



Before They Wore Wings

A STUDY OF ROCHESTER BASEBALL UNIFORMS BEFORE 1928

PART ONE 1850S-1916

The following pages document early baseball uniforms from Rochester, NY. This study begins with the city's amateur and professional teams of the nineteenth century and ends in 1927, the last year before the professional team became the Rochester Red Wings.

The main resource for this study is black-and-white newspaper photography. Therefore, most uniform renderings are shown in grayscale, with color information still to be discovered. The photographs used to determine each uniform style are included in these pages. When a player in a photo is known, the years that player was with Rochester are also noted, i.e., Ganzel (09-15).

Research and uniform drawings by Craig Brown.

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1858-1860

Live Oak, amateur club



Front row: Edward Loder, Richard Barker. Middle: James Backus, R. Heintz, Israel Putnam, Harry Hartman, Daly (Dailey). Back: Cyrus Beardsley, Henry Whittlesey, George Putnam.

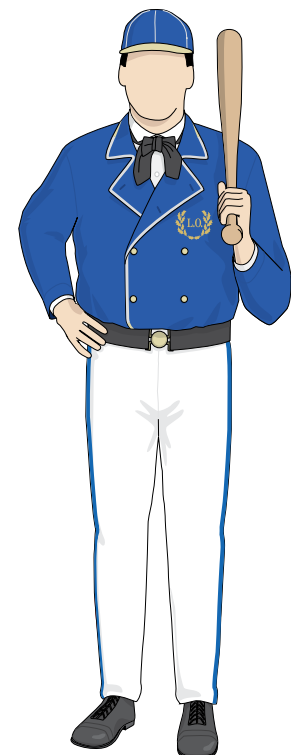


This rendering of James Backus, Live Oak manager and player, is one of the earliest known color lithographs of an American baseball player, dated 1860.

1859 team. The Live Oak Base Ball Club, an early amateur team in Rochester, was first organized in 1858. A drawing of the team, shown above, was printed in the Rochester Post-Express 44 years later on May 1, 1902. It is unknown if this drawing was made circa 1858 or for the 1902 article. However, it is very clear the drawing was created from a recently discovered photograph of the team, see inset upper right. This photo was reprinted in the Rochester Herald on May 3, 1923 along with a story commemorating Rochester's baseball history. Today, no original copies of this photo are known to exist.

A contemporary description of the Live Oak uniform is as follows: "The coat, or rather shirt it may be called as the pants cover a portion of it, is of Marie Louise blue flannel, trimmed in white silk and neatly embroidered sprigs of oaks encircling the letters L.O. on the left breast." Pants were white flannel with blue stripe on each side, and they wore jockey-style caps of white flannel corded with blue, and front trimming of same color.

(Live Oak references supplied by Priscilla Astifan and Tony Brancato. Some of the uniform information comes from the Rochester Democrat & American, July 2, 1858, pg 3, col 4).



1858-1860

EARLY NEWSPAPER DESCRIPTIONS

The following are baseball uniform descriptions as reported in 19th-century Rochester newspapers. These words describe uniforms where, to date, no visual documentation has been discovered.

1858: Flour City B.B.C.

"White flannel shirt trimmed with blue braid and pearl buttons, blue pantaloons with white stripe down the outside seam and fancy trimmings of pearl buttons from ankle to knee." (Priscilla Astifan, *Base Ball Pioneers*, published 2012, referencing Rochester Democrat & American, May 29, 1858, pg 3, col 3 and Rochester Union & Advertiser, June 19, 1858, pg 3, col 4))

1858: Olympic B.B.C.

"Cashmere checked pants with stripe, checked caps." (Rochester Union & Advertiser, July 14, 1858, pg 4, col 2)

1859: Lone Star B.B.C.

"White flannel shirt and pants trimmed with blue, blue and white jockey cap." Rochester Union & Advertiser, July 28, 1859, pg 2, col 2)

Lone Star Flag: white blue border, red inner border and large red star." (Rochester Union & Advertiser, April 23, 1901, pg 5, col 1)

1870: Flour City B.B.C.

"White cap, white shirt trimmed in red, with "F. C." monogrammed on chest, white pants, red socks."

1888: Rochester, International Association

"The Rochester team did honor the day by appearing in their new uniform of light and dark brown stripes with white breeches." (Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, July 5, 1888, pg 7, col 1)

1892: Rochester, Eastern League

"The Rochester boys will have two sets of uniforms. At home they will wear white uniforms with brown trimmings, and abroad they will don suits of brown with red trimmings." (Rochester Union & Advertiser, April 14, 1892, pg 6, col 2)

1896: Rochester Brownies, Eastern League

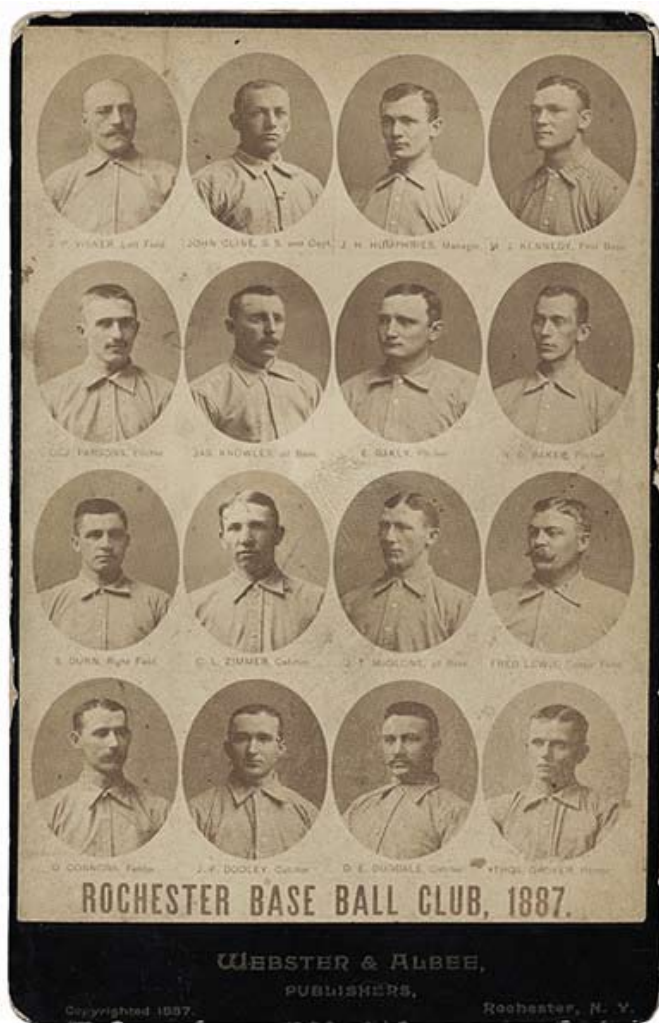
"The home uniform will consist of white shirt with black letters, black cap and black stockings. The travelling uniform will be all black." (Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, April 2, 1896, pg 15, col 1)

1898: Rochester Jingoos, Eastern League

"Players wore eagle screaming hosiery. A sash of red, white and blue circumnavigated their portly middles. The effect in hues reminded one of a cross between a faro layout and a pousse cafe." (William McCarthy, *Rochester Diamond Echoes*, 1949) Note: Both faro and pousse reference a colorful striped effect.

1887

Rochester, International Association



Top row: J. Visner, J. Cline,
J. Humphries, M. Kennedy

Second row: C. Parsons,
J. Knowles, Bakly?, N. Baker

Third row: S. Dunn,
C. Zimmer, J. McGlone,
F. Lewis

Fourth row: D. Connors,
J. Dooley, D. Dugdale, Grover?

1887 team. Based on this post card, the 1887 uniform was very generic. This was the trend for uniforms during the late 1880s when designs became restrained and dignified. The jersey was plain without embellishment and had a row of buttons down the front. It was most likely a pull-over jersey. Sixteen players were included on this post card, demonstrating how baseball teams were expanding their rosters during this period.

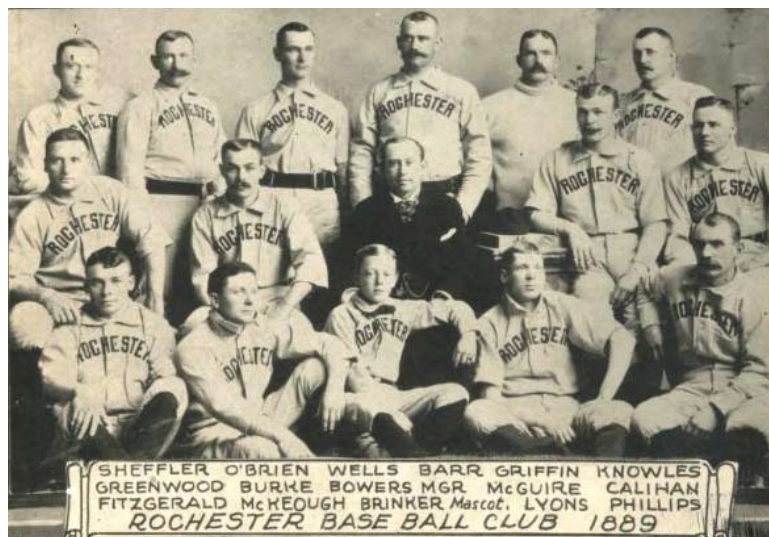
At least one player from this team, Knowles (second row, second from left), was also a member of the 1889/1890 team.



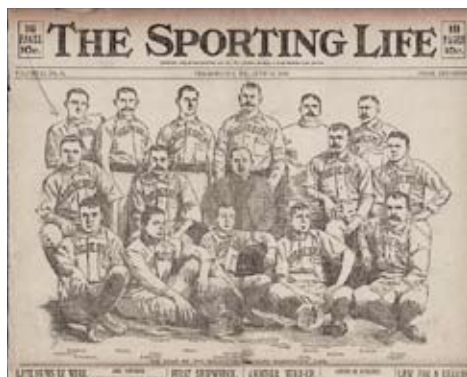
1887 (hat, pocket and
socks undocumented)

1890

Rochester, American Association



1890 team. The uniform shown in this photo was a pull-over jersey with four buttons and a fold-down collar. The city name was displayed in arched, block-lettering positioned high across the chest and, possibly, above a left breast pocket. This photo, labeled above as 1889, was used as a reference for The Sporting Life cover illustration printed June 14, 1890 (see below) during Rochester's one-year stay in the major league American Association. Based on players shown, it is more likely the above photo was made in early 1890, between March and June of that year, and not in 1889. The March 26, 1890 issue of The Sporting Life reported on the Rochester uniform for the upcoming season, stating the team was to wear "pearl gray shirts and pants, with black stockings, belts and caps. The name of the club across the breast in black." (Info supplied by Tim Hannan, RBHS member).

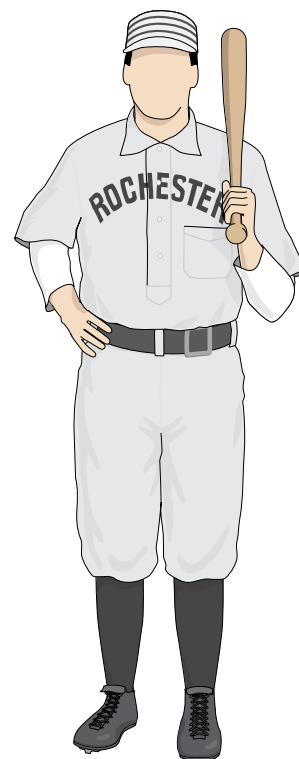


In this rendering, a jersey pocket and pill-box cap are clearly shown. The pill-box shaped hat with horizontal striping was called a "Chicago"-style cap by manufacturers, named after the Chicago NL team that first wore this style circa 1876. This cap style remained common through the 1890s and was last worn by a ML team in 1903.



Patrick T. Powers.

