

TEAM SNAPSHOT: 1911 Victoria Islanders

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"The boys are in fine condition and we are going into the race to fight every inch of the way. There will be no quit in us and we will be in the race, too, when the season is over"
- Victoria Manager Ed Householder, April 16

Despite the preseason exuberance of manager Ed Householder "**Cellar Champions**," becomes an apt description used to describe the hapless Victoria Islanders of 1911.

The Islanders' 41-125 record is the second-worst in 13 seasons of the Northwestern League's existence. The 63-game margin that they trail league champion Vancouver by on October 2, the final day of the season, is 10 games worse than any other margin in league annals.

So, who's responsible for this debacle?

Baseball Reference lists a William Holmes as the team's only manager. The *Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball* says Householder and a T.S. McPherson split managerial duties while McPherson is listed as the only manager on the team roster carried by Stat Crew. Oddly enough, there isn't one mention of "McPherson" in the newspapers in connection with the Islanders during the course of the season.

However, none of them are completely correct.

Before we get to the managers, let's address the team's nickname. In 1911, the team from the capital city of British Columbia, are the "Islanders," not the "Bees." On March 20, one month before the opening of the season, in a city-wide competition, open only to female fans, the franchise is awarded the sobriquet "Islanders," which is better suited for a baseball team than the "Watt House Clams," which was also put forth.



A quick calculation on Newspapers.com, from April to September, *The Victoria Daily Times* lists "Islanders" 161 times when referring to the team, as compared to only two "Bees" references. Back to the Islanders' managers. There were four to be exact.

No. 1 - [Eddie Householder \(11-42\)](#)

On November 28, 1910, Householder secures a part interest in the Victoria franchise as well as agreeing to become the team's player/manager. The 41-year-old's effort to sign players for the fledgling franchise is criticized by several league scribes who opine that the ex-major leaguer is signing a bunch of "hasbeens."

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Top Row - Left to Right: Bill Goodman, 3b; Ray Brown, p; Ben Davis, of; George Sage, p; Blaine Thomas, p; Vincent Ward, ss; Fred Raymer, 2b; Walter Dashwood, c; Jack Roche, c; Clyde Keller, 2b. **Bottom Row:** Parks, p; Leonard Reddick, ss; Eddie Householder, Manager and of; Jim Manes, 1b; Clifford Clementson, utility; Ten Million, of; Ed McCreery, p; B; Virgil Belford p.



Eddie Householder & L.A. Wattleit

"The two men who are responsible for the getting together of a ball team which is expected to win the pennant of the Northwestern League."

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The Islanders actually open the season with two wins in their first three games before the lack of talent takes over. The combination of losses, forfeited games, on fields fights and four ejections in the first 38 games finally catches up with the volatile Householder and he asks to be relieved of his managerial duties on June 12. With his Islanders mired in last-place with an 11-42 record and 26 games out of first place, Householder is replaced by his second baseman Fred Raymer.

No. 2 - [Fred Raymer \(18-36\)](#)

Raymer's anticipated debut against the Vancouver Beavers on June 12 is rained out, and for that he probably should be thankful. The 35-year-old second baseman was a shortstop and third baseman for the Chicago Cubs in 1901 and a second baseman for the Boston Braves in 1904 and 1905. Oddly, despite a .218 career batting average, the Leavenworth, Kansas, native had 450-or-more plate appearances in each of three seasons in the major leagues.

In early August, Raymer's wife is taken seriously ill and is reportedly ordered by her physician to move to a warmer climate in Southern California. On August 13, with the team in Portland and 48 games under .500, the soft-spoken veteran with a 18-36 (.333) managerial record and a disappointing .222 batting average, quietly slips the bonds of futility and leaves behind a sport he has played professionally and with "dignity" for 15 years, retiring to California's Imperial Valley.

No. 3 - [Billy Goodman \(3-25\)](#)

While Raymer and family are disembarking from an overnight train in Sacramento on August 13, the reigns of the Victoria ball club are being passed to 23-year-old star third baseman Billy Goodman. Team Director [L.A. Wattlelet](#), who played with Raymer under an assumed name while at El Paso in 1898, says that Goodman will serve as the team's manager until the end of the season. However, suffering a severely sprained ankle, Goodman's managerial record reflects the prolonged absence of his best player (himself) and on August 27, with only three wins in 28 games. Goodman happily becomes the third ex-manager of the season.

No. 4 - [William "Ducky" Holmes \(10-22\)](#)

The final manager of the season is listed by Baseball Reference as [William Holmes](#). Manager No. 4 is actually [William "Ducky" Holmes](#), an accomplished former major league player with a .281 career batting average in 10 seasons. Prior to his stop in Victoria he has six previous stops as a manager in the minor leagues. Holmes opens the 1911 season as the player/manager of the Mobile Sea Gulls. Placed on waivers in early May, he has no takers and his contract as a player/manager is "torn up" and replaced by a manager-only agreement. Following continual arguments with management, Holmes' tumultuous relationship with the team comes to an end on June 12, when he engages in fisticuffs with team director Harry Hartwell. After his departure Holmes is accused by several of his players of having "side contracts" with others and on July 13, despite having being fired a month earlier, he is fined \$500 by the Sea Gulls for attempting to receive side money on the sale of pitcher

Who is T.S. McPherson?

Thomas Shanks McPherson is a philanthropist and real estate entrepreneur in Victoria. A bachelor, McPherson is an excellent golfer who enjoys lawn bowling. He accumulates his substantial wealth in the mining industry. Coming to Victoria at the age of 32, he is best known there as a developer, owner of prime real estate, and [major philanthropist](#) of the local University of Victoria. A great man, yes, a manager of the Islanders? No.



1911 Northwestern League - Final Standings

President: Judge Robert H. Lindsay

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Manager
Vancouver Beavers	103	61	.628	--	Kitty Brashear
Spokane Indians	96	71	.575	8.5	Harry Ostidek
Seattle Giants	90	77	.539	14.5	Jack Tighe/Tealey Raymond
Portland Pippins	84	77	.522	17.5	Nick Williams
Tacoma Tigers	81	84	.491	22.5	Mike Lynch
Victoria Islanders	41	125	.247	63.0	Ed Householder/Fred Raymer Bill Goodman/Ducky Holmes

After June 1 no team may carry more than 15 players ... on February 2, league directors agree to lengthen season by two weeks (April 18-October 1) ... Seattle is awarded a league-high 115 home games ... initial monthly salary limit of \$2,700 for 14 players ... later the player limit is increased to 16 ... since 1868, Victoria has been the Capital City of British Columbia

Who is L.A. Wattlelet?



Victoria Bee's owner L.A. Wattlelet did it the hard way.

As a 19-year-old second baseman, his entire minor league career consists of two games with the Seattle Siwashers of the Pacific Coast League in September 1906. He goes hitless in five at bats.

With his job as a traveling salesman for a wholesale house in San Francisco gone because of the earthquake, the French-born infielder turns to playing to playing semipro ball in Texas and California. In 1911, he becomes a part owner of the Northwestern League's Victoria Bees and serves as the team's business manager, treasurer and secretary. Wattlelet becomes President of the club on December 19, 1912, succeeding Joshua Kingham. Wattlelet sells the team at beginning of the 1914 season, but remains with the organization through the end of the 1915 campaign.

In August 1917, he enters the military as a commissioned officer. Wattlelet's 364th regiment is eventually sent to France, where on October 31, 1918, three days after returning from the hospital where he had been treated for gas inhalation following the Battle of Argonne, and 12 days before the Armistice is signed on November 11, he is killed in action.

This American hero is buried at Flanders Field American Cemetery in Belgium. He was 31 years old.

[Frank Allen](#) to Brooklyn.

Now unemployed, Holmes makes his way to the Midwest. Stopping in Des Moines, Iowa, he enters into discussions about purchasing the local Western League's Boosters. Meanwhile, the rival Sioux City Packers, suffering a spate of injuries and defections, find themselves in need of an outfielder and the 42-year-old Holmes steps in but hits only .131 in 18 games before being let go on July 28. Moving

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Name	Pos	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	TB	SLG	BA	Notes
Ducky Holmes	OF	7	29	1	10	3	0	0	0	13	.448	.344	42-year-old outfielder named team's 4th manager on August 27
Emil Helmecke	P	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	4	1.333	.333	Right-handed semipro pitcher from Washington; 1 appearance
Ike Okker	P	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	.333	Northwest amateur 6-foot-0 pitcher with speed and control
Ed Householder	OF	77	243	36	77	11	7	2	9	117	.481	.317	Traded to Seattle July 12; finishes 2nd in league with .320 average
John Brennan	SS	58	197	26	59	11	4	2	12	84	.426	.300	Hitting .185 with 25 steals when acquired from Edmonton July 24
Bill Goodman	3B	152	608	74	180	19	9	10	13	247	.406	.296	3-25 as manager; leads team in home runs (10) and triples (9)
Ten Million	OF	160	659	91	181	21	5	2	26	218	.331	.275	U of Washington grad; leads team in runs, hits, doubles & steals
John Cocash	UT	30	114	16	31	3	2	2	3	44	.386	.272	Hits a combined .229 playing with Seattle, Victoria & Spokane
Ed Kennedy	OF	21	79	7	21	1	1	1	1	27	.342	.265	Acquired from Tacoma September 5; "Big Ed" Portland policeman
Cliff Clementson	OF	93	345	46	89	11	5	5	4	125	.362	.258	University of Washington 1st-team basketball All-America in 1911
Ed Erickson	P	9	28	1	7	2	0	0	0	9	.321	.250	In 5 seasons in the Northwestern League Erickson is 86-68
Lefty Miller	P	4	12	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	.250	.250	Drafted by the Philadelphia A's following a 14-win season in 1910
Frederick Jacobs	SS	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	.250	Chicago Amateur inserted into game (6.20) without warming up
Spot MacMurdo	1B	153	402	45	97	17	6	5	9	141	.351	.241	Acquired on May 10 from Visalia of the San Joaquin Valley League
Rex DeVogt	C	79	260	24	61	13	3	7	1	101	.389	.234	Played 3 games (0-for-6) with the Boston Braves in 1913
Al Furchner	P	12	26	2	6	1	0	0	0	7	.269	.231	5-12 in 1911 splitting time between Seattle (2-6) and Victoria (3-6)
Clyde Keller	2B/SS	126	457	51	105	15	3	5	14	141	.309	.230	Native Californian; Victoria's starting 2B for two seasons (1910-11)
Leonard Reddick	SS	27	75	8	17	2	0	0	3	19	.253	.227	Reddick is hitting .217 with the Bees when released in early June
Fred Rayment	2B	66	257	26	57	7	0	0	10	64	.249	.222	A 3-year major leaguer; 18-36 as manager; 15-year career
Vincent Ward	2B/SS	90	383	33	82	18	8	5	6	131	.342	.214	31 of 82 hits for extra bases; fifth on the team in total bases
William Grindle	C	49	140	7	28	6	0	0	0	34	.243	.200	Hitting .194 with the Los Angeles Angels when acquired on July 26
Con Starkel	P	20	58	8	11	0	0	0	3	11	.190	.190	Russian-born; will appear in 1 game with Washington in 1906
Johnnie Williams	P/OF	35	118	10	21	5	0	0	1	26	.220	.178	Hitless in his last 19 at bats, dropped average from .212 to .178
Ben Davis	OF	66	233	20	39	2	2	0	7	45	.193	.167	Released on July 12; signed by Brandon Angels & hits .216
George Sage	P	12	23	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	.174	.174	University of Michigan grad; debuted with Kalamazoo in 1908
Charles Surphlis	P	11	27	3	4	0	0	0	1	4	.148	.148	Local curveball and spitter artist; opened with a hit in 3-straight games
Blaine Thomas	P	35	69	2	10	0	2	1	1	17	.246	.145	Pitched 2 one-hitters, 3 three-hitters; struck out 10+ four times
Walter Dashwood	C	39	118	7	17	2	0	1	1	22	.186	.144	Hitless in 25 of his 38 starts; released on July 27
Jack Roche	C	4	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	.143	.143	Hits .286 in parts of 3 seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals
Melvin Lake	P/OF	23	65	6	9	1	0	1	0	13	.200	.139	Portland semipro; signs first with Victoria and then Vancouver
Virgil Belford	P	13	22	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	.136	.136	Seattle HS standout; played collegiately at Yale University (CE degree)
Jim Manes	1B	17	52	1	7	2	0	0	1	9	.173	.135	Starting 1B released May 17; signed by Brandon where he hits .351
Elmer Thorsen	P/OF	27	77	6	10	2	0	0	1	12	.156	.130	Led the Three-I league in hit batsmen with 20 in 1907
Merton Hemenway	C	3	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.125	.125	U of Washington product; born in Portland & moved to Seattle;
Matt Spiesman	C	23	74	3	9	1	0	0	1	10	.135	.121	0-for-21 in his last 7 games; debuted in 1901 with New Haven
Ed McCreery	P	37	93	2	10	1	0	0	0	11	.118	.108	Drafted by Cleveland; appeared in 3 games for Detroit in 1914
Ray Brown	P	7	16	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.063	.063	Ex-major leaguer; Chicago native is released by Victoria June 30
Ash Houston	SS	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	Portland amateur; questioned by teammates for dropped pop ups
Clyde Parks	P	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	A Western Canada League expatriate who signs on February 10
Lon McCament	P	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	Opens with Tacoma, sent to Victoria, injured, back to Tacoma
Clarence Marshall	P	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	A "giant" 6-foot-3 pitcher, released on May 4
Harry Kane	P	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	Pitching for Chehalis of the Washington State League when signed
Bill Lane	P	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	Contract jumper; suspended three seasons (1907-1909)
Harry Rush	P	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	22-game winner for Seattle in 1907; 46 career wins
Team Totals		169	5432	565	1272	177	57	50	128	1721	.317	.234	

