

Harry (Klondike) Kane, "\$20,000 Arm, 20 Cents Head"

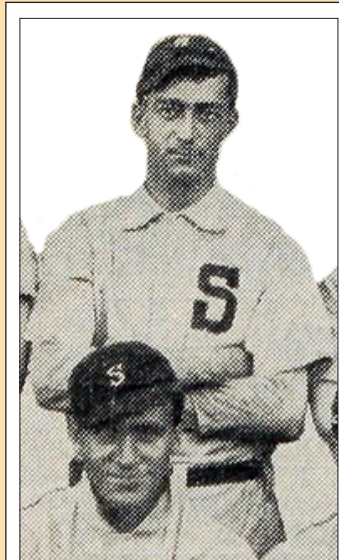
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On September 13, 1932, Pacific Coast League umpire Harry Kane is working a late season game in Portland, Oregon, between the visiting San Francisco Seals and the first-place Beavers when following a great catch by Seals' center fielder Prince Oana in the eighth inning on a ball hit by second baseman Bobby Reeves, Kane collapses on the field.

Diagnosed by the Portland team doctor with having suffered a mild heart attack, Kane is told to remain in bed at a local hotel for a couple of days ... two days later however, the 49-year-old arbiter is found dead in his hotel room by his fellow umpires following that evening's game.

Interestingly, although born Jewish, Kane is buried on September 20 in Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Portland.

Subsequent obituaries fail to mention that the Kane was one of the top minor league pitchers of his day and that for 30-some-odd years had lived a gasi vagabond existence as a player, a manager and as an umpire, changing uniforms "at least" 34 times (there are four years of playing in Mexico unaccounted for) in a 15-year playing career ... included in his Atlas roadmap career are four brief sojourns with three major league teams and stints with four semi-pro or "outlaw" leagues.



Harry Kane
1902 Springfield Midgets

BASEBALL UMPIRE FOUND DEAD IN BED

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 16. (AP). Harry Kane, Pacific Coast and Texas league baseball umpire, was found dead of a heart attack in his local hotel room late last night by brother umpires when they returned from last night's ball game.

Kane was stricken Tuesday night on the field and was taken to his hotel room at the end of the fourth inning. The Portland ball club physician, Dr. Shoot, was called and diagnosed Kane's ailment as heart trouble. He was not believed in immediate danger and was ordered to bed for several days.

When Edward McLaughlin, umpire, left the hotel where he and Kane were staying last night, Kane seemed to be resting easily. McLaughlin said, and when they returned after the game he first believed Kane to be asleep.

Dr. Shoot was called and pronounced Kane dead. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

With sadness, I write these last words about the late Harry Kane, Pacific Coast league umpire who died in harness this week while still actively in service in baseball, the game he loved. The end came Wednesday night, alone in his hotel room, while they were playing ball at Vaughn street and he was taking a rest that he thought would put him on his feet.

Harry Kane was umpiring on the bases Tuesday night. Toward the end of the game he suddenly felt faint. His face was ashen as he stumbled in from the field. "A little touch of stomach, boys," he told the players. "The old man isn't feeling very well—I'll be all right tomorrow." Johnny Monroe for Portland and Jimmy Zinn for San Francisco took over his umpiring duties in the last inning.

Wednesday night Harry Kane wasn't at the field. Shortly before the game started, I asked his partner, chubby Ed McLaughlin, about him.

McLaughlin hesitated. "Well," he said, "I'll tell you, but keep it from the old man. He thinks it's his stomach, but the doctor has just told me his heart is very, very bad. It was a heart attack he had last night, but he doesn't know it. Maybe a few day's rest will put him all right."

Harry Kane, Well Known Umpire, Is Laid to Rest

By Associated Press.

OAKLAND, Cal., Tuesday, Sept. 20.—Funeral services were held here yesterday for Harry Kane, old-time major league pitcher and coast league umpire who died in Portland, Or., Thursday following a heart attack.

