

LUTHER TAYLOR

Pitcher, New York Giants

Luther "Dummy" Taylor was a deaf-mute pitcher, winning 113 games in a nine-year career. John McGraw, the manager of the Giants, demanded that all members of the team learn basic sign language in order to communicate with Taylor, who soon became one of the team's most popular and humorous players. Interestingly enough, this method of communication later developed a purpose of its own on the baseball diamond, although McGraw's method of employing signs on the field was extremely basic: he simply used to spell out in Taylor's hand language what he wanted his players to do—steal, bunt, hit-and-run, etc! Once, Taylor was ejected from a game for baiting an umpire. It is interesting to speculate on what exactly was exchanged between the pitcher and the arbiter!

JOE TINKER

Shortstop, Chicago Cubs

The shortstop in the everlasting baseball poem "Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance," immortalizing the Cubs' infield of the early 20th century. Tinker was an aggressive ball-player who never hit for average (lifetime: .262), but was a superb fielder with moderate power at the plate in an era where homers were as rare as a blue moon. It is interesting to note that Tinker did not get along with Evers and almost never spoke to him.

RUBE WADDELL

Pitcher, St. Louis Browns

In 1908, Rube Waddell was a 32-year old lefty who had his best pitching years behind him. Waddell was one of the star players of the National League who jumped to the newly-formed American League during the "war" between the two circuits in the early years of the century. With Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics, Waddell made an everlasting name for himself, once winning 94 games over a four-year span. "Rube was just a big kid, you know," recalled one of his teammates. "He'd pitch one day and we wouldn't see him for three or four days after. He'd just disappear, go fishing or something, or be off playing ball with a bunch of 12-year olds in an empty lot somewhere. You couldn't control him 'cause he was just a big kid himself."

HONUS WAGNER

Shortstop, Pittsburgh Pirates

Many label "Hans" Wagner the greatest baseball player of all-time. And when one examines the statistics of the "Flying Dutchman," it is hard to dispute that claim. Over

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PENNANT RACE! TEAM CHARTS FOR 1908

The following team rosters for Avalon Hill's new baseball game, PENNANT RACE!, allow you to recreate the National League race and the World Series for this incredible year. Only four teams are included: the New York Giants, Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Detroit Tigers. If readers demonstrate sufficient interest, it is conceivable that a complete roster booklet, with accompanying schedules and special rules, can be published by Avalon Hill in the near-future. If you would like to see such a treatment, write to AH and let us know (or on any other of your favorite seasons, for that matter). When employing the following charts for PENNANT RACE!, all normal rules are adhered to, save one: any time the Relief/Defense Chart calls for Relief to be employed, use the team Relief Value (note that individual pitchers are not given their own Relief Values). Also, ignore all rules for Parks, the Minors, and Right-Handed and Left-Handed Pitching/Batting.

1908 CHICAGO CUBS (NL)

BAT 26	ENDURANCE B	ROTATION B	WEATHER Zone 3		
STARTERS	POS	BAT	POW	SPD	FLD
FRANK CHANCE	1B	3	2	4	0
JOHNNY EVERS	2B	5	2	5	0
JOE TINKER	SS	3	3	4	+1
HARRY STEINFELDT	3B	2	1	2	0
WILDFIRE SCHULTE	RF	1	1	2	0
JIMMY SLAGLE	CF	0	0	3	0
JIMMY SHECKARD	LF	1	1	3	-1
JOHNNY KLING	C	4	2	3	0
BENCH	POS	BAT	POW	SPD	FLD
SOLLY HOFMAN	INF/OF	2	1	3	0
DEL HOWARD	OF	4	1	3	-1
PAT MORAN	C	3	0	1	-1
HEINIE ZIMMERMAN	INF/OF	4	2	1	-1
KID DURBIN	OF	2	0	0	-1
JACK HAYDEN	OF	0	0	1	-1
PITCHERS	R/L	START	END	REST	
MORDECAI BROWN	R	7	5	4	
ED REULBACH	R	6	4	4	
ORVIE OVERALL	R	6	3	5	
JACK PFIESTER	L	6	4	5	
CHICK FRASER	R	5	4	6	
CARL LUNDGREN	R	2	3	6	

TEAM RELIEF VALUE: 0 (-1 if used on 3 consecutive days or more)

1908 NEW YORK GIANTS (NL)

BAT 29	ENDURANCE A	ROTATION A	WEATHER Zone 3		
STARTERS	POS	BAT	POW	SPD	FLD
FRED TENNEY	1B	3	1	3	0
LARRY DOYLE	2B	5	3	3	-1
AL BRIDWELL	SS	4	1	3	-1
ART DEVLIN	3B	2	1	3	0
MIKE DONLIN	RF	7	4	5	+1
CY SEYMOUR	CF	3	1	3	0
SPIKE SHANNON	LF	1	0	2	0
ROGER BRESNAHAN	C	4	2	2	+1
BENCH	POS	BAT	POW	SPD	FLD
BUCK HERZOG	INF	5	2	4	-1
TOM NEEDHAM	C	0	0	0	0
FRED MERKLE	1B/OF	3	3	0	-1
SAMMY STRANG	INF/OF	0	0	2	-1
FRED SNOODGRASS	C	2	0	0	0
PITCHERS	R/L	START	END	REST	
CHRISTY MATHEWSON	R	7	5	3	
HOOKS WILTSE	L	6	5	4	
DOC GRANDALL	R	5	3	5	

