sisler
- ❖ Led the American League in 7 Defensive categories from 1939 – 44.
- ❖ **.990+ Fielding % in every year with Browns.**
- ❖ July 19, 1941 – He “Hit for the Cycle” vs Boston
- ❖ **1944 “Streetcar Series” World Series, Game One** – Homers off Mort Coper to lead Browns over Cardinals 2-1
- ❖ Ended up with 1944 American League-clinching baseball, winning a ‘coin flip’ for the ball from Sig Jakucki

44 AL Champs



BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 17.8 (Cecil Fielder)

71 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
8 yrs	1138	4310	663	1220	254	47	108	794	.283	.361	.439	.992

#8

Harland Clift

- ❖ Third baseman
- ❖ 1934 - 43
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws : Right

“Harland Clift was the Major Leagues first modern 3B, an outstanding defensive player who also possessed power, production, and patience at the plate.”

*~ Ralph Moses,
SABR*

- ❖ 1930 – Browns scout, Willis Butler, signed the 18-year old player out of Yakima, Washington
- ❖ April 17, 1934 – Making the Opening Day roster, his MLB debut would come as a pinch hitter, singling in the 7th inning
 - ❖ He would become the primary Browns 3B for the next decade
- ❖ His “Darkie” nickname came in rookie year when teammate Alan Strange, thought his name was “Harlem”
- ❖ **1937 - American League All-Star (DNP)**
- ❖ **Led the American League in 9 Defensive categories between 1937-41**
 - ❖ **Fielding Percentage - 1938 (.962), 1940 (.959)**
 - ❖ **PutOuts by 3B – 1937 (198), 1938 (176), 1941(195)**
 - ❖ **Double Plays by 3B - 1937 (50), 1940 (32)**
- ❖ Hit over 20 HRs in 1936-38, 1940



BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

CAREER WAR: 39.6 (Josh Donaldson)

71 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
10 yrs	1443	5281	1013	1463	294	62	170	769	.277	.394	.453	.948

#9 Ken Williams

- ❖ Outfield
- ❖ 1918-27
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Right

Famously used a 48 oz bat "... I always favor a heavy one because when you connect with the ball with every ounce of strength in your frame, the weight of the bat is going to help the ball to travel. That's my theory anyway and it seems to work"
 ~ Ken Williams, 1922

- ❖ One of the most skilled hitters of the 1920s – Power was often compared to Babe Ruth
- ❖ June 10, 1917 – Browns purchased the rights to Williams from Portland of the Pacific Coast League
- ❖ 1922 – Led the American League in HRs (39), RBIs (155), Total Bases (367), and Extra Base Hits (84)
 - ❖ **First MLB player in the "30-30 Club" – 39 HR / 39 SB**
 - ❖ **First MLB player to hit more HR than Strikeouts – 39 HR / 31 K**
- ❖ August 7, 1922 - First American League player to hit 2 HRs in one inning in a 16-1 win over Washington
- ❖ July 28 – August 2, 1922 - Hit HR in 6 consecutive games
- ❖ Excellent Outfielder – Led the American League in Double Plays by LF in 1920 (7) and 23 (5), and Assists by LF in 1921 (25)



BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 40.3 (Albert Belle)

68 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
10 yrs	1109	4015	860	1552	285	77	196	916	.326	.403	.558	.955

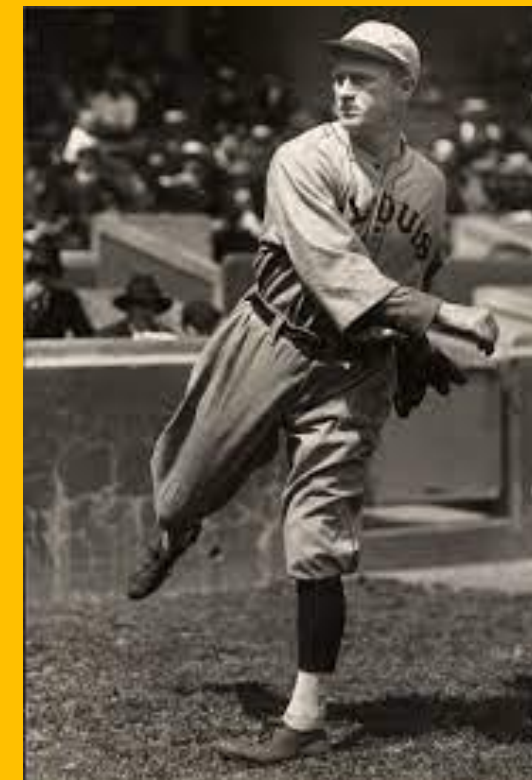
#10 *Urban Shocker*

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1918-24
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

"He had control He would come into the clubhouse and say, "Give me one today boys, one run and I'll beat em". Sometimes he would say "Well, I might need two, give me two runs and I'll beat em."

*~ Frank Ellerbe,
Browns 3B*

- ❖ "Ace" of the Browns pitching staff from 1920-24
- ❖ January 22, 1918 - Browns traded Eddie Plank and Del Pratt to Yankees for Urban Shocker, Joe Gegeon, 3 other players and \$15,000
- ❖ **Led the Browns in Wins, Complete Games, Strikeouts, and ERA every year during that era**
- ❖ **Led the American League in Wins(27) in 1921, Strikeouts (149) in 1922, and Saves (5) in 1920.**
- ❖ April 13, 1921 – Opening Day starter scatters 10 hits over 9-innings leading the Browns to a complete game victory, 4-2
- ❖ Excellent fielding pitcher, leading the league in Fielding Percentage in 1924 (1.000), and Putouts by Pitcher in 1922 (3)



BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 38.6 (Lefty Gomez/David Price)

67 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
7 yrs	126	80	.612	260	143	1749.1	409	704	20	3.19	1.24	.256

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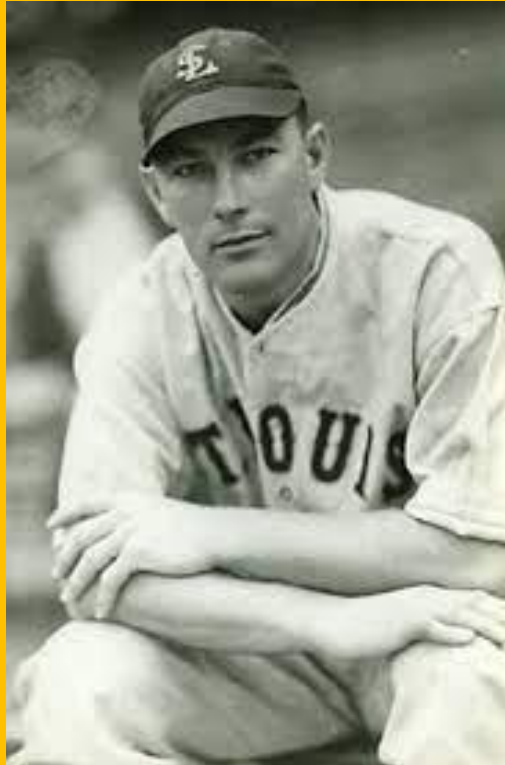


POINTS

- ❖ Beau Bell 67
- ❖ Goose Goslin 67
- ❖ Hank Severein 65
- ❖ Wally Judnich 64
- ❖ Vern Stephens 60
- ❖ Harry Howell 59
- ❖ Del Pratt 59
- ❖ Ned Garver 58
- ❖ Jack Burns 57
- ❖ Rick Ferrell 57

#11 Roy "Beau" Bell

- ❖ Outfielder, 1st Baseman
- ❖ 1935-39
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ After playing at Texas A&M and the Galveston Buccaneers, the Browns signed him before the 1935 season
- ❖ April 16, 1935 - Made the Browns Opening Day lineup and MLB debut vs Cleveland, going 0 for 6, but earned 2 walks and scored a run the next day vs the "Southsiders"
- ❖ April 21, 1935 – His first MLB hit came in a 4-hit, 4-RBI game vs. the Chicago White Sox
- ❖ **1936 – Incredible Season – 212 Hits, 100Runs, 40 Doubles, 12 Triples, 11 HRs, and 123 RBIs**
 - ❖ Goes unnoticed since he played for a last place team
- ❖ **1937 - American League All-Star (DNP)**
- ❖ 1937 – Led the American League in Hits (218), Doubles (51), Fielding Percentage (.981), Assists from RF (19), and Double Plays from OF (6)

"For 2 years (1936-37) he was the greatest right-handed hitter in the game"
 ~ Bob Burnes, Sporting News

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 4.0

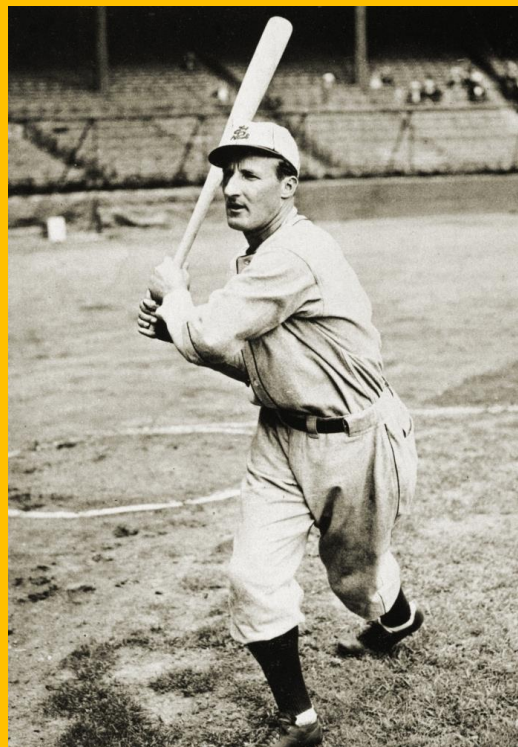
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5 yrs	545	2036	297	630	135	25	42	346	.309	.373	.462	.971

#12 *Goose Goslin*



- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1930-32
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ **1968 – Elected to the MLB Hall of Fame**
- ❖ June 30, 1930 - Acquired by Browns in which the Browns send “Ace” pitcher General Crowder and best hitter, Heinie Manush
 - ❖ Trade is said to have “Invigorated” Goslin’s career.
 - ❖ Goslin enjoyed his 3 best MLB seasons as a member of the Browns.
- ❖ April 14, 1931 – Opening Day, first game with Browns, “cleanup” hitter records a hit and run in a 7-3 win over Detroit
- ❖ **Excellent Outfielder – Led the American League in 3 fielding categories in 3 years (Assists by LF, Putouts by LF, Double Plays by LF)**
- ❖ April 12, 1932 - Opening Day, came to bat with his infamous “Zebra Bat”, ruled illegal due to its 12 lines circling the bat. Ruled to be a distraction to the fielding team

“Even when Goose wasn’t meeting the ball, he was exciting ... He was the least plate-shy guy who ever lived. Umpires used to threaten to banish him unless he stopped crowding the plate”
 ~ Shirley Povich
 Washington Post

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 13.7

67 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	402	1559	283	494	95	26	71	309	.317	.404	.548	.961

#13 *Hank Severeid*



- ❖ After the 1914 season – Browns acquired Severeid from the Louisville Colonials of the American Association
- ❖ Known as a **‘Cerebral Catcher’** who would guide a struggling Pitcher through a bad day on the mound.
- ❖ Often referred to the **“Dean of Catchers”** in what was later termed as the **“Old School Method of Catching”**
- ❖ **Only Catcher in MLB History to catch 2 No-Hitters on Consecutive days**
 - ❖ **May 5, 1919 – Ernie Koob “No-Hits” the Chicago White Sox**
 - ❖ **May 6, 1919 – Bob Groom “No-Hits” the White Sox in the 2nd game of double-header**
- ❖ 1924 – Finished in the American League Top 10 in the MVP voting
- ❖ **Led the American League in Fielding Percentage (1919, 23-24), Caught Stealing Baserunners (1917, 22, 24), Caught Stealing Percentage (1922) and Assist by Catcher (1917)**

- ❖ Catcher
- ❖ 1915-25
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

“He had a reputation of being able to carry a pitcher through a crisis better than any living backstop”
 ~ Des Moines Register, 1962

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 18.8 (J.T. Realmulto)

65 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
11 yrs	1182	3865	367	1121	181	36	17	485	.290	.342	.369	.977

#14

Wally Judnich

- ❖ Outfield, 1st Baseman
- ❖ 1940-47
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left



- ❖ April 16, 1940 - Made his MLB debut vs Detroit going 1 for 5, including an RBI and a scoring a run in a 5-1 Browns victory
- ❖ **Touted as the next “future star” by Browns Manager Fred Haney**
- ❖ 1940 – Enjoyed an excellent rookie season recording 24 HR, 89 RBI, 97 Runs Scored
- ❖ **Known as an Outstanding Outfielder**
 - ❖ **Led the AL in Fielding % in 1940 (.989), 1942 (.991), 1946 (.995)**
- ❖ Judnich would be an example of a young player whose career would be interrupted by World War II, and was not able to regain his MLB skills
 - ❖ Military Service:1943-45

During his military service in WW2, he took part in several Army-Navy baseball games which raised over \$25K

- ❖ Played with Joe DiMaggio in Hawaii at Hickam Field

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 14.9

64 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
5 yrs	701	2533	383	718	136	26	88	390	.283	.367	.462	.988

#15 Vern Stephens

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ Shortstop
- ❖ 1941-47, 53
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ Nicknames include “Junior”, “Buster”, “Little Slug”
- ❖ Prior to the 1938 season, the Browns signed Stephens as an amateur Free Agent
- ❖ September 13, 1941 – Makes his MLB debut as a pinch runner for Rick Ferrell vs Boston.
- ❖ September 21, 1941 – First AB resulted in his first MLB hit vs Pitcher Al Smith and the Cleveland Indians
- ❖ **3-time American League All-Star – 1943-44, 46**
- ❖ **Finished in the American League Top 10 MVP voting - 1942-45**
- ❖ **Considered one of the best power hitting Shortstops of the era – a complete well-rounded player**
 - ❖ **1945 - Lead the AL in HR (24) and Fielding Percentage (.961)**
 - ❖ **1944 – Lead the AL in RBIs (109)**
- ❖ 1944 “Streetcar Series” World Series – Going 5 for 22 with a Double

“The best Shortstop prospect I have ever seen”

*~ Marty McManus,
1940*

“How he did it – go out and play like he did and play as well as he did. He was Superman”

~ Don Gutteridge

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

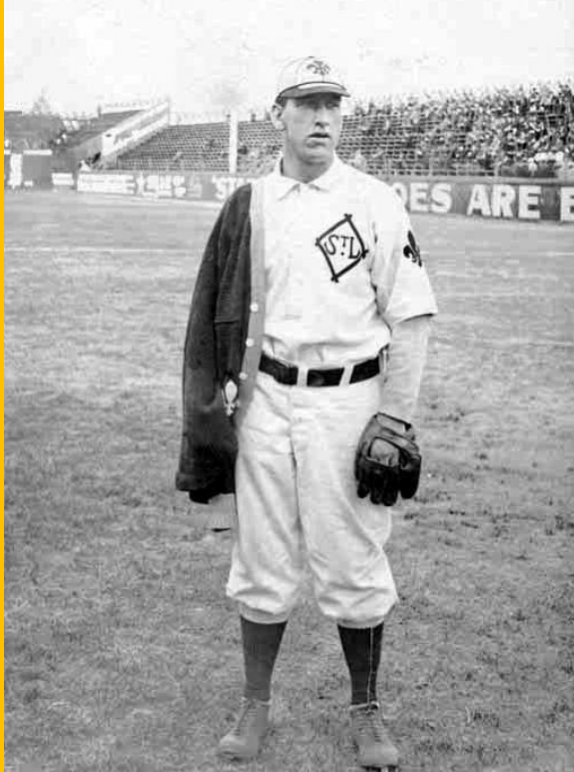
WAR with BROWNS: 25.2 (Carlos Correa)

60 pts

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8 yrs	890	3396	497	995	157	21	113	545	.321	.377	.457	.953

#16 *Harry Howell*

- ❖ Right-Handed Pitcher
- ❖ 1904-1910
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ March 6, 1904 - Browns acquired Howell in a trade with the Highlanders sending Jack Powell to New York
- ❖ **From 1904 through 1908 – Howell would record 25+ CG, 275+ IP, and 115+ Ks each year with the Browns**
 - ❖ Held an ERA under 2.20 and a WHIP of under 1.09 in each campaign
- ❖ **His career team ERA of 2.06 is still the lowest in St Louis Browns/ Baltimore Orioles history**
- ❖ Described as throwing one of the wettest spitballs during the Deadball Era
- ❖ Banned from MLB after his participation around the Cobb-LaJoie batting race in 1910

“Howell used so much slippery elm we could see the foam on his lips and on hot days some of the boys though he was about to go mad”

*~ Eddie Collins,
Philadelphia, 2B*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

CAREER WAR: 22.7 (Mike Scott)

59 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
7 yrs	78	91	.462	201	150	1580.1	390	712	5	2.06	1.08	.239

#17 Del Pratt



- ❖ April 11, 1912 – Pratt makes his MLB debut vs CWS, going 2 for 4 with a run scored.
- ❖ 1912-16 - Averaged 80 RBIs, 70 Runs, 31 steals per year
 - ❖ Hit between .283-.302, with 26-35 Doubles and 10-15 Triples
- ❖ **1914 – Finished in the American League Top 10 MVP Voting**
- ❖ 1915 – Sporting News calls Pratt the “Best Defensive Second Baseman in the League”
- ❖ **Browns “Iron Man” – Would have reached 700+ consecutive games played**
 - ❖ **367 consecutive games between 1914-17**
 - ❖ **Only game missed one game, September 2, 1914, from 1912-17**

- ❖ INF, OF
- ❖ 1912-17
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

*“Del Pratt is one of the best natural hitters I have ever seen”
~ Fielder Jones
Browns
Manager,
1916*

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 22.7 (D.J. LaMahieu)

59 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
6 yrs	905	3394	386	957	179	72	21	455	.282	.332	.396	.954

#18 Ned Garver

- ❖ Left-Handed Pitcher
- ❖ 1948-52
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ Browns signed Garver from the amateur draft in 1944
- ❖ May 22, 1948 – Pitches a Complete Game in his Browns debut in Sportsman’s Park earning a 4-2 victory over Washington
- ❖ 1950 – Led the AL in Complete Games (22), Pitching WAR (8.1), Putouts by Pitcher (28)
- ❖ **1951 – Legendary Season**
 - ❖ **American League All Star**
 - ❖ **Led AL in Complete games (24) and Putouts by Pitcher (26)**
 - ❖ **Becomes the first MLB pitcher to win 20 games on a team that would lose 100 games**
 - ❖ **Runner Up to Yogi Berra for AL MVP**
 - ❖ Did not receive a single vote from New York sports writers

