

▲川上哲治【提供:ベースボール・マガジン社】

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1920年、川上哲治は球磨郡大村(現在の人吉市)で生まれました。哲治は5歳の時に初めて野球と出会い、父の手作りのボールで投球練習をして遊んでいました。そして父の指導のおかげで、哲治は野球のおもしろさを知りました。



happy and decided to return to school to play baseball. He started to play baseball again and studied harder than before. From this

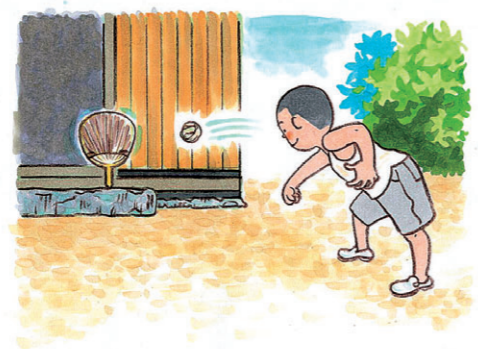
- God of Batting 打撃の神様
- elementary school 小学校
- regular member レギュラー選手

- starting player 先発選手
- enter ~に入学する
- Kumamoto-kogyo High School 熊本工業高等学校

- at once 一度に
- continue ~ ~を続ける
- angry 怒った
- have a hard time 苦勞する
- kindness 優しさ

- teammate チームメイト

In his elementary school days, Kawakami Tetsuharu was a regular member on his baseball team. When he was in the fifth grade, he became a starting player. After that, he entered Kumamoto-kogyo High School. The school was very famous for baseball.



He entered the high school with high hopes. At that time he had to play baseball, study hard and teach children to get money. But he didn't have enough time to do all these things at once. It was difficult for him to continue such a life, so he had to leave the school. He thought that his father would be angry at him. But his father said to him, "You had a hard time." Tetsuharu felt his father's kindness.

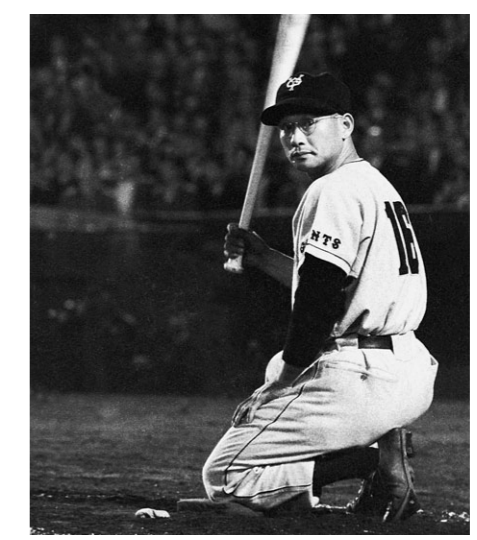


Then Tetsuharu went back to Hitoyoshi. His teammates and the teachers of Kumamoto-kogyo High School went to see him and said, "Come back and play baseball again." He was very

time he showed his baseball talent and his team won second place in the National High School Baseball Tournament in the summer.

People saw his talent, and he joined the Giants professional baseball team. He sent half of his salary to his parents every month because he remembered the hard times in his childhood.

Then Tetsuharu became a wonderful batter and set many records. People called him "the God of Batting." It was a great nickname for him.



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•return 戻る

- talent 才能
- second place 準優勝
- National High School Baseball Tournament 全国高等学校野球選手権大会
- join 入団する
- the Giants professional baseball team プロ野球巨人軍
- salary 給料

•childhood 幼いころ

•set many records 多くの記録を残した

After Reading

- 本文を読んで特に心に残った文を1つ抜き出してみましょう。また、その文を抜き出した理由を友達と話し合みましょう。