

Dave Barbee, "Gate City Crasher"

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"Atlas held up the world, and Dave Barbee looks strong enough to give an imitation of the former."
-Philadelphia Inquirer, August 8, 1926

A hard-hitting native of Greensboro, N.C., **Dave Barbee** plays 12 years of professional baseball, including two seasons with the Philadelphia Athletics (1926) and Pittsburgh Pirates (1932).

Fresh off the campus of Oglethorpe University, Barbee begins his pro career in 1925, with the local Greensboro Patriots of the Piedmont (C) League, hitting .333 with three home runs and nine RBIs in 16 games.

The following year, Barbee is batting .372 and has a Piedmont League record 29 home runs when his contract is acquired by the American League's Philadelphia Athletics on July 24.

Making his major league debut against the Cleveland Indians on July 29, Barbee belts a triple on the second pitch in his first at bat. In 19 games for Connie Mack's Athletics, he hits .190 with one home run and five RBIs.

Returning to the minors in 1927 with Reading of the International (AA) League, Barbee hits .262 with 14 home runs. The Keystones, despite having 20 former or future major league players on the roster, finish 43-123 (.259) and 68 games behind the first place Buffalo Bisons.

In 1928, Barbee begins a four-year span in the Pacific Coast (AA) League where he hits .325 with 146 doubles, 26 triples, 126 home runs with 526 RBIs between 1928 and 1931. In 1930, splitting time between the Seattle Indians and the Hollywood Stars - or the Sheiks, their unofficial nickname - he hits .325 with 30 doubles, a league-leading 41 home runs and drives in 155 runs. A year later, again with Hollywood, he hits .332 with a career-best 166 RBIs and leads the PCL in home runs for a second-straight year with 47.

Following his breakout year with the Stars, Barbee is drafted by the National League's Pittsburgh Pirates. Starting the 1932 season with the Corsairs Barbee establishes himself as the team's starting left fielder by the 20th game of the season. In his only full major league campaign, Barbee hits .257 with 22 doubles, five triples, five home runs and 55 RBIs. After the season, Barbee is named second-team Major League All-Rookie.

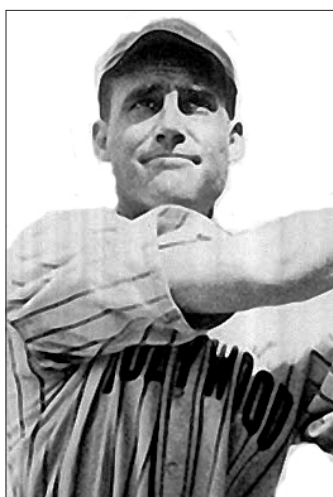
Despite a fairly productive Pirate debut, a 28-year-old Barbee finds himself back in the minors the following February when the Bucs farm him to the International League's Toronto Maple Leafs. He will play three more seasons in the minors, with five different teams, before retiring in 1935, after being released on August 5, by the Atlanta Crackers.

Barbee returns home to Greensboro and for at least the next three years will terrorize pitchers in North Carolina's highly competitive semi-pro leagues. He manages the Burlington Tower Hosiery mill team for two seasons and the Burlington Mills team for one.

In 1938, Barbee hits .481 as the player/manager for Burlington Mills. Newspaper reports say that he had a .375 lifetime batting average in various semi-pro leagues in and around Greensboro.



Dave Barbee
1926 Philadelphia Athletics



Dave Barbee
1931 Hollywood Stars

Dave Barbee [2 of 6]:

Six years after being released by Atlanta, a 37-year-old Barbee returns to professional baseball one last time when he signs to play for the Burlington (N.C.) Bees of the Bi-State (D) League. Despite suffering through some bothersome leg injuries, the popular ex-major leaguer is hitting .301 and has 18 home runs in only 58 games for the Bees when on July 23, he requests his release and retires from baseball.

Born in Greensboro, N.C., on May 7, 1905, an 18-year-old Barbee leads Pomona High School of the "Gate City" to the 1923 North Carolina state title, hitting a home run while pitching a three-hit shutout in the title game. Originally committing to North Carolina State College and the University of North Carolina, Barbee eventually attends Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia, and plays two seasons (1924 & 1925) and plays a key role as a freshman in 1924 as the Petrels finish 22-2 and win the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship.

