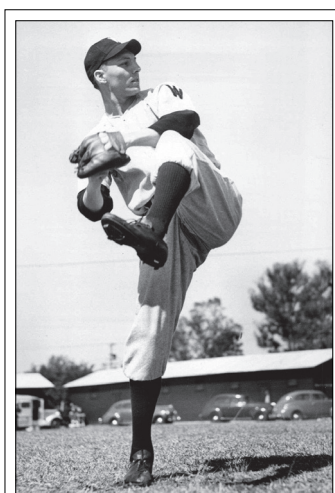


BILL ZINSER

Born on January 6, 1918, in Astoria, New York, right-handed pitcher Bill Zinser appears in two games with the last-place Washington Senators in August of 1944. In 2/3rds of an inning, the Astoria, New York, native fashions a 27.00 ERA, allowing one hit and walking five of the eight batters he faces.

Breaking into professional baseball in 1940, as a 22-year-old with the Coastal Plain (D) League's Kinston Eagles, Zinser is 17-9 in 32 games with a league-leading 2.08 ERA. A year later, he is 11-14 with a 4.41 ERA with Greenville Spinners of the South Atlantic (B) League. Between 1942 and 1944, Zinser works a war industry job at the Grumman Wildcat Plant in Bethpage, New York.



Bill Zinser
1944 Washington Senators

- An outstanding sandlot player for three years in Mineola, Long island, Zinser decides to try baseball for a living after being laid off from a well-paying construction job.
- In 1940 with Kinston, Bill and his 27-year-old brother Lou (11-4) are a combined 28-13 with a 2.28 ERA for the ---place Eagles.
- In 1942, Zinser goes South with the Washington Senators for spring training, but fails to make the club and is sent to Charlotte of the ----- Association ... Zinser elects to return to the New York area and becomes a star pitcher for the Grumman Bombers.
- In his major league debut against the Chicago White Sox on August 19, 1944, Zinser relieves Nats' starter Alex Carrasquel at the start of the eighth inning and walks the only batter he faces before he is relieved by Bill LeFebvre, who pitches two hitless innings securing a 3-2 win.

JANUARY 6, 1931

After two previous denials, the Little Rock, Arkansas, school board finally decides to "grant use" of Kavanaugh Field as a baseball park enabling the Travelers franchise to play another season in the Southern Association. Meanwhile Nashville president Joseph Whaley announces that the Volunteers will be sold to the highest bidder before a January 20 deadline.

JANUARY 6, 1935

A fire of "mysterious origin" breaks out around 4:30 p.m., destroying the grandstand of Willis Park, the former home of the High Point, North Carolina, minor league baseball team between 1928 and 1932. Two sets of bleachers remain standing. W.T. Willis, owner of the property, is not certain whether the insurance policy has lapsed or not.

JANUARY 6, 1954

Coming off a 10-win season with the fifth-place Washington Senators, two-time American League All-Star Walt Masterson announces his retirement from his home in South Portland, Maine. Following a two-year hiatus, Masterson will return to the game in 1956 with the Detroit Tigers, finishing 1-1 with two saves and a 4.17 ERA.