“Garver has loads of courage, great pitching sense, and fields his position well”

*~ Zack Taylor
Browns
Manager*

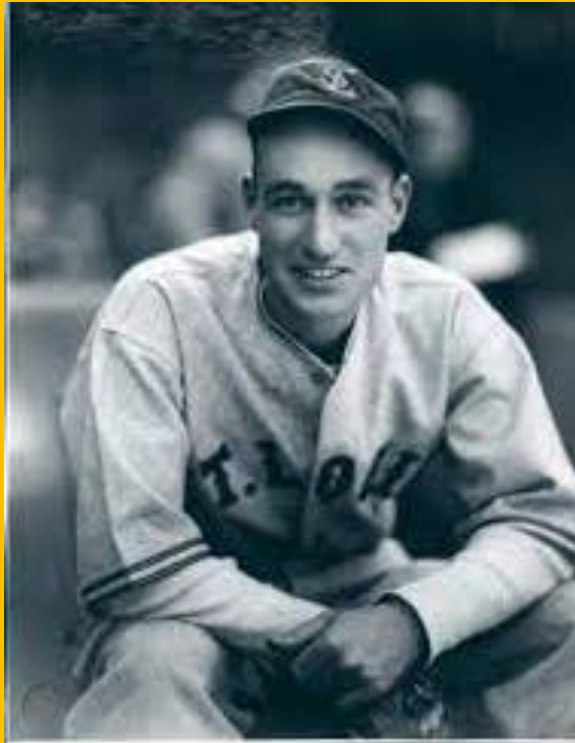
BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 23.6 (Yu Darvish)

58 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
5 yrs	59	68	.465	170	76	1076.1	456	374	8	3.64	1.42	.259

#19 Jack Burns



- ❖ 1st Baseman
- ❖ 1930-36
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left

- ❖ Nicknamed “Slug”, short for Slugger
- ❖ Prior to the 1930 season, the Browns signed Burns from a semipro league in New England
- ❖ September 17, 1930 – Makes his MLB debut vs New York going 1 for 4, with a run scored
- ❖ 1932 – His best season with .305 BA/.368 OBP/ .438 Slugging Percentage
- ❖ **Led the American League in Sacrifice Hits in 1935 (20)**
- ❖ Excellent fielding First Baseman
 - ❖ **Led the American League in Double Plays by 1B from 1931-33 and Assists by 1B in 1932-33**
- ❖ In his 7-year career he only had 66 errors at 1B

- ❖ After his playing career, he would work as a coach and scout in the Red Sox organization
- ❖ Credited with discovering Carlton Fisk

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 4.0 (Justin Bour)

57 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
7 yrs	752	2948	445	822	163	28	40	354	.279	.346	.394	.993

#20 Rick Ferrell



- ❖ Catcher
- ❖ 1929-33, 41-43
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ November 11, 1928 – Browns signed Ferrell as a free agent with a \$25,000 bonus
 - ❖ May 15, 1941 – Browns reacquired Ferrell in a trade with Washington
- ❖ **1984 – Elected to the MLB Hall of Fame**
- ❖ **1933 - American League All-Star**
- ❖ Led the American League in Caught Runners Stealing in 1930 (40), and 1933 (53)
 - ❖ Assists by Catcher in 1931 (86) and 1933 (92)
- ❖ **His .378 OBA is 8th all time among Catchers with 3000 AB, and 4th among the 13 MLB catchers in the Hall of Fame**

“I don’t think there is a better catcher in baseball. I had heard and read a lot about Ferrell, but he was really better than I believed he could be”
 ~ Allan Sothoron
 Browns Coach,
 1932

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS 9.3 (Mike Gonzales)

57 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
8 yrs	703	2157	248	583	113	18	9	257	.270	.368	.352	.982


#21-30

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Into a Farmers and Merchants
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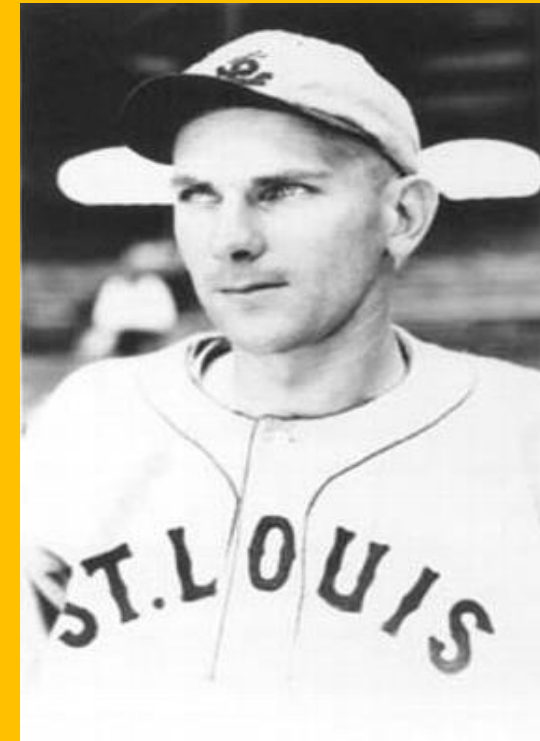
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#21 *Fred Schulte*

- ❖ Outfield
- ❖ 1927-32
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ Nicknamed “Fritz”
- ❖ Prior to the 1927 Season, Browns signed “Fritz” as an amateur Free Agent
- ❖ April 15, 1927 – Made the Opening Day roster, in his MLB debut going hitless in 2 plate appearances vs. Chicago White Sox
- ❖ April 16, 1927, his first MLB hit came against Sarge Connally and the White Sox
- ❖ **Considered to be a mild manner, reliable performer who was a top centerfielder and a consistent hitter.**
 - ❖ **3 of his 6 seasons, hit over .300**
 - ❖ **Led American League in Fielding Percentage by OF in 1929 (.989)**
 - ❖ **Assists by CF in 1928 (17)**
 - ❖ **Double Plays turned by OF in 1931 (4)**



He collected a lifetime strikeout to Walk ratio of 1:28

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 11.3 (Aaron Hicks)

57 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
6 yrs	720	2701	450	799	174	34	36	390	.296	.367	.425	.966

#22 Rollie Hemsley

- ❖ Catcher / Outfield
- ❖ 1933-37
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ August 12, 1933 – Browns acquired Hemsley in a trade with the Reds for Jack Church
- ❖ **2-time American League All-Star – 1935-36**
- ❖ **1935 – Finished in the American League Top 10 American League MVP Voting**
- ❖ **Led the American League in Assist by Catcher in 1934 (92) and 1935 (105)**
 - ❖ **Double Plays by Catcher in 1934 (15), 1936 (16), and 1937 (13)**
- ❖ June 20, 1934 – Hemsley is knocked unconscious in the 4th inning against Philadelphia. He stayed in the game and collected 5 RBIs in a 11-3 Browns victory
- ❖ Known alcoholic – He would be the first AA member to break his anonymity on a national level



*“Rollie Hemsley was an excellent Catcher and was faster on the base paths than Bill Dickey”
~ Legendary Pitcher, Bob Feller*

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

CAREER WAR: 1.7 (Hal Smith)

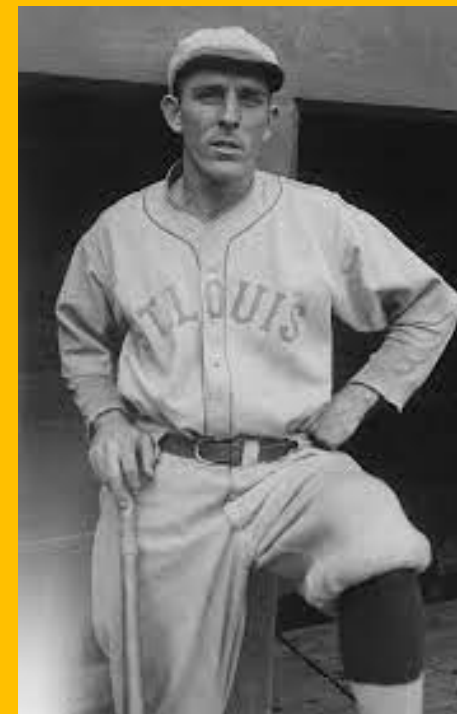
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5 yrs	515	1741	184	475	101	20	8	182	.273	.334	.368	.975

#23 Jack Tobin

- ❖ Outfield
- ❖ 1916, 18-25
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left

- ❖ St. Louis Native – Played 2 seasons with the St. Louis Terriers of Federal baseball League
 - ❖ In 1915, he was the only St. Louis born player playing for a St. Louis team
- ❖ **Jack Tobin, Ken Williams and Baby Doll Jacobson, made up one of the best Outfield trios in MLB history**
 - ❖ **Hit over .300 in 6 of 7 Seasons (1919-25)**
 - ❖ **4 consecutive seasons of 200+ hits**
- ❖ 1921 - Led the American League in Singles (179) and Triples (18)
- ❖ Excellent Outfielder, leading the American League in Assists from OF in 1918 (13), and 1921 (27)
- ❖ ***“One of the best lead off men I ever saw ... He was fast and a good outfielder with a strong throwing arm” ~ George Sisler***



*“There was no one in the history of the game who was better at dragging a bunt”
~ Sporting News,
1969*

*“I was a .330 hitter most of my career. I’d bat .030 and bunt .300”
~ Jack Tobin*

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

CAREER WAR: 17.3 (Cody Bellinger)

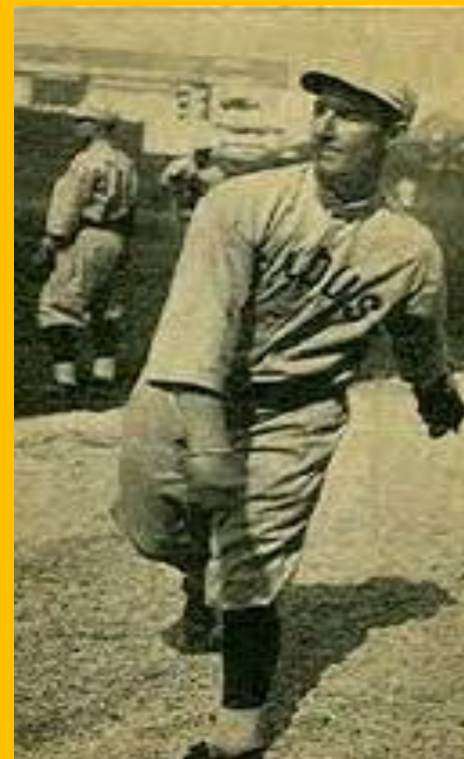
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9 yrs	1133	4404	680	1399	217	72	48	438	.318	.369	.432	.949

#24 *Burt Shotton*

- ❖ Outfield
- ❖ 1909-1917
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ Nicknamed “Barney”, and later would be Branch Rickey’s “Sunday Manager”
- ❖ September 1, 1909 – Browns drafted Shotton from Stuberville (OH-PA) in the Rule 5 Draft
- ❖ September 13, 1909 – Singled in his first MLB AB off Detroit’s George Mullin
- ❖ June 22, 1912 – First MLB HR, inside-the-park HR, off Joe Benz of the Chicago White Sox
- ❖ **Led the American League in 8 categories between 1912-16 including Putouts from OF, Double Plays by OF, Assists by LF, and Base on Balls**
- ❖ His humble playing career led to a life-long friendship with Branch Rickey



Shotton is best known as being Jackie Robinson’s first MLB Manager with the Dodgers

*“I love playing for Burt Shotton”
~ Jackie Robinson*

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

CAREER WAR: 20.8 (Raul Ibanez)

56 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
8 yrs	1041	3912	601	1070	118	52	6	228	.274	.372	.335	.937

#25 *Bob Dillenger*

- ❖ Nicknamed “Duke”, “The Team”
- ❖ **1949 - American League All-Star**
- ❖ Before the 1939 Season, Browns signed Dillenger as an amateur Free Agent
- ❖ 1946 - Rookie season – Appearing in only 83 games he had an 18-game hitting streak through August and September.
 - ❖ **1948 – 28-game hitting streak**
- ❖ **Led the American League in Stolen Bases in 1947 (34), 1948 (28), and 1949 (20)**
 - ❖ **Hits in 1948 (207)**
 - ❖ **Put Outs from 3B in 1947 (169)**
- ❖ July 16, 1948 – Career day at Yankee Stadium where he recorded a 4 for 6 day with 5 RBIs, 2 SBs, a Triple and a Sacrifice Fly



- ❖ SS / 2B
- ❖ 1946-1949
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

“I don’t know where he gets all the pepper, but it’s actually infectious. He sets our whole team on fire. When he runs the bases or makes a great play at third, every Brownie is cheering for him.”

*~ Zack Taylor,
Browns Manager,
in response to
teammates calling
him “The Team”*

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 4.1

56 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
4 yrs	510	1984	281	614	85	32	6	143	.309	.379	.394	.943

#26 *Barney Pelt*

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1903-12
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ Classic nickname as “The Yiddish Curver”
 - ❖ Known as one of the first great Jewish ball players
- ❖ August 1903 – The Browns purchased the contract of Pelt from Cedar Rapids
- ❖ **1906 - Pelt finishes the season with a 1.59 ERA, which still stands as a Browns/Orioles franchise record.**
 - ❖ **1906 – Led the American League with a .206 Opponents Batting Average and 6.9 Hits per 9 Innings Pitched**
- ❖ Pelt served as a field coach on days that he didn't pitch
- ❖ Pelt recorded 22 career shutouts, was also shutout 32 times. Over a quarter of his career decisions ended in a shut out



In 1939, the town of Farmington MO included Pelt in a mural of the town's most significant figures

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 20.7 (Bob Tewksbury)

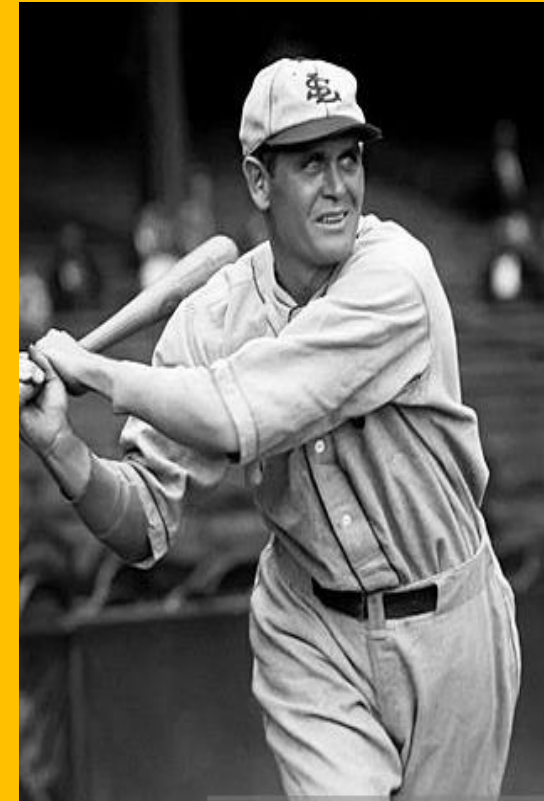
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10 yrs	91	113	.446	255	174	1908	522	678	4	2.62	1.15	.248

#27 Lu Blue

- ❖ Birth name is Luzerne Atwell Blue
- ❖ December 13, 1927 - Blue came with Heinie Manush from Detroit for Harry Rice, Elam Vangilder, and Chick Gallaway
- ❖ **In 1928, Blue regained his earlier career success by recording a .281 Average, with a career high 14 HRs, and finished second in Walks with 105**
 - ❖ Led the American League in Double plays by 1B (121) and Assists by 1B (107)
- ❖ 1929 – Led the American League in Times on Base (296) and Put Outs at 1B (1,491)
- ❖ **Twice finished in the American League Top 10 for WAR by 1B – 1928 (4.7) and 1929 (4.6)**

- ❖ Outfield / 1B
- ❖ 1928-30
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Left



Born in Washington, D.C., in 1929 a semipro club honored him by playing under the moniker of ... "The Lu Blues!"

