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Hillbillies In The Hunt For Wombats!

In the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Walla Walla Wombats** posted a league best Period 2 record of **30-12**, but could not gain any ground over the **Beverly Hillbillies** who also went **30-12** to remain only 3 games behind! **Albany** (24-18 in Period 2) dropped into a tie for 3rd with the **Bronx** (27-15), both 7 games off the pace. The rest of the **Conference** is looking ahead to the 1934 Player Draft. During one stretch, the **Bronx** pitchers held **Oakdale** scoreless for 27 consecutive innings!

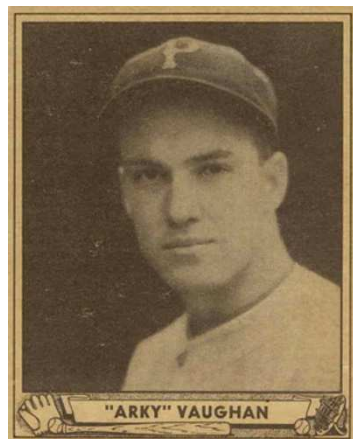
Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, front running **Arkansas Travelers** went 24-18 in Period 2 and lost significant ground to the surging **Bloomington Burning Bunyans** (29-13). **Bloomington** has closed to within 5 games off the lead. Lurking in 3rd at 8 games out (only 3 games behind for the **Wild Card**) is **Chestertown** (23-19). The rest of the **Conference** has faded out of contention.

The batting leader is still **Chestertown's Buddy Myer** at **.403**! Second in batting is **Arkansas's Arky Vaughan** at **.380**. The HR leader is now **Walla Walla's Bob Johnson** with 32. **Johnson** also leads in Runs (121) and is tied with **Arkansas's Joe Medwick** in RBI with 119. **North Adams's "Player of the Period" Hank Greenberg** is on a TML Record pace for triples with 22. The record is 30. **Greenberg** also leads in SLG (.658) and **Albany's Lou Gehrig** leads in OBP (.511). The SB leader is still **Chestertown's Billy Werber** (22 SB, 9 CS).

The ERA leader is still **Sioux Falls's Cy Blanton** at **1.97**, followed by **Seattle's Waite Hoyt** at 2.46. The victories leader is **Walla Walla's Dizzy Dean** at **20-11**. **Beverly's John Whitehead** is next at **19-3**. The new Strikeout leader is **Sioux Falls's Tommy Bridges** with 140 K. The new Saves leader is **Bloomington's Clint Brown** (12/14 SVO, 61 GR, 2.97).

Below are some awards and tid-bits from Period 2 in the 1935 TML American Retro.

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



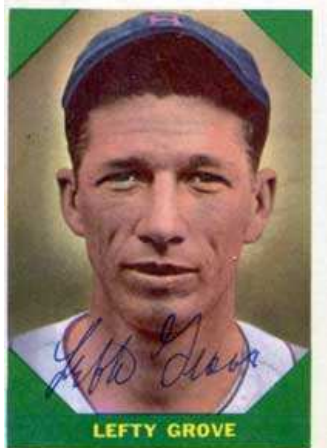
(NA) Hank Greenberg

.420, 76-181, 18-11-10, 146 TB,
46 R, 38 RBI, 24 W, 70 RC
1.292 OPS, 5 GW-RBI
16.9 RC/27

Honorable Mentions:

Arky Vaughan (AR)	.415,	9 HR,	45 R,	42 RBI,	60 RC
Gabby Hartnett (AV)	.409,	7 HR,	53 R,	26 RBI,	59 RC
Lou Gehrig (AV)	.378,	11 HR,	40 R,	50 RBI,	55 RC
Jimmie Foxx (AR)	.380,	5 HR,	38 R,	40 RBI,	50 RC

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



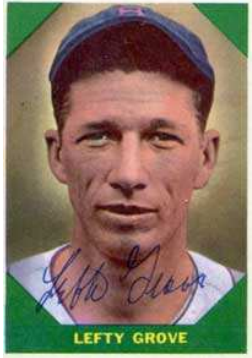
(WW) Lefty Grove

7-0, 1.80, 9 GS, 8 QS, 7 CG,
80.0 IP, 67 H, 10 W, 31 K,
.229 OAVG, 0.96 WHIP
3 shutouts

Honorable Mentions:

Cy Blanton (SF)	5-3,	2.48,	8 QS,	38 K,	1.09 WHIP
Schoolboy Rowe (BY)	7-1,	2.99,	8 QS,	37 K,	1.26 WHIP
Lon Warneke (AR)	5-1,	2.79,	8 QS,	35 K,	1.36 WHIP
John Whitehead (BV)	8-1,	3.56,	8 QS,	26 K,	1.22 WHIP
Dizzy Dean (WW)	8-3,	2.94,	7 QS,	40 K,	1.31 WHIP
Johnny Broaca (BV)	4-0,	1.98,	7 QS,	22 K,	1.21 WHIP
Johnny Marcum (BX)	4-2,	1.67,	5 QS,	26 K,	1.02 WHIP
Mel Harder (BX)	6-1,	2.82,	5 QS,	31 K,	1.20 WHIP

**** Top Oceanic Pitching Performance ****



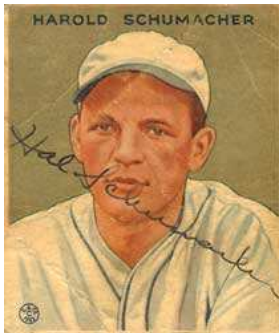
Albany's **Earl Whitehill** tossed a strong **1-hitter** against visiting **Oakdale**! **Whitehill** was cruising along with a no-hitter into the top of the 6th. After retiring the first batter, **Oakdale** pitcher **Ray Benge** broke up the gem when he lined a double to right center! For **Benge**, batting just .176, it was his first EXBH of the season! **Whitehill** walked **Tony Lazzeri** in the 7th, otherwise had no trouble securing his 1-hit, CG shutout!

