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Oakdale & Albany Open Up Big!

In the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Oakdale Ravagers** opened up strong with a Period 1 best **57-13**, but only lead the defending **TML Champs Albany Avalanche (52-18)** by 5 games! **Oakdale** (.334, 545 Runs) and **Albany** (.329, 604 Runs) are 1-2 in team batting. **Oakdale** (3.76) is 2nd in team pitching with **Albany** (4.14) 3rd. These two will be battling all season for the **Conference Pennant!** **Beverly** (40-30) is a distant 3rd, 17 games out.

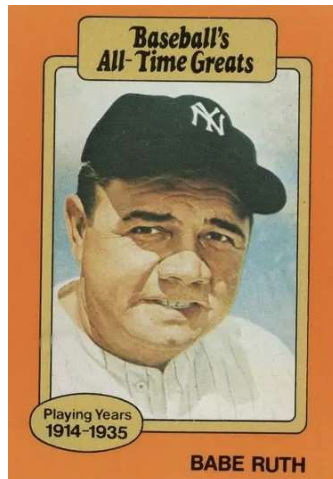
Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **North Adams Bevers** are on top at **45-25**, but only lead the **Sioux Falls Fighting Sioux (40-30)** by 5 games! **North Adams** (.318, 471 Runs) is 3rd in team batting, while **Sioux Falls** (3.72) is 1st in team pitching and team fielding! It looks like this **Conference** will also be a two-team battle for the **Pennant!** **Chestertown** (25-45) is in 3rd, an even more distant 20 games behind.

The early batting leader is **Albany's Clyde Sukeforth** at a lofty **.436**, followed by **Oakdale's "Player of the Period" Babe Ruth** at **.407**. A total of **16** players are batting **.350** or higher! **Sukeforth** also leads in OBP (.492). **Ruth** also leads in SLG (.834), HR (33), Hits (123), Runs (103) and RC (124). **Albany's Lou Gehrig** is the RBI leader with 96. Duluth's Kiki Cuyler is the SB leader (21 SB, 1 CS).

The remarkable early ERA leader is **Sioux Falls's Jesse Petty** at **2.28**, followed by **Oakdale's "Pitcher of the Period" Burleigh Grimes** at **2.37**. **Seattle's Red Lucas** at **2.81** is the only other pitcher below 3. The victories leader is **Oakdale's Lefty Grove** (13-3), one win ahead of **Albany's Watty Clark** (12-3). **Grove** is the early Strikeout leader with 107 K. The early Saves leader is **Beverly's Harry Smythe** (7/13 SVO, 31 GR, **12.10**).

Below are some awards and tid-bits from Period 1 in the 1929 TML American Retro.

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



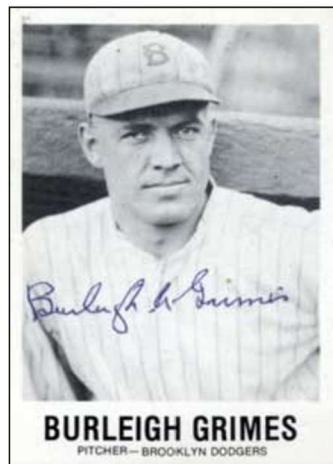
(OK) Babe Ruth

.407, 123-302, 20-5-33, 252 TB,
103 R, 85 RBI, 43 W, **124 RC**
1.313 OPS, 11 GW-RBI
17.8 RC/27

Honorable Mentions:

Lou Gehrig (AV)	.336, 20 HR, 84 R, 96 RBI, 90 RC
Earl Averill (AV)	.386, 11 HR, 80 R, 52 RBI, 87 RC
Hack Wilson (NA)	.350, 28 HR, 74 R, 92 RBI, 85 RC
Lefty O'Doul (VC)	.377, 18 HR, 69 R, 48 RBI, 85 RC
Babe Herman (NA)	.435, 12 HR, 74 R, 65 RBI, 84 RC

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



(OK) Burleigh Grimes

11-1, 2.37, 12 GS, 9 QS, 11 CG,
106.1 IP, 79 H, 29 W, 28 K,
.201 OAVG, 1.02 WHIP
1 shutout

Honorable Mentions:

Lefty Grove (OK)	13-3, 3.53, 12 QS, 107 K, 1.35 WHIP
Rube Walberg (SF)	10-3, 3.04, 12 QS, 37 K, 1.22 WHIP
Jack Russell (AV)	10-4, 3.82, 12 QS, 33 K, 1.36 WHIP
Red Lucas (SR)	10-4, 2.81, 11 QS, 27 K, 1.04 WHIP
Carl Hubbell (OK)	10-2, 3.04, 11 QS, 42 K, 1.17 WHIP
Ted Lyons (NA)	10-3, 3.73, 11 QS, 36 K, 1.47 WHIP
Jesse Petty (SF)	4-4, 2.28, 10 QS, 34 K, 0.97 WHIP
Watty Clark (AV)	12-3, 3.26, 8 QS, 51 K, 1.21 WHIP

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



Beverly's **Claude Willoughby** dominated host Walla Walla in tossing a CG, **1-hit** shutout! **Willoughby** served up a ground ball single to **Moe Berg** leading off the 3rd inning. He issued a walk later that inning and another in the 6th. **Willoughby** retired the final 7 batters, including striking out the side in the 8th!