Barbee dies at his home in Albemarle, N.C., in July 1, 1968, at the age of 63, and is buried in Guilford Memorial Park in Greensboro.

BARBEE CHRONOLOGY

May 19, 1923

Barbee pitches Pomona High School to the North Carolina high school state baseball championship, allowing only three hits and striking out nine and hitting a second inning home run to open the scoring in a 5-0 win over Durham High School.

March 30, 1924

Barbee goes 3-for-6 and drives in the winning run in the 11th inning with a triple leading Oglethorpe past visiting Dartmouth 7-6.



In leading Pomona High School to the North Carolina state title in 1923, Dave Barbee is second on the team in batting with a .415 average. But it was on the mound that Barbee stands out. In 100 innings pitched, the strong right-hander strikes out 135 batters and allows only 1 earned run on 26 singles. His ERA is an impressive 0.09.

Durham Bulls at Greensboro Patriots
Cone Park, Greensboro, North Carolina
August 10, 1925

DURHAM	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Maltby, 2b.	5	1	2	5	4	0
Bourg, 1b.	3	0	0	13	0	0
Smith, 3b.	4	1	2	0	5	0
Beasley, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Lennox, ss.	4	2	1	2	2	0
Hazen, lf.	2	0	2	1	1	0
Sessions, rf.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Hayworth, c.	4	0	2	3	3	0
Masters, p.	4	0	0	1	4	0
Totals	34	4	10	25	14	0
GREENSBORO	Ab.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
O'Hara, 2b.	4	2	2	4	1	0
Engle, ss.	3	1	1	1	6	0
Thompson, lf.	3	0	2	1	0	0
Thrasher, cf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Barbee, rf.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Cox, 1b.	3	0	0	14	0	0
Heine, 3b.	4	1	1	2	4	0
Ray, c.	4	0	3	3	2	0
Dempster, p.	4	1	3	1	5	1
Totals	32	5	13	27	18	1

Durham 500 001 000—4
Greensboro 200 020 001—5
xOne out when winning run was scored.

Summary—Two-base hits: Maltby, Smith, Barbee, Hayworth (2). Sessions, Ray. Sacrifice hits: Bourg, Hazen, Engle, Thompson, Thrasher. Double plays: Lennox to Maltby to Bourg. Base on balls: off Masters, 1; off Dempster, 1. Struck out: by Masters, 3; by Dempster, 2.

Barbee is 1-for-4 with a double (in his first at bat) and an RBI in his professional baseball debut as Greensboro rallies to defeat Durham 5-4 in front of 500 Cone Park fans.

January 18, 1925

After refusing to sign several contract offers, Barbee inks a contract with the hometown Greensboro Patriots.

June 7, 1925

Despite signing a contract and accepting transportation money, Barbee has yet to report to the Patriots and it is opined that he is still in the wilds of Tennessee playing "turkey baseball".

July 4, 1925

After telling Patriots' manager Lee Gooch several times that would be reporting first June 1, then June 15, and again on July 3, Barbee tells the team he remains in Georgia and despite the fact he is playing baseball almost every day, he tells the Patriots that he is hurt and would be worthless to the team

◀◀ August 10, 1925

Barbee finally reports to the Patriots and is 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI in his debut, a 5-4 win over Durham.

August 15, 1925 ▶▶

Barbee hits the first of his 205 career home runs, connecting off 36-year-old Danville Leaf left hander Rube Eldridge in the second game of Piedmont (C) League double-header before 1,500 in Greensboro's Cone Park ... Eldridge, a 285-game winner over a 20-year minor league career, pitches both ends of the double header that afternoon, winning the nightcap 6-3 after losing the opener 3-2.