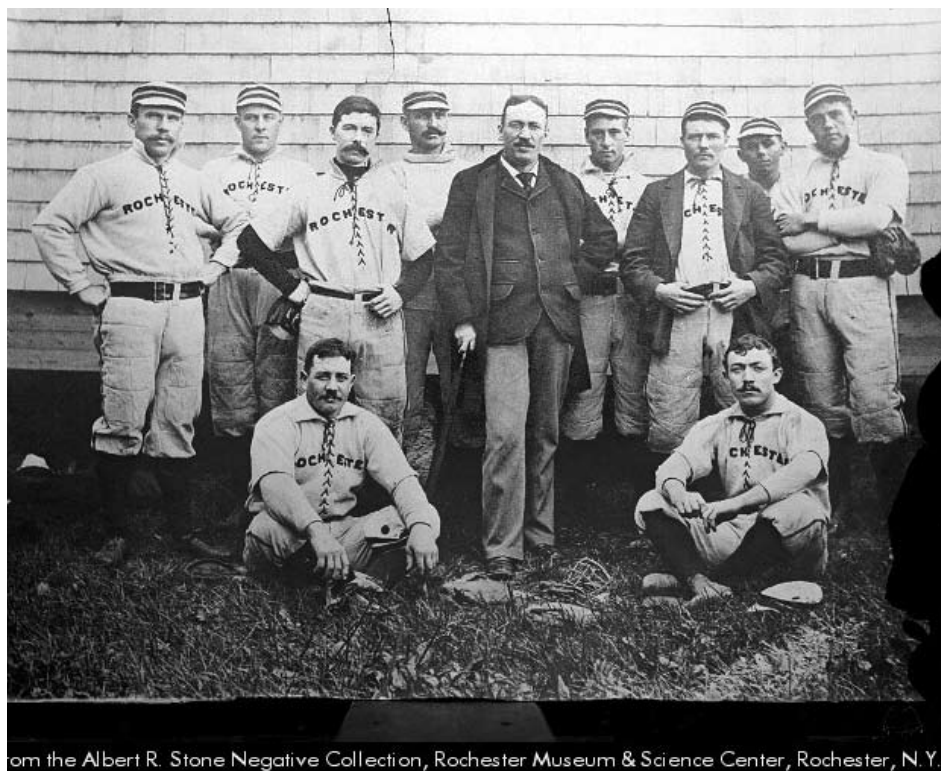
Powers, shown above (about 1892) and at right (later in life), managed the team for part of 1889 and all of 1890. He is in the center of the photo at left (labeled incorrectly as Bowers). Powers went on to manage the New York Giants (NL) in 1892 and later became president of the Eastern League, as well as, the first president of the NAPBL, the overarching organization controlling minor league baseball.



1890

1894

Rochester, amateur club



1894 amateur team. Standing from left: George Weidman, Andy Weidman, John Moore, Paul Cook (captain), William Burke (manager and player), Frank White, Will Calihan (played on 1889 team), "Young" Cook and Jimmy McQuade. Sitting: Joseph Bourbeau and Billy Heberling.

This copystand image was made from an existing print by Albert R. Stone, most likely for a retrospective article about the "Rochesters", a champion amateur team from 1894. The retrospective article and above photo ran in the Rochester D&C, October 27, 1912. Several framed originals of this photo are known to exist today.

The Rochesters were formed in early 1894 and though an amateur team, many members were former professional players who had ties with Rochester. The above photo was most likely taken October 6, 1894 after the Rochesters defeated another top local amateur team and rival, the Hudsons, at Genesee Valley Park and proclaimed themselves as city champions. As the city of Rochester was without a professional team during the years of 1893 and 1894, the Rochesters garnered much of the attention from local press and baseball fans alike, and were considered one of the most successful local teams of the period.

The lace-tie front and padded pants were common for a uniform from this era. Lace ties first appeared on uniforms as early as 1879. Padded baseball pants first appear in photos of baseball players around 1886 and remained in use until about 1900.



1894

1898 ROAD

Rochester Jingoos, Eastern League



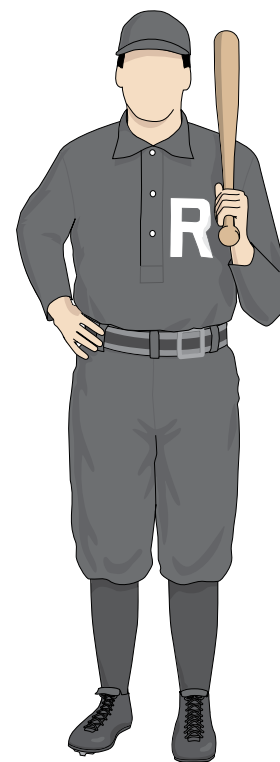
1898 team. Though the year of this photo is undated, it can be identified as 1898 by Morse (98-00), the player seated in the middle row, far right. Morse can also be identified in the two 1899 teams photos on the following pages. It is likely these dark uniforms were worn on the road. It is possible the uniform was similar in color to the Cincinnati NL road uniforms from the turn of the century, see below.



Research and drawing by Marc Okkonen.



This detail shows the unique striped belt worn by the team. McCarthy's "Rochester Diamond Echoes" (1949) described that the 1898 team wore a "sash of red, white and blue." It is unknown if this was the belt described in his book. McCarthy also wrote that the players wore "eagle screaming hosiery." It is possible the home socks for 1898 were multi-colored, again possibly red, white and blue. However, the 1898 road socks seem to be of a single color.



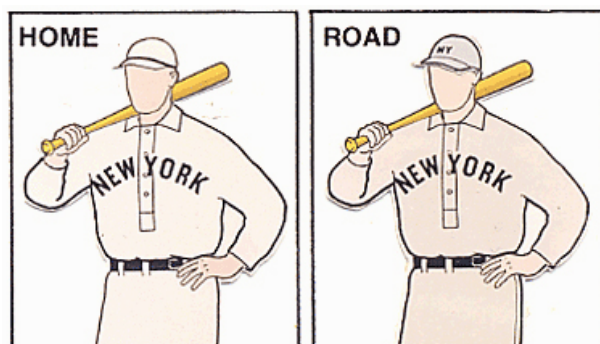
1898 road
(hat undocumented)

1899 PHOTO A

Rochester Bronchos, Eastern League



1899 team, photo A. Photo dated May 1899 and players listed above confirm this was the 1899 team. The city name in large, block-lettering arched across the jersey front identifies this turn-of-the-century uniform. One player, Burke (99), back row second from right, was wearing a plain jersey with a breast pocket. Burke played for Minneapolis and Milwaukee in 1898 and this could be a uniform from one of these teams. He was wearing a Rochester jersey in photo B, see next page.



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The Rochester uniform for 1899 was similar to many ML teams during this time. See similarities to the New York NL home and road uniforms from 1900 at left.



1899 A
(hat undocumented)

1899 PHOTO B

Rochester Bronchos, Eastern League



Front Row, from left—Barclay, Smink, Becker, Lush
Middle Row—Campau, Smith (Capt.), Buckenburger (Mgr.), Bean, Morse
Back Row—Householder, Bowen, O'Hagan, Conn, Burke.
—Mrs. J. W. Heil, Fairport, N. Y.

1899 team, photo B. Though many of the same players from 1899 were also on the 1900 team (see notes below), it appears this photo was taken after several roster changes were made during the 1899 season, and not of the 1900 team. The studio backdrops in photos A and B seem to be the same, which may also indicate the images were taken in the same year. In photo B, players Smith (99-05) and Morse (98-00), both in the second row, seem to be wearing a jersey where the city name was dark in tone and similar to that of photo A. The remaining jerseys in photo B seem to feature the city name in a lighter tone or color. Was one the 1899 home and one the 1899 road jersey? More research is needed.

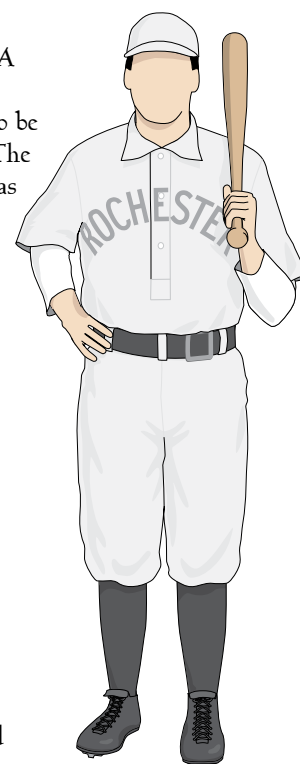
Player	Yrs in Roch	Photo A or B	Notes
Barclay	99-01, 05, 06	A and B	
Bean	98-01	B	00 on 2 teams
Becker	97, 99, 02-04	A and B	
Bowen	99-02	B	
Burke	99	A	
Campau	99, 00	A and B	
Cavell	99	A	
Conn	99, 01	A	
Coogan	99, 02	A	99 on 3 teams
Householder	99, 00	B	
Kelb	99	A	stats missing 99-02
Lush	95, 99-01	B	99 on 4 teams
McHale	98, 99	A	
Morse	98-00	A and B	
O'Hagan	98-02	A and B	
Smink	99, 00	A and B	
Smith	99-05	A and B	

Summary of the 17 players in the 2 photos:

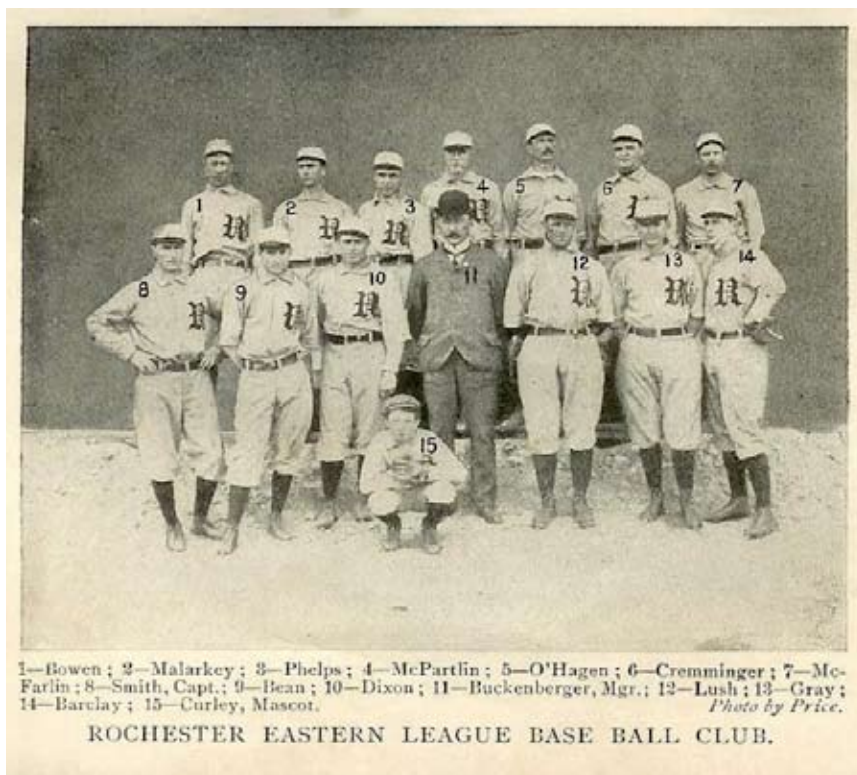
7 players appeared in both photo A and B, 6 of those played in both the 99 and 00 seasons, the 7th only played in 99

6 players appeared in photo A only, all 6 played in 99, but not 00

4 players appeared in photo B only, all 4 played in both 99 and 00



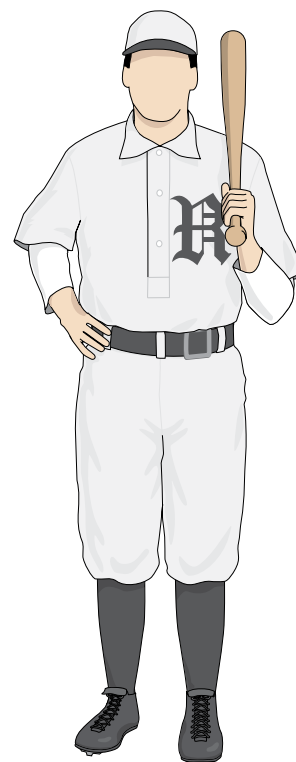
1899 B
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1901 team. The players identified in this photo confirm it as the 1901 team. The jersey displayed a large old-English style "R" on the left breast. The hat was white with a dark brim.