The funeral and interment were attended by Hyland Baggerly, coast league president, and other league officials. The pall bearers were umpires: Forrest Cady, Marty O'Toole, Harry Renton, Eddie Ryan and "Red" Held.

Born Harry Cohen in Hamburg, Arkansas on July 27, 1883, a Jewish Cohen changes his name to "Kane" when he signs with the National League's Philadelphia Phillies in 1900 ... later that summer he makes his professional baseball debut at the age of 17 with the Denver Grizzlies of the Western League.

After spending the entire 1901 season with the semipro St. Louis Independents, Kane returns to organized baseball with the San Francisco Seraphs of the California League ... after being released at his own request, Kane signs with the Springfield Midgets of the Missouri Valley League where he is 20-1 with three

no-hitters and a 20-inning complete games in 23 appearances.

A 19-year-old Kane also makes his major league debut in 1902, as the youngest player in the American League, appearing in four games with the St. Louis Browns, going 0-1 with a 5.48 ERA.

Harry Kane [2 of 6]:

Returning to Springfield in 1903, Kane is 22-12 with the Midgets, with three more no-hitters, when his contract is purchased by the Detroit Tigers in September ... he appears in three games with the Bengals, finishing 0-2 with a 8.50 ERA.

In 1904, Kane is a combined 20-8 splitting time between Rochester and Clarksdale, including an 18-3 mark with Clarksdale that is highlighted by a 52-inning scoreless streak.

Kane posts his fourth straight 20-win season in 1905, going 22-12 with the Savannah Indians of the South Atlantic League and recording his seventh career no-hitter ... leading the league in both strikeouts (228) and walks (113), Kane is called up to the Philadelphia Phillies at the end of the season ... he posts his first major league victory and his only shut-out, with a three-hit whitewashing of the St. Louis Cardinals on September 27.

Pitching another eight seasons, Kane finishes his minor league career in 1913, with the Wichita Falls Drillers of the Texas-Oklahoma (D) League ... Kane plays one final season - as an outfielder - with the Hurley Concentrators of the "outlaw" New Mexico Copper League in 1918.

In four major league seasons, Kane is 2-7 with seven complete games, including one shutout and a 4.81 ERA.

In 1915, Kane begins his umpiring career in the newly-formed Rio Grande Association ... working his way up through the Western and Texas Leagues, Kane begins umpiring in the Pacific Coast League in 1931.

