

Cups of Coffee: Jess Buckles

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On September 9, 1916, Scranton Miners' pitcher Jess Buckles, on the final day of the New York State (B) League regular season, hurls a 4-3 six-hit complete game victory over the Binghamton Binges, evening his record at 21-21.

Eight days later, the well-travelled left-hander makes his major league debut with the New York Yankees, allows one hit and striking out one while pitching a scoreless eighth inning in relief of Mike Cantwell (also making his major league debut) in a 9-7 loss to Cleveland.

For the 26-year-old Lordsburg, California, native, his relief stint against Cleveland is the first of only two major league appearances in a seven-year professional baseball career. Sixteen days later on October 3, Buckles pitches three solid innings - one earned run on two hits - against the Washington Senators in the second and final appearance of his major league career.

Born on May 20, 1890, Jesse Robert Buckles is at various times referred to as a "Giant", "a Giant Oak", "Big Southpaw", a "Slabster with Size," among others and over the course of his organized baseball career, Buckles' height ranges from 6-foot-2 to 6-foot-5.

In the fall of 1909, an 18-year-old Buckles enrolls in St. Vincent College (now known as Loyola Marymount) after pitching Pomona High School to the Southern California championship the previous spring. One of the highlights of his brief (one year) college career is a 5-3 complete game victory over the University of California Bears.



September 17, 1916
New York vs. Cleveland
Dunn Field, Cleveland, Ohio

Indians Beat Yanks in Hard Fight.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 17.—Cleveland defeated New York, 8 to 7, the game being featured by hard hitting and wildness of the pitchers. Cleveland had a lead of eight runs at the start of the seventh, but Smith weakened. Gould, who replaced him, was wild, but Boehling saved the game. Score:

CLEVELAND.					NEW YORK.						
AB	H	PO	A	E	AB	H	PO	A	E		
Graney, lf.	4	1	4	0	1	Magee, cf.	5	8	3	0	0
Barbare 3b	4	1	2	2	0	Hendryx rf	4	1	0	0	0
Speaker, cf	8	3	0	0	0	Peck'gh ss	3	0	1	6	0
Allison, rf.	2	0	1	0	0	Pipp, lb...	4	2	8	0	0
W'm'ss, as	3	0	1	1	0	Baker, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0
Gandil, lb.	4	1	1	1	0	Miller, lf..	5	2	6	0	0
Turner, 2b	3	1	2	5	0	Gedeon, 2b	4	1	1	2	0
Deberry, c.	4	2	5	0	0	Alex' der. c	3	1	5	1	1
Smith, p...	2	0	1	1	0	Shawkey p	2	0	0	0	0
Gould, p...	0	0	0	0	0	Love, p...	1	0	0	0	0
Boehling p	1	1	0	1	0	Cantwell p	0	0	0	0	0
						Buckles, p	0	0	0	0	0
						*Bauman..	1	1	0	0	0
						†Mullen...	1	0	0	0	0
Totals...	30	10	27	11	1	Totals...	36	11	24	9	1

*Batted for Cantwell in seventh. †Batted for Buckles in ninth.
New York.....1 0 0 0 0 0 6 0 0-7
Cleveland.....0 0 0 5 1 3 0 0 x-8
Summary—Two-base hits: Speaker, Deberry. Magee. Double play: Wambagans to Turner to Gandil. Bases on balls: Off Smith 7, off Gould 1, off Shawkey 3, off Cantwell 2. Hits and earned runs: Off Smith, 9 hits, 6 runs in 8 2-3 innings; off Gould, 1 hit, 1 run in 1-3 inning; off Boehling, 1 hit, no runs in 2 innings; off Shawkey, 7 hits, 6 runs in 4 2-3 innings; off Love, 2 hits, 1 run in 1-3 inning; off Cantwell, no hits, no runs in 1 inning; off Buckles, 1 hit, no runs in 2 inn'gs. Hit by pitcher: Alexander by Smith; Hendryx by Gould. Struck out: By Smith 2, by Gould 1, by Boehling 2, by Shawkey 2, by Buckles 1. Wild pitch: Shawkey. Umpires: Owens and Evans.

Buckles begins his organized baseball career in 1909 at the age of 19 with the Fresno Tigers, one of the top independent teams in California. In mid-May he signs with Caldwell of the semipro Southern Idaho League, the same circuit that produced Walter Johnson two years earlier.

His performance with Caldwell must have been fairly impressive as he quickly moves onto his third team of the summer joining the Boise Irrigators of the Inter-Mountain (D) League on June 17.

Buckles' nomadic tendencies come to the forefront in 1910, when he takes to the mound for six different teams, including Fresno and Tulare of the California State (D) League, Bakersfield of the San Joaquin Valley (D) League, Lowell of the New England (B) League and Holyoak of the Connecticut (B) League.

Sold to the Vancouver Beavers in 1911, Buckles elects not to report to the Northwestern (B) League team, opting to play with the independent Hanford Braves for the second time in as many years. Over the next two years, there is only a brief sighting of the big lefty in Globe, Arizona, in 1912.

