

Charles Hallman, "Winless in Portsmouth?"

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What do we really know about Charles "Lefty" Hallman, and why did the official statistician for the Virginia (C) League in 1907 dislike him so much?

For starters we know that Hallman was from Oreland, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia, and that he was a left-handed pitcher (see attached photo) of varying talent who pitched four seasons in the minors between 1907 and 1910.

We also know that Hallman must have been quite a talker.

**"Hallman has a great amount of mouth, more than the average ballplayer."
July 27, 1906 - Bridgeton (N.J.) Evening News**

Still, being overly verbose and/or being from Pennsylvania, still does not explain why said statistician pinned an 0-15 mark on our Mr. Hallman, when in fact he was 9-15 (which explains the .375 winning percentage) with three ties for the last-place Portsmouth (Va.) Truckers.

In season-ending statistics used by both the Reach and Spalding Guides, Hallman is listed as 0-15 in 31 appearances despite being credited with two shutouts.

The two guides have our talkative port-sider allowing only 200 hits and walking 36 in 259 innings (WHIP of .911), while striking out 114.

However, being an avid reader of Hardy Boys books while growing up, I deduced that something was amiss in the Commonwealth, and after a thorough review of Virginia League box scores in *The Sporting Life* my suspicions were confirmed. Our Mr. Hallman had nine more wins than he was credited with.

Controversy avoided.

Most of Hallman's statistics - innings pitched, strikeouts, hits and walks allowed - are similar between the guides and my research - except for victories.

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LEFTY HALLMAN

PITCHER'S RECORDS														
	GP	IP	ABO	HBO	RO	HB	BB	SO	WP	T	SO	W	L	PT
Stackpole, Richmond	5	34	121	24	5	3	8	19	0	0	2	4	0	1.000
Bertrand, Norfolk	20	121	403	80	29	12	41	47	1	2	3	9	2	.818
Walker, Danville	24	189	686	133	52	16	54	102	2	1	3	15	6	.714
Otey, Norfolk	40	327	1149	214	86	19	83	197	3	3	10	22	10	.688
Ham, Danville	11	83	331	30	40	6	29	26	2	0	0	6	3	.667
Moore, Lynch.-Norfolk	3	24	82	16	7	4	12	6	1	0	0	2	1	.667
Reynolds, Roanoke	25	171	646	157	56	5	25	42	3	0	3	13	7	.650
Cassidy, Richmond	19	144	532	104	56	6	46	33	4	0	2	11	5	.647
Stewart, Lynchburg	30	249	862	152	64	30	67	134	3	4	6	16	9	.640
Walsh, Ports.-Dan	37	283	1025	190	91	17	88	158	2	5	2	17	11	.607
Morrissey, Roanoke	31	256	920	178	58	1	52	123	1	2	5	15	10	.600
Jordan, Norfolk	31	235	911	212	86	15	42	123	3	1	2	16	12	.571
Fox, Norfolk	25	216	797	174	51	9	23	69	4	1	4	13	10	.565
Shuman, Portsmouth	22	183	635	108	52	9	62	117	5	1	0	11	9	.550
Kline, Lynchburg	31	258	925	190	81	12	78	123	8	0	5	10	14	.533
Hobbs, Richmond	18	133	351	100	38	6	21	81	4	1	3	8	7	.533
Lavinder, Danville	59	307	1140	208	94	19	52	196	5	0	4	13	16	.529
Oakley, Lynchburg	30	230	849	177	81	9	61	114	3	1	4	14	13	.519
Still, Richmond	8	35	259	60	27	5	38	39	0	3	1	2	2	.500
Howard, Danville	5	39	160	44	22	1	9	26	2	0	0	2	2	.500
Rickards, Danville	3	18	72	13	15	0	10	2	0	0	0	1	1	.500
McDonough, Danville	2	8	31	6	3	0	14	2	0	0	0	1	1	.500
Long, Richmond	31	255	920	185	85	15	68	83	6	3	4	11	12	.476
Vermiller, Roanoke	36	372	1021	224	73	16	48	120	2	2	2	15	17	.469
Willis, Roanoke	35	286	1065	233	132	25	65	175	10	2	2	14	16	.467
Flowers, Ly.-R.-Dan	20	140	523	101	83	8	50	96	6	2	1	6	7	.462
Carter, Ly.-Rd.-Ports	27	215	770	173	73	8	34	48	4	2	2	10	12	.455
Salve, Richmond	34	242	838	167	87	19	89	166	11	3	4	12	15	.444
Loos, Portsmouth	29	251	702	204	76	7	66	81	2	2	2	3	9	.429
Murray, Lynchburg	24	172	539	146	57	0	40	75	6	1	2	9	12	.429
Revelle, Ports.-Rich	33	268	967	206	75	12	76	157	0	2	5	11	17	.393
Hallman, Portsmouth	31	259	966	200	94	12	36	114	1	4	2	0	15	.375
Smith, Ros.-D.-Rich	12	98	389	85	51	10	34	28	3	1	1	4	7	.364
Heisman, Roanoke	11	58	317	69	21	0	12	34	0	2	2	3	6	.333