Harry Kane Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	G	INN	BB	SO
1900	Denver Grizzlies	Western	B	1-5	10	59	14	43
1901	St. Louis Independents		S-Pro	-	-	-	-	-
1902	Two Teams	2 Leagues	Ind./D	26-11	68	-	-	-
	San Francisco Seraphs	California	Ind.	6-10	16	-	85	52
	Springfield Midgets	Missouri Valley	D	20-1	23	-	-	-
	St. Louis Browns	AMERICAN	ML	0-1	4	23	16	7
1903	Springfield Midgets	Missouri Valley	D	22-12	38	185	113	228
	Detroit Tigers	AMERICAN	ML	0-2	3	18	8	10
1904	Two Teams	Eastern/Delta	D/A	20-8	-	-	-	170
	Rochester Bronchos	Eastern	A	2-5	10	-	43	39
	Clarksdale	Delta	D	18-3	-	-	-	131
1905	Savannah Indians	South Atlantic	C	22-12	40	185	113	228
	Alton Blues		S-Pro	-	-	-	-	-
	Philadelphia Phillies	NATIONAL	ML	1-1	2	17	12	8
1906	Philadelphia Phillies	NATIONAL	ML	1-3	6	28	14	18
	Savannah Indians	South Atlantic	C	17-9	28	-	-	-
	Williamsport Millionaires	Tri-State	B	-	-	-	-	-
1907	Columbus Senators	American Assoc.	A	-	-	-	-	-
	Peoria Distillers	Three-I	B	-	-	-	-	-
1908	Two Teams	Tri-State	B	5-7	-	-	-	-
	Williamsport Millionaires	Tri-State	B	-	-	-	-	-
	Wilmington Peaches	Tri-State	B	-	-	-	-	-
1909	Charleston Sea Gulls	South Atlantic	C	-	-	-	-	-
	Savannah Indians	South Atlantic	C	-	-	-	-	-
	Douglas Demons		S-Pro	-	-	-	-	-
1910	Savannah Indians	South Atlantic	C	-	-	-	-	-
	Juarez Bermudas	Southwest Texas	S-Pro	-	-	-	-	-
	Douglas Demons	Catus League	S-Pro	-	-	-	-	-
1911	Three Teams	Union Association	D	16-16	-	266	107	193
	Butte Miners	Union Association	D	-	-	-	-	-
	Helena Senators	Union Association	D	-	-	-	-	-
	Great Falls Electric	Union Association	D	-	-	-	-	-
1912	Marshall Athletics	South Central	D	-	-	-	-	-
1913	Fort Worth Panthers	Texas	B	0-1	1	8	2	6
	El Paso Mavericks	New Mexico Copper	S-Pro	-	-	-	-	-
	Wichita Falls/Hugo	Texas-Oklahoma	D	10-7	18	-	-	-
1918	Hurley Concentrators	New Mexico Copper	S-Pro	-	-	-	-	-
Major League Totals			4 Years	2-7	15	86	50	43
Minor League Totals			12 Years	139-88	-	-	-	-

Kane Chronology

June 16, 1900

On loan to the semipro Longmont team from the Denver Bronchos of the Western (B) League, Kane strikes out seven, allows nine hits and one walk in a 3-2 complete game loss to the Cheyenne Indians.

August 1, 1900 - First Career Win

Kane and his "good left wing" picks up his first win in professional baseball, defeating the visiting Pueblo Indians 6-5 ... wild at times (seven walks), Kane allows seven hits and goes 2-for-3 at the plate for good measure ... the win over the last-place Indians maintains the Bronchos 1 1/2 game lead over Des Moines.

September 18, 1900

Kane leaves the Denver Bronchos before a series of exhibition games with teams from the American and National

Harry Kane [3 of 6]:

Leagues ... Kane's early departure is a result that he has a "good position" awaiting him in one of St. Louis' large dry goods store.

Despite his 1-5 record, the left-hander's talent is apparent to Denver manager George Tebeau, "If Kane ever gets control so that he can put them over he will make the best pitcher in the league."

March 20, 1901

Kane is one of eight players to sign a contract with the Denver Bronchos ... Kane later "jumps" his contract and returns to St. Louis to pitch for the Independents, one of the top semipro teams in the Midwest ... Kane is promptly put on a suspended list by the Western League.



HARRY KANE,

July 19, 1902 Kane Pitches 20-Inning Complete Game Lake Wichita Ballpark, Wichita, Kansas

SPRINGFIELD.						
	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Schmidt, c	9	0	1	19	1	0
Smith, ss	7	1	1	3	2	2
Perrine, 2b	8	1	4	5	4	0
Zoellers, cf	9	0	1	6	1	0
Schipke, 3b	8	0	3	0	5	0
Bayless, cf	7	0	0	2	1	0
Ehle, 1b	8	0	1	17	0	0
McDowell, rf	8	0	0	5	0	0
Kane, p	8	0	0	3	7	1

Totals72 2 11 60 21 3

NEVADA.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Welday, cf	8	1	1	2	0	1
Weeks, 1b	9	0	1	23	0	2
Kahl, 3b	7	0	4	2	5	0
Wingert, rf	9	0	0	5	0	0
Driscoll, 2b	8	0	0	2	6	0
St. John, ss	8	0	0	1	1	1
Cheek, c	7	0	3	18	1	0
Persch, lf	4	0	0	2	0	1
Jarvis, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Torrie, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Morton, p	8	0	0	2	5	0

Totals71 1 9 *53 18 5

*One out when winning run was made.

