

MS-401 Todd Hollst Baseball Collection

Collection Number: MS-401

Title: Todd Hollst Baseball Collection

Dates: 1898-2002

Creator: Hollst, Todd

Summary/Abstract: This Dayton baseball memorabilia collection contains ticket stubs, programs, letters, photographs, team promotional items, and artifacts representing professional baseball in Dayton from 1898 through 2002.

Quantity/Physical Description: 3 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-001, (937) 775-2092.

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Acquisition: The materials in this collection were donated to the Special Collections & Archives Department by Todd Hollst on April 26, 2006 and September 10, 2010.

Custodial History: Todd Hollst amassed the items in this collection from various sources over a span of 20 plus years.

Alternative Form Available: Some of the photographs are available online as part of a web page on Dayton Baseball History written by Todd Hollst and are available at <http://www.daytontriangles.com/9baseballstory.html>.

Note: More information on Dayton Area Sports History is available online at <http://www.daytonareasporthistory.org/baseball/NorthSideFieldBaseballDaytonAreaSportsHistory.htm>. A web site by the grandson of Hall of Famer Jesse Haines, containing original

newsclippings from his days playing professionally in Dayton are available at <http://jessejosephhaines.com/> .

Processing Information: The collection was arranged by Ryan Qualls and the finding aid was written by Toni Vanden Bos in September 2010.

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Arrangement: The collection is arranged in four series: I. Game Day Memorabilia, II. Business Items, III. Photographs, IV. Artifacts.

Historical Note:

Todd Hollst, a native of Beavercreek, Ohio, is an avid fan of Dayton baseball history. His love of baseball merged with his work when he became the first director of entertainment for the Dayton Dragons Professional Baseball Club. He has also contributed to a web site on Dayton Baseball History at <http://www.daytontriangles.com/9baseballstory.html> . The following is a chronology of professional baseball teams in Dayton from 1884-2000:

- **Dayton City Gems:**
Ohio State League, 1884; charter franchise. Disbanded after 1884 season.
- **Dayton Reds:**
Tri-State League, 1889-1890; charter franchise. Northwestern League, 1891; charter franchise. Inter-State League, 1891; charter franchise. Disbanded with league after 1891 season.
- **Dayton Old Soldiers:**
Inter-State League, 1897-1899; new franchise. Renamed Dayton Veterans, 1900.
- **Dayton Veterans:**
Inter-State League, 1900; renamed franchise. Renamed Dayton Old Soldiers, 1901.
- **Dayton Old Soldiers:**
Western Association, 1901; charter franchise. Disbanded with association after 1901 season.
- **Dayton Veterans:**
Central League (D), 1903-1917; charter franchise. Disbanded with league after 1917 season.
- **Dayton Marcos:**
Negro National League, 1920; charter franchise. Disbanded after 1920 season.
- **Dayton Aviators:**
Central League (D), 1928-1929; 1930; charter franchise. Disbanded with league after 1930 season.
- **Dayton Ducks:**
Central League (D), 1932; charter franchise. Middle Atlantic League (C), 1933-1938; expansion franchise. Renamed Dayton Wings, 1939.
- **Dayton Wings:**
Middle Atlantic League (C), 1939-1940; renamed franchise. Renamed Dayton Ducks, 1941.

- **Dayton Ducks:**
Middle Atlantic League (C), 1941-1942; renamed franchise. Suspended operations after 1942 season and resumed as Dayton Indians, 1946.
- **Dayton Indians:**
Ohio State League (D), 1946-1947; charter franchise. Central League (A), 1948-1951; charter franchise. Disbanded with league after 1951 season.
- **Dayton Dragons:**
Midwest League (A), 2000-present.

Source: Professional Baseball Franchises; 1993; Facts On File, Inc.; pages 57-58.
From Dayton Area Sports History: <http://www.daytonareasportshistory.org>

Scope and Content:

The Todd Hollst Baseball Collection contains memorabilia that spans over 100 years of Dayton baseball history and provides a glimpse into the evolution of professional baseball in Dayton. The collection is arranged into four series: I. Game Day Memorabilia, II. Business Items, III. Photographs, and IV. Artifacts.

