

Jack Powell

Two games for the Browns in 1913



## Jack Powell

**Position:** Pitcher

**Bats:** Unknown • **Throws:** Right

6-2 (188cm)

**Born:** [August 17, 1891](#) in Holcomb, [MO](#) 

**Died:** [March 12, 1930](#) (Aged 38-207d) in Memphis, [TN](#)

**Buried:** Memphis National Cemetery, Memphis, TN

**School:** [Southeast Missouri State University \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

**Debut:** [June 14, 1913](#) (Age 21-301d, 3,925th in major league history)

[vs. BOS](#) 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 SO, 1 BB, 0 ER

**Last Game:** [July 9, 1913](#) (Age 21-326d)

[vs. BOS](#) 1.0 IP, 1 H, 0 SO, 1 BB, 0 ER

**Full Name:** Reginald Bertrand Powell

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been signed by the Boston Braves.  
Manager Stovall, of the Browns,  
has signed Pitcher Powell, a right-  
hander, of the University of Michi-  
gan, who has been second string to  
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Henry. Ainsmith. Williams. the

[The Washington Post \(Washington, District of Columbia\)](#) • 03 Jun 1913, Tue • Page 8

Young Powell, who made a great record  
with the University of Michigan nine, has  
been grabbed up by the Browns, and may  
be seen in action in one of the games  
which the Mound City outfit will stage in  
this city.  
That collection  
had another migh  
terday when Lay

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and eighth runs.  
Powell, the Michigan University  
pitcher, worked in the final inning  
for the Browns, and the champions  
did not get a hit off his delivery.  
R. Collins, the Red Sox giant  
outlaw, pitched air-tight ball, but  
the Browns got to him in the eighth  
inning for three hits, which pushed  
over their lone tally.  
The feature of the game, aside from  
the slugging of the world's cham-  
pions in the opening round, was the  
batting of Derrill Pratt for the  
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A tall gentleman, of a leaning  
tower of Pisa effect, whose nomen-  
clature was said to be Powell, ap-  
peared in the final inning and pitched  
fair ball despite the fact three runs  
were made off him. Large blue er-  
rors had him looking bad. Speaker's  
single to center was the only clean hit  
of the inning off Powell.  
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Debut June 14, 1913 vs. Boston

Second & last game, July 9, 1913

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lied another run.  
In the ninth inning, Powell, a Mich-  
igan university recruit, went to the  
mound for St. Louis and was hit for  
a single and passed one man. Three  
errors followed, allowing three more  
visitors to cross the plate. The Bos-  
ton team's baggage failed to reach  
St. Louis and the champions performed  
in the local's travelling uniforms.  
The score:  
St. Louis

[The Rock Island Argus \(Rock Island, Illinois\)](#) • 21 Jun 1913, Sat • Page 3

St. Louis, Mo., June 21.—The St.  
Louis Browns, who open a five-game  
series at Comiskey park today, are  
toting along two brand new young-  
sters, both of whom came from the  
University of Michigan. The names  
of these recruits, who are expected  
to startle the world, are John Lavans,  
infielder, and Jack Powell, twirler.  
Lavans played shortstop for the Wol-  
verines this year, and was a sensa-  
tional defender of his alma mater.

Michigan has come to the front through the decision of "Jack" Powell, Johnny Layeng and "King" Lear, to try the professional ball stunt. The first two have clung like barnacles to the St. Louis American payroll all spring, while the latter is getting his blue envelope from the management of the Buffalo team, in the International league.

Early in his collegiate career Powell found that he was not adapted to the law course (or vice versa) and severed his connection with the institution before the ball season opened. There is not a shadow of doubt but that had "Jack" remained he would have bolstered up the team and possibly have been the means of helping it over some of the rough places.

