

# Emmett "Hick" Munsell, "No Use For Boneheads"

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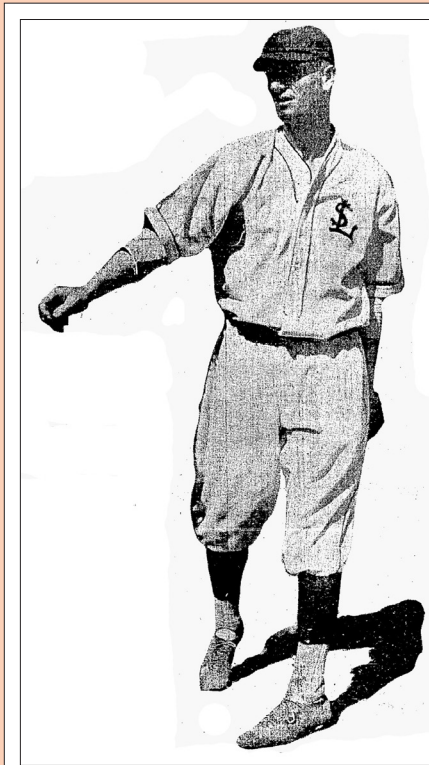
In 1915, Emmett "Hick" Munsell has one of greatest turnarounds in minor league history, winning 29 games for the San Antonio Bronchos and Salt Lake City Bees, a year after losing 27 games with the Bronchos and the Austin Senators.

That accomplishment earns the angular one his first and only shot at the major leagues the following spring, where during the New York Giants' training camp, he gains notoriety and national headlines for challenging New York Giants' manager John McGraw and being banished to the minor leagues, never to return.

Born on March 1, 1889, in Eminence, Missouri, the 6-foot-1, 190-pound, right-hander has a 17-year minor-league career primarily as pitcher, but also on occasion, as a first baseman and outfielder.

A 122-game winner, Munsell will twice lead the vaunted Texas League in losses and innings pitched, while pacing the league once in wins. A durable slabster, he will pitch more than 200 innings five times, including a career-high 444 in 1915, while splitting time between San Antonio and Salt Lake City.

Known as a curveball specialist, Munsell's success with that pitch may have been as a result to a broken finger from his youth that never heals properly, causing the index finger on his right hand to curve like a hook, significantly aiding in its' effectiveness.



Emmett Munsell  
1916 Salt Lake City Bees

In 1908 and 1909, he merits attention from pro scouts while toiling for the Longview Cannibals and Nacogdoches Missionaries, a pair of noted Lone Star State semipro teams.

On August 7, 1909, Munsell clinches the Texas semi-pro championship for Longview with a 2-1 complete game win over McKinney. Sixteen days later, he makes his professional debut with the Dallas Giants of the Texas League, lasting all of four batters in a 6-3 loss to Fort Worth.

In 1910, he is 4-9 with the Waco Navigators before "jumping" his contract on the last day of May to join an independent team in Sulphur Springs and Longview. The erstwhile Munsell returns to the Dallas Giants at the close of the season where he is 4-1 in six starts.

Munsell turns it up a notch in 1911, starting 44 games for fourth-place Dallas, finishing 20-20 with five shutouts. On three occasions, he will start both ends of a doubleheader and will end up leading the league with 326 2/3 innings pitched and his 215 strikeouts are third behind Oklahoma City's Harley Young (245) and Fort Worth's Rube Robinson (243). Sold to the New York Giants at the end of the 1911 season, Munsell will spend two lackluster seasons with the Buffalo Bisons and the Sacramento Senators.

## M'GRAW HAS NO USE FOR BONEHEADS

Manager of Giants Won't Waste Time on Recruits Who Disobey Him

### MUNSELL AN EXAMPLE

February 27, 1912 - Invited by John McGraw to the New York Giants' training camp in Marlin, Texas, Munsell, despite an impressive couple of days, is sent back to the minors after disobeying McGraw's instructions to take it easy in an upcoming intrasquad game. Noticing Munsell's tendency to "cut it loose" with speed and curves, McGraw tells his Texan, "That kind of work will not only ruin your arm but it is also bad for the batters."

Munsell ignores McGraw's advice/order despite advice from other players while pitching three scoreless innings in an intrasquad game. After each scoreless inning, Munsell comes to the bench gloating. "Why I believe the man's crazy," remarks McGraw. "He know more than I do about running a ball club. I'm not going to stop him and I'm done with trying to teach him."

