

1921 Western Canada League, "Batting Title Debate"

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Never a dull moment north of the border as the final season of the Western Canada League offers a taut pennant race despite two franchises folding in early August, a batting title claimed by three different players and a post-season championship series won by Joe Devine's Calgary Bronchos.

Where Calgary's claim to their second title in as many years is clear-cut following its win over Winnipeg in the league's post-season championship series, determining the circuit's individual batting champion is not.

The contenders are :

Frank Jude, Saskatoon (.335)

A former major leaguer with Cincinnati (1906), Jude collects 115 hits in 100 games and is recognized as the batting champion by *The Sporting News* and the *Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball*.

Bill Speas, Regina (.350)

The official averages released by the league office on December 3, list Speas as the top batsman in the league with a .350 average. However with the Senators playing 37 fewer games than the Quakers, after folding on August 10, Speas has 86 fewer at bats than Jude. *The Winnipeg Tribune* also recognizes Speas as the batting champion, reasoning that he in played in two-thirds of the team's scheduled games.

Babe Herman, Edmonton (.330)

The Regina Morning Leader differs with everyone, promoting Edmonton's Floyd "Babe" Herman (.330) as the batting champion, stating that other players did not play in as many games (107) as the Eskimos' outfielder did, even though Jude (.335) played in only seven fewer contests.

1921 Western Canada League - Final Standings

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Manager
Calgary Bronchos	70	39	.642	--	Joe Devine
Winnipeg Maroons	72	42	.632	1/2	George Braudigan
Saskatoon Quakers	58	59	.491	16 1/2	John Hummel
Edmonton Eskimos	51	60	.459	20	Gus Gleichmann
*Regina Senators	37	43	.463		Bill Speas
*Moose Jaw Millers	21	65	.244		Nick Williams/Eddie Johnson/Elmer Leifer

*Regina and Moose Jaw disband on August 10

Championship: Calgary defeated Winnipeg 5 games to 2 with one tie

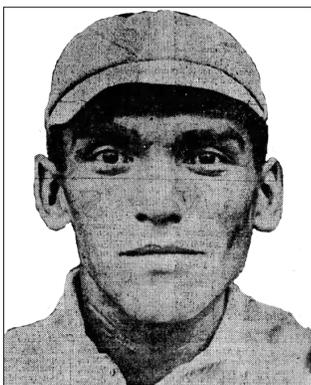
First Half	W	L	Pct.	Second Half	W	L	Pct.
Calgary Bronchos	37	17	.685	Winnipeg Maroons	37	22	.627
Winnipeg Maroons	35	20	.636	Calgary Bronchos	32	22	.593
Saskatoon Quakers	28	26	.519	Saskatoon Quakers	30	31	.492
Regina Senators	24	28	.462	Edmonton Eskimos	28	32	.467
Edmonton Eskimos	23	29	.442	Regina Senators#	13	17	.433
Moose Jaw Millers	13	40	.245	Moose Jaw Millers#	9	25	.265

Ballparks: Calgary-Victoria Park; Edmonton-Diamond Park; Moose Jaw-Exhibition Park; Regina-Exhibition Park; Saskatoon-Cairns Field Winnipeg-River Park



.350
Bill Speas, Regina Senators
257 at bats in 74 games

Who did win the 1921 Western Canada League batting title?



.335
Frank Jude, Saskatoon Quakers
343 at bats in 100 games



.330
Babe Herman, Edmonton Eskimos
409 at bats in 107 games

In its summary of the 1921 season, *The Spalding Guide* appears to want it both ways, saying that Speas was "the best" of 30 batters with .300 or better batting averages, but "Herman, first baseman of the Edmonton club, was awarded the batting championship with his average of .330 in 107 games."

Fourth-place Edmonton features a trio of individual titleists: Phil Apperson (two months removed from playing for the California Cotton Pickers in San Francisco's Midwinter League) leads the league in runs scored (111), Herman is tops in hits (135) and triples (18) while future Hall of Famer Henry "Heine" Manush captures the home run crown with nine round trippers.

SPEAS SPANKED PILL FOR .350

Averages Released by Western Canada League Show Regina Manager Top of Batsmen

CALGARY, Dec. 3.—According to the official averages of the Western Canada Professional Baseball League for the last season, Bill Speas, Regina manager, led the batting list with .350 to his credit, while Jude of Saskatoon clouted at the rate of .335 in 100 games. Speas took part in 74 games and got 90 hits, while the Saskatoon slugger made 115 safeties.

Herman, of Edmonton, ranked third with .330, having 135 hits in 107 games. In 99 games Clyde Anhier, of Calgary, had an average of .301, while Billy Hamilton and Schnell were right on his heels with .300. Hamilton had 110 games to his credit, but Schnell was only in 30. These were the only locals hitting .300 or over. Manda stood next with .295 and Griffith was .291. Mooney followed Griffith with .289.

Calgary's Carl Manda leads in doubles with 30, while Karl Schnell turns in the league's best winning percentage (.778) with a 21-6 mark. Schnell is later sold to the Cincinnati Reds for \$5,000.

Among mound artists, Winnipeg's Tony Kaufman leads in wins with 22, while Saskatoon's Sam Beer is tops in complete games with 30 (in 30 starts).

Starting its 10th season amid much optimism, Western Canada League owners are confident enough in their league's success that in January, they decide to raise the team monthly salary cap from the previous season by 43 percent, from \$2,100 to \$3,000.

The league is awarded a Class B designation based on population size of its six members and salary structure.

On August 10, the optimism of January meets the reality of August as the league is whittled down to four when both Regina (37-43) and Moose Jaw (21-65) disband citing severe attendance problems.

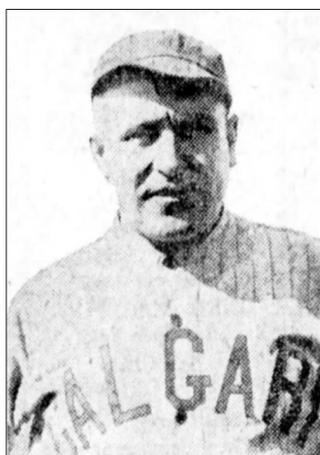
Western Canada League Champions

1907.....	Medicine Hat Hatters
1909.....	Medicine Hat Hatters
1910.....	Calgary Bronchos
1911.....	Moose Jaw Robin Hoods
1912.....	Calgary Bronchos
1913....	Moose Jaw Robin Hoods
1914.....	Saskatoon Quakers
1919.....	Saskatoon Quakers
1920.....	Calgary Bronchos
1921.....	Calgary Bronchos

The attendance problem with the Moose Jaw franchise surfaces four days earlier when the league decides that the city's fans are unwilling to support a "tail end team" and that the Millers will finish out the season playing the other five teams on the road.

Following a unique league rule (Section 49, sub-section 3), Commissioner Robert Pearson is required to revised the standings to reflect the removal of games played by the two departing franchises.

Calgary wins the season's first half by 2 1/2 games over Winnipeg, while the second half sees a reversal of fortunes with the Maroons finishing ahead of the Bronchos by the same 2 1/2 game margin.



In his two years (1920-1921) as Calgary's manager, San Francisco native Joe Devine directs the Bronchos to a 142-80 (.640) mark and captures back-to-back Western Canada League pennants ... regarded as one of the greatest scouts in baseball history, Devine is responsible for signing or recommending Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio, Joe Cronin and Paul and Lloyd Waner to their major league teams.

Joe Devine's Bronchos go on to capture their second straight league title, and fourth overall, downing Winnipeg five games to two in a best of nine championship playoff.

With the disappointing end to the season, little interest is shown by league owners for continuing the Western Canada League in 1922. Edmonton and Calgary will leave the circuit and team with Tacoma and Vancouver in the ill-fated Western International League that ceases operations in mid-June.

For an earlier story on the 1922 Western International League:

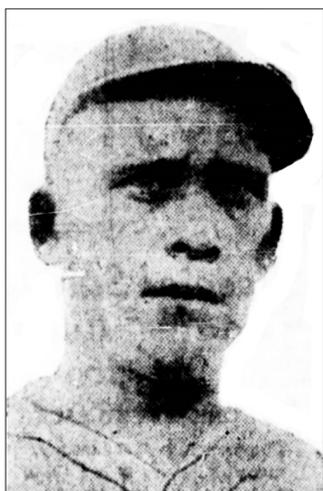
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For Saskatoon, 1921 marks the town's seventh and final season in minor league baseball while Winnipeg, despite hopes to join another minor league in 1922, will not host a professional baseball franchise until 1933 when the city rejoins the Northern League.



The picture is not of good quality, but the story is. The date of the photo is 1917, the tall umpire on the left is Captain Robert Pearson and the location is the Belgian battlefield of Flanders where some of the greatest loss of life took place in World War I. On the back of the photo was the notation "Captain Robert Pearson, umpire at a ball game of Canadian soldiers, giving players their instructions." The future commissioner of the Western Canada League was twice wounded and may have been passed over for promotion to general because of an extended stay in a hospital recovering from his wounds.