Jess Buckles [2 of 8]:

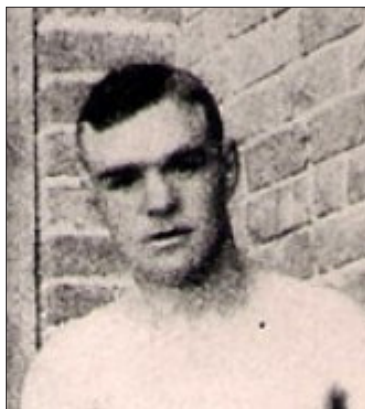
After securing his release from the Beavers, Buckles signs with Medicine Hat of the Western Canada (D) League and enjoys his best season in 1914, finishing 25-12 while striking out 196 in 334 innings - both league-leading numbers.

His 25 wins earns him a Spring Training invite from the Chicago Cubs for 1915. Failing to stick with the Cubs, Buckles is assigned to Memphis of the Southern (A) League where he pitches five games before being sent to Troy of the New York State (B) League.

Following a 21-21 season with Troy and Scranton, Buckles finally makes it to the major leagues for a two-game stint with the New York Yankees near the end of the 1916 season.

Sold back to Scranton in 1917, Buckles will go 10-26 for the Miners before spending the next two years playing semipro ball, including one year (1918) with Lebanon of the highly-competitive six-team Bethlehem Steel Corporation League whose rosters included several major leaguers as Eddie Plank, Joe Jackson and "Dutch" Leonard among others.

Buckles returns to the Western Canada League in 1919, for one last fling in professional baseball, going 2-6 in 12 games with Moose Jaw. Buckles is last seen playing for the Pomona Sagehens back in his native California.



Pugilist Buckles

Omaha, Nebraska, welterweight Guy Buckles posts a 6-10-7 record between 1905 and 1921 ... three of his six wins were by knockout.

Jess Buckles Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	GP	INN	H	BB	SO	ERA	
1907	Pomona High School	Orange Belt	HS	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1908	Pomona High School	Orange Belt	HS	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1909	McCormicks	California Winter	Amt	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1909	St. Vincent College Saints	California Collegiate	Coll	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1909	Fresno Tigers	Fresno State	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1909	Caldwell	Southern Idaho	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1909	Boise Irrigators	Inter-Mountain	D	*1-3	6	40.0	18	9	26	--	
1909	Livingston Mormons	Inter-Mountain	D	*1-1	2	18.0	12	6	8	--	
1910	Fresno Tigers	California State	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1910	Bakersfield Drillers	San Joaquin Valley	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1910	Lowell Tigers	New England	B	1-4	6	36.0	37	-	-	--	
1910	Hanford Braves	Raisin Belt	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1910	Holyoke Papermakers	Connecticut State	B	3-8	17	-	108	26	-	--	
1910	Tulare Merchants	San Joaquin Valley	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1911	Hanford Braves	San Joaquin Valley	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1912	Globe (Arizona) Bills		SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1914	Medicine Hat Hatters	Western Canada	D	25-12-2	44	334.0	282	92	196	--	
1915	Memphis Chickasaws	Southern	A	0-1	5	22.0	25	9	12	--	
1915	Troy Trojans	New York State	B	11-19	39	-	217	90	158	--	
1916	Troy/Scranton	New York State	B	21-21	42	221.0	242	104	154	--	
1916	New York Yankees	AMERICAN	MLB	0-0	2	4.0	3	1	2	2.25	
1917	Scranton Miners	New York State	B	10-26	36	-	252	112	-	--	
1918	Lebanon	Bethlehem Steel League	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1919	Fresno Tigers	Valley League	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1919	Moose Jaw Robin Hoods	Western Canada	C	2-6	12	-	-	-	-	--	
1920	Pomona Sagehens	City League	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
1922	Pomona Sagehens	Orange Empire	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	
Major League Totals				1 Season	0-0	2	4.0	3	1	2	2.25
Minor League Totals				7 Seasons	*75-101-2	*209	*671.0	*1193	*448	*554	--

*denotes statistics may be incomplete

ML Debut: September 17, 1916, at Dunn Field, Cleveland: relieved Mike Cantwell in the eighth inning and pitched one scoreless inning, allowing one hit and striking out one in a 9-7 loss to Cleveland.

ML Finale: October 3, 1916, at Polo Grounds V, New York: relieved Nick Cullop in the third inning and pitched three innings, allowing two runs (one earned) on two hits, one walk, one strikeout in a 9-9 tie with the Washington Senators.



Pomona High School

Pomona High School baseball coach "Kitty" Brashear is a former major leaguer with the Louisville Colonels in 1899 ... Brashear's 1910 Obak card No. 18 can be purchased for \$35.00.

After leaving baseball he becomes a law enforcement officer, eventually becoming the captain of police in Santa Ana, California.

