



Amos Wilson Rusie (1871-1942)
"The Hoosier Thunderbolt"

Amos W. Rusie was born in Mooresville, IN on May 30, 1871. He signed as a free agent with the Indianapolis Hoosiers baseball team in 1889. In 1890 Rusie joined the New York Giants and played there until 1901, when he was traded to the Cincinnati Reds. Rusie won the 1894 pitching triple crown and led the league in strikeouts (1890-91, 1893-95) and shutouts (1902).

His fastball was legendary; he was considered the best fastball pitcher of his day. Rusie was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977. He died Dec. 6, 1942 and is buried in Acacia Cemetery in Seattle, WA.



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