WESTERN CANADA LEAGUE CHRONOLOGY



Winnipeg pitcher Don "Lefty" Slaughter enjoys a career year with Maroons, finishing tied sixth among league leaders in wins (15) and tied for seventh in complete games (22) ... in a baseball career that spans 11 seasons (1920-1930), the Ohio native twice jumps his contract to play in "outlaw" leagues ... in the spring of 1925, Slaughter and outfielder Jimmy Swetonic are denied reinstatement to professional baseball ... on July 21, 1927, Slaughter, pitching for a semipro team in Spring, Ohio, strikes out 21 Huntington Quicksteps in a 3-2 win.

January 9

On the same day that the "Wild Man of Grandview" is chased (unsuccessfully) by police, league owners at a league meeting in Edmonton vote to increase by 43 percent, the team's monthly salary cap from \$2,100 to \$3,000.

**WILD MAN OF GRANDVIEW
IS CHASED BY CONSTABLE**

*Floundered Through Creek and
Made His Escape.*

January 22

At a league meeting in Saskatoon, the situation in Winnipeg is discussed ... having previously declared that Charley Moll forfeited the franchise, league moguls discuss "the proposition now is to place it in good hands." ... a suggestion to "relinquish" the Winnipeg territory to a proposed Northern League is turned down.

January 26

Moose Jaw manager Nick Williams reports the signing of 16-year-old San Francisco native Mark Koenig.

March 23

"Silent John" Hummel, manager of the International League's Reading Marines in 1920, and former team captain of the Brooklyn Dodgers, signs to manage the Saskatoon Quakers.

March 26

Western Canada League owners gather at the Royal Alexandra Hotel in Winnipeg ... it is determined that the schedule will get underway on May 4, and conclude September 5 ... Calgary's Robert Pearson is named league president the salary range is raised from \$2,100 a month to \$3,000, exclusive of the manager ... the salary increase is done to insure fans of "snappy ball" during the upcoming season ... receipts on all "Dominican holidays" will be pooled, with the exception of Labor Day.



Veteran pitcher Al Bonner compiles a 7-13 record with 16 complete games splitting time between Moose Jaw and Saskatoon ... a 116-game winner in 10 minor league seasons, Bonner twice wins 20 games, first with Boise in 1913 and then with Seattle in 1915 ... apparently a large man with a short temper, Bonner is sold to the Philadelphia Athletics for \$1,750 by the Spokane Indians in August of 1911, and is told to report the team's spring training camp in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the following spring ... however the *Vancouver Daily World* opines, "When Bonner conquers his temper he will show his real ability" ... four months later Bonner is "repurchased" by Spokane ... on July 16, 1913, the Keuterville, Idaho, native is fined \$10 when he throws a baseball over the grandstand during a Western Tri-State League game with North Yakima after contesting a call with the game's umpire ... four years later Bonner is suspended 25 games by Butte Miners' manager Cliff McCarl for failing to show up for a Northwestern League game against the Tacoma Tigers and then apparently lying about it ... Bonner is last seen pitching for the Ogden Gunners of the semipro Utah State league as a 40-year-old in 1931.

The league's three-man umpiring crew is named - "Beans" Reardon, Rudy Baerwald and Tom Arundel.

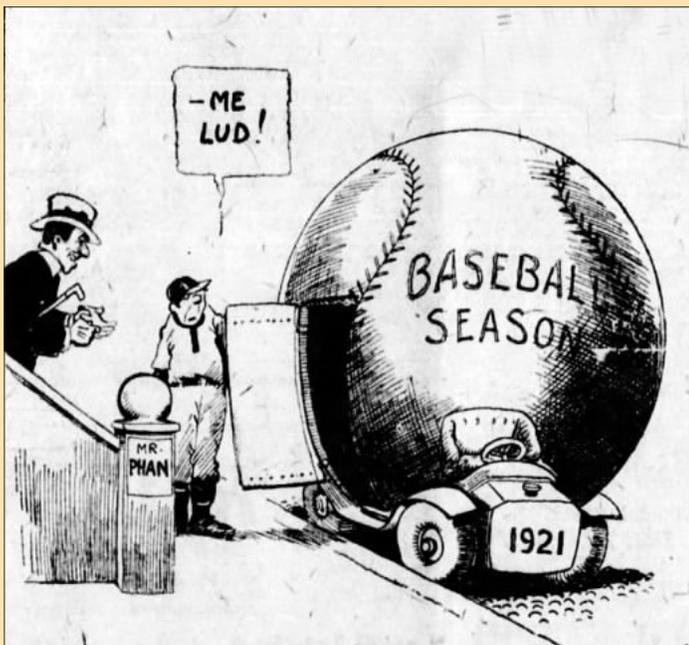
April 19

The Western Canada League schedule for 1921 is "officially" released and the winner is the Winnipeg Maroons. The Maroons are slated to play 68 of their 129 games and all major holiday contests at their home field of River Park.

May 4 - Opening Day

Opening day finally arrives and the Western Canada League gets underway with three close and well-played games.

The homestanding Maroons score twice in the bottom of the sixth inning and edge Saskatoon 2-1 ... op



1921 Western Canada League [4 of 16]:

posing pitchers Harry Benton (Winnipeg) and Sammy Beer (Saskatoon) each allow only three hits and no earned runs in a game that takes only 1:35 to play. Benton strikes out 10 and Beer five, before 5,000 fans.

Regina's Bob Snyder hits two home runs and Lafayette Henion scatters 14 hits in a complete game effort as the Senators open with a 6-4 win at Moose Jaw.

Calgary's Bronchos open defense of their 1920 title with a 6-5 win over visiting Edmonton ... Billy Hamilton's sacrifice fly in the 12th inning plates Carl Manda with the eventual winning run.

May 9
After going 2-for-8 in his first two games on the road, Edmonton's Babe Herman makes his Diamond Park debut going 3-for-4 with a home run over the right field fence and makes several outstanding plays in the field, including running into the crowd, which had spilled onto the playing field, to make a catch in a 9-0 win over Calgary.



Thirty-year-old outfielder Art Hauger hits .315 in 90 games with the Edmonton Eskimos, the 11th of 18 teams that the Delhi, Ohio, native will play for in a lengthy 15 year career ... Hauger makes it to the major leagues in 1912 with the Cleveland Indians, collecting one hit in 18 at bats.

May 4, 1921 Exhibition Park, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Regina	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Springer, ss	4	2	1	1	3	0	0	0
Andrews, 3b	4	0	0	2	3	4	0	0
Snyder, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Snyder, lf	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Burke, 3b	4	1	3	5	3	0	0	0
Fredericks, rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Blanchard, 1b	5	0	7	10	0	0	0	0
Stout, c	4	0	9	6	2	1	0	0
Hendon, p	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	35	6	13	27	14	1	0	0
Moose Jaw	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
O'Shaughnessy, 3b	4	1	2	1	7	0	0	0
Lanf, lf	5	1	2	4	0	0	0	0
Leifer, cf	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Walters, 1b	5	1	1	14	0	0	0	0
Johnson, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Koenig, ss	4	0	1	1	5	0	0	0
Duckley, 2b	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Shandling, c	5	0	1	4	1	0	0	0
Bonner, p	4	1	1	1	3	0	0	0
Totals	39	4	14	27	18	0	0	0

Score by innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Regina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Moose Jaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

Summary—Two base hits, Andrews, Hendon, Leifer; three base hits, Johnson, Fredericks. Home runs, Snyder (2). Stolen bases, Andrews, Fredericks, O'Shaughnessy, Leifer. Sacrifice hits, Andrews, O'Shaughnessy. Base on balls, off Hendon, 2; Hendon, 1. Struck out, by Hendon, 6; Bonner, 4. Passed balls, Stout (2); Shandling (1). Hit by pitcher by Hendon, Koenig and Shandling; by Bonner, Blanchard. Left on bases, Regina 8, Moose Jaw 12. Time of game 2:10. Umpire, Baerwald.

May 4, 1921 River Park, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Saskatoon	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
White, ss	4	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Kernan, 2b	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
Olson, 1b	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Hummel, cf	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Johnson, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Marka, rf	4	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Grabowski, c	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Beer, p	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	1	3	24	9	3	0	0

Winnipeg	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Heilberger, 2b	4	0	2	1	2	0	0	0
Smith, cf	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
O'Neil, rf	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Braudigan, 3b	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Pratt, lf	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Anderson, ss	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Colby, 1b	3	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
Nelson, c	5	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
Benton, p	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	3	27	11	1	0	0

Score by innings—
Saskatoon 000010000—1
Winnipeg 00000200x—2

Summary—Two base hit, Grabowski; stolen base, Heilberger; struck out, by Beer, 5; by Benton, 10; wild pitch, Beer; base on balls, off Beer 1, off Benton 1; hit by pitcher, by Benton 2; left on bases, Saskatoon 5, Winnipeg 5; no earned runs. Time of game, 1 hr. 35 mins. Umpire, Arundel.

