

# October 16, 1897

A Buckeye is Born

Born on October 16, 1897, Garland "Gob" Buckeye plays both major league baseball and professional football during a lengthy a 13-year professional sports career.

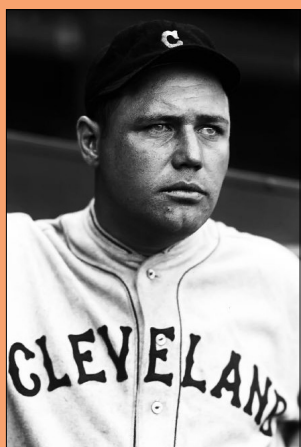
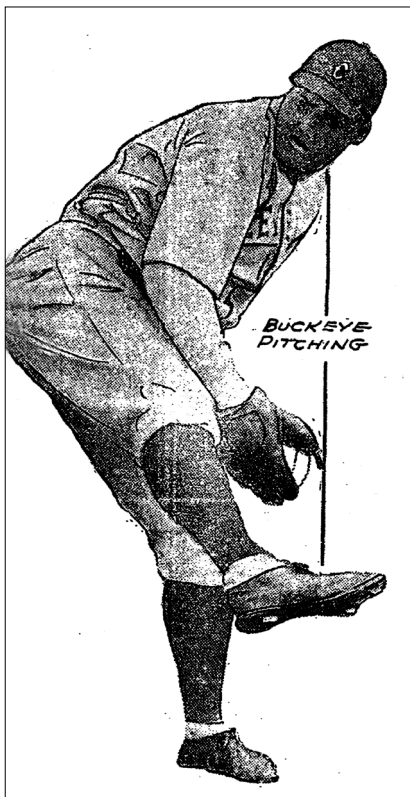
Pitching for a semi-pro team in Gary, Indiana, where he is 4-0 with 55 strikeouts in 36 innings, Buckeye signs with the Washington Senators on June 13, 1918. Six days later the large left-hander (one report has him at 6-0, 205-pounds while another lists him as 6-6, 235-pounds) makes his major league debut in the Polo Grounds against the New York Yankees.

Relieving starter Jim Shaw in the seventh inning, Buckeye walks four and allows two hits and three runs in his first inning of work. In two innings of work he yields three hits, six walks and four runs while striking out two - one in each inning.

His Washington Senator career comes to an end when he is pinch hit for by fellow pitcher and future Hall of Famer Walter Johnson in the ninth inning.

Several newspaper reports describe Buckeye as the "mountainous south-paw" and "about as broad as he is tall."

Buckeye will later play five years of professional football (1920-1924) with the Chicago Tigers and Chicago Cardinals.



Garland Buckeye  
1925 Cleveland Indians

Buckeye returns to the major leagues in 1925 with the American League's Cleveland Indians finishing 13-8 with a 3.65 ERA in 30 games. The Heron Lake, Minnesota, native will pitch two more seasons in the majors with the Indians and the New York Giants.

In five major league seasons, Buckeye is 30-39 with 29 complete games and a 3.91 ERA ... he allows 15 home runs in 564 career innings, including three to Babe Ruth.