

Cups of Coffee: August Swentor

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On September 12, 1922, in the fourth inning of an 8-2 loss to the visiting Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox rookie **August "Augie" Swentor**, pinch-hitting for pitcher Emmett Bowles, strikes out against right-hander George Uhle in what will be his only plate appearance in the major leagues.

Acquired from the Valleyfield Cardinals of the Eastern Canada (B) League back on July 21, Swentor, a 22-year-old third baseman/catcher and Colgate University product, is hitting a team-high .338 with 15 home runs when he finally departs for the Windy City in early September.

Swentor's 15 home runs tie with Norman Sauvage, another Colgate product, for the team lead.

Swentor's tenure with the Pale Hose is hindered by the lingering effects of a broken leg he suffered a year earlier while playing football at Colgate. His stay is brief as he is returned to the Canadian team on September 20.

Born August William Swentor on November 21, 1899, in Seymour, Connecticut, to August and Ameila Swentor, young Swentor is a standout three-sport athlete at Williston Seminary in East Hampton, Massachusetts. After failing to get into Colgate in the fall of 1919, Swentor enrolls in the Goddard Academy.

Swentor eventually enters Colgate in September of 1921 and earns a starting role at fullback on the varsity football team as a freshman. Suffering a broken leg at the end of the season, he will play only that one season for Colgate. It is written that Swentor has an "educated toe" and punts the ball over 60 yards and drop kicks it over 45 yards.

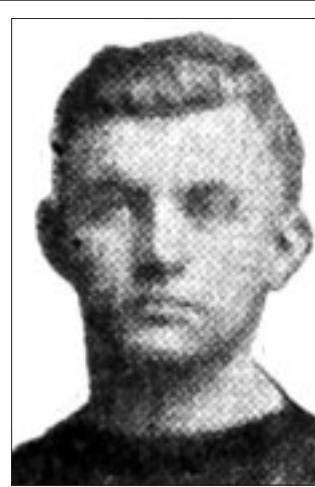
That summer he plays most of the year for the Fulton Woolen Company team in Fulton, New York, before leaving on August 30 to play for the Montreal Indians.

In 1923, Swentor is leading the Eastern Canada League in hitting with a .340 average when he jumps his contract in late June to play for the Lawrence Independents in the Boston Twilight League. One of Swentor's teammates with Lawrence that summer is the legendary Jim Thorpe.

In three minor league seasons, Swentor hits .318 with 35 doubles, 11 triples and 20 home runs.

Following his playing days, Swentor is a sales manager for a grocery store chain (1925-1936), a manager at Cone Company (1936-1938) and Silas Company (1939-1945), a district sales manager for several food chains (1945-1952) and later is a merchandising specialist (1952-1953).

Swentor passes away on November 10, 1969, in Waterbury, Connecticut, at the age of 69.



August Swentor
1921 Colgate University

September 12, 1922
Cleveland Indians vs. Chicago White Sox
Comiskey Park, Chicago, Illinois

Cleveland.		AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Jamieson, lf...	5	2	3	5	1	0	
Wambsganss, ss	5	1	2	1	3	1	
McNulty, cf...	3	0	1	1	0	0	
Gardner, 3b...	4	1	1	2	1	0	
Stephenson, 2b	4	2	3	3	2	0	
Wood, rf...	4	1	1	3	0	0	
McInnis, 1b...	5	0	2	5	0	0	
L. Sewell, c...	5	0	2	6	0	0	
Uhle, p.....	4	1	2	1	0	0	
Totals	39	8	17	27	7	1	
Chicago.		AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Hooper, rf....	4	0	1	0	0	0	
Johnson, ss...	4	1	2	1	3	0	
Collins, 2b....	5	0	1	3	6	0	
Sheely, 1b....	4	0	0	13	1	0	
Mostil, cf....	4	1	3	0	0	0	
Strunk, lf....	3	0	1	4	0	0	
McClellan, 3b...	4	0	1	2	5	0	
Yaryan, c.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Graham, c.....	2	0	0	2	0	0	
xxFalk	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Long, c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Duff, p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bowles, p.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	
xSwentor	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Blankenship, p.	2	0	0	1	1	0	
xxxMulligan ...	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	35	2	9	27	17	0	

x—Batted for Bowles in third.
 xx—Batted for Graham in eighth.
 xxx—Batted for H. Blankenship in ninth.
 By innings:
 Cleveland105 000 002—8
 Chicago000 110 000—2
 Summary: Two-base hits—Stephenson, 2; Wambsganss, Mostil, McClellan, Jamieson. Sacrifice hit—McNulty. Double plays—McClellan to Collins to Sheely; Johnson to Collins to Sheely; Jamieson to Gardner. Triple play—Collins to Johnson to Sheely to Yaryan. Left on base—Cleveland, 10; Chicago, 10. Base on balls—Off Uhle, 3; Bowles, 1; H. Blankenship, 4. Struck out—By Duff, 1; H. Blankenship, 1; Uhle, 5. Hits—Off Duff, 7 in 2 innings (none out in third); off Bowles, 2 in 1; off H. Blankenship, 8 in 6. Hit by Pitcher—By Uhle (Graham). Wild pitch—Uhle. Losing pitcher—Duff.