Series I. Game Day Memorabilia is divided into three subseries. Subseries I. Tickets, contains rain checks and ticket stubs for Dayton team games in 1910, 1911, 1941, 1951 and 2001. Subseries II. Score Books and Programs, contains 21 items from games played in the 1930s-1950s and 2000-2001. Inside the score books and programs are advertisements from sponsors, season schedules, and team rosters. Also in this subseries is the 1995 program from Dayton-born Mike Schmidt's induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame (see Series III for photographs). Subseries III. Posters, contains three oversize posters commemorating the inaugural season of the Dayton Dragons team in 2000.

Series II. Business Items, is the smallest of the series, containing three letters from different decades, as well as two items concerning the entertainment schedule during the Dayton Dragon home games in 2000.

Series III. Photographs contains 25 photographs (several of which are reproductions of originals), going back to 1898 and depicting games at ball parks, Dayton teams, Dayton Ducks Manager Ducky Holmes, and players Jesse Haines, Johnny Vander Meer, and Dayton Dragons pitcher Mark Wohlers. Jesse Haines was born in Clayton, Ohio and played for Dayton before making his Major League debut with the Cincinnati Reds in 1918. He later played for the St. Louis Cardinals, won two World Series Championships, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1970. Johnny Vander Meer played for the Dayton Ducks before going on to be an All-Star pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds. Dates in the inventory reflect the date the image was taken, not when it was printed.

Series IV. Artifacts, contains three-dimensional artifacts with historical significance. Among them is Jesse Haines' mitt, a miniature souvenir Dayton Ducks baseball, four game-used baseballs (some of which are signed), a bat cracked by Dayton Dragons player Ranier Olmedo during the first Dayton Dragons home game, and the first base bag from the Dragon's first game at Fifth-Third Field.

Subject Terms

Subjects (General)

Sports--Ohio--Dayton.

Baseball teams--Ohio--Dayton.

Baseball fields--Ohio.

Collection Inventory

Series I		Game Day Memorabilia	
Subseries I: Tickets (10 items)			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Dayton Baseball Club ticket/ Rain Check	1910
1	1	Dayton Baseball Club ticket/ Rain Check	1911
1	1	Springfield Cardinals v. Dayton Ducks ticket	Aug 31, 1941
1	1	Dayton Indians ticket	1951
1	1	Rain Check Canton Terriers vs. Dayton Wings ticket	undated
1	1	Coalton vs. Dayton Shroyers ticket	undated
1	1	Dayton Dragons vs. Fort Wayne tickets (2)	Apr 5, 2001
1	1	Dayton Dragons 2001 MWL All-Star Game ticket (2)	June 19, 2001
Subseries II: Score Books and Programs			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	2	Dayton Ducks vs. Youngstown Official Score Book	1932
1	2	Dayton vs. Cincinnati Official Score Book	1932
1	2	Dayton Ducks vs. Charleston Official Score Book	1933
1	2	Dayton Ducks vs. Huntington Official Score Book	Aug 23, 1935
1	2	Dayton Ducks vs. Huntington Official Score Book	1936
1	2	Dayton Wings vs. Portsmouth Official Score Book	1939
1	2	Cleveland Indians vs. Cincinnati Reds (Benefit Baseball Game) Official Score Book	July 19, 1943
1	2	Dayton Indians vs. Miami Stationers Official Score Book	1947
1	2	Dayton Indians vs. Grand Rapids Official Score Book	1951
1	2	Dayton Indians vs. Muskegon Official Score Book	1951
1	2	Amateur Baseball Day (23 rd Annual), Hudson Field Official Score Book	July 16-17, 1949
1	3	Dayton Dragons vs. Cedar Rapids Kernels <i>Play Ball!</i> program	April 27, 2000
1	3	Dayton Dragons vs. Lansing Lugnuts <i>Play Ball!</i> program	July 22, 2000

