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The St. Mary's Athletic Club baseball team were a powerhouse back in 1929.

ST. MARY'S ATHLETIC CLUB: Photo marked decade since team's debut



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Mayor Jacob Landauer threw out a first pitch in 1929.

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ALBION — In the spring of 1934, the St. Mary's Athletic Club players posed for a team photograph on opening day at the club's home field on Moore Street in Albion.

The 1933 and 1934 seasons would be some of the worst seen by the team in the two decades prior, bringing about an end to their run as league champions.

The organization was established just 10 years prior in February of 1924 amidst the height of Prohibition.

It was in the spring of the same year that the club's first baseball team was organized and consisted of Chester "Chisep" Avino, Frank "Peppy" Avino, Ted "Charcoal" Avino, Tony Button, Stanley "Flip" Furmanski, Ed "Wimpy" Furmanski, Casimer "Guz" Friday, John Lewandowski, Max Lubawy, John Mager, Max "Showboat" Mager, Stanley "Panama" Radzinski, Joe "Crow-foot" Rice, Stanley "Sandy" Sadowski, Casimer "Spizek" Stucko, Stanley "Sea Dog" Telga, John Wiczorek, and Stanley "Kuba" Wiczorek. Many of these men remained with the team when the photograph was taken.

It was in 1926 that the organization took home their first championship and following another league victory in 1929, the club rewarded themselves with the new uniforms seen in this image.

Mayor Jacob Landauer threw out the ceremonial first pitch.