

May 5, 1904

Cy Perfect

In the Boston Americans' 3-0 victory over the visiting Philadelphia Athletics, future Hall of Famer Cy Young hurls the first perfect game in "modern day" baseball annals ... the 37-year-old's accomplishment is so unique that the newspapers of the day have no idea how to describe his feat.

Prior to Young's effort, there had been only two perfect games in major league history, and they both occur within five days of one another 24 years earlier ... both games are played under rules that allow only underhand pitching from a box 45 feet from home plate and it takes eight balls to walk a batter.



Worcester Ruby Legs lefty Lee Richmond throws the first perfect game in major league history, beating the Cleveland Blues 1-0, on June 12, 1880 ... five days later, on June 17, future Hall of Famer John Montgomery Ward, pitching for the Providence Grays, is perfect in a 5-0 win over the Buffalo Bisons.

Richmond would go on to lead the National League in appearances in 1880, pitching in 74 games of the Ruby Legs' 83 games ... finishing with a 32-32 record and a 2.15 ERA in nearly 600 innings pitched (590.2), Richmond would later become the Dean of Men at the University of Toledo.

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE.

'Cy' Young Pitches Wonderful Ball and Shuts Out Philadelphia—Waddell Batted Hard.

Not one of the Philadelphias made a run, a hit or reached first base in yesterday's game at Boston by reason of Young's superb pitching. Young's feat is a record-breaker in the major leagues. While the champions batted Waddell hard, sharp fielding by the visitors kept down the runs. The score:—

Boston.					Phila.					
ab	b	po	a	e	ab	b	po	a	e	
Doug'y, l.	4	1	1	0	0	Hartsel, l.	1	0	0	0
Collins, 3.	4	2	2	0	0	Hoffman, l.	2	0	2	1
Stahl, l.	4	1	3	0	0	Pick'g. m.	3	0	1	0
Free'an, r.	4	1	2	0	0	Davis, l.	3	0	5	0
Parent, s.	4	2	1	1	0	L. Cross, 3.	3	0	4	1
Lacha'e, l.	3	1	0	0	0	Seybold, r.	3	0	2	0
Ferris, 2.	3	1	0	3	0	Murphy, 2.	3	0	1	2
Criger, c.	3	1	0	0	0	M. Cross, s.	3	0	2	3
Young, p.	3	0	0	2	0	Schreck, c.	3	0	7	0
						Waddell, p.	3	0	0	1

Total. 32 10 27 9 0 Total, 27 0 24 8 1
 Boston, 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 -3

Earned runs, Boston 2. Two-base hits, Collins, Criger. Three-base hits, Stahl, Freeman, Ferris. Sacrifice hit, Lachance. Double plays, Hoffman and Schreck; L. Cross and Davis. Struck out, by Young 8, by Waddell 6. Time, 1h 25m. Umpire, Dwyer. Attendance, 10,287.