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Not everything that counts is counted; not everything that is counted is worth counting.
—Albert Einstein

THE SAD TALE OF THE SPORTING NEWS

For those of you who didn't get the word, **Steve Gietschier** wrote this in early March.

"On Friday, February 29, Ray Shaw, chairman of American City Business Journals, parent company of the *Sporting News*, announced that ACBJ will be closing TSN's St. Louis office and moving the magazine's editorial function to Charlotte, North Carolina, ACBJ's home.

Some of the people working in the St. Louis office are being offered the opportunity to move to Charlotte. Others are not. My position, Managing Editor, Research, is being eliminated. The fate of our research library and archives, one of the finest collections of research materials specific to sport in the country, is uncertain.

American City purchased *Sporting News* (the magazine, the website, the yearbooks, the radio network, the fantasy games and the book division) in October 2006 from Vulcan, Inc., a holding company owned by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen. Vulcan had purchased TSN from Times Mirror in 2000. ACBJ closed TSN's book division in January 2007 and consolidated the yearbooks with those produced by Street and Smith's, another ACBJ property. Last summer, the company moved TSN's online editorial staff and the fantasy games staff from St. Louis to Charlotte. Advertising sales continues to be headquartered in New York.

The *Sporting News* has been located in St. Louis since its founding in 1886. Moving the magazine's editorial staff is supposed to occur in July. I have been asked to stay until the St. Louis office closes. Since we are so close to the start of the 2008 regular season, I wanted to bring you all up to date on the status of the 2009 edition of the Record Book.

The question is, "Given the future of The *Sporting News* and the elimination of Steve Gietschier's job, will there be a 2009 edition of the Record Book? The answer is: "I don't know." Simply put, at this point in the planning process, the future of the Record Book has not been decided. To the best of my knowledge, it has not even been discussed." Steve listed several alternatives:

1. The *Sporting News* may choose to continue the Record Book with a new editor, someone other than me.
2. The *Sporting News* may choose to continue the Record Book and ask me to continue at editor on a freelance basis.
3. The *Sporting News* may transfer the Record Book to another publisher, either in print or online. What would happen then is uncertain.
4. The *Sporting News* may choose to abandon the Record Book, and someone else may try to start one.
5. The *Sporting News* may choose to abandon the Record Book, and it will die.

Steve's announcement was most disheartening for all baseball fans, and especially those of us who care about the accuracy and integrity of the record book, which has improved greatly under his stewardship. There is one positive thing to report. On April 1, Steve announced that the 2008 edition of the Complete Baseball Record Book is available for free at:
<http://www.sportingnews.com/pages/books/baseball/2008RecordBook>

This is, of course, a terrible personal experience for Steve; however, he is too good at what he does not to land on his feet. We all hope that the Record Book continues, and Steve runs the show, no matter who the publisher is.

In response to Steve's letter, **Steve Steinberg** suggested to Executive Director John Zajc that the uncertainty surrounding the *Sporting News* gives SABR a wonderful opportunity to go after their archives (clips and photos), although the cost may be prohibitive. There would also be related issues of space to house the files and manpower to pull and copy them. More importantly, these clip files could be digitized and eventually be accessible to members online. The clip files are an extraordinary resource, second only to those of the Hall of Fame. Steve believes that many SABR researchers are not very familiar with them because they have not been "top of mind," the way those at Cooperstown are. John said he would pass Steve's thoughts on to the Board.

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MOST PRODUCTIVE PLAYERS WHO MADE THEIR DEBUTS IN THE YEARS 1901-1905

David Frank has compiled lists of players who debuted in a specific year and went on to compile the highest totals in various career categories: games, hits, home runs, etc. This list covers the top five for the years 1901-1905.

1901

Games: Terry Turner, 1659; George McBride, 1659; Wid Conroy, 1374; Hobe Ferris, 1287; Jim Delahanty, 1186

Runs: Terry Turner, 699; Davy Jones, 643; George Browne, 614; Wid Conroy, 605; Matty McIntyre, 562

RBI: Hobe Ferris, 550; Terry Turner, 528; Jim Delahanty, 489; Wid Conroy, 452; George McBride, 447

Hits: Terry Turner, 1499; Wid Conroy, 1257; George McBride, 1203; George Browne, 1176; Jim Delahanty, 1159

2B: Terry Turner, 207; Hobe Ferris, 192; Jim Delahanty, 191; Wid Conroy, 176; George McBride, 140; Matty McIntyre, 140

3B: Hobe Ferris, 89; Wid Conroy, 82; Terry Turner, 77; Matty McIntyre, 69; Jim Delahanty, 59

