

# Pinch Hits: "Pickles Passes"

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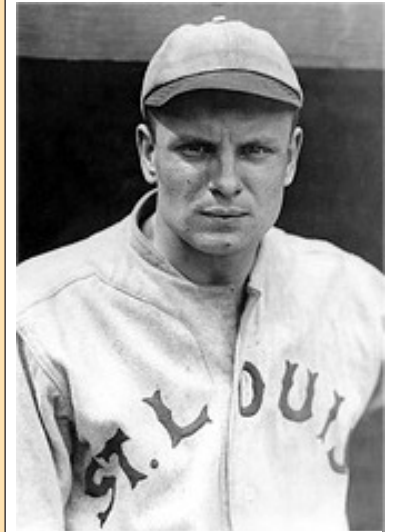
**St. Louis, Missouri** - Following a three week illness, St. Louis Cardinals' catcher William Martin "Pickles" Dillhoefer dies in a local hospital after contracting typhoid fever which leads to pneumonia and his unexpected death at the young age of 28 ... Dillhoefer's death comes only a few weeks after his wedding to Massie Slocum on January 14, in Mobile, Alabama.

The Cleveland, Ohio, native plays five seasons in the majors, hitting .223 in 247 career games with the Chicago Cubs (1917), Philadelphia Phillies (1918) and the St. Louis Cardinals (1920-1922).

In his major league debut on April 16, 1917, Dillhoefer goes 0-for-1 as a pinch hitter for Cubs pitcher Paul Carter in the bottom of the eighth inning of a 5-1 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

Following a lackluster rookie season in 1917 with the Cubs where he hits .126 with eight RBIs in 42 games as the team's third-string catcher, Dillhoefer and pitcher Mike Prendergast (along with \$55,000) and are traded to the Phillies for future Hall of Fame pitcher Grover Cleveland Alexander and catcher Bill Killefer on December 11, 1917.

### DILLHOEFER, OF CARDS, DIES AFTER OPERATION



Pickles Dillhoefer  
1921 St. Louis Cardinals

## Haywood Signs To Play With Dillonvale

**Dillonvale, Ohio** - The Dillonvale Indians of the fledging Ohio Valley League announce that star pitcher Joseph Haywood will return to the team's "lineup" for the upcoming season ... Indian followers have

spent most of the off-season fearful that the talented right-hander would sign with a team in the International League.

Fortunately for the Indian faithful, Haywood is "induced" to stay with the team when he is allowed to sell pickles during the week and pitch on the weekends ... with Haywood, "Peggy" Olszcki and "Little Pet" Gullap back in the fold, Dillonvale fans are hopeful that tiny Eastern Ohio village (population 450) will field one of the strongest clubs in the 10-team league.

League membership includes Ohio-based teams from Steubenville, Amsterdam, Dillonvale, Brilliant and Martins Ferry while Moundsville, Wheeling, Wellsburg, Follansbee and Weirton are from neighboring West Virginia.

Each team plays a 36-game weekend schedule and a salary limit of \$7.50 per game (per player) is approved at a league meeting in early February ... in addition, "big time" pitchers cannot be brought in for a single game and be paid \$50 to \$100 as has been done in past seasons.

In an effort to attract better players, the league petitions (unsuccessfully) the National Baseball Association to grant the league a charter and designate the rookie circuit as D-level league.

Dillonvale wins the league's first half championship and then defeats the Weirton Gladiators in the championship series three games to none.

**Won on Hitting**  
The Dillonvale Indians became the favorites in the Ohio Valley League Championship series defeating the Weirtons in the third of a five game series by a score of 7 to 3. The Indians outhit Weirton 2 to 1, the real feature of the game being the hitting of Catcher Watts Gulan who had five safeties out of as many times to bat.

Dillonvale got to Lefty Williams early and touched him up at will while the Gladiators were almost helpless against Left Price of the Indians. Dillonvale has now won two games and Weirton one.

Dillonvale						
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bero, 1b	5	0	0	4	0	1
Grimes, ss	5	2	2	2	1	1
Olzecki, rf	4	1	1	1	0	1
Zerla, lf	4	1	2	4	0	0
Kilday, 2b	4	1	2	4	0	0
Ceaser, c	5	0	1	0	1	0
Gulan, c	5	1	5	7	0	0
Gullus, cf	4	1	1	4	0	0
Price, p	4	0	0	0	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

Weirton						
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Reeder, 2b	4	0	1	1	2	1
Fodor, 1b	5	1	0	12	0	1
Rowe, lf-2b	4	0	1	1	1	0
McCrea, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Sandmire, 3b	4	0	1	0	3	0
Huzhen, ss	4	1	1	5	1	1
Reardon, rf	3	0	2	2	0	0
Williams, p	3	1	0	2	5	0
Steffen, lf	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Dillonvale</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>7</b>		
<b>Weirton</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>010</b>	<b>010</b>	<b>3</b>		