

= Roger Peckinpaugh =

Roger Thorpe Peckinpaugh (February 5 , 1891 ? November 17 , 1977) was an American professional baseball player . A shortstop , he played in Major League Baseball (MLB) from 1910 through 1927 , during which he played for the Cleveland Naps , New York Yankees , Washington Senators and Chicago White Sox .

Nap Lajoie discovered Peckinpaugh as a high school student , and signed him to his first professional contract . Peckinpaugh debuted with the Naps , who traded him to the Yankees in 1913 . He managed the Yankees for 20 games in 1914 and was the team captain for the remainder of his time with the club . The Senators acquired Peckinpaugh , where he continued to play until his final season , spent with the White Sox . After his playing career , Peckinpaugh managed the Indians from 1928 through 1933 and in 1941 . He was also a minor league baseball manager , and served in the front office of the Indians and Buffalo Bisons from 1942 through 1947 .

Peckinpaugh was considered an excellent defensive shortstop and strong leader . When he managed the Yankees , he became the youngest manager in MLB history . He was named American League Most Valuable Player in 1925 . He played in the World Series three times : winning the 1924 World Series with the Senators , losing the 1921 World Series with the Yankees , and losing the 1925 World Series with the Senators .

= = Early life and amateur career = =

Peckinpaugh was born in Wooster , Ohio , the third child of Frank and Cora Peckinpaugh . His father played semi @-@ professional baseball .

At a young age , the Peckinpaughs moved from Wooster to Cleveland . He attended East Technical High School , where he played American football , basketball , and baseball . There , Nap Lajoie of the Cleveland Naps , who lived in the same neighborhood , discovered Peckinpaugh . Lajoie signed Peckinpaugh to a contract with a salary of \$ 125 per month (\$ 3 @, @ 175 in current dollar terms) when he graduated from high school in 1910 .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Cleveland Naps and New York Yankees (1910 ? 1921) = = =

The Naps started Peckinpaugh 's professional career by assigning him to the New Haven Prairie Hens of the Class @-@ B Connecticut League . He was promoted to the Naps to make his Major League Baseball (MLB) debut in September 1910 , playing in 15 games for the Naps at age 19 . The Naps assigned Peckinpaugh to the Portland Beavers of the Class @-@ A Pacific Coast League for the entire 1911 season . He appeared in 70 games for the Naps in 1912 , batting only .212 . On May 25 , 1913 , after giving the starting shortstop position to Ray Chapman , the Naps traded Peckinpaugh to the New York Yankees for Jack Lelivelt and Bill Stumpf .

The Naps soon regretted the trade . With the Yankees , Peckinpaugh emerged as a team leader . He was named captain in 1914 by manager Frank Chance . Chance resigned with three weeks remaining in the season , and Peckinpaugh served as player ? manager for the remainder of the season ; at the age of 23 , he became the youngest manager in MLB history . He finished the 1914 season fifth in the AL with 38 stolen bases .

Bill Donovan was hired as the Yankees manager in the offseason . In the 1914 ? 15 offseason , Peckinpaugh considered leaving the Yankees to join the Federal League , as he received offers from the Chicago Federals , Buffalo Blues , and Indianapolis Hoosiers . After considering the offer from Chicago , he chose to stay with the Yankees , and received a three @-@ year contract worth \$ 6 @, @ 000 (\$ 140 @, @ 349 in current dollar terms) per season from 1915 through 1917 . He resigned with the Yankees in 1918 . Peckinpaugh tied Buck Weaver for fourth in runs scored (89) and several players for eighth in home runs (7) in the 1919 season .

By the 1921 season , Peckinpaugh was one of three players , along with Wally Pipp and Bob Shawkey , remaining with the Yankees from the time Jacob Ruppert and Tillinghast L 'Hommedieu Huston purchased the team in 1915 . The Yankees reached the World Series in 1921 , losing to the New York Giants . Peckinpaugh set an MLB record for most assists in one game by a shortstop with nine .