HR: Hobe Ferris, 40; Tim Jordan, 32; Dave Brain, 27; Wid Conroy, 22; Jim Delahanty, 19

1902

Games: Joe Tinker, 1804; Johnny Evers, 1784; Red Dooin, 1290; Patsy Dougherty, 1233; Tom Jones, 1058

Runs: Johnny Evers, 919; Joe Tinker, 774; Patsy Dougherty, 678; Heinie Wagner, 402; Tom Jones, 341

RBI: Joe Tinker, 782; Johnny Evers, 538; Patsy Dougherty, 413; Red Dooin, 344; Heinie Wagner, 343

Hits: Joe Tinker, 1687; Johnny Evers, 1659; Patsy Dougherty, 1294; Tom Jones, 964; Red Dooin, 961

2B: Joe Tinker, 263; Johnny Evers, 216; Red Dooin, 139; Patsy Dougherty, 138; Heinie Wagner, 128

3B: Joe Tinker, 114; Patsy Dougherty, 78; Johnny Evers, 70; Heinie Wagner, 47; Homer Smoot, 45

HR: Joe Tinker, 31; Patsy Dougherty, 17; Homer Smoot, 15; Johnny Evers, 12; Heinie Wagner, 10; Red Dooin, 10

1903

Games: John Titus, 1402; Hans Lobert, 1317; Solly Hofman, 1194; Lee Tannehill, 1090; George Moriarty, 1076

Runs: John Titus, 738; Hans Lobert, 640; Solly Hofman, 554; George Stone, 428; Jake Stahl, 405

RBI: John Titus, 561; Solly Hofman, 495; Hans Lobert, 482; Jake Stahl, 437; George Moriarty, 376

Hits: John Titus, 1401; Hans Lobert, 1252; Solly Hofman, 1095; George Stone, 986; George Moriarty, 920

2B: John Titus, 253; Solly Hofman, 162; Hans Lobert, 159; Jake Stahl, 149; George Moriarty, 147

3B: Jake Stahl, 87; Hans Lobert, 82; John Titus, 72; George Stone, 68; Solly Hofman, 60

HR: John Titus, 38; Hans Lobert, 32; Jake Stahl, 31; George Stone, 23; Solly Hofman, 19

1904

Games: Sherry Magee, 2087; Frank Schulte, 1806; Miller Huggins, 1586; George Stovall, 1414; Art Devlin, 1313

Runs: Sherry Magee, 1112; Miller Huggins, 948; Frank Schulte, 906; Art Devlin, 603; George Stovall, 547

RBI: Sherry Magee, 1176; Frank Schulte, 792; George Stovall, 564; Art Devlin, 505; Miller Huggins, 318

Hits: Sherry Magee, 2169; Frank Schulte, 1766; Miller Huggins, 1474; George Stovall, 1382; Art Devlin, 1185

2B: Sherry Magee, 425; Frank Schulte, 288; George Stovall, 231; Art Devlin, 164; Miller Huggins, 146

3B: Sherry Magee, 166; Frank Schulte, 124; Harry Lumley, 66; Art Devlin, 57; George Stovall, 56

HR: Frank Schulte, 92; Sherry Magee, 83; Harry Lumley, 38; Jimmy Archer, 16; George Stovall, 15

1905

Games: Ty Cobb, 3035; Hal Chase, 1919; Mickey Doolan, 1728; Otto Knabe, 1278; Mike Mowrey, 1276

Runs: Ty Cobb, 2246; Hal Chase, 980; Rube Oldring, 616; Otto Knabe, 572; Mickey Doolan, 513

RBI: Ty Cobb, 1937; Hal Chase, 941; Frank LaPorte, 560; Mickey Doolan, 554; Rube Oldring, 471

Hits: Ty Cobb, 4189; Hal Chase, 2158; Mickey Doolan, 1376; Frank LaPorte, 1285; Rube Oldring, 1268

2B: Ty Cobb, 724; Hal Chase, 322; Mickey Doolan, 244; Rube Oldring, 205; Frank LaPorte, 198

3B: Ty Cobb, 295; Hal Chase, 124; John Hummel, 84; Mickey Doolan, 81; Frank LaPorte, 79

HR: Ty Cobb, 117; Hal Chase, 57; John Hummel, 29; Rube Oldring, 27; Billy Hinchman, 20