Name	Won	Lost	Tie	GP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	INN	RUN	HIT	SO	BB	Notes
Ed McCreery	11	24	0	39	35	27	1	0	289.2	197	311	213	135	Ace of the staff; started 20% of Islander games; had two 3-hitters
Johnnie Williams	4	14	1	20	19	15	0	0	159.0	91	154	88	51	Hawaiian born; 1-1 with Sacramento when acquired on June 18
Con Starkel	4	12	1	19	16	16	0	1	147.0	75	138	71	31	Completed all 16 starts; walked 1 of fewer batters in 9 starts
Blaine Thomas	6	11	0	19	19	10	1	0	116.2	63	77	116	105	Last Islander start July 8; debuted with Boston Red Sox August 25
Elmer Thorsen	2	13	0	16	16	13	0	1	114.1	102	129	42	65	Debuted 7.20; lost his last 12 starts, including 10 complete games
Melvin Lake	3	8	0	13	11	8	1	0	85.0	65	104	24	41	Denistry student at Oregon Normal; won 3-in-a-row in September
Al Furchner	3	6	0	12	7	7	0	0	81.1	49	77	32	27	A curveball and spit ball artist; 30-11 with Sioux City in 1908
George Sage	1	5	0	12	6	6	0	1	81.1	54	77	25	26	12-8 with Seattle after Victoria; 42-16 from 1914 to 1916
Virgil Belford	1	8	0	11	8	4	0	0	76.1	71	71	41	34	Nicknamed "Butch"; pro debut with Seattle July 1910
Ed Erickson	2	5	1	9	8	7	0	0	66.2	45	81	31	19	Minnesota native 11-7 when acquired from Vancouver on August 22
Charles Surphlis	0	5	0	7	6	4	0	0	41.2	36	46	16	32	Debut 8.5; Control issues with 32 walks in 41 2/3 innings
Ray Brown	1	4	0	7	6	3	0	0	38.1	32	41	21	15	Pitched for Victoria, Vancouver, Moose Jaw in 1911
Lefty Miller	1	2	0	4	3	3	0	0	28.0	14	26	22	4	3 complete game in 3 starts; 5-hit 4-1 win over Portland on 9.6
Lon McCament	1	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	22.2	9	21	11	8	In 2 Victoria starts (1-1) 20 2/3 innings, 4 runs, 15 hits, 7 walks
Clyde Parks	0	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	18.0	14	20	11	8	Former infielder; the only southpaw in early pre-season camp
Clarence Marshall	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	16.0	17	27	8	8	Released 9 days after allowing 13 runs on 17 hits vs. Spokane
Bill Lane	1	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	15.0	13	12	11	5	Opening game starter; no-hitter thru 7 innings; injured
Harry Kane	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	13.0	19	30	6	4	Portsider; debuts on August 18; allows 13 runs, 21 hits August 25
Ike Okker	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7.0	7	12	1	4	Allows 7 runs on 12 hits in 7-inning debut June 10
Emil Helmecke	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6.2	9	12	1	7	Left-hander; allows 7 runs and 12 hits in debut & also homers
Harry Rush	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.0	11	10	0	5	Signs of February 15; plays for a Spokane semipro team
Ed Householder	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	2	6	2	3	41-year-old; has 9 RBIs in 12 games for Brooklyn in 1903
Bill Goodman	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	10	10	0	2	Star semipro player in Southern California
Spot MacMurdo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	6	6	0	1	On option from the Oakland of the Pacific Coast League
41	125	3	169	169	127	3	3	1435.2	1011	1498	793	640		

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North of the border, he signs with Victoria, making his Islander debut on August 28. In the off-season, doubtful that Holmes will be cleared by the Southern League, Victoria looks elsewhere for its manager for 1912.

The Islanders open the season on the right foot, winning at Tacoma 3-0, on the strength of a combined no-hitter by St. Vincent College product Bill Lane and Gobles, Michigan, right-hander [George Sage](#). Lane is forced to leave after the seventh inning after suffering an elbow injury that will continue to plague the Los Angeles native for the rest of the season. The hard-throwing left-hander will pitch only eight more innings in his rookie campaign.

Following an 8-1 loss in game two, right-hander [Blaine "Smoke" Thomas](#), another St. Vincent College makes his minor league debut on April 20, with a three-hit 2-0 shutout of the homestanding Tigers. Three days later, Thomas pitches a one-hitter, striking out 11, in a 3-2 win over a frustrated Tacoma nine. Victoria leaves for a seven-game series at Spokane with a 3-3 mark. It will be the last time the Islanders will be at .500 for the season.

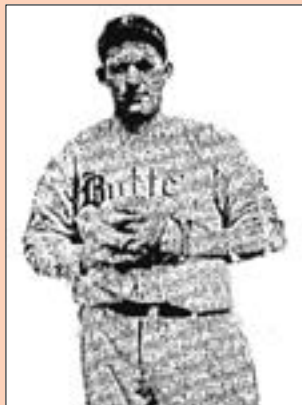
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Roster by the Numbers

A total of 45 players suit up for the Islanders in 1911, including five former and five future major leaguers. The future major leaguers are catcher [Rex DeVogt](#), pitcher [Ed McCreery](#), catcher [Jack Roche](#), and pitchers Blaine Thomas and [Johnnie Williams](#). Former big leaguers include three of the four managers - Ducky Holmes, Ed Householder, Fred Raymer - and pitchers [Con Starkel](#) and [Ray Brown](#). Both Starkel and Brown appeared in one game each.

Mound Artists

Led by 21-year-old right-hander Ed McCreery, 24 different players take a turn on the mound during the season. Of those, three are position players, while 21 are regular pitchers. Of the regular pitchers, 15 have at least one complete game. The only pitcher to be rostered



Ed McCreery

Victoria Islanders Game by Game I

*denotes complete game

APRIL (3-10)

Date & Opp	Score	W-L	Record	Decision	Notes
18 at Tacoma	3-0	Won	1-0	Lane	W 1-0 No-Hitter; Sage Sv
19 at Tacoma	1-8	Lost	1-1	*Sage	L 0-1 Million 2x4
20 at Tacoma	2-0	Won	2-1	*Thomas	W 1-0 3-hit shutout
21 at Tacoma	1-2	Lost	2-2	*Starkel	L 0-1 2-hitter
22 at Tacoma	1-4	Lost	2-3	*Marshall	L 0-1 Islanders 2 hits
23 at Tacoma	3-2	Won	3-3	*Thomas	W 2-0 11 SOs; 1-hitter
24 at Spokane	6-10	Lost	3-4	McCreery	L 0-1 Davis, Million 2x4
25 at Spokane	3-13	Lost	3-5	*Marshall	L 0-2 4 walks; 17-hitter
26 at Spokane	5-8	Lost	3-6	*McCreery	L 0-2 Million 3x5; 3B
27 at Spokane	7-8	Lost	3-7	Thomas	L 2-1 Islanders 17 hits
28 at Spokane	2-5	Lost	3-8	McCreery	L 0-3 McCreery 7 Ks
29 at Spokane	4-13	Lost	3-9	Rush	L 0-1 Davis 2x4; 3B
30 at Spokane	1-5	Lost	3-10	*Sage	L 0-2 4-hitter

MAY (7-20)

1 at Seattle	7-8	Lost	(11) 3-11	*Starkel	L 0-2 11-inning CG
2 Postponed at Seattle					
3 Postponed at Seattle					
4 Postponed at Seattle					
5 at Seattle	5-1	Won	4-11	*Brown	W 1-0 Debut; 5-hitter
6 at Seattle	5-7	Lost	4-12	*Belford	L 0-1 Debut; 10-hitter
7 at Seattle	0-12	Lost	4-13	Thomas	L 2-2 Islanders 1 hit
8 Spokane	10-8	Won	5-13	Starkel	W 1-2 9 innings in relief
9 Spokane	3-6	Lost	5-14	Brown	L 1-1 Goodman 2x4; 2B
10 Spokane	9-11	Lost	5-15	Belford	L 0-2 Householder 4x5
11 Spokane	2-1	Won	6-15	*Thomas	W 3-2 1-hitter; 14 SOs
13 Spokane	0-1	Lost	6-16	*Starkel	L 1-3 Starkel 11-hitter
14 *Spokane	2-8	Lost	6-17	*Sage	L 0-3 played in Seattle
15 at Tacoma	0-4	Lost	6-18	*Brown	L 1-2 6 SOs; 5-hitter
16 at Tacoma	0-1	Lost	6-19	*Thomas	L 3-3 10 Ks; 4-hitter
17 Postponed at Tacoma					
18 Postponed at Tacoma					
19 at Tacoma	2-0	Won	(12) 7-19	*McCreery	W 1-3 6Ks; 5-Hitter
20 at Tacoma	2-5	Lost	7-20	*Starkel	L 1-4 Householder 3x4
21 at Tacoma	1-2	Lost	(12) 7-21	*Belford	L 0-3 5-hitter
at Tacoma	1-10	Lost	7-22	Thomas	L 3-4 Thomas 2 inn
22 Portland	2-12	Lost	7-23	*Sage	L 0-4 Sage 13-hitter
23 Portland	6-2	Won	8-23	*McCreery	W 2-3 DeVogt 3 RBIs
24 Portland	0-7	Lost	8-24	Thomas	L 3-5 Parks relief
25 Portland	7-11	Lost	8-25	Parks	L 0-1 Parks 5 innings
26 Portland	3-5	Lost	8-26	*Starkel	L 1-5 Million 2x4, 2sb
27 Portland	5-4	Won	9-26	*McCreery	W 3-3 Islanders 3 in 9th
28 *Portland	2-8	Lost	9-27	Belford	L 0-4 Million 2x4
29 at Seattle	2-3	Lost	9-28	*McCreery	L 3-4 4-hitter
30 at Seattle	2-3	Lost	9-29	*Sage	L 0-5 4-hitter
at Seattle	2-8	Lost	9-30	Thomas	L 3-6 Belford 8 inn
31 at Seattle	6-3	Won	10-30	Starkel	W 2-5 MacMurdo HR

