

Ken Bridges pitched one game, on May 6, before being released May 8. He subsequently pitched in Pittsburgh and Syracuse in 1913. I think he was actually Marvin Bridges



Marvin Bridges

Of amateur twirlers at any college in the South.

M. O. Bridges, who pitched for Columbia in the Tennessee-Alabama League last summer, is at the school, and will take his turn in the box. Mr. Bridges is better known in college circles because of his great record in the fall on the gridiron, but his friends say that he will be better known as a baseball pitcher when the season is over.

Moon of Texas has already become

ers and rounding his recruits into shape.

"In proof of this I would state that the Pittsburgh-Allegheny team had a line on Bridges, a pitcher of Richmond, Va., and we received word from O'Connor himself to keep our hands off, that Bridges was St. Louis' property. The St. Louis team has leased the St. Louis University baseball grounds for the coming season and the lease is now in possession of the Federal League officials in Indianapolis, as are the leases for the parks of all the other teams in the league.

Connection between Bridges of Richmond and St. Louis in 1913

Pitchers—Charles Strain, Harvey Bussey, Harry Griffin, O. Burleson, M. O. Bridges, Clarence H. Frey, Robert Doyle, A. C. Chambliss, William Woolery, Dr. Phipps.

Catchers—John Mace, Jay Rodgers, Charles Luskey, Berger.

Frey and Bridges with Richmond in 1913
Released by Richmond on April 15, 1913

hard I tried to buy the outfielder Piez last season? I think he is a good one. As for the pitcher, Frey, I cannot say much, only what the dope has on him in the Record. I also signed up an old head in Pitcher Bridges, who is a big fellow and was a fine pitcher, but, like a very few of the professionals, he actually gave up baseball in 1910. He married, but, owing to family differences, forsook the diamond for a business life, but the old seed is sprouting out again and he wants to get back in harness, and 's anxious to try out the Virginia League. He weighs 200 and is six feet two in height, so he ought to be able to show us something, and with our old heads, Bussey, Griffin, Strain and Burleson, we look kind of nifty on the mound.

After One Year, Fielder

Syracuse has signed Pitcher Bridges, late of the Pittsburgh Federal League club.

M.O. Bridges – Retired in 1910 and weighs 200 lbs with Richmond spring 1913

were playing football or basketball yesterday, for they boated and threw the ball around as if they were playing both of those games. The Utes took advantage of all the boats and wild heaves and won, 6 to 2. Ben Bridges, the 200-pound pitcher who joined the club last week, got his release from the Pittsburgh Federal League club and made his debut on the mound. He looked fairly good, much better than several slab men on the staff and deserves another opportunity to show his wares before judgment should be passed on his ability. He showed that he was not nervous and did not take a balloon ascension in a pinch, and since yesterday's game was the first that he has been in in ten days it may be said he pitched a fair game.

Ed Reichte, the former Ute, had a

Taylor, p.
Totals
Good, rf.
Wright, 2b.
Atley, 3b.
Reichte, cf.
Shattery, 1b.
Hennon, ss.
Kehoe, lf.
Munich, c.
Bridges, p.
Brennan
Totals
Utes
Syracuse
Summary—T
ape: three-ha
home run, Re
struck out, b
first base on
Bridges 2; left
6: first base on

Evans scoring the third run. Ben Bridges, the giant pitcher recently secured by the Stars from the Pittsburgh club of the Federal league, was on the slab in the early part of the game for the Stars, while the Southern McLeod, was on the firing line for the invaders. Both were yanked from the fray in the sixth inning. Teal relieving Bridges and Galcer succeeding the Southern pitcher. At the time the pitchers were derricked the score was tied at three runs each. Teal and Galcer

Teal, Brennan, Bridges and Kehoe Are Given Releases by Burchell

home. Cornwell was wild and was accorded amateurish support. Umpire Bridges umpired the game, succeeding Leads, who resigned Saturday. Bridges was secured from the Syracuse, N. Y., team, where he has been pitching. His arm went bad and he decided to handle the indicator. The score:

Owens.	ab.h.po.a.	Hop.	ab.h.po.a.
Robison ss.	3 0 3 4	Plummer lf	
Ling lb	2 0 1 1	and ss	4 1 1 1
ca's		Smith 2b	4 1 4 6
Budke 3b	3 0 1 1	Dayton rf	5 1 2 0
the		Hughes lb	4 1 8 3
nth.		Vogt cf	2 0 1 0
f a		Long lf and	
gies			

BASEBALL DECISIONS.

AUBURN, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Decisions were handed down today by the National Board of Arbitration of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. Among the claims allowed were Harry Glenn against Nashville, and George Weeder against Norfolk.

Among the claims disallowed were W. B. Caldwell against Maysville, Ky.; R. L. Stevenson against New Orleans; J. H. Reynolds against Beaumont; Ward Clemens against Jackson, Miss.; M. O. Bridges against Clarksville, Tenn.

There's the connection from St Louis to Pittsburgh

burg Stogies Tuesday.
Nothing But a Smile.
Pitcher Bridges, a Terrier castoff, had nothing but a pleasant smile when the game started and before it was over the big wrinkle resembled the facial expression of the famed Jim Dumps.