Terry Turner



Joe Tinker



John Titus



Sherry Magee



Ty Cobb

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1906

Games: Eddie Collins, 2826; Roy Hartzell, 1290; Red Murray, 1264; Johnny Bates, 1154; Oscar Stanage, 1096
Runs: Eddie Collins, 1821; Johnny Bates, 565; Red Murray, 555; Roy Hartzell, 503; Joe Birmingham, 284
RBI: Eddie Collins, 1300; Red Murray, 579; Johnny Bates, 417; Roy Hartzell, 397; Oscar Stanage, 321;
Hits: Eddie Collins, 3315; Red Murray, 1170; Roy Hartzell, 1146; Johnny Bates, 1087; Oscar Stanage, 819
2B: Eddie Collins, 438; Red Murray, 168; Johnny Bates, 167; Oscar Stanage, 123; Roy Hartzell, 112
3B: Eddie Collins, 187; Red Murray, 96; Johnny Bates, 73; Roy Hartzell, 55; Whitey Alperman, 36
HR: Eddie Collins, 47; Red Murray, 37; Johnny Bates, 25; Ed Lennox, 18; Roy Hartzell, 12

1907

Games: Tris Speaker, 2789; Ed Konetchy, 2085; Clyde Milan, 1982; Larry Doyle, 1766; Dode Paskert, 1716
Runs: Tris Speaker, 1882; Clyde Milan, 1004; Ed Konetchy, 923; Larry Doyle, 960; Dode Paskert, 868
RBI: Tris Speaker, 1529; Ed Konetchy, 992; Heinie Zimmerman, 796; Larry Doyle, 793; Fred Merkle, 733
Hits: Tris Speaker, 3514; Ed Konetchy, 2150; Clyde Milan, 2100; Larry Doyle, 1887; Dode Paskert, 1613
2B: Tris Speaker, 792; Ed Konetchy, 344; Larry Doyle, 299; Fred Merkle, 290; Dode Paskert, 279
3B: Tris Speaker, 222; Ed Konetchy, 182; Larry Doyle, 123; Heinie Zimmerman, 105; Clyde Milan, 105
HR: Tris Speaker, 117; Ed Konetchy, 74; Larry Doyle, 74; Fred Merkle, 61; Heinie Zimmerman, 58

1908

Games: Donie Bush, 1946; Larry Gardner, 1923; Frank Baker, 1575; Amos Strunk, 1512; Buck Herzog, 1493
Runs: Donie Bush, 1280; Frank Baker, 887; Joe Jackson, 873; Larry Gardner, 866; Bob Bescher, 749
RBI: Frank Baker, 987; Larry Gardner, 934; Joe Jackson, 785; Gavy Cravath, 719; Dick Hoblitzel, 593
Hits: Larry Gardner, 1931; Frank Baker, 1838; Donie Bush, 1804; Joe Jackson, 1772; Amos Strunk, 1418
2B: Frank Baker, 315; Joe Jackson, 307; Larry Gardner, 301; Gavy Cravath, 232; Jack Graney, 219
3B: Joe Jackson, 168; Larry Gardner, 129; Chief Wilson, 114; Frank Baker, 103; Amos Strunk, 96
HR: Gavy Cravath, 119; Frank Baker, 96; Chief Wilson, 59; Joe Jackson, 54; Beals Becker, 45

1909

Games: Zack Wheat, 2410; Harry Hooper, 2309; Stuffy McInnis, 2128; Dots Miller, 1589; Jimmy Austin, 1580
Runs: Harry Hooper, 1429; Zack Wheat, 1289; Stuffy McInnis, 872; Burt Shotton, 746; Dots Miller, 711
RBI: Zack Wheat, 1248; Stuffy McInnis, 1063; Harry Hooper, 817; Dots Miller, 715; Art Fletcher, 675
Hits: Zack Wheat, 2884; Harry Hooper, 2466; Stuffy McInnis, 2405; Art Fletcher, 1534; Dots Miller, 1526
2B: Zack Wheat, 476; Harry Hooper, 389; Stuffy McInnis, 312; Fred Luderus, 251; Art Fletcher, 238
3B: Zack Wheat, 172; Harry Hooper, 160; Dots Miller, 108; Stuffy McInnis, 101; Hy Myers, 100
HR: Zack Wheat, 132; Fred Luderus, 84; Harry Hooper, 75; Fred Beck, 33; Hy Myers, 32; Art Fletcher, 32; Dots Miller, 32