JUNE (6-25)

1 at Seattle	1-8	Lost	10-31	*McCreery	L 3-5 Raymer 3x4
2 at Seattle	4-6	Lost	10-32	*Brown	L 1-3 Keller 2x4
3 at Seattle	2-1	Won	11-32	*Sage	W 1-5 Million 2x4
4 at Seattle	5-6	Lost	11-33	*Belford	L 0-5 3rd CGame
at Seattle	1-2	Lost	11-34	*Starkel	L 2-6 Islanders 3 hits
5 at Tacoma	0-6	Lost	11-35	*Thomas	L 3-7 Islanders 3 hits
6 at Tacoma	2-7	Lost	11-36	McCreery	L 3-6 Islanders 4 hits
7 at Tacoma	0-9	Lost	11-37	FORFEIT	
8 at Tacoma	3-6	Lost	11-38	*Sage	L 1-6 Raymer 2x5
9 at Tacoma	2-3	Lost	11-39	*Thomas	L 3-8 Thomas 8Ks
10 at Tacoma	3-12	Lost	11-40	*Lane	L 1-1 Okker debut
11 at Tacoma	0-8	Lost	11-41	McCreery	L 3-7 Sage 7 innings
at Tacoma	0-1	Lost	11-42	*McCreery	L 3-8 Islanders 3 hits
12 Postponed at Vancouver					
13 at Vancouver	4-6	Lost	11-43	*Starkel	L 2-7 Raymer debut
14 at Vancouver	1-8	Lost	11-44	Belford	L 0-6 Islanders 4 hits
at Vancouver	3-2	Won	12-44	*Thomas	W 4-8 snap 12 losing
15 at Vancouver	6-11	Lost	12-45	*McCreery	L 3-9 15-hitter
16 at Vancouver	2-5	Lost	12-46	*Furchner	L 0-1 6-hitter

*Denotes game played in Seattle

1911 Victoria Bees [5 of 19]:

by the Islanders the entire season, McCreery leads the team in wins (11), losses (24), appearances (39), starts (35), complete games (27), innings (289 2/3), walks issued (135) and strikeouts (213). After the season McCreery is drafted by the Cleveland Naps, but its arranged that the tall Coloradoan return to the Islanders for the 1912 season where he is 11-14.

Batting Champion

With only four season-long rostered players to choose from, 23-year-old Chicago native Bill Goodman finishes the season as the team's leading hitter with a .296 average, good for ninth among Northwestern League regulars. Goodman also paces the team in home runs (10), triples (9) and slugging percentage (.406). Sold to the Boston Red Sox, Goodman, upset at Victoria for not giving him part of the money for his sale to the Red Sox, threatens in January to jump to an unnamed outlaw league. Eventually he shows up at the Red Sox camp where they tell him that he is to report to Sacramento and then later, to St. Paul. He is hitting only .202 with the Saints, he returns to the Northwestern League in July and hits .252 splitting time between Tacoma Tigers and Vancouver.



Bill Goodman

Added Income

During the season, team director L.A. Wattleit, brings in some much-needed income selling three players - Blaine Thomas to Boston (\$3,000), Bill Goodman to Boston (\$1,500), Ted Million to Cleveland (\$1,500) - for a total of \$6,000 (\$177,000 in today's money).



Blaine Thomas

\$10,000,000 Name

A three-year starter at the University of Washington, outfielder [Ten Million](#) turns down a \$2,000 offer from the St. Louis Cardinals in the spring of 1911 because he wishes to remain in the northwest. After hitting .275 with a team-high 21 doubles and 26 steals, he's sold to the Cleveland Naps, who in turn sell him back to the Cardinals at the start of the 1912 season.



Tools of Ignorance x 6

During the course of the season, the Islanders employ a total of six catchers - Rex DeVogt (.234), [Pinky Grindle](#) (.200), [Walter Dashwood](#) (.144), Jack Roche (.143), [Merton Hemenway](#) (.125) and [Matt Spiesman](#) (.121). DeVogt has 13 doubles and is second

Victoria Game by Game II

*denotes complete game

JUNE

Date & Opp	Score	W-L	Record	Decision	Notes
17 at Vancouver	6-2	Won	13-46	*Starkel	W 3-7 5-hitter
at Vancouver	3-5	Lost	13-47	*Thomas	L 4-9 4-straight CGs
18	Idle				
19 Vancouver	1-8	Lost	13-48	McCreery	L 3-10 Belford 8Ks
20 Vancouver	1-7	Lost	13-49	*Furchner	L 0-2 13-hitter
21	Postponed - Vancouver				
22 Vancouver	1-2	Lost	13-50	*Starkel	L 3-8 6-hitter
Vancouver	9-6	Won	14-50	Belford	W 1-6 Thomas starts
23 Vancouver	4-6	Lost	14-51	*Williams	L 0-1 Williams debut
24 Vancouver	5-6	Lost	14-52	Belford	L 1-7 DeVogt 2x4 HR
Vancouver	4-1	Won	15-52	*Thomas	W 5-9 Thomas 3-hit, 7Ks
25	Idle				
26 Tacoma	2-3	Lost (11)	15-53	Furchner	L 0-3 McCreery 9 inn
27 Tacoma	5-3	Won	16-52	*Starkel	W 4-8 Thomas HR
28 Tacoma	1-2	Lost	16-54	*Williams	L 0-2 6-hitter
29 Tacoma	1-4	Lost	16-55	*Belford	L 1-8 Householder 2x4
30	Tacoma - game stopped - declared no contest				

JULY (13-21-1)

1 Tacoma	8-5	Lost	16-56	Thomas	L 5-10 Householder 3x3
Tacoma	6-6	Tie		*Starkel	DeVogt, Ward HR
2 at Tacoma	8-3	Won	17-56	*McCreery	W 4-10 Cocash 4x5; 2 3Bs
3 at Spokane	5-8	Lost	17-57	Williams	L 0-3 Keller 3x5 3B
4 at Spokane	6-3	Won	18-57	Thomas	W 6-10 Starkel save
at Spokane	0-5	Lost	18-58	*Starkel	L 4-9 Bees 2 hits
5 at Spokane	4-3	Won(12)	19-58	*Williams	W 1-3 Ward&DeVogt 2x5
6 at Spokane	8-29	Lost	19-59	McCreery	L 4-11 Bees 11 hits
7 at Spokane	4-5	Lost	19-60	*Furchner	L 0-4 Cocash 2x4
8 at Spokane	0-4	Lost	19-61	*Thomas	L 6-11 Thomas 3-hitter
9 at Spokane	10-11	Lost	19-62	Furchner	L 0-5 Clemenson 2x4
at Spokane	0-5	Lost	19-63	*Starkel	L 4-10 Bees 4 hits
10 at Seattle	2-0	Won	20-63	*McCreery	W 5-11 3-hit SHO
11 at Seattle	7-4	Won	21-63	*Furchner	W 1-5 5-hitter
12 at Seattle	3-4	Lost	21-64	*Williams	L 1-4 Goodman 3x4
13 at Seattle	5-7	Lost	21-65	*Starkel	L 4-11 Cocash 2x4 HR
14 at Seattle	12-6	Won	22-65	*McCreery	W 6-11 MacMurdo HR
15 at Seattle	5-4	Won	23-65	*Furchner	W 2-5 Cocash 9x18
16 at Seattle	0-6	Lost	23-66	*Williams	L 1-5 Bees 1 hit
at Seattle	1-4	Lost	23-67	*McCreery	L 6-12 Bees 6 hits
17 at Vancouver	4-8	Lost	23-68	*Starkel	L 4-12 MacMurdo HR
18 at Vancouver	2-7	Lost	23-69	*Furchner	L 2-6 Cocash 1x4
19 at Vancouver	2-9	Lost	23-70	*Williams	L 1-6 Keller 2x4
20 at Vancouver	1-10	Lost	23-71	*Thorsen	L 0-1 Bees 5 hits
21 at Vancouver	8-2	Won	24-71	*Furchner	W 3-5 3 home runs
at Vancouver	1-4	Lost	24-72	*McCreery	L 6-13 Keller 2x4, triple
22 at Vancouver	2-1	Won	25-72	*McCament	W 1-0 4-hitter
23	Idle				
24 Seattle	2-5	Lost	25-73	*Williams	L 1-7 Goodman 2x4
25 Seattle	6-5	Won	26-73	*Thorsen	W 1-1 3 home runs
26 Seattle	3-5	Lost	26-74	*McCreery	L 6-14 Goodman 2x4
27 Seattle	4-11	Lost	26-75	Williams	L 1-8 Brennan 2x3
28 Seattle	8-4	Won	27-75	*McCreery	W 7-13 Ward 4x4
29 Seattle	13-3	Won	28-75	*Thorsen	W 2-1 3 home runs
30 at Seattle	3-2	Won	29-75	*Williams	W 2-8 Million 3x4
31 at Portland	2-3	Lost (12)	29-76	*McCament	L 1-1 Clementson 2x5

AUGUST (2-31)

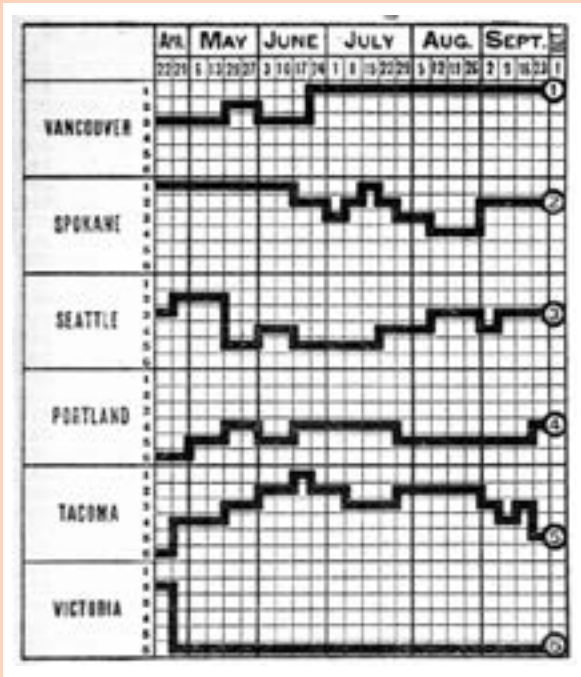
1 at Portland	8-9	Lost	29-77	*McCreery	L 7-14 Ward 2x4;doubles
2 at Portland	8-9	Lost	29-78	*Thorsen	L 2-2 Bees 10 hits
3 at Portland	2-6	Lost	29-79	*Williams	L 2-9 Bees 5 hits
4 at Portland	0-4	Lost	29-80	*Lake	L 0-1 Lake 4-hitter
5 at Portland	2-4	Lost	29-81	*Surphlis	L 0-1 Surphlis debut
6 at Portland	1-8	Lost	29-82	Thorsen	L 2-3 Bees 3 hits
7 Tacoma	2-8	Lost	29-83	*Thorsen	L 2-4 DeVogt 2x3
8 Tacoma	2-5	Lost	29-84	*Williams	L 2-10 MacMurdo 2x3
9 Tacoma	5-8	Lost	29-85	*McCreery	L 7-15 Million 1x2,HR,SB
10 Tacoma	9-8	Won	30-85	Williams	W 3-10 DeVogt GW hit
11 Tacoma	3-8	Lost	30-86	Lake	L 0-2 Clementson HR
12 Tacoma	2-5	Lost	30-87	*Surphlis	L 0-2 Grindle 1x3, 2B

1911 Victoria Bees [6 of 19]:

on the team in home runs with seven. DeVogt and Roche will eventually make their way to the major leagues.

