

# BASEBALL HISTORY

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## Bits and Pieces

### Six HOF Managers

There have been five men in baseball history who have managed their squads to 100+ win seasons for three consecutive years. The first three on the list below were previously enshrined in the HOF with the two others to join them later this summer.

Manager	Team	Years	WS Wins	WS Losses
Connie Mack	Philadelphia (AL)	1929 – 1931	1929, 1930	1931
Billy Southworth	St. Louis (NL)	1942 – 1943	1942, 1944	1943
Earl Weaver	Baltimore (AL)	1969 – 1971	1970, 1971	1969
Bobby Cox	Atlanta (NL)	1997 – 1999		1999
Joe Torre	New York (AL)	2002 – 2004		2003

Over the last six Weeks of the 1908 campaign, the Chicago Cubs ran roughshod over the National League fashioning an amazing 40 – 10 record. In their mad dash to the NL pennant they were 9 – 1 in their 10 final games. However, that left them with 99 wins for the year. If they had been successful in just one more game, HOF manager Frank Chance would still be sitting on top of the heap with five consecutive 100+ win seasons.

### 2013 Payroll vs W/L Record

Below is a ranking of all ML teams according to their final regular season record, including any tie-breaker games. Alongside of each teams' records are their estimated payrolls and their respective payroll rank. Six of the ten playoff squads spent less than the 102.95 million dollar ML average.

Rank	Team	Wins	Losses	Est. Payroll	Payroll Rank
1	Boston	97	65	151.7	4
	St. Louis	97	65	111.7	11
3	Oakland	96	66	60.7	27
	Atlanta	96	66	87.3	17
5	Pittsburgh	94	68	60.8	26
6	Detroit	93	69	148.5	6

Rank	Team	Wins	Losses	Est. Payroll	Payroll Rank
7	Tampa Bay	92	71	59.9	28
8	Los Angeles (NL)	92	70	217.2	1
	Cleveland	92	70	80.9	20
10	Texas	91	72	121.5	8
11	Cincinnati	90	72	98.5	14
12	Washington	86	76	111.7	11
	Kansas City	86	76	79.3	21
14	Baltimore	85	77	88.2	16
	New York (AL)	85	77	211.6	2
16	Arizona	81	81	83.0	18
17	Los Angeles (AL)	78	84	149.6	5
18	San Francisco	76	86	140.0	7
	San Diego	76	86	63.1	25
20	New York (NL)	74	88	90.0	15
	Milwaukee	74	88	73.4	23
	Colorado	74	88	73.2	24
	Toronto	74	88	114.9	10
24	Philadelphia	73	89	157.9	3
25	Seattle	71	91	81.8	19
26	Minnesota	66	96	78.8	22
	Chicago (NL)	66	96	102.0	13
28	Chicago (AL)	63	99	120.4	9
29	Miami	62	100	45.5	29
30	Houston	51	111	25.1	30

### **ML Umpires as ML Players**

Baseball Reference.Com lists slightly more than 400 major league umpires on its website. Of that number 22% (87) were former ML players. Among that group were 2 HOF players - Jim O'Rourke and Pud Galvin and 1 HOF umpire - Jocko Conlan, whose major league career ended in 1935.

The vast majority of the players turned umpire competed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. However, as late as the 1940's, 5 MLers who completed their careers in that decade would become ML umpires. The last player to make the switch was Bill Kunkel who was active as a player from 1961-1963.

Following is a brief summary of some of the other player/umpires.

- Chick Fulmer (1871-1884)- was an original player in each of the first 3 major leagues- National Association, National League and the American Association.
- Guy Hecker (1882-1890)- 1 of only 3 pitchers to win 50 or more games in a season. Also played 1B and OF and led the AA with a .341BA in 1886.

- Jack Doyle (1889-1905)- .299 career BA in 17 years. Well known in his time for getting into quite a few scraps. Later he was a minor league manager, a police commissioner and a long-time scout who signed HOFs Gabby Hartnett and Billy Herman.
- John Keenan (1891)- appeared in only 1 ML game as a player on 8.11.89 and 1 game as an umpire on 9.17.1891.
- Bobby Mathews (1871-1887)- 1<sup>st</sup> pitcher in ML history in the NA opener. Won 21 or more games 9 times in 15 seasons.
- George Moriarty (1903-1916)- Also a manager, writer and scout. Played mostly for Detroit with HOFers Cobb and Crawford. A fierce competitor as a player, he also once fought, at the age of 48, 4 Chicago White Sox players at the same time while umpiring a game in 1932.
- Tim Murnane (1872-1884)- Later a manager, baseball executive, influential sportswriter and scout.
- Bob Emslie (1883-1885)-Umpire for famous Merkle Bonehead game- 35 year career as an umpire and a member of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.
- John Tener (1885-1890)- Became a Congressman as well as the Governor of Pennsylvania (1911-1915) and NL President (1914-1918).
- Al Pratt (1871-1872)- A 5'7", 140 lb. pitcher who lost the 1<sup>st</sup> ML game versus the aforementioned Bobby Mathews.

Other notable 20<sup>th</sup> century player/umpires include Johnny Cooney, Sherry Magee, George Pipgras, Eddie Rommell and Lon Warneke.