On August 2, 1975, Buckles dies in Westminster, California, at the age of 85.

BUCKLES CHRONOLOGY

January 19, 1908

The Pomona (Calif.) High School student body secures the services of Norman "Kitty" Brashear to be the school's baseball coach ... a former major leaguer with the Louisville Colonels in 1899, Brashear will play 15 seasons in the minors, including eight years in the Pacific Coast League.

Jesse Buckles [3 of 8]:

May 23, 1908

Buckles pitches a "star game" as Pomona defeats Fullerton High School 6-0 in the semifinals of the Southern California High School championship tournament ... a four-sport standout, Buckles also sets the California high school state record in the shot put and is also one of the top hammer throwers in the state ... Pomona later secures the Southern California prep title with an 8-2 win over Los Angeles' Polytechnic High School.



J. BUCKLES,
Pitcher Pomona High School Team

1909 St. Vincent College Saints



Left to right, front row—Workman, first base; Ybarra (captain), shortstop; Moores, physical director; F. Coua, pitcher; O'Connor, catcher; Kerfoot, pitcher-right field.
Center row—French, pitcher; Sullivan, third base; Griff Kenenedy, center field; Callahan, left field; West, catcher.
Back row—McKay, coach; Davidson, catcher; Shutt, second base; Buckles, pitcher.

February 20, 1909

The St. Vincent College Saints defeats the University of California 5-3 ... Lions' starter Buckles allows the visiting Bears only four hits and strikes out five.

March, 1909

Said to possess a "world of speed," Buckles is given a tryout by Vernon Tigers' manager Wallace "Happy" Hogan ... the Tigers will go 80-131 in the Pacific Coast League and finish 5 1/2 games behind champion San Francisco.

June 17, 1909

Buckles is signed by the Boise Irrigators of the Inter-Mountain State (D) League ... Buckles has been with Caldwell of the Idaho State League.

June 18, 1909

In his first start at the professional level, Buckles allows the Butte Miners only three hits, but his teammates "played like school girls" and commit five errors in a 5-1 loss.

June 20, 1909

Buckles strikes out six and allows only five hits and picks up his first professional win 5-3 complete game win over Butte in the second game of doubleheader.

March 20, 1910

With the Fresno Tigers, Buckles strikes out 10 and allows only two hits in an 8-0 shutout of the Bakersfield Drillers.

March 23, 1910

Liking what he sees, Bakersfield manager "Brick" Devereaux acquires Buckles from Fresno and wastes no time in putting his newest "slab artist" to the test in an exhibition game against the San Francisco Seals ... pitching a complete game, Buckles strikes out four and yields six hits in a 3-2 loss.

June 20, 1909 Boise Irrigators vs. Butte Miners Boise, Idaho

Boise.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Neick, 1. f.....	5	2	2	1	0	0
Lodell, 1. b.....	2	1	1	12	1	0
Marshall, 2. b.....	3	2	1	3	3	1
Wasson, r. f.....	4	1	3	2	0	0
Fuchell, c. f.....	4	0	1	1	0	0
Case, 3. b.....	4	0	1	1	2	1
Petrie, c.....	3	0	1	6	1	0
Gray, s.....	3	0	2	0	3	0
Buckles, p.....	3	0	0	1	2	0
Totals ..	31	6	12	27	12	3

Butte.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Turk, r. f.....	5	1	1	1	0	0
Campbell, 2. b.....	5	0	1	2	2	0
Nehring, 1. b.....	3	0	2	7	1	0
Dunn, c.....	3	1	0	1	0	0
Fitzgerald, 3. b.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Moore, s. s.....	3	1	0	3	3	0
Hoon, 1. f.....	4	0	1	0	0	0
Fortier, c.....	3	0	0	9	4	0
McAdams, p.....	3	0	0	1	2	0
Osborn, p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals ..	34	3	5	24	12	0

Score by Innings:

Boise ..	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	*-6
Butte ..	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0-3

Summary: First base on errors—Butte, 3. Struck out—By Buckles, 5; by McAdams, 5. Bases on balls—Off Buckles, 3; off McAdams, 3; off Osborn, 1. Two-base hits—Campbell, Hoon, Wasson. Sacrifice hits—Nehring, Lodell, Buckles. Stolen bases—Turk (2), Dunn, Moore, Wasson (2), Fuchell, Gray. Left on bases—Boise, 6; Butte, 7. Wild pitch—Osborn. Passed ball—Fortier. Innings pitched—By McAdams, 6; by Osborn, 2. Bases—Off McAdams, 10; off Osborn, 2. Time of game—1:50. Umpire—McKibben. Attendance—1,000.

First Win

In his second start with Boise, Buckles allows only five hits en route to picking up his first win in the professional ranks ... Buckles strikes out five and walks three.

June 18, 1909

Boise Irrigators vs. Butte Miners Boise, Idaho

Played Like School Girls.

