

Harry Hooper At Boston Reunion Of Baseball Greats Of 1912-16

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Harry Hooper in uniform of quarter century ago.

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Harry B. Hooper, Capitola postmaster, one of baseball's immortals, was today in Boston for a re-union with his former team mates.

It is the first time in about 10 years that he has attended a re-union on the East Coast. In Boston Hooper is meeting with Duffy Lewis with whom he used to play. A banquet was given them last night.

John Hooper, 26, Harry's son, who has been playing with the Victoria team in the Western International league, returned home over the week-end.

Mrs. Hooper went to Victoria to see John Hooper who is an outfielder, take part in the seven-game play off series. She said his plans for the next year are indefinite depending on his contract, but is sure he will play ball.

In Three World Series

Hooper played with the Boston Red Sox in three world series, 1912, 1915, and 1916. In the latter year he was lead-off batter against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

His most spectacular feat came in the 1912 series, against the New York Giants. With games tied, 3-3; with the Red Sox one run in the lead; with two down and one on; Larry Doyle of the Giants hit what might have been a homer.

Leaning far over into the crowd in right field Hooper made a one-handed stab. The batter was out. The Red Sox took game and series. Had the home run scored, the game and series would have gone to the Giants on the play.

In the 1915 series against the Phillies Hooper homered twice in the deciding game. The following year, against the Dodgers, he scored two runs in the deciding game.

Hooper broke into baseball at St. Mary's college in 1902; in 1907 he joined the Oakland team in the coast league; he went to Sacramento in the same year and to Boston in 1909.

After the notorious Chicago "Black Sox" scandal Hooper was one of the players transferred to Chicago to rebuild the team. He secured his release from the White Sox in 1926. He had been 17 years in the American league, five with Chicago.

Following his retirement from major league ball Harry played occasionally with Santa Cruz sand lot teams and for several years made annual trips in the early 1930's to coach the Princeton university baseball teams.

He is expected to fly back to San Francisco Wednesday.