

Eller and Caldwell Only Big League Boxmen Who Acquired Fame by Pitching No Hit Games Last Season

NO HIT PITCHERS SCARCE IN 1919 Only Hod Eller and Roy Caldwell Entered Hall of Fame Last Season. ONE IN EACH LEAGUE Johnson and Hoyt Pitched Nine Hitless Frames in Extra Inning Games.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB. Copyright, 1919, all rights reserved. Only two major league boxmen had the distinction of pitching no hit games last season. There was one no hit game in each of the big leagues. Hod Eller, Cincinnati's husky "shine ball" artist, and Roy Caldwell, the Yankee outcast, now with Cleveland, joined the no hit club of baseball during the 1919 campaign.

Eller evidently got his famous whip primed up early in the campaign, as he pitched his no hit game against the St. Louis Cardinals on May 11. The game was played in Cincinnati, the Reds winning by a score of 6 to 0. Judging from the way he pitched, it is probable he was just as good in October as he was in May.

Caldwell's no hit game was against the Yankees, the team with which he was long associated. It was one of the most remarkable of all no hit games, as Caldwell was believed to be through when he was traded to the Boston club last winter. The fact that Ed Barrow, the Red Sox manager, thought so little of Caldwell that he never even gave him a chance against his former teammates, is a fact which has been widely noted.

Got Even With Yankees. This speaker, manager of the Cleveland club, was short of pitchers about this time, and getting a chance to pick up Caldwell without the cost of a penny gave him another chance. Caldwell was good for good ball for several days from the start, and when he got his first chance to oppose his old team the manager was supposed to be down and out. Caldwell pitched ten innings, the Yankees without a hit or run. It was only the second no hit American League game played in New York. Caldwell was the first no hit pitcher in the American League since 1917. Dutch Leonard, of Detroit, but in 1918 a member of the Red Sox, pitched a no hit game over the Tigers on June 2, 1918, a few weeks later.

Not the semblance of a hit was made off either his brilliant delivery or his accurate ball. Three of the Rickey players reached base, but they got on bases on balls. Eller, who later won fame by pitching no hit games for the Yankees, also was a pretty good pitcher. He pitched ten innings, the Yankees without a hit or run. It was only the second no hit American League game played in New York. Caldwell was the first no hit pitcher in the American League since 1917. Dutch Leonard, of Detroit, but in 1918 a member of the Red Sox, pitched a no hit game over the Tigers on June 2, 1918, a few weeks later.

Scarce in Cincinnati. No hit Cincinnati pitchers are mighty scarce. However, the last no hit game in the National League prior to Eller's was pitched by the Cincinnati Reds. He was Fred Toney, now of the Giants. On May 2, 1917, Toney pitched one of the most remarkable no hit games in the history of the National League, pitched in which Toney and Jim Vaughn went through nine innings without either yielding a hit. Toney also pitched a no hit game in the tenth inning of the "Hippo" of the Cincinnati Reds in the second half and the Reds batted out victory by a score of 1 to 0. While the last two no hit games in the National League have been pitched by Cincinnati pitchers, there was almost a generation between Toney's no hit game and the one pitched prior to that by a Cincinnati pitcher. The game was pitched by Fred Toney, pitched a no hit game against Pittsburgh on April 22, 1908. There was a gap of twenty-one years between that game and the ten years no hit contest pitched by Toney.

Caldwell's Work Brilliant. Caldwell's no hit game was a brilliant performance. The lean pitcher, who apparently had lost all his speed when he was traded by Miller Huggins, came back with a full ball that had the snap and zip of his old days. Caldwell pitched a famous four year ago. In addition, Ray cultivated a spitball which he used with telling results.

Eller's no hit game was only the second no hit American League game played in New York. The other was pitched by old Cy Young, then 40 years old, on the old Hilltop grounds. Cy Young pitched a no hit game against the Philadelphia Athletics on June 10, 1903. It was the third no hit game of the veteran's long and honorable career.

The Yankees have been mixed up in only two other no hit games in their twenty-two years as a member of the American League. Both of their other appearances in no hit box scores took place in Boston. In 1916 George Foster, the former Red Sox star, pitched a no hit game against the Yankees, and a year later in Fenway Park, George Mogridge, the lanky New York left-hander, pitched a no hit victory against the Yankees.

Eller pitched his no hit game against the Cincinnati Reds on May 11, 1919. It was the first Sunday American League game played in New York under the new law and resulted in a twelve inning tie, with Johnson and Jack Quinn the rival pitchers. The game was one of the greatest of Johnson's entire career. From the time that he pitched his no hit game in the first inning until Baker walked with two out in the tenth inning Johnson retired the Yankees as fast as they came up. He got twenty-eight in a row, one more than an official no run no hit, no man reach first base game. Pratt got the second hit off him in the eleventh inning, so he pitched ten innings without a hit.

