

Jack Mertens

<p>The St. Louis Star and Times (St. Louis, Missouri) • 31 May 1913, Sat • Page 8</p> <p>ton Oysters.</p> <p>"King Jack" appears to have at last struck a winning combination, for with the release of Hohnhorst, Scotty Kemplin has been switched to the initial sack and "Birdlegs" Collins, a recent find who formerly played professional ball under the name of Mertens, has replaced Scotty in the center pasture.</p> <p>Since the new lineup went into ef-</p>	<p>Jack Collins is really Jack Mertens</p> <h2>Jack Mertens</h2> <p>Bats: Unknown • Throws: Unknown</p> <p>Born: July 20, 1882 in St. Louis, MO </p> <p>Died: February 3, 1946 (Aged 63-198d) in St. Louis, MO</p> <p>Buried: Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, MO</p> <p>Full Name: John Henry Mertens</p> <p>View Player Info from the B-R Bullpen</p>
<p>The St. Louis Star and Times (St. Louis, Missouri) • 07 Jun 1913, Sat • Page 6</p> <p>Henning's did not allow a hit for six innings and the outlook was rather dismal for O'Connor's Pets until Charley Stis opened the seventh with a double to center, then Jack Collins came to bat and for the fourth time within a week the ex-Trolley Leaguer put a game on ice with a bingle to center that counted Stis with the only and winning run of the game.</p> <p>The first hit of the game was made</p>	<p>The St. Louis Star and Times (St. Louis, Missouri) • 12 Jun 1913, Thu • Page 13</p> <p>has the best pinch hitter.</p> <p>The pinch hitter is none other than Jack Collins, whose real name is "Snetrem," turned around for the purpose of fooling a loving father.</p> <p>Collins' Great Record</p>
<p>Herald and Review (Decatur, Illinois) • 05 Aug 1913, Tue • Page 4</p> <p>The Herald was panned by Danville papers for making this announcement a week ago.</p> <p>Bade Myers is playing first base for the St. Louis Federal league club, and Jack Mertens, under the name of Collins, has been shifted to the outfield. The St. Louis Times says of the first game: "Prout, Collins and Bade Myers starred with the war club. Myers, the new first sacker, banged out a couple of counters, while Collins did likewise."</p>	<p>The Daily Times (Davenport, Iowa) • 09 May 1913, Fri • Page 19</p> <p>Quincy Herald: Manager Hackett started spring house cleaning last night in the Quincy ball club. Jack Mertens was suspended indefinitely and fined \$200 for indifferent playing and Outfielder Henry was given his unconditional release. Since the recent slump of the team Hackett has been in search of the cause back of this, and after an investigation decided to plaster the fine and suspension on Mertens. It is charged that Jack has been trying to disrupt the work of the club, in addition to his indifferent playing and that he was stalling for his release in order to join Bade Myers' club.</p>
<p>The St. Louis Star and Times (St. Louis, Missouri) • 19 Aug 1913, Tue •</p> <p>The one to Bishop Saturday afternoon, will probably be the choice of Blonde Bill.</p> <p>O'Connor announced the release of Outfielder Collins and Third Baseman Bill Prout after Monday's game.</p> <p>Collins was a heavy hitter, but rather slow and when Kahl made good around the keystone sack in the past two games, King Jack decided to place Gaston in center, where he belongs, and let Collins go.</p> <p>Prout was also a fair hitter, but too old and slow to be of much use to the Terriers since the famous John Scott has been signed by the Goose Hill Grandee.</p> <p>Scott was signed by O'Connor Monday, and is expected to report at Federal Field Tuesday afternoon.</p>	

YOUNG BASEBALL PLAYERS OF ST. LOUIS.



JOHN MERTENS,
Pitcher.

PATRICK O'CONNOR,
Catcher.

BEN WALLENKAMP,
First Baseman.

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considered ripe for the big leagues. Missouri Valley and Three-Eye, Too.

The Three-Eye and Missouri Valley leagues drew largely on St. Louis for talent. Monte McFarland, who was Huise-man's side partner in the Shreveport out-field last year, has undertaken the manage-ment of the Decatur club, the position left vacant by the resignation of Fred Pfeffer, old Chicago star.

McFarland is wintering in St. Louis, and is improving the Decatur team. He has signed three Christian Brothers' College players. They are Pat O'Connor, a member of the illustrious baseball family of that name, Ben Wallenkamp and John Mer-tens.

Like his famous brother, Pat O'Connor is a catcher, and he has had the benefit of Jack's coaching. Mertens is a pitcher, and Wallenkamp a first baseman.

