

Former semipro pitcher and professional wrestler Jack "Bear Crusher" Callahan is arrested in Batavia, New York, on a charge of larceny in Rochester. After being identified, the 23-year-old Callahan is subdued by two Batavia police officers after a "desperate resistance" and is taken to the local jail. After serving six months in jail, Callahan returns to the mat for another six years.

Born in 1868 in Mt. Morris, New York, Callahan gains a reputation as an excellent pitcher as a teenager. Known state-wide as the strongest man in Livingston County, he starts a successful professional wrestling career to go along with his diamond exploits.

Despite receiving dozens of offers by various minor league teams including one by a New England League team in 1896, Callahan opts to pitch for his hometown semipro team. During his mat career, he breaks his right arm three times in wrestling bouts and his left twice, but each time it "has knit more strongly than before."

## JACK CALLAHAN, WRESTLER, KILLED

Dies of Injuries Received Tuesday Evening in Freight Wreck at Quarryville.

### **BALL PLAYER JAILED.**

#### **He is Arrested on a Charge of Grand Larceny.**

Batavia, Oct. 29.—Jack Callahan, the ex-base ball player, who has been wanted for some time past in Rochester for grand larceny, was captured here by officers Horsch and McCulley tonight. The police have been on the look-out for Callahan for some time, and this evening officer McCulley spotted him, and with the assistance of officer Horsch knocked him down, and finally, after a desperate resistance, succeeded in getting a pair of handcuffs on each hand and in this manner he was taken to jail, although he struggled fiercely through the entire journey.

On November 9, 1905, the "Bear Crusher" is a construction boss (at \$100 a month) with the J. Shields Construction Company of New York, when he is killed in a freight train wreck in Quarryville, Pennsylvania.