4/14/1929, BV29-WW29, Comiskey Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Beverly	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	2	5	1
Walla Walla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	1

Hillbillies	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
C. Willoughby (W 1-0)	9	1	0	0	2	4	112/71	0.00

Honorable Mention:

5/10:C.Hubbell(OK) CG, 2-hitter, OW, 3K, Won 2-1

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



Sioux Falls's **Rube Walberg** turned in a gem against visiting Beverly! **Walburg** carried a no-hitter into the 8th inning, but lost his bid when pinch-hitter **Eddie Moore** grounded a lead-off single up the middle! **Walberg** also served up a single in the 9th to **Al Simmons**, but easily completed his 2-hit shutout!

4/28/1929, BV29-SF29, Wrigley Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Beverly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	1
Sioux Falls	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	x	-	6	12	1

Fighting Sioux	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
R. Walberg (W 4-1)	9	2	0	0	4	1	108/62	2.74

Honorable Mentions:

5/18:G.Crowder(SF) CG, 2-hitter, 2W, 2K, Won 2-0

6/ 7:J.Petty(SF) CG, 2-hitter, 1W, 3K, Won 13-0

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



Albany's Goose Goslin sparked a 24-hit blowout on the road at **Bloomington!** **Goslin** rapped out a pair of 2-run singles in his teams **9-run** 1st inning! In the 6-run 5th, all he did was draw a based loaded walk. **Goslin** capped his day with a 3-run HR in the 7th, giving him **8 RBI**. After that, he was given the rest of the night off! **Bloomington** made **7 errors**, leading to 10 unearned runs!

5/28/1929, AV29-BY29, Griffith Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Albany	9	1	0	2	6	0	3	4	0	-	25	24	0
Bloomington	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	9	13	7

Avalanche AB R H HR BI BB AVG

G. Goslin lf 5 2 3 1 **8** 1 .310

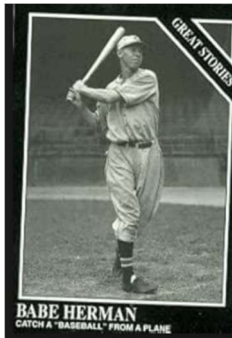
1:2-RBI **1B** & 2-RBI **1B**; 3:F7; 4:P5; 5:RBI **BB**; 7:3-RBI **HR**

Honorable Mentions:

5/12:M. Cochrane (DT) 4-6, 6RBI:1R2B, 2R1B, 1R1B, 1RBB, 1B, 1RGo

5/24:M. Cochrane (DT) 3-4, 7RBI:3RHR, 3R2B, 1R1B, **BB**

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



North Adams's Babe Herman led his team to a 21-hit road blowout at **Seattle!** **Herman** not only was 5-for-5, but also reached base a 6th time on a HBP. **Herman** drove in 2 key runs in his team's 5-run 9th inning that pulled them away from a slim 9-8 lead. He had 5 RBI in the game.

6/6/1929, NA29-SR29, Ebbets Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
North Adams	0	0	2	3	0	3	0	1	5	-	14	21	2
Seattle	0	2	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	-	8	13	3

Beverly AB R H HR BI BB AVG

B. Herman rf 5 1 5 0 5 0 .392

1:**1B**; 3:2-RBI **1B**; 4:**1B**; 6:RBI **1B**; 8:**HBP**; 9:2-RBI **1B**

Honorable Mention:

5/ 5: H. Wilson (NA) 2-5, 2R, 7RBI: 3RHR, 3R3B, **SF**

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

The longest game of Period 1 was a 15-inning game between **Bronx** and host **Sioux Falls**. After both teams had scored solo runs in the 9th and 12th innings to keep the game tied, **Bronx** manufactured another go-ahead run in the top of the 15th, on a 1-out single by **Phil Todt**, who stole 2nd and advanced to 3rd on the catcher's throwing error, and then scored on a single by **Val Picinich**. This time, **Bronx** held **Sioux Falls** in the bottom half of the 15th to secure the victory.

6/15/1929, BX29-SF29, Wrigley Field

	123	456	789	012	345		R	H	E	LOB	DP
Bronx	000	210	001	001	001	-	6	16	1	15	2
Sioux Falls	001	001	101	001	000	-	5	16	3	14	1

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