Charles Hallman Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	G	SHO	INN	H	SO	BB
1904	Glendside, Oreland	Philadelphia City	Amt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1905	Oreland, Highland	Suburban	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1906	Williamstown, Germantown	Penn	Spro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1907	Portsmouth Truckers	Virginia	C	9-15-3	31	2	246.1	186	109	57
1908	Portsmouth Truckers	Virginia	C	16-17-4	42	5	-	-	101	58
1909	Portsmouth Truckers	Virginia	C	0-0	1	-	-	-	-	-
	New Bedford Whalers	New England	B	1-5	6	0	40.1	47	30	14
	Fayetteville Highlanders	Eastern Carolina	D	17-7	24	-	-	-	-	-
1910	Kansas City Blues	American Assoc.	A	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Galesburg Pavers	Central Assoc.	D	8-15	28	-	213.0	174	61	-
1912	Stetson A.A.	West Philadelphia	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Media	Delaware County	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1913	Stetson A.A.	West Philadelphia	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor League Totals				4 Seasons	51-61-7	133	-	-	-	-

Charles Hallman [2 of 4]:

HALLMAN CHRONOLOGY

April 22, 1907 ▶▶

Hallman makes his professional baseball debut with the Portsmouth Truckers of the Virginia (D) League. Starting on the mound against the visiting Richmond Colts and backed by a second inning triple play, Hallman goes seven innings, allowing five runs on eight hits and two walks in a light drizzling rain and before 2,000 fans "who shouted themselves hoarse."

Hallman, who is 1-for-3 at the plate with an RBI, is relieved by Charles Shuman who allows two runs in the eighth and absorbs the loss as Richmond runs its record to 4-0 with a 5-3 victory.

May 7, 1907

Following two losses and a no decision in his first three games (despite allowing only eight runs in 23 innings) Hallman picks up his first win of the season, striking out a season-high eight batters en route to a complete game five-hit 5-1 win over the fourth-place Roanoke Tigers.

July 19, 1907

Danville Red Sox vs. Portsmouth Truckers
Washington Street Ballpark, Portsmouth

WITHOUT A HIT DANVILLE WINS

Portsmouth Takes Stage Fright
in Last Inning, and Tobacco-
nists Trot Across Plate.

NORFOLK, VA., July 19.—Without a hit, Danville won from Portsmouth this afternoon 2 to 0. It was a remarkable game, Portsmouth securing the only hit made. It was a real pitcher's battle, and but for errors by Portsmouth in the ninth inning, which gave the victors the runs, darkness would have put an end to the contest without a rally. Portsmouth played good enough baseball until the ninth, when, for some unknown reason, perhaps stage fright, the club seemed to forget how to play the game. Errors and misplays were made on the easiest kind of chances. While the dumb ball was in progress Reggy and Doyle trotted across home plate with the winning runs. Pitcher Hallman and Havener were the chief offenders in the error-making.