Boise, June 18.—Buckles, Boise's new college pitcher, let Butte down with two singles and a scatch today, but the Irrigators played like school girls in the field, Butte winning 5 to 1. Butte showed up strong, and Osborn was strong with men on bases. None of the visitor's runs were earned.

BOISE.

	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
Hutchinson, 2b.....	3	1	1	0	6	1
Harring, 2b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lodell, 1b.....	2	0	0	12	1	1
Marshall, 1f.....	4	0	1	0	0	0
Wasson, rf.....	4	3	2	0	0	0
Fuchell, cf.....	4	0	0	2	0	0
Case, 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	1
Gray, ss.....	4	0	1	5	1	1
Lagulin, c.....	3	0	0	8	1	0
Buckles, p.....	3	0	0	6	5	1
Totals	32	1	6	27	14	5

BUTTE.

	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
Turk, ss.....	4	0	0	0	1	0
Campbell, 2b.....	5	0	0	2	1	0
Nehring, 1b.....	4	0	1	11	2	0
Dunn, cf.....	4	1	0	1	0	0
Gardner, rf.....	4	1	1	1	0	0
Morre, 3b.....	1	0	0	1	4	1
Hoon, lf.....	3	1	0	1	0	0
Fortier, c.....	1	2	0	8	2	0
Osborn, p.....	4	0	1	2	4	0
Totals	29	5	3	27	14	1

Score by Innings—

Boise—Runs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	— 1
Hits	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	— 6
Butte—Hits	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	— 5
Errors	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	— 3	

Played Like Girls

In his professional baseball debut Boise's Jesse Buckles allows only three hits, but his teammates play "like school girls" and committ five errors behind him as the Irrigators drop a 5-2 decision to the visiting Miners.

Jess Buckles [4 of 8]:

JUMPS HIS CONTRACT

Southpaw Buckles has jumped his contract at Hanford and gone to Lowell, Mass. "Buck" belongs to the Lowell club and could not have played a game with the Tigers had he so desired.

April 11, 1910
Buckles "jumps his contract" with the Hanford Braves and heads east to pitch for the Lowell Tigers of the New England (B) League.

April 27, 1910
Pitching for the Lowell Tigers, Buckles has auspicious debut allowing nine hits in a 7-1 loss to the Brockton Shoemakers.

April 29, 1910
Just two days later, Lowell manager Fred Tenney Buckles sends his 19-year-old lefty back to the mound against New Bedford ... Buckles allows the eventual champion Whalers only eight hits, but the Tigers commit seven errors in a 9-6 loss.

May 2, 1910
Making his third start in seven days, Buckles allows only five hits and picks up his first win, topping the Haverhill Hustlers 9-4.

June 15, 1910
With only one win in his first six starts, Buckles secures his release from Lowell and returns to his native California to pitch for the Hanford Braves of the newly-former Raisin Belt League.

June 21, 1910
Back on the east coast with the Holyoke Papermakers of the Connecticut State (B) League, Buckles makes his debut with the Papermakers yielding five runs in the eighth and ninth innings in a 6-2 loss to the Northampton Meadowlarks 6-2.

August 2, 1910
Buckles is 3-8 in 17 games for Holyoke when manager "Pop" Foster releases him.

August 13, 1910
Back in California, Buckles, pitching for the Class D San Joaquin Valley League's Tulare Merchants, hurls a four-hit 10-0 shut-out of Visalia ... two days later, the Merchants disband.

January 25, 1911
Buckles signs with the Vancouver Beavers of the Northwestern (B) League.

February 26, 1911
Buckles walks four in less than an inning as the Hanford Braves lose 9-0 to the Pacific Coast League's San Francisco Seals in an exhibition on the Braves' home field ... in addition to his four walks, Buckles make three errors (on four chances) and was "given to standing on his head every time a batted ball came his way."

March 5, 1911
Catcher Sidney Jehl and Jess Buckles, a utility pitcher with the Hanford Braves, sign with the Vancouver --- of the Northwestern League and are told to report for a game with the Boston Red Sox on March 22.

February 6, 1912
The Vancouver Beavers ask for waivers on catcher Shea, outfielder Frisk, pitchers Jess Buckles, Thiels, Collins, Jarvis, Thompson, McQuary and Cates.