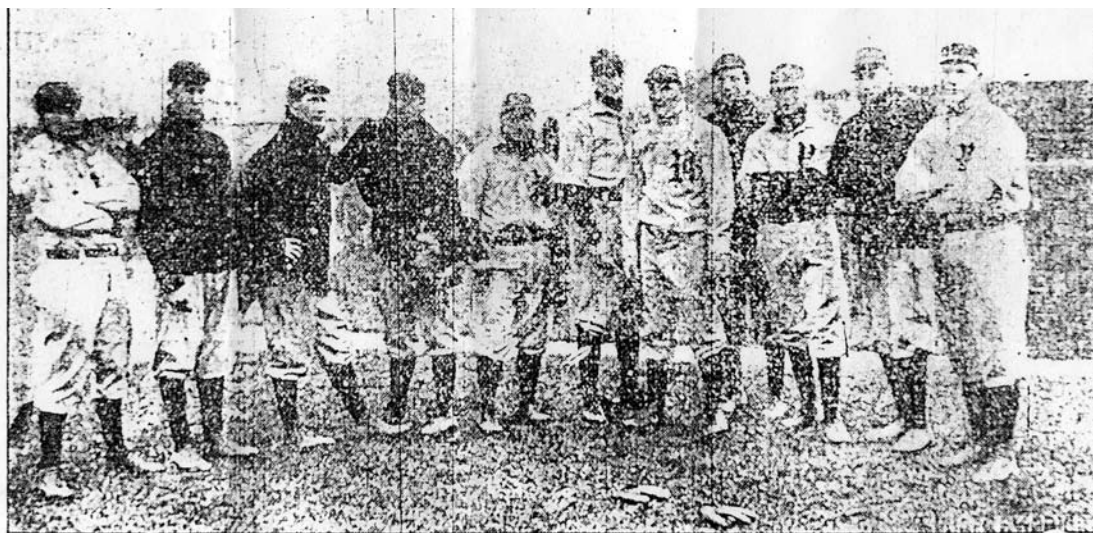


Many early amateur teams decorated their uniform with an old-English capital letter. Most notable was the Athletic Base Ball Club of Philadelphia, which wore an old-English "A" on their uniform off and on throughout the late 19th century. Baseball's first professional team, the 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings, also made this style popular, see engraving at left. By the late 1870s, the trend had lost momentum and it was not until circa 1892 when Philadelphia (NL) again used an old-English capital. Baltimore (NL) used the style in the mid-1890s and the Boston (NL) team was one of the few teams to use this style consistently in the late 1890s, see photo at bottom left. Only one ML team, Brooklyn (NL), was wearing an old-English letter in 1901. The minor-league Detroit team wore an old-English "D" as early as 1896 and, as an AL team, they adopted the style for good in 1904.



1902

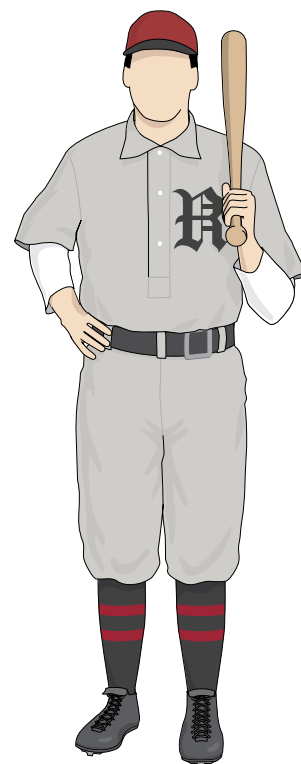
Rochester Bronchos, Eastern League



Grey Bowen Horton Phelps Blake Henderson Francis Dillon Becker Johnson Henry

1902 players. From left, Grey (01, 02), Bowen (99-02), Horton (98, 02), Phelps (00-02), Blake (02, 03), Henderson (possibly 03, not 02), Francis (01, 02), Dillon (02), Becker (97, 99, 02-04), Johnson, Henry (97, 02). Published in the D&C, May 4, 1902. It is possible this was taken at Culver Field before the home opener (research needed). Players seem to be wearing a uniform similar to the 1901 style, though the quality of the image makes it hard to discern. Players seem to be wearing a dark cap, and not the white cap from 1901.

Rochesterian Bill Flynn found the following uniform description in the Democrat & Chronicle, recorded at the start of the 1902 season: gray uniforms with red and black stockings, red caps with a black button and an Old English "R" in black on left breast. Based on this description, the rendering at right was completed.



1902 (colors based on newspaper description)

THE WEASNER PORTRAITS, c.1903-c.1913

As early as 1903, Harvey Calvin Weasner (1868-1930s) of H. C. Weasner Photography in Buffalo began taking studio portraits of Eastern League players, most likely when teams came to Buffalo to play the Bisons. Therefore, it could be assumed many teams visiting Buffalo wore their road uniforms for these photographs. Weasner's pictures were combined into collages and reproduced as post cards, "cabinet" photos (enlargements) and in sports publications. The studio photographed players as late as 1913. By 1920, Weasner had turned to the music publishing business.



1903 Buffalo team. In this collage, all 16 Buffalo players were wearing their home uniform: a dark collared jersey featuring an old-English "B" on the left breast. These early Weasner collages provide invaluable information when documenting team uniforms.



1905 Eastern League teams. This 1905 collage shows that Weasner had photographed all 8 teams (from top left: Baltimore, Buffalo, Jersey City, Montreal, Newark, Providence, Rochester and Toronto). Most teams are wearing their road uniforms and some players are wearing jerseys of different teams, the result of recent player trades or purchases. Rochester players are in the second to last row, see detail below. Similar to the Buffalo uniform of 1903 and 1905, the Rochester uniform featured an old-English "B" on the left breast. Unlike Buffalo, the Rochester jersey collar was white.

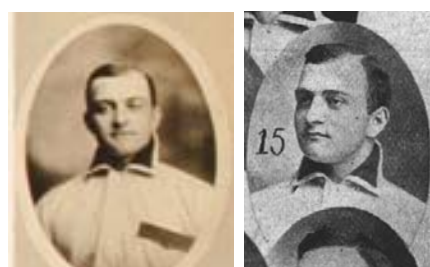
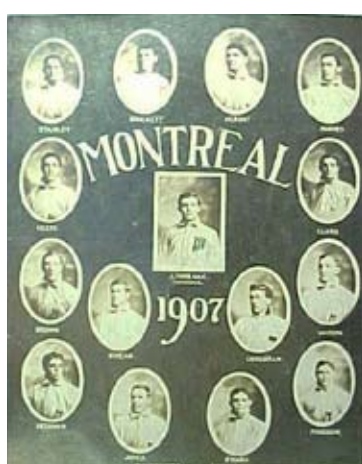
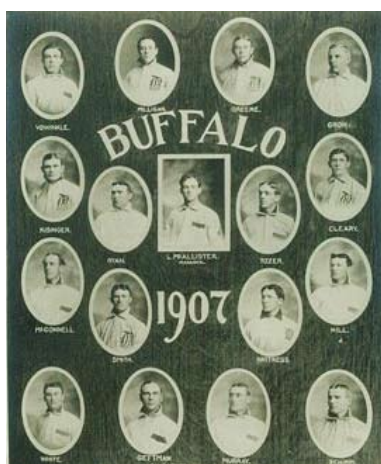


See 1905 page for more on these Rochester players.

THE WEASNER PORTRAITS, continued

It is possible that Weasner became frustrated at trying to keep his photo library up to date. Player trades and changing uniforms potentially made his collages less desirable and harder to sell. To solve this problem, it seems Weasner began photographing players wearing a common jersey supplied by the studio.

Dark-collared jersey with trim on breast pocket. This uniform appeared in several team portraits in 1907, see Buffalo and Montreal below. This same uniform appeared in Rochester collages between 1909 and 1912.



Simmons (09-11, 13). Two detail views from Rochester collages, left from 1909 and right from 1911. This same jersey appears in the 1907 Buffalo and Montreal examples at left.



Two examples from 1912 where the team's city name has been added to the same dark-collared jersey.



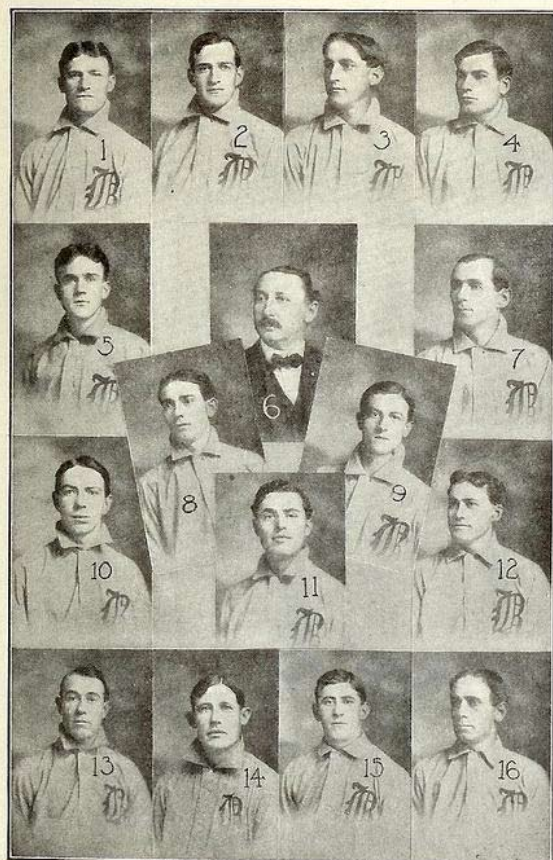
Holmes (09-11). Above are the same photo of a Rochester player. Left was printed in 1909 and right was from 1911. Note the city name has been added to the 1911 image.



Dark cadet-style collared jersey. In 1913, a new uniform with a dark "cadet"-style collar was used in the Weasner portraits. Here is a 1913 Weasner portrait of Rochester player Simmons (09-11, 13).

1905 WEASNER

Rochester Bronchos, Eastern League



1. Smith; 2. Yancey; 3. Schultz; 4. Bunell; 5. McConnell; 6. Buckenberger, Mgt.; 7. Barclay; 8. Walters; 9. Manning; 10. Payne; 11. Houser; 12. O'Brien; 13. Faulkner; 14. Clancy; 15. Cleary; 16. Steelman.

ROCHESTER BASE BALL TEAM—EASTERN LEAGUE.
Photos by Weasner, Buffalo.

1905 team. 15 Rochester players were shown in this 1905 collage, utilizing the same Weasner photos from the large compilation of all Eastern League teams. The uniform featured an old English-style letter "B" on the left breast. The "B" represented the team nickname, either "Bronchos" or possibly "Beau Brummels", or even for the manager "Buckenberger." 4 of the 16 players shown only played for Rochester in 1905, confirming the old-English "B" was worn this year. The collage probably shows the team's road uniforms. It may be the home and road were similar. More research is needed.

15 players, all wearing the old-English "B" uniform:

Barclay (99, 01, 05, 06)	Burrell (05, 06)
Cleary (04-06)	Clancy (05-08)
Faulkner (04-06)	Houser (05)
Manning (05)	McConnell (05)
O'Brien (05, 06)	Payne (05)
Schultz (04-06)	Smith (99-01, 03-05)
Steelman (03, 05, 06)	Walters (04-06)
Yancey (05, 06)	

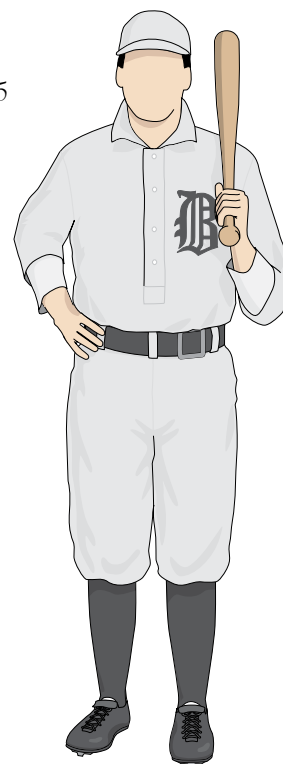
Clancy (05-08) was pictured in the large 1905 Eastern League compilation wearing a Montreal uniform. At left, he was wearing a Rochester uniform

Note: Fertsch (03-05), wearing the old-English "B" uniform in the 1905 Eastern League collage, was not included in the collage at left. In 1905, he split time between the Rochester and Newark clubs.



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From the turn of the century until 1908, the Brooklyn NL team wore a home uniform very similar to the Rochester 1905 uniform, see rendering left.



