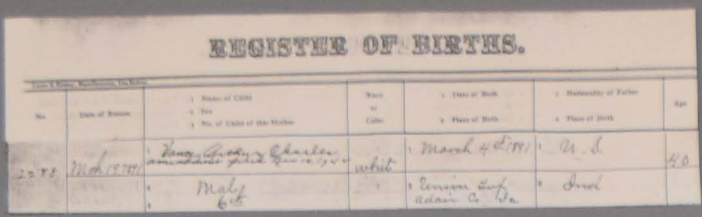
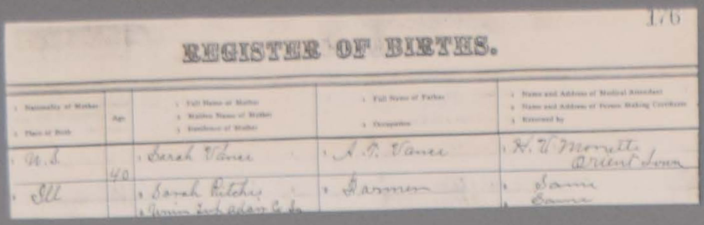
Arthur Charles "Dazzy" Vance

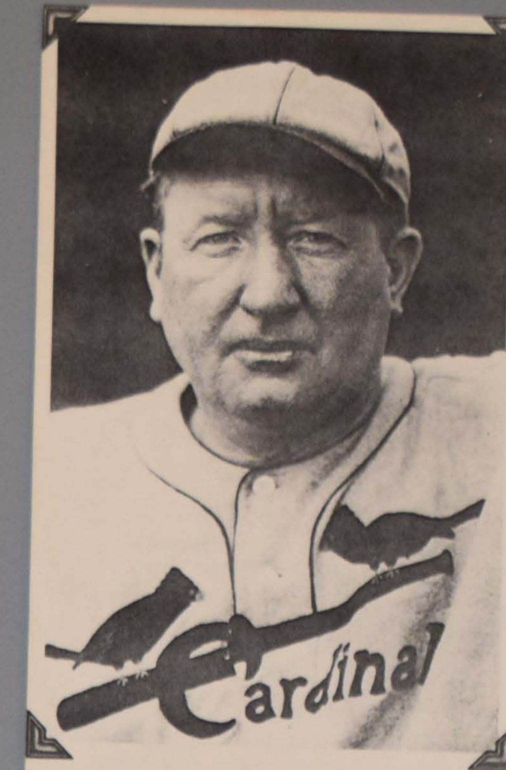
1891 - 1961





March 4, 1891, born Orient, Iowa

Recognized as the premier pitcher of the National League. He stood six feet two inches tall and weighed 200 pounds. He was well-known for a pitch that included an exaggerated high kick that increased his speed and, with long, slim arms, he had a deceptive delivery. His success came as he gained control of his fastballs and curveballs.



Dazzy Vance . . . 28 victories earned him the top honor.

1922, won his first major-league game at the age of 31

1924, led the National League with 28 victories, 262 strikeouts, and a 2.16 earned run average. Won 15 consecutive games

1924, named first National League Most Valuable Player, MVP

September 13, 1925

THE DES MOINES REGISTER—Monday Morning, Sept. 14, 1925—THE NEWSPAPER IOWA DEPENDS UPON. 9

'DAZZY' VANCE PITCHES NO-HIT GAME AGAINST PHILS

BROOKLYN STAR TURNS IN FIRST PERFECT GAME

Errors Give Philadelphia Lone Run.

Brooklyn, Sept. 13 (A.P.)—Brooklyn split a doubleheader with Philadelphia today, "Dazzy" Vance twirling a no-hit game in the opener, which Brooklyn won, 10 to 1, while the Phillies took the second, 7 to 3.

It was Vance's first no-hit game of his major league career. He was in superb form and fanned nine batters. The run scored off him came in the second inning. Johnston made a two base muff of Hawks' fly and then threw wild to second, permitting Hawks to go to third. Friberg followed with a sacrifice fly, scoring Hawks.

"DAZZY" VANCE

Hawks' homer over the right field wall with the bases full clinched the second game in the third inning. Leach also hit for the circuit with one man on base in the fourth, driving Grimes out of the box.