Dave Barbee, Pomona Mound Ace Now With Oglethorpe, Signs To Play For the Patriots



Rube Eldridge
1925 High Point Pointers

Dave Barbee [3 of 7]:

BARBEE, PIEDMONT STAR, TO JOIN MACKS AT ONCE

DURHAM, N. C., July 24 (AP).— Dave Barbee, home run king of the Piedmont League, and third baseman for Greensboro, will leave tomorrow for Philadelphia, where he will join the Athletics. Barbee was sold to the Philadelphia club early in the season for a price said to have been \$10,000.

June 1, 1926

Connie Mack announces that the Philadelphia Athletics have purchased Greensboro outfielder Dave Barbee, who is rated as the "sensation of the minor leagues".

June 25, 1926

Barbee suffers a concussion and is carried from the field unconscious following a first inning collision with Winston-Salem's Al Mellana in a 7-4 loss to the Twins ... the Piedmont League home run leader (21) is expected to miss two weeks and is replaced in the Patriots' lineup by rookie Eddie Judd who goes 1-for-7 in his Greensboro debut the following day.

July 21, 1926

In a 4-1 win over visiting High Point Pointers, Barbee hits home runs No. 27 and 28, breaking the existing Piedmont League record of 27 ... the Patriots still have 54 games remaining on their regular season schedule ... Philadelphia Athletics scout Earl Mack, Jr., is in the stands watching the recently-signed Barbee, who is expected to the report to the major league club at the end of the Piedmont League season.

July 24, 1926

In a 3:00 p.m., call to Greensboro Patriots manager Lee Hooch, Philadelphia calls up Barbee to the major leagues ... Barbee, whose contract was sold to the Athletics earlier in the season for a reported \$10,000, is told to report to the parent club by the following Monday ... to replace Barbee, former Patriot infielder Charlie Engle, who had two hits in 19 at bats (.105) in 19 games with the Athletics, will rejoin Greensboro and play third base.

July 29, 1926 ▶▶

In a little more than three years after leading his high school to the state title, Barbee makes his major league debut against the Cleveland Indians ... with two on and two out in the top of the first inning, Barbee hits the second pitch thrown to him by Indian starter Garland Buckeye, over the head of center fielder Tris Speaker for a triple and driving in a pair of runs to give the A's an early 2-0 lead ... in his second at bat, Barbee hits another drive to deep center that Speaker hustles to haul in ... is 1-for-4 as Cleveland rallies for a 3-2 victory.

August 8, 1926

William Grant of the *Greensboro Daily News* writes, "if Barbee fails to remain in the majors, his downfall can be attributed to the fact that his limbs are out of order."

POINTS ABOUT DAVE BARBEE

- Weights 185 pounds.
- Bats, throws and picks up \$5 gold pieces righthanded.
- Believes the telephone has come to stay.
- Can't hit wild pitches or Jack Delaney.
- Never took a bagpipe lesson in his life.
- Born in Greensboro, N. C.
- Never been to Toughkenamon, Pa.
- Thinks the south won the civil war on points.
- Sucker for lefthook to jaw, if delivered by Dempsey.
- Thinks Charley Chaplin is a greater man than Coolidge.
- Given to witty sayings such as "So is your old man."
- Raises shoe trees on his farm.
- Can't sing the tenor role in *La Gioconda*.
- Always travels with a spare collar button.
- Fast sliding on a banana peel.

Philadelphia Inquirer, August 8, 1926

August 17, 1926

Barbee hits his first major league home run off of Cleveland left-hander Joe Shaute in second game of doubleheader sweep of the Indians ... Barbee goes 2-for-2 with two RBIs in a 6-4 win.

December 26, 1927

Philadelphia Athletics' manager Connie Mack announces that Barbee has been sold to the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League, ... terms are not announced.