JOE MCGINNITY	R	6	1	6
DUMMY TAYLOR	R	5	2	6
RED AMES	R	6	1	7

TEAM RELIEF VALUE: 0 (-1 if used on 3 consecutive days or more)

1908 DETROIT TIGERS (AL)

BAT 30	ENDURANCE A	ROTATION A	WEATHER Zone 3		
STARTERS	POS	BAT	POW	SPD	FLD
CLAUDE ROSSMAN	1B	5	3	1	-1
RED DOWNS	2B	0	0	0	-1
GERMANY SCHAEFER	SS	3	1	5	-1
BILL COUGHLIN	3B	0	0	1	-1
TY COBB	RF	6	4	5	-1
SAM CRAWFORD	CF	6	4	3	0
MATTY MCINTYRE	LF	5	2	3	0
BOB SCHMIDT	C	3	1	0	-1
BENCH	POS	BAT	POW	SPD	FLD
CHARLEY O'LEARY	INF	2	1	1	-1
DAVY JONES	OF	0	0	3	0
IRA THOMAS	C	5	1	0	-1
RED KILLEFER	INF	0	0	1	-1
DONNIE BUSH	INF	4	1	1	0
FREDDIE PAYNE	C/OF	0	0	0	-1
PITCHERS	R/L	START	END	REST	
ED SUMMERS	R	7	4	4	
WILD BILL DONOVAN	R	6	5	5	
GEORGE MULLIN	R	4	5	4	
ED WILLETT	R	6	5	5	
ED KILLIAN	L	4	4	5	
ED SIEVER	L	4	3	7	

TEAM RELIEF VALUE: -1

1908 PITTSBURGH PIRATES (NL)

BAT 27	ENDURANCE A	ROTATION A	WEATHER Zone 3		
STARTERS	POS	BAT	POW	SPD	FLD
HARRY SWACINA	1B	0	0	0	-1
ED ABBATICCHIO	2B	2	1	3	+1
HONUS WAGNER	SS	8	6	6	+1
TOMMY LEACH	3B	3	2	4	-1
OWEN WILSON	RF	0	0	2	-1
DANNY MOELLER	CF	0	0	0	-1
FRED CLARKE	LF	3	2	4	0
GEORGE GIBSON	C	0	0	0	-1
BENCH	POS	BAT	POW	SPD	FLD
ALAN STORKE	INF	2	1	1	0
JIM KANE	1B	2	0	1	-1
EDDIE PHELPS	C	1	1	0	-1
DOC GILL	1B	0	0	1	0
BEALS BECKER	OF	0	0	0	-1
CHARLIE STARR	INF	0	0	3	-1
PITCHERS	R/L	START	END	REST	
NICK MADDOX	R	6	4	4	
VIC WILLIS	R	6	4	4	
HOWIE CAMNITZ	R	7	4	5	
SAM LEEVER	R	6	4	5	
LEFTY LEIFIELD	L	6	4	5	
HARLAN YOUNG	R	4	2	7	

TEAM RELIEF VALUE: 0 (-1 if used on 3 consecutive days or more)

one 14-year stretch (1899-1912), Wagner never batted UNDER .320 and never batted less than 490 times. During that span, he hit over .350 six times, stole 40 or more bases eight times, and knocked in 100 or more runs seven times—all in an era in which a common team batting average was in the .250 range, roughly comparable to today! And when it came to fielding, one of his teammates recalled: "Honus was the best third baseman in the league, he was also the best first baseman, the best second baseman, the best shortstop, and the best outfielder . . . As well as the best base runner."

ED WALSH

Pitcher, Chicago White Sox

"Big Ed" Walsh was a right-handed flamethrower whose lifetime 1.82 ERA in a 14-year career is the best figure in the history of baseball. In 1908, Walsh won more games than any pitcher in the game, posting 39 victories against 15 defeats, with a 1.42 ERA. Walsh was a master of the spitball, which was entirely legal in 1908. "I think that ball disintegrated on the way to the plate and the catcher put it back together again," recalled one of his teammates. "I swear, when it went past the plate it was just the spit that went by."

HOOKS WILTSE

Pitcher, New York Giants

George "Hooks" Wiltse put together the best season of his career in 1908 when the Giants made their spectacular and controversial bid for the National League pennant. Wiltse pitched in the shadow of the great Christy Mathewson for 11 years, but only managed to win 20 or more games in the "unforgettable season" of '08, when he went 23-14.

CY YOUNG

Pitcher, Boston Red Sox

The pitcher whose name was immortalized in baseball's award for pitching excellence was already a 41-year old old-timer by 1908, still pitching superbly (21-12, 1.26 ERA) for the Red Sox. Young's 511 wins are the most by any pitcher in baseball history, although almost 300 of these belong to a different era of baseball—the game played before 1900. Young continued to pitch until he was 44, ending his career in the National League with the Boston Braves. It is interesting to note that in one of his last appearances ever on the mound on 12 September 1911, Young was matched up against the Giants' Christy Mathewson. Youth triumphed over experience in this battle as Young was knocked out of the box in the second after the Giants scored nine runs. ■