

November 13, 1894

Ray Steineder

■ Born on November 13, 1894, in Salem, New Jersey, Raymond "Ray" Steineder pitches 29 games in two seasons in the National League with the Pittsburgh Pirates (1923-24) and the Philadelphia Phillies (1924), compiling a 3-2 mark with one complete game and a 4.90 ERA.

Where Steineder enjoys limited success on the mound, the 6-foot-0, 160-pound right-hander fashions a career batting average of .400 with 10 hits in 25 at bats.

■ Steineder makes his major league debut on July 16, 1923, allowing only one hit over five scoreless innings in an 8-4 loss to the Brooklyn Dodgers ... in addition, Steineder collects a single off of future Hall of Famer Burleigh Grimes in his first major league at bat.

■ Steineder picks up his second career win and his only major league complete game on September 25, 1923, allowing 11 hits enroute to beating the Philadelphia Phillies 18-5.

■ A native of Vineland, New Jersey, Steineder begins his baseball career in "fast company" pitching in the semipro Western Maryland (1916) and Atlantic (1917) Leagues ... after spending a year in the U.S. Army, Steineder returns to the diamond in the Virginia League where he posts a 37-5 mark in 1919, catching the attention of Pittsburgh scout Billy Murray.

Steineder signs with the Pirates on February 27, 1920 and reports to the team's ... however, despite several impressive outings, Steineder is released by manager George Gibson on April 24.

Following his release, he signs to play for an outlaw team in Oil City, Pennsylvania, and is banned from professional baseball by Commissioner Landis ... Steineder leaves the team returning home to run his restaurant business and stays active playing for semipro teams in Mt. Holly and Trenton for two years.

■ October 2, 1922 - Steineder allows four hits and strikes out 11 as Mt. Holly beats Bordentown 4-2 in the championship of Burlington County.

■ March 14, 1923 - Pittsburgh Pirates treasurer Sam Dreyfuss receives word that Commissioner Landis has reinstated Steineder who three years later had left the Pirates to play for an independent team in Oil City, Pennsylvania ... Steineder stages a holdout, asking the Pirates for a \$6,000 salary, the same amount he made the previous summer while winning 62 games and losing 13 playing for various independent teams in New Jersey.

■ June 12, 1924 - The Philadelphia Phillies acquire Steineder for the waiver price ... less than a month later the Phillies send Steineder to the Louisville Colonels ... upset at his dismissal, Steineder declares that he will not go into the "sticks" and signs with the outlawed Trenton Pennsylvania-New Jersey League and for the second time in his career is banned from baseball by Commissioner Landis.

■ February 25, 1926 - Steineder is reinstated to the good graces of major league baseball by Commissioner Landis.



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1920 Pittsburgh Pirates