August 23, 1909

Fort Worth Panthers at Dallas Giants  
Gaston Park, Dallas, Texas

### MUNSELL DIDN'T LAST LONG.

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Dallas—	AB	R	BH	PO	A	E
Truesdale, ss	3	1	1	1	2	0
Reed, 2b	4	0	0	1	2	2
Tullos, 3b	4	2	1	2	4	0
Maloney, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Onslow, c	2	0	0	3	1	1
Connaway, lb	3	0	1	11	0	0
Jackson, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Storch, lf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Munsell, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ogles, p	3	0	1	0	1	0
Miller, c	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	29	3	5	24	10	4
Fort Worth—	AB	R	BH	PO	A	E
Fillman, 3b	4	1	1	2	1	0
Kinnally, 2b	4	1	0	2	4	0
Cavender, cf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Coyle, rf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Powell, c	4	0	0	6	2	1
Moulton, ss	2	2	1	3	1	1
Pendleton, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Eberline, lb	3	1	2	8	0	0
Mitchell, p	3	0	1	0	4	0
Totals	30	6	7	24	12	2
By Innings:						
Dallas	200	001	000	—3		
Fort Worth	200	103	000	—6		

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### Broken Digit



Sacramento pitcher "Judge" Munsell, has one of the widest curves in pro baseball, which he owes to a finger broken when he fell off his father's barn as a youth in Longview, Texas. When the bones knitted, the finger was stiff and just fitted the contour of the ball. It looks more like a claw than a finger, but he finds it a great aid in pitching.

## Hick Munsell [2 of 8]:

Returning to familiar haunts, Munsell is purchased by the Texas League's Austin Senators three days after the start of the 1914 season. Munsell is 4-10 for the Senators when he is traded to the San Antonio Bronchos for pitcher Ted Bowen and cash consideration on June 9. Munsell leaves Austin just in time as the Senators begin a 31-game, 28-day losing streak five days later (June 14), a minor league record for its time, and will go on to lose 116 games, a Texas League record.

Pitching for two teams - Austin and San Antonio - that lose over 100 games each, and combine for a 77-217 (.261) mark, Munsell finishes 9-27, first in the circuit in innings pitched (325 2/3) and losses (27), second in walks (136) and fifth in strikeouts (190).

Looking to rebound from a miserable 1914 campaign, Munsell starts 1915 with two shutouts in his first five starts en route to a breakout year, finishing 25-11 with San Antonio and 4-1 with Salt Lake City. His 25 wins lead the Texas League and his 381 2/3 innings are second and his 193 strikeouts third.

Three days before the end of the season and as a "reward for his hard work," San Antonio gives Munsell permission to finish out the season with the Salt Lake City Bees of the Pacific Coast League. The Bronchos make it clear that this not a loan to the Bees, but simply a reward to Munsell and a way for him to make a "couple of extra dollars".

Meanwhile, out in the Beehive State, Salt Lake City manager Cliff Blankenship, in an effort to bolster his pitching staff with a left-handed starter for the remainder of the season and to replace eventual 33-game winner and Black Sox conspirator Claude "Lefty" Williams, is pleased to acquire a talented left-handed pitcher. The *Salt Lake City Telegram* also reports that Munsell is left-handed, thus earning the hurler the moniker "Lefty." Blankenship says later that he is pleased to have Munsell, but "disappointed" to find out he is right-handed.

Unfortunately for Munsell, his 29-win season is the pinnacle of his career. Over the next eight years he will toil for 10 different teams, winning more than eight games only once.

However, he does have once last hurrah in 1922, finishing 14-4 in 23 starts as a 33-year-old with the Muskogee Mets of the Southwestern (C) League.

