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New Article Sheds Light on Hal Chase, Baseball's Forgotten Yankee Star and Pioneer for Player Rights

June 1, 2025 — [Los Gatos, CA]— As Major League Baseball continues to revisit the legacies of players previously excluded from the game, a new article by David Green, a descendant of Hal Chase, brings long-overdue attention to one of the sport's earliest and most controversial stars.

Hal Chase, the New York Yankees' first true star, dazzled fans in the early 20th century and was hailed by legends like Babe Ruth and Walter Johnson as the best first baseman of his era. Yet, despite a .291 career average, over 2,000 hits, and 363 stolen bases, Chase's name remains absent from every Hall of Fame—national, state, or local.

The article, titled **“Hal Chase: Baseball's Forgotten Star and the Cost of Defiance,”** explores how Chase's courageous challenge to baseball's restrictive reserve clause—decades before Curt Flood—led to his blacklisting and erasure from the game's official history. Drawing on family interviews and insights from baseball historian Chris Goode, Green's piece calls for a fair reassessment of Chase's legacy.

“Baseball is finally beginning to reckon with its past—and part of that reckoning must include the untold story of Hal Chase and the unjust system he defied,” writes Green. “If the league is prepared to reconsider its past, Hal Chase deserves to be among those finally given their due: a brilliant player, a pioneer of player rights, and a man who stood up to a system that punished dissent.”

The article comes at a pivotal moment, as MLB recently reinstated 17 former players, including Pete Rose, sparking renewed debate about justice and redemption in the sport.

Key Points:

- Hal Chase was the Yankees' first true star, but has been largely erased from baseball's official history.
- Chase challenged the reserve clause in court and won, a move that threatened the power structure of early baseball.
- Despite never being officially banned, Chase was quietly blacklisted and his legacy tarnished by allegations of gambling and game-fixing.
- The article urges Major League Baseball to formally address Chase's ambiguous status and recognize his contributions to the game and to player rights.

About the Author: David Green is a writer and descendant of Hal Chase, dedicated to preserving and sharing the true history of baseball's early stars.

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