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Sioux Falls Fighting Mad!

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Sioux Falls Fighting Sioux** posted a league best **32-10** Period 2 record and caught **North Adams** (27-15) for the lead in the **Conference**! The remaining teams in the **Conference** played sub-.500 ball and have dropped out of contention. It will be a two-team battle the rest of the way.

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Albany Avalanche** (21-21 in Period 2) took advantage of leader **Oakdale's** inability to get a break on the road (6-15) to pull to 3 games behind. **Beverly** (24-18) and **Seattle** (23-19) both played better than the two **Conference** leaders. **Beverly** still trails **Albany** by 9 games for the **Wild Card**, but they play each other 14 times in Period 3.

The new batting leader is **Vanderlyle's "Player of the Period" Lefty O'Doul** at **.403**, followed by **Oakdale's Babe Ruth** at **.384**. A dozen players are still batting over **.350!** **O'Doul** also leads in OBP (.468) and Hits (192). **Ruth** also leads in SLG (.781), Runs (147), HR (47), EXBH (87) and RC (176). The new RBI leader is **North Adams's Hack Wilson** with 139. The SB leader is still **Duluth's Kiki Cuyler** (26 SB, 2 CS).

The ERA leader is **Sioux Falls's "Pitcher of the Period" Jesse Petty** at **2.21**, followed by **Albany's Watty Clark** at **2.87**. **Clark** is also the victories leader at **17-5**. The Strikeout leader, by far, is **Oakdale's Lefty Grove** with 153 K. The Saves leaders are **Beverly's Harry Smythe** (9/19 SVO, 50 GR, **10.01**) and **Duluth's Lou Koupal** (9/13 SVO, 25 GR, 4.02).

Below are some awards and tid-bits from Period 2 in the 1929 TML American Retro.

**** Player of the Period ****



(VC) Lefty O'Doul

.443, 82-185, 17-1-12, 137 TB
49 R, 26 RBI, 15 W
OPS 1.226, 67 RC

**** Pitcher of the Period ****



(SF) Jesse Petty

8-0, 2.14, 9 GS, 6 QS, 6 CG
80.0 IP, 58 H, 22 W, 21 K
.201 OAVG, 1.00 WHIP
2 shutouts

**** Top Pitching Performance of the Period ****



The **Bronx's George Pipgras** outdueled **Vanderlyle's Bump Hadley** in a classic pitching duel! With the score knotted at 0-0 into the bottom of the 8th, **Bronx's Phil Todt** led off with a single, was sacrificed to 2nd, advanced to 3rd on a single by **Rabbit Maranville**, before scoring on a wild pitch by **Hadley!** **Pipgras** gave up a single to **George Sisler** in the top of the 9th, but closed down the inning for a 1-0, CG, 4-hit victory!

6/23/1929, VC29-BX29, Yankee Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Vanderlyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	4	0
Bronx	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	-	1	8	1

Haymakers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
G.Pipgras (W 4-7)	9	4	0	0	1	2	112/72	4.40

**** Top Offensive Performance of the Period ****



Sioux Falls's **Roy Johnson** led his team to a blowout win on the road at **Bloomington!** **Johnson** helped ignite several big inning rallies, with no less than four 2-run base hits! He totaled **8 RBI** in the game, and that was without hitting a HR! **Johnson** also reached base a 5th time on a walk in the 4th.

7/23/1929, SF29-BY29, Griffith Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Sioux Falls	0	0	6	0	6	4	7	0	1	-	24	22	0
Bloomington	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	-	4	11	5

Fighting Sioux	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG	
R. Johnson	1f	6	4	4	0	8	1	.328
1:P3; 3:2-RBI 1B ; 4: BB ; 5:2-RBI 2B ; 6:2-RBI 1B ; 7:2-RBI 1B ; 8:46/FC								

**** Overtime Game of the Period ****

The longest game of the Period was a 14-inning game won by **Oakdale** over visiting **Albany**.

7/14/1929, AV29-OK29, Sportsman's Park (A)

	123	456	789	012	34	R	H	E	LOB	DP	
Albany	004	001	000	010	00	-	6	13	0	12	1
Oakdale	200	020	100	010	01	-	7	16	2	14	1

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