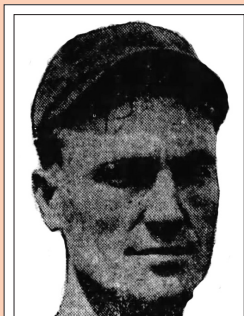
## Emmett "Hick" Munsell Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	GP	INN	H	BB	SO	ERA	
1908	Browndel	--	Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
	Longview Cannibals	East Texas	Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
	Nacogdoches Missionaries	--	Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1909	Longview Cannibals	East Texas	Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
	Nacogdoches Missionaries	--	Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
	Dallas Giants	Texas	C	0-1	2	3.0	5	1	0	--	
1910	Waco Navigators	Texas	C	4-9	16	99.0	85	47	46	--	
	Sulphur Springs	--	Ind.	0-1	1	8.0	4	-	-	--	
	Longview Cannibals	East Texas	Ind.	2-3	5	-	-	-	-	--	
	Dallas Giants	Texas	C	4-1	6	32.0	21	8	4	--	
1911	Dallas Giants	Texas	B	20-20	44	326.2	290	145	215	--	
<b>1912</b>	<b>2 Teams</b>	<b>2 Leagues</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>11-12</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>203.2</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>--</b>	
	Buffalo Bisons	International	AA	3-4	14	70.2	72	36	41	--	
	Sacramento Senators	Pacific Coast	AA	8-8	19	133.0	132	66	68	3.52	
1913	Sacramento Senators	Pacific Coast	AA	6-14	41	236.0	220	133	143	3.47	
1913	Brawley	Imperial	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
<b>1914</b>	<b>2 Teams</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>9-27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>325.2</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>--</b>	
	Austin Senators	Texas	B	4-10	-	-	-	-	-	--	
	San Antonio Bronchos	Texas	B	5-17	-	-	-	-	-	--	
<b>1915</b>	<b>2 Teams</b>	<b>2 Leagues</b>	<b>B-AA</b>	<b>29-12</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>444.0</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>--</b>	
	San Antonio Bronchos	Texas	B	25-11	46	381.2	226	88	193	--	
	Salt Lake City Bees	Pacific Coast	AA	4-1	12	62.1	82	17	24	4.19	
1916	Salt Lake City Bees	Pacific Coast	AA	1-3	7	22.1	34	18	-	6.45	
	Hayden Smelters	Tri-Copper	Spro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
<b>1917</b>	<b>2 Teams</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>7-7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3.62</b>	
	Beaumont Oilers	Texas	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
	Dallas Giants	Texas	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1918	Shreveport Gassers	Texas	B	1-2	3	25.0	28	15	11	--	
	Tyrone Miners	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1919	San Antonio Bronchos	Texas	B	0-1	1	1.0	3	3	0	27.00	
1920	Longview (mgr.)	--	Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1921	Lufkin Twirlers (mgr.)	East Texas	Ind.	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1921	Jackson Red Sox (mgr.)	Mississippi State	D	8-10	19	160.0	143	27	-	3.71	
1922	Muskogee Mets	Southwestern	C	14-4	24	151.0	147	48	-	4.11	
<b>1923</b>	<b>2 Teams</b>	<b>East Texas</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>167.0</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>--</b>	
	Marshall Indians (mgr.)	East Texas	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
	Longview Cannibals (mgr.)	East Texas	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1924	Longview Cannibals	East Texas	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1925	Jacksonville Southern Pacific	Railroad	Amt.	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1926	Longview Cannibals	East Texas	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1930	Jacksonville	Humble Oil	Amt.	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1931	Hendersonville Oilers	East Texas	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1938	Marshall Tigers	East Texas	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
<b>Minor League Totals</b>				<b>17 Seasons</b>	<b>122-133</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>2306.2</b>	<b>2049</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>--</b>

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1915 - Led Texas League in wins (25).



Emmett Munsell  
1913 Sacramento Senators

## Hick Munsell [3 of 8]:

Munsell stays in the game over the next couple of years, returning as a player/manager with the Longview Cannibals and several stints with semipro teams.

Munsell calls it quits in 1931, after managing the Henderson Oilers for half a season.

Or does he?

A linescore from a Marshall versus Jacksonville game on June 1, 1938, lists a "Munsell" pitching for Marshall. He would have been 49 years old, but it is possible. Following his playing days, he remains in Longview as a surveyor and contractor. On December 31, 1974, Emmett Eugene Munsell, after a lengthy illness, dies of lung cancer in Longview at the age of 85.

## MUNSELL CHRONOLOGY

June 29, 1908

Pitching for the Longview Cannibals, Munsell has five strikeouts in the first five innings when Henderson's Charles Flanagan lays down a bunt along the first base line ... Longview claims Henderson touches the ball, but umpire Chamberlain disagrees and calls Flanagan safe, whereupon the Cannibal team leaves the grounds, forfeiting the game.

January 11, 1909

Munsell signs his first professional contract with the Dallas Giants of the Texas League.

**August 7, 1909 ▶**

Munsell clinches the Texas semipro championship for Longview with a 2-1 complete game win over McKinney.

Longview Cannibals, East Texas Champion Ball Team



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May 30, 1910

For Waco, mired in last place in the Texas League with a 12-30 record, the news goes from bad to worse, when it learns that Munsell has jumped the team to play independent ball for a club in Sulphur Springs.

June 8, 1910

Munsell plays for his third team in less than 10 days when he agrees to play for the Longview Cannibals.

July 30, 1910

Munsell returns to the Texas signing with Dallas ... in his Giants' debut, Munsell pitches a five-hit complete game 5-1 win over San Antonio.