The score follows:

Portsmouth		A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Warren, 3b.....	2	0	0	0	2	0		
Havener, 2b.....	3	0	0	2	0	2		
Sullivan, cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0		
Loos, lf.....	2	0	0	2	0	0		
Butman, 1b.....	3	0	1	12	2	0		
Garrahan, rf.....	3	0	0	3	0	0		
Moss, ss.....	3	0	0	1	3	0		
Burns, c.....	3	0	0	5	0	0		
Hallman, p.....	3	0	0	2	0	2		
Totals.....	26	0	1	27	12	5		

Danville		A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Reggy, ss.....	3	1	0	2	3	0		
Doyle, 2b.....	4	1	0	1	3	0		
McKevitt, 1b.....	4	0	0	13	1	0		
Fetzer, 3b.....	4	0	0	0	1	0		
Hicks, rf.....	4	0	0	3	0	0		
Powell, lf.....	4	0	0	1	0	0		
Henn, cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0		
Cooper, c.....	3	0	0	6	1	0		
Lavender, p.....	3	0	0	1	1	0		
Totals.....	33	2	0	27	10	0		

Score by innings: R. Portsmouth 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 Danville 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 Summary: Bases on balls—off Hallman, 1; off Lavender, 1. Struck out—by Hallman, 5; by Lavender, 6. Left on bases—Danville, 5. First base on errors—Danville, 5. Double plays—Doyle to McKevitt; McKevitt (unassisted). Time of game, 1:30. Umpire, Mr. Truby.

June 20, 1907

Hallman and Richmond's Charles Carter duel for 12 innings before the 2-2 game is called on account of darkness by umpire Turby.

July 2, 1907

Virginia League president Jake Wells, calls for meeting in Richmond to discuss several instances of "rowdy ball playing" ... Roanoke player/manager Win Clark has been charged with assulting umpire Byron and Norfolk second baseman Gus Ruhland will be tried on hitting umpire Staunton ... Wells wants managers and players to understand that rough play "will not be tolerated".

July 3, 1907

Umpire William Hoffman is fined \$8.95 by Lynchburg Justice Fortune for using foul language while officiating the Richmond at Lynchburg game two days earlier.

July 18, 1907 ▶▶

Prompt work of local police enable umpire Handboe to barely escape injury when 4,000 Richmond fans rush the field upset with Handboe when he calls Colt left fielder Billy Heffron out at third base following a single by Billy Wallace.

◀◀ July 19, 1907

Hallman pitches the first and only no-hitter of his professional baseball career against Danville - but loses the game when the Red Sox, assisted by errors by Hallman and second baseman William Havener, push across a pair of runs in the top of the ninth for a 2-0 win ... Hallman's mound opponent, future major leaguer Jimmy Lavender, yields only a single to 31-year-old Edward Butman, a weak-hitting first baseman.

April 22, 1907

Richmond Colts vs. Portsmouth Truckers
Washington Street Ballpark, Portsmouth, Virginia

Richmond.		A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Titman, rf.....	4	1	1	1	0	0		
Reeve, ss.....	4	0	0	5	3	0		
Heffron, lf.....	4	0	1	2	0	0		
Wallace, cf.....	4	1	2	1	0	0		
Kirkpatrick, 3b.....	4	0	0	1	0	0		
O'Neil, 2b.....	4	1	3	2	5	0		
Shaffer, 1b.....	4	1	2	10	0	0		
Cowan, c.....	4	0	0	4	2	0		
Long, p.....	3	1	1	1	1	0		
Totals.....	35	5	10	27	11	0		