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 9.9 (Joe Pepitone)

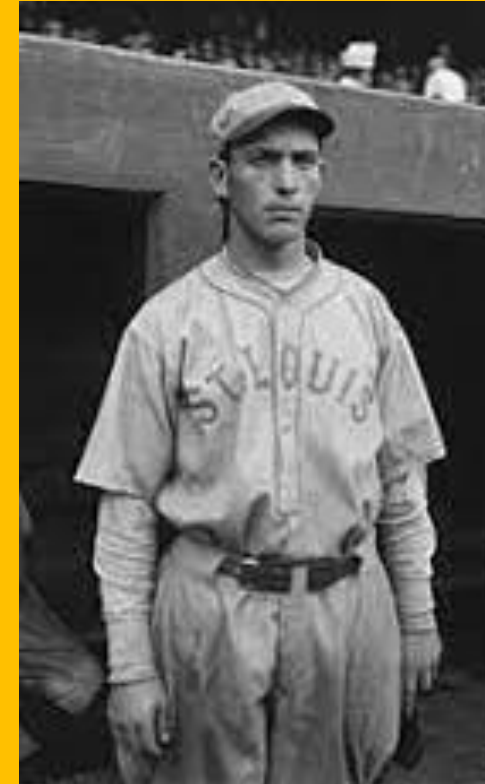
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3 yrs	422	1547	312	422	99	26	24	183	.273	.398	.417	.990

#28 *Marty McManus*

- ❖ Infielder
- ❖ 1920-26
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ Browns signed McManus prior to the 1920 season
- ❖ September 26, 1920 – Hit a triple with an RBI and stole home in his MLB debut vs Cleveland. Browns won 7-5
- ❖ 1922 – McManus would play all 4 infield positions during the season, primarily at 2B
 - ❖ Would finish the season in Top 10 for WAR by 2B (4.4)
- ❖ **1923 – McManus lead the Browns in RBIs (94)**
- ❖ July 30, 1923 – Best Single Game Performance with 2 HRs and 4 RBIs vs Philadelphia, leading the Browns to a 5-2 victory
- ❖ **1925 – Led the AL in Doubles (44), Putouts at 2B (440) and Assists by a 2B (479)**



He would later manage the Red Sox and the Kenosha Comets of AAGPBL

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 15.5 (Harold Reynolds)

54 pts

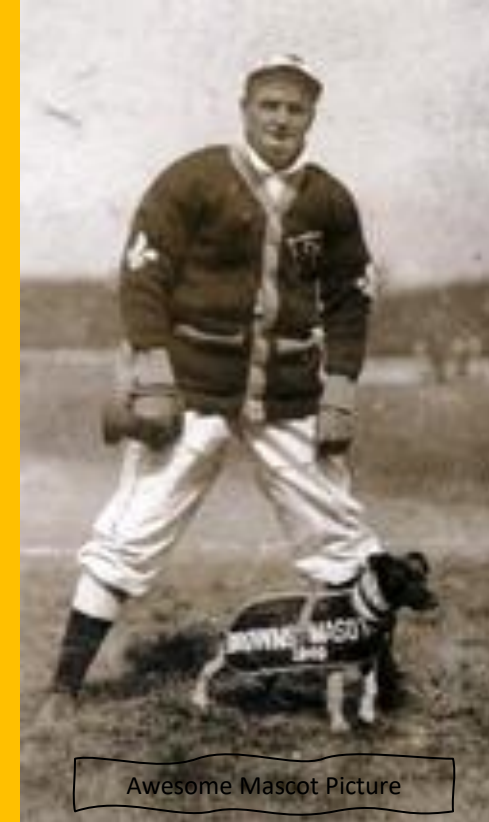
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7 yrs	856	3181	504	949	185	53	56	502	.298	.362	.443	.920

#29 Rube Waddell



- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1908-10
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Left

- ❖ February 7, 1908 – Browns purchased the contract of George “Rube” Waddell from the Philadelphia Athletics
 - ❖ Waddell played his last 3 seasons of his career with the Browns.
- ❖ July 29, 1908 – Waddell would strikeout 16 Athletics in a 5-4 victory over his former team
- ❖ **1908 - Led the American League in Strikeouts per 9 IP (7.3) and Home Runs per 9 IP (0.0)**
 - ❖ He did not give up a HR in 220 innings pitched while striking out 232 batters
- ❖ **1946 – Elected to the MLB Hall of Fame**
- ❖ Plagued by rumors of ADD, Autism, and other learning disabilities throughout his career



Awesome Mascot Picture

“He paid for himself 3 games after he arrived in St. Louis. Paid admissions that would never have arrived to the gate, but for the fact that Rube was scheduled to work.”
 ~ John L. Wray,
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 6.4

54 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 yrs	33	29	.532	84	41	539	158	389	4	2.19	1.14	.240

#30 Jimmy Austin

- ❖ Nickname “Pepper”
- ❖ February 11, 1911 – Acquired with Frank LaPorte from the New York Highlanders for Roy Hartzell and cash
- ❖ Had the reputation of being the best Third Baseman of his era, but his powerful arm often got him in trouble
 - ❖ Led the American League in
 - ❖ Fielding Percentage - 1913 (.944)
 - ❖ Double plays turned by 3B – 1911 (27), 1915 (32), 1917 (22)
 - ❖ Assists by 3B – 1911 (228), 1913 (288)
 - ❖ Sacrifice Hits – 1911 (34)
 - ❖ Errors by 3B – 1911 (42), 1912 (50), 1915 (41)
- ❖ Served as Browns Manager for 3 brief stints (1913, 18, 19) with a combined record of 31-44



- ❖ Infielder
- ❖ 1910-23, 25-26, 29
- ❖ Bats: Both
- ❖ Throws: Right

“What an arm, however every fourth heave across the diamond went into the right field bleachers”
 ~ John Kieran,
 New York Times

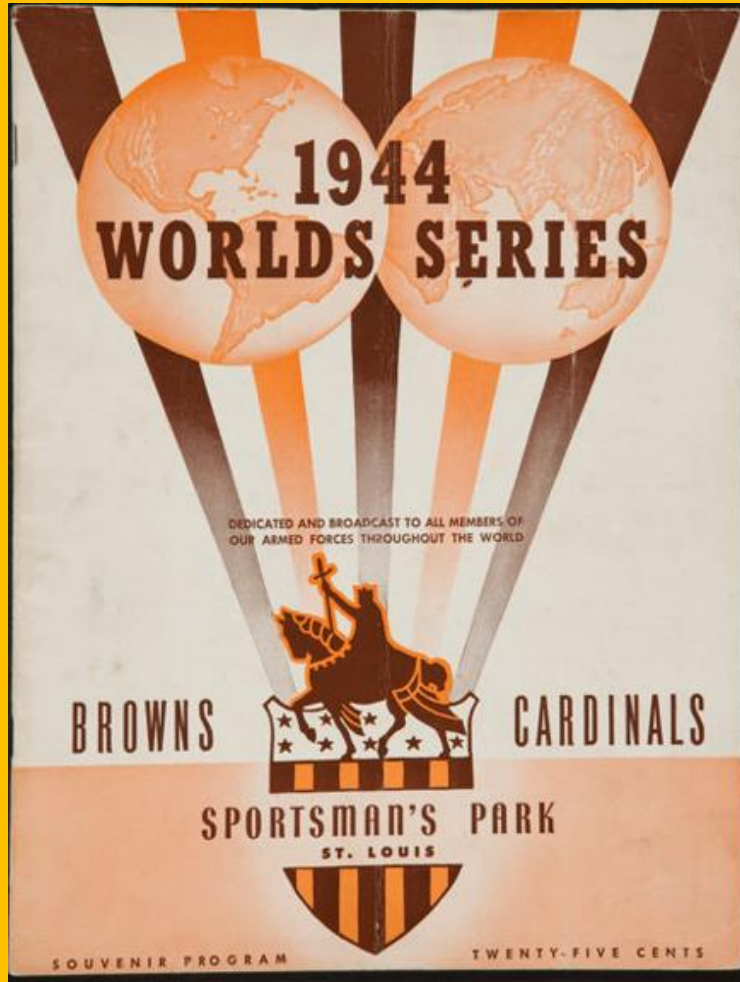
BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 19.8 (Matt Chapman)

53 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
16 yrs	1311	5304	578	1133	152	67	10	315	.251	.323	.321	.933

#31-40



	POINTS		POINTS
❖ Jack Powell	53	❖ Clarence Walker	51
❖ Johnny Niggeling	53	❖ Ralph Kress	49
❖ Bruce Campbell	53	❖ Bobby Wallace	48
❖ Chet Laabs	53	❖ Moose Solters	48
❖ Nelson Potter	51	❖ Carl Weilman	47



#31 Jack Powell

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1902-03, 05-12
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ “Red” Powell jumped from the Cardinals to the Browns prior to the 1902 season
 - ❖ September 11, 1905 – In his second stint with St. Louis, the Browns purchased his contract from the New York Highlanders
- ❖ One of the few “Deadball Era” pitchers who threw without a traditional wind up
 - ❖ Powell stood 5’11” and weighed around 200 pounds
- ❖ **All Time Browns Pitching leader in Games Started (264), Innings Pitched (2229.2), Strikeouts (884), Losses (143), and Shutouts (27)**
 - ❖ Second to Urban Shocker in Wins (117)
- ❖ Led the American League in Saves in 1902 (2), and 1903 (2)
- ❖ Labelled a “nothing” pitcher because his fastball and curveball were not considered impressive

“All he seems to do is make a quick hitch, and the ball is on top of the batter before he knows it”

*~ Hall of Fame Umpire
Billy Evans*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 31.7 (Barry Zito)

53 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
10 yrs	117	143	.450	294	210	2229.2	486	884	11	2.63	1.15	.246

#32 Johnny Niggeling

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1940-43
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ January 4, 1940 – Browns selected Niggeling off waivers after being released by Cincinnati
- ❖ Came to be known as the “Red Sox Jinx” for his surprising success in Boston.
 - ❖ More than half of his wins in 1940, were over the Red Sox
 - ❖ This moniker would fuel him for the rest of his career
- ❖ **Excellent fielding Pitcher – Led the American League in Fielding Percentage from 1941-43 (1.000 each year)**
- ❖ 1943 – Attempted to enlist in the US Army during World War II was turned away. His persistent stomach issues may have led to this dismissal.
- ❖ Between the 1943-44 seasons, he pitched in 13 straight games going 7 innings and giving up fewer than 2 runs.
 - ❖ This accomplishment would not be matched until Tom Seaver

“He’s the most underrated pitcher in the league...I never saw Niggeling pitch a bad game in four years.”
 ~ Senators Owner,
 Clark Griffin,
 Sporting News
 9/30/1943

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 12.3

53 pt

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
4 yrs	35	39	100	100	46	678.2	282	330	0	3.46	1.32	.237

#33 *Bruce Campbell*

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1932-34
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ April 27, 1932 – Browns acquired Campbell, along with Bump Hadley, from the White Sox for Red Kress.
- ❖ 1932 – In his first season with the Browns, he was second on the team in HRs (14) and RBIs (85) behind Goose Goslin
- ❖ **1933 – Led the Browns with 16 HRs and 106 RBIs**
- ❖ July 1, 1933 – In one of his best games as a ‘Brownie’, he goes 3 for 4 with 2 triples, 5 RBIs, and 3 runs scored, in a 15-14 shootout with Philadelphia
- ❖ **Excellent Fielding Right Fielder leading the American League in...**
 - ❖ **Assists by RF – 1932 (15), 1933 (19), 1934 (14)**
 - ❖ **Double Plays turned by RF – 1932 (4), 1934 (3)**

He would have three bouts of meningitis in the 1930s.

He would later enlist in the Armed Forces during WWII

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 3.1 (Austin Meadows)

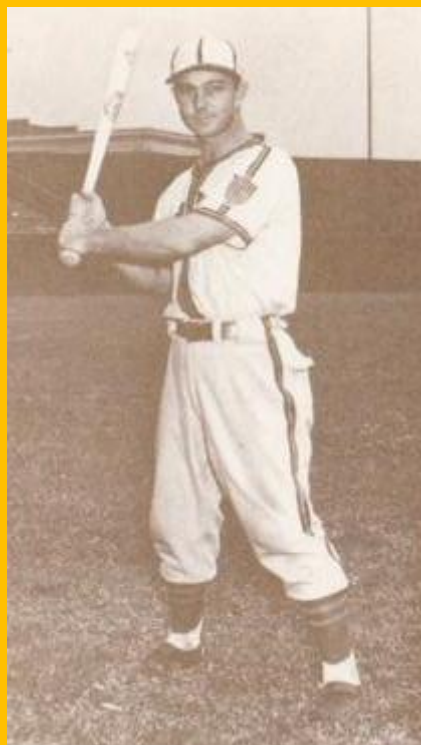
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3 yrs	425	1641	232	460	98	25	39	265	.280	.348	.442	.940

#34 Chet Laabs

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ Outfield
- ❖ 1939-46
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ Nicknamed "The Poling Pole"
- ❖ May 13, 1939 - Acquired by the Browns in a 10-player trade with the Tigers
- ❖ Beginning on July 11, 1942, Laabs hits 7 HRs (2 Grand Slams), and 22 RBIs in 8 games
- ❖ **1943 - American League All Star**
- ❖ 1943 - Led the American League in Assists by OF (16) and Double Plays by LF (4)
- ❖ **October 1, 1944 – One of the Biggest games in Browns history**
 - ❖ **Laabs hits 2 Home Runs and drives in 4 runs in the Pennant clinching victory over the Yankees, 5-2**
- ❖ 1944 "Streetcar Series" World Series – He would go 3 for 15 including a Double and a Triple and 2 Walks

"He is worth his weight in Gold. I have seen a lot of young players in my life, but none can compare with Laabs"
 ~ Former Browns Manager Allen Sothoron

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 11.6 (Ryan Ludwick)

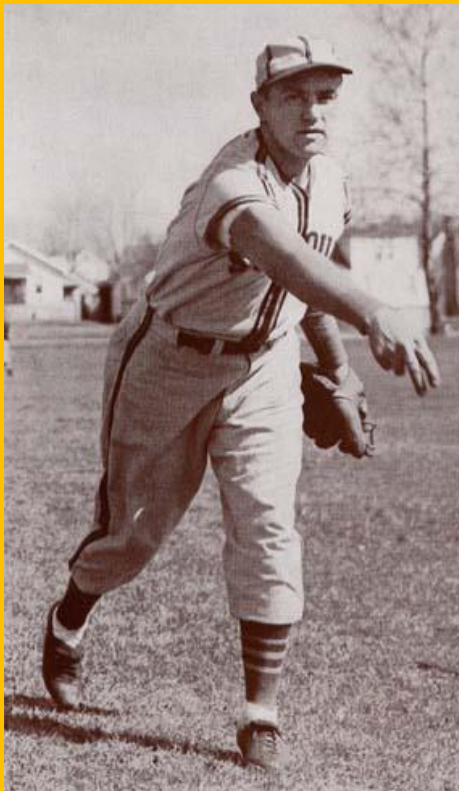
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8 yrs	794	2601	404	693	129	35	101	428	.266	.354	.459	.980

#35 Nelson Potter

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1943-48
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ November 2, 1942 – Browns acquired “Nellie” in the 1942 Rule 5 Draft (from Boston)
- ❖ Many considered him the “Ace” of the 1944 American League Championship Team
 - ❖ Led the Browns staff in Wins (19) and WAR (5.7)
- ❖ 1944 – Finished in the Top 10 in MVP voting
- ❖ 3 times finished in Top 10 in WAR for Pitchers 1943 (9), 1944 (4), 1945(2)
 - ❖ Twice finished in Top 10 in A.L. Wins – 1944 (19) 1945 (15)
 - ❖ Twice finished in Top 10 in A.L. ERA – 1944 (2.83) 1945 (2.47)
 - ❖ Twice finished in Top 10 in A.L. Strikeouts – 1944 (91) 1945 (129)
- ❖ 1944 “Streetcar Series” World Series, Started Games 2 and 6, allowing 1 hits, 5 runs, 6 Ks, and 3 BBs over 9.2 innings

Potter’s specialty pitches are a screwball and a curve. He’s not fast but uses his speed ball so judiciously in the midst of a lot of junk that he succeeds in slipping it by opposing batters quite often.”
 ~ Tommy Fitzgerald,
 Louisville Courier-Journal, 1942

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 19.2 (Tim Lincecum)

51 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
6 yrs	57	43	.570	154	58	933.2	299	441	3	3.05	1.24	.252

#36 Clarence Walker

- ❖ 2nd Baseman
- ❖ 1913-15
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ Nicknamed “Tilly” (No precise origin of nickname)
- ❖ August 25, 1913 - Browns traded 3 players and \$15,000 to Kansas City of the American Association for Tilly Walker
- ❖ **Known as one of the Stars of the Deadball Era**
 - ❖ **1914 – Led the A.L. in Put Outs by LF (312), Assists by LF (30), Double Plays by LF (6), and Fielding percentage (.972)**
 - ❖ **1915 – Led the A.L. in Assists by OF (27)**
- ❖ Browns Manager Branch Rickey compared Walker to Ty Cobb in natural ability.

Sporting News described his throwing arm as the “Talk of the American League Circuit.

“Walker was famous for his throwing arm, but his throws were not always made with judgement, nor were they always well aimed”
 ~ Sporting News, 1923

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 8.5 (Bo Jackson)

51 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	318	1112	127	316	48	24	11	138	.284	.342	.400	.941

#37 *Ralph Kress*



- ❖ Nicknamed “Red”
- ❖ September 24, 1927 – Made his MLB debut vs Washington with a single in 4 at bats off Pitcher Bump Hadley.
- ❖ 1929 – He led the Browns with 9 HRs and 107 RBIs while hitting .305.
 - ❖ He also had a .946 Fielding Percentage and turned 94 Double Plays.
- ❖ **1931 – In his best season, Kress played 84 games at 3B, but also played Shortstop, 1B, and OF over 150 games.**
 - ❖ **Recorded 16 HRs/114 RBIs/188 Hits /.311 BA**
- ❖ After his playing career, he coached within the Cleveland, Los Angeles Angels, and Mets organizations.

- ❖ Infielder
- ❖ 1927-32, 38-39
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

Kress became a batting practice pitcher whose pitching sessions became legendary across MLB

*“Kress is the hardest working man I ever saw”
~ Casey Stengel*

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 10.6 (Addison Russell)

49 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
8 yrs	785	3020	425	902	189	35	54	513	.299	.359	.438	.943

#38 Bobby Wallace



- ❖ 3B / Outfielder
- ❖ 1902-16
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ Prior to the 1902 Season, Wallace “jumped” to the Browns from the Cardinals
 - ❖ Played 20 of his 25 years in St Louis (1899-1918)
- ❖ **1953 – Elected to the MLB Hall of Fame**
- ❖ Knowns as the Greatest Defensive Shortstops of his generation
- ❖ **Led the American League in ...**
 - ❖ **Defensive WAR – 1908 (2.7) and 1908 (3.4)**
 - ❖ **Assists by SS – 1903 (468) and 1907 (517)**
 - ❖ **Fielding Percentage – 1904 (.947) and 1907 (.951)**
- ❖ July 11, 1917 – Wallace would sign as a free agent with the Cardinals

“The best player in the American League, the only man I would get if I could, plays on a tail-end team, and few people pay any attention to him, Bobby Wallace of St. Louis, I wish I had him”

~ Barney Dreyfuss, Pirates owner, 1911

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 48.5 (Jimmy Rollins)

48 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
15 yrs	1569	5529	609	1424	236	65	8	607	.258	.326	.328	.933

#39 *Moose Solters*



- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1935-36, 39
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ May 27, 1935 – Browns traded Ski Melillo to Boston for Moose Solters
 - ❖ August 2, 1939 – In a second stint with St. Louis, the Browns claimed Solters off waivers from Cleveland
- ❖ **He would finish in the American League Top 10 in MVP voting in 1935 (9th)**
- ❖ July 7, 1935 – Hit 3 HRs in a single game vs. Detroit, however the Browns failed to be victorious (14-5)
- ❖ **1936 – Led the American League in Double Plays turned by LF (5), Put Outs by LF (287), and Assists by LF (15)**
 - ❖ Because of his success, the Browns received trade offers from across MLB
 - ❖ Boston often claimed they regretted trading Solters

“We hate to part ways with Melillo, but we are in greater need of a power hitter and ‘The Moose’ gives us that”
 ~ Browns Manager Rogers Hornsby

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 3.8 (Billy Hatcher)

48 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
5 yrs	319	1311	193	392	90	14	35	252	.299	.342	.469	.960

#40 Carl Weilmann

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1912-20
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left



