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Albany & Oakdale First Out of Gate!

In the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Albany Avalanche** and **Oakdale Ravagers** turned in identical **48-22** Period 1 records! **Albany** did it with their league-leading offense, tops in AVG (.315), Runs (493), HR (64) and Walks (349), whereas **Oakdale** (2nd or 3rd in most offensive categories) did it with strong pitching (3.03 team ERA). Still, **Duluth** is in 3rd, only 6 games off the pace! It is worth noting that the **Bronx's** starting **pitcher Jack Ogden** socked **two Grand Slams** in one game on June 5th at home against **Summer**! (Ogden had no HRs in 1931 MLB!)

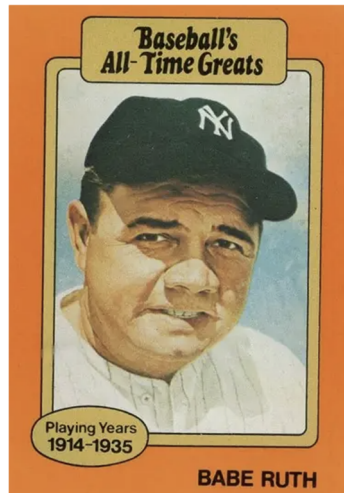
Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Chestertown Blue Herons** posted a **38-32** record, good enough for a 2-game lead over **Sioux Falls** and a 5-game lead over **Arkansas**. Only 1 game behind **Arkansas** are **Bloomington**, **Summer** and **North Adams**! It will be very interesting as **intra-Conference** play begins in Period 2. Can one of these teams stop **Arkansas** from winning their **12th straight Atmos Pennant**?

The early batting leader is **Oakdale's Spud Davis** at a lofty **.412**. followed by **Duluth's Earl Webb** at **.404**. A dozen players are batting over **.350**! **Oakdale's "Player of the Period" Babe Ruth** is the early leader in HR (19), SLG (.674), Runs (70) and RC (83). **Albany's Earl Averill** is the RBI leader with 70. Teammate **Lou Gehrig** leads in EXBH (47) and Walks (69). The early SB leaders are **Arkansas's Roy Johnson** (14 SB, 5 CS) and **Sioux Falls's Ben Chapman** (14 SB, 6 CS).

The early ERA leader is **Oakdale's "Player of the Period" Carl Hubbell** at **1.94**. **Hubbell** also leads in Strikeouts with 82 K. **Sioux Falls's Wes Ferrell** is 2nd at 2.45. **Ferrell** is the victories leader at **12-1**. The early Saves leader is **Bloomington's Carl Fischer** (11/12 SVO, 20 GR, 1.77).

Below are some awards and tid-bits from Period 1 in the 1931 TML American Retro.

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



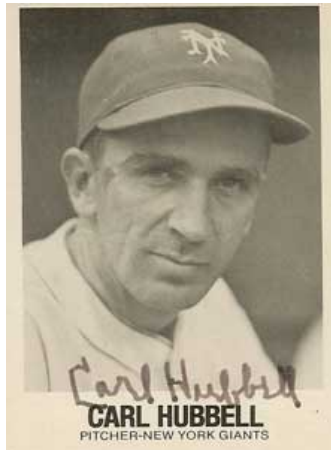
(OK) Babe Ruth

.356, 94-264, 21-3-19, 178 TB,
70 R, 60 RBI, 64 W, 83 RC
1.151 OPS, 8 GW-RBI
11.8 RC/27

Honorable Mentions:

Lou Gehrig(AV)	.359, 13 HR, 66 R, 51 RBI, 82 RC
Goose Goslin(AV)	.351, 11 HR, 69 R, 58 RBI, 75 RC
Ed Morgan(SM)	.386, 5 HR, 63 R, 45 RBI, 74 RC
Charlie Grimm(CH)	.396, 4 HR, 41 R, 34 RBI, 71 RC

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



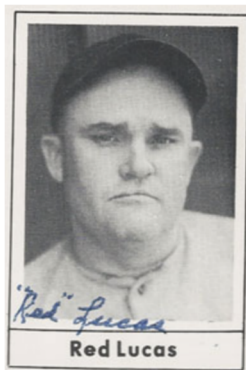
(OK) Carl Hubbell

10-2, 1.94, 14 GS, 11 QS, 8 CG,
120.1 IP, 100 H, 36 W, 82 K,
.224 OAVG, 1.13 WHIP
3 shutouts

Honorable Mentions:

Wes Ferrell(SF)	12-1, 2.45, 10 QS, 58 K, 1.20 WHIP
Bill Walker(AV)	11-0, 2.50, 10 QS, 66 K, 1.21 WHIP
Phil Collins(BV)	8-4, 2.49, 9 QS, 33 K, 1.01 WHIP
George Blaeholder(SR)	8-4, 2.68, 9 QS, 52 K, 1.12 WHIP
Heinie Meine(OK)	8-5, 2.75, 9 QS, 37 K, 1.28 WHIP
Watty Clark(AV)	10-2, 3.21, 9 QS, 51 K, 1.12 WHIP
Syl Johnson(BV)	7-2, 2.62, 8 QS, 37 K, 1.15 WHIP
Lefty Grove(OK)	10-3, 2.87, 8 QS, 70 K, 1.30 WHIP
Ed Durham(CH)	8-2, 1.43, 7 QS, 19 K, 1.14 WHIP

** Top Oceanic Pitching Performance **



Seattle's **Red Lucas** flirted with a no-hitter against visiting **Arkansas**! **Lucas** carried the no-no into the 7th inning. After **Roy Johnson** walked on 4 pitches and then was immediately CS, **Bill Dickey** reached on an infield dribbler single to 3rd! **Lucas** settled for an efficient 93 pitch, **1-hit shutout**!