November 21, 1910
Hanford vs. Fresno
Fresno, California

HANFORD.		AB.R.BH.PO.A.E.									
Morgan, 1b.	.....	3	0	2	9	1	0				
West, rf.	.....	3	0	0	2	0	0				
Ragan, ss.	.....	4	0	0	2	0	1				
Newport, 2b.	.....	4	1	1	2	2	1				
Dashwood, c.	.....	4	0	1	8	1	0				
Martin, 3b.	.....	4	0	1	2	1	1				
Wiesbaum, lf.	.....	4	1	2	1	0	0				
Hefton, cf.	.....	3	0	1	1	0	0				
Buckles, p.	.....	3	0	0	0	6	1				
Totals	.....	32	2	8	27	11	4				
FRESNO.		AB.R.BH.PO.A.E.									
Tufts, 2b.	.....	1	2	0	0	1	0				
Loucks, cf.	.....	5	1	2	1	0	0				
Schimpff, p.	.....	5	1	2	2	8	0				
Householder, lf.	.....	5	0	1	0	0	0				
Owens, c.	.....	5	0	0	9	0	0				
Leonard, rf.	.....	4	0	0	1	0	0				
Puccini, 3b.	.....	5	0	0	1	1	1				
Maul, ss.	.....	3	1	1	3	1	0				
Duncan, 1b.	.....	4	0	1	10	1	0				
Totals	.....	37	5	7	27	12	1				
SCORE BY INNINGS.											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Hanford	.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—2
Base hits	.....	0	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	—8
Fresno	.....	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	—5
Base hits	.....	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	1	0	—7
SUMMARY.											
Left on bases—Hanford, 6; Fresno, 11. Two base hit—Hefton. First base on called balls—Of Buckles, 4. Struck out—By Buckles, 8; by Schimpff, 8. Hit by pitcher—Tufts, Leonard, Morgan. First base on errors—Hanford, 1; Fresno, 3. Passed ball—Owens. Time of game—1:40. Umpire—P. Newport. Official scorer—G. E. Gribb.											

BRASHEAR GETS TWO

GOOD PAIR FOR VANCOUVER.

[Special Correspondence of The Times.]

HANFORD, March 5.—Sidney Jehl, who as captain put the Hanford Braves first to the wire in a bush league in this valley last year and Jesse Buckles, utility pitcher for the Braves, have signed with the Vancouver Club in the Northwestern league and have received notification to report for a game with the Boston Red Sox on March 23. Vancouver purchased the release of Jehl, who is a catcher, from the Ottumwa, Iowa, club in the Central league, to whom he was sold by Burlington. Last fall Buckles pitched for the Lowell, Mass., club

Jess Buckles [5 of 8]:

Tombstone Weekly Epitaph

November 17, 1912

"In spite of all the alternate cussing and praise bestowed on J.R. Buckles, erstwhile pitcher for the Globe baseball team, that gentleman has been signed to pitch for Newark, N.J., in the International League next season.

Medicine Hat, behind a pair of complete games by Buckles, sweeps a double-header from visiting Moose Jaw 20-3 and 21-4.

June 4, 1914

Medicine Hat's "big southpaw" pitches 18 scoreless innings en route to a pair of complete game shutouts of visiting Edmonton, 6-0 and 4-0.

July 25, 1914

August 9-10-11, 1914

Buckles beats the Regina Red Sox three times in three consecutive days, 4-2, 8-3 and 7-1.

October 1, 1914

Coming off a 25-win with Medicine Hat Buckles is drafted by the Chicago Cubs.

December 6, 1914

Buckles is one of 35 players under contract to the Chicago Cubs.

March 2, 1915

The Chicago Tribune says that rookie pitchers Russell Robbins and Jess Buckles are "fooling batters". ... Cubs' manager Roger Bresnahan is said to have corrected a "stutter" flaw in Buckles motion.

April 7, 1915

Victims of numbers, Buckles and Robbins are released by the Cubs ... with eight pitchers under long term contracts, manager Roger Bresnahan says "if it were possible" to get rid of two of the veteran pitchers, both Robbins and Buckles would have made the opening days roster.

April 11, 1915

In their final spring training game, Chicago beats the Memphis Chicks 11-7 and when the team heads North, Buckles "is left behind" to join the Chicks.

April 12, 1915

Chicago Cubs president Charles Thomas announces that the Memphis Chicks have purchased the contract of pitcher "Jim" Buckles.

April 19, 1915

Making his Southern (A) League debut for Bris "The Human Eyeball" Lord's Memphis Chicks, Buckles strikes out two, walks four, hits a batter, commits an error and allows nine hits, including a three-run sixth-inning home run to third baseman Bill Elwert, in an 11-inning 8-6 loss to the visiting Travelers of Little Rock.

June 4, 1914
Edmonton vs. Medicine Hat
Medicine Hat, Alberta

SCORES TWO SHUT-OUTS IN ONE DAY

Medicine Hat, Alberta, June 4.—Buckles, Medicine Hat's big southpaw, made a new record for the Western Canada league yesterday, when he shut out Edmonton for eighteen innings, winning both games, 6 to 0 and 4 to 0 respectively.

GREAT PITCHING FEAT

MEDICINE HAT—The Hat made it five out of six from Regina by taking yesterday's game, the last of the series, 7 to 1. Buckles, who pitched the last game Saturday and won it, came back yesterday and won again, repeated today and made it three games straight he won from the Red Sox. In the three games he has pitched grand ball and has never had any trouble in downing the Sox.



Jesse Buckles
1915 Chicago Cubs Spring

MEMPHIS BUYS BUCKLES

Southpaw Is a Big Chap—Height 6 Ft. 4, Weight 220 Pounds.