- ❖ “Zeke” spent his entire MLB career with the Browns
- ❖ Discovered by Charley Barrett and Billy Doyle while playing for the Maysville Rivermen (KY)
 - ❖ Had a 16-8 record with 172 Ks and only 35 BB while batting .362
- ❖ **Finished in the American League Top 10 in WAR – 1914 (6.9), 1915 (5.8)**
 - ❖ **Top 10 in WAR for Pitchers – 1914 (7.0), 1915 (5.5), 1916 (5.0)**
- ❖ 1915 – 8-1 record against Detroit (Ty Cobb hit .366 vs American League, and .236 vs Weilmann)
- ❖ Missed half of 1917 and all of 1918 with Mycobacterium Tuberculosis, which would be the cause of his death
- ❖ **1919 – Returned to the Browns and earned the American League “Comeback Player of the Year” Award**
 - ❖ 10-6 Record, 3 Shutouts, and 2.07 ERA
- ❖ Stood 6’5 ½” – Resembled Randy Johnson, pitched like Tom Glavine

*“If you ask the Detroit Tigers, the six best pitchers in the American League are all Carl Weilmann”
~ Sportswriter L.C. Davis, 1915*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 24.8 (Scott Erickson)

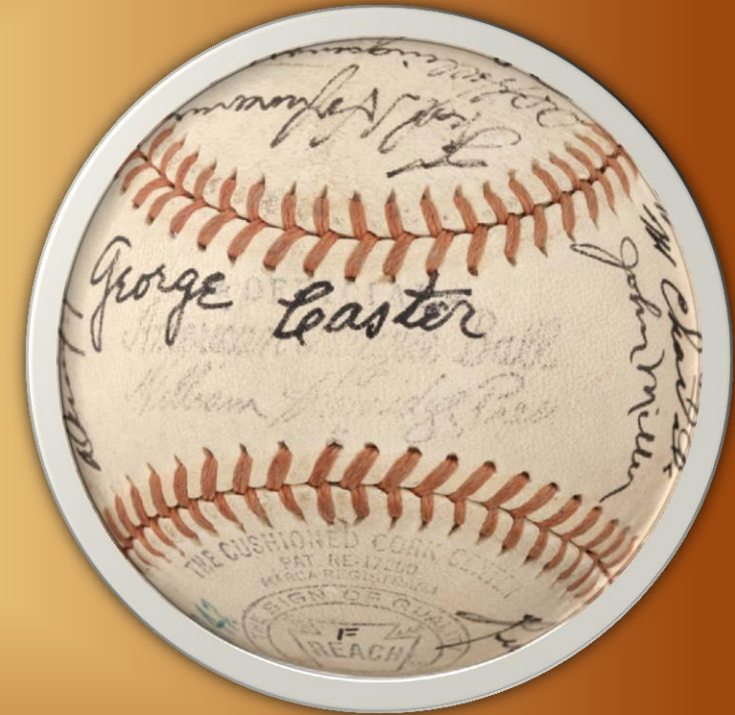
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8 yrs	84	93	.475	239	105	1521	418	536	10	2.67	1.19	.251

#41-50

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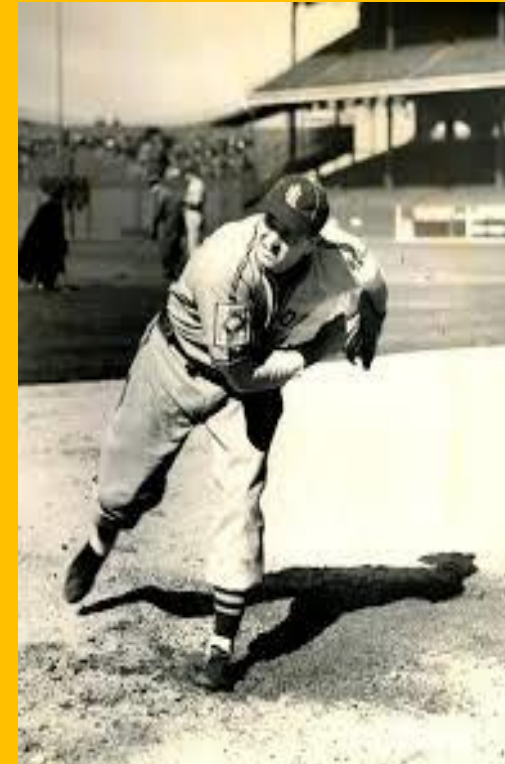
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- ❖ Sherm Lollar 45



#41 *Bobo Newsom*

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1934-35, 38-39, 43
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ October 2, 1933 – Browns received “Buck” in the Rule 5 Draft from the Cubs
- ❖ **2-time American League All Star – 1938-39**
- ❖ September 18, 1934 – He would pitch a 9-inning No-hitter vs the Red Sox, only to lose 2-1 after giving up a single in the 10th inning
- ❖ **1938 - Finished 5th in the American League Top 10 of American League MVP voting**
- ❖ 1938 – Led the American League in Complete Games (31), Games Started (40), Batters Faced (1475), and Innings Pitched (329.2)
- ❖ **Became the 2nd Pitcher in MLB history to win 20 games with an ERA over 5.00**
 - ❖ Wore jersey numbers – 15, 12, 21, and 33



He would be involved in 23 transactions over his 20-year career –

6 transactions with the Browns

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 10.7

47 pts

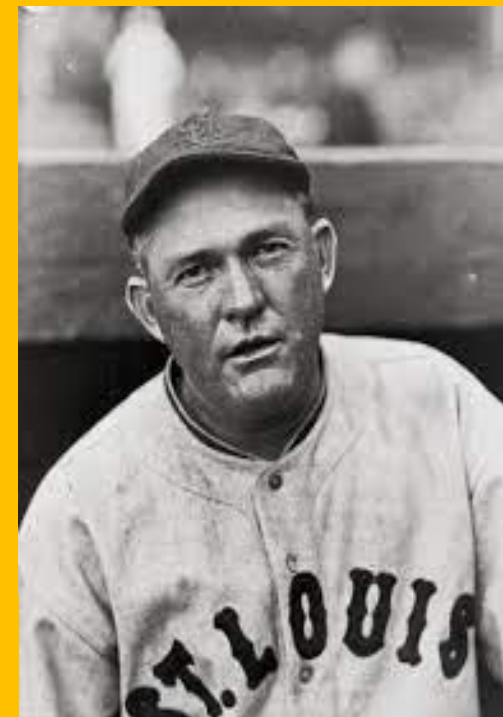
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5 yrs	40	49	.449	114	50	732.2	411	448	7	4.83	1.60	.282

#42 Rogers Hornsby



- ❖ 2B / Manager
- ❖ 1933-37
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ One of the Greatest Hitters in Major League History
- ❖ 1942 – Elected to the MLB Hall of Fame
- ❖ By the time he reached the Browns his skills had slipped a little, he was primarily a pinch hitter and defensive replacement at 2B
- ❖ July 26, 1933 – Browns President Phil Ball signed “Rajah” to be a Player / Manager
 - ❖ 1952 – Bill Veeck hired Hornsby. Only lasted 51 games
- ❖ Managerial Record – 6 seasons 1933-37, 52



As a Manager, Hornsby was never able to find players that could live up to his high expectations and skills. He spent time coaching with 6 MLB teams over 14 years.

<u>Years</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>Ejections</u>
1933-37, 52	647	225	381	.401	1

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 0.6

47 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
5 yrs	67	117	13	35	9	0	3	29	.299	.406	.453	.989

#43 Denny Galehouse

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1941-47
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ December 3, 1940 – Browns purchased the contracts of Denny Galehouse and Fritz Ostermueller from the Red Sox
- ❖ 1941 – Led the American League in Fielding Percentage (1.000)
- ❖ “Sunday Pitcher” – In 1944, he worked in a WW2 Goodyear Military Plant in Akron, Ohio. The Browns had Galehouse travel back to St. Louis on the weekends and pitch on Sundays
 - ❖ **One of the unsung heroes in Browns history**
- ❖ **1944 World Series – “Streetcar Series”**
 - ❖ **Game 1 – Galehouse pitches a beautiful one-hit, complete game victory over the Cardinals, 2-1**
 - ❖ Game 5 – Galehouse gives up 2 one-run Home Runs (Litwhiler, Sanders), Cardinals win 2-1
- ❖ 1945 – Galehouse would serve in the military during World War II
 - ❖ He would not be able to regain his early success

44 AL Champs



“Its not enough for a fellow to be able to hit, run, throw, and field to be a good ballplayer, He’s got to have the heart that goes along with being a great competitor”
 ~ Denny Galehouse

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 14.8

46 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
6 yrs	50	58	.463	156	54	972	333	431	3	3.44	1.36	.270

#44 Sam Gray

- ❖ Nicknamed “Dolly”, “Sad Sam”
- ❖ December 13, 1927 - Browns acquired “Sad Sam” in a trade with Philadelphia for Bing Miller
- ❖ April 11, 1928 – Earning an Opening Day start, Gray scattered six hits over 8.1 innings in a 4-1 victory over the Tigers
- ❖ **1929 – Led the American League in Innings Pitched (305), Games Started (37), ShutOuts (4), and Batters Faced (1310)**
- ❖ 1930 – In 11 of his 15 losses, the Browns scored just 15 runs in support



- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1928-33
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

*“You’re the Browns
Pitching Ace,
In our hearts you’ve
won a place,
Quite a number you
have won
And now your record is
5 and 1”*

*~ L.C. Davis, Writer
St Louis Post Dispatch
1928*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 15.4 (Rick Dempster)

46 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
6 yrs	67	82	.450	238	71	1312	386	465	14	4.37	1.45	.292

#45 *Jesse Burkett*



- ❖ Outfield
- ❖ 1902-04
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left

- ❖ Before the 1902 season, the Browns signed “The Crab” away from the Cardinals
 - ❖ Burkett signed a contract with a “heftier salary” than he had with the Cardinals
- ❖ Although his days of high Batting Averages may have past him, his Walk numbers had increased
 - ❖ 3-time Batting Champion (.405 in 1895, .410 1896, .376 in 1901) with the Cardinals organization
 - ❖ **With the Browns he recorded his last .300 plus season in 1902 (.306)**
 - ❖ 1902 – Led the American League in Time on Base (245)
- ❖ **1946 – Elected to the MLB Hall of Fame**
 - ❖ He would be the first person from West Virginia to enter the Hall



“He was a fearsome foe. We’ve often wondered what he would have done in his day had they used that ‘Rabbit Ball’ with which Babe Ruth set his records”

~ MLB writer stated on the day Burkett was voted into the Hal of Fame

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 10.6 (Eric Byrnes)

46 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	417	1643	242	476	64	26	10	119	.290	.372	.379	.942

#46 *Harry Rice*

- ❖ Highly regarded prospect when he signed with the Browns in 1923
- ❖ April 18, 1923 – Opening Day, made his MLB debut with the Browns serving as a pinch runner in a 9-6 loss to the Tigers
- ❖ **Finished in the American League Top 10 of American League MVP in 1925 (5th) and 1926 (12)**
- ❖ 1925 - His Batting Average of .359 was sixth best in the American League
- ❖ 1927 - Led the American League in Assists by OF with 26
- ❖ Had the rare distinction of playing every field position during his career
 - ❖ **974 career games** – 911 in OF, 38 at 3B, 20, 11 at 1B, 9 at 2B, 4 at SS, and 1 at Catcher (2 innings)



- ❖ Outfield
- ❖ 1923-27
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ Bob Broeg once described Rice as a premier defender with a very strong throwing arm.
- ❖ 1923 - He was the first planned replacement for Sisler at 1B when Sisler suffered his eye injury

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 8.8 (Dave Roberts)

46 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
5 yrs	446	1548	282	483	85	27	27	184	.312	.387	.454	.952

#47 Fred Glade

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1904-07
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ September 1903 – Browns drafted “Lucky” from a Minor League in St. Josephs Missouri
- ❖ **1904 – Glade’s 18 wins remained a Browns rookie record for the entire length of the franchise**
 - ❖ June 19, 1904 – Struck out 10 Highlanders in a 1-0 Complete Game
 - ❖ July 15, 1904 – Struck out an American League record 15 Washington Senators without giving up a walk
- ❖ **“Millionaire Ball Player”** – His family was incredibly wealthy owning milling businesses which became the ConAgra conglomerate
 - ❖ Most baseball executives allowed Glade to do what he wished because he had the best fastball in the game



With a delivery that resembled Luis Tiant, “Glade faces the second baseman and then wheels around. The sort of delivery that makes every batter pull a little, and that is the reason he is so successful”

*~ Sportswriter
Jake Stahl*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 12.9 (Danny Jackson)

46 pts

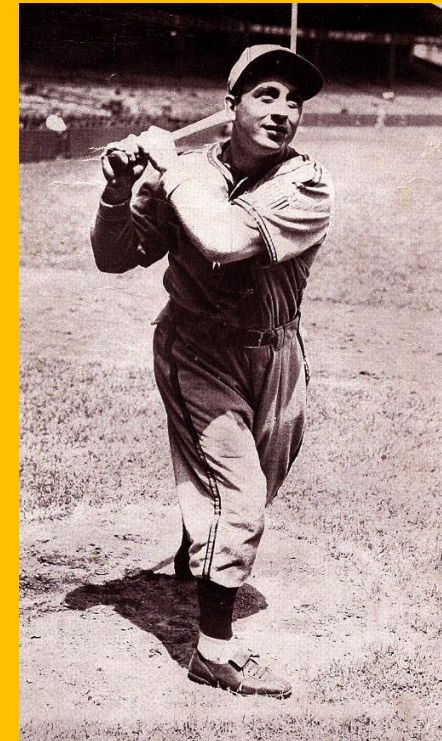
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4 yrs	52	63	.452	126	104	1032.2	220	450	2	2.52	1.09	.239

#48 Milt Byrnes

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ Outfield
- ❖ 1943-45
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left

- ❖ **Native of St. Louis – Played his entire MLB career with the Browns**
- ❖ 1940 – “Skippy” joined the Toledo Mud Hens
 - ❖ Byrnes was brought up to the Majors when Glenn McQuinn and Walt Judnich were drafted into World War II
 - ❖ Preseason hype touted him as the next Jack Tobin
 - ❖ Byrnes was denied military service due to his asthma
- ❖ April 21, 1943 – Opening Day, made his MLB debut in CF vs the White Sox in a 3-0 Browns victory
- ❖ June 27, 1943 – Hit his first MLB HR off Hal White of the Tigers
- ❖ **Led the American League in OF Fielding Percentage in 1943 (.997)**
- ❖ **Finished in the Top 10 in the American League in Walks in 1944-45**
- ❖ 1944 “Streetcar Series” World Series – Only had 2 At Bats in the series with a Walk



*“Milt Byrnes was a good Wartime, fill-in players”
~ Luke Sewell
Browns Manager*

Statistics show he was truly deserving to play with the Browns

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 7.2 (Harrison Bader)

46 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	390	1278	174	350	77	15	16	154	.274	.373	.395	.987

#49 Ray Cullenbine

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1940-42
- ❖ Bats: Both
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ May 27, 1940 – Browns traded Joe Gallagher to Brooklyn for Roy Cullenbine
- ❖ **1941 -American League All-Star** – By the Midsummer Classic he was hitting .367 with an OBP of .507
 - ❖ **Finished in the Top 10 of American League MVP voting (10th)**
 - ❖ Led the American League in Double Plays by OF (2)
- ❖ **Career 17.8% Walk rate is the 7th best in MLB history**
- ❖ He was known for wearing expensive suits, along with his skills at Golf and Bowling
 - ❖ His reputation within Baseball was often called toxic
 - ❖ He was often more concerned with drawing a walk than following a signal from the coaches to swing



“Cullenbine could have been a great player if he had stuck to his work”
 ~ Bucky Harris

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 5.4 (Alex Verdugo)

45 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	273	1081	138	239	47	12	18	143	.276	.414	.420	.956

#50 Sherm Lollar

- ❖ December 13, 1948 - Acquired by the Browns from the Yankees (along with Dick Starr and Red Embree) for Roy Partee and Fred Sanford
- ❖ **1950 – American League All Star**
- ❖ 1951 – Led the American League in Fielding Percentage (.995)
- ❖ **He collected only 14 errors in the 3 years with the Browns**
 - ❖ **He caught 47% of baserunners attempting to steal**
- ❖ He won the American League Gold Glove in the first 3 years it was awarded (All with the White Sox)
- ❖ Lollar has been listed as the 31st best catcher in MLB history



- ❖ Catcher
- ❖ 1949-51
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

“Sherm Lollar led his league in fielding 5 times, in Double Plays 3 times, also had the lowest career passed ball rate of any Catcher listed”
~ Bill James, 2001
Historical Baseball Abstract

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 5.0 (Mitch Garver)

45 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	330	990	127	263	52	4	29	158	.266	.364	.414	.988



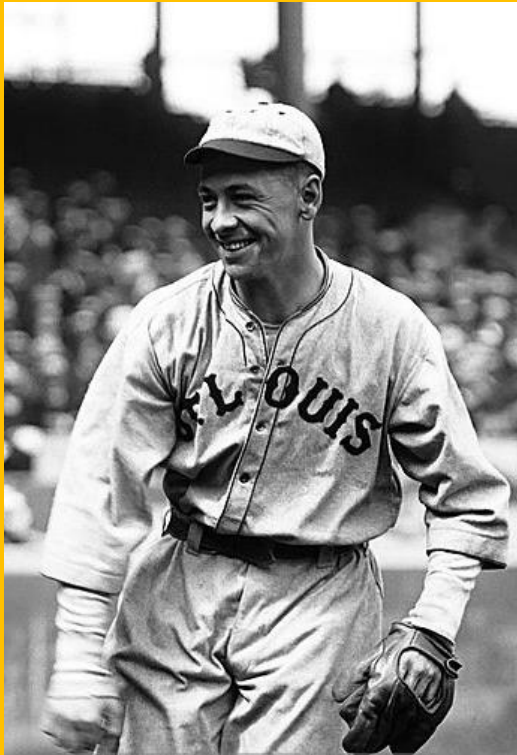
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#51 Allen Sothoron

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1914-15, 17-21
- ❖ Bats: Both
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ August 1914 – Browns purchased the rights of Allen Sothoron
- ❖ September 17, 1914 – “Dixie” made his MLB debut pitching the last 6 innings of a loss to the Senators, 12-2
- ❖ **From 1917-21, he led the Browns in 16 pitching categories**
- ❖ 1918 – Led the American League in Opponents Batting Average (.205)
- ❖ **1919 – Most successful season winning 20 games with a 2.20 ERA (tied for 5th in American League in both categories)**
- ❖ 1920 – MLB banned the use of the “Spitball”
 - ❖ Sothoron was exempt from the ban under a “**Grandfather Clause**”
 - ❖ He was said to be a master at “**Freak Deliveries**” which were also banned in 1920

“Sothoron is going to surprise a lot of people before the year is out. For his age he is a remarkable pitcher. That right arm is as strong as a piece of steel”

*~ Fielder Jones
Browns Manager*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 8.1

