

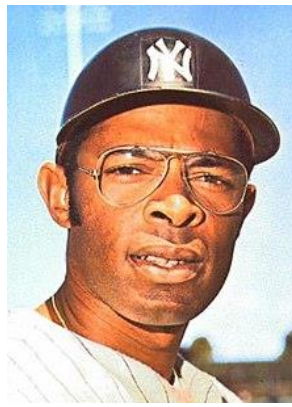
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Second Chance News

What's News:

The 1st World Series that I watched as a kid was in 1968. The Cardinals were on the verge of becoming my favorite team, primarily because of Lou Brock, and Bob Gibson. When they lost that Series to the Tigers I dropped them like a hot rock. Then the Mets won it all in 1969 and I almost became a Mets fan, primarily because of Tommie Agee. But because the Yankees were owned by CBS at that time, they were on TV a lot, and 12 year old me locked onto the Yankees, primarily because of Bobby Murcer (my all-time favorite) and Horace Clarke. Horace Clarke is synonymous with some bad Yankee seasons. But it seemed like every week the Yankees were on the verge of getting no-hit and Horace Clarke was always the guy to break it up. Any Yankee loss, was crushing to me. Any Yankee win was a joy.

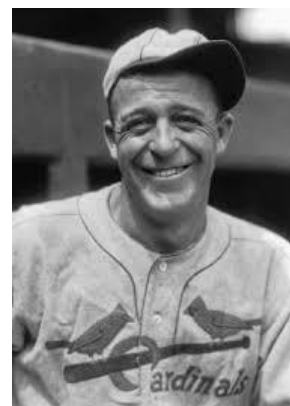
When the Yankees won it all in 1977 and 1978 those were the last Yankee teams that meant everything to me. Ron Guidry and Thurman Munson will always be at the top of my Yankee's pantheon. Since then the Yankees have won 5 more World Series which was great, but it didn't have the same feeling as 77 & 78. The players don't have the same kind of tug at the heart strings. The losses don't hurt as much and the wins are just meh. Don Mattingly, Paul O'Neill, and Mariano Rivera were favorites, but Jeter, Pettitte, Judge, and most of the others were/are watchable but fail to inspire loyalty or devotion. Too bad. Is it me, or the players? Is it me or the way the game is played today?It's probably me.



Players of The Week:

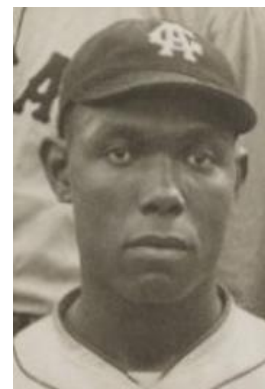
Hitters of The Week:

1. **Jim Bottomley(Dreamers)**
.520-8-25, 17 runs
2. **Jack Fournier(Giants)** .458-3-11
3. **Harry Heilmann(Storm)** .459-0-14



Pitchers of The Week:

1. **Willie Foster(Caterpillars)**
2-1, 0.69, 2-shutouts
2. **Tom Zachary(Giants)** 2-0, 0.60
3. **Phil Cockrell(Stogies)** 2-0, 1.88



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Game Of The Week:

7/9/1924, Terrapins vs Vipers, Rickwood Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1924 Terrapins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	1
1924 Vipers	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	7	0	7	0

Terrapins	AB	R	H	BI	AVG	Vipers	AB	R	H	BI	AVG
Smith, Cl.	rf 4	0	0	0	.249	Thomas, Ju	cf 4	0	0	0	.244
Malarcher	3b 2	0	1	0	.263	Lowe	3b 4	0	0	0	.301
Pierce	ph 1	0	0	0	.338	Wheat	lf 4	0	2	0	.366
Mackey	ss 4	0	0	0	.290	Hartnett	c 4	0	1	0	.205
Brown, J	c 3	0	0	0	.238	Wilson,H	rf 4	0	0	0	.280
Hargreaves	ph 1	0	1	0	.417	Leibold	rf 0	0	0	0	.365
Pipp	1b 3	0	0	0	.271	Sisler	1b 3	1	1	0	.292
Miller,B	ph 0	0	0	0	.331	Wells, W	ss 1	0	1	0	.237
Youngs	cf 3	0	0	0	.351	Allen, N.	2b 3	0	1	0	.242
Warfield	2b 3	0	0	0	.290	Streeter	p 3	0	1	1	.267
Manush	lf 3	0	2	0	.248		30	1	7	1	
Sykes	p 3	0	0	0	.091						
	30	0	4	0							

Terrapins	INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA
Sykes L 1-4	8.0	7	1	1	2	3	123	77	3.76
	8.0	7	1	1	2	3	123	77	

Vipers	INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA
Streeter W 11-9	9.0	4	0	0	1	11	127	86	4.04
	9.0	4	0	0	1	11	127	86	

BT : Pierce batted for Malarcher in the 9th
 Hargreaves batted for Brown, J in the 9th
 Miller,B batted for Pipp in the 9th
 WV : Leibold inserted at rf in the 9th

RBI-Streeter(10). SB-Hartnett(2). CS-Hargreaves. K-Smith, Cl., Mackey, Brown, J, Pipp, Youngs 3, Manush, Sykes 2, Pierce, Lowe 2, Wilson,H.
 BB-Malarcher, Wells, W 2.
 GWRBI: Streeter
 Temperature: 70, Sky: clear, Wind: in from center at 7 MPH.