Special to the Gazette.

Memphis, Tenn., April 11.—The Memphis club today purchased Jim Buckles, a left-handed pitcher, from the Chicago Nationals. Buckles was with Medicine Hat in the Western Canada League last season, and won 25 games and lost 1. He stands six feet four inches and weighs 220 pounds.

Jesse Buckles [6 of 8]:

April 31, 1915

In order to get down to a league-mandated 21-man roster limit, the Chicago Cubs release catcher Earl Tyree, and pitchers William Schorr, Russell Robbins and Jesse Buckles ... Buckles, who the Cubs had "turned over" to Memphis earlier in the season, but was "wished back" to the National League team a couple of days earlier, will be sent to Troy of the New York State League.

May 6, 1915

Boston Braves' Johnny Evers tell Troy manager Lew Wachter that Buckles "is a coming star."

June 1, 1915

The Troy Trojans reside in the first place in the New York State League with a 13-8 mark, but forfeit a Tuesday afternoon game at Binghamton because the players say their salaries have not been paid.

June 23, 1915
Troy Trojans vs. Utica Utes
Utica Park, Utica, New York

BUCKLES BLOWS UP IN ELEVENTH HEAT

Utica, June 24.—Three hits and a wild throw gave Utica yesterday's game in the eleventh inning against Troy. Pitcher Buckles of Troy had 12 assists. Score:

TROY.						
A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	
Gough, rf.	5	0	2	3	0	0
Cook, 2b.	4	0	0	2	5	0
Reed, 3b.	5	0	0	1	3	1
Brugg, 1b.	5	0	1	19	1	0
Meara, lf.	5	1	1	0	0	0
Breckenridge, cf.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Tamsett, ss.	3	0	2	3	3	2
McGrath, c.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Buckles, p.	4	0	0	0	12	0
Totals	39	1	8	30	24	3

UTICA.						
A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	
Kroy, rf.	6	0	3	2	1	0
Evans, 3b.	4	1	0	1	0	0
Reichle, cf.	5	0	1	3	0	0
Wagner, lf.	4	0	2	2	0	0
Cranston, 2b.	3	0	1	2	3	0
Walsh, 1b.	4	0	0	9	1	1
O'Neill, ss.	4	0	0	4	1	1
McDonough, c.	5	1	3	10	0	0
Taylor, p.	5	0	2	0	4	0
Totals	40	2	12	33	10	2

xNone out when winning run was scored.
Troy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-1
Utica 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-2

Two-base hit—Wagner. Three-base hits—Wagner, Meara. Stolen bases—McDonough, Taylor. Sacrifice hits—Evans, Walsh, Cook, Wagner, Cranston. Left on bases—Troy, 6; Utica, 12. First base on errors—Troy, 2; Utica, 1. First base on balls—Off Buckles, 1; off Taylor, 1. Hit by pitcher—By Buckles (O'Neill.) Struck out—By Taylor, 7. Umpire—McBride. Time—1:49.

June 4, 1915

With their salaries restored, Troy, behind the five-hit pitching of Buckles, "the youthful giant," defeats the Elmira Colonels 6-1.

June 23, 1915

A throwing error by shortstop Tamsett allows the winning run to score in the bottom of the 11th as Utica tops Troy 2-1 ... Buckles has 12 assists in the game.

August 6, 1915

Philadelphia Athletics scouts are in Harrisburg to look at pitcher Jess Buckles ... Buckles is also one of three New York State League players that Brooklyn Federals Business Manager Dick Carroll says could be signed by the Federal League.

May 21, 1916

With one win in its' first 12 games, Troy starts a wholesale reorganization including the sale of Buckles to Scranton.

May 22, 1916

Buckles pays an immediate dividend for Scranton as he strikes out seven and allows only three hits in a 5-0 win over Elmira.

May 24, 1916

Troy manager Lew Wachter says that the sale of Buckles to Scranton was not due to his team's need of money.

April 23, 1915
Nashville Vols vs. Memphis Chicks
Sulphur Del, Nashville, Tennessee

MEMPHIS.	A.B.	R.	H.	T.B.	SH.	SB.	P.O.	A.	E.
Allison, cf.	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0
Coyle, rf.	4	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
McDermott, 3b.	3	0	2	3	1	0	2	3	0
Woodruff, 3b.	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lord, lf.	3	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0
Dunkel, 1b.	5	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	1
Cruthers, 2b.	3	2	2	2	0	1	3	3	0
Lindsay, ss.	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	1
Andreen, c.	4	0	2	3	0	0	2	3	0
Keeley, p.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Buckles, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
*Goulat	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	4	10	13	4	2	24	16	2

NASHVILLE.	A.B.	R.	H.	T.B.	SH.	SB.	P.O.	A.	E.
King, cf.	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Stark, ss.	4	2	1	1	0	0	1	7	0
Baker, 2b.	2	1	1	4	1	0	2	2	0
Paulette, 1b.	4	0	2	2	0	0	19	2	0
Farmer, rf.	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dodge, 3b.	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Diamond, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
McCabe, lf.	3	0	1	1	0	2	3	0	0
Smith, c.	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
McLeod, p.	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	6	0
Totals	30	5	10	13	2	3	27	21	1

