

Guide to the Records of
The Men's Baseball Team of
Mount Saint Mary's College & Seminary
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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Baseball first appeared at Mount Saint Mary's College around 1855. Baseball at this time was still in its formative years and was played mostly as a form of recreation at the Mount. As baseball became increasingly popular in the United States, professional teams were formed in 1869. In May of this same year, Mount students also formed their own intramural teams along the lines of class rank, with seminarians joining in on the competition. Throughout the late 1800s baseball's popularity grew along with its competitive nature. The Mount was playing organized baseball by the early 1880s, and by 1883 the college had its own baseball association.

The Mount baseball club was first known as the Mount Nine. This baseball club was not funded by the school, and the players had to pay for their own uniforms and schedule their own games. For instance, Albert V. Barrett of the 1910 Baseball Club was not only the coach of the team, but he was also the team's centerfielder. This was another way the early club teams worked independently to play the game that they loved. Their status changed in 1911, when the clubs became a team sport, and the college provided the team with a coach. The first was Professor Michael J. Thompson, whose only role on the team was that of a coach. As baseball grew more popular so did its players. In 1921 the legendary Babe Ruth, escorted by Monsignor Bradley, visited the Mount and put on a hitting display for the Mount and its students. The Mount also saw its share of great players and coaches such as Arthur "Reds" Malloy who played and later came back to coach at his alma mater. Mount baseball became a great tradition and was well respected throughout the area. This tradition was created and continued by many great coaches such as Eddie Hooper, Arthur Malloy, Jim Phelan, Coach Sullivan, and Thomas Ryan. Its enthusiastic and dedicated coaches and players helped baseball blossom at the Mount and grow into the successful program that it is today.

PROVENANCE

Six action photographs documenting Babe Ruth's visit in 1921 were donated to Mount Saint Mary's Archives by Catherine Kozak in 2001. Frank Lidinsky donated a photograph of the 1901 baseball team in 2001, and Daniel Dilley also gave a photograph of the 1905 baseball team to the archives that year. Bernie Jacobs donated the photograph of the c. 1948 baseball team, which had been given to him by Joe Karpinski. In 1981, Phil McGlade forwarded to the Archives several copies of the original Babe Ruth action photographs taken by Hubert Crehan in 1921, when he was a prep student at Mt. St. Mary's. Rev. Msgr. Patrick Hannon donated the official scorebook of the 1930 indoor baseball league upon the death of Rev. Roger L. McCann, who served as head of the league. The 2001 programs were transferred from the Office of Communications.

The provenance of the rest of the collection is unknown.

PROCESSING NOTE

Processing procedures consisted of discarding unnecessary duplicates, binders, and routine transmittals. Artifacts, photographs, and oversized documents were removed from the original location in their assigned series and housed separately. Separation sheets were inserted in the original location within the folder to indicate the new location of records placed elsewhere.

Records in folders were arranged, unless otherwise noted, in forward chronological order, with undated records appearing at the end of the folder.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The baseball records in this collection comprise 0.33 feet ranging in date from 1889 to 1987. These records include individual photographs of players, coaches, and managers; team photographs; scorebooks; schedules; programs; tickets; histories; and a series of photographs and articles recording the 1921 visit of Babe Ruth. The materials in this collection demonstrate the changes baseball has experienced over the years at Mount Saint Mary's College. The bulk of the records cover the early 1900s until the 1920s and form the backbone of this collection. The photographs are arranged in chronological order. There are many gaps in the record and in the information that has been collected for each team. Many individuals are not identified and the identifications that have been made do not indicate the source of the information. Many prep school photographs lack all identification.

For more information on baseball at Mt. St. Mary's, also consult the student journal *The Mountaineer*, 1893-1922, the student newspaper *The Mount Echo*, 1923 to the present, the yearbooks, and Frank Zarnowski, *A Century of Sports at the Mount: A Pictorial Review*, published in 1981.

The collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series I: Schedules
- Series II: Programs and Memorabilia
- Series III: Scorebooks
- Series IV: Histories
- Series V: Babe Ruth
- Series VI: Photographs.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Schedules, 1915-1937, 1986, 1989 (1 folder)

This series consists of the schedules of upcoming games for the Mount baseball team, which also list where the games were played and against whom. A few of the schedules also record the names of players, scores of the games, and brief backgrounds on the team. The schedules date from 1915 to 1937 but contain several gaps. This series also contains schedules from 1986 and 1989.

Series II: Programs and Memorabilia, 1921, 1979-1987 (2 folders)

This series contains the pre-season programs for the Mount baseball team. These programs list the players and provide brief background material for them, and contain as well schedules and brief backgrounds of the teams. Finally, two of the programs contain boosters and group advertisements that are placed at the end.

A 1921 booklet describes the 1921 junior and ex-junior baseball teams and their seasons, and includes statistics for each game played and the names and photographs of the football and basketball squads.