Streaks

Victoria has three losing streaks of 10-or-more games, including a season-long 19-game skein between August 16 and September 6. The Islanders' longest win streak is three games achieved on three occasions. The first time Victoria wins back-to-back games is not until games 83 and 84. The chart below tells the full ugly story.



Victoria Game by Game III

*denotes complete game

AUGUST

Date & Opp	Score	W-L	Record	Decision	Notes
13 at Tacoma	5-1	Lost	30-88	*Thorsen	L 2-5 Bees 6 hits
at Tacoma	0-8	Lost	30-89	*Williams	L 3-11 Bees 4 hits
14 at Seattle	7-13	Lost	30-90	McCreery	L 7-16 Goodman Debut
15 at Seattle	2-5	Lost	30-91	*Lake	L 0-3 Lake HR; 6 errors
16 at Seattle	3-1	Won	31-91	*McCreery	W 8-16 Brennan HR
17 at Seattle	3-7	Lost	31-92	*Surphlis	L 0-3 Goodman 2x4
18 at Seattle	3-13	Lost	31-93	Brown	L 1-4 Goodman 2x5 HR
19 at Seattle	2-6	Lost	31-94	*Williams	L 3-12 Bees 5 hits
20 at Seattle	3-4	Lost	31-95	*McCreery	L 8-17 Goodman HR
at Seattle	2-6	Lost	31-96	*Thorsen	L 2-6 Million 5x8 DH
21 Portland	2-7	Lost	31-97	Lake	L 0-4 Grindle 2x3
22 Portland	3-4	Lost	31-98	*Williams	L 3-13 Clementson 2x4
23 Portland	2-6	Lost	31-99	*McCreery	L 8-18 Clementson HR
24 Portland	4-11	Lost	31-100	*Thorsen	L 2-7 DeVogt HR
25 Portland	3-13	Lost	31-101	Kane	L 0-1 MacMurdo 3x4
26 Portland	1-7	Lost	31-102	*Erickson	L 0-1 Million 2x4
27 #Portland	6-10	Lost	31-103	*Lake	L 0-5 Keller 2x5; 3 runs
28 at Spokane	4-5	Lost	31-104	*McCreery	L 8-19 Holmes Debut
29 at Spokane	4-5	Lost	31-105	*Thorsen	L 2-8 Clemenston HR
30 at Spokane	1-5	Lost	31-106	*Miller	L 0-1 Bees 3 hits; 1 error
31 at Spokane	2-10	Lost	31-107	*McCreery	L 8-20 Holmes 2x4

SEPTEMBER (10-17-2)

1 at Spokane	9-10	Lost	31-108	Erickson	L 0-2 Million 5x6; 2B
2 at Spokane	3-7	Lost	31-109	Thorson	L 2-9 Million 3x5
3 at Spokane	3-6	Lost	31-110	*McCrery	L 8-21 Million 2x5
4	Postponed at Portland				
5	Postponed at Portland				
6 at Portland	4-1	Won	32-110	*Miller	W 1-1 19-straight losses
at Portland	3-0	Won	33-110	*Lake	W 1-5 Lake 6-hit SHO
7 at Portland	4-3	Won	34-110	*McCrery	W 9-21 Million 1x4; 2B
8 at Portland	0-1	Lost	34-111	*Thorsen	L 2-10 Islanders 3-hits
9 at Portland	3-1	Won	35-111	*Williams	W 4-13 Brennan 3x4
10 at Portland	7-3	Won	36-111	*Erickson	W 1-2 Brennan 3x5
at Portland	0-2	Lost	36-112	*Miller	L 1-2 Million 3x4; SB
11	Postponed at Spokane				
12	Postponed at Spokane				
13 Spokane	4-3	Won	37-112	*McCreery	W 10-21 Clementson HR
Spokane	4-2	Won	38-112	Lake	W 2-5 Goodman 3x4
14	Postponed at Spokane				
15	Postponed at Spokane				
16 Spokane	7-5	Won	39-112	*Erickson	W 2-2 Million 3x5
17 at Spokane	1-3	Lost	39-113	*Thorsen	L 2-11 Clementson 2x4
at Spokane	0-0	Tie	39-113	*Williams	4-13-1 2-hitter; 6 inn
18 at Spokane	2-16	Lost	39-114	McCreery	L 10-22 Keller 3x5
19 at Spokane	4-5	Lost	39-115	*Erickson	L 2-3 Kennedy 3x4
20 at Spokane	9-8	Won	40-115	Lake	W 3-5 Thorsen Save
21 at Spokane	2-15	Lost	40-116	*Thorsen	L 2-12 Million 4x5
at Spokane	2-8	Lost	40-117	*McCreery	L 10-23 Goodman 2x3
22	Postponed at Spokane				
23 at Spokane	2-4	Lost	40-118	*Erickson	L 2-4 Keller 2x4; 2 SBs
24 at Spokane	4-5	Lost	40-119	*Lake	L 3-6 Million 2x4; 3B
at Spokane	2-12	Lost	40-120	*Thorsen	L 2-13 Kennedy HR
25 at Vancouver	7-2	Won	41-120	*McCreery	W 11-23 Million 2x5
26 at Vancouver	6-10	Lost	41-121	*Surphlis	L 0-4 Goodman 3x4
27 at Vancouver	1-7	Lost	41-122	*Erickson	L 2-5 Clementson 2x4
28 at Vancouver	1-5	Lost	41-123	*Lake	L 3-7 DeVogt 2x4; 2B
29 at Vancouver	2-7	Lost	41-124	Surphlis	L 0-5 Bees 13 hits
30 at Vancouver	11-11	Tie	41-124	*Erickson	T 2-5-1 Brennan 3x4; HR

OCTOBER (0-1)

1 #Vancouver	1-10	Lost	41-125-3	*Lake	L 3-8 Million 3x5
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#Denotes game at Tacoma

Season	W-L-T	Total	Pct.	by Month
Home:	15-36-2	(53)	.298	April.....3-10-0
Road:	25-86-1	(112)	.227	May.....7-20-0
Neutral:	1-3-0	(4)	.250	June.....6-25-0
				July.....13-21-1
				August.....2-31-0
				Sep/Oct.....10-18-2

	AT SEATTLE	AT SPOKANE	AT VANCOUVER	AT PORTLAND	AT TACOMA	AT VICTORIA
SEATTLE	13	14	15	16	17	18
SPOKANE	28	29	30	31	1	2
VANCOUVER	23	24	25	26	27	28
PORTLAND	33	34	35	36	37	38
TACOMA	43	44	45	46	47	48
VICTORIA	53	54	55	56	57	58
ESTER	63	64	65	66	67	68
WEDG	73	74	75	76	77	78
WEN	83	84	85	86	87	88

1911 Victoria Bees [7 of 19]:

The Russian is Coming & Going

Born 5,140 miles from Victoria, in Neu-Norka, Russia, pitcher Con Starkel is 5-12-1 for the Islanders with 16 complete games in as many starts. In 14 of his 16 complete games, the 6-foot-2, 200-pound, *правша* walks three-or-less batter and has four games with nary a walk. On July 24, Starkel trades in his spikes for a chest protector and begins his career as an umpire in the Northwestern League.



ISLANDERS CHRONOLOGY

January 7

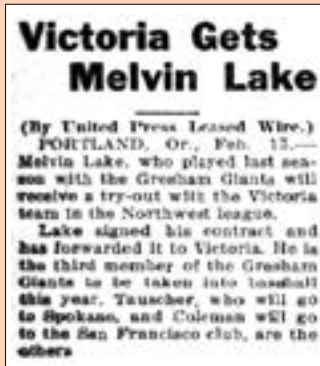
The University of Washington loses the services of [Clifford Clementson](#), [Ten Million](#) and Jimmy Clarke because of recent action taken by the Pacific Northwest Intercollegiate Conference ... all three accepted salaries to play baseball the previous summer.

January 25

Victoria acquires pitcher Blaine Thomas from the Davenport Prodigals after Thomas informs the Prodigals that he will not report to the team this spring ... the hard-throwing right-hander spent all of 1910 pitching for Canena, Mexico, in Arizona's Catus League

February 11

[Dr. Melvin Lake](#), who played with the Gresham (Washington) Giants in 1910, signs with Victoria ... a member of the of the Hood River team of the Columbia River League in 1909, the right-handed pitcher is studying at the North Pacific Dental College in Portland, Lake will report to the team when his classes are complete in late July.

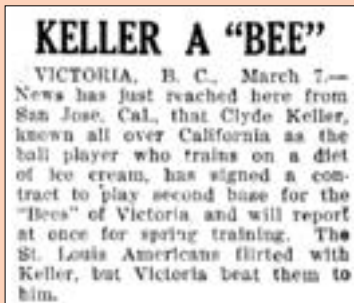


February 15

Spokane high school star [Harry Rush](#), two years ago a star pitcher of the Seattle Siwash, affixes his name to a contract with Victoria.

February 17

Former Seattle catcher and Tacoma native Merton Hemenway and pitcher [Hal Clafin](#) sign ... Clafin, purchased from Spokane, does not make the opening day roster.



March 3

Victoria signs [Clyde Keller](#), (right) known all over the state of California as a ball player who trains on a diet of ice cream ... the St. Louis Browns had "flirted" with signing the infielder.

March 5

Eddie Yates, one of the fastest fielders in the Spokane city league, signs with Victoria.