Score by innings:
Nashville 1 0 0 0 3 0 1 0 *—5
Memphis 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0—4
*Batted for Keeley in eighth.
Summary—Innings pitched, by Keeley 7; by Buckles 1. At bat opponents, Keeley 27; Buckles 3. First base hits by opponents, off Keeley 9, off Buckles 1. Runs scored by opponents, off Keeley 5. Hit batsman, McLeod (Cruthers). Bases on balls, off Keeley 5; off Buckles 1; off McLeod 3. Struck out, by Keeley 2. Two-base hits, McDermott, Lord, Andreen. Home run, Baker. Bases on errors, Nashville 2; Memphis 1. Double plays, McDermott to Cruthers to Dunkel; Andreen to Dunkel to McDermott. Left on bases, Nashville 8; Memphis 9.

Blinkey Horn, Not a Fan

Despite pitching a scoreless eighth inning, *The Tennessean* sportswriter Blinkey Horn is not a fan of Jesse Buckles, "So when the next inning came around, Mr. Buckles dragged his 200 and some pounds of meat and bone onto the hurling hill, using his left hand to turn the trick. Mr. Buckles may have been a great pitcher in Medicine Hat - wherever that is - but he didn't look any great shakes against the Vols."

Fake News in Wilkes-Barre

The *Wilkes-Barre News* reports that the Wilkes-Barre Barons owners are "throwing in the sponge" because of money problems. Irate team owners send a letter to the News' main competitor, the *Wilkes-Barre Record* calling the article "pure nonsense."

The Record's sports department then takes a dig at its competitor for its erroneous story.

In view of the fake story on the Wilkes-Barre base ball team, the News sporting department should reprint its famous certificate of good character,

Jess Buckles [7 of 8]:

Yankees Buy Buckles

September 1, 1916

SCRANTON, Sept. 1.—President Robert Allen of the Scranton New York State League team announced yesterday that he has sold the release of Pitcher Jesse Buckles, one of the leading left-handers of the league, to the New York Americans. Buckles at one time had a tryout with the Chicago Cubs.

Buckles pitched and won three double headers this year and has several one-hit games to his credit. He did not make a big winning record, losing many low score games through poor support. He held Detroit to six hits in an exhibition game on May 28, and at that time Hughie Jennings offered \$1000 and Pitcher Erickson for Buckles. He is 24 years old, 6 feet 3 inches tall and possesses much speed and a right hander's control. He joins the Yanks Sept. 10.

June 14, 1916

Buckles pitches and wins both games of a doubleheader with Utica, 3-2 and 2-1, allowing only eight hits in the process.

September 1, 1916

Buckles is sold to the New York Yankees and will report to the team at the close of the New York State League season.

September 9, 1916

On the final day of the New York State League, and his last outing with the Scranton Miners, Buckles limits Binghamton to six hits in a 4-3 complete

game victory ... the win evens his record at 21-21 on the season.

Unwanted Buckles

January 18, 1918

Coming off a 10-26 with the Scranton Miners in 1917, it appears that no one in organized baseball wants any part of Jess Buckles at the ripe old age of 28 ... Buckles will pitch for Lebanon of the Bethlehem Steel League in 1918.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 18.—It is said that at the recent meeting of the national commission in Cincinnati, President J. H. Farrell, of the New York State League, tried to dispose of Pitcher Jess Buckles, the giant left hander, who has been the only real pitcher on the Scranton team for the last two seasons. Buckles, it appears, is now the property of the State League, being taken over by the organization as a partial set-off against the unpaid dues and assessments of the Scranton club. The report has it that Farrell offered Buckles to the market for \$500, but there were no takers.

Kansas City Buys Pitchers.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 23.—Manager John Ganzel, of the Kansas City Blues, announces the purchase of Pitcher Jesse Buckles, who was with Scranton in the New York State League last season, and Chester Hoff, formerly of the St. Louis Browns, who was with Salt Lake last year.

March 1, 1918

John H. Farrell, secretary of the minor league commission, rules that Buckles is the property of the Kansas City Blues after the Philadelphia Phillies also made a claim for the portsider.

September 17, 1916

Buckles makes his major league debut with the New York Yankees, allowing one hit and striking out one while pitching a scoreless eighth inning in relief of Mike Cantwell (also making his major league debut) in a 9-7 loss to Cleveland.