1913 University of Michigan team photo

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**Top Row:** student mngr McCarthy, assistant coach Campbell, coach Branch Rickey, ? Stewart, George Sisler, Roy Baribeau, ? Black, Wilbur Davidson, Russell Baer, captain Joseph Bell

**Middle Row:** Donald Duncanson, John Cory, John Lavan, Ernest Hughitt, Miller Pontius, Frank Sheehy, Cregar Quaintance, Perry Howard

**Front Row:** Goodloe Rogers, Edward Saier?, Roy Baker, Edward Webber, Edmond McQueen, (Seward Cramer-mascot)

Dunklin Democrat (Kennett, Missouri) • 15 May 1914, Fri • Page 1

**A Dunklin County Boy.**

Cape Republican: Reginald Powell, a Dunklin county product, and formerly a student at the Normal school, and pitcher on the local base ball teams. He is two or three years ago, is taking an important part in the pageant with which St. Louis hopes to lure the rubes a hundred miles in every direction. Powell has been given the part of the high priest, which requires height and a leather-lunged voice. The St. Louis Republic said of his ability in the part:

"When the stentorian tones of Regi-

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be done by Charles ... friend of MacKaye.

Reginald B. Powell, a Washington University student, is to furnish the voice of Cahokia, speaking from beneath the figure, while Koch manipulates the gestures of the head and arms. MacKaye declares that, from the standpoint of stage management, this experiment in the dramatic use of a giant puppet will be one of the most interesting things in the whole Pageant-Masque production.

The figures of Heat and Cold, which are to appear with Cahokia in the first

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## Chokes to Death in Effort to Eat Half Steak at One Bite

Memphis, March 13.—(A. P.)—Reginald B. Powell loved only one thing better than a beefsteak "and that's more beefsteaks," he told friends.

He entered a cafe here early today and ordered a favorite cut.

Calling patrons of the cafe around his table, he said: "Here's to bigger and better beefsteaks. Watch me eat half of this one in one bite."

He choked to death before he could be taken to a doctor.

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## TRIED TO SWALLOW STEAK AT ONE BITE, CHOKES TO DEATH

New Madrid, March 17.—Reginald B. Powell was dead today after trying to swallow a small steak at one bite after bragging that he could do it. He choked to death. The body was sent to the home here, following his death in Memphis, Tenn.

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banquet will be held on the night of the 27th.

Reginald B. Powell of Memphis, Tenn., died last Friday from trying to swallow a small steak at one bite, after bragging he could do it, was choked to death. Reginald was the son of the late Dr. Powell, who was a prominent citizen of Holcomb several years ago.

Don H. Patterson, speaker at the



## Former C'ville Citizen Dies in Peculiar Way

Caruthersville Democrat - Argus—

The following news item is taken from yesterday's Memphis Evening Appeal and details the death in a most peculiar manner of one of Caruthersville's former citizens, R. B. Powell, or Jack Powell, as he was better known here:

His claim of being Memphis' "fastest eater" cost the life of Reginald B. Powell, 38, who choked to death, last night, when he attempted to swallow half of a tenderloin steak at one gulp.

Funeral arrangements, in charge of Thompson Brothers mortuary, have not been completed.

According to reports made to police, Mr. Powell ordered a steak in a restaurant on South Main Street at 9:30 p. m. He told other customers in the place to "watch this."

"He cut the meat in half and tried to swallow one half of it at once," Charles Mourikis, restaurant proprietor, said today. "He started to choke, and I called an ambulance."

Mr. Powell was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital but died before physicians could remove the meat from his throat. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma Powell, of New Madrid, Mo., and a brother, I. H. Powell, of 323 North Main Street. He was employed in the offices of Frank Gailor, county trustee.

Powell was born and reared near Holcomb, in Dunklin county, being a son of a physician and one of the pioneer citizens of that section. He was educated in the legal profession and established himself in the practice of law in this city several years ago, shortly after his admission to the bar, and he was elected to the office of city attorney and served the greater part of one term here.

He was married to Miss Emma Faust, at present chief operator for the telephone company at New Madrid, and is survived by her and a son. The body was sent to New Madrid today, but we do not have the information whether it is being interred there or taken to the old home at Holcomb.