

Cups of Coffee: John Gaddy

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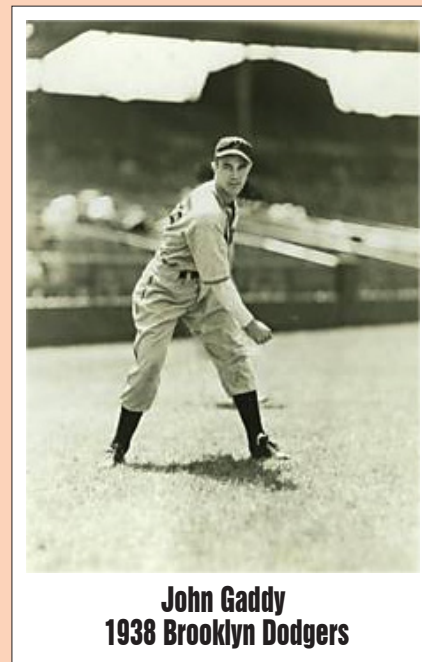
John Gaddy may have had only two appearances in his brief major league career, but over a six-day period late in the summer of 1938, the Wake Forest College alumnus proves to be equal of any pitcher in the National League.

A late-season call-up by the Brooklyn Dodgers, the 6-0, 180-pound right-hander is 2-0 with one complete game and a microscopic 0.69 ERA for Burleigh Grimes' seventh-place Dodgers. Despite his success, the Wadesboro, North Carolina, native will never again grace the mound in a major league game.

Born John Wilson Gaddy on February 5, 1915, he attends Wake Forest (N.C.) College and plays varsity baseball for three years, graduating in 1936. As with many college players of his era, Gaddy's "summer job" in between his junior and senior seasons was playing semipro baseball with Williamston (N.C.) in the highly competitive Coastal Plain League.



John Gaddy
1934 Wake Forest Demon Deacons



John Gaddy
1938 Brooklyn Dodgers

Signing with Brooklyn at the end of his senior year, Gaddy makes his professional baseball debut in 1936 with the Dayton (Ohio) Ducks of the Middle Atlantic (C) League. Following a 7-4 mark in 17 games with the Ducks, a 22-year-old Gaddy makes the jump to A ball at the end of the season when he is promoted to the Allentown (Pa.) Brooks of the New York-Penn (A) League where he is 1-1 in 11 appearances.

On September 3, 1938, the Brooklyn Dodgers announce the purchase of Gaddy from Elmira and outfielder Oris Hockett from the Dayton Ducks of the Middle Atlantic (C) League.

1936 Wake Forest - Big Five Champions

Here Are Big-Five Baseball Champions of North Carolina

Shown above are Wake Forest college's Big Five intercollegiate baseball champions for this year. Coach John Caddell's Deacons, after a slow start, forged to the front of the race before the schedule was far gone and have occupied a place near the top, since—finally winding up their season at the top after taking three wins in the four game series played with Duke, their nearest rival.

Left to right. Front row—Preston Chappell, ss, Hertford; Dallas Morris, 3b, Charlotte; Dwight Wall, of Gastonia; Tallie Dupree, ss, Angier; Virgil Payne, 2b, Williamsburg, KY. Second row—Porter Sheppard, c, Gastonia; Braxton Rhodes, p, Elm City; Jessie Cole, p, Louisburg; Coach John Caddell; Carl Byrd, p, Erwin; John Gaddy, p, Wadesboro; Forest Glass, p, Hopewell, Va. Third row—Young Howard, c, Dunn; Doigt Morris, lf, Gastonia; Capt. Floyd Patton, 1b, Swannanoa; George Mauney, 1b, Lexington; Morris Adersholt, 3b, Hopewell, Va., and Eddie Yount, rf, Newton. Of this group, Wall, Patton, and Gaddy have completed their college careers; while the others will be back next year.

Three weeks later, on September 27, Gaddy finally makes his major league debut in the second game of a double-header against the first-place New York Giants before 12,595 at Ebbets Field. Allowing only one run (earned) on six hits and one walk in four innings, Gaddy picks up his first major league victory.

In a six-year minor league career (1936-1941), Gaddy has five winning seasons finishing with a 64-43 mark and a .598 winning percentage with 633 strikeouts in 984 innings.