The series also contains a 1919 season's pass issued to Joseph M. Shorb and a 1922 game ticket.

Series III: Scorebooks, 1919-1930 (0.30 ft.)

This series consists of scorebooks for several seasons of prep and junior baseball from the years 1919 to 1930. The 1919/1920 scorebook records the contests between the juniors and the seniors. The series also contains a 1925 scorebook for the Flying Fishes and a 1930 indoor baseball league scrapbook.

Series IV: Histories, 1981, 1985, 1993-1994 (0.03 ft)

This series contains two works that provide historical background information on baseball at Mount Saint Mary's. *One Hundred Seasons: A Century of Baseball and Softball at Mount Saint Mary's College* was compiled by the class of 1993 and contains a general overview of baseball and softball at the Mount throughout the last century. This series also contains two brief histories of Mount baseball which were handed out at banquets, and a short fragment recounting the history of a team known as "The Flying Fish" by one of its former members.

This series is arranged in alphabetical order.

Series V: Babe Ruth, 1921, 1981, n.d. (1 folder)

This series contains an article and photographs recording the visit of Babe Ruth to Mount Saint Mary's College in 1921. Babe Ruth was welcomed by Monsignor Bradley, and they were photographed together. The series also contains an article from *The Mountaineer* describing the visit, which provides insight into Ruth's reputation and personality. The photographs were taken

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by students and include several action shots. The photographs were moved to Record Group 17, Photographs.

Series VI: Photographs, 1889-1987 (1 folder)

This series contains group photographs of the Mount Saint Mary's baseball teams; individual photographs of players, coaches, and managers; and several action shots of players competing during both league and intramural games. Several of the photographs are identified, but do not indicate the source of the information. This series also contains photographs of the Mount Saint Mary's Prep School teams, but they are largely unidentified. The photographs are arranged in chronological order, and there are many gaps, particularly between the years 1940 and 1979.

The photographs were removed to Record Group 17, Photographs.

An attempt was made to identify as many of the photographs as possible in preparation for a digitization project. College catalogs and yearbooks were consulted, as were *The Mountaineer* and *The Mountain Echo*.

BOX INVENTORY

Box 1

Series I: Schedules

Schedules, 1915-1937, 1986, 1989

Series II: Programs and Memorabilia

Programs, 1979-2001

Tickets and Passes, 1919, 1922

Series III: Scorebooks

Preps, 1919, Juniors vs. Seniors, 1920, 1919-1920

Juniors, 1919-1920

Juniors, Preps, 1922

Preps, 1922

Preps, 1923

Flying Fish, 1925

Indoor Baseball League, 1930

Series IV: Histories

Articles, 1981, c. 1985, 1993-1994

Flying Fish Account, n.d.

One Hundred Seasons: A Century of Baseball and Softball at Mount Saint Mary's College
compiled by the class of 1993, 1993

Series V: Babe Ruth

Babe Ruth, 1921, 1981, n.d.

Series VI: Photographs

Baseball, Men's: Babe Ruth – 1920, n.d.

Unidentified (may be Burns & Callahan, C 1870's) Process: Matt Collodion POP W/Gold & Platinum Toning, 1894-1920 – n.d.

Baseball Team 1985 – Process: Gelatin or Collodion

Unidentified (May be prep school team c. 1895 – 1905) – Process: Gelatin or Collodion POP –

Unidentified (c. 1986 – 1906 not 1898,1900) – Process: Gelatin or Collodion POP

Baseball Team Acc 2001-56 – 1905

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Baseball Team 1905-1906

Varsity Baseball Team 1906-1907 – Process: Cyanotype (Members not identified) – 1906-1907

Mt. St. Mary's Baseball – 1908

Baseball Team 1908-1909 – Process: Albumen Print

Baseball Team 1910-1911

Baseball Team (c. 1912)

Baseball Team (c. 1912-1913)

Varsity Baseball Team (1913-1914)

Baseball Team – none identified (c. 1915-1920)

Baseball Team 1916-1917

Baseball Team c. 1917

1917 – 1926 Mount Baseball Photos

Baseball Team 1920

Varsity Baseball Team 1921

Baseball Team c. 1921 – 1922

Baseball Team, 1923 – 1923

Baseball Team 1924

Baseball Team 1926

Baseball Team 1930's

Baseball Team 1934

Baseball Team 1948 – c. 1948

Baseball Team 1949

Baseball on Echo Field, C. 1950's

Baseball Team 1957

Baseball Team 1960's

Baseball Team 1967

Baseball Team 1971

1975 Baseball Team

Baseball Team, c. 1980's

Mount Saint Mary's Baseball Team 1980

Baseball Team, 1981

Baseball Team, 1982

Baseball Team, 1984

Baseball Team, 1985

Mount Baseball Team, n.d. – n.d.