Series I		Game Day Memorabilia (continued)	
		Subseries II: Score Books and Programs	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	3	Dayton Dragons vs. West Michigan Whitecaps <i>Play Ball!</i> programs (2)	September 5, 2000
1	3	Dayton Dragons vs. Michigan Battle Cats <i>Play Ball!</i> programs (2)	September 8, 2000
1	3	Dayton Dragons vs. Fort Wayne Wizards Opening Day <i>Play Ball!</i> program (ticket in folder 1)	April 5, 2001
1	3	Midwest League All-Star Game (ticket in folder 1)	June 19, 2001
1	4	Baseball Hall of Fame Program inducting Dayton native Mike Schmidt	1995
1	4	Bob Ross Classic Baseball Game Program (Buick Team vs. GMC Team)	August 5, 2000
		Subseries III: Posters	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
OS 143		Inaugural Game Poster depicting an aerial of Fifth Third Field with Dayton Dragons' player signatures	April 27, 2000
OS 143		Inaugural Season Poster depicting Dayton Dragons' players	2000
OS 143		Tri-fold poster of all the Dragons' Program Covers	2000
Series II		Business Items	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	5	Letter From Hampton to Russ, Dayton Base Ball Club letterhead (photo reproduction)	Aug 2, 1927
1	5	Promotional Letter from H.E. 'Ducky' Holmes	1933 or 1939
1	5	Letter from Dayton Indians Business Manager Robert Gill concerning player Norris Strickland	Oct 1, 1949
1	6	Dayton Dragons Game Day Entertainment Schedule	2000 season
1	7	Dayton Dragons Do's and Don'ts VHS	circa 2000
Series III		Photographs (25 items)	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	8	Dayton Base Ball Club, Champions Interstate League	1898

Series III		Photographs (continued)	
Box	File	Description	Date
1	8	Base Ball Park—Soldiers' Home , Dayton, Ohio	circa 1900
1	8	Game in progress	circa 1900
1	8	Game in progress	undated
1	8	Dayton Base Ball Team—Central League (page from Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide)	1904
1	8	Dayton Base Ball Team—Central League (enlargement reproduced from page from Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide)	1904
1	8	Dayton Team- Central League	1904, undated
1	8	Enlargement of 1910 Dayton Team-Central League	1910
1	8	Dayton Marco's Charter Member Negro League	1920
1	8	Dayton Ducks Team- First Half Champions Atlantic League	1934
1	8	Ducky Holmes, Manager of Dayton Ducks	circa 1935
1	8	Ducky Holmes, Manager of Dayton Ducks	circa 1935
1	8	Dayton Little Ducks Women's Team	undated
1	8	Lloyd Gearhart, Larry Jansen, Mell Ott, and Bobby Thomson, Members of 1947 NY Giants (signed to the Dayton Dragons)	undated
1	8	Dayton Indians Team signed by 13 players	1951
1	8	Dayton Indians Team	1951
1	8	Jesse Haines, pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1920-1938 autographing a baseball for a 14 year old patient at a hospital	May, 1960
1	8	Jesse Haines postcard published by the National Hall of Fame and Museum	circa 1970
1	8	Jesse Haines	undated
1	8	Jesse Haines and Babe Ruth	undated
1	8	Johnny Vander Meer pitching (former Dayton Ducks pitcher and All-Star for the Cincinnati Reds)	undated
1	8	Mike Schmidt, Sports Illustrated cover	1976
1	8	Mike Schmidt (Dayton-born Baseball Hall of Fame inductee)	undated
1	8	Dayton Dragon's Mark Wohlers Pitching	June 27, 2000
1	8	Construction of Fifth-Third Field, Home of the Dayton Dragons	2000

Series IV		Artifacts	
Box	File	Description	Date
2	1	Miniature souvenir baseball from Dayton Ducks (stamped Dayton, Ohio)	1935
2	2	Official game used ball from Dayton Indians Central League Champs (signed). The Dayton Indians won the Championship.	1948
2	3	Official baseball First Hit from first Dayton Dragons game at Fifth Third Field. A0002 encased	2000
2	4	Official Rawlings ball	undated
2	5	Official ball signed by Gov. Bob Taft	June 28, 2000
2	6	Adam Dunn Dayton Dragons Bobble head	2002
2	7	Dayton Dragons trading card set	2000
2	8	Fifth Third Field 4"x4" model given out by Fifth Third Bank	2000
3		Jessie Haines Baseball Mitt (became Hall of Fame pitcher for St. Louis Cardinals)	undated
4		Original Hollywood Base Jack Corbett by Schutt Sports First base bag from the Dayton Dragons' inaugural season opener at Fifth-Third Field	2000
OS 135		Baseball Bat used and cracked by player Ranier Olmedo during the first Dayton Dragons game at Fifth-Third Field	2000