7/9/1935, OK35-AV35, Navin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Oakdale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	0
Albany	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	x	-	3	14	1

Avalanche	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
E. Whitehill (W 7-7)	9	1	0	0	1	1	101/70	4.50

**** Top Atmospheric Pitching Performance ****



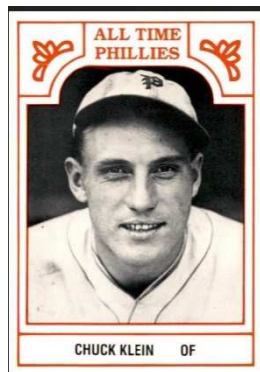
North Adams's **Roy Henshaw** orchestrated a crafty **2-hit shutout** on the road at **Bloomington**! **Henshaw** scattered his two hits allowed, one to **Roy Hughes** in the 1st and the other to **Tony Piet** leading off the 5th. His only walk was to **Joe Stripp** in the 8th. None of those runners got farther than 2nd base!

7/7/1935, NA35-BY35, Griffith Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
North Adams	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	-	3	11	0
Bloomington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	0

Bevers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
R. Henshaw (W 7-1)	9	2	0	0	1	5	105/64	2.75

**** Top Oceanic Offensive Performance ****



Walla Walla's **Hal Trosky** led the charge on a 20-4 blowout of visiting **Seattle**! **Trosky** was 5-for-6, with 6 RBI, capped off with a 3-run HR in the 8th. **Trosky** was involved in all the big run-scoring innings! Teammates **Charlie Gehringer**, **Odell Hale** and **Cecil Jorges** each contributed 4 hits in the 28-hit attack! **Johnny Babich** was the lucky starter going the distance for his 2nd win!

8/2/1935, SR35-WW35, Comiskey Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Seattle	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-	4	9	2
Walla Walla	4	2	1	0	1	1	7	4	x	-	20	28	1

Wombats

	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG	
H. Trosky	1b	6	3	5	1	6	0	.284

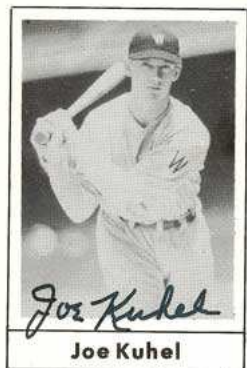
1:RBI **1B**; 2:RBI **1B**; 4:**1B**; 6:63; 7:RBI **2B**; 8:3-RBI **HR**

Honorable Mentions:

8/ 3:B. Johnson (WW) 5-6, 3R, 4RBI: 2R**1B**, 2 1R**1B**, 2 **1B**

8/20:C. Gehrigner (WW) 4-5, 6R, 3RBI: 2 **HR**, 1R**1B**, 2**B**, **BB**

**** Top Atmospheric Offensive Performance ****



Bloomington's **Ernie Lombardi** "Hit for the **Cycle**" in leading his team to a 28-hit, 17-4, blowout road victory at **Chestertown**! **Lombardi** started his day with a 3-run HR in the 1st. He added a 2B in the 3rd, a 1B in the 4th and a 3B in the 6th to complete the cycle in his first four PAs! **Lombardi** added an RBI-1B in the 8th to give him 4 RBI on the day!

6/29/1935, BY35-CH35, Shibe Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Bloomington	3	0	2	0	0	3	2	7	0	-	17	28	1
Chestertown	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-	4	10	0

Burning Bunyans

	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG	
E. Lombardi	c	6	4	5	1	4	0	.381

1:3-RBI **HR**; 3:**2B**; 4:**1B**; 6:**3B**; 7:53; 8:RBI **1B**

Honorable Mentions:

7/ 9:A. Vaughan (AR) 4-4, 2R, 6RBI: 3R**HR**, 1R**2B**, 1R**1B**, **1B**, **SF**, **BB**

8/16:S. Leslie (CH) 4-5, 2R, 6RBI: 3R**HR**, **2B**, 2R**1B**, 1R**1B**

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

The longest game of Period 2 was a 15-inning affair between **Oakdale** and host **Beverly**. With the game tied at 4-4 since the 5th inning, **Beverly** finally put the game away in the bottom of the 15th when pinch-hitter **Harry Danning** delivered a walk-off 2-out single!

8/4/1935, OK35-BV35, Navin Field

	123	456	789	012	345		R	H	E	LOB	DP
Oakdale	000	400	000	000	000	-	4	11	1	10	1
Beverly	010	030	000	000	001	-	5	16	1	14	3

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