

# VILLAREAL TWIRLS NO-HIT GAME; EVERYBODY'S SCORE ON ERRORS

Little Mexican Pitcher Again Grabs Stellar Honors in Commercial League Doubleheader; Game Proves Fast and Sensational; Feldmans Lose Slack Game to the Purities.

BY "BECK"

LITTLE "Curly" Villareal, of the Wals team, again capped the stellar honors of the Commercial League doubleheader at Rio Grande park on Sunday afternoon, pitching a no-hit, though not a no-run game against the Everybody's and handing them their first defeat of the season. For five innings the counterjumper went down in order, though the veteran Grady had managed to get life on first in the opening inning by being hit by a pitched ball. He stole second, umpire Mackey calling him safe, though the feeling of the grandstand, soon made evident, was that he was out. Then Mesa whipped the ball to Caro and caught Grady off the base, but again the umpire called him safe. Grady stole third and started for home, running 10 feet off the path. But the umpire seemed to be in a hurry to call him out until Villareal tagged him near the plate.

Villareal fanned all three of his opponents in the second inning, duplicating the feat of Paul Fisher in the second half of the first. He had one strikeout in the third, two in the fourth, and fanned Louper, Lawrence and Bunson on 13 pitched balls in the fifth.

**Clerks Score in Sixth.** Killingsworth replaced Fuller and led off in the sixth for Everybody's. With the call "three and two," Mackey called the deciding offering, a ball, though it was a mighty close affair. Killingsworth started for second and Mesa had him headed off by yards, but threw bad, the ball going to center field, where Sanchez boot it, enabling Killingsworth to complete the circuit. Hunter and Gillette were fanned.

Villareal started the seventh by fanning Grady, his 14th strikeout of the game. Cunningham lifted one to center field. Sanchez could have stooped in his tracks and let the ball fall into his hands, but he suddenly turned, the ball striking him on the thigh. It was chalked up as an error on the fielder, before Sanchez could recover the ball, Cunningham got to third, from where he scored on Perkins' long fly to center. Lawrence was thrown out at first.

**Villareal Fanned 14.** Altogether, Villareal fanned 14, allowed one pass, hit one batter and didn't allow a hit. The only thing that was even near a hit was the fly knocked out by Cunningham. In the first, second, fifth and sixth innings the Everybody's could not even knock the ball onto the field.

Paul Fisher started off as the pitcher for Everybody's and for three innings it seemed that there would be a pitchers' duel. Paul fanned the first three men to face him. Medina and Gomez the first two up in the second, got clean singles, but Fisher again hit his stride and fanned Sanchez and the two Mesa boys in order. In the third he whiffed

Jared, Grady (2), Sacrifice by Perkins, struck out by Fisher, 10; by Villareal, 14; Villareal, 1; Batter, 10; Errors, 1; (Grady). First base on error, Everybody's, 12; Wals, 1. Left on base, 10; 4 Wild pitch, Fisher. Time of game, 1:05. Umpire, Mackey.

**First Game Lacks Quality.** The first game of the doubleheader was hardly up to the standard of the second. The Feldmans opposed the Purities and the photographers slumped back into their boxes. The reason was because their old trouble of players failing to show up again bothered manager Rick. The Purities won, 7 to 2. Then the "stars" of the last game showed up like dubs. Larry Doyle, the former Santa Rita star, had a cigaret in his mouth while at batting practice and that cost him a lot of the friends he had made the previous Sunday. And Doyle pulled off at least one real "boomer" during the game. He drove out, first and second populated, in the third inning. Davis hit one at Doyle on the base line between second and third. Doyle actually stepped out of the road of Meason to make a throw to first, which was wild, when he could have retired the side by reaching out his arm and tagging Meason. That performance alone took off some of the glamor.

**Photographers Pull "Boomer."** And then the photographers pulled another one in the fourth. Milan had dumped a short lap between the pitcher and first base of Edwards. Cunningham and Roberts all ran for the ball. And no one covered first. Naturally, the runner was safe and Meason scored from third. The game was over.

**His Goes on Mount.** Pitcher Edwards was away below his form of the previous week. He was even slower, averaging 15 seconds for each offering, and in the third inning he certainly lacked control, walking three men. In the fourth he was hit freely and manager Howard Rix decided that he would take the mound himself. The fans wanted to know if Rix intended to hand the game to the bakers, but it seems that Howard used to work on the mound a few seasons back and he did some pretty fair work. He walked one, but didn't allow a hit in the two innings he worked.

**"Shorty" Weiss was on the slab for the bakers.** "Shorty" had his constructive working in good shape and while he was pounded for five hits in the fifth, he had good control of the game all the rest of the way. With two men on in the third, by a pretty pitcher, Rix got to Weiss for a single. Then Doyle got life on an error and the bases were filled when Tatum was hit. But Weiss tightened up and fanned Gallegos.