Portsmouth.		A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Warren, 3b.....	3	0	0	2	1	0		
Griffin, cf.....	4	0	1	2	0	0		
Martin, 2b.....	2	1	0	0	1	0		
Morrison, lf.....	4	0	0	2	0	0		
Butman, 1b.....	4	0	2	6	2	1		
Moss, ss.....	4	1	2	2	3	1		
Fox, rf, cf.....	1	1	1	0	0	0		
White, cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0		
Burns, c.....	4	0	0	0	0	0		
Hallman, p.....	3	0	1	0	0	0		
Shuman, p.....	0	0	0	0	1	0		
*Loos.....	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals.....	32	3	7	23	8	2		

*Batted for Shuman in ninth.

Score by innings: R. Richmond 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 1 2 Portsmouth 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 3 Summary: Two-base hits—Wallace, O'Neil, Moss. Three-base hit—Long. Stolen bases—Titman, Heffron, Wallace, O'Neil, Martin, Fox. Triple play—Moss, to Butman, to Burns. Base on balls—off Long, 3; off Shuman, 1. Hit by pitcher—Titman. Struck out—by Long, 4; Hallman, 4; Shuman, 4. Time of game, two hours. Umpire, Lally. Attendance, 2,500.

RICHMOND VS. NORFOLK AT RICHMOND

JULY 18.—Umpire Handboe narrowly escaped being mobbed in the ninth inning, when he called Heffner out at third after he had gotten his base on balls and gone to third on Wallace's hit. Four thousand persons rushed on the diamond when the decision was given, but the prompt work of the police prevented violence. The game was well-played by both teams. Score:

Richmond.	A.	B.	R.	P.	A.	E.	Norfolk.	A.	B.	R.	P.	A.	E.
Titman, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0	Seitz, lf...	4	0	0	1	0	0
Reeves, ss	4	0	0	4	3	0	Pender, 2b	4	0	1	2	5	
Heffron, lf	3	0	1	1	1	0	Hass, lb...	3	0	1	12	2	
Slebric, 2b	3	0	1	2	2	0	Cummin's, rf	4	1	1	1	0	
Gettig, 3b	3	1	0	3	2	0	Ruhland, 3b	4	0	0	1	4	
Bowen, 1b	3	0	0	8	0	0	Manion, ss	2	0	0	0	2	
Cowan, c	3	0	1	6	4	0	Jackson, cf	3	2	2	3	0	
Long, p.	3	0	0	1	4	0	Edwards, c	4	0	3	6	0	
							Otey, p....	2	0	0	1	0	
Totals.	29	2	4	27	16	0							

Totals. 30 3 8 27 13 2 Richmond 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 Norfolk 0 2 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 3 Two-base hits—Haas, Jackson. Three-base hit—Heffron. Stolen bases—Cummings. Base on balls—off Long 4, Otey 1. Hit by pitched ball—Jackson. Struck out—By Long 4, Otey 4. Passed balls—Cowan. Time—1.40. Umpire—Handboe.

Charles Hallman [3 of 4]:

Charles Hallman, Game by Game - 1907

Date	Opponent	Dec.	Score	CG	INN	RUN	HIT	SO	BB
4.22	Richmond	-	3-5	-	7.0	3	8	4	2
4.26	Roanoke	L	1-3	CG	7.0	3	7	7	2
4.30	Danville	L	2-3	CG	9.0	3	6	5	5
5.7	Roanoke	W	5-1	CG	9.0	1	5	8	3
5.8	Roanoke	L	1-6	CG	6.0	6	6	2	1
5.13	Danville	W	3-2	CG	9.0	2	5	4	3
5.17	Norfolk	W	4-1	CG	9.0	1	5	4	2
5.22	Lynchburg	L	2-6	CG	9.0	6	7	4	2
5.29	Norfolk	L	4-5	CG	9.0	5	8	5	2
6.5	Danville	S	5-4	-	0.2	0	0	0	0
6.6	Roanoke	W	3-2	CG	9.0	2	7	4	5
6.20	Richmond	T	2-2	CG	12.0	2	8	3	6
7.3	Roanoke	W	2-1	CG	9.0	1	3	3	5
7.9	Roanoke	W	3-2	CG	9.0	2	6	5	2
7.15	Richmond	T	1-1	CG	10.0	1	2	6	1
7.19	Danville	L	0-2	CG	9.0	2	0	5	1
7.23	Norfolk	L	0-5	CG	8.0	5	11	4	1
7.26	Richmond	L	2-12	CG	8.0	12	12	5	3
7.29	Lynchburg	W	2-0	CG	9.0	0	5	5	1
8.1	Lynchburg	L	1-3	CG	9.0	3	7	5	-
8.3	Lynchburg	T	0-0	CG	9.0	0	5	2	2
8.7	Richmond	L	2-3	CG	9.0	3	3	5	2
8.12	Roanoke	L	0-4	CG	9.0	4	6	0	2
8.15	Richmond	W	7-5	CG	9.0	5	9	4	1
8.19	Roanoke	L	1-4	CG	9.0	4	8	2	-
8.22	Danville	L	1-6	CG	8.0	6	12	3	1
8.26	Lynchburg	L	2-8	CG	8.0	8	11	2	1
9.7	Lynchburg	W	4-2	CG	9.0	2	9	1	1
9.13	Danville	-	2-6		5.1	0	5	3	0
9.19	Norfolk	L	0-1	CG	8.2	1	5	2	0

The no-hitter caps an outstanding six-game span for Hallman where he completes six straight games, including two extra inning tilts, while yielding only 12 runs on 26 hits in 58 innings pitched ... over the remainder of the season, Hallman goes 3-9-1.

April 22, 1909

On the same day that Harvard's ace hurler Charles Hicks no-hits the University of Virginia in a 1-0 victory in Charlottesville, Hallman, in relief of starter John Burns, makes his final appearance for Portsmouth, allowing four runs in three innings in a 9-4 loss to the Norfolk Tars in the season opener for both teams.

**HARVARD'S PITCHER
FOOLS VIRGINIANS**

Varsity Is Defeated on Own Grounds, 1 to 0—Walker Pitched Well

May 1, 1909

Reportedly saddled with a sore arm, Hallman is released by Portsmouth.

June 3, 1909

Picked up in early May after being released by the Portsmouth Truckers, the New Bedford Whalers of the New England (B) League release Hallman, who is 1-5 in six appearances.



June 10, 1909

Hallman signs with the Fayetteville Highlanders of the Eastern Carolina (D) League.

Pitched Steady Game

Hallman pitched a remarkable game in the first performance to-day, allowing nine hits, but shutting out his opponents. Stoehr, after yielding eight hits and three runs in three innings, settled down, and the locals went out in one-two-three order thereafter.

In the second game Barry was hit hard and timely, the locals making six runs in one inning.

The second game was featured by McKernan's, Heldt's and Dobson's fast fielding. Heldt's catch of a foul, after leaping over a portion of the bleacher crowd, was one of the greatest ever seen.

First game. R. H. E.
 Goldsboro 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 5 2
 Fayetteville 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—3 5 9
 Batteries: Stoehr and Fulton; Hallman and Galvin.

June 16, 1909

Hallman allows only five hits and strikes out six but loses his Highlanders' debut 2-1 to Wilson when Tobacconists' infielder Steve Yerkes scores from third on an error.

◀◀ August 28, 1909

On the final day of the regular season, Hallman combines with catcher Harry Galvin to shut out Goldsboro, 3-0, on eight hits in the first game of a Eastern (D) Carolina doubleheader ... the complete game win gives Hallman a 17-7 mark in 24 appearances for the Highlanders.

To the Major Leagues.