4/14/1931, AR31-SR31, Ebbets Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	x	-	3	6	0

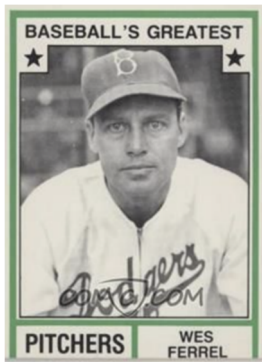
Rainiers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
R.Lucas (W 2-1)	9	1	0	0	2	2	93/63	2.79

Honorable Mentions:

4/19: P.Appleton(WW) 1-hit shutout, 3W, 3K, Won 6-0

4/30: B.Cantwell(SR) 2-hit shutout, 4W, 2K, Won 5-0

** Top Atmospheric Pitching Performance **



Sioux Falls's **Wes Ferrell** capped an outstanding start to the 1931 season by dominating visiting **Walla Walla**! **Ferrell** tossed a **2-hit shutout**, while raising his record to **12-1** on the season! There was no chance at a no-hitter as the 2nd batter of the game, **Lew Fonseca**, had singled.

6/18/1931, WW31-SF31, Wrigley Field

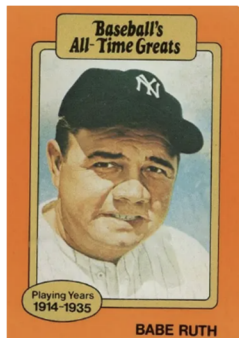
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Walla Walla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	0
Sioux Falls	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	x	-	7	10	2

Fighting Sioux	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
W.Ferrell (W 12-1)	9	2	0	0	4	3	115/71	2.45

Honorable Mention:

4/30: D.MacFayden(CH) 2-hit shutout, 3W, 2K, Won 3-0

** Top Oceanic Offensive Performance **



Oakdale's **Babe Ruth** "Hit for the Cycle" against host **Bloomington**! **Ruth** secured the "Cycle" when he legged out a double in the 9th! But, it was his lead-off solo HR in the 11th (his 2nd HR of the game) that proved to be the game-winner. **Ruth** would go on to get a 2nd "Cycle" on 5/7 at home against **Sioux Falls**, with a 3B, 2B, solo HR, 1B & 2B!

4/24/1931, OK31-BY31, Griffith Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		R	H	E
Oakdale	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	-	9	18	0
Bloomington	0	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	-	8	13	0

Ravagers		AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
B. Ruth	rf	6	3	5	2	4	0	.378
1:F9; 4:3B; 6:1B; 7:3-RBI HR; 9:2B; 11:HR								

Honorable Mentions:

6/ 5: J.Ogden(BX) 2 Grand Slams as pitcher!
 6/15: J.Stripp(BV) 4-5,3R,7RBI: 2 3RHR,1R1B,1B

** Top Atmospheric Offensive Performance **



Arkansas's **Jimmie Foxx** "Hit for the Cycle" against visiting **Walla Walla**! Needing a HR to complete the "Cycle," **Foxx** slammed a 3-run HR in his team's 6-run 8th. His HR turned the game around for **Arkansas** from down 11-9, to up 12-9, and proved to be the GW-RBI!

4/8/1931, WW31-AR31, Sportsman's Park (N)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Walla Walla	0	0	0	0	4	2	4	1	0	-	11	18	2
Arkansas	1	0	3	0	4	0	0	6	x	-	14	17	3

Travelers		AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
J. Foxx	1b	5	3	5	1	4	0	.276
1:RBI 2B; 3:1B; 5:1B; 6:3B; 7:3-RBI HR								

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

The longest game of Period 1 was a 15-inning game between **North Adams** and host **Bronx**. It was a back and forth affair until the 15th when **Woody English** doubled in a go-ahead run and **Jim Bottomley** drove in **English** with a single for "insurance!" A GDP in the bottom of the 15th pretty much killed the **Bronx** rally. Each team had scored a run in the 10th and 14th innings to extend the game. It was not a clean game, as the teams combined for **9 errors!**

7/15/1932, OK32-BX32, Yankee Stadium

	123	456	789	012	345		R	H	E	LOB	DP
North Adams	100	000	100	100	012	-	6	17	5	16	2
Bronx	000	010	001	100	010	-	4	18	4	21	0
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