45 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
7 yrs	55	61	.474	162	65	1011.1	356	357	9	2.98	1.32	.264

#52 Frank Davis



- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1920-26
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ “Dixie” Davis was acquired in a trade with Louisville (American Association) for Ernie Koob and Rasty Wright
 - ❖ He would spend most of his MLB career with the Browns
- ❖ Prior to his time with the Browns, he would spend 2 years in the US Navy during World War I
- ❖ **1920, 1921 – Two 16+ wins, 250+ Innings pitched seasons**
 - ❖ **Led the American League in Walks – 1920 (149), 1921 (123)**
- ❖ **1922 – Led the American League in Opponents Batting Average (.250)**
- ❖ August 9, 1921 – He pitched a 19-inning complete game as the Browns beat the Senators 8-6
 - ❖ Allowed 13 hits, none after the 9th inning
 - ❖ 16th inning – He scored the ‘winning run’ however he was called out after missing 2nd base

Along with Urban Shocker, Allen Sothorn, Ray Kolp, and Elam Vangilder, “Dixie” Davis was a mainstay in the Browns pitching rotation on the strong 1920s teams

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 14.7 (Brad Penny)

45 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
7 yrs	75	68	.524	213	76	1242	640	428	1	4.58	1.51	.268

#53 Steve Sundra



- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1942-46
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ June 27, 1942 - Browns acquired “Smokey” Sundra and Mike Chartak in a trade with Washington that sent Roy Cullenbine and Bill Trotter to the Senators
- ❖ July 5, 1942 - Pitched a complete game victory over the White Sox, winning 13-2
 - ❖ He just missed a chance to “Hit for the Cycle” by a single
- ❖ **1943 – Reached career highs in Appearances (32), Starts (29), Complete games (13), Shutouts (3) and Innings Pitched (208)**
 - ❖ **In a third of his 29 starts, the Browns only scored 2 runs or fewer**
- ❖ May 9, 1944 – At the age of 34, he was drafted into the Navy during World War II
 - ❖ After returning from the War, Sundra never regained his winning form

“I liked Sundra ever since he had that 11-1 record with the Yankees in 1939. I felt if he had more work he should develop into a constant winner”
 ~ Browns GM Bill DeWitt on his acquiring Sundra

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 3.7

45 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
4 yrs	25	14	.641	57	21	341.2	102	72	0	3.42	1.35	.290

#54 *Dick Kokos*

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1948-50, 53
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left



- ❖ November 20, 1947 – Browns acquired Dick Kokos in a 5-player deal with Cleveland
- ❖ **He would play his entire MLB career with the Browns/Orioles**
- ❖ July 8, 1948 – Makes his MLB debut vs Detroit going 1-4 against future teammate Virgil Trucks
- ❖ **1949 – Kokos led the American League in several Defensive categories, Putouts by RF (276), Assists by RF (18), and Double Plays by RF (5)**
- ❖ Served in the Military from 1951-52 seasons
- ❖ September 5, 1953 – He would hit a game winning HR off Detroit's Ralph Branca to lead the Browns to a 1-0 victory in 12 innings

1953 – After hitting a game winning HR vs Detroit, Browns owner Bill Veeck awarded Kokos with a dozen sports shirts in his locker to show his appreciation

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 3.7 (Xavier Nagy)

45 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
4 yrs	464	1548	238	408	82	9	58	222	.265	.365	.436	.970

#55 *Irving Hadley*



- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1932-34
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ April 27, 1932 – Browns acquired “Bump” Hadley and Bruce Campbell from the Chicago White Sox for Ralph Kress
- ❖ His nickname came from an early comic strip character named “Bumpus”
- ❖ Primarily a side-arm, fastball pitcher.
 - ❖ Legendery Pitcher Walter Johnson once stated, **“Hadley has a world of stuff”**
 - ❖ After throwing a side-armed curveball that struck Washington’s Luke Sewell in the head, Hadley swore he would never throw the pitch again
 - ❖ *“I can’t control it. I hit someone bad”*
- ❖ **1932 – Led the American League in Walks (171) and Hit by Pitch (8)**
- ❖ **1933 – Led the American League in Innings Pitched (316.2) and Batters Faced (1365)**

“Hadley’s stock in trade is his fastball, which is plenty fast. He pitches a few curveballs, but he has never developed a serviceable bender. His change of pace is mainly a shift from a fastball to a ball that isn’t quite as fast”

*~ John L. Ward
Baseball Magazine
1932*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 12.4

45 pts

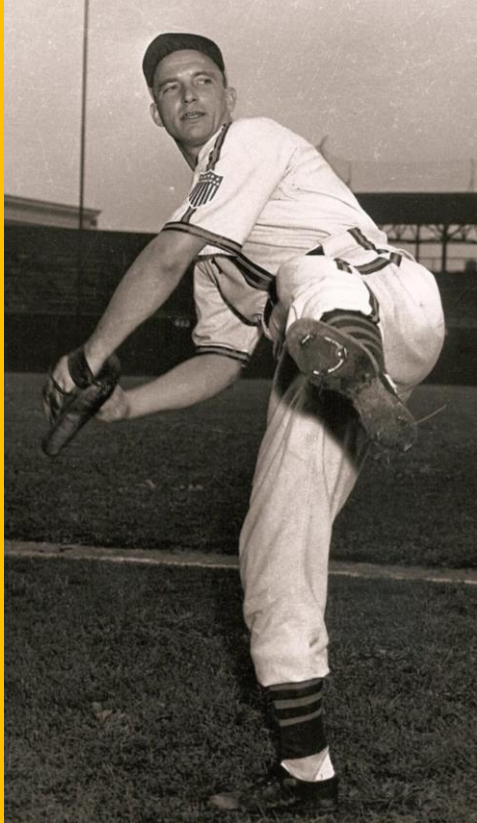
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3 yrs	38	56	.404	124	38	759.1	431	360	5	4.53	1.58	.262

#56

Bob Muncrief

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1937, 39, 41-47
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ Prior to the 1935 season, Muncrief is sent from the Cardinals to the Browns in an unknown transaction
- ❖ September 30, 1937 – In his MLB debut, he would only pitch 2 innings, giving up 3 hits, 2 runs, and 3 walks
- ❖ He would spend the 1940 season with San Antonio Missions, winning the league’s MVP award
- ❖ **1944 – American League All Star** pitching 1.1 innings while giving up a hit and a strikeout in the Midsummer Classic
- ❖ During World War II, he would maintain a job in a military shipyard in Houston even during the 1944 season
- ❖ **June 18, 1944 – Muncrief would win his 6th straight game with a 7-1 victory over the Tigers**
- ❖ He would lead the American League in Winning Percentage in 1945 (.765) and Fielding Percentage in 1947 (1.000)

“Muncrief had good stuff, but Bob was a fellow that was inconsistent. You’d put him out there one day and he’d loom like a million dollars, and you’d put him out the next time against the same ball club and they’d rack him up”
 ~ Luke Sewell
 Browns Manager

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

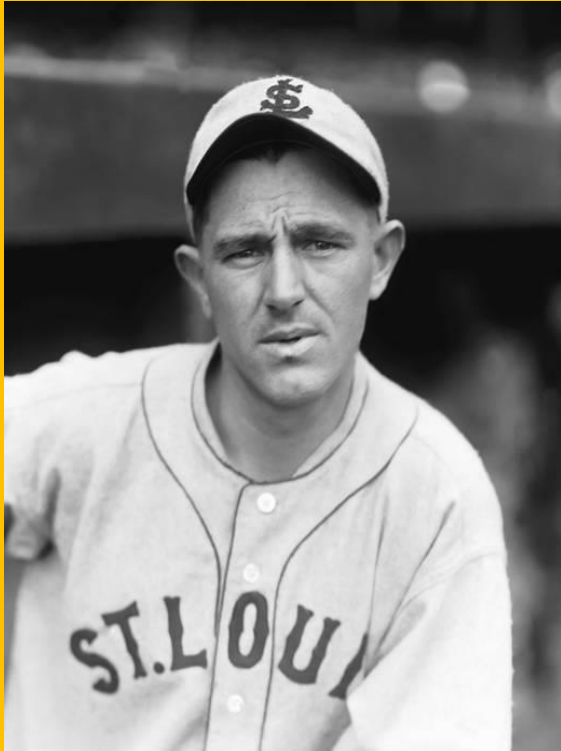
WAR with BROWNS: 15.7

44 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
9 yrs	69	67	.507	218	64	1215.1	313	452	4	3.66	1.32	.274

#57 Alvin Crowder

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1927-30
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ July 7, 1927 – Browns acquired “General” Crowder from Washington for Tom Zachary
- ❖ **1928 – Crowder would win his last 8 decisions and 0 of his last 11 games.**
 - ❖ He would only walk 91 batters in 244 innings
- ❖ **1929 – With his 17-15 record, he would only receive 22 runs by the Browns in his last 10 losses**
 - ❖ He would lead the American League in Winning Percentage in 1928 (.808) and Shutouts in 1929 (4)
- ❖ June 13, 1930 – In the most “unusual trade” in Browns history, Crowder and Heine Manush would be sent to Washington for Goose Goslin

“If you’d let him, he’d pitch every day. His arm is made of rubber and he doesn’t know the meaning of fatigue.”
 ~ Walter Johnson,
 Legendary Pitcher and Manager

“Crowder’s arsenal includes a fastball, a ‘corking’ change, a baffling curve, and a screwball”
 ~ Sportswriter
 Dan Daniel

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 11.2

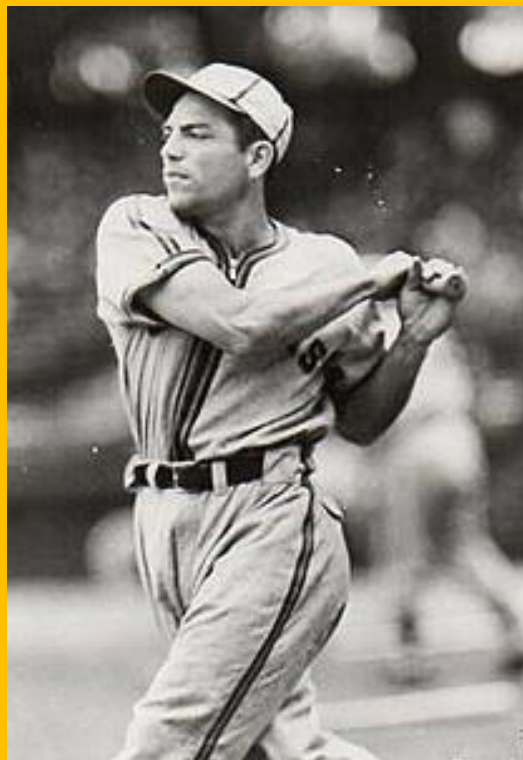
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4 yrs	44	32	.579	115	45	661.2	253	250	10	4.04	1.39	.268

#58 Don Gutteridge

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ 2nd Baseman
- ❖ 1942-45
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ January 27, 1942 – Browns purchased the contract of Gutteridge from the Cardinals.
 - ❖ After 5 strong season with the ‘Redbirds’, he would solidify the middle infield with along with Vern Stephens
 - ❖ **“Did you see that kid play? He’s really a Gas Houser.”**
~ Frankie Frisch, Cardinals Manager, Sporting News Interview 1932
- ❖ **1942 – He would lead the American League in Assists by 2B (434) and Putouts at 2B (377)**
- ❖ **1944 “Streetcar Series” World Series**
 - ❖ Browns starting 2B – 6 Games, 3 Hits, 1 Run, 1 Double, 3 Walks
 - ❖ Last surviving member of the 1944 American League Pennant Team
- ❖ In the research of this project, I have never read anything negative about Don Gutteridge

“I was in the right place at the right time and had a good career. When I was 12 years old, I went to my Preacher after a service and told him how much I wanted to be a ball player. He told me to talk to the Lord, and I did. I prayed to spend my life in baseball and my prayers were answered.”

~ Don Gutteridge

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.3

44 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
4 yrs	570	2300	328	581	113	31	7	171	.253	.313	.338	.965

#59 *Lyn Lary*

- ❖ Shortstop
- ❖ 1935-36, 40
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ June 29, 1935 – Browns acquired “Broadway” Lyn Lary from Washington for Alan Strange
 - ❖ His nickname “Broadway” was given to him by Babe Ruth while playing with the Yankees for his love of the New York theater
- ❖ Led the Browns in Stolen Bases in 1935 (25) and 1936 (37)
- ❖ **1936 – Best year of his MLB career with .289 BA, .404 OBP, 112 Runs, 37 Stolen Bases, 117 Walks**
 - ❖ **Led the American League in Plate Appearances (745), Stolen Bases (37), Putouts by SS (339) and Assists by SS (495)**
- ❖ Manager Rogers Hornsby, rated Lary as the “Best Shortstop in Baseball”

“I credit his showing to the fact that he regained his confidence. Lary is a player who must be in the game regularly”

~ Rogers
Hornsby
Browns
Manager

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 3.6 (Jurikson Profar)

44 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	275	1044	195	289	56	14	4	90	.277	.388	.369	.959

#60 Wally Schang

- ❖ Catcher/ OF
- ❖ 1926-29
- ❖ Bats: Both
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ February 6, 1926 – Browns acquired Wally Schang from the Yankees for George Mogridge and cash
 - ❖ After spending 14 years with the Yankees, Red Sox, and A's, he came to the Browns late in his career
- ❖ **Known as one of the most athletic Catchers of his era, so agile that he also played 3B and Outfield**
- ❖ **1926 was one of his best seasons with .300 BA, .405 OBP, .516 Slugging Percentage**
 - ❖ **He also led the American League in Catching Base Stealers (56.3%) and being Hit by Pitches (7)**
- ❖ 1929 – Led the American League in Fielding Percentage (.988)



“Just to watch him was an education in the art of Catching...I’ve never seen anyone so graceful behind the plate”
 ~ Former Tigers teammate describing the skills of Schang

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 11.3 (Gary Sanchez)

44 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
4 yrs	385	1043	160	307	54	17	21	168	.294	.423	.439	.979

#61-70

POINTS

- ❖ Willie Sudhoff 43
- ❖ Jack Kramer 42
- ❖ Wally Gerber 42
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- ❖ Ernie Koob 42
- ❖ Earl Hamilton 42
- ❖ Walter Stewart 42
- ❖ George caster 42
- ❖ Bill Dinneen 42
- ❖ Harry Collins 42



#61 Willie Sudhoff



- ❖ Prior to the 1902 season, “Wee Willie” jumped from the Cardinals to the Browns
- ❖ **He was the first Missouri-born player to appear for both the National League Cardinals and the American League Browns**
- ❖ **Finished in the Top 10 of American League Pitchers**
 - ❖ ERA – 1902 (2.86), 1903 (2.27)
 - ❖ Wins – 1903 (21)
 - ❖ Fielding Percentage – 1904 (.983)
 - ❖ Shutouts – 1903 (5)
- ❖ Often pitched with fellow Browns Pitcher Harry Howell during the Knights of Columbus games on his days off

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1902-05
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

“The dinky delivery fools them all, with his ability to speed them over, float them up, and deliver ‘snakes’, shoots and benders of all tantalizing sorts”

~ The Sporting News description of the 5’7” pitcher

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 8.2

43 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
4 yrs	51	62	.451	127	93	980	255	279	0	2.92	1.20	.251

#62 Jack Kramer

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1939-41, 43-47
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ **3-time American League All Star – 1945-47**
- ❖ Prior to the 1936 season, Browns signed Jack Kramer as an amateur free agent
- ❖ **April 25, 1939 – Won his MLB debut with a 7-2 complete game victory over Detroit, giving up only 6 hits, 2 runs, 2 walks, 3 Ks**
- ❖ 1942 – Missed entire MLB season while working at the Delta Shipyard in New Orleans.
 - ❖ May 14, 1943 – Honorably discharged due to a sinus infection
- ❖ April 18, 1944 – Defeated the Tigers 2-1. This would be his first of 9 consecutive Browns wins (3 by Kramer)
- ❖ **1944 “Streetcar Series” World Series, Game 3 – Pitches a complete game victory over the Cardinals allowing 2 runs and striking out 10. Browns won 6-2**

“Jack Kramer was a strange guy, a fine guy and a good-looking guy. He called his mama every night in New Orleans”
 ~ Ellis Clary, Browns 3B, Kramer’s roommate

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 10.6

42 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
8 yrs	67	81	.453	214	66	1188.2	506	473	5	4.13	1.48	.281

#63 Wally Gerber

- ❖ Infielder
- ❖ 1917-28
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ Late in the 1917 season, Browns GM Bob Quinn brought Gerber in from the Columbus Senators
 - ❖ He would start the last 10 games of the season
- ❖ **Gerber proved to be the everyday Shortstop for the great Browns teams of the 1920s**
- ❖ 1923 – “Spooks” would finish in the Top 10 in American League MVP voting (4th)
- ❖ Best MLB season hitting .281 with 170 hits and 62 RBIs.
 - ❖ **He would set an MLB record of 48 chances at Shortstop without committing an error**
- ❖ He would lead the American League 3 times in Double Plays at SS, twice in Putouts at SS, and once in Assists at SS

“From a purely defensive stand- point, there seems to be little doubt that Gerber is the class of the American League”

~ Sporting News

“One of the best fielding shortstops in the Major Leagues”

~ From his New York Times Obituary, 1951

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 4.5

42 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
12 yrs	1284	4510	518	1189	160	43	7	432	.264	.330	.323	.943

#64 George Blaeholder

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1925, 27-35
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ Prior to the 1923 season, the Browns signed Blaeholder as an amateur free agent
 - ❖ Was often sarcastically called “Gloomy George” or “Dismal Dutchman” even though many said he had a friendly persona
- ❖ April 20, 1925 – Made his MLB debut in a relief role vs the Chicago White Sox. He record a strikeout while facing 5 batters
- ❖ April 30, 1928 – His first MLB victory with a 10-3 victory over Cleveland
- ❖ **Excellent fielding Pitcher – American League leader**
 - ❖ Assists by a Pitcher in 1928 (70)
 - ❖ Putouts by Pitcher in 1930 (19), 1931 (25)
 - ❖ Shutouts in 1929 (4)
- ❖ Often referred to as the “Inventor of the Slider” by Baseball Digest in 1961 and The Sporting News in 1952

“Blaeholder’s strong point is his fastball. He generally throws it with a side-arm motion which gives the ball a curious sweep as it crosses the plate. Disconcerted batters have christened it ‘the Slide Ball’.”
 ~ John J. Ward,
 Sportswriter
 Baseball Magazine

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 20.5 (Darryl Kile)

42 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
10 yrs	90	111	.448	280	90	1631	439	56	12	4.55	1.43	.291

#65 Ernie Koob

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1915-17, 1919
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left



- ❖ April 29, 1915 – Browns signed Ernie Koob as an amateur free agent
 - ❖ Received national recognition for jumping from college (Western Michigan) to the Major Leagues
- ❖ **June 23, 1915 – Makes his MLB debut vs Detroit, facing the last 2 batters in the 8th inning of a 4-2 loss**
- ❖ July 29, 1915 – Earns his first MLB victory by beating Philadelphia, 5-1
 - ❖ ***“Koob’s cast-iron nerve, coupled with his excellent speed, a good curve ball and excellent control”***
 - ~ Bill Murphy, St. Louis Star & Times
- ❖ 1916 – Led the American League in Fielding Percentage (1.000)
- ❖ **May 5, 1917 – Koob pitches the first No-Hitter in Sportsman’s Park, beating the Chicago White Sox, 1-0**
 - ❖ He beat Eddie Cicotte of the White Sox with 2 Strikeouts and 5 Walks

“Koob is the most promising young southpaw in the American League”
 ~ W.J. O’Connor
 Sportswriter

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 3.5

32 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
4 yrs	23	31	.426	125	19	500	186	121	4	3.13	1.34	.266

#66 Earl Hamilton

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1911-17
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left



- ❖ Prior to the 1911 season, the Browns signed the 19-year old Earl Hamilton
- ❖ April 14, 1911 – Makes his MLB debut in the 9th inning of a 7-5 loss to the Cleveland Naps (5 BF, 2 H, 1 R, 1 BB, 1K)
- ❖ April 24, 1911 – Makes his first MLB start taking a 7-6 complete game loss to the Tigers
- ❖ April 29, 1911 – Earns his first MLB victory with a 1-0 win over the Chicago White Sox
- ❖ **August 30, 1912 – Hamilton recorded the first No-Hitter in Browns history with a 5-1 victory over Detroit**
 - ❖ **It was the first No-Hitter in MLB history without recording a single strikeout**
- ❖ June 22, 1916 - The Browns would select Hamilton off waivers from Detroit, only 3 weeks after trading him to the Tigers on May 29, 1916.