**Philadelphia Athletics at Cleveland Indians
Dunn Field, Cleveland, Ohio
July 29, 1926**

PHILADELPHIA					CLEVELAND						
	ab	r	h	a		ab	r	h	a		
Dykes, 2b	4	0	0	2	3	Eichr'dt, lf	4	0	1	1	0
Hale, 3b	4	0	0	2	0	Sp'rg'n, 2b	4	0	0	1	2
Welsh, lf	4	1	3	2	0	Speaker, cf	3	2	1	6	0
Sim'ns, cf	4	1	2	6	0	Burns, 1b	3	1	2	5	0
Barb'e, rf	4	0	1	2	0	J. Se'l, ss	4	0	3	7	2
Perk'ns, c	2	0	0	4	1	Summa, rf	4	0	1	0	1
Foxx, c	1	0	1	0	0	L. Se'l, c	3	0	1	5	2
Gallo'y, ss	3	0	0	2	3	Lutzke, 3b	2	0	0	1	3
Hauser, 1b	4	0	1	4	2	Buckeye, p	1	0	0	1	0
Grove, p	3	0	0	0	2	Miller, p	0	0	0	0	0
						Lee, z	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 33 2 8 24 11					Totals 29 3 9 27 10						

z—Batted for Buckeye in 7th.
Philadelphia 200 000 000—2
Cleveland 000 100 020—3
Error—J. Sewell. Two-base hits—Cpeak-er, Eichrodt, Burns and J. Sewell. Three-base hit—Barbee. Sacrifices—Burns, Lutzke. Double plays—L. Sewell and J. Sewell; Galloway, Dykes and Hauser; J. Sewell, Spurgeon and Burns. Left on bases—Philadelphia, 6; Cleveland, 6. Bases on balls—Off Grove, 2; Buckeye, 2; Miller, 1. Struck out—By Grove, 4; Buckeye, 3; Miller, 1. Hits—Off Buckeye, 5 in 7; Miller, 3 in 2. Winning pitcher—Miller. Umpires—Hildebrand, Moriarty and Rowland. Time—2:08.

Barbee hits a two-run triple in his first major league at bat and is 1-for-4 with two RBIs in a 3-2 loss to the Cleveland Indians. Barbee's first inning drive to centerfield against Cleveland's Garland Buckeye, drives in Frank Welch and Al Simmons.

June 20, 1928

The Seattle Indians trade right-handed pitcher Jack Knight to the Portland Beavers for lefty Bert Cole and an outfielder to be named within 78 hours or three days.

June 22, 1928

Barbee is traded to the Seattle Indians as the "outfielder to be named later" in the Jack Knight for Bert Cole trade two days earlier.

Dave Barbee [4 of 7]:

June 29, 1928

Seattle President Bill Klepper telegraphs Barbee, who is five days late in joining the team, to report "immediately."

October 1, 1928

On the night before a key series between Seattle and the Sacramento Salons, Barbee is involved in a "drunken brawl," and suffers a broken right arm ... Barbee, center fielder Bernie Neis, catcher Eddie Ainsworth and pitchers Karl Graham and "Hap" Collard are suspended for the remainder of the season and fined \$100 ... Sacramento enters the series with the last-place Indians tied with San Francisco for first place in second half of the season with identical 59-37 records ... both the Salons and the Seals will sweep their weekend series and finish the second half tied for first place with 62-37 records ... Sacramento wins the first two games in a best-of-three playoff to win the second half crown ... San Francisco will rebound to beat the Solons four-games-to-two to capture the PCL title.

October 2, 1928

Seattle President Bill Klepper reinstates Bernie Neis, Hap Collard and Eddie Ainsworth for the final three games of the season ... Barbee and Karl Graham remain suspended as police charges are still pending against the duo.

February 20, 1929

Portland Indians president Tom Turner, who traded Barbee to Seattle the previous season, attempts to get Barbee back, offering 29-year-old pitcher Edwin Tomlin (9-8, 3.56) straight up for the slugging outfielder ... the proposed trade is turned down by Seattle.

February 24, 1929

Four days after Portland's attempt to re-acquire Barbee fails, San Francisco attempts to convince Seattle to trade Barbee to the Seals ... Seattle president Bill Klepper responds, "Barbee is here to stay, no matter how much money they offer for him. We are building a first division baseball club and we certainly cannot do it by sacrificing our best hitter and biggest drawing card."

May 29, 1929

Barbee is "beaned" by Los Angeles Angels pitcher Harry Child and is carried off of the field ... Seattle gains a measure of revenge, posting a 7-0 win ... it marks the second beaming of the season for Barbee who was decked earlier in the season by Portland's Roy Mahaffey.