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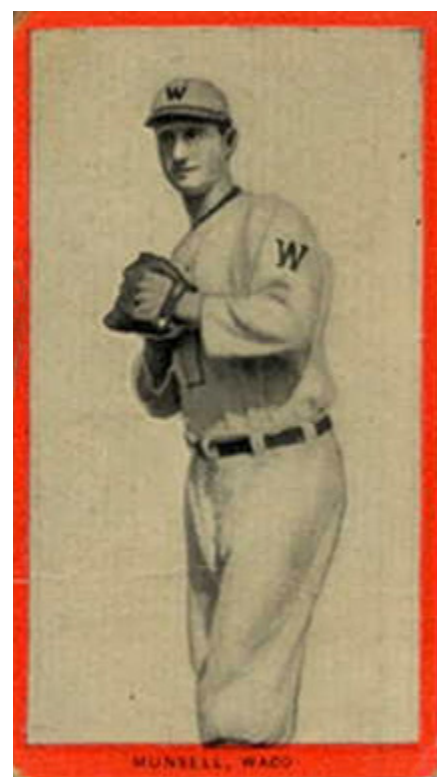
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August 19, 1910

Eight days after pitching a five-hit shutout of Galveston, Munsell is sold to the New York Giants for \$750 and is told to report to the National League team as soon as the Texas League season ends.



Munsell's 1910 Old Mill Series 3 Card No. 62 while in the uniform of the Waco Navigators is worth up to \$110 in good-excellent condition.

## Hick Munsell [4 of 8]:

### Austin Forfeit

Spencer Awarded Yesterday's Game to Houston on Non-Appearance of Austin

April 26, 1911 - Game umpire Spencer forfeits a game to Houston after Austin fails to appear for a scheduled game in Houston. Austin had driven to the field earlier in the day but were told "unofficially" that there would be no game that day. Austin manager Dale Gear protests the forfeit to league president Allen.

#### THE AUSTIN STATEMENT

By Dale Gear.

If Houston really intended playing a game yesterday, why were three of the regular players—Salm, Davis and Allen—in citizens' clothes and returning to town?

If Houston intended to play the game had Austin remained on the field, would they have lined up against Austin without at least both Salm and Davis in the game?

The claim of the Houston management is that they did not wish to fool the public and I am certain that Houston would not have played without the two players in the lineup—they could not and have given the local fans justice.

The law under which this technicality falls is intended primarily to give a means of forcing the clubs to appear on the field. There can be no question of our intention and entire willingness to play the game and our going out to the field to play.

September 21, 1910

Munsell is released by the New York Giants back to the Dallas Giants.

March 10, 1911

All of the Dallas players are in camp with the exception of Munsell, who is holding out.

April 19, 1911

Munsell allows seven hits and strikes out eight in a 10-1 complete game victory over Oklahoma City.

April 21, 1911

On one day's rest, Munsell strikes out 10 and shuts out Fort Worth 1-0 on three hits.

May 1, 1911

Munsell turns in the season's first one-hitter in a 6-0 win over Fort Worth.

June 14, 1911

Pitching both games of a doubleheader for the second time in a month, Munsell earns a split ... in the first game, Munsell allows only three hits en route to 5-0 win over Waco for his third shutout of the season.

June 25, 1911

Munsell turns in his fourth shutout of the year, whitewashing Houston 4-0 on four hits ... in his "iron man" role, Munsell has pitched three times in five days.

July 9, 1911

Munsell's single with one out in the bottom of the 10th inning gives

Dallas a 1-0 win over visiting Austin and notches Munsell his fifth shutout of the season.

July 23, 1911

For the third time this season, Munsell pitches both ends of a doubleheader ... in the opener, he allows only four hits in a 9-1 win over Austin ... in the second game he loses a 1-0 decision in 10 innings ... totals for the day, 19 innings, two runs on nine hits.

### Munity on the Buffaloes

Houston Players Reported to Commission for Mutiny

August 16, 1911 - Seven Houston players are turned into the National Commission for consideration of permanent suspension. Gil Briton, Roger Edmundson, Reeves McKay, Pat Newman, Robbie Riggs, Charlie Rose and George Whiteman refuse to go to Fort Worth with the team following the suspension and \$100 fine levied against team captain Hunter Hill by team owner Otto Sens. The Buffaloes, 66-59 and in third place at the time of the suspensions, win only five of their remaining 20 games and drop to sixth place with a 71-74 mark.

August 24, 1911

Munsell picks up shutout No. 6, a 3-0 six-hit whitewashing of visiting Houston.

August 26, 1911

Munsell is sold to the New York Giants.

January 15, 1912

Munsell is on the New York Giants' list of players to report to Marlin, Texas by February 17.

April 1, 1912

Noted sportswriter Damon Runyon opines of Munsell, "Of the recruit pitchers, this right-hander "Hickory" Munsell has demonstrated that he has about as much as any pitcher in the business; whether he will be able to control it is another question. There is a chance that McGraw will go along with him for a time."

April 12, 1912

Munsell and 18-year-old shortstop Milton Stock are sold to the Buffalo Bisons ... Stock will join the New York Giants in 1913 and go on to play 14 seasons in the major leagues.