Score by innings:

Springfield—
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—2

Nevada—
1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1

Earned run—Springfield. Three-base

hit—Schipke. Two-base hit—Perrine,

Kahl, Cheek. Sacrifice hit—Bayless.

First base on balls—Off Kane 4, off

Morton 3. Struck out—By Kane 20, by

Morton 17. Hit by pitched ball—By

Morton 1. Stolen bases—Zoellers 1,

Schipke 2. Left on bases—Springfield

17, Nevada 14. Time—Two hours and

forty-five minutes. Umpire—Quigley.

February 11, 1902

Kane and light-hitting Omaha Omahog shortstop Jimmy Toman sign with teams in the "outlaw" California League ... Kane signs with San Francisco while Toman inks a contract with Los Angeles.

May 1, 1902 - Kane bested by Rube

In a battle of talented and somewhat eccentric left-handers, Kane, pitching for San Francisco, is bested by future Hall of Famer Rube Waddell 3-2 in a California League game ... Waddell, pitching for the Los Angeles Looelos, allows three hits and strikes out 10 while Kane yields five hits and strikes out three.

June 19, 1902 - Rube bested by Kane

It takes 10 innings, but in a rematch between the two talented left-handers, Kane gains the measure of his California League nemesis besting Waddell 4-3 ... Kane allows five hits, including a game-tying ninth-inning home run by Waddell, while striking out seven and walking three.

Following the game, unbeknownst to Looelos manager James Morley, Waddell boards the Santa Fe limited with a first-class ticket, \$200 in expense money and two Pinkerton agents and departs for Philadelphia where he will go 24-7 with a 2.05 ERA for Connie Mack's Athletics.

July 23, 1902

Struggling with a 6-10 record and about to be released by manager Henry Harris, Kane "jumps" the San Francisco club to play for the Springfield Midgets of the Missouri Valley (D) League.

◀ July 19, 1902 - 20-Inning Marathon

Pitching for the Springfield Midgets, Kane pitches a 20-inning complete game 2-1 win over the Nevada Lunatics in a Missouri Valley League game ... the visiting Lunatics score their only run in the first inning on two hits ... Kane walks four, allows nine hits and strikes out a career-high 20 in out-dueling Nevada's Peter Morton who allows only 11 hits and strikes out 17



RUBE WADDELL,

Harry Kane [4 of 6]:

August 8, 1902 Kane's Major League Debut Sportsman Park, St. Louis, Missouri

BOSTON.							
	ab.	r.	bh.	tb.	po.	a.	e.
Dougherty, l.f.	3	3	1	1	4	0	0
Collins, 3b.	3	1	0	0	0	3	0
Stahl, c.f.	4	0	1	1	2	0	0
Freeman, r.f.	5	0	2	2	3	0	0
Parent, s.s.	5	0	1	1	1	6	0
Lachance, 1b.	5	1	1	1	13	0	0
Ferris, 2b.	4	1	1	1	2	4	0
Criger, c.	3	1	1	1	2	0	0
Young, p.	3	1	1	1	0	1	0
Totals	35	8	9	9	27	14	0

ST. LOUIS.									
	ab.	r.	bh.	tb.	po.	a.	e.		
Burkett, l.f.	4	0	2	3	1	0	2		
Heidrick, c.f.	4	0	0	0	3	0	1		
Hemphill, r.f.	3	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Anderson, 1b.	4	0	0	0	16	0	0		
Wallace, s.s.	4	0	0	0	1	5	1		
McCormick, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Padden, 2b.	3	0	1	1	2	3	1		
Kahoe, c.	3	0	0	0	3	2	0		
Harper, p.	1	0	1	1	0	4	0		
Kane, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
*Friel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals	31	0	4	5	27	15	6		
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Boston	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0-8

Two-base hit—Burkett. Sacrifice hit—Stahl.
Double play—Padden, Wallace and Anderson.
Passed ball—Kahoe. Stolen bases—Stahl.
Dougherty. Wild pitch—Harper. First base on
balls—Off Harper 5, off Kane 1, off Young 1.
Struck out—By Harper 1, by Kane 2, by Young
2. Innings pitched—Harper 6, Kane 3. Hits—

July 21, 1902

Two days after his 20-inning masterpiece against the eventual Missouri Valley League champion Lunatics, Kane signs with the St. Louis Browns.