1910

Games: Max Carey, 2476; Jake Daubert, 2014; Roger Peckinpaugh, 2012; Shano Collins, 1799; Eddie Foster, 1500
Runs: Max Carey, 1545; Jake Daubert, 1117; Roger Peckinpaugh, 1006; Shano Collins, 746; Eddie Foster, 732
RBI: Max Carey, 800; Duffy Lewis, 793; Roger Peckinpaugh, 740; Jake Daubert, 722; Shano Collins, 704
Hits: Max Carey, 2885; Jake Daubert, 2326; Roger Peckinpaugh, 1876; Shano Collins, 1687; Duffy Lewis, 1518
2B: Max Carey, 416; Shano Collins, 310; Duffy Lewis, 289; Roger Peckinpaugh, 256; Jake Daubert, 250
3B: Jake Daubert, 165; Max Carey, 159; Shano Collins, 133; Chick Gandil, 78; Roger Peckinpaugh, 75
HR: Max Carey, 70; Jake Daubert, 56; Roger Peckinpaugh, 48; Duffy Lewis, 38; Dutch Zwilling, 30



Eddie Collins



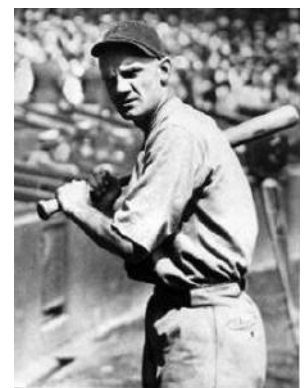
Tris Speaker



Frank Baker



Zack Wheat



Max Carey

CATCHING TOM ZACHARY AND BOBO NEWSOM

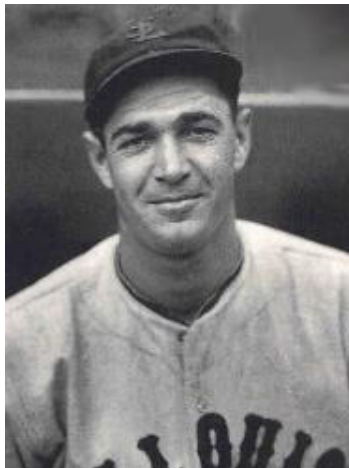
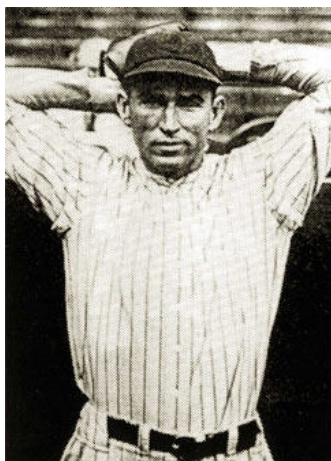
Courtesy of **Walt Wilson**, here are the batterymates for two pitchers, each of whom toiled for the Washington Senators along with numerous teams in both the American and National Leagues.

CATCHING TOM ZACHARY

Tom Zachary pitched for Philadelphia (AL) 1918; Washington (AL) 1919-25, 1927-28; St. Louis (AL) 1926-27; New York (AL) 1928-30; Boston (NL) 1930-34; Brooklyn (NL) 1934-36; and Philadelphia (NL) 1936. He made 408 starts and threw 24 shutouts.

	<u>Starts</u>	<u>Shutouts</u>
Patsy Gharrity	82	5
Muddy Ruel	82	2
Al Spohrer	54	6
Pinky Hargrave	31	0
Al Lopez	26	1
Val Picinich	19	1
Wally Schang	18	2
Bill Cronin	11	0
Bill Dickey	10	1
Hank Severeid	10	1
Leo Dixon	9	1
Shanty Hogan	8	1
Benny Bengough	7	0
Steve O'Neill	6	0
Bennie Tate	6	1
Al Boal	5	0
Eddie Kenna	4	0
Babe Phelps	4	0
Pete Lavan	2	0
Wickey McAvoy	2	0
Johnny Schulte	2	0
Sam Agnew	1	0
Ray Berres	1	0
Pat Collins	1	0
Johnny Grabowski	1	0
Earl Grace	1	0
Art Jorgens	1	0
Clyde Sukeforth	1	0
Zack Taylor	1	0
Ricardo Torres	1	0
Jimmie Wilson	1	0
Total	408	24

Two of Zachary's shutouts were with more than one catcher.



CATCHING BOBO NEWSOM

Bobo Newsom pitched for Brooklyn (NL) 1929-30; Chicago (NL) 1932; St. Louis (AL) 1934-35, 1938-39, 1943; Washington (AL) 1935-37, 1942-43, 1946-47, 1952; Boston (AL) 1937; Detroit (AL) 1939-41; Philadelphia (AL) 1944-46, 1952-53; New York (AL) 1947; and New York (NL) 1948. He made 483 starts and threw 31 shutouts.