1905 road (hat and socks undocumented)

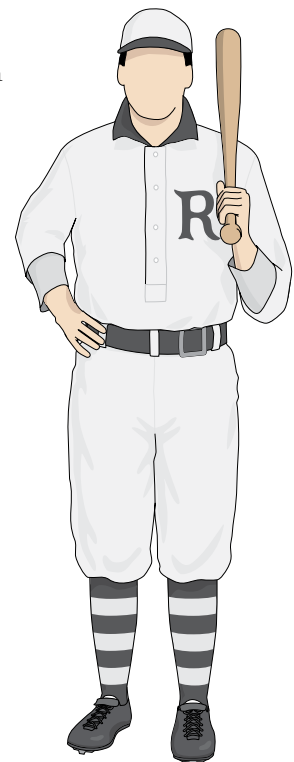
1906 HOME

Rochester Bronchos, Eastern League



1906 McLean (05-07), left, O'Brien (05, 06), center, and Barrett (06).

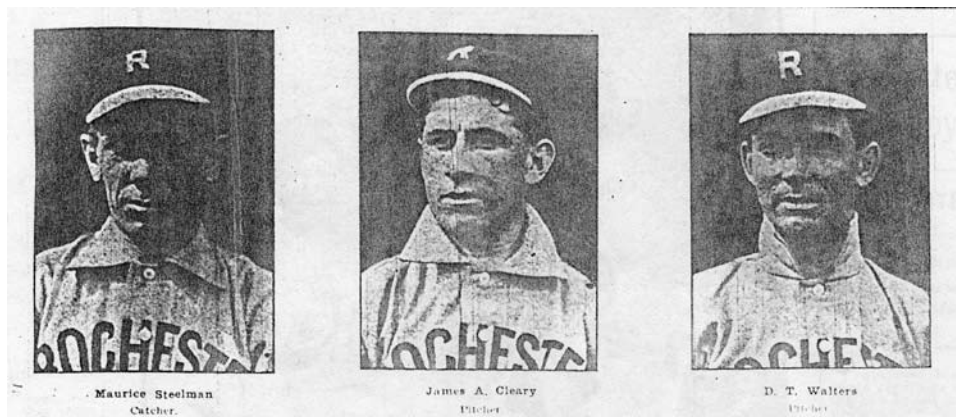
1906 was the first year the Rochester Herald (RH) began running photo essays in their Sunday issue. Many of the photos depicted local events from the previous week, including Bronchos baseball games at Culver Field. The above photos were published in the RH on May 27 (left), July 6 (center) and August 12 (right). They show the home uniform with a dark collar and a stylized "R" on the left breast, a white hat with dark brim, and striped socks. Photo of McLean, left, seems to depict a different style "R" and it is possible two different uniforms were used at home during this year.



1906 home

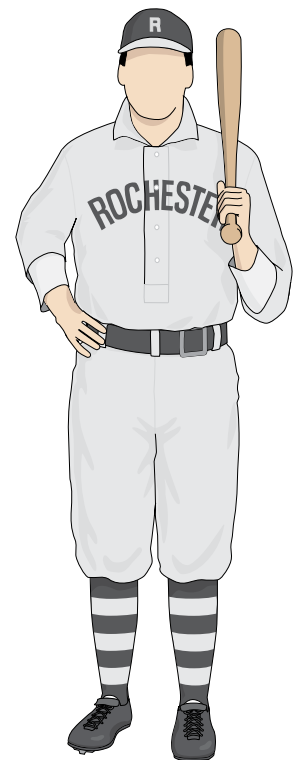
1906 ROAD

Rochester Bronchos, Eastern League



1906 Steelman (03, 05-06), left, Cleary (04-06), center, and Walters (04-07).

Printed in the RH May 13, 1906. Photo shows the road uniform with dark hat and light brim, and city name in arched block lettering across the jersey. The 1906 road lettering can be distinguished by how the "h-c" in "Rochester" was positioned on the button placket, causing the rest of the city name to be off-centered across the jersey.



1906 road

1906 WEASNER

Rochester Bronchos, Eastern League



1906 team. The Weasner postcard, top left, shows 10 of the 17 players wearing a jersey with the city name in arched block letters. Eight of these 10 players were new to the team in 1906, confirming this jersey was worn this year. 3 players wore an old-English letter "B" on their jersey. These three photos were previously used in the 1905 collage. 4 of the players shown in the 1906 collage wear uniforms from other teams.

The Weasner collage at lower left shows the same 17 players in a slightly better scan.

10 uniforms with arched city name:

Barrett (06)
Burrell (05, 06), 05 Roch pic not used
Carisch (06)
Case (06)
Doran (06, 07)
Henley (06-08)
Lennox (06-08)
Loudenslager (06-08)
McLean (05-07), 05 Roch pic not used
Moran (06, 07)

3 uniforms with old-English "B":

Cleary (04-06), 05 picture used
Steelman (03, 05-06), 05 picture used
Walters (04-07), 05 picture used

4 uniforms from other teams:

Bannon (06, 07), 05 Montreal pic used
Clancy (05-08), 04 Montreal pic used
Grubb (06), 06 Baltimore pic used
Malay (06, 07), 06 Newark pic used



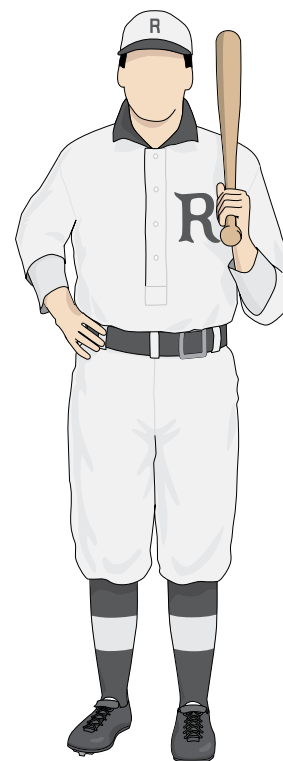


LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF ROCHESTER EASTERN LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM.

1907 team. Published in the RH May 5, 1907 and possibly taken at Culver Field. This team photo shows players wearing a jersey with a dark collar (and white on the under side), a thick serif "R" on the left breast and dark socks with a light band. The cap was white with a dark brim and a block "R" centered on the crown.



Detail view of serif "R" on jersey.



1907 home

1907 WEASNER

Rochester Bronchos, Eastern League



4 uniforms with square-serif "R":
Bannister (07, 08)
Flanagan (06-09), not in 06 collage
Hayden (02, 07)
Higgins (07)

6 uniforms with arched city name:
Doran (06, 07), 06 picture used
Henley (06-08), 06 picture used
Lennox (06-08), 06 picture used
Loudenslager (06-08), 06 picture used
McClean (05-07), 06 picture used
Moran (06, 07), 06 picture used

1 uniform with old-English "B":
Walters (04-07), 05 picture used

1 uniform that's hard to distinguish:
Sundheim (07)

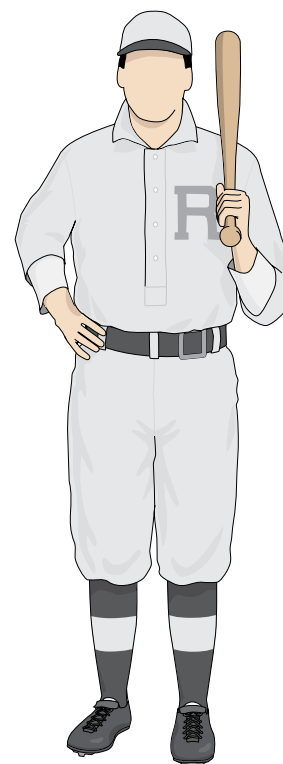
5 uniforms from other teams:
Bannon (06, 07), Montreal (05, 06) picture used
Barger (07-09), Montreal (06, 07) picture used
Clancy (05-08), Montreal (04) picture used
Malay (06, 07), Newark (06) picture used
Pappalau (07), Montreal (03-06) picture used



1, Lenox; 2, McLean; 3, Henley; 4, Flanagan; 5, Hayden; 6, Clancy; 7, Barger; 8, Walter; 9, Doran; 10, Pappalau; 11, Sundheim; 12, Higgins; 13, Loudenslager; 14, Malay; 15, Bannon; 16, Bannister; 17, Moran; 18, A. C. Buckenberger, Mgr.

ROCHESTER TEAM—EASTERN LEAGUE.

1907 team. These two Weasner collages from 1907 display four players wearing jerseys with a square-serif "R" on the left breast, see Higgins (07) lower left in collage above. Three of these four players were new to the team in 1907. The other, Flanagan (06-09), played only 10 games for Rochester in 1906. This confirms the square-serif "R" jersey was worn in 1907. This jersey was most likely the road uniform.



1907 road (hat and socks undocumented)

1908 HOME

Rochester Bronchos, Eastern League



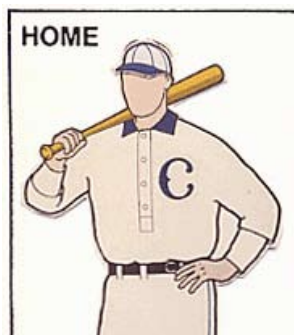
1908 team. Names on this photo at left confirm this as the 1908 team. Many of the players had their dark collars turned up, revealing the white underside. This turned-up collar style would go out of fashion by about 1910.

The lettering style of the "R" on the left breast of this jersey distinguish it from the 1907 uniform. The 1908 "R" was described by uniform manufacturers during this time as a "fancy-style" letter, featuring pointed accents on the rounds and serifs as decoration. This lettering style was influenced by the contemporary "arts & crafts" movement.

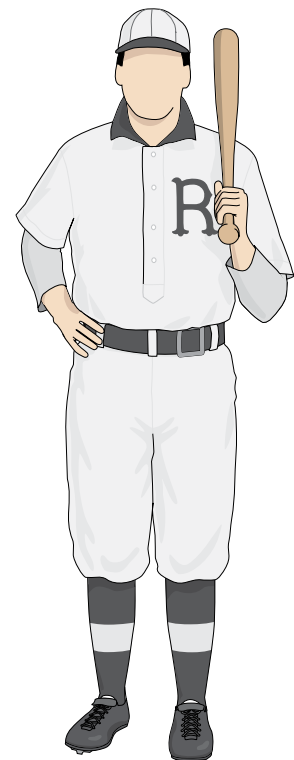


Detail view of "R"

The 1908 Rochester uniform was very similar to the Chicago AL uniform of the same time period, see example below. The "fancy-style" lettering style was first used by Chicago in 1904 and has been used by many teams through the years, often when teams are wanting to return to an old-fashioned look. The Rochester uniform revisited this lettering style in 1921 and again in 1997. The Boston Red Sox uniform, best known for this same type of lettering (albeit a thicker version), did not adopt this style until 1933.



Research and drawing by Marc Okkonen.



1908 home

1908 WEASNER

Rochester Bronchos, Eastern League



1908 team. This Weasner collage showed 8 of the 16 Rochester players wearing nondescript jerseys, with no graphics or trimming whatsoever. All 8 players were new to the team in 1908. Was this the Rochester road uniform? More research is needed.