◀ August 8, 1902 - Major League Debut

An 18-year-old Kane makes his major league debut in an 8-0 loss to the visiting Boston Somersets in front of 3,200 fans in Sportsman Park ... relieving starter Jack Harper in the top of the seventh inning, Kane pitches three scoreless innings, allows only one hit - a single - and strikes out two.

Kane's successful debut is over shadowed by the performance of Boston's 35-year-old Cy Young who allows only four hits en route to one of his 76 career shutouts ... according to the *Boston Herald*, Young, following the last out of the game, walks over to the water cooler and drinks three glasses of "Mississippi river champagne" and mutters "Oh, I don't know."

August 29, 1902

After going 0-1 with a 4.58 ERA in four games for the Browns, Kane is released to return to Springfield to finish the season with the Midgets.

February 1903

The *St. Louis Republic* reports that Kane, now with the Pittsburgh Pirates, is putting on weight which should help the lefty as he was a "trifle too light for fast company last year" ... Kane fails to make the Pirates' pitching staff, owing to a "lack of condition."

September 7, 1903

Kane is 22-12 with the Springfield Midgets when his contract is purchased by the Detroit Tigers.

May 1904

Kane begins the 1904 season pitching for the Rochester Bronchos of the Eastern League but after starting the season with a 2-5 mark he is released to Clarksville of the Delta (D) League.

August 1904

Kane goes 18-3 for Clarksville and at one point pitches 52 consecutive scoreless innings.

ALTON BLUES SIGN PHENOMENAL PITCHER.

Will Twirl To-Morrow in Alton
Blues vs. Girard Game.

Manager Jake Bene has signed a phenomenal pitcher, Harry Kane, of Savannah, Ga., who will pitch in the game between the Blues and Girard to-morrow at Sportsman's park. Kane has a record of averaging but three hits per game in forty games played this year. He also has a 13-inning, no hit game to his credit and five one-hit games. He is said to have signed with the Philadelphia national league team for next season.

August 14, 1905 - Loses No-Hitter (I) ▶

Pitching for the Savannah Indians of the South Atlantic (C) League, Kane pitches a 13-inning no-hitter but loses a 1-0 decision to Robert Chappelle of the Jacksonville Jays.

September 22, 1905

Alton Blues manager Jake Bene announces the signing of Savannah Indians left hander Harry Kane to a contract ... Kane is 22-12 with the Indians with one 13-inning no-hitter and five one-hit games.

JACKSONVILLE WON

Errors by Savannah Gave Jays the Game in Thirteenth Inning.

Savannah, Ga., August 14.—(Special.)—Kane's claims to premier pitching honors were justified by today's game, when, for thirteen innings, he held the hard-hitting Jacksonville aggregation without a hit. Errors by Savannah won the game for Jacksonville.

There was a decided question in the thirteenth as to whether Gnadinger was safe at the plate. He went from third on a grounder to Hallman at second and it looked to the spectators that Gnadinger was caught at the plate. Following that play Viola was generally conceded to have landed safely on the plate, but Latham seemed to want to even things up when it was too late, so he called him out. It failed to even 'em up, however, for Savannah could not score in their half.

Score by Innings.

R. H. E.

Savannah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Kane and Swindell; Chappelle and Shea. Umpire, Latham. Time: 2:00. Attendance, 800.																			