Victoria Transactions

- Jan 6 St. Vincent College pitcher **Bill Lane** signs
- May 1 Catcher **Jack Roche** acquired
- May 2 Pitcher **Paul Brown** acquired from Spokane
- May 4 Pitcher **Clarence Marshall** released
Catcher **Merton Hemenway** released
- May 5 Pitcher **Virgil Belford** acquired
- May 15 First baseman **Jim Manes** released
- May 16 Outfielder **Clifford Clementson** released
- May 18 First baseman **Spots MacMurdo** signs
- May 19 Catcher **Rex DeVogt** purchased from Tacoma.
- May 22 Catcher **Jack Roche** released
- May 26 Catcher **Matt Spiesman** debuts May 29
- June 9 Catcher **Rex DeVogt** released
- June 12 Pitcher **Al Furcher** acquired from Seattle
- June 16 Pitchers **George Sage** released
Pitcher **Bill Lane** released
- June 18 Pitcher **Johnnie Williams** acquired from Sacramento
- June 26 Catcher **Matt Spiesman** released
- June 27 Third baseman **Bill Goodman** sold to Cleveland for \$1,500
- June 28 Outfielder **John Cocash** arrives from Seattle, not signed
- June 28 Bees re-acquire **Clifford Clementson** from Raymond, Wash.
- June 30 Pitcher **Paul Brown** released
Outfielder **John Cocash** is signed
- July 1 Pitcher **Virgil Belford** released (signs with Vancouver 7.2)
- July 6 Pitcher **Elmer Thorson** signed from Los Angeles
- July 8 Pitcher **Blaine Thomas** is sold to the Boston Americans for \$3,000
- July 12 Outfielder **Ben Davis** released
- July 13 **Eddie Householder** completes trade to Seattle for **John Cocash**
- July 18 Pitcher **Con Starkel** resigns to become a league umpire
Tacoma sends pitcher **Lon McCament** to replace Starkel
- July 24 Shortstop **John Brennan** signs
- July 26 Catcher **William Grindle** signs
- July 27 Outfielder **John Cocash** released
Catcher **Walter Dashwood** released
- Aug 2 Shortstop **Ash Houston** signs
- Aug 3 Pitcher **Lon McCament** is released
- Aug 7 Shortstop **Ash Houston** released
- Aug 8 Pitcher **Elmer Thorson** released
- Aug 10 Pitcher **Elmer Thorson** re-signed
- Aug 11 Pitcher **Lon McCament** is re-signed
- Aug 14 Pitcher **Lon McCament** is injured and released
- Aug 17 Pitcher **Paul Brown** re-signed
- Aug 22 Pitcher **Ed Erickson** purchased from Vancouver
- Aug 25 Infielder **Jimmy Adams** signed
Pitcher acquired **Lefty Miller** from Tacoma
- Aug 27 Player/manager **Ducky Holmes** signs
- Sep 1 Tacoma releases **Ed Kennedy**
- Sep 5 Utility player **Ed Kennedy** signed 65x278 (.234) 30 runs
- Sep 11 Pitcher **Lefty Miller** released
- Sep 12 Infielder **Vince "Jockey" Ward** released
- Sep 18 Pitcher **Lefty Miller** sent back to Tacoma

These transactions are only those published in the newspapers.

1911 Victoria Bees [8 of 19]:

NO "HAS BEENS" IN LOCAL BALL TEAM

March 6
Several Northwestern League scribes opine that Victoria manager **Eddie Householder** (right) has signed up a bunch of "has beens." ... Householder believes that he has the pitching staff in the league ... on the other hand, Spokane is also given little chance of taking the pennant because the team is "too young."



"There is not a club in the new league which is more of a mystery than the Victoria Bees. Eddie Householder is a good ball player himself and knows how to handle the erratic genius of the diamond but his collection is an unknown quantity in every sense of the word. Householder might make a runaway rate of the pennant chasing stunt and win hands down for all the other managers know of his material, but it is generally believed that the club will not get into the first division. Too many of the recruits whose names appear as being signed by Householder are unknown to professional baseball men. Many of them are off the corner lots or have had little experience in league ball. When they meet seasoned veterans they will find they have a lot to learn."
- The Tacoma Daily Ledger, March 6

March 7
First baseman [Clifford Clementson](#) is the first Victoria player to report.

March 16
Veteran outfielder [Ben Davis](#), who previously said he was going to retire, shows up in the Islanders' camp ... Davis is regarded as the team's best fungo hitter.

HOUSEHOLDER'S TEAM RE-NAMED ISLANDERS

Full Grandstand Crowd Watched Them Practice at Park.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 22.—With the warm rays of the sun smiling down upon them, the "Islanders"—the new name selected for the Victoria team of the Northwestern League—the prospective twirlers and fielders got their first real touch of practice for over four hours at the Royal Athletic park yesterday. Not only did a deluge of Victoria's finest weather greet them, but a full grandstand crowd was enthused at every good play. The first session began at 10 o'clock with the full representation in the field and two extra players who came in on Sunday. Ten Million, Con. Starkell, Hemenway, Rush and McGuire, who arrived in town yesterday and did not practice in the regular workout, held a late tryout with Householder. The team will remain here until they open the season at Tacoma.

March 20
In a city-wide competition open only to women, the Victoria franchise is given the name "Islanders" ... one nickname suggested is "Watt House Clams" ... outfielder [Ted Million](#) arrives in camp, rising the total of players in camp to 24.

April 18 - Season Opener
Victoria opens the Northwestern League season with 3-0 combined no-hitter at Tacoma ... Bill Lane, the portside, draws the starting assignment for the "Islanders" and goes a near perfect seven innings, allowing only one walk while striking out seven, before having to retire with an arm injury ... Lane is followed by [George Sage](#), a recruit from the "Twilight League" in Western Canada, who allows only one walk in his two innings of work.

Season Opener No-Hitter
April 18, 1911
Victoria Bees at Tacoma Tigers

VICTORIA,		TACOMA,			
AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Davis, lf	4	1	0	0	0
Raymer, 2b	3	0	0	1	2
Million, cf	4	1	0	3	0
Goodwin, 3b	4	0	2	0	5
Householder	4	1	1	1	0
Reddick, ss	4	0	2	1	3
Manes, 1b	3	0	0	14	0
Dashwood, c	3	0	0	7	2
Lane, p	3	0	0	0	2
Sage, p	0	0	0	0	0

Totals ... 32 3 5 27 15 1

April 23
Blaine Thomas strikes out 11 en route to a one-hit 3-2 complete game win over Tacoma ... Thomas is 2-0 allowing only four hits in his first 18 innings.

TACOMA,		VICTORIA,			
AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Warren, rf	4	0	0	1	0
Rockenfield	3	0	0	4	0
Bansey, lf	4	0	0	3	0
Coleman, 3b	2	0	0	0	2
Lynch, cf	2	0	0	2	1
Fisher, 1b	2	0	0	13	0
McPadden, ss	3	0	0	1	5
DeVogt, c	3	0	0	1	1
Hall, p	3	0	0	1	4

Totals ... 26 0 0 27 17 3

May 4
Pitcher [Clarence Marshall](#) (0-2) and catcher Merton Hemenway (1-for-8) are released.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
Hits	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	5
Tacoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

May 5
Paul (Ray) Brown makes his Victoria debut limiting Seattle to three hits in a 5-1 complete game victory ... Paul Percival Brown is listed in Baseball Reference as "Ray" Brown ... during his tenure with the Bees in 1911, he is referred to as "Paul" Brown ... in Brown's lone major league appearance, a 6-3 complete game win over Philadelphia on September 30, 1909, *The Chicago Tribune* (left) game story has him as "Paul Brown."

PAUL BROWN DOES STUNT FOR BEES

Paul Brown Wins Praise.
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SUMMARY
Stolen bases—Rockenfield, Goodwin, Reddick. Double plays—Dashwood to Raymer, Rockenfield to Fisher. Sacrifice hit—Fisher. Pitchers' record—Hits off Lane in six innings, 0; hits off Sage in 3 innings, 0. Struck out—By Lane 7, by Hall 1. Bases on balls—Off Lane 1, off Sage 1, off Hall 2. Hit by pitched ball—Lynch.

1911 Victoria Bees [9 of 19]:

May 8

After opening with its first 17 games on the road, the Victoria Islanders return home landing on the Grand Trunk Wharf on the 2:30 boat from Seattle ... the Islanders open their home schedule with a 10-8 win over first-place Spokane.



May 15

Victoria releases first baseman **Jim Manes (left)** and outfielder Clifford Clementson ... Clementson quickly signs with the Raymond Venetians of the Washington State (D) League while Manes signs with the Brandon Angels of the Western Canada (D) League where he hits .351 in 84 games.

May 16

Following a 1-0 loss at Tacoma for their 16th loss in 19 games, manager Householder, a "Master of Old Baseball," denies several newspaper stories that the Islanders are racked with dissension ... President Wattlelet says, "We have been playing in hard luck lately and need some additional strength in the infield."

May 19

Ed McCreery (right) allows only five hits, including two that are "scratchy," in a 2-0, 12-inning shutout of Tacoma before 500 rooters ... the win improves the Islanders' record to 7-19.



May 23

McCreery allows eight hits and seven walks but wins his second-straight game, a 6-5 decision over visiting Portland ... newly-acquired catcher Rex DeVogt is 2-for-4 with a bases loaded double.

May 25

Victoria commits a season-high-to-date nine errors in an 11-7 loss to Portland.

May 28

Player/manager Ed Householder is tossed from a game for the third time.

June 5

Tacoma's [Dr. Eddie Higgins](#) shuts out the visiting Islanders 6-0 on three hits ... Victoria's Blaine Thomas allows eight hits and walks seven in turning in his first complete game in five starts ... Householder is fourth among league hitting leaders with a .338 average.

**"The most rabid March hare is a docile pet compared to Thomas when he once begins to let the ball get away from him."
- The Tacoma Daily Ledger, June 6, 1911**



June 7

Umpire **Steve Kane** forfeits Victoria's game with Tacoma, to the homestanding Tigers ... Kane objects to the Islanders' players "ragging" him and in the second inning attempts to clear Victoria's bench of players not in the team's lineup ... Kane gives Householder three minutes to clear the bench, but Householder spends the entire time arguing with the arbiter ... Victoria is leading 1-0 when the game is stopped in the top of the third inning.

June 8

Victoria shortstop Clyde Keller commits three errors in the first inning as Tacoma scores four times en route to a 6-3 win.

June 9

With Walter Dashwood (.145) set to return to the lineup and with Matt Spiesman (.176) playing well (matter of opinion), catcher Rex DeVogt is sent back to the Boston Braves organization ... manager Householder does not think it advisable to carry a third backstop ... DeVogt is hitting .219 with a pair of doubles in 10 games.

1911 Victoria Bees [10 of 19]:

HOUSEHOLDER OUT

Eddie Householder has been retired as manager of the Victoria team, and Fred Raymer installed in his place. Eddie has conducted a losing team; has forfeited a game and scrapped so much with the umpire that club owners would not stand for his leadership any more.

June 12
Victoria is 11-42 when manager Eddie Householder asks to be relieved of his managerial duties ... with his Islanders mired in last-place and 26 games out of first, Householder is replaced by second baseman Fred Raymer.

June 16
Pitchers George Sage (1-6) and Bill Lane (1-1) are released.

June 20
Frederick Jacobs, a amateur from the Chicago City League, is 1-for-4 and commits an error in his Victoria debut.



June 26
Third baseman Bill Goodman is sold to the Boston Red Sox for \$1,500 ... Victoria fans are indignant as they believe his loss will place the Islanders out of the race (they are currently 27 1/2 games behind first-place) ... Goodman stays with the Islanders for the remainder of the season and is told to report to the Red Sox in time for their 1912 spring training.