His best season is in 1937 when he is 14-9 with a career-high 190 strikeouts in 194 innings for the Clinton Owls of the Illinois-Indiana-Iowa (B) League.

Following a 13-8 record in 1941, splitting time between Montgomery and Memphis, Gaddy calls it quits and is put on organized baseball's voluntarily retired list.

In February of 1942, Gaddy is named the freshman baseball coach at the University of San Francisco, before entering military service that spring. On May 3, 1966, Gaddy dies in an automobile accident in Albemarle, North Carolina, at the age of 52.

GADDY CHRONOLOGY

April 3, 1935

Gaddy and sophomore Braxton Rhodes combine on a four-hitter as Wake Forest picks up its third win of the season with a 5-3 decision over visiting Randolph-Macon ... Gaddy allows only one hit over five innings en route to picking up the victory.

July 26, 1935

Greenville scores two unearned runs in the sixth inning en route to a 2-0 win over visiting Williamston in a Coastal Plain League game ... Greenville's George Barley, who starred at Duke University in the spring, wins his 10th-straight game, out-dueling Gaddy ... both Barley and Gaddy allow only four hits, but the game's lone error allows Greenville to push across two runs ... Barley will go on to pitch eight seasons in the minors (1937-1943, 1946), compiling a 64-62 record.

September 1, 1938

In the second game of an Eastern (A) League doubleheader,

September 27, 1938

Brooklyn Dodgers at New York Giants
Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, New York

BROOKLYN (NL)										
ab	r	h	po	a	e					
Rosen, cf	3	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hudson, 2b	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Koy, lf	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camilli, 1b	1	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stinson, rf	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lavagetto, 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Campbell, c	3	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, ss	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gaddy, p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamlin, p	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	5	8	18	7	0	0	0	0	0

NEW YORK (NL)										
ab	r	h	po	a	e					
Baslin, 3b	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miyatt, ss	3	0	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	0
Moore, lf	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ott, rf	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Danning, c	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seeds, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
McCarthy, 1b	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kampouris, 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gumbert, p	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
xLeslie	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown, p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
xxRipple	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	1	8	15	8	1	0	0	0	0

Brooklyn 4 0 1 0 0 --6
New York 1 0 0 0 0 --1

Runs batted in, Ott, Lavagetto 2, Rosen, Koy, Campbell, Two-base hits, Campbell, Rosen. Three-base hit, Williams. Stolen bases, Koy, Camilli. Left on bases, New York 0, Brooklyn 7. Bases on balls, Gaddy 1, Gumbert 4. Struck out, by Gaddy 1, Hamlin 2, Gumbert 3. Hits, off Gumbert 8 in 4 innings, Brown 0 in 1, Gaddy 0 in 4; Hamlin 2 in 2. Hit by pitcher, by Gaddy (Danning). Winning pitcher, Gaddy. Losing pitcher, Gumbert. Umpires, Moran, Magar-kuth and Parker. Time, 1:30. Attendance, 12,595.

x--Batted for Gumbert in 5th.
xx--Batted for Brown in 6th.

John Gaddy Year by Year:

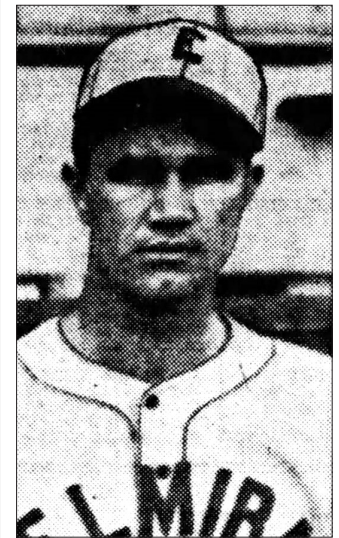
Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	GP	INN	H	BB	SO	ERA	
1936	2 Teams	2 Leagues	C-A	8-5	21	117.0	123	65	90	4.54	
1936	Dayton Ducks	Middle Atlantic	C	7-4	17	106.0	115	55	83	5.01	
1936	Allentown Brooks	NY-Penn	A	1-1	4	11.0	8	10	7	--	
1937	Clinton Owls	Three-I	B	14-9	30	194.0	168	77	190	--	
1938	Elmira Pioneers	Eastern	A	12-7	38	203.0	182	93	107	3.33	
1938	Brooklyn Dodgers	NATIONAL	ML	2-0	2	13.0	13	4	3	0.69	
1939	Memphis Chicks	Southern	A1	6-7	30	122.0	133	58	33	3.98	
1940	Memphis Chicks	Southern	A1	11-7	32	166.0	176	66	78	4.39	
1941	2 Teams	2 Leagues	B-A1	13-8	28	182.0	164	62	135	2.76	
1941	Memphis Chicks	Southern	A1	0-0	2	6.0	8	3	3	6.00	
1941	Montgomery Rebels	Southeastern	B	13-8	26	176.0	164	62	132	2.66	
Major League Totals				1 Season	2	13.0	13	4	3	0.69	
Minor League Totals				6 Seasons	64-43	984	-	946	421	633	---