May 4, 1921 Victoria Park, Calgary, Alberta

Edmonton	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Apperson, cf	4	2	2	4	1	0	0	0
Stokke, 2b	5	0	1	6	3	0	0	0
Manush, lf	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Forsythe, rf	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Herman, 1b	6	1	2	11	2	2	0	0
Giola, 3b	4	2	1	3	4	1	0	0
Miller, ss	5	0	1	3	4	1	0	0
Watson, c	4	0	1	6	2	0	0	0
Jones, p	5	0	0	2	5	0	0	0
Totals	45	5	10	34	17	4	0	0

Calgary	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Griffith, rf	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Nelson, cf	6	0	2	4	0	0	0	0
Manda, 3b	4	2	5	1	6	0	0	0
Mooney, lf	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Anhler, 1b	6	0	1	12	1	1	0	0
Hamilton, ss	4	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
Vivorous, 2b	4	1	2	6	2	0	0	0
Sullivan, c	5	0	1	10	1	0	0	0
Sweeney, p	4	0	1	0	4	1	0	0
Totals	43	6	14	34	17	2	0	0

Score by innings—
Calgary 112001000001—6
Edmonton 1100000021000—5

Summary—Two base hits, Vivorous, Giola and Watson; sacrifice hits, Mooney, Hamilton, Vivorous, Sweeney, Stokke, Herman; bases on balls, off Sweeney 2, Jones 2; struck out, by Sweeney 8, Jones 4; earned runs, Edmonton 4, Calgary 4; double plays, Giola to Stokke to Herman.



Winnipeg second baseman Tom Heilberger singles for his second hit of the game in a season-opening 2-1 win over Saskatoon.

May 10
Harry Benton pitches a six-hit shutout as Winnipeg takes over first place with an 11-0 win at Saskatoon.

◀◀ May 20
Former major league outfielder Art Hauger, hitting only .225 in 20 games, is released by the Salt Lake City Bees of the Pacific Coast League ... Hauger later signs with Edmonton and hits .315 with 13 doubles, eight triples and five home runs.

May 29
Regina's Lafayette Henion strikes out seven consecutive batters as the Senators split a doubleheader with visiting Edmonton.

May 30
Deloraine (Manitoba) left-hander Bill Lesher strikes outs 12, but allows eight hits and walks two in a 7-2 loss to the

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1921 Western Canada League [5 of 16]:

Brandon Greys in the Western Ball League season opener for both teams ... Leshner and Deloraine outfielder/pitcher Merle Ault are both property of the Moose Jaw Millers of the Western Canada League.

June 1

Regina signs outfielder Art Bourg after Bourg is released by the Portland Beavers ... hitting only .216 for the Beavers, Bourg responds to the change in scenery hitting .297 with 52 hits in 175 at bats for the Senators.



The league leader in complete games with 30, veteran Saskatoon pitcher Sam Beer ties Calgary's Charlie Swaney for third among Western Canada League win leaders with 17 ... makes his professional baseball debut with the Wheeling Stogies in 1910, but is traded to the Lancaster Lanks of the Ohio State (D) League where he is 7-9 in 19 games ... the *East Liverpool (Ohio) Evening Times* opines on Wheeling trading Beer to Lancaster, "his name is a bad one for a circuit of dry towns and he may not do as well as expected."

a 7-4 victory ... with the win the second-place Bronchos (19-14) pull to within 4 1/2 games of first-place Winnipeg (24-10).

June 16

Edmonton tops Calgary 2-1, in a game played without an umpire ... with umpire Arundel out with an injury, Calgary's Pat Kilhullen and Edmonton's Fred Fairbanks officiate the game "without incident".

June 21

Keyed by a two-run single by Bernie DeViveiros, Calgary (27-16) scores three times in the bottom of the ninth inning and moves to within 1/2 game of first place with a 7-6 win over last-place Moose Jaw (12-31).

June 23

Saskatoon's Cy Williams "chalks" up his sixth-straight victory, yielding 10 hits in a route-going 5-3 win over visiting Regina.

PITCHER HENION DESERTS REGINA

REGINA, June 7.—Pitched Lafayette Henion, of the Regina Senators, rated as the ace of Bill Speas' staff, deserted the team and will play independent baseball in South Dakota. Henion did the hurdles last year, also, but was reinstated later in the season.

returns to his home in Oregon; right-fielder Eddie Johnson is put in charge of the struggling Millers.

Despite residing in fourth place with a 13-12 record, Edmonton manager Gus Gleichman gives his team a "shake-up" releasing pitchers Adolph Machold, Ted Pillette and catcher Fred Schroeder, selling Cy Forsythe to Saskatoon and bringing in Art Hauger formerly of Salt Lake City.

June 6

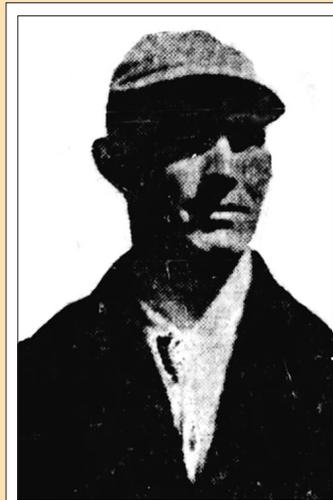
Winnipeg's Harry Benton strikes out five and allows only seven hits en route to picking up his third shutout of the season in a 3-0 win over visiting Regina in a game shortened to eight innings because of darkness.

June 11

Thirty-five year old Eddie "The Midget" Mensor, a former major leaguer with the Pittsburgh Pirates (1912-1914) makes his Western Canada League debut with the Calgary Bronchos, collecting two hits off of Moose Jaw's Elba Duff in

◀◀ June 3

For a second year in a row, pitcher Lafayette Henion leaves the Western Canada League for a semipro team in Pembina, South Dakota ... Moose Jaw (9-18) manager Nick Williams resigns citing personal reasons and



One of four Winnipeg pitchers in 1921 to win 13 games or more, Harry Benton is 13-8 in his fourth season (1915-16; 1920-21) with the Maroons ... 4-10 in his professional debut with the Fond du Lac Mudhens of the Wisconsin-Illinois League in 1911, after originally signing with the Davenport Prodigals in March ... in his four seasons with the Maroons, Benton is 51-23, including a career-best 17-5 mark in 1916, allowing only 140 hits and 45 base on balls in 206 innings pitched.

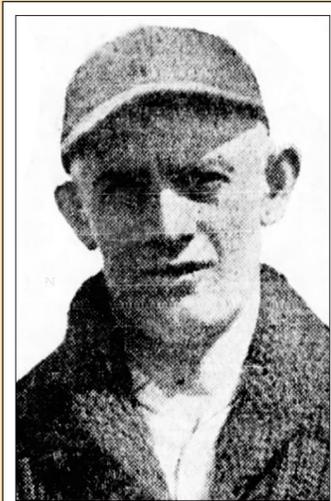


Winnipeg Maroons (L-R) Oscar Mellilo (LF), Harry Benton (P); Billy O'Neil (RF)

1921 Western Canada League [6 of 16]:

June 24

In a battle of the league's top two teams, Calgary boosts its lead to 1 1/2 games with a tightly-played 4-3 win over second-place Winnipeg, despite a triple play by the Maroons ... tempers run high as Maroons' manager George Braudigan is tossed in the third inning for "vigorously"



One of three Winnipeg Maroons to eventually make it to the major leagues, 20-year-old pitcher Tony Kaufman rebounds from a lackluster 5-13 season as a rookie in 1920 to lead the Western Canada League in wins with 22 in 1921 ... 16 days after pitching the Maroons to a 4-1 win over Calgary in the opening game of the post-season championship series, the Chicago, Illinois, native makes his major league debut with his hometown Cubs, pitching a 10-hit complete game 13-5 victory over the Boston Braves ... totals 64 wins in 11 major league seasons with the Cubs, the Philadelphia Phillies, New York Giants and St. Louis Cardinals.

protesting with the home plate umpire Arundel ... Bronchos first baseman Clyde is later banished for throwing his bat at Winnipeg pitcher Tony Kaufman after being hit by a pitched ball ... Winnipeg first baseman Dick Attreau hits one of his seven home runs on the season with a two-run shot in the third inning to tie the game at 2-2.

June 25

Dallas Marines' left-hander George Swartz, who was 13-9 for Moose Jaw in 1920, pitches a no-hitter against the Houston Buffaloes in a Texas (A) League game.

July 1

Regina right-hander Albert Zweifel pitches a five-hit shutout and drives home the game's only run with a tenth inning single as the Senators open the second half of the season with a 1-0 win over visiting Edmonton ... George Jones allows only seven hits in absorbing the loss.

July 6

Tommy Heilberger hits an inside-the-park home run to right field in the eighth inning as Winnipeg wins its seventh-straight game to open the second half of the season with a 2-1 triumph over Calgary, which falls to 2-5. Maroons right-hander Ed Lane scatters three hits in out-dueling the Bronchos Ed Gillespie.

July 6

Lafayette Henion leaves the semipro Pembina team in South Dakota, to return to the Regina Senators where he hopes to play for the remainder of the season before returning to Pembina afterwards.