	<u>Starts</u>	<u>Shutouts</u>
Billy Sullivan Jr.	72	4
Birdie Tebbetts	51	4
Frankie Hayes	41	2
Cliff Bolton	39	6
Al Evans	35	2
Jake Early	30	2
Buddy Rosar	29	3
Rollie Hemsley	28	0
Gene Desautels	25	1
Tommy Heath	20	0
Wally Millies	13	0
Mickey Owen	13	1
Frank Grube	10	2
Yogi Berra	8	1
Greek George	8	0
Rick Ferrell	7	0
Shanty Hogan	7	0
Sammy Holbrook	6	0
Aaron Robinson	6	1
Rudy York	5	0
Ray Murray	4	0
Bill Starr	3	0
Joe Astroth	2	0
Walker Cooper	2	0
Hank DeBerry	2	0
Tony Giuliani	2	0
Mickey Livingston	2	0
Dee Moore	2	1
Johnny Peacock	2	0
Johnny Riddle	2	0
Moe Berg	1	0
Bobby Bragan	1	0
Mickey Grasso	1	0
Milt Gray	1	0
Mike Guerra	1	0
Ralph Houk	1	0
Frank Mancuso	1	0
Total	483	30

One of Newsom's shutouts was with more than one catcher.

CATCHING LARRY JACKSON AND BOB FRIEND

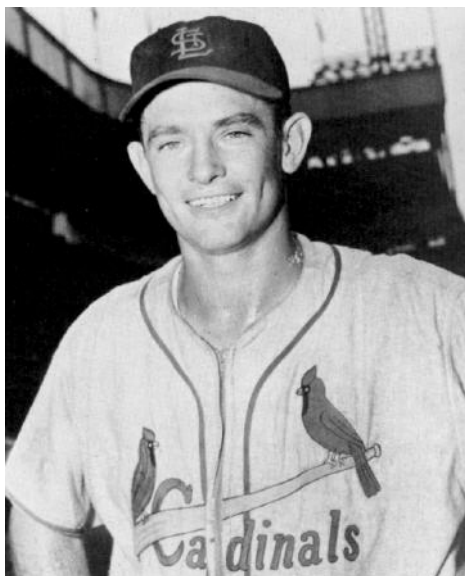
Courtesy of **Walt Wilson**, here are the batterymates for two National League stalwarts of the pre-Expansion era.

CATCHING LARRY JACKSON

Larry Jackson pitched for St. Louis (NL) 1955-62; Chicago (NL) 1963-66; and Philadelphia (NL) 1966-68. He made 429 starts and threw 37 shutouts.

	<u>Starts</u>	<u>Shutouts</u>
Hal R. Smith	84	8
Dick Bertell	57	7
Clay Dalrymple	47	6
Gene Oliver	40	2
Carl Sawatski	33	3
Jimmie Schaffer	32	2
Mike Ryan	20	1
Bob Uecker	16	1
Gene Green	13	0
Vic Raznovsky	13	1
Chris Krug	12	3
Hobie Landrith	11	1
Nelson Burbrink	11	0
Ed Bailey	10	0
Bill Sarni	10	1
Merritt Ranew	6	0
Del Rice	4	0
Tim McCarver	3	0
Jay Porter	3	0
Randy Hundley	2	0
Walker Cooper	1	0
Ray Katt	1	0
Total	429	37

One of Jackson's shutouts was with more than one catcher.



CATCHING BOB FRIEND

Bob Friend pitched for Pittsburgh (NL) 1951-65; New York (AL) 1966; and New York (NL) 1966. He made 497 starts and threw 36 shutouts.

	<u>Starts</u>	<u>Shutouts</u>
Hank Foiles	86	7
Smoky Burgess	85	8
Jim Pagliaroni	65	6
Hal W. Smith	40	3
Jack Shepard	35	2
Joe Garagiola	29	1
Toby Atwell	27	2
Danny Kravitz	18	2
Clyde McCullough	18	1
Del Crandall	13	0
Don Leppert	13	0
Jerry Grote	11	1
Hardy Peterson	9	0
Bill Hall	6	0
Mike Sandlock	6	0
Elston Howard	5	0
Ron Brand	4	1
Vic Janowicz	4	0
Cal Neeman	4	1
Dick Rand	4	0
Ed Fitzgerald	3	0
Jake Gibbs	3	0
Orlando McFarlane	2	0
Nick Koback	1	0
Jerry Lynch	1	0
Jerry May	1	1
Pete Naton	1	0
Elmo Plaskett	1	0
John Stephenson	1	0
Ozzie Virgil Sr.	1	0
Total	497	36