January 5, 1917

Oakland Oaks manager Del Howard says that he is negotiating with Buckles for the upcoming season

January 17, 1917

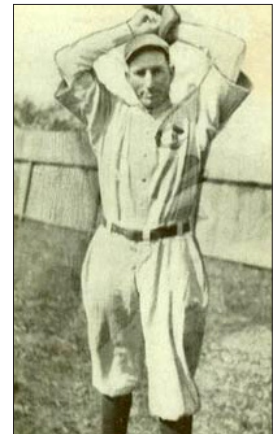
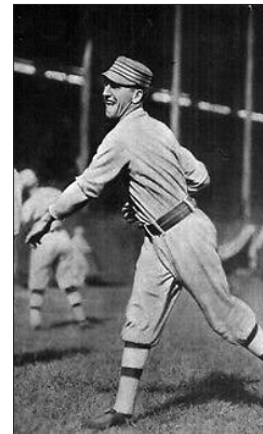
The signing of Buckles by the Oakland Oaks hits a snag when baseball rules that the New York Yankees had earlier reached a deal to send Buckles to Scranton of the New York State League.

February 23, 1918

Kansas City Blues manager John Ganzel announces the purchase of pitcher Jesse Buckles of Scranton and former major leaguer Chester Hoff of Salt Lake City.

Buckles, Mitchell & Krause

Buckles is one of three minor league pitchers to loose 26 games in 1917 ... two Pacific Coast League pitchers - Harry Krause (left) of the Oakland Oaks is 28-26 and Roy Mitchell (right) 13-26 with the hapless Vernon Tigers - tie Buckles for the dubious honors of having the most losses ... like Buckles, Krause and Mitchell, are both former Major Leaguers.



FARRELL DECIDES THAT PITCHER BUCKLES BELONGS TO KANSAS CITY CLUB

The official bulletin issued yesterday by John H. Farrell, secretary of the minor league's commission, sets forth that it has been officially decided that Jess Buckles, the big southpaw who pitched for Scranton in 1916 and 1917, is the property of the Kansas City team, American association. There was a dispute as to whether Jess should report to the Philadelphia Nationals or the Kansas City nine.

The Scranton club sent Buckles to Manager Pat Moran's team last August. It was not an out and out sale, the local owners agreeing to let Buckles travel with the Phils for the last two months of the season to give Manager Moran a chance to look him over, the Phils to pay his salary while he was with them. If Manager Moran felt at the end of the season that Buckles would be a good buy he was to forward a check for \$1,250 to President Robert W. Allen, of the Miners. If the check did not come along Jess was to remain the property of the Scranton club. It has not yet arrived and recently Buckles was sold to Kansas City. Following the sale the Phils put in a claim for Buckles' services.

Jesse Buckles [8 of 8]:

April 17, 1918

Despite the furor, Buckles never makes it to Kansas City or Philadelphia.

With America's entry into World War I, Secretary of War Newton Baker issues an ultimatum that baseball players have the option to "work or fight" decree stating that all draft-eligible men who work in "non-essential" vocations must sign up for war-related work or risk being drafted for battle ... many ballplayers chose to work ... industrialist Charles Schwab forms a semipro league that allows employees that are working in war-industry factories the opportunity to also play baseball ... Schwab establishes a six-team league, with steel factories from different cities fielding baseball teams ... Boston's Babe Ruth joined Bethlehem Steel's Lebanon (Pa.) plant ... "Shoeless Joe" Jackson works at Bethlehem's Wilmington plant ... other players of note include Stan Coveleskie, Rogers Hornsby, Dutch Leonard, Al Mammaux, Wally Pipp and Eddie Plank.

STEEL LEAGUE GATHERS MANY CRACK PLAYERS

1918 Bethlehem Steel Corporation League - Final Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Manager
Steelton Huskies	12	8	.600	--	George Cockill
Bethlehem	12	8	.600	--	Keady
Wilmington	10	10	.500	2.0	Fred Payne
Sparrow's Point	10	10	.500	2.0	Tom Towson
Lebanon	9	11	.450	3.0	Jones
Fore River	7	13	.350	5.0	--

Playoff: Steelton defeats Bethlehem 2 game to 0

Buckles elects to play for the Lebanon, taking a job as a riveter.

May 18, 1919

Moose Jaw manager Pat Eastley announces that the team has signed pitcher Jess Buckles.

MAN SOUGHT AS CITY MARSHAL HIT BY BULLET

City Marshal Jess Buckles, Placencia, was shot through both legs at 10:30 o'clock last night by a Mexican, when the officer attempted to arrest him on Placencia's main street.

The bullet, fired at close range, penetrated the officer's right leg above the knee and lodged in the left leg above the knee. The injury is not considered a serious one, it was said.

June 5, 1919

Buckles unsuccessfully attempts the "Iron Man" stunt pitching both ends of a doubleheader against Saskatoon ... he won the first game 7-2 on five hits before losing the second.

June 11, 1919

On the same day that Saskatoon's "Red" Donovan no-hits Regina, Buckles whitewashes Winnipeg 4-0 on five hits.

July 12, 1927

Santa Ana City Marshal Jess Buckles is shot through both legs by Ramon Vargas, an unemployed construction worker.

August 2, 1975

Buckles dies in Westminster, California, at the age of 85.