HENION RETURNS TO GIVE REGINA WIN

REGINA, July 9—Regina defeated Saskatoon here tonight in the first game of the final series between the teams, 6 to 5. Both teams made a ninth inning rally and each scored three runs, but Regina led at the end of the eighth. Manager Hummel used three pitchers in the ninth in an effort to stem the tide. The game was protested by Manager Hummel because of Henion pitching for Regina. He claims that Henion is not reinstated. Score: R. H. E. Saskatoon00200003—5 5 1 Regina001000203—6 8 2 Batteries—Roman, Bonner, Beer and Grabowski; Henion and Snyder.

July 15

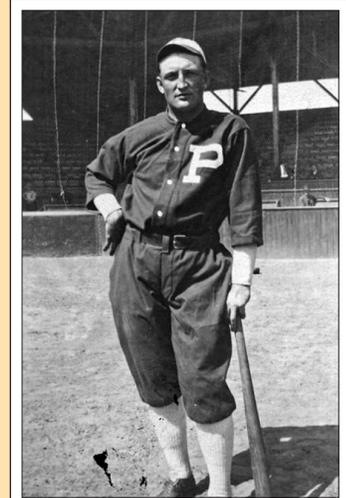
Joe Huttenstine allows eight hits in a complete game effort as Saskatoon (12-4) moves into a first place tie with Winnipeg following a 3-2 win over Moose Jaw.

◀◀ July 8

Regina's Lafayette Henion makes his return to the Western Canada League a successful one, as well as a controversial one, scattering hit hits in a 6-5 win over visiting Saskatoon. The game is played under protest by Quakers' manager John Hummel who claims that the erstwhile right-handed Californian has not been officially reinstated.

July 11 ▶▶

Three days after making a successful return to the Western Canada League, Regina pitcher Lafayette Henion is suspended by league president Bob Pearson and is ruled ineligible until his case can be addressed ... Pearson then upholds Saskatoon's protest of their July 8 game with Regina and awards the contest to the Quakers.



Regina catcher Andrew "Rip" King is hitting a solid .289 for the Senators when the team folds on August 10 ... property of the Portland Beavers, the former West Virginia University football star is given the option of playing the remainder of the season with Edmonton or rejoining the Beavers for the remainder of its Pacific Coast (AA) League season ... elects to join the Beavers but hits only .190 in 25 games ... a native of Franklin, Tennessee, King will play seven years (1920-1926) in the NFL with the Akron Pros, Chicago Cardinals and Hammond Pros, earning first-team All-Pro honors in 1920 and 1921.

TOMMY HEILBERGER HITS HOMER TO GIVE 'PEGS THIRD STRAIGHT WIN OVER CALGARY; SCORE 2-1

LAFAYETTE HENION ON SUSPENDED LIST

CALGARY, July 12—"Bob" Pearson, president of the Western Canada league, announces that Pitcher Henion, of Regina, who jumped the Senators only to return to the fold recently, is ineligible in organized baseball and will be considered suspended until his case is dealt with by the National Baseball commission. The game in which Henion pitched and won from Saskatoon at Regina last Friday has been awarded to the Quakers, the president upholding Saskatoon's protest.

1921 Western Canada League [7 of 16]:



A World War I veteran, Winnipeg pitcher Eddie Lane is second on the team to Tony Kaufman in victories (16) and his 26 complete games tie Kaufman for second in the league to Saskatoon's Sam Beer's 30 ... Lane begins his organized baseball career in 1915, with the Crosby, Minnesota, semi-pro team ... following his solid season with the Maroons, Lane is one of three Winnipeg players signed by former Saskatoon manager John Hummel to pitch for the Springfield Ponies of the Eastern (A) League in 1922 ... Lane plays briefly with the Ponies, but no statistics are recorded.

July 16
Hitting rules the day as Regina and Winnipeg combine for 29 runs, 13 stolen bases and 55 hits in a Saturday doubleheader before 600 fans in the Senators' Exhibition Park. The Maroons win the first game 13-6 while Regina takes the second game in 10 innings, 6-5 ... *the Winnipeg Evening Tribune* opines:

"If this is not a record (hits & runs) then it should be recognized as such to save the time of demon statisticians who love to delve into the dusty dope of days that are dead."

About 160 miles to the southeast, another slugfest takes place in Saskatoon's Cairns Park where Moose Jaw and the hometown nine combine for 59 hits and 37 runs as the Senators take a one-game lead over Winnipeg with a doubleheader sweep of the fifth-place Millers, 15-9 and 8-5, in 10 innings ... Moose Jaw pounds out 20 hits in a losing effort in the first game while Arthur Olson's three-run home run with two outs in the 10th inning wins the second game.

July 19
Edmonton picks up pitcher Bob Knapton, a star pitcher for a semipro team in Whitefish, Montana ... Knapton goes 3-4 with five complete games for the Eskimos.

July 21
In semipro baseball, Lethbridge, behind a pair of home runs by first baseman Gillespie, beats visiting Coaldale 13-5 ... Cy Glendenan strikes out six in picking up the complete game win.

July 22
Elmer Leifer, center fielder and manager of Moose Jaw, is sold to the Chicago White Sox for \$1,200; Leifer will remain with the Millers for the rest of the season ... Leifer garnered national attention six years earlier when pitching for a Ewan, Washington, semi-pro team, strikes out 32 batters in a 19-inning game.

July 25
Art Bourg, hitting just .216 in 16 games with the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast (AA) League, is optioned to Regina ... Bourg responds to his new surroundings hitting .297 in 46 games with the Senators.

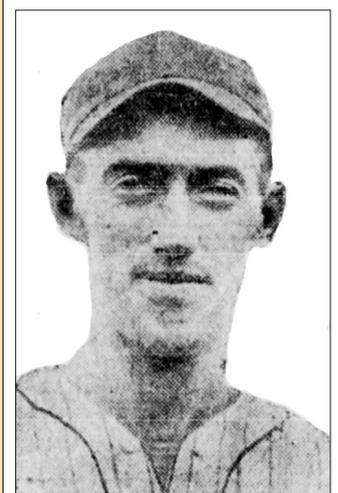
July 27
Calgary's Hal Nelson goes 4-for-5 and scores three times and the homestanding Bronchos steal 10 bases en route to a 13-3 win over Winnipeg.

July 28
Winnipeg's Tony Kaufman, a winner of 10 straight games during the first half of the season, is sold to the Chicago White Sox ... before a "small gathering" of fans, Red Deer scores three runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to defeat visiting Wetaskiwin 8-5.

MEDICINE HAT HURLER HANGS UP RECORD BY PITCHING TWO NO HIT NO RUN GAMES IN ONE SEASON

Following Up His Performance for Vauxhall Against Taber, Billy Mulholland Carries Maclead to Victory Over Cardston—Scores of 7 to 0 and 2 to 0 in Historic Games.

July 15 -- Medicine Hat lefthander Billy Mulholland pitches his second no-hitter of the season defeating Cardston 2-0, handing the visiting nine their first defeat of the season. Mulholland strikes out 15 and allows only one walk pitching with a "wonderfully fast ball and every mixture of dope possible."



In 59 games with Winnipeg, second baseman Jim Riley hits .130 with 39 hits, including nine doubles, two triples and two home runs, in 300 at bats ... Riley's .130 mark is the lowest batting average in Western Canada League history for a player with 300 or more at bats.

WCL Lowest Batting Average (300 or more at bats)

Jim Riley, Winnipeg	1921	.130
Jack Gragion, Edmonton	1909	.151
Sam Davidson, Saskatoon	1910	.181
E.M. Newhouse, Moose Jaw	1919	.186
J.A. Dixon, Winnipeg	1920	.186

July 27, 1921
Victoria Park, Calgary, Alberta

Winnipeg:	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Hellberger, rf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson, ss.	2	1	1	0	0	2
Mellilo, c.f.	3	0	1	1	0	0
Attreau, 1b.	3	0	1	7	1	1
Braudigan, 3b.	3	0	0	1	3	0
Pratt, lf.	4	1	1	4	0	1
Riley, 2b.	2	1	0	3	2	0
Nelson, c.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Kaufman, p.	1	0	0	0	1	0
Ritcher, p.	2	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	27	3	5	18	8	5

Calgary:	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Griffith, rf.	3	2	2	1	0	0
Nelson, cf.	5	3	4	2	0	2
Manda, 3b.	2	2	0	1	0	1
Anheir, 1b.	5	2	2	9	0	0
Hamilton, ss.	4	0	2	0	2	0
Mooney, lf.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Viverious, 2b.	4	0	1	2	4	0
Kilhullen, c.	4	2	2	6	1	0
Schnell, p.	3	2	2	0	4	0
Totals	33	13	16	21	11	3

Score by innings:
Winnipeg 000 200 1—3
Calgary 332 020 3—13

Summary—Two base hits, Viverious, Schnell, Mooney, Hal Nelson; sacrifice hits, Hamilton, Griffith, Manda; double plays, Riley to Attreau; passed balls, Nelson 2; Kilhullen 1; stolen bases, Winnipeg 1, Calgary 10; earned runs, Winnipeg 1, Calgary 6; struck out, by Ritcher 2, by Schnell 6; bases on balls, off Kaufman 2, Ritcher 3, Schnell 5; time of game, 2:10; umpire, Reardon.

in the bottom of the eighth inning to defeat visiting Wetaskiwin 8-5.