HIGGINS GIVES GAME TO TACOMA

STARKELL SAYS VICTORIA IS WINNER

Contest Breaks Up in Row When Umpires Fail to Please Fans

June 30
Another game, another forfeit ... following an injury to umpire Steve Kane several days earlier, the two teams agree to use a "dual" umpiring system ... Victoria's Starkel and Tacoma's Eddie "Doc" Higgins are selected to be the arbiters ... when Higgins takes over behind the plater in the bottom of the inning, he issues walks to five of the Tigers' first six hitters ... Victoria threatens to take its team off the field unless Higgins is replaced, but Tacoma manager Mike Lynch refuses ... Higgins awards the game forfeited to Tacoma, Starkel follows by awarding the game for Victoria ... the game is eventually determined as a "no contest."

July 4
In his second-to-last appearance with Victoria, Blaine Thomas pick up his third win is six games when he strikes out nine and walks nine in seven innings in a 6-3 win at Spokane ... Con Starkel works two innings in relief and picks up the save.

July 5
For the first time this season, Victoria wins three times in five games with a 4-3 win at Spokane in 12 innings ... right-hander Johnnie Williams, a graduate of St. Louis College in Honolulu, goes the route for the third time in as many starts, allowing 12 hits and striking out seven in picking up his first win of the season.

Babe Rockenfield

The scene is set. The drama is high. Tacoma's Ike Rockenfield (right) versus Victoria's George Sage. It's not quite Babe Ruth versus Charlie Root some 21 years later, but it will do for some Northwestern League drama.



It's the opening game of a June 11 doubleheader at Tacoma's Athletic Park. The Tigers are up 4-0 when Rockenfield, due to lead off the bottom of the fifth inning, tells his teammates that he can hit left-handed as well as his natural right-handed swing.

A 32-year-old second baseman in his 11th year of professional baseball, including two stints with the St. Louis Browns in 1905-1906, Rockenfield is hitting .213 when he steps into the "south sided" batters box against Sage, a 23-year-old right-hander from Gobles, Michigan, making his sixth relief appearance of the season.

The rest is history as Rockenfield "pasted the sphere for a complete circuit of the bases."

June 22
There is a three-way tie atop the Northwestern League standings between Spokane, Vancouver and Tacoma with identical 40-25 marks ... mired in last place with a 14-48 record, Victoria is currently 24 1/2 games out of first place.

Islanders are Winning

July 5, 1911
Victoria Bees at Spokane Indians

Victoria--	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Millon, cf.	4	1	2	1	2	1
Kellar, ss.	5	0	1	2	2	1
Goodman, 3b.	5	0	1	2	1	0
Cocash, lf.	4	0	1	4	0	0
Clemens, rf.	2	0	1	4	0	0
MacMurtro, lb.	5	1	2	2	4	0
Ward, 2b.	5	2	2	0	2	0
Devogt, c.	3	0	0	0	6	1
Williams, p.	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	43	4	11	26	17	3
Spokane--	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Frick, rf.	4	0	2	0	0	0
Cooney, ss.	0	0	0	1	2	0
Zimmerman, lf.	5	0	0	2	0	0
Nordyke, lb.	2	2	2	11	0	1
Netzel, 2b.	4	0	2	2	2	1
Cartwright, 3b.	4	0	1	8	2	0
Hippert, cf.	5	0	1	0	0	0
Spiesman, c.	4	0	1	6	4	0
Helm, p.	2	0	1	0	2	0
Tanner, ss.	0	0	1	0	3	1
*Outslek	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kraft, p.	0	0	0	0	2	0
Schwenk, p.	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	41	2	12	36	18	2

*Batted for Helm in the twelfth.
Victoria 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 1—4
Spokane 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0—2
Hits by innings:
Victoria 1 2 1 0 0 1 2 0 1 1 1—11
Spokane 0 1 0 1 0 1 3 1 2 1 0—12
Two-base hits—Kellar, Devogt, Three-base hit—Ward. Sacrifice hits—Cocash, Williams 2, Cooney, Netzel, Cartwright. Strlen bases—Goodman, Frick. Struck out—By Helm 4, by Williams 1. Bases on balls—Off Williams 2. Passed ball—Devogt. No runs, two hits, four at bat off Kraft in one inning; one run, no hits, two at bat off Schwenk in one inning. Charge defeat to Helm. Left on bases—Victoria 4, Spokane 8. Time of game—2:05. Umpire—Allen.

For the first time this season, Victoria wins for the third time in five games with a 4-3 win at Spokane in 12 innings. Rookie right-hander Johnnie Williams goes the route for the Islanders, allowing 12 hits and striking out seven enroute to picking up the win.

1911 Victoria Bees [11 of 19]:

July 6

In a 29-8 win over the Victoria Islanders, third-place Spokane set Northwestern League single game records for runs scored (29) and hits (30). After yielding only five runs in his previous two starts, Victoria's Ed McCreery gives up 13 runs in four innings on 14 hits and two walks. Spokane third baseman [Milo Netzel](#) is 6-for-6 with a pair of doubles and five runs scored.

**INDIANS BREAK
LEAGUE RECORD**

**GET 30 HITS AND 29 RUNS
IN GAME.**

Victoria Pitchers Are Unable to
Stem Tide Against Indians'
Onslaught.

**League Scoring Record Set
July 6, 1911
Victoria Bees at Spokane Indians**

Victoria—					Spokane—						
Ab.	H.	Pa.	A.	E.	Ab.	H.	Pa.	A.	E.		
Millon, cf.	5	1	2	2	6	Frisk, rf.	6	2	0	1	0
Keller, ss	4	1	2	2	6	Coy, ss.	7	2	5	6	1
Gorn, 3b.	3	1	4	6	6	McMurd.	1	1	0	0	0
Chaff, 2b.	3	1	1	4	6	Nordyke, lf.	2	1	2	0	0
Clem, 1st	2	0	0	0	6	Netzel, 3b.	6	6	3	0	0
M. Iba, 2b.	2	0	0	1	1	Cartl, 2b.	5	3	3	0	0
Ward, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0	Kippert, cf.	4	3	0	0	0
Dash, c.	1	0	0	1	0	Sp'n, c.	3	1	3	1	1
McCree, p.	0	0	0	1	0	Schwenk, p.	3	1	0	1	0
Furrier, if.	0	0	0	0	0	Ostidek, c.	3	4	1	1	0
Ray, 2b.	0	0	1	0	0	Mann, p.	1	0	0	0	0
Taft, lb.	0	0	0	0	0						

Totals 29 15 24 16 11 Totals 49 27 19 22

SCORE BY INNINGS

Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	— 8
Spokane	0	1	5	0	1	2	— 29	

July 8

In his last start for Victoria, Blaine Thomas allows only three hits and walks nine (for the second-straight game) and drops a 4-0 decision to Spokane ... the game marks the fifth time that the hard-throwing right-hander allows three hits or less in a complete game, of which he has 10 in 19 starts ... over his last four starts, Thomas has allowed only 16 hits in 28 innings, but has issued 30 base on balls.



SUMMARY

Runs—Millon, Keller, Goodman (2), Cocash, Clementson, McMurdó, Furchner, Frisk (2), Cooney (2), Zimmerman (4), Nordyke (3), Netzel (5), Cartwright (4), Kippert (4), Spiesman, Schwenz, Ostidek. Home runs—Kippert, Zimmerman. Three-base hit—Kippert (2), Schwenz (2), Frisk. Two-base hits—Netzel (2), Cartwright, Nordyke, Kippert, Cooney, Zimmerman, Ostidek, Clementson. Sacrifice hits—Cartwright, Spiesman. Stolen bases—Cooney, Zimmerman (2), Nordyke. Struck out—By Schwenz 4, by Mannerling 1, by McCreery 3, by Goodman 1. Bases on balls—Off Schwenz 1, off Mannerling 2, off McCreery 2, off McMurdó 1, off Goodman 1. Balls—Goodman. Passed ball—Ostidek. Thirteen runs, 14 hits, 23 at bat off McCreery in four innings; six runs, six hits, six at bat off McMurdó in one inning; eight runs, 11 hits off Mannerling in three innings. Left on base—Victoria 19, Spokane 1. Time—2:10. Umpire—Alic.

The third-place Spokane Indians set Northwestern League single game records for runs scored (29) and hits (30). After yielding only five runs in his previous two starts, Victoria's Ed McCreery gives up 13 runs in four innings on 14 hits and two walks. Spokane third baseman Milo Netzel is 6-for-6 with a pair of doubles and five runs scored.

UNDER COVER.

A deal between the Seattle and Victoria clubs, which has never been clearly explained, gives Eddie Householder to Seattle in exchange for Cocash. All along it had been announced that Seattle had released Cocash and that Victoria had picked him up. Householder's absence from the Victoria line-up had been explained in a manner that was misleading. It was given out that he had injured his hand and was on the hospital list. It seems that Householder is balking for some reason and now Dugdale says unless he signs at once Cocash will have to be given back.

July 13

Seattle finally gets its man ... Victoria sends former manager and starting right-fielder Eddie Householder to Seattle to complete a transaction for 27-year-old outfielder [John Cocash](#) ... Householder leads the team and is among league leaders with a .317 average ... Cocash, a former New York Giant prospect, debuted for Victoria back on July 1, and is hitting a robust .351 (20-for-57) with two home runs in his first 15 games for the Islanders.

July 14

Ed McCreery wins for the third time in four starts as the Islanders pound out 17 hits, including home runs by [Spots MacMurdo](#) and Bill Goodman, en route to a 12-6 win over Seattle.

July 15

After starting winless in his first five decisions with the Islanders, Al Furchner wins his second-straight decision over a four-day span, a 5-4 seven-hit complete game win at Seattle, his former teammates ... on July 21, the Le Mars, Iowa, native pitches a four-hit win at Vancouver bringing his record to 3-5 with Victoria ... his recent success is curtailed when he joins Elmer Thorsen on the injured list with a sore arm ... he ends the season 3-5 with the Islanders and 4-9 overall ... after the season is over, he informs Victoria that he will not return as the climate does not agree with him.

July 18

With the resignation of umpire Steve Kane, Victoria pitcher Con Starkel accepts a league offer to become the circuit's fourth umpire ... Starkel leaves the Islanders with a 4-12-1 record, one save and 16 complete games in 18 appearances ... as compensation, Tacoma agrees to sent pitcher [Lon McCament](#) to Victoria as a replacement.

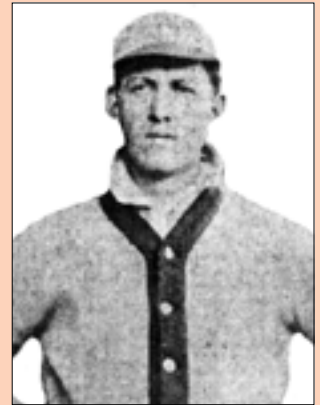
**NORTHWESTERN WILL
CARRY FOUR UMPIRES**

Cooney Starkell, Former Victoria Pitcher, Added to Staff
—Bob Brown Announces Sale of Rasmussen.