Harry Kane [5 of 6]:

September 27, 1905

Kane debuts with the Philadelphia Phillies and in his fifth major league start posts his first major league shutout with a three-hit 6-0 win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

May 5, 1906

Making his 15th, and final, major league appearance, Kane fails to last the first inning in Philadelphia's 4-3 win in 12 innings over visiting Brooklyn.

May 9, 1906

Philadelphia sells Kane back to the Savannah Indians for \$175 ... still only 22 years old, Kane is 1-3 with a 3.86 ERA with the Phillies at the time of the transaction.



August 14, 1905 Kane Loses No-Hitter Savannah, Georgia

COLUMBIA		AB	R	IB	PO	A	E
Needham, ss	2	0	0	0	3	0	
Granville, 3b	1	0	0	1	3	0	
Burt, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0	
Schlrm, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Kanzler, 1b	2	1	0	13	0	0	
Wallace, cf	2	0	0	6	0	0	
Lally, 2b	3	0	0	1	3	0	
Sweeney, c	3	0	0	5	0	0	
Russell, p	3	0	0	0	7	0	
Totals	21	1	0	27	16	0	

SAVANNAH.

	AB	R	IB	PO	A	E
*King, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hoffman, ss	4	0	0	0	2	0
Howard, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Dexter, lf	3	0	2	0	0	0
Sabrie, 1b	2	0	0	9	0	0
Logan, 2b	3	0	0	2	2	0
Lewis, 3b	2	0	0	1	1	0
Berry, c	1	0	0	1	2	0
Curran, c in fourth	2	0	0	11	0	0
Kane, p	3	0	1	0	3	0
Totals	28	0	3	24	10	0

*Hoff bats for King in ninth.
By innings:

Columbia	010	000	00*-1
Savannah	000	000	000-0

Summary:

Two base hit: Kane; first base on balls Russell 1, Kane 4; struck out: Russell 5, Kane 13; left on bases: Columbia 3, Savannah 3; sacrifice hits: Granville, Wallace, Sabrie; stolen bases: Kanzler, King, Dexter; wild pitch Kane. Time of game, 1 45. Umpire, Mace. Scorer, Wood.

◀ June 14, 1906 - Loses No-Hitter (II)

For the second time in 10 months, Kane pitches a no-hitter - and loses ... Kane strikes out 13 but walks four - all in the first two innings - and drops a 1-0 decision to the Columbia' Gamecocks.

June 23, 1906

Kane pitches a one-hit victory over Columbia ... the game report notes that had Kane allowed one less hit against the Gamecocks, he would have "most certainly have sustained a defeat."

July 26, 1906

Kane receives an offer from an "outlaw" team in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

August 2, 1906

Cleveland's Nap Lajoie buys Kane from Savannah for \$1,500 ... Kane will report to Cleveland at the end of the South Atlantic League season.

August 9, 1906

Kane holds the Macon Brigands to one run and one hit, winning his game.

August 14, 1906

Pitcher Kane, of Savannah, shut out Charleston with two hits in twelve innings ... Charleston center fielder John Mullin, a .224 hitter, collects both hits in a 12-inning 1-0 win.

THAT \$20,000 ARM WAS TRUMP CARD

Twenty-One Innings With But a
Single Run.

SECOND GAME A CORKER

It Was Truly Pitchers' Day and the
Men in the Hide Pit
Starred.

August 16, 1906

Instead of reporting to the Cleveland Indians, Kane opts to pay for an "outlaw" team in Williamsport, Pennsylvania ... Kane later finishes the season with the Williamsport Millionaires of the Tri-State League.

August 29, 1906 - Iron Man

Kane pitches both ends of a doubleheader with Columbia ... he shuts the visiting Gamecocks in the first game allowing one hit in a 1-0 victory ... in the second game, he pitches 12 scoreless innings in a game that is called on account of darkness ... on the afternoon, Kane allows only eight hits while striking out 13.