MOOSE JAW TEAM TO FINISH SEASON

MOOSE JAW, Aug. 5—President Bob Pearson, of the Western Canada Baseball league, was in the city Thursday for a conference with local baseball executives. Vice-President E. M. Thomson, of the local club, stated after the conference, that there was no truth in the report that the Moose Jaw players were on strike for wages. The club finances were not all that could be desired, but the team would complete the season's schedule.

◀◀ August 4

Moose Jaw Millers vice-president E.M. Thomson assures league president Bob Pearson that there is "no truth" to reports that his team's players are on strike for unpaid salaries and while the club's finances are "not all that could be desired," the Millers will complete the season schedule.

August 5 ▶▶

Edmonton and Moose Jaw split a double-header in the last game of the season to be played in the Millers' Exhibition Park ... at a league meeting, it is decided that since Moose Jaw fans are unable to support a "tail end team" the Millers will finish out the season playing the other five teams on the road and that it is probable the league will guarantee the salaries of the players.

MOOSE JAW BALL TEAM BECOMES ROAD OUTFIT

MOOSE JAW, Sask., Aug. 6—Only two more professional baseball games will be played here this season when the Millers meet Edmonton in a double-header today. The Moose Jaw team will then take the road and finish the season away from home.

At a meeting of the Western Canada League here today, it was decided that as the Moose Jaw fans were unable to support a tail-end team, the aggregation will be made a road outfit and will play in the other five cities in the league in rotation. While arrangements have not been completed, it is probable that the league will guarantee the salaries of the players.

August 6

Bob Knapton picks up his first win for the Edmonton Eskimos, pitching a 10-inning 5-4 complete game win over Moose Jaw ... catcher Nate Shandling leaves the struggling Millers for the Dallas Marines of the Texas (A) League.

AMATEUR PITCHER WINS FOR REGINA

REGINA, Aug. 10—Regina won the second game of the series from Moose Jaw here Tuesday night, 8 to 2. Charley Wagner, a local amateur, pitched for the locals and turned in a good performance. He had marvellous support. Score:

	R. H. E.
Moose Jaw	000000002—2 10 1
Regina	01201020x—6 10 0
Batteries—Huser and Leake; Wagner and King.	

August 7

Not happy with manager George Braudigan, Winnipeg catcher "Bat" Nelson asks for and is granted his release and signs with Saskatoon.

◀◀ August 9

In what turns out to be its final game of the season, Regina, behind a complete game effort by local amateur pitcher Charley Wagner, beats visiting Moose Jaw, 6-2. Wagner is 2-0 with a pair of complete games, in his two starts for the Senators.

August 10 ▶▶

In a move that catches league officials off guard, the Regina Senators, beset by poor attendance caused in part by ongoing bad weather, disband following a meeting of the club directors.

The team's players are given their releases and made free agents immediately.

REGINA BALL TEAM DISBANDS

Bad Weather and Lack of Support Cause For Blow Up

REGINA, Aug. 10 — The Regina baseball team in the Western Canada league was disbanded Tuesday night following a meeting of the directors of the club. Bad weather and non-support on the part of the public were given as the reasons for the move.

The players will all be given their releases and made free agents at once. What effect the action of the Regina team will have on the league and on the Moose Jaw club in particular is not known, but it is likely that the Moose Jaw team will cease being a road team and that the four other clubs will finish the season.



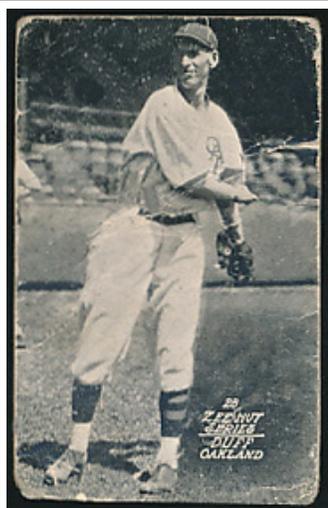
Moose Jaw Millers (L-R): Elmer Shaughnessy, Mark Koenig, Willie Rose, Karl Walters

"It was a big surprise to me," says league president Bob Pearson. "I had no advance announcement that the directors ever intended to quit."

1921 Western Canada League [9 of 16]:

August 11 ▶▶

Winnipeg informs league president Bob Pearson that they will leave the circuit if players from the disbanded Regina and Moose Jaw franchises are allowed to join other Western Canada League teams ... the Maroons "ultimatum" is challenged by the three remaining teams ... plans are drawn up that should Winnipeg leave the circuit a new team will be formed to operate solely as a road club for the remainder of the season.



Cecil Elba (Larry) Duff, a five-year veteran of the Milton-Freewater team of the semipro Blue Mountain League, is signed by Moose Jaw in late May ... Duff, 5-10 with 15 complete games in 15 starts for the Millers when the team folds, returns to the Milton-Freewater team for the remainder of the summer ... in 1922, Duff signs with the Mitchell Kernels of the South Dakota (D) League where he wins his first five games ... Duff makes his major league debut with the Chicago White Sox on September 5, 1922, in the second game of a double-header against the Detroit Tigers ... relieving Ted Blankenship in the third inning, Duff picks up his only major league win, allowing one run on six hits in six and two-thirds inning ... in addition, the Radersburg, Montana, native goes 2-for-4 with an RBI as the Pale Sox rally from a 5-3 deficit for a 15-5 win ... in three games for the White Sox Duff is 1-1 with a 4.97 ERA.

Saskatoon signs ex-Regina pitcher Oscar Harstad and Edward Zinke and informs the league that manager John Hummel "will place both men in the field."

Edmonton business manager Deacon White says he sees no reason why players formerly with Regina and Moose Jaw cannot be signed.

With open dates and an uncertain schedule because of the withdrawal of the Regina and Moose Jaw franchises from the league, Winnipeg president Charles F. Moll sends a telegram challenging the Brandon Greys, one of Canada's top amateur clubs, to a two-game series ... providing permission is obtained from amateur officials, the first game will be played within two days in Winnipeg and a second game in Brandon the following week.

With the Greys currently playing in Yorkton and not returning for several days, the first game can not be scheduled, but Brandon fans remain optimistic about being able to play the Maroons with all of the proceeds going to "charitable purposes."

◀◀ August 12

Moose Jaw pitcher Cecil Duff and teenage infielder Mark Koenig will join the St. Paul Saints of the American Association ... Duff does not sign with the Saints and returns to the Milton-Freewater team eventually making his way to the majors in 1922 with the Chicago White Sox ... Koenig, three weeks past his 17th birthday, is hitting .202 with eight doubles and one triple in 84 games for the Millers ... Koenig will go hitless in four at bats against American (AA) Association pitching.

August 14

At league meeting that lasts only two hours, an "amicable and early settlement" is made among the four remaining teams in regards to signing players from the defunct franchises of Regina and Moose Jaw and a revised league schedule ... Winnipeg withdraws its objections to the revised schedule and the signing

of players released from the Regina and Moose Jaw franchises ... however, Winnipeg dampens the mood of the meeting when it informs the league that it is losing money on every trip it takes west and it is certain that the Maroons will not play in the Western Canada League in 1922.

League owners say that Regina and Moose Jaw "created an unfavorable impression" with their disbandment and that neither town will be asked to enter the league again next year.

With the league down to four teams, league president Bob Pearson releases umpire Baerwald as the league will need only two umpires to complete the season.

WAR IN WESTERN CANADA LEAGUE

Winnipeg Maroons Say They Won't Play If Other Teams Use Players From Disbanded Clubs

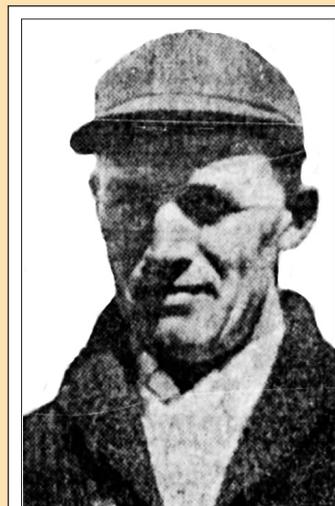
WINNIPEG, Aug. 12.—A serious war is on among the remaining clubs of the Western Canada baseball league and there is a possibility that the playing schedule may not be completed.

This city is the storm center and most of its grievance lies in the fact that Saskatoon and Edmonton have signed on players from the Regina and Moose Jaw clubs which have dropped out of the league, leaving only four teams, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Calgary in the league.

Allowing the Saskatoon or any club to load up with the best players from the defunct Moose Jaw and Regina teams is not in the interest of good sport, say the Winnipeg officials, and they will not continue if these players are allowed to join the other clubs.