ML Debut: September 27, 1938 at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn: starting and winning pitcher for Brooklyn in a 6-inning 4-1 win over the New York Giants; allowed one run (earned) in four innings on six hits, one walk and one strikeout.

ML Finale: October 2, 1938 at Shibe Park, Philadelphia: starting and winning pitcher for Brooklyn in a 7-2 win over the Philadelphia Phillies; allowed two unearned runs in nine innings on seven hits, three walks and two strikeouts (complete game)



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1938 Elmira Pioneers



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Gaddy, pitching for the Elmira Pioneers, wins for the 12th time in 19 decisions with a 4-3 complete game victory over the Trenton Senators ... Gaddy allows eight hits and strikes out three.

September 3, 1938

The Brooklyn Dodgers announce the purchase of Elmira's John Gaddy and outfielder Oris Hockett from the Dayton Ducks of the Middle Atlantic (C) League ... in addition, the Dodgers recall Elmira infielders Woodrow Wilson and George Fallon and pitchers Sam Nahem and Dykes Potter.

◀ **September 27, 1938**

Gaddy makes his major league debut in the second game of a doubleheader against the first-place New York Giants ... allowing only one run (earned) on six hits and one walk in four innings, Gaddy picks up his first major league victory ... Gaddy is relieved by Luke Hamlin in the fifth inning with bases loaded and none out ... Hamlin works out of the jam and pitches two scoreless inning to preserve Gaddy's win en route to picking up his sixth save of the year ... the game is called after 5 1/2 innings because of darkness with the Dodgers ahead 5-1.

John vs. Jack

Pitching in the minor leagues at the same time, left-handed pitcher Jack Gaddy is often confused with our John Gaddy, a right-hander. Toiling for the Palatka Azaleas in 1938, the southpaw Gaddy is 11-10 and finishes third in the Florida State (D) League with 277 innings pitched. On July 22, 1938, Jack Gaddy hurls a complete game 2-1 win over the Deland Reds despite playing the game in his socks because of ingrown toenail.

John Gaddy [3 of 3]:

October 2, 1938 ▶

Brooklyn, behind the pitching of two rookies recently brought up from Elmira, sweeps a doubleheader from the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 and 7-2 before 500 fans in a nearly empty Shibe Park ... Sam Nahem allows only six hits in the opener while Gaddy yields seven hits in the nightcap.

March 8, 1939

The Memphis Chicks of the Southern Association announce the acquisition of 22-year-old pitcher John Gaddy on option from Brooklyn.

June 1, 1939

The Memphis Chicks sweep a Southern Association doubleheader with Birmingham 5-1 and 1-0 ... Gaddy out duels the Barons' Hank Johnson in the nightcap, pitching an eight-hit shutout and handing Johnson one his three defeats on the year ... Gaddy's battery mate that evening is Aubrey Epps, who four years earlier (September 29, 1935) has his one "cup of coffee" with the Pittsburgh Pirates, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs against the Cincinnati Reds.

August 28, 1939

Gaddy is one of 14 optioned players recalled from the minor leagues by the Brooklyn Dodgers ... with Memphis in the thick of the South Association pennant race, Gaddy is told not to join the Dodgers until the team's training camp the following spring.

July 20, 1940

Returning following a month layoff with a sore arm, Gaddy pitches a six-hitter, striking out two and walking three, in Memphis' 7-2 win over Chattanooga in a Southern League game.