= = = Washington Senators and Chicago White Sox (1922 ? 1926) = = =

Peckinpaugh was traded twice during the 1921 ? 22 offseason . On December 20 , 1921 , the Yankees traded Peckinpaugh with Rip Collins , Bill Piercy , Jack Quinn and \$ 100 @, @ 000 (\$ 1 @, @ 326 @, @ 679 in current dollar terms) to the Boston Red Sox for Bullet Joe Bush , Sad Sam Jones and Everett Scott . On January 10 , 1922 , Peckinpaugh was involved in a three @-@ team trade involving the Red Sox , Washington Senators and Philadelphia Athletics , where Peckinpaugh joined the Senators , Joe Dugan and Frank O 'Rourke went to the Red Sox , and the Athletics acquired Bing Miller , José Acosta , and \$ 50 @, @ 000 (\$ 706 @, @ 859 in current dollar terms) . Though team owner Clark Griffith had indicated that Peckinpaugh would serve as his player @-@ manager at the time of the trade , he named Clyde Milan player @-@ manager for the 1922 season instead . This distracted Peckinpaugh , and along with injuries , limited his performance .

Chance , now managing the Boston Red Sox , attempted to acquire Peckinpaugh from the Senators before the 1923 season . Remaining in Washington , Peckinpaugh rebounded during the 1923 season with timely hitting and solid fielding .

Griffith appointed Bucky Harris as manager before the 1924 season . Harris considered Peckinpaugh his " assistant manager " . Peckinpaugh was a key contributor in the 1924 World Series , in which the Senators defeated the Giants . He won the League Award as the AL 's Most Valuable Player in 1925 , edging Al Simmons by a small margin . In the 1925 World Series against the Pittsburgh Pirates , Peckinpaugh committed eight errors in the seven @-@ game series , a MLB record .

On January 15 , 1927 , the Senators traded Peckinpaugh to the Chicago White Sox for Leo Mangum and Sloppy Thurston . However , his playing time with the White Sox was limited by a leg injury . He acted as an advisor to manager Ray Schalk . After one season with the White Sox , Peckinpaugh retired as a player .

= = Managerial and executive career = =

Peckinpaugh was named manager of the Cleveland Indians after the 1927 season . After the Indians fell from first to fifth place during the 1933 season , the Indians fired Peckinpaugh , replacing him with Walter Johnson .

After being considered for the Detroit Tigers ' managerial vacancy that offseason , Peckinpaugh took over as manager of the Kansas City Blues of the Class @-@ AA American Association for the 1934 season . Out of professional baseball in 1935 , Peckinpaugh joined Lew Fonseca on nationwide baseball tours , which involved the viewing of a movie and technical demonstrations . He applied to be manager of the Boston Bees for the 1938 season , but the job was given to Casey Stengel . Peckinpaugh returned to professional baseball as the manager of the New Orleans Pelicans of the Class @-@ A1 Southern Association in 1939 .

The Indians rehired Peckinpaugh as their manager in 1941 , signing him to a two @-@ year contract ; team president Alva Bradley , who fired Peckinpaugh in 1933 , promised Peckinpaugh full cooperation and minimal interference . After the 1941 season , he was promoted to vice president , later serving as Cleveland 's general manager (GM) and president . When Bill Veeck bought the Indians in July 1946 , he brought Harry Grabiner and Joseph C. Hostetler with him to serve in the front office . Peckinpaugh and Bradley resigned .

Peckinpaugh succeeded Harris as GM for the Buffalo Bisons of the International League in the 1946 ? 47 offseason . He was fired after the 1947 season , as the team 's directors felt Peckinpaugh didn 't sufficiently develop a farm system .

= = Personal = =

Peckinpaugh was considered a calm baseball player and manager , who did not let his temper get the best of him .

After the end of his baseball career , Peckinpaugh worked as a manufacturer 's representative for the Cleveland Oak Belting Company . He retired in 1976 at the age of 85 . Suffering from cancer and heart disease , he was brought to a hospital for a respiratory condition , and died on November 17 , 1977 in Cleveland . He was buried in Acacia Masonic Memorial Park in Mayfield Heights , Ohio . His wife , Mildred , died five years earlier . Together , they had four sons . Peckinpaugh was survived by two of his sons .