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Only thirty-seven men reached base in the twelve innings, only one more than was possible to face him. Two of the three men who reached base were named stealing. Quinn in the same game was stung for ten hits, but good pitching in the pinches enabled Jack to hold Johnson to an even break in the twelve rounds.

Young Hoyt's remarkable pitching feat was overshadowed by the fact that Babe Ruth selected the same September afternoon to smash a ball over the Polo Grounds roof for the longest hit ever made in the history of the game. It was a twenty-fourth homer, a record which the smashed old Ed Williamson's record. Yet it hadn't been ten days that Ruth's wallop would not have been in a position to be broken.

JACK WARHOP TO PITCH. Former Yankee Will Work for Fletcher Team at Dexter Park.

Dexter Park, near the Cypress Hills, will be the scene of a fine double header this afternoon when the Fletcher team of New Jersey, the only team in the State composed entirely of former major leaguers, lines up against the Bushwick, semi-pro champions of Brooklyn. The Fletchers will have Warhop, one time Yankee, on the mound in the first game, and the Kelleher brothers in the second game. Willie Smith and Sperry will oppose them. The Fletchers have beaten the Royal Giants, Treat 'Em Roughs, Morse, Standard and Tietjen Shipyard's nine, the Farmers and the strong Paterson team.

Games at Ebbets Field. Bacharach Giants to Meet Internationals To-day.

The Bacharach Giants and the Internationals Stars have arranged to meet again this afternoon at Ebbets Field in the third and fourth games of their fall series. The Giants lost a double header last Sunday, but feel that after a week's rest will be able to turn the tables on the leaguers.

Johnny Enzman of the Cleveland Americans will be on the mound for the Internationals in the first game, opposed by Wlekware or Williams of the Giants. Dick Redding of the Giants will pitch the second game, opposed by some other major leaguer for the Stars.

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RUTH SAYS 'KEEP EYE ON THE BALL'

Noted Red Sox Home Run Sluggler Gives Advice to Young Batsmen. FREE SWING ESSENTIAL

Shoulder Muscles Carry Great Batting Power, Recites Boston Fielder.

"Keep your eye on the ball!" sounds like golf, but Babe Ruth, Boston's leading manufacturer of home runs, was speaking about baseball. Babe doesn't do much batting off the field. He doesn't believe in trying to score base hits with his chin, but every once in a while he can be persuaded to go to bat in the conversational league, and when he does he generally knocks a couple of verbal home runs.

Watch the Pitcher.

"Once he releases the ball never take your eye off it. If you do you are gone. Watch it all the way. Watch it as it breaks and watch it as you start your swing. The batter who watches the ball only part of the way in its flight to the plate seldom becomes a good hitter. If the pitcher is throwing a curve it seldom breaks until it is within a few feet of the plate. It is almost impossible to tell whether a thrown ball is going to curve or not until the actual break occurs. For this reason it is necessary for a batter never to take his eye off the ball.

Free Swing Essential.

"Next to keeping his eye on the ball a batter must learn to hit with a free and easy swing. He must not hold his elbows tight against his sides. It is impossible to get a free swing if the elbows are bound. By this I do not mean they should be held out from the body, but they must be given all the freedom of action that is possible.

Two New Classes at Big Horse Show.

Both Are for Ponies Not Exceeding 14.2 Hands—Record Entry Expected.

Two new classes are announced for the National Horse Show, which will be held November 17 to 21 in Madison Square Garden for the benefit of the Salvation Army. Both are for ponies, 13 hands old or over. In each the first prize is \$50 and the second prize \$25. One is for ponies in harness, the other for ponies under saddle.

Philadelphia Movement to Take Tennis Tournament Away From Forest Hills Is Not Regarded Seriously by New York Followers of the Game.

Reports that Philadelphia and Boston had combined in a movement to take the national championship lawn tennis tournament away from Forest Hills, Pa., to Philadelphia, Pa., is not regarded seriously by New York followers of the game.

PLAY FOR SEMI-PRO TITLE.

Empire's Treat 'Em Roughs to Meet Lincoln Giants To-day. The first of a series of three double headers to be played between the Lincoln Giants and Guy Zimpey's Treat 'Em Roughs for the semi-professional baseball championship of Manhattan will take place this afternoon at Dyckman Oval.

3 COAST TEAMS IN LEAGUE.

Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver in Hockey Circuit. VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 25.—Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver will make up the coast hockey circuit for the coming season, according to an announcement by Frank Patrick, president of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association.

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