

On This Date **December 11, 1923**

Salt Lake City Bees' Paul Strand (right) is traded to the American League's Philadelphia Athletics for pitchers Hank Hulvey, Harry O'Neill, utility infielder Pinky Pittenger and \$32,500 in cash.

The 29-year-old outfielder who had previous major league trials with the Boston Braves in 1913, 1914 and 1915, is coming off a record-setting season. Playing for Salt Lake in the Pacific Coast (AA) League in 1923, Strand sets the PCL home run record in a single season with 43 and the organized baseball record for hits in a season with 325.

Strand hits .394 with 187 RBIs for the fifth-place Bees - both league bests. In addition to claiming the league's Triple Crown, the Carbonado, Washington, native also sets league records for total bases (546) and runs scored (180).

Despite all of the acclaim and expectations, Strand would not enjoy the same success with the Athletics in 1924. Holding out in pre-season for more money, Strand is late reporting to Philadelphia's spring training camp and struggles early on.

Strand is hitting only .228 with nine doubles and four triples in 47 games when on June 28, Connie Mack trades him and pitcher and pitcher Rollie Naylor (0-5, 6.34) to Toledo Mud Hens of the American Association for outfielder Bill Lamar who will hit .330 for the A's in 1924 and .356 in 1925.