Munsell's 1916 Zeenut Card No. 95 is worth up to \$35 in good-to-excellent condition.

### Double Duty

Clever Twirling Was One of the Features—Locals Won in Second Frame  
By Bunching Their Hits.

May 14, 1911 - Riding a personal seven-game winning streak, Dallas' Emmett Munsell pitches, and loses, both games of a Texas League double header with Austin. In two complete game efforts, Munsell allows five runs on 13 hits while striking out 11 and walking four as the first place Giants lose 2-1 and 3-1. Smarting after losing the first game, Munsell begs manager Maloney to pitch the second game.

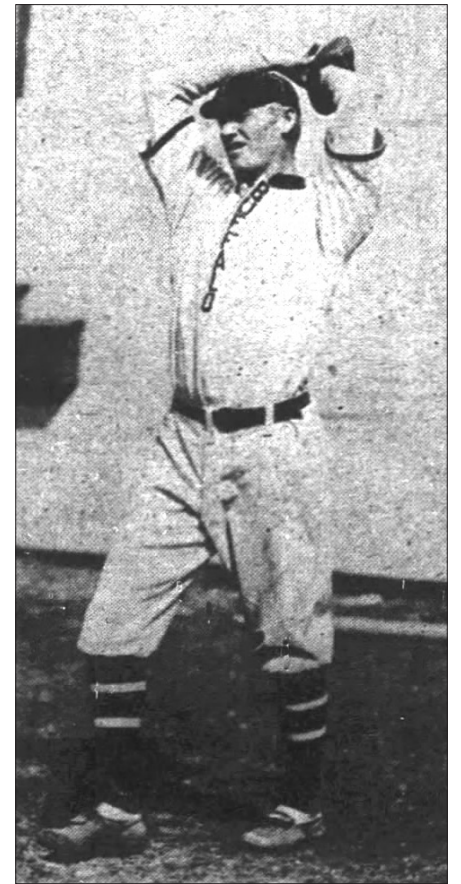
## Hick Munsell [5 of 8]:

April 23, 1912

Munsell is Buffalo's opening day pitcher but lasts only one inning, allowing two runs on one hits, one walk and a hit batter in the first inning before being relieved by Sailor Stroud who picks up the win as the Bisons beat Baltimore 9-7.

April 28, 1912

Scheduled to start against Jersey City, Munsell is unable to take the mound after earlier falling against a red hot pipe in the club house sustaining burns about the neck and arms.



Emmett Munsell  
1912 Buffalo Bisons

### SACRAMENTO SECURES SLABSTER MUNSELL

Sacramento, Cal., July 27.—Manager Graham of the Senators today announced the purchase of Pitcher Munsell from the Buffalo club of the International league. Munsell will leave for the coast at once and is expected to report next week. Munsell was at Dallas in the Texas league last year. Dallas finished at the top of the league and Munsell won 29 games and lost 20 for his team, pitching a greater number of innings and in more games than any other pitcher of the league.

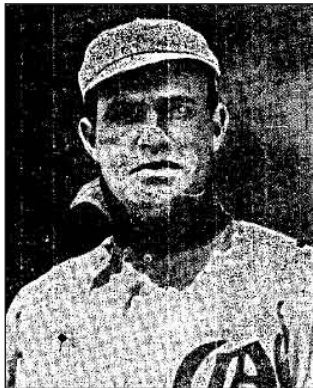
◀ July 27, 1912

Munsell is 3-4 in 14 games with Buffalo, when the last-place Sacramento Senators of the Pacific Coast League purchase his contract.

“Judge” Munsell Makes His Debut as Senator Twirler, But Heitmuller Hoodoos Him.

Posthumous Batting  
Champion

### HEITMULLER IS DEAD



Six weeks after hitting the game-winning home run against Munsell, 29-year-old Los Angeles Angels outfielder Heine Heitmuller will play in the final game of his career. On October 8, 1912, Heitmuller succumbs to typhoid fever and dies at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. At the time of his death, Heitmuller has a career-high 15 home runs and is second in the PCL batting race with a .335 average to teammate Pete Daley (.338). Over the remaining 22 games, Daley's average eventually slips to .332 and Heitmuller becomes the only player in professional baseball history to win a league batting title posthumously.

◀ August 2, 1912

Munsell pitches well in his Sacramento debut, but drops a 2-1 decision to the Los Angeles Angels ... Munsell allows seven hits and strikes out eight, but a fifth inning home run by Heine Heitmuller is the difference.

September 1, 1912 ▶

Sacramento, behind a complete-game seven-hitter by Munsell, snaps a 10-game losing streak with a 4-1 win over the Los Angeles Angels.