That the Winnipeg club is anxious to get away from the Western Canada League is evident from the following telegram addressed to President Pearson yesterday by Laurie Palk, managing director of the club, after a discussion on the matter by the directors:

"We insist on playing the regular schedule as arranged at Moose Jaw. As alternative, providing the league grants us release from the Western Canada League at the end of the season, Winnipeg will agree to play Calgary here up to Saturday play Edmonton here six games and then six games in Saskatoon and eight games at Winnipeg with Saskatoon, with the schedule ending on Labor Day. No Regina or Moose Jaw players allowed to compete with other clubs."



Obtained from the Watertown Cubs of the Dakota League, catcher Dave "Bat" Nelson hits .261 in 49 games splitting time between Winnipeg and Saskatoon.

1921 Western Canada League [10 of 16]:

August 16

The proposed series between the Winnipeg Maroons and the Brandon Greys is dropped as the league schedule is solidified.

August 18

Saskatoon ace pitcher Cy "Lefty" Williams, a winner of 14 straight games for the Quakers during the season, is purchased by the Minneapolis Millers and told to report to the team by September 7.

August 22

Pitcher Oscar Harstad, one of Saskatoon's signees from the defunct Regina franchise, pitches a complete game 15-hitter in a 14-0 loss to Edmonton ... the Eskimos' George Jones allows only three hits en route to a complete game shutout.

CHANGE PRO. BASEBALL RACE

West Canada League President Eliminates Several Regina Games From Stand

CALGARY, Aug. 30.—Since the disbanding of the Moose Jaw and Regina baseball teams, Robert Pearson, president of the Western Canada League, who acts as the board of directors during the latter's absence has been trying to figure out the interpretation of section 49, sub-section 3 of the league constitution. In company with the official scorer a complete check has been made of all games played since July 1, the commencement of the second half of the season, and as a result, has been the alteration to some extent, of the standing of the four remaining teams of the league. Fortunately the revision does not alter the standing of Calgary and Winnipeg, the two leading teams.

Regina played four games with Calgary; and seven each with Edmonton, Saskatoon and Winnipeg, while Moose Jaw played nine with Calgary, 10 with Edmonton, seven with Saskatoon and four with Winnipeg. As a result of the rule only the first four games played in each case count. The others are thrown out.

The revision therefore provides that two wins and one loss are deducted from Calgary; two wins and one loss from Winnipeg; four wins and two losses from Saskatoon and six wins and three losses from Edmonton.

The official standing including Monday's games is as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Calgary	27	19	.587
Winnipeg	28	21	.571
Saskatoon	25	25	.500
Edmonton	20	24	.455

August 28

Edward Zinke, another one of Saskatoon's signees from Regina, pitches a four-hit shutout in a 5-0 win over first-place Winnipeg.

◀◀ August 29 - Section 49; sub-section 3

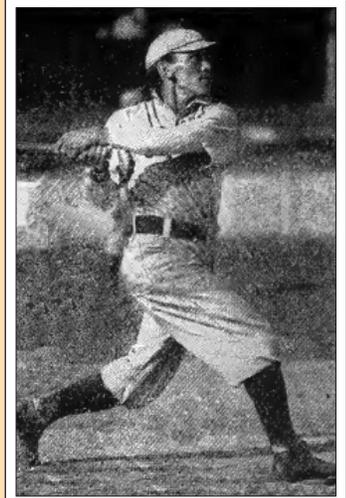
With less than a week remaining in the regular season, the dreaded Section 49, sub-section 3 of the Western Canada League constitution rears its ugly head ... league president Robert Pearson, along with the league's official scorer, reviews every game played since July 1 (the start of the second half of the season) and alters the league standings of the four remaining teams ... fortunately for the beleaguered Pearson, the revision does not alter the standing of Winnipeg and Calgary, the first and second place teams.

Regina played 25 games with the four remaining teams - Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Winnipeg, while Moose Jaw totaled 30 contests against the same four teams ... section 49, sub-section 3 rules that only the first four games played against each team will count and all other games are to be thrown out.

Two wins and one loss are deducted from both Calgary and Winnipeg ... Saskatoon loses four wins and two losses while Edmonton has six wins and three losses taken away.

The official standings through games of Monday, August 29:

	Before	GB	After	GB
Calgary	29-20	--	27-19	--
Winnipeg	30-22	1/2	28-21	1/2
Saskatoon	29-27	3 1/2	25-25	4
Edmonton	26-27	5	20-24	6



One of three players to lay claim to the 1921 Western Canada League batting title, Frank Jude hits .335 with the Saskatoon Quakers with 12 doubles, four triples and three home runs ... an Chipewewa native American and a graduate of the Carlisle Indian School, the 36-year-old Jude makes it to the major leagues in his first year of professional baseball (1906), hitting .208 in 80 games with the Cincinnati Reds (pictured above).



Winnipeg player/manager George Braudigan (or Brautigian) hits .305 while playing second, third and shortstop for the second-half champions ... for Braudigan, 1921 marks his second stint as a manager in the Western Canada League, having directed the Saskatoon to the league crown in 1919, beating Winnipeg in a best of nine series ... in his two seasons as a manager in the Western Canada League Braudigan compiles a sterling 142-75 (.654) record ... following his one-year stint with the Maroons, Braudigan manages the Kaukauna (1922) and Appleton (1923-1928) teams in the Fox River Valley League.



STEVE CHEKALUK

Born in Edmonton on January 9, 1902, Chekaluk is signed by the hometown Eskimos on July 29, 1921 ... Chekaluk is 0-1 in three games in his professional baseball debut season ... four years later, Chekaluk, either a Esquimau Inuit (the people) or second generation Russian, is 2-4 with a 3.60 ERA for Seattle of the Pacific Coast League ... hindered during his career by control problems (55 walks in 65 innings with Seattle) Chekaluk is released the following spring after beginning spring training as one of the team's probable starters ... the above photo ran nationally in November 1925.

BURLESQUE GAME STAGED AT CALGARY

CALGARY, Alta., Sept. 6—With a chance to avert a play-off, the Calgary Bronks, after defeating Edmonton 12 to 1 Monday afternoon burlesque the second game and won 14 to 8. Players switched positions so often and so many ridiculous stunts were pulled off that no official score of the evening game was taken and, therefore, this game will not be counted in the standing.

The Calgary team left today for Winnipeg where the first four games of the pennant series will be played.

◀◀ August 30

Local amateur 21-year-old pitcher Steve Chekaluk gets the start for Edmonton against Calgary and is "wild as a hawk" in an 8-1 loss to the first-place Bronchos.

September 1

Plans are discussed for an eight-game post-season series between Calgary, if they win the league pennant, and Yakima, if the Indians win the Pacific International League.

September 2

Calgary sells two of its star pitchers - Karl Schnell and John Gillespie - to the Cincinnati Reds for delivery after the conclusion of the Western Canada League season ... Schnell leads the league in winning percentage with a 21-6 mark (.778), while Gillespie is 11-11.

Perhaps unaware that Cincinnati is not in the same latitude as the teams in the Western Canada League, which starts its games around 7:30 after the fans have come home from work and had their dinner, either Schnell or Gillespie gains some national attention when in a letter to a friend on the Reds, he inquires, "How do you fellows kill your afternoons?"

September 5

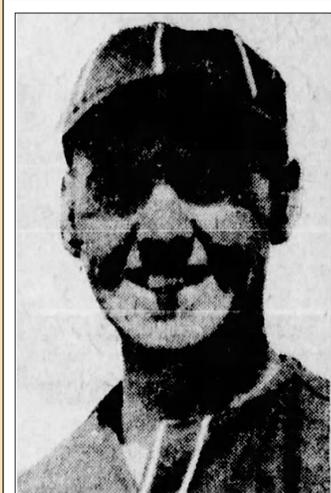
Winnipeg clinches the second half pennant with a 4-0 and 6-2 double-header

win over visiting Saskatoon before 6,010 River Park fans ... with the wins, the Maroons earn the right to play Calgary for the Western Canada League championship ... Eddie Lane pitches a four-hit shutout in the morning game.

Despite defeating Edmonton 12-1 in the first game of a season-ending doubleheader, Calgary finds out that Winnipeg has already clinched first place in the second-half standings ... with the race no longer in doubt, both teams decide to "burlesque" the second game (switching positions, etc.) so that the game, a 14-8 Calgary win, will not count in the standings, nor will any individual statistics be kept.

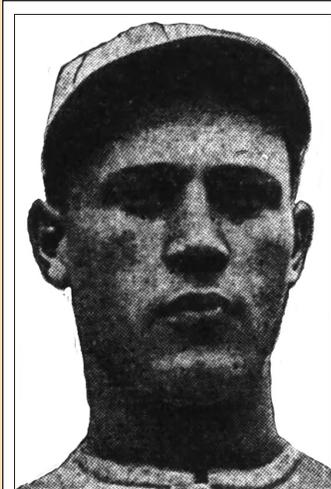


Speedy third baseman Earl Scanlon hits only .247 for Saskatoon but leads the team in steals with 42 ... a native of West Duluth, Minnesota, Scanlon, a noted curler, is given a tryout by the Minneapolis Millers before signing with Saskatoon.



