

American Heroes

Baxter Jordan

1934 Goudey Baseball Card #31... Words on back of card
Boston Braves

"Made three tries to win a place in the National League before he was finally successful, but is now considered one of the most dependable of the Boston Braves. He is a first baseman altho he has played every infield position during his minor league career.

Jordan was bought by the Braves in 1932 from Baltimore in the International League, where he had batted .357 in 118 games. That year he hit .321 with the Braves in 49 games. Last season Jordan batted .286 in 152 games.

He is a native of North Carolina, 27 years old. He is a six footer, weighing 170 pounds, batting left-handed, altho he throws right-handed."

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Diamond Stars baseball card - 1934 Series, #049

Baxter Byerly (Buck) Jordan (January 16, 1907 - March 18, 1993) was a first baseman in Major League Baseball who played for the New York Giants (1927-1929), Washington Senators (1931), Boston Braves (1932-1937[start]), Cincinnati Reds (1937[end]-1938[start]) and Philadelphia Phillies (1938[end]). Jordan batted left handed and threw right handed. He was born in Cooleemee, North Carolina.

A solid defensive first baseman and basically a line-drive hitter, Jordan posted high batting averages in the minor leagues, but his lack of power made him nothing to be feared at major league level. After playing in part of three seasons with the Giants and Senators, he became a regular with the Boston Braves in 1933 as he twice topped .300, with a career-high .323 in 1936. After that he averaged .290 in the next three seasons, that included stints with the Reds and Phillies. Twice he collected eight hits in a doubleheader, for the Braves in 1935 and with the Phillies in 1938.

In a ten-season career, Jordan was a .299 hitter with 17 home runs and 281 RBI in 811 games played. Jordan died in Salisbury, North Carolina, at age 86.

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A Cooleemee hero, "Buck" Jordan began as a weaver in the cotton mill and ended up as the only man to pinch-hit for Babe Ruth. His picture appeared on a Wheaties box. A famous man, he was interviewed by Ronald Reagan who, at the time, was an unknown radio sportscaster. Baxter Jordan was a humble man. When he retired, Jordan bought a farm in Rowan County and lived the rest of his life as a plain farmer. He wanted most to be remembered as a Christian man.