After Losing Ten Straight  
Munsell Pitches Team In-  
to the Win Column

September 5, 1912

More woes for last-place Sacramento, as Munsell, who is responsible for the only two wins in the last 19 games for the Senators, is recalled by the New York Giants.

September 8, 1912 ▶

On the same day that New York sells Munsell back to the Buffalo Bisons for \$500, Munsell picks up a win the hard way for Sacramento, allowing 11 runs on 17 hits and four walks, in a 12-11 complete game win over Portland.

#### M'GRAW CALLS MUNSELL.

San Francisco, Sept. 5.—Pitcher Munsell, who hasn't had much success in his short stay with Sacramento in the Coast league, has been recalled by the New York Giants. Munsell came to Sacramento from Buffalo, but the Buffalo club held him only under an optional agreement with New York.

December 20, 1912

Munsell is involved in a championship controversy in California's Valley League when it is revealed that he pitched a couple of the games for Maryville in their battle with Chico for league honors.

### 1913 Sacramento Senators



## Hick Munsell [6 of 8]:

February 1913

Wilbert Robinson on Munsell: "There was one youngster with the squad last Spring who would have been a wonder if he had control. This was "Hickory" Munsell, who had an enormous amount of natural stuff, but no idea of what to do with it. McGraw sent him to Buffalo, and Buffalo sent him to Sacramento, where he started out to astonish the natives, but got hurt."

April 24, 1913

Portland's Hi West tops Sacramento's "Judge" Munsell 1-0 in a Pacific Coast League pitcher's dual ... Munsell allows only three hits but his errant throw on West's sacrifice bunt in the eighth inning leads to the game's lone tally ... the loss drops Munsell's record to 1-3 on the year.

February 16, 1914

Coming a 6-14 season with Sacramento, it is rumored that Munsell is a hold out and may be "flirting" with the Federal League.

February 26, 1914

Munsell will not join Sacramento for at least two months after having a finger on his pitching hand "badly mashed."

April 11, 1914

The Texas League's Austin Senators are 1-2 on the young season when they acquire Munsell from Sacramento.

June 9, 1914

Munsell is 4-10 when Austin trades him to San Antonio for pitcher Ted Bowen and cash consideration.

June 10, 1914

Munsell wins his first game for San Antonio, allowing Waco five hits in an 8-2 win.



### "Lefty" Munsell

"Smack" Your Lips Because We Are Going to Have a Real Series; "Lefty" Munsell, Who, By the Way, Is a Right-Hander, Reported to Blankenship Today.

September 7, 1915 - In an effort to bolster his pitching staff with a left-handed starter for the remainder of the season and to replace eventual 33-game winner and Black Sox conspirator Claude "Lefty" Williams, Salt Lake City manager Cliff Blankenship acquires "Lefty" Munsell from the Texas League's San Antonio Bronchos. Following a complete game 2-1 victory against Beaumont on the final day of the season, Munsell is sent to the Bees a 30-day trial basis. The *Salt Lake City Telegram* reports that Munsell is left-handed, thus earning the hurler the moniker "Lefty." Blankenship is both pleased to have Munsell and "disappointed" to find out he is right-handed. A sterling 25-11 for the Bronchos before the trade, Munsell finishes 4-1 for Salt Lake City.

September 6, 1914

Munsell ends a forgettable season, dropping an 8-3 decision to Houston in the second game of a doubleheader ... the loss drops his record to 9-27 on the year while playing for two worst teams in the Texas League.

April 12, 1915

Munsell takes a no-hitter against Houston into the seventh inning before settling for a three-hit shutout of the Buffaloes ... Munsell strikes out eight in a 3-0 win.

April 17, 1915

For the second-straight game, Munsell pitches a complete game victory over the Houston Buffaloes, allowing only three hits and striking out seven en route to a 6-1 win ... in the two games, Munsell allows only six hits in 18 innings.

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#### TEXAS LEAGUE AVERAGES

July 10, 1915 - The Texas League releases its statistics through the first half of the season and Dallas Giants' right-hander Tod Sloan leads all pitchers with 213 innings in 18 games, an average of 11 2/3rds innings per game. Opps.

September 2, 1915

As a "reward for his hard work" the San Antonio management gives Munsell permission to finish out the season with the Salt Lake City Bees of the Pacific Coast League ... the Bronchos make it clear that this not a loan, but simply a reward to Munsell and a way to make a couple of extra dollars.

If they ever increase the width of the plate about two feet, Gene Munsell ought to be the greatest pitcher in the world.