1911 Victoria Bees [12 of 19]:

July 20

Newly-acquired [Elmer "Babe" Thorsen](#) (right) makes his Islanders' debut allowing 11 hits and issuing eight walks in a 10-1 loss to first-place Vancouver ... at one time, the "master of the seam ball [sic]" is considered one of the most talented pitchers in the Pacific Coast League but his lack of control (279 walks in 1909-1910) with the Los Angeles Angels keeps him in the minor leagues ... early in 1910, Cincinnati manager [Clark Griffith](#) offers the Angels "everything but the franchise" for the southern slinger's services ... working as a construction laborer in the off-season, the lanky Chicago native is 2-7 with the Angels when he is one of three players released on June 27 ... one week later, he signs with Victoria ... after winning two of his first three starts for the Islanders, Thorsen suffers through a personal career-ending 12-game losing streak, including his final two games where he allows 27 runs on 24 hits and 15 walks in 16 innings ... in 16 games with Victoria, Thorsen is 2-13 with 13 complete games and one save ... following the 1911 season, Thorsen gets married and enters into the automobile business by opening a large garage in Los Angeles ... a World War I veteran, he dies in Phoenix, Arizona on June 28, 1966, at the age of 80.



July 21

Victoria signs shortstop [John Brennan](#) who was hitting .243 for Edmonton before he is released on July 19, for "indifferent play" ... the Islanders had offered Edmonton manager [Deacon White](#) \$500 for Brennan's services only a couple weeks earlier.



July 22

In a tight pitcher's duel, Lon McCament (left) makes his Victoria debut beating first-place Vancouver 2-1 on a four-hitter ... a noted semipro pitcher in his native Chicago, the hard-throwing right-hander signs with the Spokane Indians in mid-December 1908 ... McCament's pro career is put on hold that spring when he contracts typhoid fever and is unable to report to the Indians' pre-season camp at Vollmer Field in Lewiston, Idaho ... in June, the 6-foot-2 McCament is assigned to Tacoma of the Northwestern League where, still weak, he is 0-1 ... he spends that winter at a ranch in Idaho, where he regains his strength and an additional 30 pounds ... kept on the payroll by Tacoma but "nowhere to be seen" in 1910, McCament doesn't make his first appearance with the Tigers until the 30th game of the season ... winning his first five games, McCament finishes the season with a 12-15 mark ... McCament starts the 1911 season again with Tacoma ... on July 18, with the resignation of umpire Steve Kane, Victoria pitcher Con Starkel accepts a league offer to become the circuit's fourth umpire ... Starkel leaves the Islanders a pitcher shy, so as compensation, Tacoma agrees to send McCament to the Islanders as a replacement ... in two starts for Victoria he is 1-1 before being returned to the Tigers later in the season ... in his final season he is 2-3 in six appearances with the Jacksonville Tars in 1912.

July 25

Former Los Angeles Angels catcher [William "Pinky" Grindle](#), signs with the Islanders ... the Loyola Marymount University product is released by the Angels on July 9, before he inks with the Seattle Siwash five days later on July 14 ... Seattle can't find any playing time for him, so they sell him to Victoria.

July 26

Game No. 100 ... Victoria falls to 26-74 on the season dropping a 5-3 decision to the fourth-place Seattle Giants ... the Islanders trail first-place Vancouver by 35 1/2 games.

July 27

Prior to that afternoon's game with Seattle, outfielder John Cocash is released for "contrary conduct" ... despite being released prior to the game, he ends up starting in right field and is 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored in an 11-4 loss ... in 30 games with the Islanders, the 27-year-old Detroit native hits .295 with three doubles, two triples and two home runs ... he starts his career as a pitcher but is converted to the outfield when he makes his pro debut in 1905 with the Canadian League's Woodstock Maroons where he is released in July following some "troubles in the ranks" ... the New York Giants buy Cocash from the Three-I League's Springfield Senators in 1909 for \$700 ... Cocash is enjoying a solid spring training when on March 19 when he punches Buck Herzog in the jaw causing John McGraw to suspend him for a brief time ... a favorite of McGraw's, he is close to making the team but is sold to Little Rock on April 10 ... he is suspended by Little Rock when he is forced to pay the Giants \$261.14.



July 30

Will wonders never cease. Victoria has a three-game win streak following a 3-2 win over Seattle ... Johnnie Williams allows only four hits in picking up his second win of the season.

1911 Victoria Bees [13 of 19]:

August 3

Asked why he sold pitcher Blaine Thomas to Boston, Victoria General Manager L.A. Wattlelet says, "Why did I sell Thomas to the Boston American League team? That is easy for me to answer, and it was not because I needed the money, either. Thomas' arm was bad while he was with me and was of absolutely no use to the club."

August 4

Starting shortstop John Brennan leaves the team unexpectedly for a couple of games.

August 7

Ten Million makes his debut at shortstop against Tacoma ... Million has one putout, nine assists and one throwing error in an 8-2 loss to the Tigers ... the man-short Islanders start two pitchers - Melvin Lake and Johnnie Williams - in center and right field, respectively.

August 10

Rex DeVogt's bases loaded single in the bottom of the ninth inning earns Victoria a 9-8 win over second-place Tacoma and snaps the Islanders' 10-game losing streak ... Tacoma pitcher [Fred Annis](#) decks umpire Jack Baumgarten in the fifth inning ... upon being revived, the sore-jawed arbiter has the 5-foot-9 Tiger lefty removed from the Royal Athletic Park ... following an 18-win season for the Tigers in 1910, Annis had jumped the team in spring training, only to rejoin his teammates on May 12 ... Annis is already signed, sealed and soon to be delivered to St. Louis Nationals for next season ... the following afternoon, Victoria fans "razz" Baumgarten, feeling that he is too friendly with the Tacoma players (go figure) ... the good news for possibly the league's best umpire is that at the end of the Northwestern League season, the Pacific Coast League will give him a three-week tryout with intentions of signing him for the 1912 season ... on August 11, League President Judge Lindsay suspends Annis indefinitely and fined \$50.

1911 Vancouver Beavers



Left to Right: Manager A.R. Dickson, "Ole" Snyder, Captain Joe Sugden, Jack Hickey, Gene Mahon, "Buck" Connors, Ed Flanagan, Warren Hall, Ed Erickson, Mascof, Charlie Swain, Jack Gilligan, Walter Cartwright, Harry Scharnweber, Dell Paddock, Ben Davis, Billy Quigley.



August 14

Manager Fred Raymer resigns and second baseman Bill Goodman assumes control ... earlier, Raymer's wife is taken seriously ill and is ordered by her physician to move to a warmer climate in Southern California. On August 2, with the team in Portland and 59 games under .500, the soft-spoken veteran with a 18-36 (.333) managerial record resigns ... oft-injured pitcher Lon McCament is released.

**"The Islanders are as inconsistent as a women's temper."
- The Victoria Daily Times, August 17**

August 21

Outfielder Ten Million is sold to the Cleveland Americans for \$1,500 and told to report next spring.

August 28

Ducky Holmes succeeds Bill Goodman and makes his managerial debut for the Islanders with a 5-4 defeat at Spokane ... the 42-year-old outfielder is acquired from Sioux City of the Western League ... the Islanders are 31-104 prior to Holmes assuming the reigns ... Holmes is told by team owners he can do anything he pleases with the roster as long as he stays within the salary limit.

1911 Victoria Bees [14 of 19]:

August 30

[Walter "Lefty" Miller](#) makes his Victoria debut in a 5-1 loss at Spokane ... 4-4 with Tacoma, the Darwin, Minnesota, portsider allows eight hits and strikes out seven.

August 31

Ed McCreery allows 15 hits and walks six en route to becoming the first, and eventually the league's only, 20-game loser with a 10-2 setback at Spokane.

September 3

The *Oregon Daily Journal* opines that 22-year-old Melvin Lake has "lost heart in his work with the joke crew," and that is a shame that he couldn't have signed with a better team than Victoria.



September 6

Victoria sweeps a doubleheader from Portland in front of 190 fans at Vaughn Street Park, 4-1 and 2-0 ... Melvin "Lost Heart" Lake pitches a six-hit shutout in the second game.

September 9

The National Association receives a request from the Southern Association's Mobile Sea Gulls to prevent Victoria's Ducky Holmes from playing in the field ... back on June 12, Holmes is involved in a fist fight with Mobile Team Director Harry Hartwell and is accused of paying some players extra money "on the side." ... the Bears eventually fine Holmes \$500 and they say he was suspended and must pay the fine before they release his rights ... Holmes insists the team released him.

September 10

Prior to a doubleheader with Portland at Vaughn Street Park, Victoria pitcher Melvin Lake entertains the crowd singing several popular songs for several minutes ... it's reported that several Portland theatrical "magnates" are looking to sign Lake for a winter engagement.

September 27

Pitcher Johnnie Williams (right) leaves the team for his home in Hawaii.

The Northwestern League Baseball season of 1911 closed today, the Vancouver club winning the pennant by a comfortable margin. Spokane, which finished in second place, had the position safely stowed away several days ago and the only contest of interest at the end of the season was between Seattle and Portland for third place, this honor going to Seattle. The following is the standing of the clubs at the end of the season:

Club	Won.	Lost	Pct.
Vancouver	102	61	.625
Spokane	95	71	.572
Seattle	88	77	.533
Portland	84	76	.525
Tacoma	81	82	.496
Victoria	41	124	.248

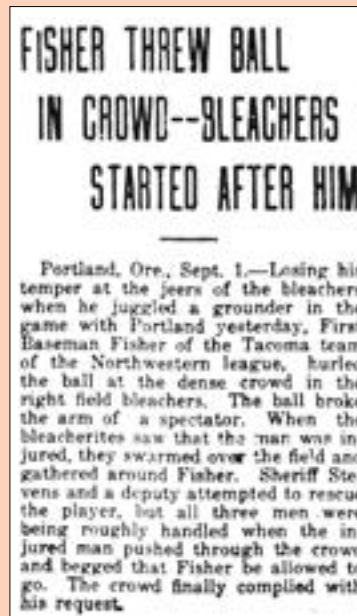
October 1

The 1911 season comes to an end with a 10-1 loss to Vancouver despite three hits by Ten Million ... the Islanders end the season 41-125 with three ties.

"Now that the Northwestern League season is over there is no harm in saying that Victoria should have done better than she did. There is no getting around the fact that the Islanders were hopeless. Looking back it can easily be seen that poor judgment was shown in the earlier part of the season. What could a team composed chiefly of semi-professionals do in the Northwestern League?"
- Victoria Times Colonist, October 3

February 12, 1912

"Ducky" Holmes says that he will go to court to enforce a contract he says he has with the Victoria Islanders that he says was violated when the team signed [Lou Nordyke](#) to manage the team in 1912 ... the now-named Bees say that Holmes' contract with the team is null and void as he was under suspension with Mobile.



1911 Victoria Bees



Virgil "Butch" Belford

The "Renaissance Man" of the Victoria Bees, Belford is 4-8 splitting time between three teams - Victoria, Vancouver and Moose Jaw - during the 1911 campaign. With a Civil Engineering degree from Yale University, Belford attempts to play one more season in 1911 of college baseball at the University of Washington, but is denied by the school's governing board, so he enters professional baseball signing with Victoria. Released by the Bees on July 1, he signs with Vancouver before ending the season with Moose Jaw.



John Brennan

The stylish shortstop starts the 1911 season with the Edmonton Eskimos before making his Victoria debut on July 25. In 58 games for the Islanders, Brennan hits an even .300 (59-for-197) with 11 doubles, four triples and two home runs.