May 30, 1929

Nicknamed "Fried Chicken" by the Seattle media, Barbee returns to action the following day, playing briefly in both games of a doubleheader with the Angels, going 1-for-3 in the twin bill.

Dave Barbee Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Lev	AB	HT	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
1923	Pomona High School	NCHSAA	Coll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1923	Forest City (N.C.)	Blue Ridge	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1924	Oglethorpe University	SIAA	Coll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.326
1924	Siler City (N.C.)	Tri-County	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1925	Oglethorpe University	SIAA	Coll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1925	Tate (Ga.)	South Georgia	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1925	Greensboro Patriots	Piedmont	C	57	19	6	2	3	9	0	.333
1926	Greensboro Patriots	Piedmont	C	344	128	26	2	29	85	-	.372
1926	Philadelphia Athletics	AMERICAN	ML	47	8	1	1	1	5	-	.170
1927	Reading Keystones	International	AA	413	108	20	3	14	52	-	.262
1928	Portland Beavers/Seattle Indians	Pacific Coast	AA	483	158	32	11	16	89	8	.327
1929	Seattle Indians	Pacific Coast	AA	613	184	42	10	22	118	4	.316
1930	Seattle Indians/Hollywood Stars	Pacific Coast	AA	588	191	30	3	41	155	5	.325
1931	Hollywood Stars	Pacific Coast	AA	650	216	42	2	47	166	4	.332
1932	Pittsburgh Pirates	NATIONAL	ML	327	84	22	6	5	55	1	.257
1933	Two Teams	Two Leagues	A/AA	392	97	22	4	6	57	-	.247
	Toronto Maple Leafs	International	AA	287	75	15	3	5	45	-	.261
	Tulsa Oilers	Texas	A	105	22	7	1	1	12	-	.210
1934	Two Teams	Two Leagues	A/AA	297	82	19	4	3	45	-	.276
	Birmingham Barons	Southern	A	209	57	12	3	3	45	0	.273
	Minneapolis Millers	American Assoc.	AA	88	25	7	1	0	0	-	.284
1935	Newnan (Ga.) Tigers	Middle Georgia Textile	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1935	Atlanta Crackers	Southern	A	45	8	1	0	0	1	0	.178
1936	Lexington Indians		Spro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1936	Mojuds Hosiery	Textile	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1937	Tower Hosiery	Textile	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1938	Burlington Mills	Textile	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.481
	Asheboro Eagles	Piedmont	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1939	Tower Hosiery	Textile	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1940	Burlington Mills	Textile	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1941	Burlington Mills	Textile	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1942	Burlington Bees	Bi-State	D	195	59	8	0	17	50	-	.301
Major League Totals			2 Seasons	374	92	23	7	6	60	1	.246
Minor League Totals			12 Seasons	4404	1334	270	47	203	882	-	.303

ML Debut: July 29, 1926, at Dunn Field, Cleveland: batting fifth and starting in RF, went 1-for-4 with a triple (in his first at bat) and two RBIs in a 3-2 loss to the Cleveland Indians.

ML Finale: September 25, 1932, at Sportsman Park, St. Louis: batting third and starting in leftfield, went 0-for-4 and grounded into a double play in a 7-4 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

All-Star Honors:

1931-Pacific Coast League; 1942-Bi-State League

One-Armed and One-Legged Boy Throws Shutout

Lumberton, N. C., (LP)—Dick Norment today occupied a niche in in baseball's hall of fame.

The 19-year old one-armed and one-legged Lumberton high school pitcher who some weeks ago shut out Clarkton high, allowing only two hits, yesterday pitched a no hit, no run game, blanking Rowland high school, 6 to 0.

The boy's arm and leg was amputated 11 years ago as the result of a train wreck.

Dave Barbee [5 of 7]:

June 20, 1929

The Oakland Oaks win their 11th-straight game, beating the Seattle Indians 5-2 ... an ailing Barbee misses his first game of the season with an injury ... the *Seattle Daily Times* reports that Barbee "is so heavy" that his legs are giving him problems.