Emmett Munsell  
1916 Salt Lake City Bees

## Hick Munsell [7 of 8]:

September 8, 1915

Following a complete game 2-1 victory for San Antonio against Beaumont on the final day of the Texas League season, the Bronchos sell Munsell to the Salt Lake City Bees of the Pacific Coast League on a 30-day trial basis ... the Salt Lake City papers report that Munsell is left-handed, thus earning the hurler the moniker "Lefty" ... Bees manager Blankenship is both pleased to have Munsell and "disappointed" to find out he is left-handed, as he was counting on Munsell to replace "Lefty" Williams in next year's rotation.

Manager Cliff Blankenship today completed the deal with the San Antonio club of the Texas League for the services of Pitcher Ed E. Munsell. By the terms of the agreement Munsell is to come to Salt Lake for a thirty-day trial and to leave San Antonio not later than Saturday. The new left hander should, therefore, report by next Tuesday. San Antonio is having a hard fight for second place and will, therefore, probably hold Munsell long enough so that he can take at least one more turn on the mound before departing for Salt Lake.

September 15, 1915  
Salt Lake City Bees at Los Angeles Angels  
Washington Park, Los Angeles, California

LEFTY MUNSELL, BLANK'S RECRUIT  
FROM SAN ANTONIO SHUTS OUT POP  
DILLON'S LOS ANGELES CLOUTSMEN

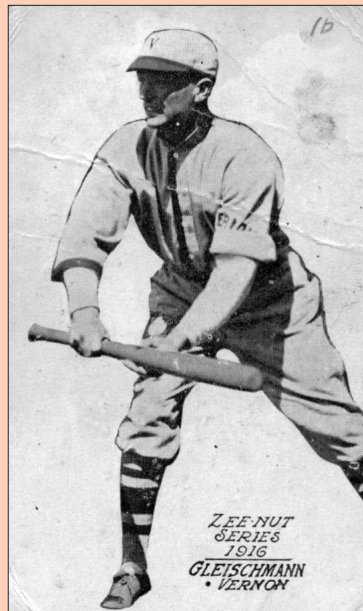
SALT LAKE.						
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Quinlan rf.	4	0	1	2	1	0
Orr ss.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Brief 1b.	4	0	1	3	0	0
B. Ryan lf.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Gedeon 2b.	3	0	0	1	3	0
Wacher cf.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Hallinan 3b.	4	2	2	2	1	0
Lynn c.	2	1	0	5	1	0
Munsell p.	3	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	29	3	6	27	8	0

LOS ANGELES.						
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Maggert cf.	2	0	0	2	0	0
McMullen 2b.	4	0	2	4	0	0
Wolter rf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Koerner 1b.	4	0	1	13	0	0
Ellis lf.	3	0	0	3	1	0
Terry ss.	3	0	0	1	7	0
Boles c.	4	0	0	1	1	0
Butler 2b.	3	0	1	4	3	1
West p.	2	0	0	0	2	0
Garner rf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
J. Ryan	1	0	0	0	0	0
J. Williams p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	4	27	18	1

J. Ryan batted for West in eighth.  
Score by Innings:  
Salt Lake—  
Runs ... 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0—3  
Hits ... 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1—6

Los Angeles—  
Runs ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0  
Hits ... 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0—4  
Summary: Three-base hit—B. Ryan. Stolen base—Orr. Two-base hits—Munsell, Hallinan. Sacrifice hits—Lynn, Quinlan. Struck out—by Munsell 4. Bases on balls—Off Munsell 4, off West 2. Runs responsible for—West 2. Five hits, 3 runs, 26 at bat off West in 3 innings. Charge defeat to West. Double plays—McMullen to Terry to Koerner, Ellis to Boles to Butler; McMullen to Koerner. Hit by pitched ball—Lynn, Quinlan by West. Umpires—Brashear and Phyle. Time—1:42.

Munsell makes his Salt Lake City debut with a four-hit shutout of the Los Angeles Angels. In pitching the Bees' seventh shutout of the year, "Lefty" also drives in two runs with a fifth inning double.



September 11, 1915

Munsell, "wild as a March hare" hits Vernon Tiger Gus Gleichmann in the face with a pitch, fracturing several bones in the second baseman's cheek ... Gleichmann has surgery to repair the broken bones on September 15 ... feared lost for the season, Gleichmann returns to the lineup on October 20.

Gus Gleichmann's Eyesight is Saved But His Beauty is Dimmed Forever

May 2, 1916

Saddled with a 1-3 record in seven appearances, Munsell becomes an "outlaw" when he is sold to Tacoma but refuses to report, preferring to chose a berth with Hayden in the Tri-Copper League instead.

May 3, 1916

Munsell makes his Hayden Smelter debut pitching a scoreless ninth inning in a 7-3 loss to Ray Mines in the opening game of the Tri-Copper League season.