Ray Brown

Signed from a semipro team in Redwood Falls, South Dakota, where he won 23 games, including 12 by shutout, Paul Percival Brown makes his major league debut as a 20-year-old with the Chicago Cubs on September 29, 1909. In his only major league appearance, the Windy City native pitches a five-hit complete game win against the Philadelphia Phillies. It is the only a graduate of Parker College in Winnebago, Minnesota.



Hal Clafin

Clafin is invited to the Islanders' spring training but fails to make the team.



Charles Clementson

A Helms Foundation first-team basketball All-America in 1911 at the University of Washington, Clementson is also a standout for the Huskies in baseball. Clementson plays catcher, right field and takes an occasional turn on the mound in four years of minor league ball with Spokane, Tacoma of the Northwestern League, Raymond of the Washington State League and Red Deer of the Western Canada League.



John Cocash

Considered one of the fastest men in baseball, Cocash has several tryouts with John McGraw's New York Giants. Cocash hits .229 playing for three teams in 1911.



Walter Dashwood

The catcher with the behemoth mitt pictured above is 33-year-old Walter Dashwood, a graduate of the University of Washington. Dashwood hits two home runs in six minor league seasons, including a grand slam on June 22, 1911, against Vancouver righty and future teammate Ed Erickson.



Ben Davis

A left-handed hitting outfielder in his 10th and final minor league season, Davis opens the season with 13 hits in his first 45 at bats (.289). However, over his next 55 games he hits a meager .091 (26-for-286) and is released in the first week of July.

1911 Victoria Bees



Rex DeVogt

DeVogt debuts in 1910 with the Worcester Busters. A year later, DeVogt is brought to the Boston Braves preseason camp, but is dispatched to Sacramento, followed by the Tacoma Tigers and Victoria Bees. Following a nine-home run season with Tacoma and Victoria, the stocky catcher is sold to the Seattle Giants on March 15, 1912. DeVogt is released on April 26, and signs with the Spokane Indians three days later. DeVogt makes the Boston Braves' opening day roster in 1913 and makes his major league debut on April 17.



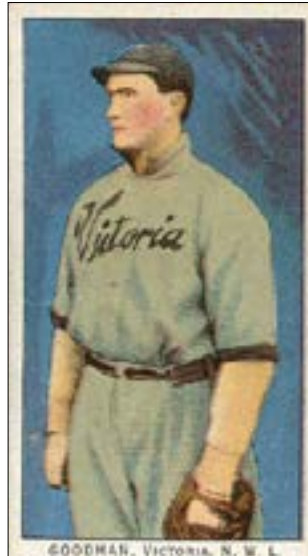
Ed Erickson

The "Big Swede" opens the 1911 season with Vancouver and is 11-7 for the eventual champion Beavers when he is sold to Victoria on August 22. The Minnesota native starts his pro career in 1904 with an independent team in Webster, South Dakota and wins 20-or-more games 3 times.



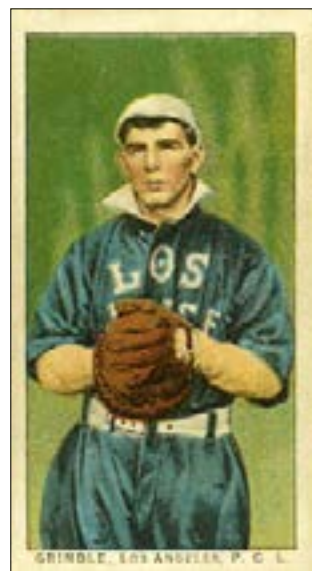
Al Furchner

A "hard-throwing" right-hander, Furchner is 5-12 in 1911 splitting time between Seattle and Victoria. A University of South Dakota product, he begins his career with the Sioux City Packers (1-1) and the Eau Claire Tigers (12-8) in 1907. In 1908, Furchner is 30-11-1 for the Western League champion Sioux City and strikes out a career-high and league-best 267 batters.



Bill Goodman

Regarded as a "ferret" in stealing bases, Goodman hits .296 with a team-high 10 home runs for Victoria in 1911. Prior to signing with Vernon in March of 1909, Goodman is the captain, star player and manager of the Hoegge team of the California Winter League.



Pinky Grindle

Regarded as a "clean" athlete at St. Vincent College in Los Angeles where plays football for three years and baseball for two. Always considered the team's most popular player wherever he plays, Grindle hits an even .200 for Victoria after being acquired from Los Angeles.



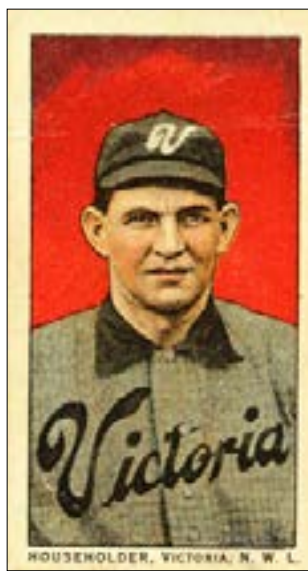
Merton Hemenway

Born on June 7, 1889, in Cottage Grove, Lane, Oregon, Hemenway debuts with the Islanders on August 22. A teammate of Ten Million at Seattle High School (above photo) the right-handed hitting catcher plays for two last-place teams - Seattle in 1910 and Victoria in 1911. With Seattle, he hits .121 with four doubles in 52 games.



Ducky Holmes

William "Ducky" Holmes makes his Victoria debut on August 28 with a 5-4 loss to Spokane. He directs the Islanders to a 10-22 mark. The 42-year-old outfielder plays 10 years in the major leagues, finishing with a .281 career batting average with 1,014 hits. Prior to his stop in Victoria he has six previous stops as a manager in the minor leagues



Ed Householder

The 41-year-old Pittsburgh native is named as player/manager of the Bees on October 17, 1910. He hits .209 in 12 games for Brooklyn in 1903. In 1907, playing for Aberdeen, Householder leads the Northwestern League in doubles (30), home runs (9) and batting average (.347).

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Clyde Keller

A right-handed hitting second baseman known for training on a diet of ice cream, Keller hits .230 with 15 doubles and six home runs in the first of two-straight seasons for the Bees in 1911.



Big Ed Kennedy

Beginning his career in 1905 with the Northwestern League's Bellingham Gillnetters, "Big Ed" Kennedy plays eight seasons of minor league baseball, primarily in Pacific Northwest and California. In the off-season, the Portland native is a member of the city's police force and a sometimes professional wrestler.



Lon McCammett

Coming off a 12-win season for Tacoma in 1910, the Tigers agree to send the elongated right-handed hurler to Victoria on July 19 after the Islanders lose pitcher Con Starkel to the league's umpiring ranks. In his two starts for the cellar dwellers, McCammett is 1-1, allowing only four runs and 15 hits in 20 2/3 innings.



Ed McCreery

A 23-game loser for Victoria in 1911, McCreery is 1-0 with a 11.25 ERA in 3 appearances for the Detroit Tigers in 1914.



Jim Manes

A 22-year-old rookie first baseman from the Los Angeles Winter League, Manes hits .135 in 17 games before being released on May 21. Picked up by the Brandon Angels, he proceeds to hit a career-high .351 in 84 games. He plays 10 years in the minor leagues, including four years as a player/manager. Manes finishes his career in 1921 with the Jacksonville Scouts.



Lefty Miller

Miller is 14-12 in his pro debut with Seattle in 1909. Signed by Connie Mack a year earlier, he is 4-4 with Tacoma prior to his arrival in Victoria where he is 1-2.



Ten Million

A three-year starter at the University of Washington, Million turns down a \$2,000 offer from the St. Louis Cardinals because he wishes to remain in the northwest. The Bees sell Million to the Cleveland Naps, who in turn sell him to the Cardinals for the start of the 1912 season.



Fred Raymer

At 35 years of age, Raymer is the second-oldest player on Bees' roster. He had previously played three years in the majors with the Chicago Cubs (1901) and the Boston Beaneaters (1904-05), hitting .218 in 1,380 career at bats with one home run and 101 RBIs.

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Leonard Reddick

A five-year veteran regarded as a smooth-fielding shortstop is hitting .217 with only two extra base hits in 27 games when the Bees give him his release in early June. Quickly signing with Brandon of the Western Canada League, he hits .238 in 74 games for the Angels.



Jack Roche

Another refugee from Arizona's Catus League, the 20-year-old San Diego native is hitting .143 (2-for-14) in four games with Victoria when he draws his release on May 22. In 1913, he leads the Calgary Bronchos in hitting with a .317 average. In parts of three seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals, he hits .286.



Harry Rush

A high school pitching sensation, Rush signs with the home town Spokane Indians in 1906 and is the team's opening day starter. Following a 7-17 mark, Rush is sold to the Seattle Siwashes for an undisclosed amount prior the 1907 season opener. As a 22-year-old, Rush is 22-13 with 165 strikeouts for the Siwashes. He allows 11 run in five innings in his only outing for the Islanders April 29.



George Sage

Sage attends the University of Michigan and has an older brother, Leo, who also has a brief minor league career as a pitcher. Referred to as the "elongated curvester." Sage begins his baseball odyssey in 1907 with the Woodmen of the World semipro team. Sage has his best season in 1914, finishing 15-4 in 29 appearances while splitting time between Memphis and Waco. He fashions a minor league career, mark of 81-85 in eight seasons.



Matt Spiesman

A 34-year-old catcher in his 11th minor league season, Spiesman opens the season with Vancouver before signing with Victoria and then later with Spokane. Between the three teams, the Pennsylvania native hits .177 with five doubles and one home run.



Con Starkel

A 103-game winner in 10 minor league seasons, Starkel makes one appearance in the major leagues for the Washington Senators on April 19, 1906. A two-time 20-game winner, Starkel is 5-12 in 18 appearances with the Bees in 1911.



Charles Surphlis

A well-known pitcher for several Victoria amateur teams in 1909-1910, Surphlis, a corporal in an Engineering Battalion in the Canadian Army, dies from wounds suffered on March 1, 1917. In action near the Somme River, Surphlis is wounded in the leg and due to the severity of enemy fire he is unable to be evacuated. The following morning he is taken prisoner. He is first declared a prisoner and then on October 17, 1917, officially deceased.



Blaine "Smoke" Thomas

After spending all of 1910 pitching for Canema in Arizona's Catus League, Thomas makes his minor league debut with Victoria a year later. He is 7-11 for the Islanders in 1911 when his contract is sold to the Boston Red Sox where in two starts he is 0-0 with a 0.00 ERA, but walks seven in 4 2/3 innings.

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Elmer Thorson

In the final season of a 6-year pro career, Thorson "a young giant of husky build," is 4-19 splitting time between Los Angeles (2-7) and Victoria (2-12) - two teams who finished in last place that season. His 1911 Obak card says he "has fair control and fields his position in average style."



Vincent Ward

In 90 games with Victoria, outfielder Vincent (not Vince) Ward hits .214 in his rookie season with five home runs. His final season of pro ball is in 1914 with Quincy where he hits .270 with seven home runs. In 1916, he plays for the Chamber of Commerce team in San Francisco while working in the shipyards.



Johnnie Williams

A native Hawaiian and future major leaguer, Williams is 1-1 with Sacramento when he is transferred to Victoria on July 11. He is 5-12 with the Bees.