**The Story in Figures.**

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Everybody's	35	8	10	10	1	1
Wals	35	2	3	10	1	1
Grady, 2b	5	0	1	2	0	0
Cunningham, cf	5	0	0	0	0	0
Perkins, lf	5	0	0	0	0	0
Bunson, 3b	5	0	0	0	0	0
Fuller, rf	5	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence, ss	5	0	0	0	0	0
W. Hunter, c	5	0	0	0	0	0
Fisher, p	5	0	0	0	0	0
Gillette, b	5	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	8	10	10	1	1
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Wals	35	2	3	10	1	1
Caro, ss	5	0	1	1	0	0
Medina, 2b	5	0	0	0	0	0
Gomez, 3b	5	0	0	0	0	0
Sanchez, cf	5	0	0	0	0	0
P. Mesa, rf	5	0	0	0	0	0
Villareal, p	5	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	2	3	10	1	1

Summary: Innings pitched by Fisher, 4; Tatum, off Fisher, 2; Villareal, 13; Grady, 10.

**Notes of the Games.** Bill Medina looked good in the second game and his hitting was one of the features of the day. The attendance was excellent and the fans all got value for their money in the second game, even if the first was not up to standard. Howard Rix, manager of the Feldmans, will have to get a team of "regulars" if he intends to have his club in the pennant race. These "occasional" don't help the team any. Doering failed to show up, so Wallace went behind the bat for the photographers. Considering the fact that he

has been out of the game for a considerable time, his work was very fair. Al Tatum accumulated a batting average Sunday. Al had been at bat nine times this season without a hit, but in the fifth inning of the first game he got a single, so his batting average is now .100. Chris Fox sat in the grandstand and told the Feldmans how to play. Chris was carded for first base for this team, but was afraid he'd be too brilliant and show up the other players. Umpire Mackey's work was hardly up to the standard he set in his other exhibitions. The fans were not at all backward in telling him so. League secretary L. M. Coyne made his first appearance of the season and followed the game closely. His starts in an official capacity next Sunday. Manager "Red" Levenson was not in uniform Sunday. Maybe that was why the Everybody's lost.

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CLAUDE GRAHAM showed enough in the spring training of the Angels to convince Frank Chance that he "had something." Chance has decided to contest St. Joseph's claim, and will send him to the Peoria club of the Three-I league under optional agreement.

WHILE Henry Ford has been gaining fame as a peace advocate and philanthropist, governor Hiram Johnson, of California, has revoked the charter of the Ford Automobile company in California. It seems that Henry was so busy sending peace messages that he overlooked the little matter of paying his taxes in California.

THERE are two "dissenting" verdicts in that Willard-Moran affair. John L. Sullivan comes out with a statement that "Moran won by a mile. Willard is a counterfeit champion." And Abe Attell chimes in with a verdict for Moran.

CHARLEY COURTNEY, the famous Cornell rowing coach, will have to retire from the game because of an injury received last fall. "Dad" won fame the world over for his wonderful success with the Ithaca oarsmen and his loss is the greatest the Cornell navy could possibly have.

ALBUQUERQUE Commercial club has taken up the matter of raising funds to place that city in the Rio Grande league this year. The business men of the Duke City realize that a team in a real baseball circuit is an asset to any city and they are going at the financial end of things in the right manner.

MILWAUKEE promoters offered Jess Willard \$30,000 for a ten round bout with Fred Fulton in the thirty city but Tom Jones, with a Circus contract in his hand, declared that there was nothing doing. He added, "Of course, if a suitable offer is made later, Willard can get a layoff from the circus. Now, what the dickens does he mean by 'a suitable offer'?" The one already made is more than Willard's services are worth.

RACE feeling in El Paso? Forget it? There were about 400 good, red-blooded American baseball fans out at Rio Grande park on Sunday and they yelled themselves hoarse for a little Mexican pitcher, Villareal, despite the fact that the youngster was working against an American team and a mighty popular one at that.

WHAT practice will do is demonstrated every Sunday at the traps of the Pass City Gun club. Take the case of Herbert Rand. This 14 year old youngster was lucky to get nine or ten hits in 50 targets when he started shooting at the start of the season. But on Sunday he dropped 47 out of 75, which is good shooting, even for an adult. And some of the other boys who are handling guns at the weekly shoots are showing up almost as well.

COMMERCIAL league managers will meet on Tuesday evening to decide the composition of the league this year. It is to be hoped that they will find room for the Krackacks this year. This team is deserving of a chance. It has been in the field for several seasons and is no unknown quantity by any means. The admission of this team will add to the excitement of the Commercial pennant race.

BYRD LYNN, last year with the Phoenix Senators, has not only caught a steady place with the White Sox but is carded to be the second string backstop for the Comiskey crew. Guess the old Rio Grande wasn't so slow after all!

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