May 15, 1930

Despite losing his starting spot in the Seattle lineup, Barbee is the object of trade rumors with the Hollywood Stars ... mired in fifth place with an 18-18 mark, Seattle president Bill Klepper announces that the team will waive eight players and will entertain trade talks for Barbee ... Klepper wants \$10,000 for Barbee, Hollywood's Bill Lane offers \$5,000.



Dave Barbee
1930 Hollywood Stars

May 17, 1930

Reinstated into the starting lineup in time for that afternoon's game with Hollywood, Barbee goes 2-for-4 with a pair of home runs and two RBIs ... the Stars score twice in the bottom to pull out an 8-7 victory.

June 17, 1930

The Hollywood Stars are 32-40 and in sixth place, 11 games out of first-place, when owner Bill Lane announces that the team has purchased outfielder Dave Barbee from Seattle, who has fallen out of favor with manager Ernie Johnson ... Lane signs Barbee to a unique contract, agreeing to pay both the travel and hotel bills for Barbee's wife on all of the team's road trips ... Hollywood is 32-40 and is in sixth place and 11 games behind front-running Sacramento.

June 19, 1930

Barbee makes his Hollywood debut and wastes little time in making in presence felt, hitting a home run in an 11-7 loss to the Mission Reds ... Barbee will hit 10 home runs in his first 19 games with the Stars.

July 3, 1930

Hollywood runs its winning streak to 10 in a row with a 9-1 win over Oakland ... Barbee hits a grand slam in the fifth inning, his ninth home run in 15

games with the Stars.

July 4, 1930

Hollywood extends its winning streak to 12 games with a double-header sweep of Oakland, 10-9, 2-1 ... Barbee hits his 10th home run in 17 games with the Stars ... Hollywood is 15-2 since Barbee joined the club on June 19th.

October 19, 1930

Despite missing the final series of the regular season with a sprained ankle, Barbee finishes the season with a .325 average ... leads the league with 41 home runs and is fifth in RBIs with 155.

October 26, 1930

Hollywood, behind the slugging of outfielder Dave Barbee, beats Los Angeles 8-4 and defeats the Angels four games to one to win its second-consecutive PCL title ... Barbee goes 12-for-19 (.632) in the five games with four home runs.

April 14, 1931

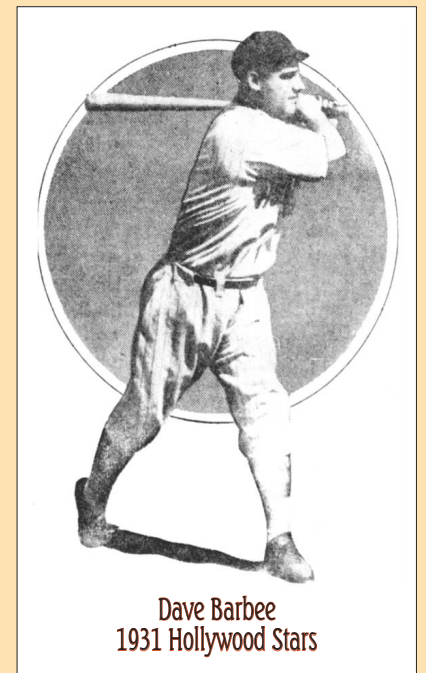
Barbee is fined and suspended for breaking team rules the night before Hollywood's season opener.

June 2, 1931

It is reported that the National League's Brooklyn Robins are interested in acquiring Barbee and Seattle's Dutch Holland ... Barbee cannot be "delivered" until the end of the season ... Holland, another North Carolina product who played collegiately at NC State, will make it to the majors in 1932 with the Boston Braves.

June 1931

Barbee, who's 41 home runs a year ago, led the Pacific Coast League, says that the advent of night baseball and its "heavier air," will mean that this year's home run will have no more than 30 ... Seattle's Fred Muller will cop the home run crowd with 38.



