

St. Louis Browns rookie pitcher Ernie Nevers limits the Philadelphia Athletics to seven hits re route to a 3-1 complete game win for his first career victory.

In the first of three-straight complete games for the future NFL Pro Football Hall of Famer, Nevers walks only one batter and does not allow a runner past first base until the ninth inning when the Athletics push across their only run on a Al Simmons RBI single ... the game takes 1:28 to complete.

The 24-year-old Nevers finishes his rookie season 2-4 with a 4.46 ERA ... in three major league seasons (1926-1928), the Santa Rosa, Calif., native and Stanford football All-American will pitch in 44 games with the Browns, going 6-12 with six complete games, two saves and a 4.62 ERA.

In 1927, Nevers serves up two (No. 8 and No. 41) of Babe Ruth's record-setting 60 home runs.

## NEVERS BAFFLES ATHLETICS, 3 TO 1

### Football Star Allows Only Seven Hits as Browns Cop Opener.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 4.—Ernie Nevers, former Stanford university football star, held the Athletics to seven hits today in the first game of the series which the Brown won, 3 to 1.

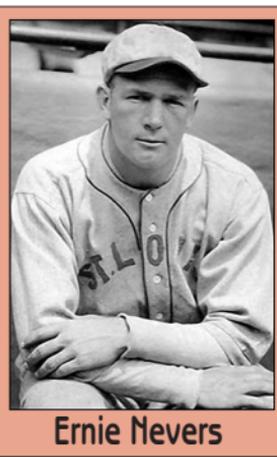
Ken Williams hit a homer in the fifth, scoring Rice. Philadelphia was saved from a shutout when Simmons singled, scoring Hale from second in the ninth.

Phila.	A	R	H	O	A	St. Louis	A	R	H	O	A
Bishop, 2...	3	0	1	0	2	Merrill, 2...	4	0	2	3	3
Cochrane, c.	4	0	3	0	0	Rice, cf....	4	1	2	4	0
Weich, lf...	4	0	3	0	0	Sisler, 1...	3	1	1	5	1
Hale, 3...	4	1	2	4	1	Williams, lf	2	1	1	3	0
Simmons, cf	4	0	1	1	0	Miller, rf..	2	0	1	3	0
French, rf..	4	0	0	3	0	McManus, 3	4	0	1	0	2
Pooler, 2...	0	1	1	1	0	Schang, c...	4	0	1	0	0
Galloway, s.	2	0	1	2	1	Robertson, s	3	0	1	0	4
Quinn, p....	3	0	0	0	1	Nevers, p....	3	0	0	1	5
Pate, p....	0	0	0	0	1	Totals..	39	3	5	27	15
Wahby, s...	0	0	0	0	0						
*Lamar....	1	0	0	0	0						
Hilauer....	1	0	1	0	0						
Totals...	32	17	24	7							

\*Batted for Galloway in eighth.  
\*Batted for Quinn in eighth.

Philadelphia ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1  
St. Louis..... 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0-3

Two-base hits—Melillo, Robertson, Wright, Hale (2). Home run—Williams. Sacrifices—Sisler, Miller. Double plays—Sisler (unassisted); Melillo and Sisler. Left on bases—Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 7. Bases on balls—Off Quinn 1, off Nevers 1, off Pate 1. Hits—Off Quinn, 3 in 7 innings; off Pate, none in 1 inning. Losing pitcher—Quinn. Umpires—McGowan and Evans. Time—1:28.



Ernie Nevers

While at Stanford, Nevers once pitched 37 consecutive scoreless innings ... in 1925, during a three-game series with arch-rival Cal, he pitches two complete games and in the final game he hits a grand slam home run to win the contest.

On August 13, 1926, AP announces that Nevers signs to play and coach the Duluth Eskimos (Nevers Eskimos) of the National Football League ... on September 6, he receives permission from Browns manager George Sisler to leave the team for the remainder of the season and drives over-

night from St. Louis to Two Harbors, Minnesota, to begin six days of pre-season practice with the Eskimos.

Nevers makes his NFL debut on September 19, 1926, leading the Eskimos to a 7-0 win over the visiting Kansas City Cowboys ... in all, he plays 29 games for the Eskimos that first season, 28 of them on the road, and earns All-Pro honors in each of his five professional football seasons.



Ernie made his big league bid for fame Wednesday in the first game he started for the St. Louis Browns, by holding the slugging Athletics to seven hits and winning, 3 to 1. Photos by International Newsreel.

On November 28, 1929, Nevers scores six touchdowns and makes good on four extra points for the Chicago Cardinals in a 40-0 rout of the Chicago Bears.