### HAYDEN TEAM HOLDS FIRST PLACE IN LEAGUE

Hayden, Ariz., May 20.—Still the Hayden smelter team holds first place in the race for the Tri-Copper league pennant. The smelter boys defeated the Millers, 7 to 6, in a slugging match that was not without its thrilling moments.

Ten hits were secured by the smelter off the delivery of Reiger and Dent, while the Millers tapped Munsell and Hughes for 11.—But the Millers made four bobbles, while only two errors chalked up against the smelter bunch. Two of the mill errors came in the seventh and were disastrous. There were four home runs.

May 7, 1916

Munsell is thrown out of the game in the seventh inning with Hayden Smelter leading the Hayden Mill team 2-1 ... Smelter pushes across a run in the bottom of the ninth for a 3-2 win.

May 9, 1916

San Antonio president Benson is trying to work out a deal with Salt Lake City to "straighten out" some financial matters and get Munsell to return to the Bronchos ... Benson's efforts prove unsuccessful.

June 18, 1916

Hayden Smelter beats

Hayden Mill 3-2 on the strength of Munsell's seven-hitter.

July 8, 1916

Tri-Copper League players are starting to leave for greener pastures ... Millers' outfielder Dick Bayless and infielder Fred Carisch sign with Salt Lake ... Millers outfielder Nick Schilz signs with an undisclosed team ... Mines third baseman Downey starts for Salt Lake.

February 9, 1917

Munsell make his return to the Texas League, signing with the Beaumont Oilers.

### 1916 Hayden Smelters



Back Row: 1-Miller, 2-Munsell, 3-Whaling, 4-Hughes, 5-Flick, 6-Boeckel, 7-MacMurdo, Front Row: 8-Pierce, 9-Duddy, 10-Bender, 11-Stadelli, 12-Callan.

### 1916 Tri-Copper League

First Half	W	L	Pct.	Second Half	W	L	Pct.
Mines	11	5	.687	Mines	9	5	.643
Smelter	8	8	.500	Smelter	7	7	.500
Mill	5	11	.313	Mill	5	9	.357

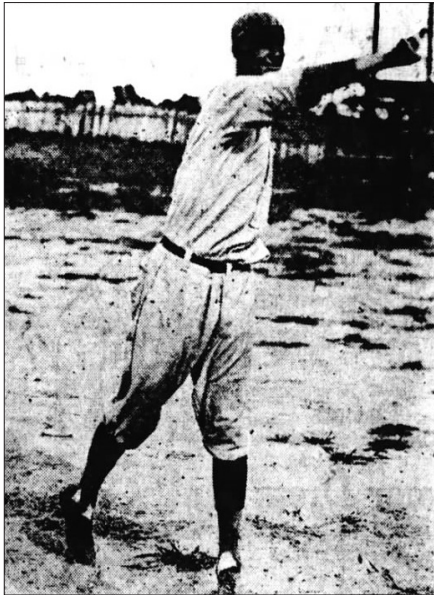
## Hick Munsell [8 of 8]:

May 18, 1917

Munsell is 2-4 with Beaumont, when the Oilers and the Galveston Pirates are dropped from the Texas League by the other four members ... Munsell is assigned to Dallas in a player dispersal draft.

May 29, 1917

Munsell pitches a three-hit shutout and drives in the game's only run with a eighth inning double in a 1-0 win over Waco.



**Emmett Munsell**  
1921 Jackson Red Sox

April 15, 1918

Shreveport's Munsell picks up his 70th and final Texas League victory with a 7-3 win over the Dallas Giants.

July 31, 1922

Muskogee's "Lank" Munsell, the premier twirler in the Southwestern League, wins his 12th straight game to open the season over the Hutchinson Wheat Shockers, 11-1 ... Munsell's streak will come to an end at an even dozen three days later with a 6-1 loss to the Salina Millers.

February 12, 1923

Munsell organizes a five-team semi-pro league with teams in Greenville, Longview, Marshall, Mt. Pleasant, Paris and Sulpher Springs ... each club is to purchase two cars for travel, home teams to guarantee \$50 per day, except for Sundays and holidays where the receipts are to be split equally.

On December 31, 1974

After a lengthy illness, Emmett Eugene Munsell, dies of lung cancer in Longview at the age of 85.

## RAY MINERS WIN IN 1ST

With Three On, Hester's Goodman Hosp Sails the Sphere Over Wall; Munsell Joins Smelter Team in First Defeat

## MARS KNOCKS PROPS FROM UNDER PAIR OF TEXAS LEAGUE CLUBS

Fort Worth, Tex., May 18.—The dropping of Galveston and Beaumont from the Texas League and the starting of a new schedule Saturday will be formally announced tonight by President Moore as the result of a three-days' session of the franchise owners in Fort Worth. The players of the two clubs will be apportioned among the six remaining clubs.