Dave Barbee
1931 Hollywood Stars

Dave Barbee [6 of 7]:

DAVE BARBEE DRAFTED BY BUCCANEERS

Coast Star Who Hit
46 Homers This
Year Comes Here

September 30, 1931

Barbee is selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the Rule C draft at the annual major league draft meetings.

April 20, 1932

With Barbee in the running for Pittsburgh's starting left field position, Hollywood Stars manager Oscar Vitt tells the media that the Stars have put in the first claim on Barbee should he not make the Pirates' opening day roster.

May 3, 1932

In Pittsburgh's 8-6 loss to the visiting Chicago Cubs, Barbee pinch hits an eighth-inning home run off of Chicago right hander Bob Smith.

May 6, 1932

Three days later, Barbee goes 1-for-4 in his first start as a Pittsburgh Pirate in a 4-2 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies ... the loss drops the last-place Bucs' record to 7-13, but the 27-year-old Barbee gains the confidence of manager George Gibson and will start 64 of the Pirates' next 69 games until a knee injury forces him to the sidelines ... over that 69-game span the Bucs will go 44-25 and move into first place by four games.

July 26, 1932

Hitting a solid .254 with five home runs and 46 RBIs, Barbee spikes his right leg diving for a line drive off the bat of New York Giant left fielder Chick Fullis and is carried from the field ... not able to return to the starting lineup for over two weeks, Barbee will go 4-for-5 as pinch hitter before getting his next start on August 15 ... without Barbee in the lineup, Pittsburgh goes 6-13 and drops into second place, a game-and-a-half behind the front-running Chicago Cubs.



Dave Barbee
1932 Pittsburgh Pirates

BRAME AND BARBEE ARE RELEASED BY PIRATES

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15—UT—Ervin Brame, veteran right-handed pitcher, and Dave Barbee, young outfielder of the Pittsburgh National League baseball club, were released to the Toronto club of the International League, Pittsburgh officials announced last night.

Brame, who came to Pittsburgh from Jersey city in 1927 was released outright. Barbee, a hard hitting right handed batter, drafted from the Hollywood club late in 1931, was released under option by which the Pirates may recall him later in the season.

February 14, 1933

Pittsburgh Pirate president William Benswanger announces that Barbee and pitcher Erv Brame have been released to the Toronto Maple Leafs of the International (AA) League ... Brame is released outright while Barbee goes North of the Border with strings attached ... the 30-year-old Brame was 3-1 with a 7.41 ERA for the Pirates in 1932 ... the Big Rock, Tenn., native is only two years removed from leading the National League in complete games with 22 ... a career .306 hitter in five major league seasons, Brame was a noted pinch-hitter, going 25-for-70 (.375) in that role during his five-year major league career.

September 11, 1933

The Pirates cancel their option on Barbee.

April 30, 1934

Playing for the Minneapolis Millers, Barbee is hit in the head on a pitch by St. Paul's Saints' Bubba Trow and "he sank unconscious over the plate ... he is carried off the field after being administered to by team trainer Frank Bowman.

July 18, 1935

With starter Eddie Harris on the injured list and also suspended for 10 days, Atlanta Crackers manager Eddie Moore announces the signing of Barbee to a contract.

"He may be the outfielder we need. He has been a hitter and he still a young fellow. He may have the ambition to stay in there."

- Eddie Moore, Atlanta Cracker manager

August 5, 1936

Hitting .178 with eight hits in 45 at bats, Barbee is released by the Atlanta Crackers.

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the Opening of

DAVE BARBEE'S SERVICE STATION

Located Corner N. Main and Baldwin Road

We Will Carry a Complete Line of STANDARD
PRODUCTS at All Times.

YOUR PATRONAGE APPRECIATED!
DAVE BARBEE, Prop.

Dave Barbee [7 of 7]:

April 22, 1936

J.V. Hunt, manager of the Mock-Judson-Voehringer (Mojuds) team of the Greensboro Commercial League announces that former major leaguer Dave Barbee has started work at the Mojud plant and will play against High Point College during the upcoming weekend ... Barbee hits three home runs and a double in his Mojuds debut.