Fate was unkind to Pitcher Bridges of the Pittsburg Filipinos, in the game with the St. Louis Federals Tuesday. Probably no pitcher received a worse drubbing, and while he was being beaten, 17-5, a telegram was awaiting him telling of the death of his father in Collins, N. Y.

The game had just started when the message arrived at the park. It was decided best to withhold the news until after the game, and for that reason even Manager Phillipe of the Filipinos was not advised of Bridges' misfortune. After the contest, Bridges was told of his father's death and prepared to depart for his home.

O'Connor Released Bridges.

Bridges is a former St. Louis Fed twirler, having been signed by "Deacon" Phillipe after Jack O'Connor handed to him his unconditional release. Sixteen hits, including three doubles and seven triples were made off him. The Feds collected their runs in series of four, six, one and six.

Father died June 1913

Father of Marvin Bridges was Rev. Wiley A Bridges. I haven't found info on when Rev. Bridges died.

Marvin O Bridges

BIRTH 1 Apr 1878
DEATH 13 Jan 1962 (aged 83)
BURIAL [Arlington National Cemetery](#)
Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia, USA
PLOT Sec: 33, Site: 612
MEMORIAL ID 49129488 · [View Source](#)

Marvin O. Bridges Rites Tomorrow

Marvin Orestor Bridges, 83, Miami, retired real estate man and native Tennessean, died here yesterday in Veterans Hospital after a long illness.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at Pettus-Owen Wood Funeral Home, 4506 Charlotte Ave. The Rev. Harlon Watson will officiate. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Bridges, a native of Bedford County, had been in the real estate business in Florida, California, Washington, and New York before his retirement about four years ago.

He had lived in Miami since his retirement and had been visiting in Nashville since November. He was hospitalized after suffering a heart attack four days ago.

He was a son of the Rev Wiley A. and Sara Reagor Bridges.

He played professional baseball for Buffalo, N.Y., and later coached football at the University of Florida. He also coached and taught at Mooney School in Murfreesboro. Both his parents also were teachers.

His first wife, Mrs. Lulu Shaef-fer Bridges, died Dec. 7, 1957. In November, 1960, he married Mrs. Sadie Ott of Washington, D.C., who survives.

He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. He attended Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ester Monroe, Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Jennie McClanahan, Jackson, Tenn.; a brother, Milton L. Bridges, Fayetteville, Tenn.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Name	William A. Bridges
Sex	Male
Age	34
Event Date	1880
Event Place	District 11, Grainger, Tennessee, United States
Event Place (Original)	District 11, ED 11, Bedford, TN, United States
Birth Year (Estimated)	1846
Birthplace	Tennessee, United States
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Minister
Race	White
Relationship to Head of Household	Self
Father's Birthplace	Tennessee, United States
Mother's Birthplace	Tennessee, United States
Event Type	Census
Household Identifier	13135569

As best I can tell from the box scores, Bridges played for the Federals on Opening Day (May 6), along with a pitcher named Frey. Bridges was released a few days later (May 8), while Frey left town that day on the first road trip of the season. He appears in the box score for the game of May 10 in Covington, and then he was cut on May 12.

Searches for Ken Bridges in newspapers.com turn up a blurb in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on May 1, 1913 indicating that St. Louis beat Pittsburgh to "Bridges, a pitcher of Richmond, VA". Going back a month or so from then, one finds M. O. Bridges and Clarence H. Frey (frey—001geo) on a roster for Richmond; both were released by Richmond on April 15, 1913. This is the element that ties Clarence Frey to St. Louis. Frey came from Glen Rock, PA, and was also known as Jack Frey (frey—001jac) (The York (PA) Daily, March 16, 1914). I've found out a lot about Frey, but I haven't been able to conclusively put him on the St. Louis club, another than through the connection to Bridges. (A third player, Buck Hooker, was also recruited by St. Louis manager Jack O'Connor from Virginia at the start of the season and released with Bridges.)

As for Bridges, Baseball-Reference has Ken Bridges playing for Pittsburgh in the Federal League after St. Louis. I found that connection in the St. Louis papers. Bridges played for Pittsburgh through mid-June, when he was released and signed by Syracuse. The Syracuse papers refer to him as "Ben Bridges" (Syracuse Herald, July 3, 1913). He was released after about a week, at which point the Syracuse paper reported he returned to his home in Buffalo. However, Bridges umpired games for the Kitty League the rest of the season, and the Louisville Courier-Journal is explicit that he came from Syracuse (July 14, 1913). And at the end of the season, the National Board of Arbitration disallowed a claim by M.O. Bridges against Clarksville, a team which had issues with Bridges' umpiring during the season, so I can only assume that M.O. Bridges was the umpire and the pitcher with Syracuse, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, despite the name "Ben" reported by the Syracuse paper.

Baseball-Reference describes M.O. Bridges as Marvin Bridges as 6' 2", 225 lbs. The Richmond paper describes him as 6' 2", 200 lbs. (Haven't got this reference, so need to double check that.) The Syracuse paper describes Ben Bridges as a 200 lb pitcher. Marvin Bridges was born in Bedford, TN, attended Cumberland University (where he was a known athlete), and played for teams in Tennessee and the Southern Association, so he was known in Tennessee well before he umpired in the Kitty League.