July 25, 1940

Gaddy last 2/3rds of an inning before being ejected by home plate umpire Steamboat Johnson in Memphis' 8-5 win over Little Rock ... staked to a 2-0 lead, Gaddy walks three Travelers in the bottom of the first inning before being asked to leave.

April 25, 1941

Memphis is 8-4 and in second-place in the Southern League standings when it suspends Gaddy without pay for "failure to get into shape to play."

May 24, 1941

Saddled with a 6.00 ERA in six appearances with Memphis, Gaddy is optioned to Montgomery of the Southeastern (B) League.

June 1, 1941

Memphis suspends Gaddy for his failure to report to Montgomery.

July 30, 1941

On the same day that Glen McNaughton sues David Buckley for selling him horse with a "unsound eye", Gaddy hits the fourth and final home run of his career ... in Montgomery's 8-3 win over Mobile, Gaddy leads off the ninth inning with his second home run of the season, breaking a 3-3 tie ... in six minor seasons, Gaddy hits .174 with four home runs.

June 10, 1941

Montgomery beats Anniston 7-1 behind Gaddy's three-hitter.

March 3, 1942

Gaddy is among 19 pitchers listed on the Memphis Chicks' spring training roster.

May 3, 1966

John Wilson Gaddy is driving to his second day of work at a grocery store in Albemarle, North Carolina, when his car leaves the road and hits a tree, killing the 52-year-old ex-major leaguer.

October 2, 1938

Brooklyn Dodgers at Philadelphia A's
Shibe Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Brooklyn (N)		Philadelphia (N)	
ab.	r.h.no.s.	ab.	r.h.no.s.
Rosen cf	5 0 1 3 0	Brack cf	4 1 1 1 0
Hudson 2b	5 0 1 2 4	Schar'n 2b	4 0 0 2 2
Hockett lf	4 2 3 0 0	Pitko rf	3 0 1 0 0
Camilli 1b	3 2 1 4 0	Walsh 1b	2 0 0 0 2
Hassett 1b	1 0 0 2 1	Arnov'h lf	4 0 1 4 0
Sington rf	3 2 1 1 0	Whitney 3b	4 1 2 0 1
Lava'to 3b	4 1 3 2 0	Atwood c	4 0 1 5 1
Jamp'h c	4 0 1 4 2	Falsh'rg ss	4 0 1 4 4
Williams ss	4 0 2 4 2	Mulcahy p	1 0 0 1 3
Gaddy p	4 0 0 0 2	xxMueller	1 0 0 0 0
		Smith p	0 0 0 1 0
		xxKlein	1 0 0 0 0
		Burkhart p	0 0 0 0 0
		xxxJordan	1 0 0 0 0

Totals 37 7 13 27 19 Totals 33 2 7 27 13

xxBatted for Smith in fifth.

xxBatted for Lanning in seventh.

xxxBatted for Burkhart in ninth.

Brooklyn000 240 001--7

Philadelphia100 000 100--2

Errors--Hockett, Hassett, Schar'n, Feinberg. Runs halted in--Arnovich, Lavagetto. J. Camilli 2, Williams. Two-base hit--Lavagetto. Home run--Camilli. Stolen bases--Sington, Lavagetto, Williams, Sacrifice--Weintraub. Double plays--Weintraub-Feinberg-Mulcahy, J. Camilli, Schar'n-Feinberg-Weintraub. Bases on balls--Mulcahy 2, Smith 1, Lanning 1, Burkhart 2, Gaddy 3. Strikeouts--Mulcahy 2, Smith 1, Lanning 2, Gaddy 2. Hits--Mulcahy, 6 in 4 1-3; Smith, 0 in 2-3; Lanning, 3 in 2; Burkhart, 2 in 2. Losing pitcher--Mulcahy.

Man Fatally Hurt On Way To His Second Day On Job

ALBEMORLE, N.C. (AP) — John Wilson Gaddy, 52, was fatally injured Tuesday morning en route to his second day on a new job at an Albemarle grocery store.

Trooper Harry Jarman said Gaddy's automobile ran off a highway three and a half miles south of Albemarle and hit a tree. He was alone.