Yet another Minnesota native on the Saskatoon roster, John Gill is 1-7 in eight games for the Quakers ... three of Gill's losses are by one run ... played with the Minneapolis Amateur All-Stars in 1918.

MAROONS DEFEAT SASKATOON TWICE TO WIN SECOND HALF OF WESTERN CANADA LEAGUE



Thirty-three year old Regina player-manager Bill Speas hits .350 with 16 doubles, three triples and three home runs for the Senators before they disband on August 10 ... Speas will sign with the Joplin Miners of the Western League where he hits .323 in 51 games ... the Toledo, Ohio, native hits .329 over eight seasons after turning 30 years old.

1921 Western Canada League [12 of 16]:

1921 Calgary Bronhcos (70-39)



Standing (L-R): Billy Hamilton, Clyde Anheier, Monroe Swartz, Karl Schnell, Carl Manda, John Gillespie, Joe Devine, Bernie DeViveiros
Front Row: Pat Kilhullen, Eddie Mensor, Joe Sullivan, John Mooney, Charlie Swaney, Billy Griffith

1921 Winnipeg Maroons (72-42)



Standing (L-R): Bat Nelson, Tom Heilberger, Ed Lane, Harry Benton, Art Pratt, Tony Kaufman, Dick Attreau
Front Row: Lefty Slaughter, Jim Riley, Andy Anderson, George Braudigan, Oscar Melillo, Billy Milligan, Issy Kline (mascot)

1921 Western Canada League Playoffs Winnipeg versus Calgary

PROBABLE BATTING ORDER FOR TODAY

Here is how the Calgary Bronks and Winnipeg Maroons will probably line up this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock at River park:

Calgary	vs.	Winnipeg
Griffith, rf		Heilberger, rf
Manda, 3b		Anderson, ss
Mooney, lf		Attreau, 1b
Anheier or		Braudigan, 3b
Kilhullen, 1b		Pratt or
Hamilton, ss		Schemma, lf
Mensor, cf		Melillo, cf
Viverious, 2b		Riley, 2b
Kilhullen or		Milligan, c
Sullivan, c		Kaufman, p
Schnell, p		

The first four games will be played in Winnipeg's River Park ... after one day off for travel, the remaining games will be played in Calgary's Victoria Park until one team wins five games ... Winnipeg won the regular season series by an 18-to-8 margin, with two ties.

The players will play for free, receiving no additional salary, but will receive travel expenses and then will "participate" in the income of the first six games, with the winning team receiving 60 percent and the losing players 40 percent ... two umpires will be employed in the playoffs, as compared to one during the regular season, and be paid \$20 per game.

September 7 - Winnipeg 4, Calgary 1
Winnipeg captures game one of the championship series beating Calgary 4-1 ... Tony Kaufman scatters four hits in a complete game victory, but loses a shutout in the ninth inning ... Tommy Heilberger and

**MAROONS TAKE LEAD OVER
CALGARY BRONKS IN FINAL
SERIES FOR BASEBALL FLAG**

George Braudigan each have a game-high two hits for the Maroons.

September 8

Calgary is leading 2-1 in the second inning when the game is called on account of rain.

**GILLESPIE PITCHES CALGARY
BRONKS TO 3-0 VICTORY
OVER WINNIPEG MAROON**

September 9 - Calgary 3, Winnipeg 0

Johnny Gillespie scatters six hits and goes 3-for-4 at the plate as Calgary evens the series at one game apiece with a 3-0 shutout before 1,000 fans who brave the clouds and threatening weather ... Gillespie and first baseman Dick Attreau lead the Bronchos' 10-hit attack with three hits each in a game that takes one hour and 35 minutes to play.

September 10

A scheduled doubleheader is postponed by rain.

September 12

The first game in Calgary is postponed by snow and cold wind.

**WEATHER MAN CONTINUES TO
"BUTT IN" ON WESTERN CANADA
BALL LEAGUE'S PENNANT SERIES**

1921 Western Canada League [13 of 16]:

**MAROONS AND BRONKS BRAVE
STORMY WEATHER AND BATTLE
9 INNINGS TO A 2-RUN DRAW**

September 13 - Calgary 2, Winnipeg 2

The score is knotted at 2-2 when the game is called after nine innings because of darkness ... Winnipeg opens the scoring with two runs in the top of the first inning on a two-run, two-out single by left fielder John Schemma ... Calgary's Charlie Swaney strikes out 10 Maroons while allowing seven hits in the no decision.

September 14 - Winnipeg 8, 7, Calgary 3,12

The championship remains even at two wins apiece as Winnipeg and Calgary spit a doubleheader ... Winnipeg wins the first game 8-3 while Calgary pounds out 17 hits and rebounds with a 12-7 victory in the second game ... Calgary's Carl Manda leads all hitters with six hits, including a triple in the afternoon game.

**MAROONS AND BRONKS STILL
ON LEVEL TERMS IN WESTERN
CANADA BASEBALL SERIES**

**CALGARY BRONKS OUTPLAY
MAROONS AND TAKE LEAD
IN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

September 15 - Calgary 6, Winnipeg 2

Calgary left fielder John Mooney has two hits including a fifth-inning home run and Charlie Swaney continues his strong pitching, limiting Winnipeg to seven hits and striking out seven as Calgary takes a 3-2 series lead with a 6-2 win ... Mooney is one of five Bronchos to have two hits in the contest.

September 16 - Calgary 4-3

Calgary takes a commanding 4-2 lead in the series with an exciting 4-3 win ... the Bronchos score single runs in the second, fourth, fifth and eighth innings and then withstand a three run rally by the Maroons in the ninth inning for the win ... Monroe Swartz picks up the win while "Lefty" Slaughter absorbs the loss.

**CALGARY BRONKS AGAIN
BEAT MAROONS AND TAKE
GRIP ON BASEBALL FLAG**

**CALGARY BRONKS TROUNCE
MAROONS 9-2 AND AGAIN
WIN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

September 17 - Calgary 9, Winnipeg 2

Karl Schnell scatters eight hits over nine innings, strikes out seven and is three-for-three at the plate with a pair of doubles as Calgary wins its second-straight Western Canada League pennant, and fourth overall, with a 9-2 win over a depleted Winnipeg team before 2,200 fans, the largest crowd of the series.

Due in part to persistent inclement weather, the championship series between Calgary and Winnipeg is not a financial success with the two teams suffering a financial shortfall of approximately \$1,340 ... travel and lodging of the players and umpires are the primary expenses incurred while the receipts from the seven games are "disappointing."

After first agreeing to split the proceeds 60 percent to the winners and 40 percent to the losers, the players revise

the split to 50-50 with each player receiving \$73.00 for the seven games ... however, in its game story on September 19, the *Manitoba Free Press* reports that the Winnipeg players will be paid \$125 each because of a different pay arrangement with its owners than those of the Calgary players.



Winnipeg outfielder Art Pratt

*Players Share of the
Series' Receipts Less
Than Regular Salaries*

Consequently Clubs Are Required to Make Good Difference
Championship Series Very Disappointing and Clubs
Lose \$1,340—In Melon Splitting Operation.
Each Player's Share Is Only \$73

1921 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES	
Total attendance for series (including Winnipeg)	9,447
Total attendance for six games in Calgary	7,247
Total receipts for full series	\$5,446.90
Total receipts for Calgary games	3,879.50
Approximate total of expenses for series	4,510.00
Players' share of receipts in six games	2,267.00
Each player's share (divided 50-50) approximately	73.00
Salaries for umpires in series	320.00
Total deficit for clubs on series	1,340.00

1921 Western Canada League [14 of 16]:

EPILOGUE

38 Western Canada Leaguers Advance

While not necessarily a success at the turnstiles, the 1921 Western Canada

League did have a large number of players who made it to the Majors or higher minor leagues that season. A September story in *The Winnipeg Evening Tribune* notes that 38 players "won promotion to faster company," including seven players "sold directly" to the major leagues.

Following its championship run, Calgary, along with Edmonton, will join with Tacoma and Vancouver to form the short-lived Western International League in 1922. Regina and Saskatoon originally agree to become members of the new league, but two months prior to the start of the season both towns are forced to withdraw - Regina because of financial difficulties due to the failure of crops in that section of the country, and Saskatoon as a result of an illness to team owner J.F. Cairns.

Following the Western International League's demise the following June, both Calgary and Edmonton will not field a team in professional baseball for 31 years, when both towns are awarded berths in a reborn Western International League in 1953.

Winnipeg, following a 12-year hiatus, rejoins organized baseball in 1933, as a member of the Northern League, an organization that the city will be associated with (off and on) until 1969 ... Winnipeg's final two minor league seasons will be as a member of the International (AAA) League in 1970 and 1971.

Unfortunately for Moose Jaw, Regina and Saskatoon, three towns that won four league titles in a combined 22 seasons of competition in the Western Canada League, 1921 will mark the end of their involvement in minor league baseball.