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Decatur Review: The rule to cut down the teams to twelve men will mean some changes on the Commo-dores. John Mertens has been loaned to Cairo with the understanding that he can be recalled at any time. Pat O'Connor may also be loaned as he is not needed now. It has been about decided to let a couple of men now on the pitching staff go without re-serve and if this is done Charley Mc-Gill will be sent for.

MERTENS LOST.
John Mertens pitched for Cairo against Hopkinsville in the K. I. T. league Saturday and lost. The score was 5 to 8. Mertens was hit for eleven safe ones.

Capt. "Billy" Elwert has signed "Jack" Mertens of the Decatur team to cover first base. Mertens will make his first appearance here next Sunday in the game between the B's and the Kerns.

KERNS, 3; BELLEVILLE, 2.
At Belleville, Ill.—The Kerns of St. Louis met the Bellevilles at the Trolley league park this afternoon and defeated them by a score of 3 to 2. The game was the best one played here this season and an unusually large crowd witnessed the sport. The fielding of Vollrath and Wainwright of the Bellevilles was excellent. Score:
Innings— 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R
Kerns 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1—3
Bellevilles 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2
Batteries—Talbot and McSweeney; Mertens and Minch.

MAYOR PRESENTS THE PENNANT

Alton Blues, Champions of the Trolley League, Will Celebrate With a Game Today.

The Alton Blues will celebrate the winning of the Trolley League championship at the Alton baseball park with a flag raising and a game this afternoon with the East St. Louis leaguers. The mayor will present the pennant to the winners and make a speech in honor of the achievement of the team.

Lelfield and Stanton will work for the Alton team, and Mertens and Jack O'Connor for the East St. Louis team.

1903 – Decatur, Cairo (Kitty League), Belleville (Trolley League)

Exhibition game with Jack O'Conner

Pitched to Jack's brother Pat at Decatur

Decatur Anchored.

The Decatur team is playing fast ball, but can not get away from the seventh position. The team is still handicapped by the absence of Swadina, the center fielder, who is yet in the hospital. Shea, a young St. Louis catcher, has been taken on as utility backstop, and is being used in center. Manager MacFarland is well satisfied with the quality of ball that his team is putting up, and while many games are being lost, he has no criticism. He thinks that there is ample time to pull to the front, and his team will end the season in the first division. Pitchers Hardy, Barry, Edwards, Stone and Syfert are all in form and showing up well.

The new men of the Dubuque team—Reitz, the third baseman, who succeeds Warren, and Koukilik and Mertens, the new pitchers—are thought to be prizes. The twirlers made their first appearance against Bloomington this week and the Bloomers could do nothing with them. Mertens is from St. Louis and Koukilik from the Northern league. The team has made a spurt since the new men were secured, and, after a long run of defeats, is again in victorious form.

The Springfield and Rock Islands are now battling for first place, and the contest is a pretty one. Both teams are in first-class condition and have been using practically the same players during the past three weeks.

Pitcher Mertens has returned from Dubuque, Ia., where he pitched for the local club.

Brief stay in Dubuque in 1905

No colors given.

COLLINSVILLE, ILL.—J. P. Sweitzer, President and Manager, Collinsville, Ill.
Mertens, Fletcher, Wilson, A. Whitaker, Crawford, Long, S. Whitaker, Cook, Jokerst, Nickols.
Colors—Gray with Red trimmings.

Collinsville has been rather unfortunate since joining the Trolley League. The very day the season opened Jokerst, Mertens, Whitaker and Fletcher, four of their best men, left to play professional ball, and they found great difficulty in filling their places, and consequently lost regularly. Last Sunday, however, Jokerst their pitcher, and Mertens returned and an easy victory was the result. The other players are also expected back, and when the Collinsville boys meet the Maroons next Sunday they will be in the same form that they were last year, when they won the championship in the Illinois Trolley League.

Mertens Leads in Batting.

John Mertens, formerly a pitcher on the Commie team, now playing the outfield for Quincy, is the real leader of the Central association in batting. He is hitting .293. Mike Bryette is hitting .282. Foxie Morris is down the list with an average of .226. Pete Berg is hitting .269.

Quincy has sold five players—Third Baseman McGuire to the St. Louis Cardinals, Left Fielder Dang to Lincoln, Pitcher Keyes and Catcher Walsh to Des Moines, and Outfielder Mertens to Omaha.

friends here.

Jack Mertens, of Collinsville, who has been playing with Quincy this year, has been sold to Omaha and will join that team next season. Mertens plays any position with equal efficiency and while with the Collinsville Reds was pitcher, catcher, first baseman and fielder.