8 with nondescript jersey:

Anderson (08-10)	Batch (08-12)
Duggleby (08)	Erwin (08, 09)
Holly (08-10)	Snyder (08, 09)
McAvey (08)	Minnchan (08)

2 with square-serif "R":

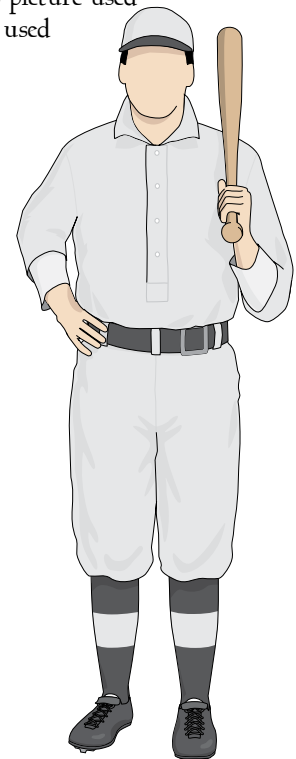
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Flanagan (06-09), 07 picture used

3 with arched city name:

Henley (06-09), 06 picture used
Lennox (06-08), 06 picture used
Loudenslager (06-08), 06 picture used

3 with uniforms from other teams:

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Hurley (08), Toronto (07) picture used

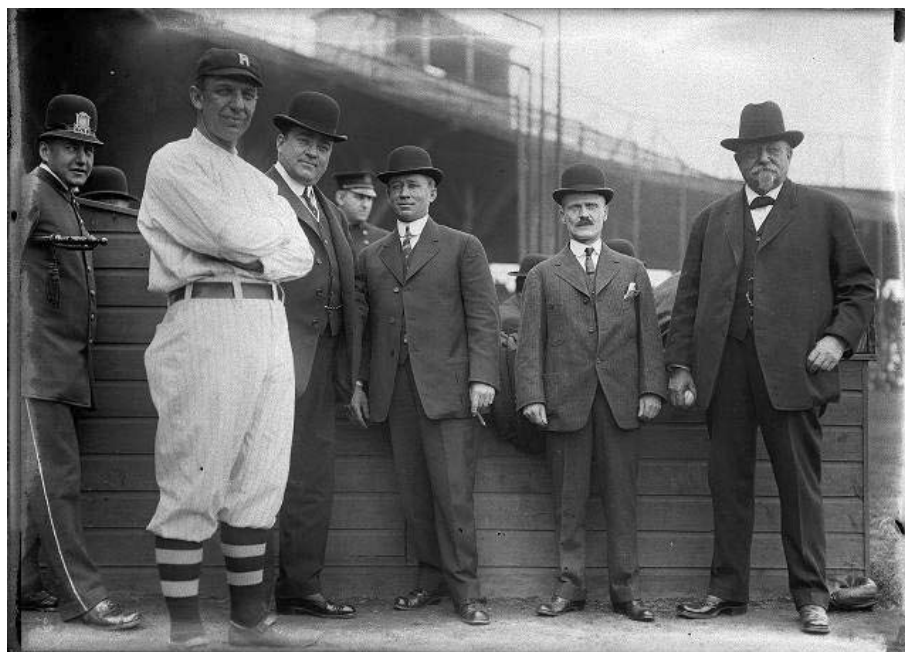


1908 road
(unconfirmed)

THE STONE COLLECTION, c.1909-c.1925

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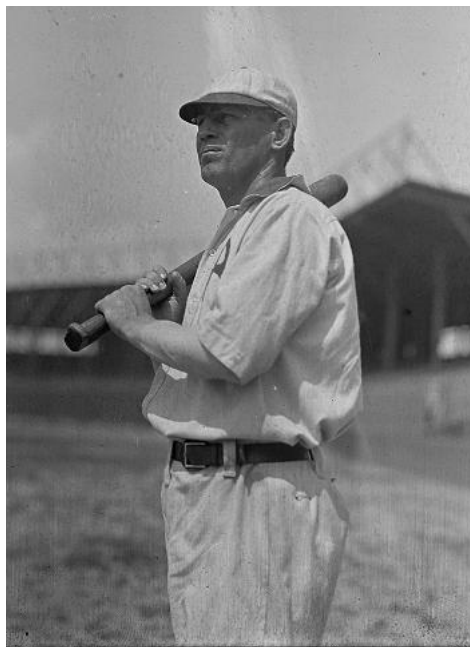


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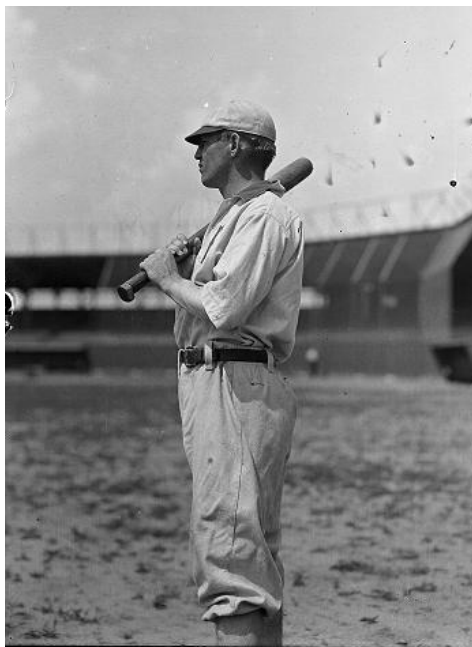
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1909 HOME

Rochester Hustlers, Eastern League



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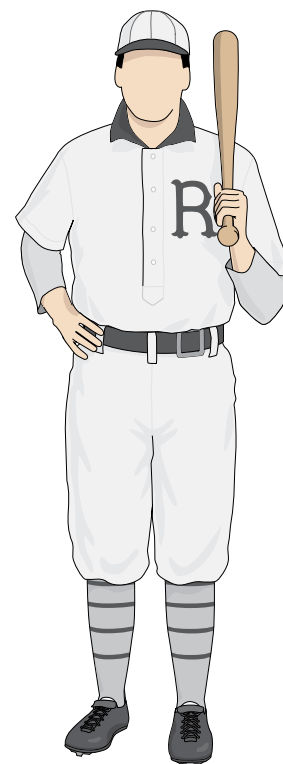


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1909? Holly (08-10). Two undated Stone images (above) at Bay Street of Ed Holly, the shortstop who managed the team for part of the 1908 season. The jersey shown above was similar to the 1908 home jersey, however, the light colored socks (see top right photo) match those of the 1909 team. These images are probably some of the first by Stone at Bay Street, which opened for baseball in 1908. The dugout configuration in the top right photo also confirms these images were made between 1908 and 1909. The photos also show the wide foul territory and the poor condition of the field.



1909 Opening Day. Published in the RH in May 7, 1909, photo shows home uniform, including striped socks which help to differentiate this uniform from previous season.



1909 home

c.1909 BASEBALL CARDS

Rochester Hustlers, Eastern League



The T206 baseball cards on this page were produced between 1909 and 1911, using artist's renderings based on actual photographs.

Top row:

- Ganzel (09-15)
- Maloney (09)

This top row of cards seems to depict the same 1909 home uniform shown on previous page, with the exception of the dark collar.



Middle row:

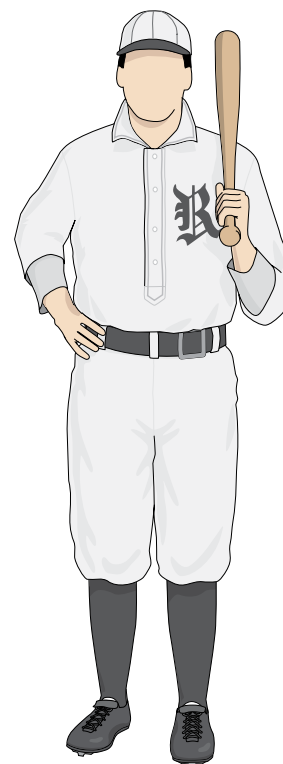
- Chappelle (09)
 - Barger (07-09)
- (This rendering of Barger was based on the Weasner portrait when the pitcher was with Montreal, the "R" has been added)

Bottom row:

- Batch (08-12)
 - Butler (08, 09)
- (Most likely based on Weasner portrait with Jersey City)



The middle and bottom rows depict an old-English style "R" on the left breast of the uniform. Was this a jersey worn in 1909 as well? Or was it a fabrication by the artist? To date, no photos have been found of team members wearing this style. More research is needed.



circa 1909 home
(socks undocumented)

1909 ROAD

Rochester Hustlers, Eastern League



The 1909 Rochester Hustlers captured the first of three consecutive pennants. Courtesy of the *Democrat and Chronicle/Times-Union*.

1909 team. D&C photo reprinted in "Silver Seasons" shows players wearing their road uniforms. One player, Neur (back row, third from left) was wearing the road uniform of another minor league team. He does not appear in team records and most likely did not play for the team.



1909 team (detail).

RH version of same 1909 team photo (from a different camera angle), published May 2, 1909. Both the D&C and RH photos show thin dark trim around the base of the collar and running down the button placket, plus a thick band of trim at the sleeve ends. The collar trim was enhanced by an artist in the D&C photo. The player at right end of back row, Snyder (08, 09), appears to have no collar trim or placket trim in the RH photo.



1909? Osborn (09-12).

This image, possibly from 1909, appears to show a button placket without trim. It is likely there were variations of the 1909 road uniform.

Players in team photo (top) as listed in the RH, May 2, 1909:
Front row, L to R: Butler, Holly, Ganzel, Mahoney and Holmes.
Back row, L to R: Batch, Flanagan, Neur, Erwin, Pattee, McDonald, Henley, Beecher, Beville, McAvoy, Minnehan, Anderson and Snyder.

1909 ROAD, continued

Rochester Hustlers, Eastern League

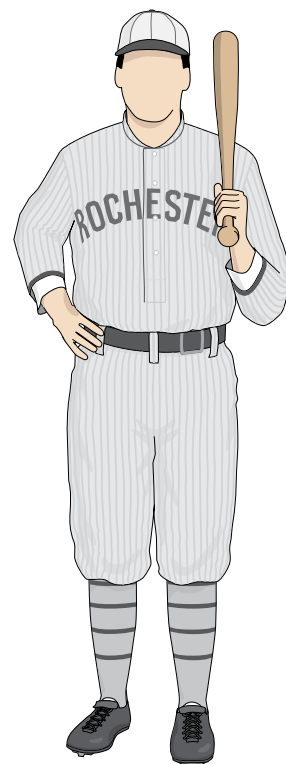


1909 Holmes (09-12).

Detail view from D&C 1909 team photo showing subtle pin striping on road uniform. Pin stripes were first used by the Chicago NL team in 1907 and were found often on road uniforms during this period throughout baseball. Unlike the 1906 uniform, the 1909 uniform had the word "Rochester" exactly centered on the jersey front (only the "e" was positioned on the button placket).

1909 Barger (07-09).

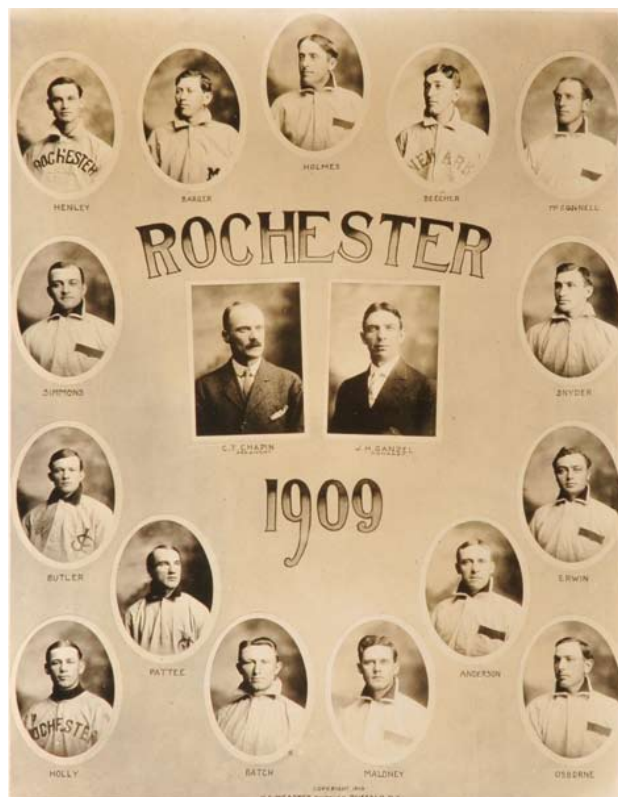
A view of the 1909 road uniform showing pin stripes, trim at sleeve ends and at the collar. This style collar was known as a "sun collar," which had a high back and created a "v-neck" in front. The New York (NL) team was the first to use this style in 1908 and it was standard on most uniforms by about 1912. This 1909 photo of Barger was printed in the RH on May 1, 1913 when Barger came back to play Rochester as a member of the Newark team.



1909 road

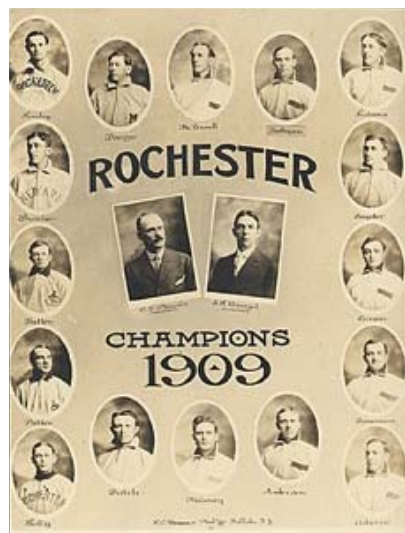
1909 WEASNER

Rochester Hustlers, Eastern League



1909 team. The Weasner collage at left shows that 7 players were photographed wearing a dark-collared jersey with a dark-trimmed pocket. It is likely this was the studio's attempt to eliminate players wearing outdated jerseys due to trades.

