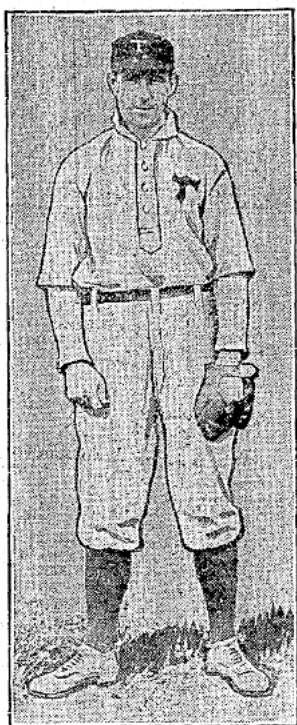


Cups of Coffee: Andy O'Connor

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ANDREW O'CONNOR

On October 6, 1908, on the same day that Austria announces that it will annex the Turkish providences of Bosnia and Herzegovina in defiance of European opinion, 24-year-old Roxbury, Massachusetts native Andrew (Andy) O'Connor, pitching for the last-place New York Highlanders, makes his only major league appearance against the Boston Red Sox.

Acquired by the last-place Highlanders from the Trenton Tigers of the Tri-State (B) League earlier for an undisclosed amount of money, O'Connor strikes out five en route to pitching a complete game, but walks seven, yields 15 hits and is accorded "miserable support" in an 11-3 loss to the Red Sox at Boston's Huntington Avenue Grounds

O'Connor's mound opponent on the third to last day of the 1908 regular season is another Massachusetts native making

what will also be his only major league appearance, Henry (Doc) McMahon, a "fine, healthy broth of a boy". McMahon, from nearby Woburn and the College of the Holy Cross, also hurls a complete game, allowing three runs on 15 hits.

Wednesday, September 10, 1907
Boston, Massachusetts

STRIKING TELEGRAPHERS WIN BASEBALL CONTEST

Success of the Team in Benefit Game Is Due in a Large Measure to the Pitching of Andy O'Connor.

A grand stand full of friends of the striking telegraphers attended the second of the series of strikers' benefits yesterday at the South End grounds and witnessed the defeat of the Globe team, 3 to 1, by a team made up of the local key experts. In every way the benefit was a success, and in none more than on the baseball end, for the game developed into a red-hot contest in which the telegraphers squeezed out a win that was particularly pleasing to their followers.

The game was really a pitchers' battle, for all told there were but eight hits, four apiece, none being for more than a single and very few going well into the outfield. O'Connor, for the telegraphers, pitched red-hot ball, and his benders were particularly puzzling to the newspaper men. Not only was he not hit hard, but he gave no bases on balls, and struck out 11. His one drawback was that he was too speedy for the pair of backstops put in to back him up.

Thornton pitched most of the game for the Globe, and while he was not touched up hard, he gave five bases on balls, two of which counted in the run getting. McQueen relieved him in the last two innings and was lit on for one of the three runs. The beaten team was handicapped by losing Lonergan in the middle

of the game through his badly twisting his ankle.

Andy O'Connor, who pitched for the winners, is the twirler of the Syracuse team of the New York State league.

TELEGRAPHERS				GLOBE			
ab.	bb.	po.	a.e.	ab.	bb.	po.	a.e.
Lane, if.	4	0	0	McCarty, cf.	4	0	0
Gardella, s.	4	1	3	McGuire, s.	3	0	2
Galvin, 2.	3	0	2	Looney, cf.	1	0	0
Barry, 1.	4	3	9	Donovan, r.	2	1	0
Downey, cf.	1	0	0	Donovan, r.	2	1	0
Elwell, c.	1	0	0	Bailey, l.	4	0	6
Larkin, c.	2	0	19	White, mb.	4	0	6
Austin, r.	4	0	0	McDonald, 2.	2	0	6
Feius, s.	2	0	2	Quinn, 2.	2	0	1
O'Connor, p.	3	0	1	Rooney, lf.	3	0	0
				Thornton, p.	2	1	2
				McQueen, p.	1	0	1

Tts.	...	28	427	94	Tts.	...	31	427	112	
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Telegraphers	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
Globe	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Sacrifice hit—Downey. Stolen bases—Gardella 2, Galvin 2, Downey, Larkin 3, McGuinness, Lonergan, Donovan, Bailey. First base on balls—Off Thornton 5. Struck out—By O'Connor 11, by Thornton 4, by McQueen 1. Double plays—Larkin to Barry to Larkin; McDonald to McCarthy. Passed balls—Larkin, Whitecomb. Wild pitches—Thornton 2, O'Connor. Hit by pitched ball—By O'Connor 1. Time—1h. 59m. Umpires—Tom McCarthy and Charlie Waldron.

October 6, 1908
Huntington Grounds, Boston, Massachusetts

BOSTON										
	AB	R	1B	2B	PO	A	F			
McConnell, 2b.	5	2	3	1	4	2	0			
Lord, 3b.	5	2	3	5	2	2	0			
Spencer, cf.	4	1	1	1	0	0	0			
Looy, rf.	5	1	0	0	1	0	0			
Crawth, lf.	1	1	0	0	1	0	0			
Wagner, ss.	3	1	2	2	1	5	0			
Niles, ss.	1	1	1	1	1	2	0			
Stahl 1b.	3	1	1	8	13	0	0			
Donohue, c.	3	1	1	1	8	2	0			
McMahon, p.	5	0	2	2	1	2	0			
Totals	35	11	14	18	27	15	0			

NEW YORK										
	AB	R	1B	2B	PO	A	F			
Cree, cf.	5	1	2	2	1	0	0			
Gardner, 2b.	5	1	4	4	2	2	0			
Laporte, lf.	5	0	3	5	0	0	0			
McCarthy, 1b.	5	0	1	1	7	1	2			
O'Rourke, ss.	4	0	2	2	1	2	0			
Blair, rf.	4	0	0	0	1	1	2			
Donovan, 3b.	4	1	1	1	4	3	0			
Hweeney, c.	3	0	1	1	7	4	0			
O'Connor, p.	3	0	0	0	0	2	1			
Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	40	3	14	10	23	15	5			

Hits by Inning										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Boston	2	3	1	0	1	1	3			—14
New York	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	2		—14

Pitchers' Summary										
Innings	AB	R	1B	2B	BB	SO	U	WP		
McMahon	0	40	3	14	14	0	8	0		0
O'Connor	3	35	11	14	14	7	8	3		0

Three base hits—Lord, Stahl and Laporte. Stolen bases—Lord, Spencer, Gardner and Donovan. First base on balls—Off O'Connor 7. Hit by pitched ball—By O'Connor 3. Struck out—By McMahon, 3, by O'Connor, 5. Double plays—Niles and Stahl. Umpire—Mr. Hurst. Attendance—2221. *Batted for O'Connor in ninth. †Wagner put hit by batted ball.

Records for O'Connor's years in professional baseball are mostly incomplete. Listed below are teams I can identify that O'Connor played for:

Year	Team	W-L	League
1908	Wilmington Peaches	x	Tri-State
1908	Trenton Tigers	3-5	Tri-State
1908	New York Highlanders	0-1	American
1909	Trenton Tigers	x	Tri-State
1909	Johnstown Johnnies	x	Tri-State
1909	Altoona Mountaineers	x	Tri-State
1910	New Bedford Whalers	x	New England

O'Connor is credited with being the oldest living former major leaguer when dies on September 26, 1980, in Norwood, Massachusetts at the age of 96.