Mourns Draft of Mertens.

Quincy mourns the drafting of John Mertens by Detroit, for it had figured a sale whereby the former Decatur tryout was to bring more money than the draft price.

Jack Mertens, who formerly pitched for the Belleville and Collinsville teams of the Trolley League, has been signed by Hughey Jennings of the champion Detroit Tigers for the coming season. Mertens was with the Quincy team of the Iowa State League and is a fine batter. He will be given a try-out in the outfield.

MERTENS WILL NOT SEE SAN ANTONIO

The Detroit club Saturday announced the release of player Mertens, drafted from a western team at the close of last season, sending the young man to the Minneapolis club, of the American association.


John Henry Mertens

BIRTH 20 JUL 1882 • St Louis, St Louis City, Missouri, USA
DEATH 3 FEB 1946 • St Louis, St Louis City, Missouri, USA

Family


Parents

 Theodore William Mertens Sr
1853-1928

 Elizabeth Schulte
1852-1932


Spouse and children

 Hanora Blanche Walsh
1883-1964


 Blanche Elizabeth Mertens
1905-1986

 Private

Siblings


 Mary Agnes Mertens
1878-1879


 Mary Mertens
1880-1920

 Henry William Mertens
1885-1887


 Otto John Mertens
1887-1944

 Theodore William Mertens Jr
1890-1921

 Herman Joseph Mertens
1893-1957

 Bernard Mertens
1895-1981

Half siblings

 Christian Ferdinand Mertens
1860-1958

Son John born Feb 3, 1926

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
W-261-B	JOHN EDWARD MERTENS	13,892-B

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
5035th Oleatha Ave. St. Louis, Missouri.
(Street and house) (City, township, village or city) (County) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS
Same.

4. TELEPHONE
Fl. 3961.

5. AGE IN YEARS
21

6. PLACE OF BIRTH
St. Louis, Missouri.
(City or town) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
(Wife) Mrs. Gloria Lee Mertens, address same as above.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
Bradt Company Incorp.
408 North 18th St. St. Louis, Missouri.
(City or town) (State or country)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.
DHS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42) 16-61800-4 (OVER) 1 John Edward Mertens
Enl. U.S. Army 5-8-43. Re-Enl. 11-16-45. Hon. Disc. 2/8/1947.

Detail	Source	Discover
Name:	John Mertens	
Birth Year:	abt 1883	
Gender:	Male	
Race:	White	
Age in 1930:	47	
Birthplace:	Missouri	
Marital Status:	Married	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Home in 1930:	St Louis, St. Louis (Independent City), Missouri, USA	
Map of Home:	St Louis, St. Louis (Independent City), Missouri	
Street Address:	Cora Ave	
Ward of City:	22	
Block:	3720	
House Number:	1812	
Dwelling Number:	68	
Family Number:	104	
Home Owned or Rented:	Rented	
Home Value:	35.00	
Radio Set:	No	
Lives on Farm:	No	
Age at First Marriage:	21	
Attended School:	No	
Able to Read and Write:	Yes	
Father's Birthplace:	Germany	
Mother's Birthplace:	Iowa	
Able to Speak English:	Yes	
Occupation:	Gen'l Hawling	
Industry:	Brick and Saudo	
Class of Worker:	Working on own account	
Employment:	Yes	
Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
John Mertens	47	Head
Blanch Mertens	43	Wife
Blanch E Mertens	24	Daughter
John Mertens	4	Son
Elizabeth Mertens	78	Mother-In-Law

Son John died in 2008; John's wife Gloria died in 2022.

MERTENS, JOHN H.—Of 4464 Wallace ave., suddenly on Sun., Feb. 3, 1946, dear husband of Blanche Walsh Mertens, dear father of Dolly and Pfc. Jack Mertens, dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

Funeral from KRIEGSHAUSER Mortuary, 4228 S. Kingshighway, on Thurs., Feb. 7, 8:30 a.m. to St. John the Baptist Church, Interment Calvary Cemetery.

MERTENS, BLANCHE (nee Walsh), fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church, Wed., March 4, 1964, dear wife of the late John H. Mertens, dear mother of Dolly Glaub and John (Jack) Mertens, our dear mother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt and cousin.

Funeral from KRIEGSHAUSER'S SOUTH, 4228 S. Kingshighway Sat., March 7, 8:30 a.m. to Immaculate Conception Church, Maplewood, Interment Calvary. A member of St. Anne's Guild Ladies of Charity. In state after 7 p.m. Thurs.