October 15, 1937

Scheduled to play a seven-game series for the championship of the Greensboro Commercial League, the Tower and McEwen Hosiery teams decided to "call the whole thing off" after the ninth game ended in a tie - the fourth of the series ... McEwen had won three of the nine games, Tower two ... Tower player-manager Dave Barbee is 10-for-14 with five home runs.

June 22, 1938

Barbee joins the Asheboro Eagles, the defending champions of the North Carolina's competitive semipro baseball leagues.

February 18, 1942

The Burlington Bees of the Bi-State announce the signing of manager Hal "Rube" Wilson and 37-year-old outfielder Dave Barbee to contracts for the 1942 season.

Greensboro Daily News
April 25, 1968



THE MAIL MAN.

From Albemarle writes Dave Barbee: "I'm sure you will be somewhat surprised at this letter but under the circumstances I just simply can't think of anything else to do.

"Why am I writing you this letter? I'll put it briefly and to the point—just as I played the game of baseball.

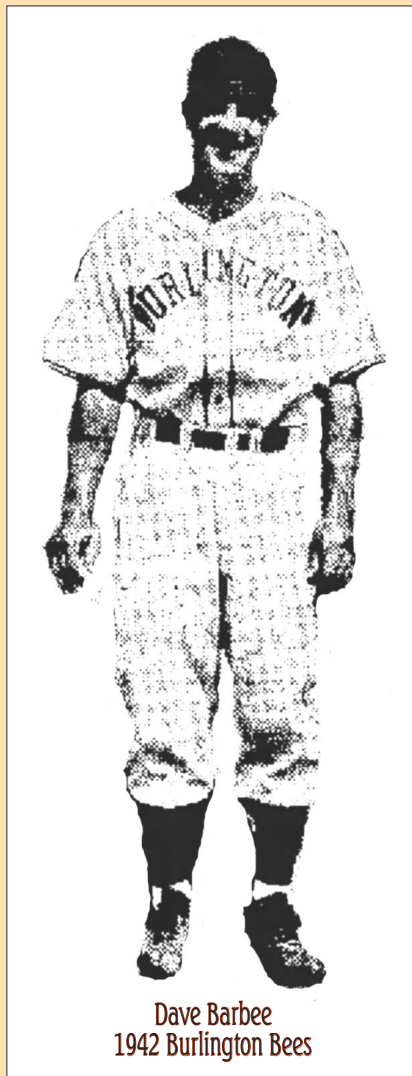
"I started my baseball career in Greensboro as a member of the Patriots of the Piedmont League (1926). The club was owned and operated by John T. Reese, managed by Lee Gooch, and I'm sure all the old fans of Greensboro recall. I lived in Greensboro all my life except the last few years in Albemarle.

"My wife and I have fallen upon evil days.

"She had a stroke, then fell about a year later and broke her hip and had a plate put in, then after seven months it wouldn't heal and had to be operated on again . . . All this has taken about three years and during that time I became totally disabled with an obstruction in the artery in my brain that lets insufficient amount of blood pass through my brain and keeps me unbalanced all the time. . . .

"Gosh! What I'm trying to say is that we are in destitute circumstances . . . months and months behind in rent and an accumulation of bills I can't pay . . . my wife in Cheraw, S.C., nursing home trying to get to walk with a walker. I've got to try and get her out somehow but don't know how.

"I have some friends in Greensboro who have helped me some and I'm sure you know some of them . . . I need help so badly and I thought maybe a short piece in your sports section . . . and just say I'd appreciate any help from old baseball and I'd like to hear from them also . . ."



Dave Barbee
1942 Burlington Bees

July 23, 1942

With the signing of 23-year-old Jim Mallory, the Bees announce that Barbee has been released at his own request ... Mallory bats .167 (2-for-12) in a brief four-game stint with the Washington Senators in 1940 ... called for induction into the armed services in April of 1942, Mallory is rejected for military service before signing with the Bees ... a teammate of Snuffy Stirnweiss while at the University of North Carolina, Mallory plays football for the Tar Heels and was the team captain in baseball.

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Barbee dies at his home in Albemarle, North Carolina, at the age of 63.