***“Double Jumper”** – Prior to the 1914 season, he jumped to the FBL Kansas City Packers and then jumped back to the Browns – violating both contracts*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 13.5 (Brad Penny)

42 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
7 yrs	59	89	.399	233	84	1328.2	478	513	6	3.00	1.31	.262

#67 *Walter Stewart*

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1927-32
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Left



- ❖ January 15, 1927 - “Lefty” was acquired in a 7-player trade between the Browns and the Tigers.
 - ❖ 1927 – His appendix burst during a hunting trip and the doctors told him he would never pitch again – He made a full recovery
- ❖ Not only a solid pitcher, but an all-round Baseball player
 - ❖ **From 1930-32, Stewart would have 3 seasons of pitching over 250 innings**
 - ❖ **Led the American League in Fielding Percentage by a Pitcher in 1927 (1.000) and 1932 (1.000)**
 - ❖ **As a hitter he recorded 91 hits, 25 sacrifice hits, 42 RBIs, and a .221 Batting Average**
- ❖ 1930-32 - Led the Browns in wins each year (59 wins in 3 years)

Best Season came in 1930 when he recorded an ERA of 3.45 (3rd best in AL) and won 20 games for a Browns team that won only 64 games

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 20.7 (Bob Tewksbury)

42 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
6 yrs	73	74	.497	191	87	1236.2	378	369	5	4.11	1.38	.280

#68 George Caster

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1941-45
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ November 16, 1940 – Browns selected “Ug” off waivers from the Philadelphia Athletics
- ❖ 1941 - Browns Manager Luke Sewell moved Caster from the starting rotation to the Relief Pitcher role
 - ❖ He embraced this new position
 - ❖ **1942 – He recorded an 8-2 record, 5 Saves, and an ERA of 2.81**
 - ❖ 1943 –6-8 record, 8 Saves, and a 2.12 ERA (2nd best in AL)
 - ❖ **1944 – He led the American League in Saves (12) with a 2.44 ERA and a 6-6 record**
- ❖ At the age of 36, he was anchoring the Browns bullpen through the 1944 American League pennant-winning season
 - ❖ Did not appear in the 1944 World Series

“The best Relief Pitcher in the Majors.”
~ Frederick G. Lieb
Baseball writer,
1944

He started his career playing for the Globe Bears in the early days of the Class–D Arizona League

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 4.5

42 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
5 yrs	24	25	.490	158	3	357.1	157	158	30	3.40	1.41	.262

#69 *Bill Dinneen*

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1907-09
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ June 8, 1907 – Browns acquired “Big Bill” Dinneen from the Boston Americans for Benny Jacobson
 - ❖ Spending just over half the season with St Louis, he would lead the American League in Saves (4)
- ❖ **1908 – His best season with the Browns. He would record a 14-7 record, with an ERA of 2.10 and a 1.11 WHIP**
- ❖ 1909 – He began to experience arm trouble which would lead to retirement
- ❖ **After retiring from Baseball, he would begin in 28-year career as an MLB Umpire**
 - ❖ **First person to play and umpire a World Series game**

“Bill realized his pitching arm was gone. And although he might come back for an occasional contest, he could never pitch the ball in his old-time form. He did the wise thing and quit”

*~ Alfred Spink
Sportswriter*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 3.1

42 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 yrs	27	24	.529	68	34	434.1	115	103	4	2.57	1.18	.253

#70 *Harry Collins*

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1929-31
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ September 19, 1928 – Browns purchased the contract of “Rip” Collins from Toronto of the International League
- ❖ **1929 – Best season with the Browns**
 - ❖ **Led the American League in Fielding Percentage (1.000)**
 - ❖ **(1930 with 1.000)**
 - ❖ **Finished 6th the American League in Winning Percentage (.647)**
 - ❖ **Led the Browns in ERA with 4.00**
- ❖ During his MLB career, he had 2 stints in the U.S. Military
 - ❖ Served in the National Guard along the US/Mexico border
 - ❖ In WW1, he served as a bayonet instructor in the U.S Infantry
 - ❖ 1932 – While holding out for a better contract, he served as a Texas Ranger lawman. Contracted an illness ‘similar’ to Malta Fever

“I should have been an outfielder. All they do is go out there and look around, catch a ball (maybe), come in to hit and then walk out again. Who gets all the money in Baseball? The Outfielders.
~ “Rip” Collins

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with WAR: 7.5

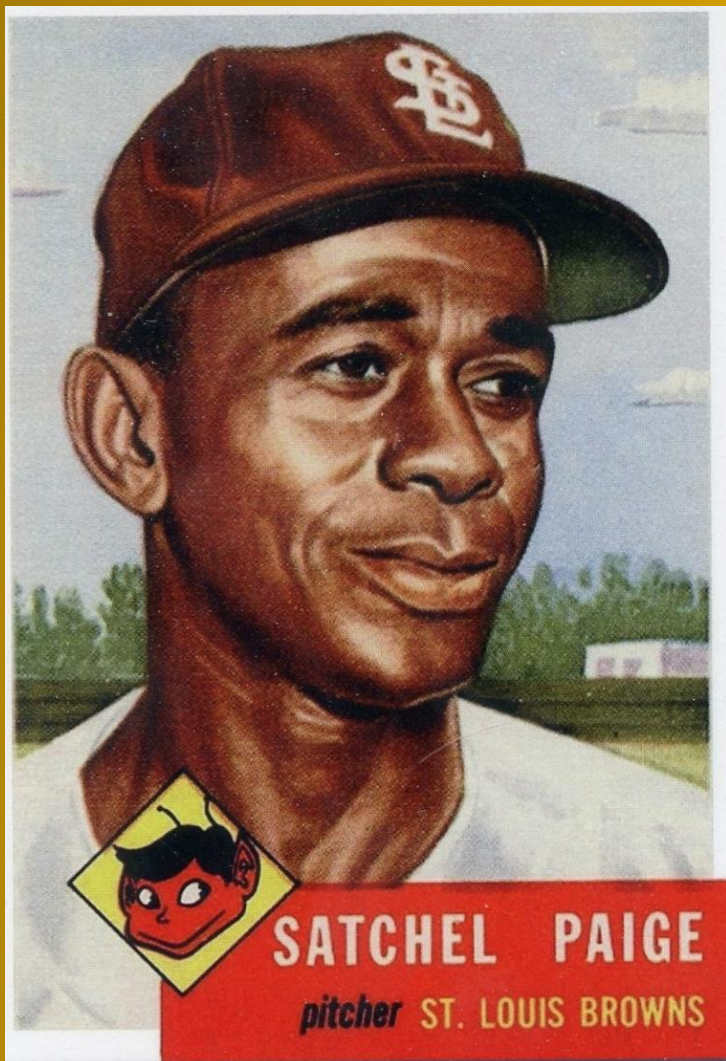
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	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 yrs	25	18	.581	78	18	434	174	156	3	4.09	1.46	.279

#71-80

POINTS

- ❖ Satchel Paige 41
- ❖ Tim McCabe 41
- ❖ Joe Gedeon 41
- ❖ Sig Jakucki 41
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- ❖ Tom Ferrick 41
- ❖ Don Lenhardt 40
- ❖ Al Hollingsworth 39
- ❖ Mike Kreevich 38
- ❖ Roy Sievers 37



#71 Satchel Paige



- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1951-53
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ July 14, 1951 – Browns signed “Satchel” Paige as a free agent
- ❖ **2-time American League All-Star (1952-53)**
 - ❖ The first African American pitcher on an All-Star team
- ❖ In the 3 years with the Browns, Paige would finish in American League Top 10 in several pitching categories
 - ❖ Lead the A.L. in Games Finished (35)
 - ❖ Saves – 1951 (5 – 6th), 1952 (10 - 2nd), 1953 (11 - 4th)
 - ❖ WAR for Pitchers – 1952 (3.5 – 10th)
- ❖ August 6, 1952 – Paige pitched a 12-inning complete game in leading the Browns over the Tigers, 1-0
 - ❖ Owner Bill Veeck was so impressed, he bought Paige a new suit.
- ❖ 1971 – Elected to the MLB Hall of Fame – One of the most amazing pitchers in the history of the game



“We just had to win. We had orders to make morning practice if we lost, and I’d much rather go fishing than take morning practice”
 ~ Satchel Paige, after the 1-0 victory over the Tigers

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 6.8

41 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 yrs	18	23	.439	126	3	317.1	125	190	27	3.57	1.33	.253

#72 *Tim McCabe*

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1915-18
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ He would play his entire MLB career with the Browns
- ❖ **Browns Scout, Charley Barrett, signed McCabe after watching him pitch at a county fair in Farmington, Missouri**
- ❖ July 15, 1915 – McCabe makes his MLB debut, pitching a scoreless 7th inning, in a Browns loss to the White Sox
- ❖ 1915 – Only appeared in 7 games for the Browns, but recorded an ERA of 1.30, with a 0.82 WHIP, and an OPA of .177 on his way to a 3-1 record
- ❖ He spent the next three seasons were coming out of the bullpen.



Tim McCabe would be one of 20 players to make their MLB debut with the Browns in 1915, along with George Sisler, Ernie Koob, Jim Park, and Muddy Ruel

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 0.0

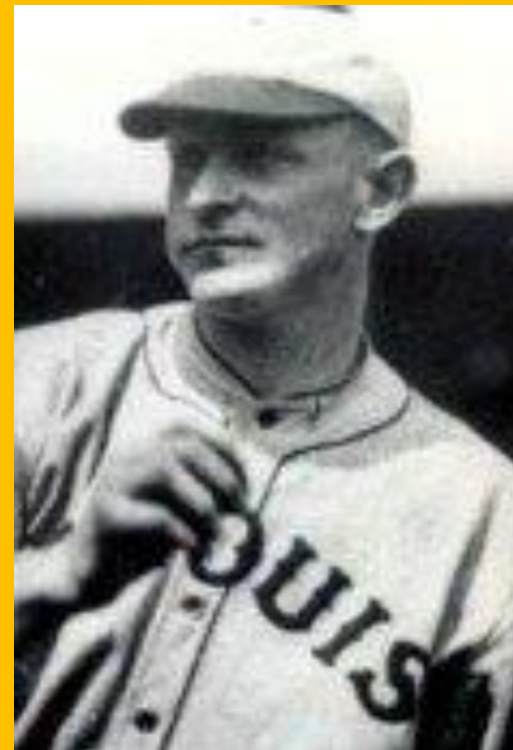
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	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
4 yrs	5	1	.833	22	4	71	21	26	0	2.92	1.14	.231

#73 Joe Gedeon

- ❖ 2nd Baseman
- ❖ 1918-20
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ January 22, 1918 – Browns acquired Gedeon in a 7-player deal with the Yankees
- ❖ **One of the best 2nd Basemen in the American League.**
 - ❖ **Led A.L. in Fielding Percentage at 2B – 1918 (.977), 1919 (.975)**
 - ❖ **Assist at 2B – 1918 (409)**
 - ❖ **Hit by Pitch – 1918 (8)**
 - ❖ **Sacrifice Hits – 1920 (48)**
 - ❖ Tied a MLB record with 11 assists in a 9-inning game
- ❖ **November 1921** - Gedeon would receive a lifetime ban from baseball by Commissioner Landis for his knowledge and participation in the 1919 Black Sox scandal.
 - ❖ His friendships with Chick Gandel and Swede Risberg led to his involvement in placing bets the infamous World Series.
 - ❖ Although he did not play in the World Series, he cooperated with the court during the investigation



*“Joe Gedeon was a wonderful defensive player, His fielding at second base brought him the rating as one of the greatest keystone artists in the majors”
~ from his obituary in the Sacramento Bee, 1941*

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 2.3 (Tony Womack)

41 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	396	1484	191	382	60	13	1	129	.257	.326	.317	.972

#74 Sig Jakucki

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1936, 44-45
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ August 19, 1936 – Browns acquired “Jack” by purchasing his contract from Galveston in the Texas League
- ❖ August 30, 1936 – He would make his MLB debut vs Washington giving up 4 hits and 7 BB in 6 innings in a 7-4 loss
- ❖ Walked away from baseball after Spring Training in 1937.
 - ❖ He was assigned to Galveston but refused to report
 - ❖ Out of baseball from 1937-43
- ❖ **1944 – Browns reached out to him during the player depleted season due to World War II**
 - ❖ Lead the American League in Fielding Percentage by Pitcher (1.000)
 - ❖ **Finish in the Top 10 for Pitchers in Shutouts (4- 3rd), Winning Percentage (.591 – 8th) and Saves (3 – 10th)**
 - ❖ He would record a 25-19 record over the next 2 seasons



“\$100,000 arm and a million-dollar thirst”
 ~ Sporting News
 Sept. 28, 1979

“He was a mean son-of-a-bitch, a big strong bastard that would turn over a juke joint every night if he could”
 ~ Ellis Clary

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 4.2

41 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 yrs	25	22	.532	72	27	411	131	131	5	3.79	1.37	.368

#75 *Dave Davenport*

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1916-19
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ Prior to the 1916 season, “Long Dave” jumped from the St Louis Terriers of the FBL to the Browns
 - ❖ 1915 – While playing for the Terriers, he led the Federal League in 14 different categories.
- ❖ April 13, 1916 – In his debut with the Browns, he recorded a 6-hit complete game over the Indians, 4-2
- ❖ **September 30, 1916 – Amazing pitching performance – Davenport pitched, started, and won both games of a Double Header vs Yankees**
 - ❖ **Pitched all 18 Innings**
 - ❖ Game 1 – Allowed 4 hits in a 3-1 Browns victory
 - ❖ Game 2 – Hit a 2-run Double while pitching a 7-hitter in a 3-2 Browns win
- ❖ **1917 – Davenport records 13 wins of the Browns last 26 victories**
- ❖ Standing 6’6”, he was one of the tallest players of the Deadball Era



“He has an arm like a steel rod and a hand that simply smothers the ball, and a physique that would enable him to pitch every other day in the season if necessary.”

~ St. Louis Star and Times, December 17, 1915

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 2.6

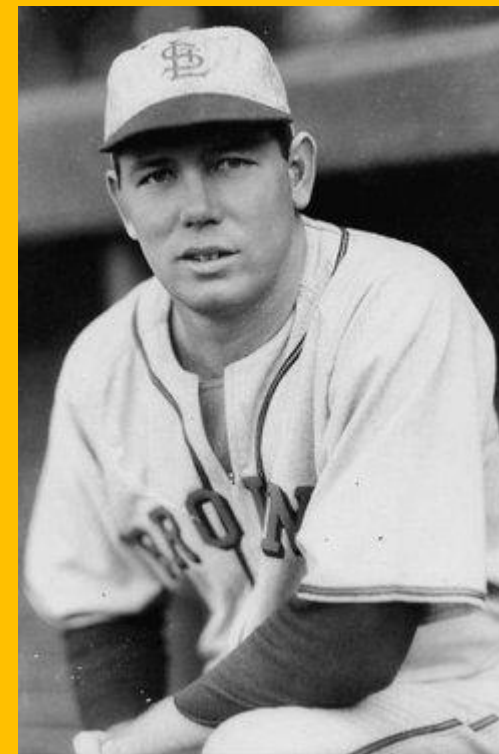
41 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
4 yrs	41	50	4.51	161	50	874.2	315	326	5	3.16	1.34	.265

#76 Tom Ferrick

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1946, 49-50
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ June 24, 1946 – Browns purchased the contract of Ferrick from the Cleveland Indians
 - ❖ October 4, 1948 – After trading him away, the Browns reacquired him from Washington
 - ❖ Browns used him primarily in relief
- ❖ **August 4, 1946 – Ferrick won both games of a Double-Header in relief vs. Philadelphia**
 - ❖ **Game 1 – Pitched the 9th inning of a 6-5 Browns victory**
 - ❖ **Game 2 – Pitched the final 2.2 innings, allowing only 3 hits in the Browns 7-4 victory**
- ❖ He would later coach and scout in the Reds, Tigers, A's, and Royals organizations



"I never had too much stuff. A medium-rare fastball and a fairish curve. That's all. I toyed with the knuckler but rarely threw it. But I could get the ball over the plate and that's the main thing for a relief pitcher"
 ~ Tom Ferrick, 1957

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 3.9

32 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 yrs	11	8	.579	91	0	160.2	53	53	13	3.70	1.27	.249

#77 Don Lenhardt

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1950-53
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ Prior to the 1946 season, Browns signed "Footsie" as an Amateur Free Agent
 - ❖ **Before joining the Browns in 1950, Lenhardt played winter ball in Cuba, leading the league in Home Runs and batting .314**
- ❖ April 18, 1950 – In his MLB debut on Opening Day against the White Sox, he goes 2-4 with a double
- ❖ April 19, 1950 – In his second game, he goes 3-5 with his first Home Run and Double
- ❖ **1950 season – Rookie Season – He finishes with 22 HRs and 81 RBIs which led the Browns**
 - ❖ Finished 3rd in Rookie of the Years voting
- ❖ **In his time with the Browns, he would finish in the Top 10 in 6 categories including Putouts, Assists, and Double Plays from LF**



"The outfield is my natural position, and if I played there steadily I think I'd improve my general over-all play."