Vance pitched a one-hit game against the same club last Tuesday. Today's feat brings his string of consecutive hitless innings to sixteen. He has allowed only one hit in the last eighteen innings he has pitched.

Hargreaves and Harper collided at first base in the seventh inning of the second game and had to be parted by the umpires just as they were coming to blows. When Harper went to his place in left field he was greeted with a shower of pop bottles, some of which struck him, but did no harm. Play had to be stopped for several minutes while the field was being cleared. It was the last visit of the Phillies to Brooklyn this season.

First game:

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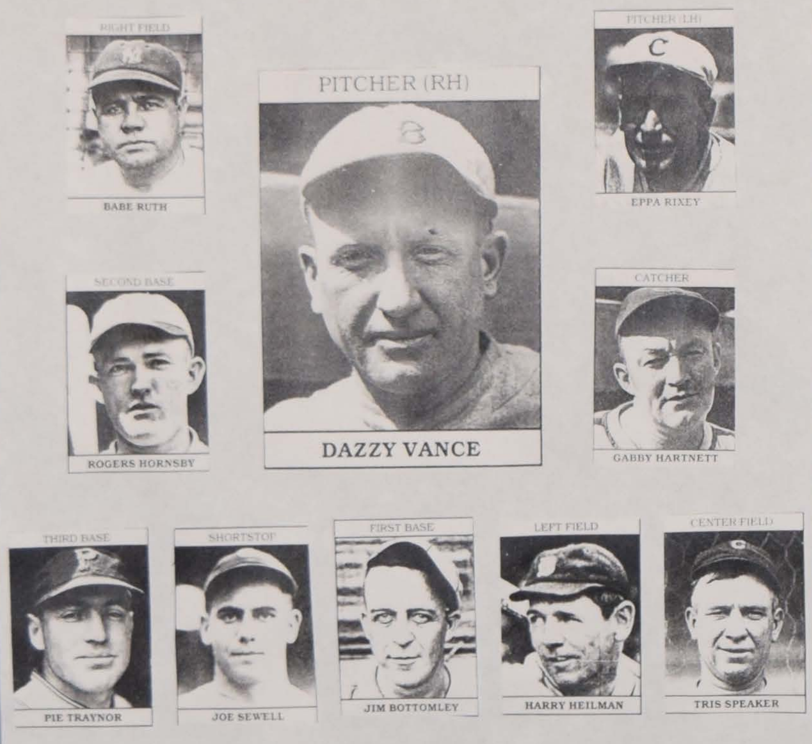
THE GREATEST PLAYERS OF THE TWENTIES

DREAM TEAM



Baseball Dream Teams, The Greatest Players Decade by Decade; Lloyd Johnson, Gallery Books; 1990

1930 earned $25,000 pitching, the highest salary ever paid to a pitcher up to that time

1934, relief pitcher in World Series for St. Louis Cardinals

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Six Added to Hall of Fame

DiMaggio Greeted Wildly by Crowd At Enshrinement

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., (AP)—In his prime, no New York Yankee game was over until Joe DiMaggio had his cut. Monday, as baseball paused to add six more names to its scroll of immortality, it again was Joltin' Joe who delivered the big hit.

Those who gathered to watch the enshrinement greeted the first five newcomers to baseball's Hall of Fame with polite respect, applauding warmly as first Frank, Home Run, Baker and then Ray Schalk, Dazzy Vance, Gabby Hartnett and Ted Lyons were introduced.

But the formality was gone when Commissioner Ford Frick extended his hand to DiMaggio. The cheering was unrestrained. The crowd whistled and shouted. There were cries of "atta boy, Joe!"

This was the "baby" of the six, as Frick called DiMaggio.

"This is a happy day for me," said Joe, and then he talked of how he came up with the Yankees.

Of how he had followed every move of the late Lou Gehrig, learning "what makes a big leaguer."

"I'm proud, indeed, to be put alongside Lou, Bill Dickey, my other old teammate, and those other great players of my time and before."

Some of those other great players, there now are 79 names in the Hall of Fame, were on hand for the ceremony. Ty Cobb, Frankie Frisch, Cy Young and Bill Terry were seated at a place of honor before the museum. Mel Ott was caught in the crowd, but present nonetheless.