The collage below was made to commemorate the championship won at the end of the 1909 season. One player has been added to the collage, Ragan (09, 10), who joined the team at the end of the 1909 season. He was photographed wearing a dark-collared jersey with a dark-trimmed pocket.



1 uniform with arched city name, 1909 version:
Holly (08-10), a new photo, 08 picture was not used

1 uniform with arched city name, 1906 version:
Henley (06-09), 06 picture used

7 uniforms with dark-collar and dark-trimmed pocket:
Anderson (08-10), new photo, 08 picture was not used
Erwin (08, 09), new photo, 08 picture was not used
Holmes (09-12)
Maloney (09)
McConnell (09-11), 07 Buffalo picture used
Simmons (09-11, 13)
Osborn (09-12)

2 uniforms with nondescript jersey:
Batch (08-12), 08 picture used
Snyder (08, 09), 08 picture used

4 uniforms from other teams:
Barger (07-09), Montreal (06, 07) picture used
Beecher (09-10), Newark (08) picture used
Butler (08, 09), a different Jersey City (06-08) photo was used than shown in 1908
Pattee (09, 10), Jersey City (04, 05) picture used



One player from the 1908 collage Holly (08-10), shown left, was photographed again for the 1909 collage (shown lower left). In the 09 photo, Holly possibly was wearing the 09 road uniform, though detail is hard to discern. There does not appear to be trim running down the button placket.

1910 HOME

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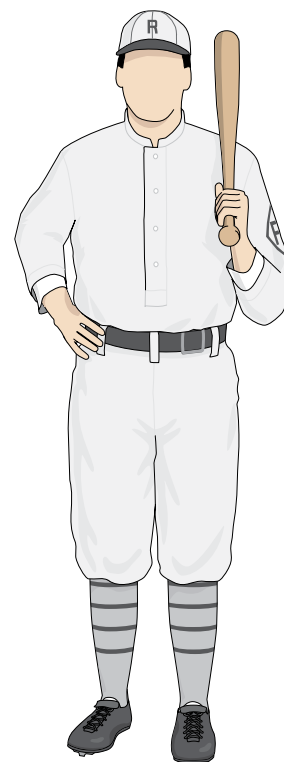
1910 Ganzel (09-15). This photo from Opening Day was printed in the RH May 10, 1910. Photo shows "cadet-style" collar and long sleeves of the uniform. The cadet collar was first used by the Chicago NL team in 1909. The hat was the same style as previous years, but in 1910 it had a small "R" insignia.



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Image left was most likely taken at the same time as the opening day photo at far left. Detail above shows the "R" graphic on the left sleeve.



1910 home

1910 ROAD

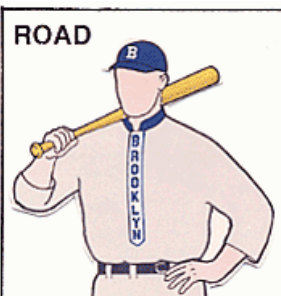
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1910 team. Based on the photos from opening day, it can be assumed the team was wearing their road uniforms in this photo. It is possible the player on the far right, front row, was wearing the 1909 road uniform.

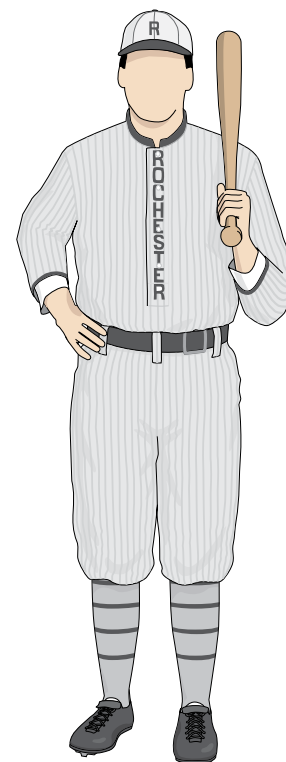


Detail view showing 1909 road uniform, including "cadet" collar and the city name running vertically down the button placket of the pull-over jersey. Similar to 1909, the 1910 road uniforms had a subtle pin striping.



The Rochester home and road uniforms for 1910 were very similar to the Brooklyn NL team from the same year.

Research and drawings by Marc Okkonen



1910 road

1911 HOME

Rochester Hustlers, Eastern League



Front row:
Moran, 2,
mascot, 4, 5, 6,
7, 8, Simmons
Back row:
1, Mitchell,
3, 4, Gangel,
McConnell, 7,
Ward, 9, 10

1911 team. Printed on the cover of sheet music published in 1912. The 1911 home uniform had no graphics whatsoever, the only embellishment was two thin stripes on the socks.

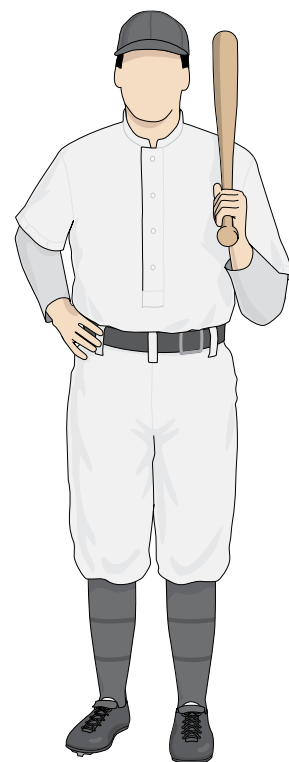


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1911 players. Taken July 4, 1911. Another picture from this series was printed in the RH on July 5.



Detail view showing hat without any insignia and a "cadet" collar.



1911 home with
detachable sleeves off

1911 ROAD

Rochester Hustlers, Eastern League



1911 team. Dated as the 1911 team but unconfirmed, the team was pictured wearing their road uniforms.



Detail view, left, showing detachable sleeves with white buttons. Some players in above photo were wearing their sleeve extensions, some were not. The "Rochester" lettering appears to be the same style as the 1909 jersey.

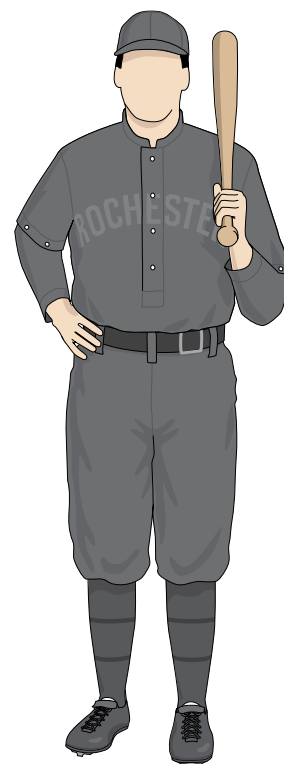


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1911? Simmons (09-11, 13). Shows detail of road uniform, including "cadet" collar and the similarity (in gray tones) between the jersey color and the lettering color.



1911 Foster (11). Only the style of the socks in this 1911 baseball card rendering match the actual uniform, home or road.



1911 road with detachable sleeves on

1911 WEASNER

Rochester Hustlers, Eastern League



15 with dark-collared uniform:

Alperman (10, 11)

Dessau (11)

Foster (11)

Graham (??)

Holmes (09-12), 09 photo used

Hughes (11-14)

McConnell (09-11), 07 Buffalo photo used

McMillan (11-14)

Moeller (10, 11)

Moran (10, 11)

Osborn (09-12), 09 photo used

Simmons (09-11, 13),

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Spencer (10-12, 14)

Ward (10-12)

Wilhelm (11-13, 23)

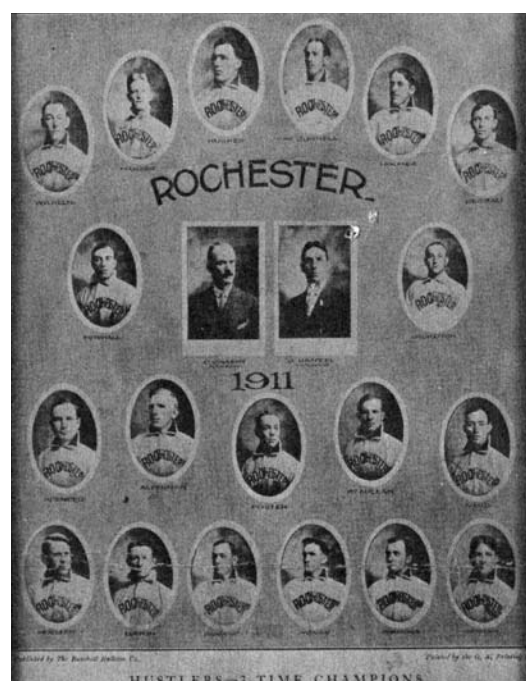
3 with light-collared uniforms:

Batch (08-12), 08 picture used

Manser (11, 12)

Mitchell (11)

1911 team. The Weasner collage at left shows that 15 of the 18 Rochester players were wearing a dark-collared jersey with a dark-trimmed pocket. It is likely this was a generic uniform provided by the studio in an attempt to unify all of the uniforms in the collage. 3 Rochester players in collage were wearing jerseys with light-collars.



1911 team. This Weasner collage was made to commemorate the 1911 championship. It shows the same portraits as in the collage at upper left with the exception that the city name has been added to the jersey in each portrait. See details of player Hughes (11-14) below.



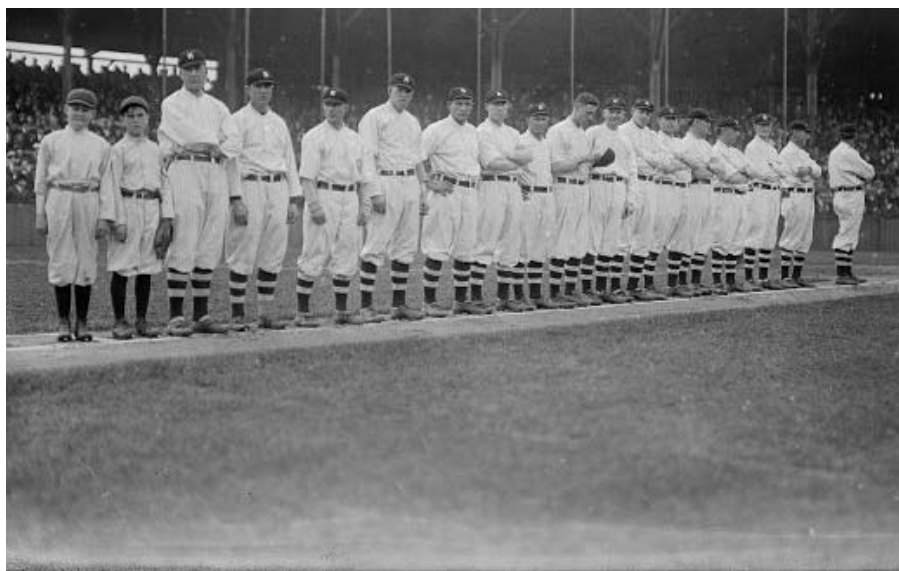
Hughes, Rochester Eastern



1911? Hughes (11-14). This baseball card photo does not match the Weasner image from 1911, where Hughes was wearing a dark collar. Rochester jerseys had a cadet-style collar in 1910-11 and a sun collar in 1912-14. Therefore, it is likely this image was a Weasner portrait made prior to 1911.

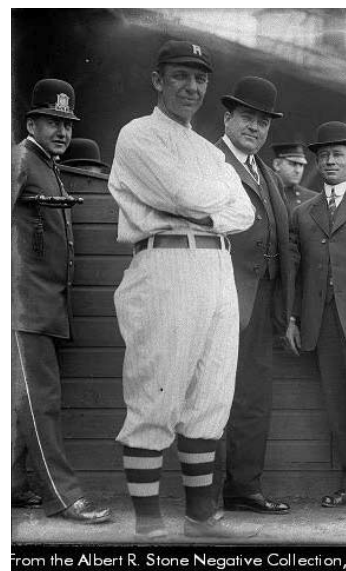
1912 HOME

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1912 Team. Opening Day, printed in the RH May 7, 1912.