~ Don Lenhardt

"Lenhardt definitely belongs in the outfield."

*~ Zach Taylor
Browns Manager*

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 3.1

40 pts

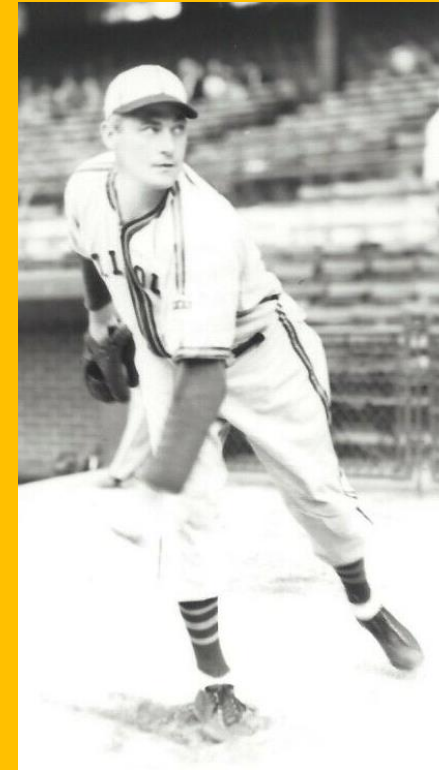
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4 yrs	285	954	126	267	44	7	38	139	.280	.355	.460	.984

#78 Al Hollingsworth

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1942-46
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left

- ❖ January 24, 1942 – Browns purchased the contract of “Boots” from the Cardinals
 - ❖ He would become a primary fixture in the Browns rotation
- ❖ **1942 – He would finish in the Top 10 in the American League in Winning Percentage (.625 -8th) and Saves (4-6th)**
- ❖ April 21, 1943 - Opening day starter, he would lead the Browns to a 3-0, complete game victory over the White Sox, allowing 4 hits, 2 strikeouts, and driving in run
- ❖ 1944 – “Streetcar Series” World Series – Game 4 – He would allow a run in 4 innings of relief
- ❖ **1945 – He would finish in the Top 10 in the American League in ERA (2.70-8th) and Fielding Percentage by Pitcher (1.000 – 1st)**



After his playing career, he would coach and scout in the Cardinals, Indians, Astros, Athletics, and Reds organizations

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 6.0

39 pts

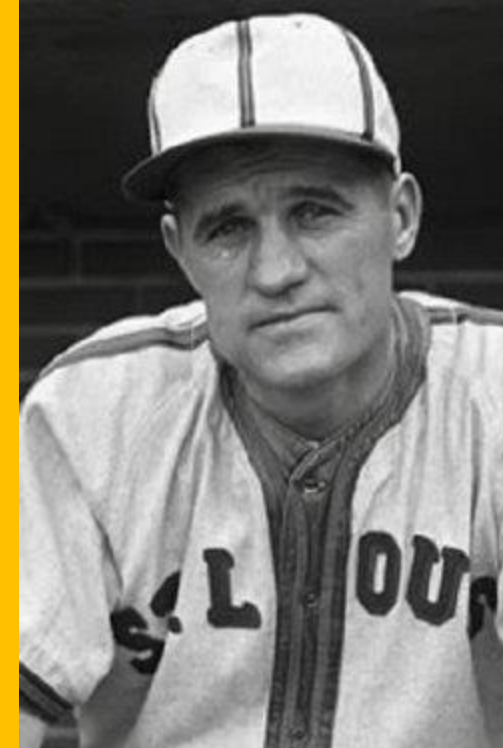
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5 yrs	33	35	.485	125	.34	592	212	212	9	3.51	1.43	.301

#79 Mike Kreevich

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1943-45
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ January 18, 1943 – Browns signed “Iron Mike” as a Free Agent
 - ❖ Played primarily through the military deferment during World War II
 - ❖ Injuries to his arm and legs kept him out of military service, but primed for the Browns
 - ❖ Browns Manager, Luke Sewell, called Kreevich a “reclamation project”
- ❖ April 21, 1944 – Browns Home Opener, Kreevich hits 4 HRs and 4 RBIs in a victory over the White Sox, 5-2
- ❖ **July 25, 1944 – Kreevich has 4 hits vs Philadelphia leading the way to a 9-1 victory**
- ❖ 1944 “Streetcar Series” World Series – He would hit .231 with 3 Doubles and 2 Outfield Assists
- ❖ **1945 – He led the American League in Putouts by CF (312)**



“Gee, if I’m not playing well enough so that a one-armed man can take my job, I quit.”
 ~ Mike Kreevich, on the idea that Pete Gray was taking his CF position.

Browns sent him to Washington on 8/8/45

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 2.8

38 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	249	858	113	232	32	7	7	75	.270	.341	.348	.990

#80 Roy Sievers

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1949-53
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

❖ One of the most famous St. Louis born players in Major League Baseball

❖ *“Probably the greatest player to ever come out of St. Louis”*

~ James McLaughlin, Browns Vice President, 1948

❖ October 14, 1944 – Browns signed the “Squirrel” as an amateur free agent

❖ April 21, 1949 – MLB debut vs Cleveland in pinch hitting role

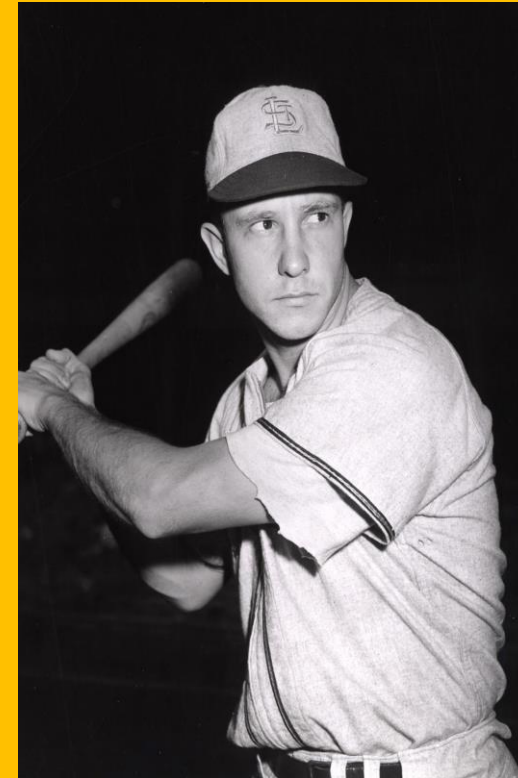
❖ May 14, 1949 – First MLB HR came off Fred Hutchinson of Detroit in a 8-3 Browns victory

❖ **1949 Rookie of the Year – First player selected for this award**

❖ **Finished in the Top 10 - Batting Average (.306), Slugging % (.471), OPS (.869) Doubles (28), RBIs (91), Adjusted OPS (125), Offensive Winning Percentage (.658), Assists by CF (9)**

❖ Injuries hampered his production after his rookie season

❖ By the end of his career, he became the 18th player to hit 300 HRs



“He had great power, can run like a deer, and is one of the sweetest fly hawks in the league”

~ Zack Taylor
Browns Manager

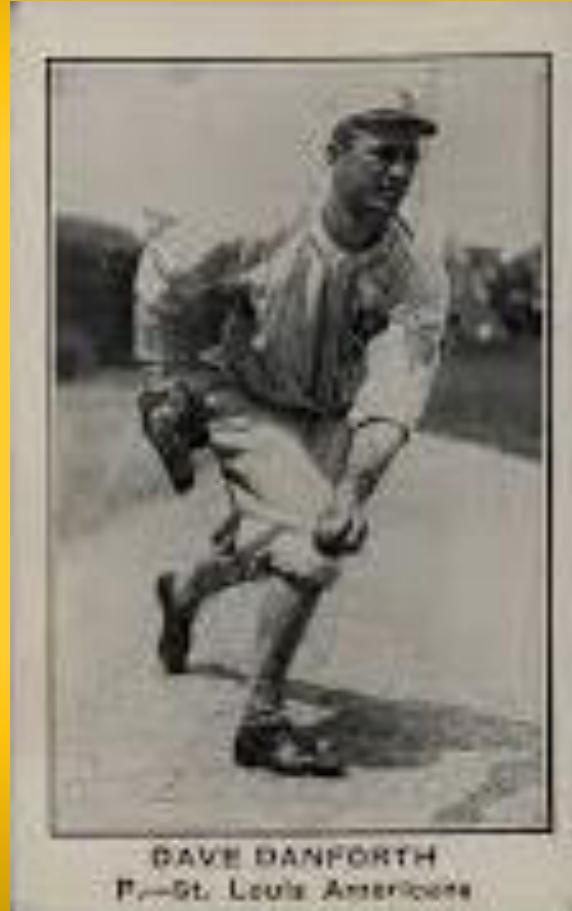
BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 0.6

37 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
5 yrs	387	1245	180	335	68	6	35	199	.269	.348	.418	.980

#81-90



POINTS

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#81 Branch Rickey



- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1905-06, 14
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ February 10, 1906 – Browns traded Frank Roth to Milwaukee of the American Association for Branch Rickey
 - ❖ **1906 - Finished 8th in the American League in HRs with 3**
- ❖ His greatest achievements came off the playing field – “Mahatma” was one of the most important individuals in the history of Major League Baseball
 - ❖ Began as a scout for Browns owner Robert Hedges
 - ❖ 1913 – Became the Browns Field Manager
 - ❖ Would never manage on Sundays, as a promise to his mother
 - ❖ 1916 – Moved from Manager to Scouting Director
 - ❖ 1917 – Rickey is released by the Browns to go to the Cardinals
- ❖ **His impact on baseball could never be summed up with one simple slide.**

"Mr. Rickey had great insight into everyday life as well as baseball. In one of our player meetings he once said, 'Never play checkers with a man who carries his own board.' I never forgot it."
 ~ Bob Purkey

The thing about him was that he was always doing something for someone else. I know, because he did so much for me."
 ~ Jackie Robinson

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.6

37 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	68	206	22	57	7	3	3	24	.277	.338	.383	.977

#82 Gene Robertson



- ❖ Infielder
- ❖ 1919, 22-26
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ In July of 1919, the Browns signed Robertson as an amateur Free Agent
- ❖ July 4, 1919 – His MLB debut came as a pinch hitter in a 9-4 loss to Cleveland
- ❖ **1925 – Most successful season in St Louis**
 - ❖ **Led the American League in Putouts by 3B (201) and Double Plays at 3B (41)**
 - ❖ **Finished with 14 HRs – 8th best in A.L.**
- ❖ He later played on the 1928 New York Yankees team
- ❖ He was not the biggest player standing only 5'7"

**Known as
the most
prominent
MLB
player to
come out
of St. Louis
University**

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 4.2

36 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
6 yrs	454	1533	229	431	75	17	19	166	.278	.347	.384	.896

#83 *Dave Danforth*

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1922-25
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left



- ❖ **December 14, 1921 – In what was called “The most unique deal in the history of baseball”, the Browns traded 13 players to Columbus of the American Association for “Dauntless Dave” Danforth**
 - ❖ Browns Manager, Lee Fohl, used the “Quality vs. Quantity” argument to rationalize the trade
- ❖ **Famously known as “The Father of the Shine Ball”**
 - ❖ Back when teams used oil to spray down the fields, Danforth would rub the ball against his pants to remove the oil for a better grip.
 - ❖ This would create a wild spin and direction of the ball which was difficult for the batter to pick up.
 - ❖ He was also accused of using emery boards, razors, and even his fingernails to scuff the ball
 - ❖ **Often used other fun pitches as “ Wrinkle Ball”, and “Sailor Ball”**

Many players and teams argued that his delivery, moves to first base, and pitches were all illegal and needed to be banned.

“Get the batter nervous and you have him down.”
~ Dave Danforth

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

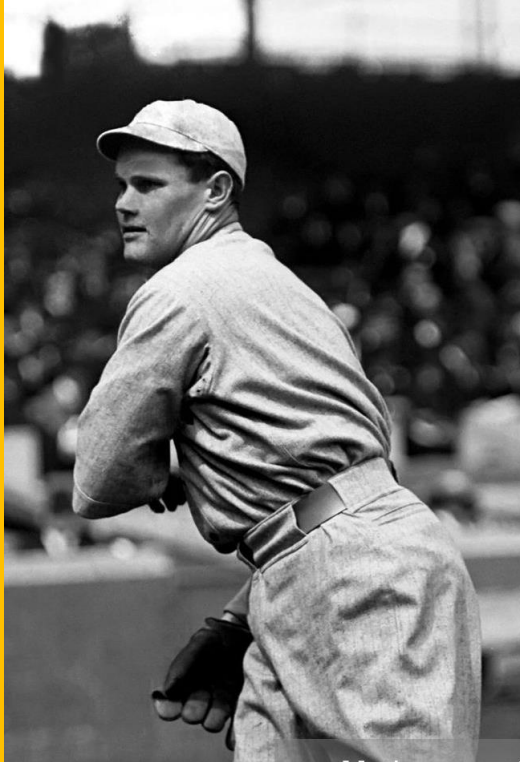
WAR with BROWNS: 9.3

36 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
4 yrs	43	37	.538	137	36	684.2	255	262	9	4.14	1.44	.284

#84 Albert Leifield

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1918-20
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left



- ❖ **1918 – After being away from the game for 4 years, the Browns brought him back to be a player/manager**
 - ❖ “Lefty” grew up in the Fairground section of St. Louis, just walking distance from Sportsman’s Park and Robison Field.
 - ❖ Started as a pitcher for the Alton (Il.) in the Trolley League
 - ❖ After pitching for the Pirates and Cubs he was sent to Atlanta of the American Association, but refused to report
 - ❖ Returned to St. Louis to work in a saloon and grocery store
- ❖ **His time with the Browns was brief during the years of World War I**
 - ❖ September 19, 1919 – Pitched a one hitter vs the Boston leading to a 5-0 victory

“Lefty Leifield was one of those ‘ain’t-got-a-thing’ pitchers who never threw a ball where the batter wanted it”

~ Sporting News

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.6

36 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 yrs	8	10	.444	38	9	168	47	43	0	3.00	1.31	.274

#85 *Jim Park*



- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1915-17
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ **Jim Park would spend his entire MLB career with the Browns**
 - ❖ August 16, 1915 – The Browns purchased the contract from Lexington of the Ohio State League
 - ❖ **September 7, 1915 – In his MLB debut, he pitched an 11-inning, complete game vs Cleveland leading to a 4-1 victory**
 - ❖ **He also collected 2 hits, including a double**
 - ❖ September 14, 1915 – Park gives up 4 hits and an earned run in 7 innings, leading to a 12-4 Browns win over the A's
 - ❖ May 9, 1916 – After accepting the primary role of relief pitching, Park would work 5 innings in relief to defeat the Senators, 10-5
- ❖ **After his playing career, he coach baseball at the University of Kentucky, football at Transylvania University, be a Republican representative in Kentucky, and a successful lawyer**

“One of Mr. Park's characteristics is his utter lack of animosity. I have never heard Mr. Park utter a harsh or bitter word against any human being.”

*~ William H. Townsend,
Lexington Herald
12/18/1970*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 0.5

36 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 yrs	4	5	.444	42	2	122	46	40	0	3.02	1.31	.254

#86 Elam Vangilder



- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1919-27
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ Native of Cape Girardeau MO, he was discovered pitching for Tulsa in the American Association in early 1919
 - ❖ Browns gained his contract later that season
- ❖ September 18, 1919 – In his MLB debut, he pitched the final 2 innings of a lopsided loss to the Senators, giving up a run in 2 innings of work
- ❖ He became the mainstay of the Browns rotation from 1919-27
- ❖ **2 seasons of 15+ wins (1922-23), and 3 seasons of 200+ wins (1922-23, and 1927)**
 - ❖ **1921 – Led the American League in Fielding Percentage (1.000)**
 - ❖ **1922 – Vangilder was a great hitter with a .344 BA, 2 HRs, 11 RBIs, 10 2B, 2 3B, and 52 total bases**
 - ❖ **1923 - Led the American League in Adjusted Pitching Wins (2.9), Adjusted Pitching Runs (28), and Base on Balls (120)**

"You can't just use saliva, (on the spitball) it won't work. But some of those guys would cut strips out of their gloves and put resin in it to rough up one side of the ball and make it move a lot."
 ~ Elam Vangilder, in describing pitching techniques to the Southeast Missourian

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 11.2

35 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
9 yrs	88	91	.492	323	84	1548.	625	428	15	4.30	1.51	.293

#87 George Baumgardner

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1912-16
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Right



- ❖ June 19, 1911 – The Browns purchased his contract from Huntington of the Mountain States League
 - ❖ **He would play his entire MLB career with the Browns**
- ❖ During the 1912 season, Baumgardner was widely regarded as “sensational” by every writer and paper in St. Louis
- ❖ **He would finish in the Top 10 of American League Pitchers in 1912 with 2 Shutouts (10th), 1913 with 23 Complete Games (4th), and in 1914 with 16 Wins (10th) and 23 Games Finished (23)**
- ❖ 1914 – He was recruited away by Kansas City of the Federal League, until the Browns took the case to court to keep Baumgardner in St. Louis
- ❖ He was often described as the “High Nut” of Baseball for his off-field antics
 - ❖ Often signed his name with an “X”

*In his first workout with the Browns, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch stated: “(He) served up the most deceptive assortment of breakers ever seen on the local diamond. A natural talent on the diamond.”
~ March 22, 1912*

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 7.0

35 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
5 yrs	38	49	.437	124	51	685.2	263	283	2	3.22	1.37	.270

#88 Joe Grace



- ❖ Catcher / Outfield
- ❖ 1938-41, 46
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Right

- ❖ September 8, 1938 – Browns purchased the contract from Memphis of the Southern Association
- ❖ September 24, 1938 – In his MLB debut, he scores a run while starting in RF during the second game of a double header vs Chicago
- ❖ **His best season with St. Louis came in 1941 when he recorded a .309 Batting Average with 112 Hits**
 - ❖ **He finish in the Top 10 of the American League with a .410 OBP (6th), recording 14 Assists by RF (2nd), and was Hit by 5 Pitches (4th)**
- ❖ 1942-45 - Served in the U.S. Navy during World War II
- ❖ **1946 – Finished in the Top 10 with 3 Double-Plays turned by and OF (5th)**