SWENTOR CHRONOLOGY

April 28, 1918

Swentor is behind the place for Williston Seminary as Burquist, Williston's starting pitcher, strikes out 22 and allows only one hit in a 1-0 loss to Suffield School.

January 15, 1916

Swentor is named captain of the Williston Seminary football team for the next fall.

August Swentor [2 of 2]:

August 30, 1921

Swentor leaves Fulton, New York, for Montreal, Canada, where he will play for the semipro Montreal Indians.

July 21, 1922

The Chicago White Sox exercise their option on Swentor, telling him to report immediately.

White Sox Exercise Option On Swentor

Ottawa, Ont., July 22.—The Chicago White Sox today exercised their option on Third Baseman Swentor of the Valley Field team of the Eastern Canada League, the management of the Valley Field club announced. Swentor is to report to the Sox immediately.

September 12, 1922

Making his major league debut with the White Sox, Swentor strikes out as a pinch hitter for Emmett Bowles in an 8-2 loss to the Cleveland Indians.

September 20, 1922

Swentor and Bowles are released by the White Sox ... in his only career major league game, Bowles allows three earned runs on two hits and a walk in one inning of relief back in that September 12 game.

September 3, 1923

Swentor is 0-for-6 but scores the winning run in the 13th inning as the Cornet Stars beat Salem 5-4 before 15,000 fans and scouts from several big league teams.

LAWRENCE DRUBS DILBOY, 10 TO 4

Thorpe and Swentor Hit Homers in First

July 4, 1924

Swentor and Jim Thorpe each hit first inning home runs as Lawrence beats visiting Dilboy 10-4.

July 18, 1924

Swentor is 2-for-4 with a home run and Jim Thorpe goes 1-for-3 with a pair of runs scored, but Lawrence drops a 9-4 decision to North Cambridge.

May 13, 1925

Swentor is 3-for-5 with a home run and two singles as Pittsfield downs the New Haven Profs 9-5 ... playing despite having a severe charley horse, New Haven manager Neal Ball allows the Hillies to insert a courtesy runner for Swentor on his two singles.

June 17, 1925

The Pittsfield Hillies have lost 24 of their last 30 games ... Swentor, who had a leg injury earlier, now has trouble with his arm.

June 21, 1925

Swentor is 5-for-5 with a double and two triples in his Boston Twilight League debut with the Salem Witches in a 11-3 win over Fitchburg.

November 10, 1969

One of two major leaguers born in Seymour, Connecticut (Joe Regan, 1898), and one of 15 major leaguers to have attended Colgate University, Swentor dies in Waterbury, Connecticut, 11 days shy of his 70th birthday.

August Swentor Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Lev	AB	HT	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1918	Williston Seminary	-	Prep	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1919	Williston Seminary	-	Prep	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1920	Goddard Seminary	-	Prep	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1921	Colgate University	-	College	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1921	Fulton Woolen Company	-	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1921	Montreal Indians	-	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1922	Valleyfield Cardinals	Eastern Canada	B	355	120	16	7	15	-	.338
1922	Chicago White Sox	AMERICAN	MLB	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1922	Madeline Mad Caps	Eastern Canada	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1923	Quebec Bulldogs	Eastern Canada	B	100	34	5	2	3	-	.340
1923	Lawrence Independents	Boston Twilight	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1923	Cornet Stars		SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1923	Woonsocket		SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1924	Lawrence Independents	Boston Twilight	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1925	2 Teams	2 Leagues	A/AA	200	54	14	2	2	-	.270
1925	Pittsfield Hillies	Eastern	A	100	27	9	0	1	-	.270
1925	Salem Witches	Boston Twilight	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1925	Newark/Providence	International	AA	100	27	5	2	1	15	.270
1926	Salem Witches	Boston Twilight	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1927	Fitchburg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
1927	Whitinsville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	..-
Major League Totals			1 year	1	0	0	0	0	-	.000
Minor League Totals			3 years	655	208	35	11	20	-	.318

ML Debut: September 12, 1922 at Comiskey Park, Chicago: Struck out as a pinch hitter for pitcher Emmett Bowles in the fourth inning in an 8-2 loss to the Cleveland Indians.