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1912 Ganzel (09-15). Printed in the RH May 7, 1912. The 1912 uniform is easy to identify by the wide-striped socks.



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1912 Manser (11, 12). Printed in the RH May 19, 1912, photo shows thin pin striping on home uniform. 5 of the 16 MLB teams adopted home pinstripes in 1912, including the NY Yankees for the first time.

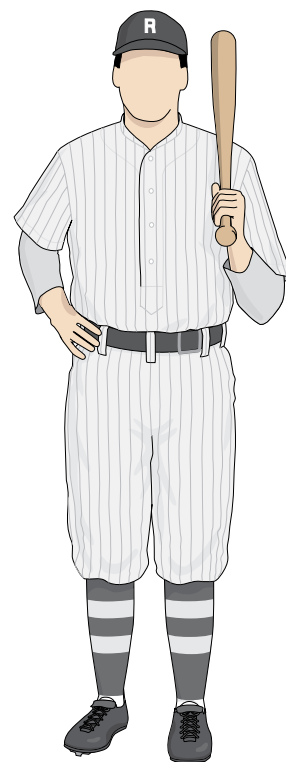


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1912 Martin (12, 13). Printed in the RH September 20, 1912. Photo shows belt loop at hip and three in front.



Detail showing sun collar design. For the most part, this would be the standard neckline on uniforms until the mid-1930s.



1912 home

1912 HOME, continued

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1912-1913 players. Top left, McMillan (11-14); middle left, Manser (11-12); middle right, Hughes (11-14). Others are unidentified. All of these photos were taken at Bay Street. Photos where bare trees are showing beyond bleachers and outfield wall may have been spring training photos from early 1913 in which players were wearing the 1912 uniform.

1912 HOME, continued

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1912-1913 players. Top left, Martin (12-13); top center, Jacklitsch (11-13); top right, Smith (12-15); bottom left, Conroy (12-13); bottom center and right, Blair (10, 12, 13). Most of these photos were taken at Bay Street. Top row of photos were made during the 1912 season. Photo of Smith, top right, shows that some players wore jerseys with 3/4 length sleeves. Photo of Conroy, bottom left, may have been a spring training photo from early 1913, based on bare trees beyond left field bleachers, and in which Conroy was wearing the 1912 uniform.

1912 ROAD

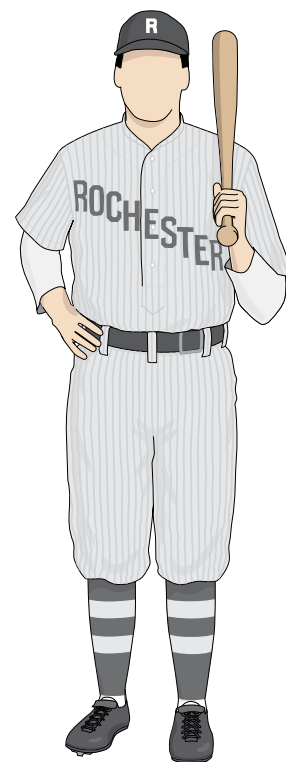
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1913 Jacklitsch (11-13), left, and Zinn (13), right. Two 1913 spring training photos taken in Anniston, Alabama, and published in the RH April 13, 1913. It is likely these players were wearing the 1912 road uniform. This was typical during spring training as new uniforms were not introduced until the start of the new season. The jersey shown here featured the city name in a diagonal row across the chest, a unique treatment not used by any major league team. The cap and distinctive 2-stripe sock style match the previous 1912 home uniform. They do not match those worn in 1913.



Detail of above photo shows that uniform was pin striped, typical of road uniforms during this time.



1912 road

1912 WEASNER

Rochester Hustlers, International League



1912 team. The two Weasner collages shown here are from 1912 and depict that 17 of the 20 Rochester players were wearing a dark fold-down collared jersey with a dark-trimmed pocket. It is likely this was a generic uniform provided by the studio in an attempt to unify all of the uniforms in the collage.

17 uniforms with dark fold down collar and dark-trimmed pocket:

Ackers (12)

Blair (10, 12, 13)

Conroy (12, 13)

Dolan (12)

Hughes (11-14), 11 picture used

~misabeled in lower photo as Martin

Jacklitsch (11-13)

Johnson (12)

Keefe (12-14)

Klepfer (12)

Lelivelt (12)

Martin (12, 13)

McMillan (11-14), 11 picture used

Osborne (9-12), 11 picture used

Smith (12-15)

Spencer (10-12, 14), 11 picture used

Upham (14), did not play for team until 14

Ward (10-12), 11 picture used

Wilhelm (11-13), 11 picture used

2 with light-colored fold-down collar:

Batch (08-12), 08 picture used

Keefe (12-14)

1 with sun-collar jersey:

Quinn (12-13), possibly wearing 12 road uniform

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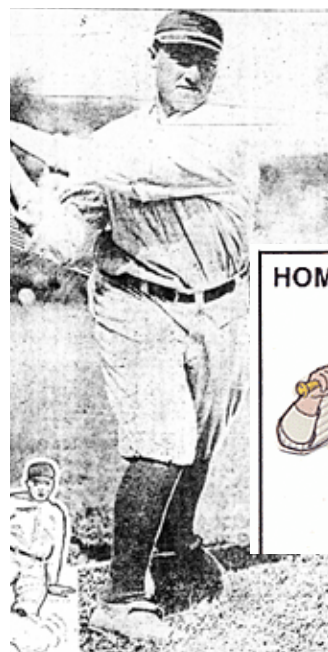
1913 Ganzel (09-15), above.

Opening Day ceremonies at Bay Street, printed in the RH May 7, 1913, and showing Manager Ganzel receiving a car in appreciation from the mayor. The home uniform was a continuation of 1912. This was the only Ganzel uniform between 1912 and 1915 where the socks were dark with no stripes.

1913 Schmidt (13). Published in the RH May 11, 1913. Another view of home uniform. The unique trimmed cap was worn by only one ML team during this period. See rendering at right by Marc Okkonen of Washington (AL) uniform from 1912 to 1915.



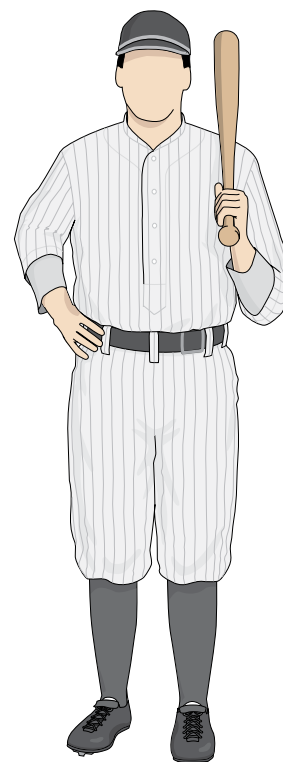
1913? unidentified. Note pin stripes, solid-colored socks and trim on hat.



1913 Hoff (13-15). Published in the RH May 11, 1913. Photo shows unique hat trim, pin striped uniform and solid-colored socks.



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1913 home

1913 ROAD

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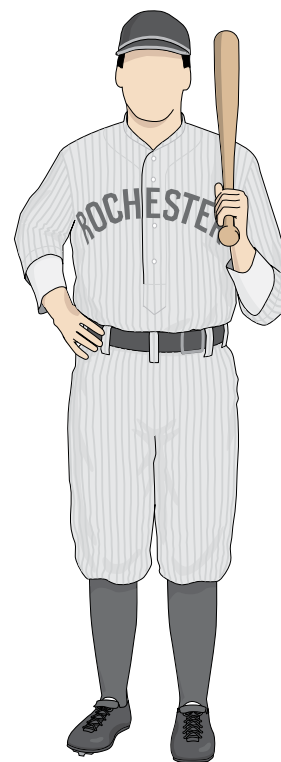


Detail of jersey
front showing
pin striping.

1913 Quinn (12-13). Taken at the end of the left field bleachers at Bay Street and published in the RH May 6, 1913. This photo shows the new road uniform of 1913, a day before the home opener (where Quinn was the starting pitcher). Note unique cap trim. Lettering matches style of road uniforms for 1909 and 1911. Though Quinn wore white socks this day, majority of photos from 1913 show players wearing solid dark socks.



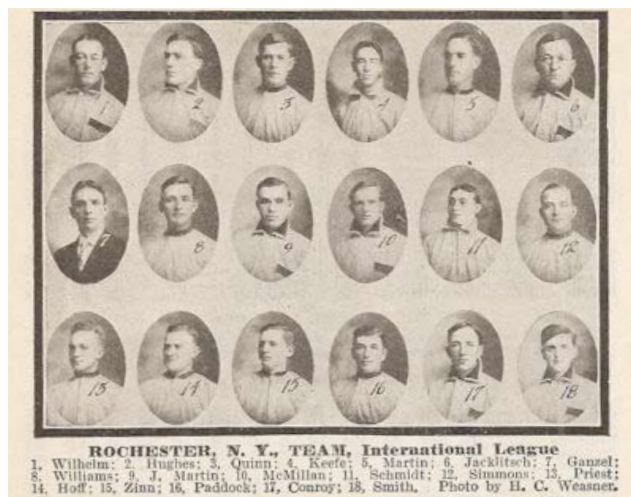
1913 Jacklitsch (11-13), left, and Wilhelm (11-13). Published in the RH May 6, 1913, and photographed at team practice one day before the home opener. Photo shows hat with trim and dark socks.



1913 road

1913 WEASNER

Rochester Hustlers, International League



1913 team. Two Weasner collages from 1913 are shown here. A new, dark colored cadet-style collared jersey was used by Weasner for some portraits. Most of the players wearing this style were new to the team in 1913. As in years past, it appears this jersey was supplied by the studio.

Of the 18 players shown above:

8 uniforms with dark cadet-style collar:

Hoff (13-15)
J. Martin (12, 13)
Paddock (13)
Priest (13-15)
Quinn (12, 13)
Simmons (09-11, 13)
Williams (13-15)
Zinn (13)

8 uniforms with dark fold-down collar:

Breen (13, 14)
Conroy (12, 13), 12 photo used
Hughes (11-14), 11 photo used
Jacklitsch (11-13), 12 photo used
McMillan (11-14), 11 photo used
D. Martin (12, 13), 12 photo used
Smith (12-15), 12 photo used
Wilhelm (11-13), 11 photo used

2 uniforms with light-colored fold down collar:

Keefe (12-14), 12 photo used
Schmidt (13)

1912-1914 UNIFORMS

Rochester Hustlers, International League

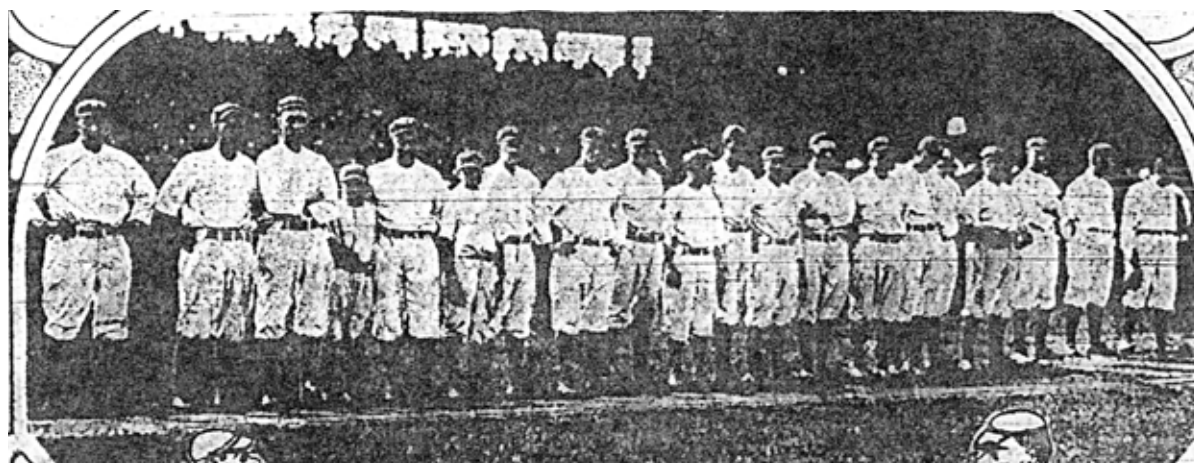


This photo collage was published in the RH on May 3, 1914 before the start of the 1914 season. A variety on uniforms were shown:
D. Martin (12,13). Possibly 1914 home uniform (Martin did not play in 1914, career ended in 1913)
Priest (13-15). 1913 home uniform
Upham (14). Possibly 1912 home uniform
Hughes (11-14). 1913 home uniform

Noyes. 1913 road uniform (played in Spokane in 1914)
McMillan (11-14). 1912 home uniform
Williams (13-15). 1913 home uniform
Schultz (14). Uniform unidentified
Smith (12-15). 1912 home uniform
Hoff (13-15). 1913 road uniform
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Breen (13,14). 1913 home uniform

1914 HOME

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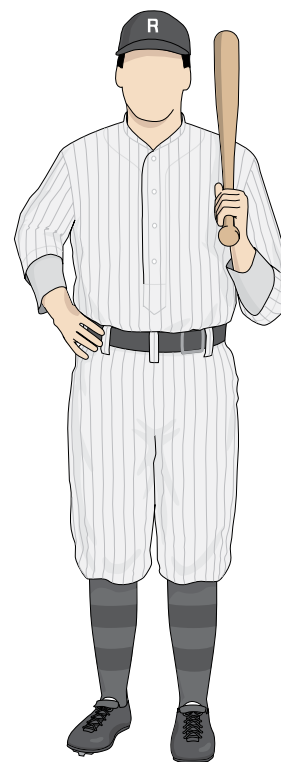


1914 team. Opening Day, printed in the RH May 7, 1914.



