

# NEWS of SPORT

## Simmons' Homer Spoils Grimes' Record

**Burleigh Grimes Almost Enters Hall of Fame In Winning Cards' Second Game and Letting A's Down With Two Hits—Simmons Hit Homer in Ninth With Two Out, Two Strikes, and One on Base—Score 5 to 2—A's Never Got Hit Until the Eighth Inning.**

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Shibe Park, Philadelphia, Oct. 5—The ever potent bat of Al Simmons, greatest hitter in the American League, kept bristling Burleigh Grimes from entering the Hall of Fame as the Cardinals defeated the Athletics for the second straight 5 to 2 here today in the 1931 World Series.

Grimes, as ferocious and cocky as ever, had Connie Mack's great Athletic club eating out of his hand, and until the eighth inning, never a semblance of a bit did he allow. Even after Bing Miller broke the ice, with a scratch bingle in last of the eighth, the burly Cardinal hurler, still had something left for which to strive—a one hit game.

### Ruelback Last

Not since Ed Ruelback turned back the White Sox in the series of 1906, had a one-hit game been turned in for a world series victory. And it certainly looked like Grimes was for it. The A's inability to hit Grimes gave the dopsters a chance to look up past records. When it looked as if Grimes would surely pitch a no-hit or a one-hit game, these record boys began to dig hurriedly into the books to learn when anything like this had happened before.

But the fates were not with Grimes, and even after he had retired the first two men in the ninth, and had two strikes on Mickey Cochrane, did the tough break come. Burleigh an excellent fielding pitcher, had retrieved a high bounding ball, and thrown out his thumb inflicting an injury. After a hurried consultation, the Card pitcher with lasting fame almost in his grip, decided to pitch it out. But his control was obviously gone. He walked Cochrane. Then Al Simmons faced him. The great Cardinal hurler gritted his teeth, knitted those bulging Grimes jaws, and pitched. Simmons worked the count to three-and-two, and then hit one of Grime's fast ones far into centre, just clearing the barrier, and scoring McNair ahead of him, who had run for the A's catcher.

### Tough Break

The break was the toughest that could be allotted any pitcher and the crowd, although certainly for the home club, gave Grimes a sympathetic hand. Grimes made short work of Jimmy Foxx, striking him out for the third man. He was credited, however, with a two-hit performance.

But the Card's weren't in the least danger here today, backed by the sterling pitching of their big spitballer who collected five runs and eleven hits off Robert "Lefty" Grove, who was calculated to stop the Cards dead, but who in two games has permitted the National Leaguers twenty-two hits.

Grove was removed from the box in the eighth for a pinch hitter, and young Roy Mahaffey took over the duties on the slab. He started well, but when Roettger singled Jim Bottomley, who can't seem to hit either Grove or Earnshaw, decided it was time to do something and forthwith pitched a bristling two-bagger between left and center, scoring Watkins, who ran for Roettger.

The Cards previous four runs were scored early in the contest, with the usual two run rally in the opening. The game was a near replica of Grove's first pitching contest against the National League pennant winners, as "Pepper" Martin drove one of Lefty's high hoppers against the center field fence scoring two mates, who had hit before him. Incidentally, it was another Martin field day, and the youthful recruit, bareheaded and swaggering, batted two clean hits during the afternoon, his two-base wallop, scoring the first two tallies.

### Grimes Hits

It was Burleigh Grimes, himself, who batted in the second two tallies off Grove. It came in the fourth inning after two of his mates had hit off the unrivalled left hander of the generation. Grimes hit cleanly to right field, bringing in two runs, swelling the Card total to four. The Cards then went scoreless to the ninth, when Bottomley's two base hit, scored Watkins for the Card's fifth run of the game.

In seven innings only 22 men faced Grimes the Card's pitcher. Only two had reached first base, both by walks. In the seventh, the Cards looked as sure to score again off Groves, when Roettger, doubled, and Frankie Frisch singled but Roettger held third, so fast was the relay from the A's outfield.

One of the features of the game, and probably one of the greatest catches seen in any world series, was Frankie Frisch's perfect dive after a line drive, off the bat of pinch hitter Cramer who had batted for Grove. The ball was labelled a sure hit, but Frankie with characteristic dash, slid over, rose into the air and took the ball in his gloved hand, making the putout. It was an astounding catch, and left the bleachers gasping. Only once in centuries does one see such a catch.

### Finger Matter

Last year Burleigh Grimes, who is 39 years of age, pitched two games against the Athletics and lost them both. He allowed only five hits in each game. In the final game, the Mack clan had not scored until the ninth, and had only three hits, when Foxx hit a homer with a mate on base, taking one of the best pitched games in any world series from the berserk Cardinal hurler. This year the situation was reversed, but even then, the A's had to mar the performance of the Cardinal pitcher, but robbing him of at least a one-hit, scoreless game. The experts opined tonight, that barring the accident to the Grimes finger, the Athletics would have gone out in one-two-three order.

