



Eddie Collins

Probably the greatest incident of “breaking into” baseball in the history of the national pastime, was that of Eddie Collins, the crack second baseman of the Athletics.

Edward Trowbridge Collins first came into the limelight as a ball player at Columbia College. He generally played shortstop, but sometimes took the outfield. Before leaving college, Eddie got in wrong with the college authorities by playing professional ball under the name of Sullivan, and this ended his playing there.

Edward went over to New York and pleaded with John McGraw of the New York Giants for a chance to play on his ball team and won out.

Dave Fultz, a former member of the Athletics, happened to see the young Edward in action, and promptly took a shine to him. Going over to Philadelphia, Fultz talked it over with Mack and asked him to come over and take a look at the kid, and before night Collins was signed up.

Connie decided to play the lad on second and he has proved the best second baseman in the game to-day. Collins was a stellar light in the world’s championship series against the Cubs. He even outshone his brainy little rival, Johnnie Evers. He led the league in stolen bases and was well up in the batting list.