The program also included the presentation of a certificate to Billy Capps of San Diego as the outstanding American Legion junior player of 1954.

Afterward, the Boston Red Sox defeated the Milwaukee Braves 4-2 in the annual exhibition game held in conjunction with the festivities.

DAZZY VANCE

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Clarence Arthur Vance
Height: 6'2" Weight: 200 Bats: Right Throws: Right
Born: Mar. 4, 1891, Orient, IA
Died: Feb. 16, 1961, Homosassa, FL Hall of Fame 1955

YEAR	TEAM	G	IP	CG	H	SO	BB	W	L	ERA
1915	Pit-N	1	3	0	3	0	5	0	1	10.13
1915	NY-A	8	28	1	23	18	16	0	3	3.54
1918	NY-A	2	2	0	9	0	2	0	0	15.43
1922	Bro-N	36	246	16	259	134	94	18	12	3.70
1923	Bro-N	37	280	21	263	197	100	18	15	3.50
1924	Bro-N	35	309	30	238	262	77	28	6	2.16
1925	Bro-N	31	265	26	247	221	66	22	9	3.53
1926	Bro-N	24	169	12	172	140	58	9	10	3.89
1927	Bro-N	34	273	25	242	184	69	16	15	2.70
1928	Bro-N	38	280	24	226	200	72	22	10	2.09
1929	Bro-N	31	231	17	244	126	47	14	13	3.89
1930	Bro-N	35	259	20	241	173	55	17	15	2.61
1931	Bro-N	30	219	12	221	150	53	11	13	3.38
1932	Bro-N	27	176	9	171	103	57	12	11	4.20
1933	StL-N	28	99	2	105	67	28	6	2	3.55
1934	Cin-N	6	18	0	28	9	11	0	2	7.50
1934	StL-N	19	59	1	62	33	14	1	1	3.66
1935	Bro-N	20	51	0	55	28	16	3	2	4.41
TOTAL		442	2967	216	2809	2045	840	197	140	3.24

Hall of Famer Dazzy Vance led the NL 7 straight times in strikeouts. In 1924, he beat Rogers Hornsby (.424 avg.) for MVP. In 1925 he no-hit the Phillies 10-1, striking out 9.

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January 26, 1955, elected to Baseball Hall of Fame
July 26, 1955, inducted into National League Baseball Hall of Fame

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IN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Iowan Vance Dies at 69

HOMOSASSA SPRINGS, FLA. (UP)—Clarence Arthur (Dazzy) Vance, 69, a member of baseball's Hall of Fame, (and The Register's Iowa Sports Hall of Fame) died Thursday of a heart attack at his home in this fishing resort community 100 miles north of Tampa.

Vance, a right-hander, played in the major leagues for 18 years, most seasons wearing a Brooklyn Dodger uniform.

He also pitched for the Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Redlegs.

He had a career record of 197 victories and 140 losses. His big year was 1924 when he won 28 and lost six for Brooklyn.

Vance, who would have been 70 Mar. 4, appeared in an old-timers' game at St. Petersburg as recently as last month.

Vance was born in Orient, Ia., but had lived at Homosassa Springs since 1925.

Survivors include the widow, Edith; two brothers, Fred of Gardena, Cal., and Wallace of Port Richey, Fla., and a sister, Louise Reans of Omaha, Neb.

Biggest Thrills

Vance got some of his biggest thrills in fanning such baseball stars as Rogers Hornsby, Jim Bottomley, Lefty O'Doul and Hack Wilson. Wilson was his particular pigeon because the Chicago Cubs' slugger would blow up.

In 1930 Wilson hit 56 homers, made 208 hits and batted .356. But he couldn't touch the Dazzler. Vance once fanned him seven straight times, resulting in a series of broken bats flung away by the infuriated Wilson.

Series at 43

Vance didn't get into the World Series until he was 43 when he was worn-out relief pitcher for the 1934 St. Louis Cardinals.

But it was Brooklyn that celebrated his election to the Hall of Fame. The adopted son was made Brooklyn's first citizen at a ceremony in Brooklyn's Borough Hall.

Dazzy Vance
Hall of Famer

Vance in 1924
His big year

February 16, 1961, died in Homosassa Springs, Florida