A record of a total of twelve hits in three World Series games, an average of four per game which the Athletics were subjected to by Grimes, is something to brag about. Particularly when one realizes that the A's are probably the most potent hitting club that ever existed. In his performances against the A's, Grimes has been followed by a jinx. Of his mastery of them, there is hardly a doubt in the minds of fair minded fans.

Mixing his spitball with a fast curve and change of pace, pitching smartly all the way, Grimes was in sight of the all-time goal—a no hit world series game—when he completed seven innings without allowing the semblance of a hit. In that seven inning span only two Mack men had reached base, on walks, and in six of the seven innings only three batsmen faced the veteran.

Grimes was especially wary of burly Jimmy Foxx, whose home run beat the veteran in the fifth game of the 1930 series. He walked Foxx for the second straight time to start the eighth and then Bing Miller broke the spell with a line single to centre field. It was the first real threat by the A's, but old Burleigh, shifting to bacco and hitching up his trousers, retired the next three batsmen in order, including Cramer, pinch hitting for Grove.

### Cochrane Gets Pass

There were two out in the ninth when Cochrane, after a long duel with Grimes received a pass. Simmons whose only previous hit in the series was his homer in the opening game at St. Louis, caught a fast ball and walloped it over the right field bar-

## TURNING THE DIAL

By Harry Garvie

Any amount of eulogy could be extolled on the sportsmanship of Sir Thomas Lipton, great "Old Sea Dog" who just recently passed away. Sir Thomas was known by all and sundry, and his gallant win or lose attitude is more than a sportsman's philosophy. It's an international "best seller."

The Red and Black did not look as strong as in previous seasons against the Trojans, some of the boys claim. However, U. N. B.'s showing against this team is hardly more than a chance for the players to get into a game, and get the feel of the leather. There was never keen rivalry between these two teams, because the Trojans were hardly ever capable of putting up a real battle against the collegians. Striking it at a psychological angle, was there any necessity of the collegians exerting themselves against a team, which in other years has been admittedly weak? We think Coach Burden feels that he has as good a team as in other years. The scrum looks good and the backfield is experienced. The squad have an excellent kicker in McLennahan, though this player was not in form on Saturday at that.

The U. N. B. team looked rather ragged in the backfield on Saturday. There were a few fumbles and plenty of chances to score, but somehow they just couldn't get across. Coach Burden played 30 men altogether, changing positions at every whistle. He has lots of material but it will take the usual weeding to make a good garden out of it. The new ruling of the scrum—three—four formation doesn't materially improve the scrum any.

A couple of years ago, under the same circumstances, Burden had a lot of new material and that year, U. N. B. had a great team. Maybe this year will find a repeat.

D. J. R.

One of the interesting events of the first U. N. B. game was the pie

eating contest, which was stopped short on account of the whistle for the second half. The U. N. B. band, rendered a few marches at intervals throughout the game. But music didn't seem to hold the boys any.

The Trojans, from the side lines, looked like a light team, but sometimes light teams are destructively effective.

The city team, we hear, needs a coach that knows the new scrum, if they intend to go after the MacTier cup.

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### Horses

The Old Glory Horse Sale will start on November 3rd. It will take place at the Squadron Armory in New York City.

Gordon Cameron, who raced here, beat Hollywood Lee at Franklin, Me., in the 2.16, making good time. He went the last heat in 2.12. He was sold originally for \$90 and lately brought \$1,200.

And Protector, three-year-old winner of the Kentucky Futurity, was recently sold for \$30,000 and was once worth \$1,000.

### Series Facts

"Wild Bill" Hallahan, with the help of Pepper Martin, held the Mackmen to a shutout. Bill only allowed three hits, but the seven walks didn't help any. Pepper was the "head man" in that game.

The two persons who pitched camp at the entrance of Shibe Park early last week, were relieved yesterday as they were able to sit on a bleacher seat and witness the third game of the world series.

That series looks now as if it will be continued in St. Louis again on Friday.

Rochester is on the way to win another "Little World" series victory.

### WANTS THAT FOUL

Graham McNamee, ace announcer for the National Broadcasting Company, is now engaged in his ninth verbal bout with the world's series baseball championship, but so far he has never succeeded in catching a foul ball—an ambition which he shares with hundreds of thousands of younger and older Americans. Scores of times these nine series of broadcasts, as millions of radio listeners will remember, Graham has excitedly announced that a foul play was coming his way, but each time over his head. (His judgment of where it was going to land doesn't recommend him for Babe Ruth's spot.) This year, however, McNamee is hoping to achieve his ambition. And if he does he will ask whatever member of the Athletics or Cards hit the ball to autograph it for him.

A new type of Russian parachute descends so softly that it will not break a basket of eggs; and now, we hear, all the average Russian needs is a basket of eggs for it not to break.

An "intellectual" as modernly understood, is just a peevish person.

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