George Larson grew up in a family of brothers that were a Dunn County baseball institution. In his career, Larson pitched for Spring Valley, Knapp, the Tramway Colts, Connorsville (with future major leaguer Andy Pafko), Boyceville, the B&W (Boyceville/Wheeler) club, and the Menomonie Blue Caps. He also played for Shell Lake, and South Range in Superior.

Larson appeared on the rosters of several Menomonie all-star teams, including one that faced the Minneapolis Millers in 1932. In 1935, he pitched an exhibition game against the Blue Caps for the “Larson Nine,” comprised of the Larson brothers and managed by their father Ole. Normally the brothers would face each other as opponents on diamonds across the county.

In this video, he recounts the golden era of baseball in Dunn County.
This rare piece of unedited silent footage of Negro American League players, shot in September 1946 at Cincinnati’s Crosley Field, focuses on the amazing Reece Goose Tatum (1921–67) of the Indianapolis Clowns. Tatum and his teammates warm up with comic routines before a game against the Kansas City Monarchs.

The Clowns also entertained with comedy along the lines of the Harlem Globetrotters’ basketball skills. The Clowns twice won the league’s Eastern Division title and in 1952 featured future home-run king Henry Aaron at shortstop. The origin of the film is unknown, but it was obviously shot to showcase the skills of Goose Tatum wearing number 15.

Later on, Tatum was even more astonishing on the basketball court for the Harlem Globetrotters.