Starting his career as a left-handed pitcher, Cy Forsythe injures his throwing arm so badly he teaches himself to throw right-handed ... he hits over .300 10 times despite having to play with a brace on his left arm.



Winnipeg outfielder John Schemma



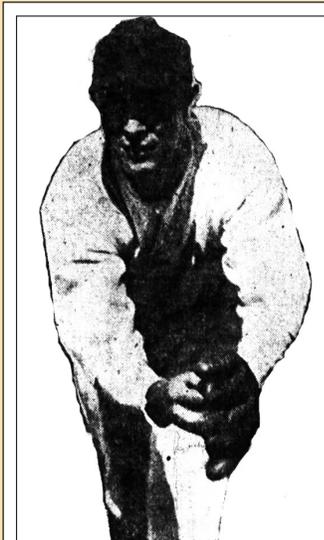
Winnipeg's Tom Heilberger hits a solid .262 in 114 games for the Maroons with 16 doubles, nine triples and three home runs ... 10th among league leaders in hits (118) and tied for ninth in triples (9) ... signs with Winnipeg after playing with his hometown Sheboygan nine of the Wisconsin Shore League ... following the season, Heilberger signs with the Milwaukee Brewers of the American Association and is allowed by the Brewers to play with Sheboygan during the summer of 1922 ... in June 1923, Heilberger is barred from baseball after refusing to play in a Wisconsin State League game ... Heilberger's suspension last two weeks and he continues to play with Sheboygan until 1935.



Calgary pitcher Charlie Swaney



Edmonton pitcher Fred Fairbanks



Regina shortstop Dick Barry

1921 PRESEASON PREVIEW

The Winnipeg Tribune, April 23, 1921

Calgary

CALGARY—Joe Devine claims that he has a better team than he had last season, but still isn't satisfied with his outfield. Mooney is the only gardner who has satisfied the Calgary manager. Carrigan, who filled in for a while last season, after he was turned loose by Moose Jaw, played on Sunday, but it is doubtful if he is good enough. Devine is giving Nelson, the youngster who was with Edmonton and Saskatoon last season, a chance, and according to word sent to Dr. Birch, Nelson may make the grade. He was with the Bronks last season during the spring training season and although he was brought to Calgary he was later turned over to Edmonton, who toward the latter part of the season sent him to Saskatoon where he played real ball. Devine is satisfied with his infield and evidently has three sensations in Anhier, at first; Vivierous at second, and Sullivan behind the bat. And the Bronk pilot is well satisfied with his pitchers.

Should "Seacap" Christensen fail to remain with the New York Yankees, there is a possibility that he will come back to Calgary to perform for the Bronks again. Manager Joe Devine is in need of two more outfielders, but would be satisfied if he had Christensen. Devine has wired to Miller Huggins asking him to turn the brilliant throwing right fielder over to Calgary for the season, in the event that he is farmed out for more experience. It is probable that he may be sent to the Pacific Coast or International leagues, but Huggins may return him to Calgary.

Edmonton

According to advice from Gus Gleichman the Eskimos squad now numbers no less than twenty-seven, the list being made up of eleven pitchers, three catchers, nine infielders and four outfielders. Of this number twenty are at present going through their paces under the watchful eye of Fred Snodgrass at Crockett, California. Those who will not disport themselves in the sunny south are Valentine, Forster, Stokke and Turner, who will train in Edmonton; Forsythe, who will endeavor to train in Victoria; and Pitcher Max Rodix; and shortstop Stoloff. The two last named have so far failed to report, and have been suspended.

The entire list follows:

Pitchers: Fairbanks, Blaehilder, Ed. Pillett, Douglas, Valentine, Libkke, Turner, Machold, Hfsling, Jones and Rodix. Catchers: Leake, Watson and Schroder. Infielders: Gleichman, Stokke, Higert, S. Pillett, Groia, Stupin, Miller, Foster and Stoloff. Outfielders: Manush, Apperson, Herman and Forsythe.

Reports from the training camp of the Eskimos give rise to the belief that the talent being assembled will develop into a strong contender, and Gleichman appears to be leaving no stone unturned to give the city a

Moose Jaw Millers

PENDLETON, Ore., April 23—With Nick Williams at the helm and using perfectly good judgment in the matter of selecting a ball team to represent Moose Jaw in the Western Canada Baseball League this year, the Millers should be an exceptionally good lot. The energetic manager has been busy during the past week rounding out his players from a large flock and just who to pick is causing him considerable worry. Exhibition games played during the week have been responsible for unearthing one or two real finds, the most notable of which, perhaps, is Emil Leifer. Cracking out homers is apparently the favorite pastime of this player. He has sent the elusive sphere for circuit drives on three occasions during three exhibition games played during the week, all of which the Millers won by big scores.

Bickey Williams, Ault, Bill Leshner and Bliss are among the twirlers trying out on the Millers' team. Williams is pleased with the showing his team has been making so far.

1921 PRESEASON PREVIEW

The Winnipeg Tribune, April 23, 1921

Regina Senators

The moguls of the Regina baseball club Friday made an announcement of great importance to the followers of the game in this city which will come as real good news for the "through thick and thin" supporters of the game here. The news was that Lafayette Henion, Locker and Doc Harstadt had joined up with the squad and had already placed their names on the dotted line of the official blue sheet of the club, tying them up for the season.

Henion, who is a fast, clever heaver, not quite ripe enough for the majors, is still on the Brooklyn string and expects to go great guns this year both in the pitching line and also hitting, for it will be remembered that last year he did some damage at times when with the Winnieps and the Moose Jaw Millers.

Locker, a big strapping fellow with bone and muscle, and a large quantity of baseball grey matter, has excited the cupidity of the scouts on the Coast by his performance in the gardens and his little willow stick. Last year he figured in "classy" company, chalking up a .340 average for the season against the big pitchers of the coast league while playing with Portland.

Doc Harstadt will be an acquisition worth while, according to Speas, who is also keeping a quiet lip these days on his juggling for a moundsman of the portside variety. Bill won't say a word about this man, not even give his name, but merely says if he gets him, and the ropes are being closed more tightly every day, he will burn up this old league.

Another piece of "dope" the moguls spilled Friday was the signing of a new battery, Grassick and Snowball, performers de luxe, big time celebrities, who will officiate at Exhibition park May 9. Their names have already been placed on the honest to goodness contract of the club, and

they are to report for training as soon as the Senators reach Regina.

They are none others than the mayor and city treasurer, and much will be expected of them, for they are signed on at a fabulous salary; in fact, it is stated in some quarters that it exceeds the "limit" in this league, but then the men are worth the money, for their past performances have placed them in a class by themselves.

With such additions to the team, and Speas, Burke, Andrews et al going at mid-season clip, the Senators look like the class of the Twilight league just now.

Saskatoon

The Quakers this year will be practically a team of strangers as far as **Western Canada** is concerned. Beer,

Olson and Kernan are the only old hands who are sure of coming back, they having all sent in their signed contracts. Roman will, of course, not report until well on in June, while of the rest of the twirlers, Cy Williams is the only possibility, but he is reported as a holdout.

Reports on the Quakers' training will be available after today. The Fairbanks-Morse grounds at Beloit is one of the best diamonds in that part of the country. In addition to securing good grounds, the management has made arrangements to play exhibition games with the Fairbanks-Morse team, thereby ensuring the local nine with plenty of practice before they start on the season's campaign at Winnipeg on May 4.

While other teams have been in training camps for times varying from two weeks to three days, the Quakers have been playing ball in their home towns and so are in fair condition already. The five players Manager Hummel is reported to have received from Reading, were all with that team when it went on its spring training trip. This will assure them of having the jump on the remainder of the squad and they ought to become regulars.

Winnipeg Maroons

Manager Braudigan. His home is in Appleton, Wis.

Pitchers: Harry Benton, last year with Winnipeg, and lives in Davenport, Iowa; Tony Kaufman, last year with Winnipeg, and home is in Chicago, Ill.; Ed. Lane, from Crosby, Minnesota, was in the Northern league in 1916; T. Finley, secured from the Milwaukee ball club, his home is in Pennsylvania; Jim Trepittin, semi-pro experience, left-handed pitcher, and his home is in Chicago; Frank Coneley, Wisconsin-Illinois league experience, comes from Chicago; Bruno Bdzik, semi-pro experience around Chicago, and lives in Chicago; W. Kuns, semi-pro experience around Chicago.

Catchers: W. Ihrig, Three Eye league, comes from Davenport, Iowa, recommended by Harry Benton; Bat Nelson, very promising catcher, big fellow, also recommended by Harry Benton; was sought by several leagues; R. Milligen, played in Michigan league with Braudigan in 1920.

Infielders: J. Muller, secured from the Milwaukee club; J. Janda, secured from the Brooklyn club; J. Anderson, from St. Paul, Minn., has had considerable experience semi-pro, looks like a very good man.

The following infielders, Taylor, Gilbert, Carlson, look very promising, so much so that it is hard to choose which to keep.

The outfield seems to be settled on, in O'Neill, Millilo and Pratt. The first base problem will be between Larry Coble and Scherbarth.