During World War II, Grace played within the U.S. Navy baseball fleet with legends like Johnny Mize, Pee Wee Reese, Johnny Vander Meer, Virgil Trucks, and Del Ennis, plus tennis icon Bobby Riggs

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 0.8

35 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
5 yrs	329	1006	161	287	50	10	15	124	.285	.366	.400	.961

#89 *Bill Grahame*



- ❖ August 1907 – The Browns purchased the contract of Grahame from Shreveport of the Southern Association
- ❖ **He would play his entire MLB career with the Browns**
- ❖ April 18, 1908 – In his MLB debut, he would pitch a complete game against Chicago, but take a 3-0 loss even with allowing only 2 hits, 2 BB, and striking out 3
- ❖ April 21, 1908 – He would record his first MLB victory vs Detroit. He entered the game in the 4th inning and earned the win, 8-5
- ❖ **1909 – He would finish in the Top 10 in the American League with one save (9th), 7 wild pitches (10th), and 11 finished games (6th)**

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1908-10
- ❖ Bats: Unknown
- ❖ Throws: Left

Along with playing for the Shreveport Pirates in the Southern Association, he also played with the Grand Rapids Wolverines, Chattanooga Lookouts, and Rome Roman

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.3

34 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 yrs	14	29	.326	64	21	347.2	103	141	1	2.90	1.22	.252

#90 Mike Chartak



- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1942-44
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left

“Chartak is one of the standout newcomers in the Western League. He is one of the most dangerous hitters in the loop with runners on base. All observers agree he is a major league standout”

*~ Sporting News
July, 22, 1937*



- ❖ Colorful nicknames include the “Volga Batman” and “Shotgun”
- ❖ June 7, 1942 – Browns acquired Chartak along with Steve Sundra from Washington for Bill Trotter and Roy Cullenbine
 - ❖ Originally drafted by the Cardinals in 1936
- ❖ **Excellent Outfielder – finished in the Top 10 in American League in Double Plays turn by OF (4, 4th), Assists by RF (12, 2nd) and At Bats per HR (33.4, 8th)**
- ❖ 1943 – Started the season as the Browns starting Right Fielder
 - ❖ **“Chartak becomes one of the most valuable members of the St. Louis American League organizations” ~ Sporting News 5/20/1943**
- ❖ **1944 “Streetcar Series” World Series** – Chartak records the final out of the series with a strikeout against the Cardinals

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 2.2

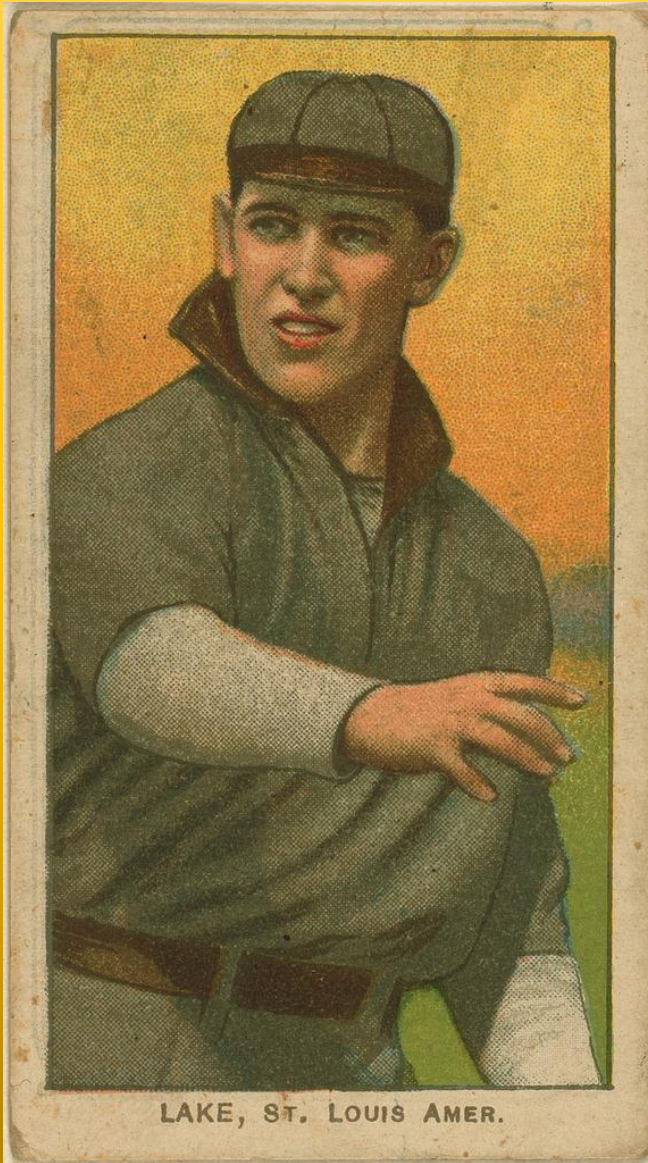
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	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	216	653	83	164	29	5	20	87	.251	.341	.403	.981

#91-100

POINTS

- ❖ Myril Hoag 33
- ❖ Tom Jones 33
- ❖ Wayne Wright 33
- ❖ Dode Criss 33
- ❖ Deb Garms 33
- ❖ Joe Lake 33
- ❖ Charlie Hemphill 32
- ❖ Mark Christman 32
- ❖ Walt Leverenz 32
- ❖ Ray Demmitt 32

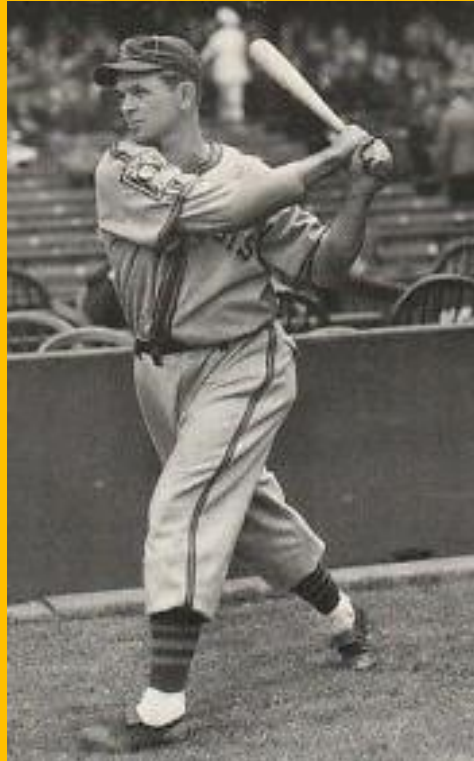


#91 Myril Hoag

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1939-41
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

“Living in the barracks with so many swell fellows reminds me of my cutup days in the major leagues”

~ Letter by Myril Hoag that appeared in the Sporting News during World War II



- ❖ October 26, 1938 – The Browns acquired Hoag and Joe Glenn from the Yankees for Oral Hildebrand and Buster Mills
 - ❖ He was a 4-time World Series Champion with the Yankees
- ❖ **1939 - American League All-Star in his best year with the Browns**
- ❖ **Best year with the Browns – .285 BA / 10 HRs / 75 RBIs**
 - ❖ **Finished in the Top 10 in the American League in Double Plays turned by CF (3rd), Assists as OF (3rd), and Assists by RF (5th)**
- ❖ Served within the Army Air Force during World War II
 - ❖ He was selected to play with the Army All-Star team vs the Navy at Seals’ Stadium in San Francisco on December 5, 1943

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.4

33 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
3 yrs	206	674	78	192	34	4	13	101	.285	.323	.405	.971

#92 Tom Jones

- ❖ Infielder
- ❖ 1904-09
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

"Tom Jones will not only strengthen the club in speed, but will also aid materially in stopping the enemy on the bases, as well as furnishing an element of great strength"

~ Sporting Life, August 28, 1909



- ❖ October 26, 1903 – Drafted by the Browns from Baltimore of the Eastern Association in the 1903 Rule 5 Draft
- ❖ **April 14, 1904 – Opening Day starter at 1B, he recorded the first RBI of the Browns season vs Detroit**
- ❖ Starting 1B for the Browns from 1904-09
 - ❖ Lead the team in triples and home runs in 1904 and stolen bases in 1907
- ❖ **Excellent fielder - Lead the American League**
 - ❖ **1906 – Sacrifice Hits (40)**
 - ❖ **1908 – Putouts at 1B (1616), Double Plays turned at 1B (79)**
- ❖ His career “Range Factor” of 11.20 ranks 3rd All Time in MLB history

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 9.1 (Mark Trumbo)

33 pts

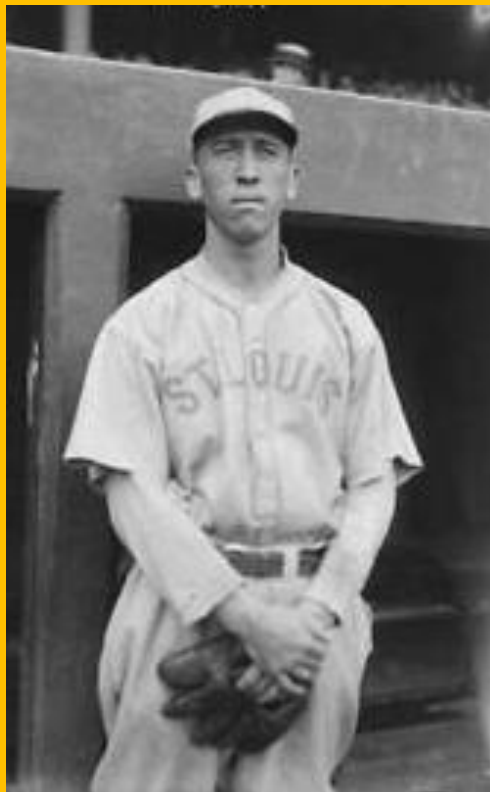
	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
6 yrs	842	3103	273	766	93	26	3	259	.247	.289	.296	.986

#93 Wayne Wright

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1917-19, 22-23
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

“Rasty” was common nickname in the early days of baseball. There have been at least four players with that nickname:

- William Smith Wright (1890s)
- Christopher Eugene Wright (1901-04)
- Floyd H. Wright (1915)



- ❖ More widely known by his nickname “Rasty”
- ❖ **June 20, 1917 – “Rasty” reported to the Browns after completing his college season at Ohio State**
 - ❖ He was discovered by Browns scout, Bob Quinn, who would eventually become the Browns General Manager
 - ❖ While playing for the Browns, he would continue his education at Ohio State
- ❖ **He would play his entire MLB career with the Browns**
- ❖ **1922 – He would finish in the Top 10 in the American League in ERA (4th), WHIP (10th), Games Finished (4th), and Saves (3rd)**
- ❖ He would return to Ohio State after his playing career to assume several roles including scout and coach.
 - ❖ Even though many Buckeyes don’t recall his name he still hold several records at the school

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.6

33 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
5 yrs	24	19	.558	109	17	451	132	114	5	4.05	1.35	.280

#94 Dode Criss

- ❖ 1st Baseman
- ❖ 1908-11
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left

"... a better hitter than Ty Cobb."

*~ Jimmy McAleer
Browns Manager
1908*

"The games first true professional pinch hitter"

*~ from the book
"Stand and Deliver", a book about pinch hitters*



- ❖ August 1906 – Browns acquired the contract of Criss from Cleburne of the Texas League
 - ❖ **He would play his entire MLB with the Browns**
- ❖ In his MLB debut, Criss came in as a pinch hitter for Pitcher Rube Waddell
 - ❖ He would pitch the 9th Inning of the game, earning his first Strikeout vs Chicago White Sox
- ❖ He was listed as a field player, but he would also pitch in 30 games with a 3-9 record and 70 strikeouts over 111 innings
- ❖ **His best season came in 1908, where his batting average was .341, better than the legendary Ty Cobb .324**
- ❖ He is a member of the Texas League Hall of Fame

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.6

33 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
4 yrs	227	304	38	84	19	4	3	47	.276	.349	.398	.964

#95 *Deb Garms*

- ❖ Utility / OF
- ❖ 1932-35
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Right

“Garms will be available for infield and outfield duty. I like his style, especially his spirit.”

~ Frankie Frisch



- ❖ Prior to the 1928 season, “Tex” Garms signed a minor league contract with the Browns and started with the Abeline Aces
- ❖ August 10, 1932 – In his MLB debut, he record his first hit and stolen base vs the Yankees
- ❖ **He finished the 1932 season as the Browns everyday Center Fielder hitting .284 over the last 34 games**
- ❖ 1933 – A midseason knee injury would shorten this season, putting and end to a .317 batting average campaign
- ❖ **As his career evolved, he would be known as a very good contact hitter with average fielding skills**
 - ❖ He was moved from second base to third base, to every position in the outfield This did not help his “throwing” skills
- ❖ He would finish his career with the St. Louis Cardinals

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.5

33 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
4 yrs	213	570	81	170	31	7	5	135	.298	.385	.404	.913

#96 Joe Lake

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1910-12
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

"The only really reliable pitcher on the staff of the Browns, is going like an express train at this stage of the game. Lake would be one of the most effective heavers in the business if he were with a team that would give him better support."

*~ Macon Telegraph,
April 30, 1911*



- ❖ December 16, 1909 – Browns acquired Joe Lake and Ray Demmitt from the New York Highlanders for Lou Criger
- ❖ **Quickly became the anchor of the Browns pitching staff**
 - ❖ **1910 – Led the Browns with 11 wins, 24 complete games, 261 innings pitched, 3 shutouts, 2 saves, 141 strikeouts and an ERA of 2.20**
 - ❖ Finished in the Top 10 in American League in Complete games (7th) and Strikeouts per 9 innings (9th)
 - ❖ **1911 – Led the Browns with 10 wins, 215 innings, 2 shutouts, and 69 strikeouts**
 - ❖ Finished in the Top 10 in the American League in Shutouts (9th)

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 3.6

33 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 yrs	22	39	.361	76	42	533.2	133	238	2	2.88	1.29	.281

#97 Charlie Hemphill

- ❖ 2B / Outfield
- ❖ 1902-04, 06-07
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws: Left

“Charlie Hemphill is a crackling good batsman, and when right, is a hard man to beat”

~ Alfred Spink, Sporting News



- ❖ With the great nickname of “Eagle Eye”, he was known as one of the best hitters in the early years of the century
- ❖ June 4, 1902 – Browns signed Hemphill as a free agent after starting the season with the Cleveland Bronchos
- ❖ **1902 - He would lead the Browns with a .317 batting average, .447 Slugging average, 11 triples, 6 HRs, and 23 stolen bases**
- ❖ After a disappointing 1904 season, the Browns “Farmed” him to the St. Paul Apostles of the American Association in 1905
 - ❖ He would hit .364 with 204 hits earning another shot with the Browns in 1906
- ❖ **1906 – Appeared in 154 games, starting 114 games in CF, scoring a career best 90 runs, with 62 RBIs and 33 stolen bases**

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 11.1 (Rick Manning)

32 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
5 yrs	629	2425	306	663	72	37	15	232	.273	.329	.352	.951

#98 Mark Christman

44 AL
Champs

- ❖ 3rd Baseman
- ❖ 1939, 43-46
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

“ The first night I had 2 triples. I hit well, and I never got out of the lineup for the rest of the year or the next three years. I didn’t dare get out of the lineup because there were 3 or 4 kids sitting on the bench who could play a good as me or better”

~ Mark Christman on getting his shot to be the every day 3B for the Browns



- ❖ **Native of Maplewood MO, born in 1913**
- ❖ May 13, 1939 – Browns acquired Christman as a part of a 10-player deal between the Browns and Detroit
 - ❖ He would spend 1940-42 in the Browns minor league program
- ❖ 1944 – He would become the starting 3B, relacing the popular Harland Clift
 - ❖ **He would lead the American League in Fielding Percentage with .972, and 172 putout at 3B**
- ❖ **1944 “Streetcar Series” World Series** – He would start all 6 games, going 2-22 with an RBI
- ❖ After his playing career, he would coach and scout with several organizations until 1973

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.5

32 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
5 yrs	531	1852	186	485	71	15	13	213	.262	.313	.337	.974

#99 *Walt Leverenz*

- ❖ Pitcher
- ❖ 1913-15
- ❖ Bats: Right
- ❖ Throws: Right

He would play 21 years in the minor leagues

He served in the United States Armed Forces in World War I



- ❖ September 16, 1912 – Browns drafted “Tiny” Leverenz from Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League in the Rule 5 Draft
- ❖ He would play his entire MLB career with the Browns
- ❖ April 13, 1913 – In his MLB debut, he would give up 4 hits, 6 BB, and 3 earned runs over 6 innings vs. the White Sox
- ❖ **June 22, 1913 – He would record his first MLB win vs. the White Sox, scattering 2 hits and 6 strikeouts in a complete game victory**
- ❖ June 26, 1913 – He would pitch a 14-inning, complete game victory over Detroit, 7-5
- ❖ September 16, 1914 – In his only victory of 1914. he would pitch 8.2 innings, giving up one run while striking out 5 in a 3-1 win

BROWNS CAREER – PITCHING STATISTICS

WAR with BROWNS: 1.7

32 pts

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>WHIP</u>	<u>OBA</u>
3 YRS	8	31	.205	62	18	323	160	131	1	3.15	1.35	.242

#100 Ray Demmitt

- ❖ Outfielder
- ❖ 1910, 17-19
- ❖ Bats: Left
- ❖ Throws : Right

"Ray Demmitt often tried and and never retained for any length of time, seem to have come into the promised land, and have done all that was asked of them in brilliant fashion."

~ Baseball Magazine, August 1918



- ❖ Attended the University of Illinois
- ❖ December 16, 1909 – Browns acquired Joe Lake and Ray Demmitt from the New York Highlanders for Lou Criger
- ❖ 1910 - He would only play in 10 games with the Browns
- ❖ He would play 7 seasons of minor league baseball between 2 stints with the Browns
- ❖ **1918 – Best season with the Browns**
 - ❖ **Led the team in 2B with 23, and RBIs (61)**
 - ❖ **Led the American League in Assists from OF with 25**
- ❖ In 1920, the Browns and Columbus (American Association) both wanted Demmitt in their programs
 - ❖ He decided to retire and return to his farm

BROWNS CAREER – BATTING STATISTICS

CAREER WAR: 1.9

32 pts

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>FIELD %</u>
4 yrs	219	683	74	181	36	9	2	89	.265	.324	.353	.954

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