In the offense heavy 1920s it's always nice to see a pitcher's duel.

Sam Streeter and Doc Sykes combined to allow 11 hits, all singles and just one run.

Streeter allowed 4 hits, no Terrapin made it to 2nd base, he struck out 11 and drove in the only run of the game with a 2 out single in the 2nd.



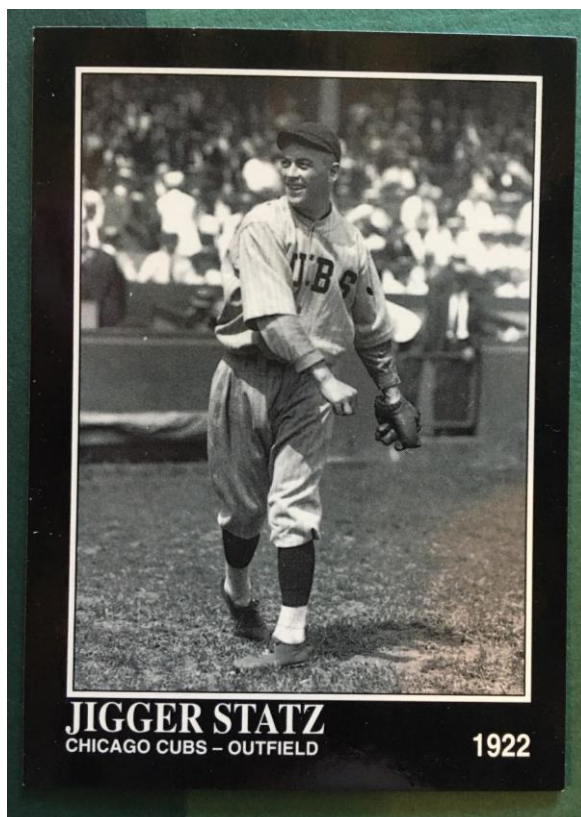
Sam Streeter

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Card of The Week:

From David Kuehn:



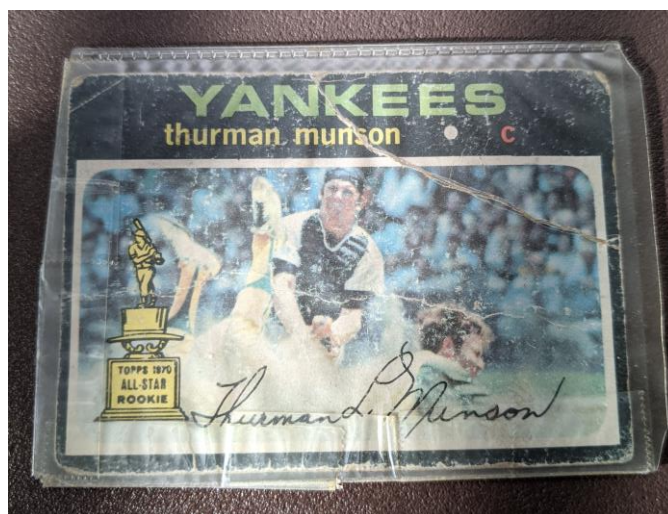
Jigger Statz- Dyersville Dreamers

I like to use baseball cards as bookmarks, and I like the cards to connect to the books. For example, I'm currently reading "Childhood's End" by Arthur C. Clarke and am using an Arthur Rhodes card for the bookmark. For "The Haunting Of Hill House" by Shirley Jackson, I might use a Donnie Hill or Reggie Jackson card. You get the idea.

Well, my brother suggested that I read "Arnie & Jack" by Ian O'Connor, which is about Arnold Palmer & Jack Nicklaus. I could've used a Dean Palmer or a Jack Clark card, but wanted to find a player whose name would cover both golfers. Unfortunately, no "Arnold Jackson" or "Jack Palmer" etc. ever played MLB. However, I did find out that Jigger Statz's given name is Arnold John Statz, and Jack is sometimes a nickname for John (don't ask me why).

That was close enough of a connection for me, especially given the fact that Jigger Statz had been on my Dreamers and is now back on the team (thanks to Ryan Buckley & the Gashouse Gorillas for dropping him at the tail end of the 1924 draft!). So I went to eBay and grabbed this Jigger Statz card for ~\$1.

Thank you David Kuehn for sending this in. My guess would be, that every GM in the SCL has used a baseball card to mark their place in a book, but using cards that have a connection to the book is a unique way to do this.



This has been my go to bookmark for the last 50 years. Now, because of David Kuehn, I have to reread "Catcher in the Rye." I suffered through this book once, and now Dave has forced me to revisit Holden Caulfield and his self-centered adolescent ramblings that actually made me pray for the sweet relief of death. At 62 years old this might be a cause for concern, so before I dive into the reread, I should probably make sure my life insurance is up to date. I hope you're happy Mr. Kuehn!!!