Fayetteville, N. C., October 2—Hallman, pitcher of Fayetteville Eastern Carolina League, formerly of Portsmouth and New Bedford, has been drafted by Philadelphia American League, according to announcement made by Secretary Farrel, which also contains the statement that Haas, of Raleigh, has been drafted by the Boston American League Club. Hallman is the fourth Fayetteville player to go to the major leagues, the others being Kull, Luyster and Dobson.

October 2, 1909 ▶▶

Impressed by his performance with Fayetteville, Philadelphia Athletics' owner Connie Mack drafts Hallman for his American League team.

Charles Hallman [4 of 4]:

APPEAL NOT SUSTAINED.

Portsmouth's Contentions Regarding Hallman Heard by Commission.
CINCINNATI, OHIO, December 30.—The National Baseball Commission today decided the appeal of the Portsmouth, Va., club from the decision of the National Association regarding player Hallman, recently awarded to the Fayetteville Club, of the Eastern Carolina League. The decision says: "The question involved is entirely as to what minor league club has title to a minor league player. The commission is of the opinion that this is an internal affair of the National Association, and, therefore, not subject to appeal from the finding of that body."

◀◀ December 30, 1909

Following an appeal by Hallman's former team, the Portsmouth Truckers, who attempt to lay claim to Hallman, the National Baseball Commission punts the responsibility to the National Association saying it has no jurisdiction in the matter.

January 14, 1910 ▶▶

Hallman's term as a Philadelphia Athletic is brief when he is one of 10 players "disposed" of by Connie Mack. Hallman and Charles Fanning are sent to Kansas City of the American (A) Association.

Athletics Drop Ten Men.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 14.—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia American league baseball club, has disposed of ten players as follows: Pitcher Malloy and First Baseman Woonan, to Baltimore; Outfielders De Haven and Seltz and First Baseman Hornhurst, to Atlanta; Pitchers Fanning and Hallman, to Kansas City; Infielder Scanlon, to Memphis; Infielder Ware, to Oakland, Cal. Two were added to the staff. They are Pitcher Kummer of Washington, Pa., and Pitcher Hankee of Slatington, Pa.

March 26, 1910

Hallman "a young southpaw with much smoke on the mound who has pleased the manager by his warming up work" makes a less-than-successful debut with Kansas City, allowing six runs in three innings in a 13-8 exhibition game win over Denver.

July 13, 1912

Acquired by the Media Team of Chester, Pennsylvania, Hallman is scheduled to be on the mound against rival Hockdale ... in addition to Hallman, the Medians also acquire left fielder Vernon Touchstone formerly of Prospect Park ... to combat the Media acquisitions of Hallman and Touchstone, the Rockdale manager is given "carte blanche" in his selection of players just for the one game, after which they will be required to play regularly listed players.

The Media-Prospect Park game is so highly anticipated that the Media management decides to raise the admission price to Media Field to 25 cents for men, 15 cents for women and five cents for boys.

However at noon, Hallman sends word that he will remain in Philadelphia with the Stetsons. Touchstone takes Hallman's place on the mound and pitches a complete game 7-3 win.

October 5, 1912

Now pitching for the Stetson Athletic Club, Hallman pitches a five-hit complete game 12-1 victory over the Mt. Moriah Champs in a West Philadelphia League contest.

April 21, 1915

The Kansas City Packers release Hallman to the Sioux City Indians of the Western League.

STETSONS OPEN THEIR NEW BALL PARK WITH VICTORY



The Stetsons have embarked on what promises to be a record-breaking season, and with the above group of halltossers hope to annex the city's independent championship. The players are, reading from left to right: top row: Hallman, pitcher; Miller, left field; John J. McJerritt, manager; G. Fritz, scorer; Frank L. Warfel, treasurer; Kelly, right field; Ryan, shortstop. Second row, kneeling—Ha in, second base; Jack Reynolds, captain and first base; Herman, catcher; Bidde, centre field. Third row—Chilcott, utility; Archerball, mascot; Weber, utility.