

JOHNNY MOSTIL CUTS HIS THROAT IN A HOTEL ROOM

During the team's spring training in Shreveport, Louisiana, Chicago White Sox outfielder **Johnny Mostil** attempts to commit suicide by slashing his chest and wrists with a razor and pocketknife. Teammates **Willie Kamm** and **Ray Schalk** administer first aid to the Chicago native while an ambulance is en route.



Mostil gashes himself 13 places on his neck, torso, legs and left arm and is hemorrhaging so severely that he is administered last rites by a Roman Catholic priest. The White Sox announce that Mostil has been suffering from neuritis and has had constant headaches and sleepless nights. The episode breaks his engagement to Margaret Carroll on Hammond, Indiana.

Mostil, who batted .308 in his previous six seasons with Chicago, survives to the incident and actually returns to the White Sox to play 13 games at the end of the 1927 season. Hall of Fame pitcher and former teammate **Ted Lyons** calls Mostil, "a great centerfielder, one of the greatest."