1914 Ganzel (09-15).

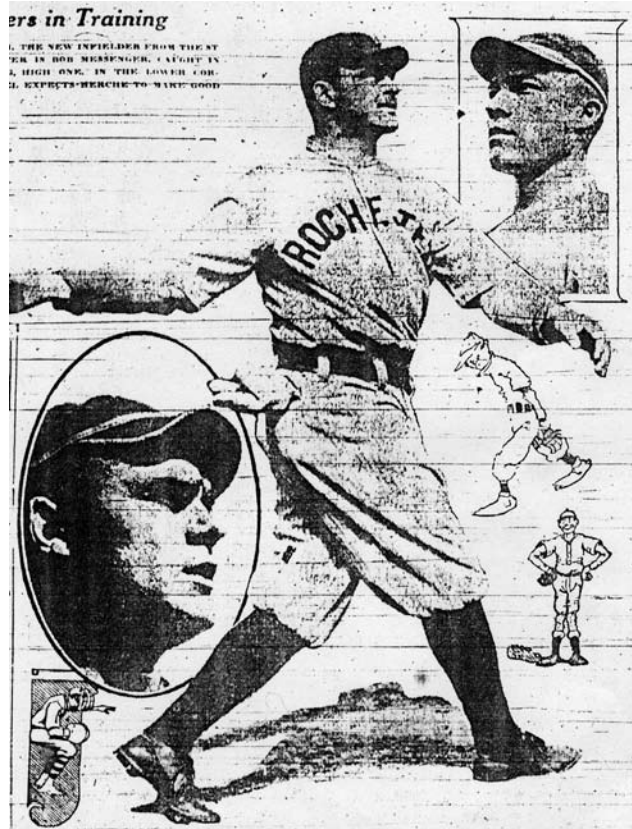
Opening Day, printed in the RH May 7, 1914. Like the previous year, the home uniform of 1914 was pin striped. Changes were the addition of two wide dark stripes on the socks and a return to the hat style of 1912. This same uniform would be used in 1915 and 1916.



1914 home

1914 ROAD

Rochester Hustlers, International League



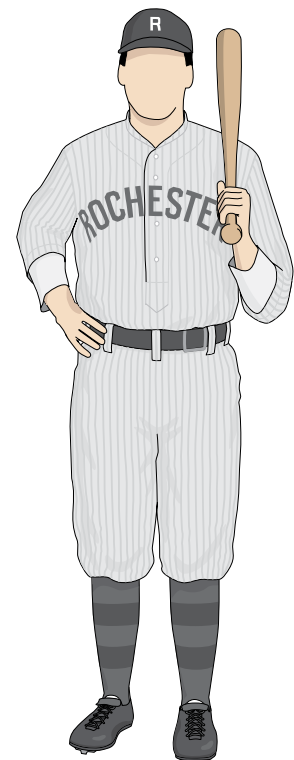
1915 Messenger (14, 15), center.

Photo published in RH on April 11, 1915 at spring training. It is possible Messenger was wearing the 1914 road uniform during training. The photo shows that the road uniform was pin striped (see pant leg), however, sock stripes are hard to discern in this photo. Inset photos of Stevenson (15), top left, and Herche (14-16) show cap style from 1913 season.



1915 Kores (15).

This photo was published in the RH April 18, 1915 and taken during a practice game at Bay Street the previous day. Photo shows player wearing a white cap with a dark brim. No other photos have been discovered showing this style cap.



1914 road

1915 HOME

Rochester Hustlers, International League



1915, Ganzel (09-15).

Opening Day, printed in the RH May 18 1915. Photo shows home uniform was a repeat of 1914.



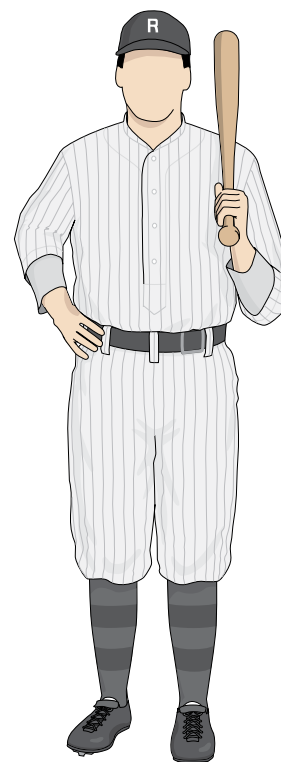
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1915 Team. Opening Day. Photo shows home uniform was a repeat of 1914.



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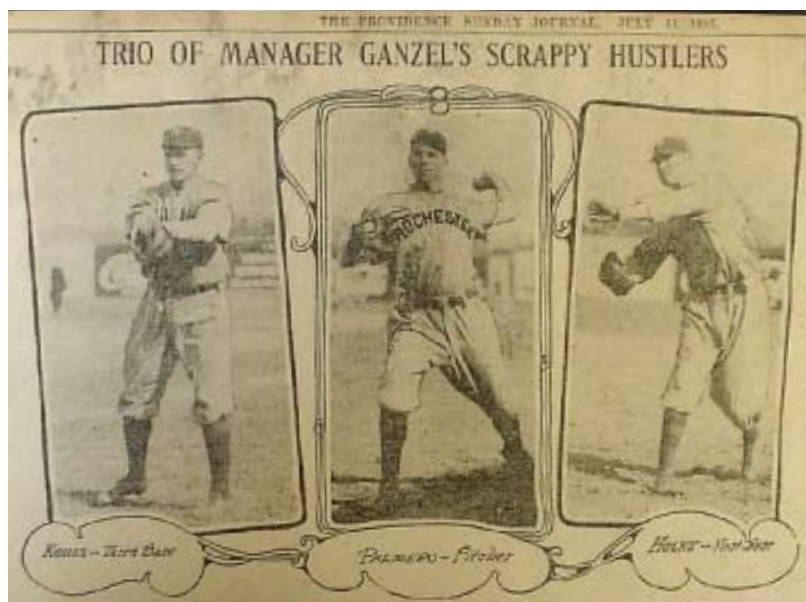
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1915 home

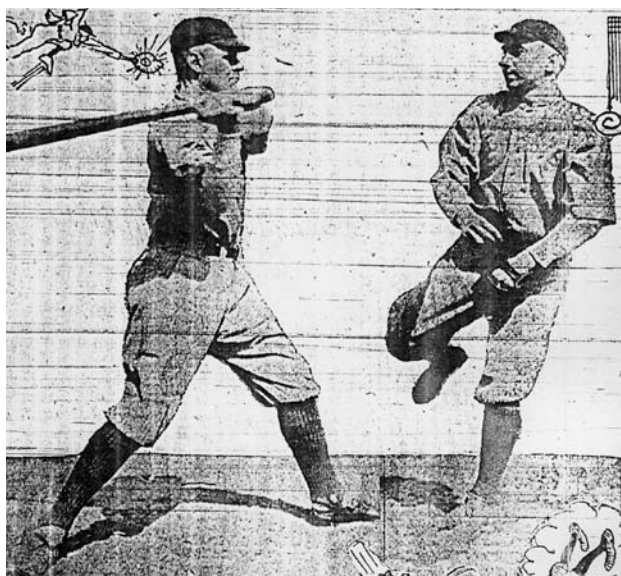
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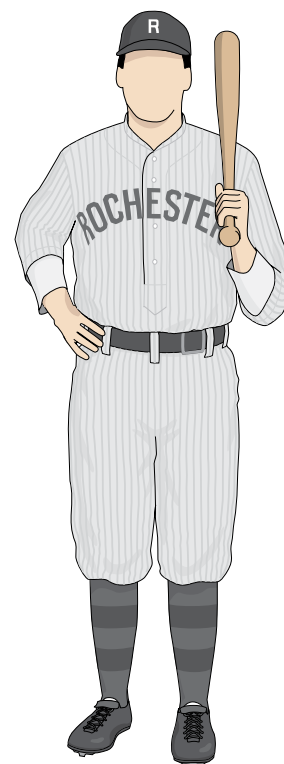


1915 Kores (15), left, Palmero (15), center, and Holke (15, 16).

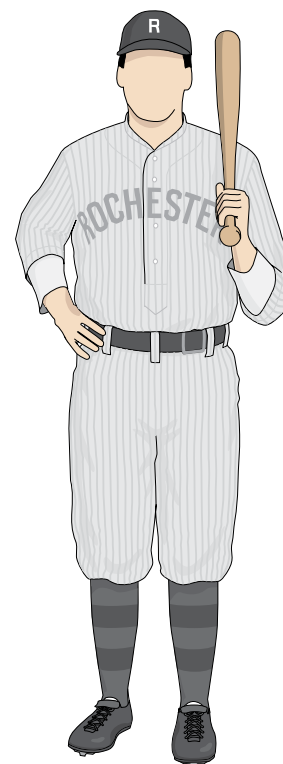
Printed in a Providence newspaper in July 1915. Because of the low-resolution of the scan, uniform detail, such as pin striping, is hard to discern. However, the sock striping is clear to see.



1916 Hale (16) and Darney. Printed in the RH on April 7, 1916, this collage of two images was described as the new Rochester battery, though it appears Darney never played for team. It is likely both players from spring training were wearing the road uniform from 1915. Pinstripes can be seen in the shadow areas of Hale's uniform. Striped socks match the home uniforms from 1914 to 1916. The lettering across the chest on Darney's uniform appears lighter in tone than the Providence photo above.



1915 road A



1915 road b

1916 HOME

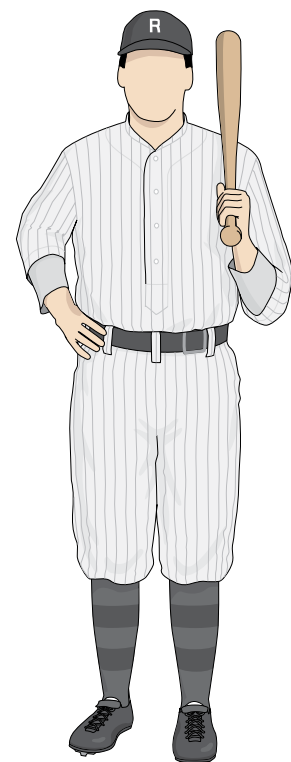
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1916 team. Opening Day, printed in the RH on May 16, 1916. The 1916 uniform was a repeat of the previous season.



1916 Leach (16), right. Opening Day, printed in the RH May 16, 1916. The 1916 uniform was a repeat of the previous season. This was the only year Tommy Leach was the manager of the team. Leach stood 5' 6" tall, and towered over owner Chapin by a few inches.



1916 home