

Austin Senators, "44-0"

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On July 23, 1907, on a hot Tuesday afternoon in Austin's Riverside Park, the home-standing Senators post one of the most lopsided wins in professional baseball history, blanking the visiting San Antonio Bronchos, 44-0, in the second game of a Texas (C) League double header.

In the first game, a controversial call by umpire Schuster, results in the eighth inning ejection of San Antonio's Sam LaRocque and Pat Newman ... the rest of the San Antonio players also leave the field in protest and following a slight delay, Schuster forfeits the game to Austin, which is leading 6-5 at the time ... between games, city police have their hands full keeping order among upset fans.

An angry San Antonio team decides to get even in the second game ... the Bronchos bat in haphazard order and "generally make a farce of the game".



Two years after being San Antonio's starting pitcher in the 44-0 loss to Austin, Art Griggs will make his major league debut with the St. Louis Browns ... the Topeka, Kansas, native will play 22 seasons in professional baseball, including six years in the majors, where he hits .277 with five home runs and 152 RBIs.

44 TO 0 RESULT OF BURLESQUE

BRONCHOS SULK IN SECOND GAME BECAUSE THEY DID NOT LIKE DECISION.

FORFEIT FIRST GAME

Austin Fans Draw Petition to Send to President of League—No Score of Second.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Plyd.	Won	Lost	P. C.
Dallas	90	53	32	.645
San Antonio	91	53	38	.682
Austin	92	51	41	.654
Houston	89	45	44	.506
Galveston	92	42	50	.447
Temple	89	38	51	.427
Fort Worth	89	39	50	.438
Waco	89	36	53	.404

Austin pounds out a season-high 33 hits, including six home runs and steals 23 bases ... the Senators open the proceedings with a 12-run first inning and tally at least one run in every stanza but the third inning ... amazingly, the box score lists the game as being played in a nifty 1:48.

22-year-old infielder Art Griggs is San Antonio's starting pitcher in the second game ... Griggs is relieved by another infielder, Ike Pendleton, and later by outfielder George "Cap" Leidy.

While the second game is in progress, a petition is circulated through the grandstand and signed by numerous disgruntled fans protesting the conduct of the San Antonio players to Texas League President William Robbie.

Austin Senators 44 San Antonio Bronchos 0

Austin, Texas, July 23, 1907

Austin	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Short, lf.....	9	7	5	5	0	0
McCulley, ss.....	7	5	4	1	2	0
Gardner, 2b.....	8	7	6	1	4	0
Gordon, c.....	5	3	4	3	0	0
Alexander, c.....	3	1	1	2	0	0
Bradley, rf.....	5	4	2	0	0	0
Firestine, 3b.....	5	5	3	0	1	0
Adams, 1b.....	7	3	2	13	0	0
Cermak, cf.....	6	4	3	3	0	0
McGill, p.....	8	5	3	0	2	0
Totals.....	63	44	33	28	9	0

San Antonio	AB	R	H	O	A	E
McMurray, c, ss, cf....	4	0	0	0	1	0
Collins, lf.....	3	0	2	2	0	0
Leidy, cf, ss, p.....	4	0	1	1	2	3
Griggs, p, c, 3b.....	4	0	0	5	0	0
Stovall, rf, 3b.....	2	0	0	11	0	0
Colgrove, rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1
Robb, 2b.....	3	0	0	3	1	1
Pendleton, ss, p, c.....	3	0	1	2	2	1
Everhart, 3b, ss.....	3	0	1	0	3	3
Totals.....	28	0	5	24	9	9

Austin.....	12	2	0	11	1	3	10	5	x = 44
San Antonio....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 0

Stolen bases: Short 4, McCulley, Gardner 3, Gordon 4, Bradley 3, Firestein 2, Adams, Cermak 2, McGill 3, Collins 2. **Sacrifice:** McCulley. **Base on Balls:** by McGill 1; by Griggs 2, by Pendleton 3, by Leidy 3. **Struck out:** by McGill 3, by Pendleton 1. **Two base hits:** Short Everhardt. **Three base hits:** Short, Firestein, McGill. **Home runs:** McCulley, Gardner, Gordon, Adams, Cermak, McGill. **Double plays:** Bradley to Adams, Firestein to Gardner to Adams.

Time: 1:48. **Umpire:** Schuster

Austin Senators [2 of 2]:

Ten days after the game, it is announced that Schuster, the game's umpire and the object of San Antonio's scorn, has been signed by the National League to be on its umpiring staff in 1908 ... in early September, San Antonio's 44-year-old player/manager Sam La Rocque ends a 22-year career in professional baseball when he leaves the team to enter private business in Canada ... 26-year-old Pat Newman succeeds LaRocque as the team's manager.

Bill McGill, the game's winning pitcher, is considered one of the best pitchers in the Texas League, "he has everything, speed, curves, raise ball, spitter and change of pace." ... two days later, on August 25, McGill pitches a five-inning no-hitter against the Bronchos.

McGill's shutout of San Antonio is the middle game of a three-game stretch of games where the 27-year-old Galva, Kansas, native will pitch 20 innings of scoreless baseball while allowing only four hits and walk.

"The Stretch"

Date	Opponent	Score	Inn	Run	Hit	SO	BB	Result
July 20	Galveston	10-0	6.0	0	1	3	0	complete game shutout
July 23	San Antonio	44-0	9.0	0	3	3	1	complete game shutout
July 25	San Antonio	4-0	5.0	0	0	4	0	complete game shutout
Totals	3 Games	58-0	20.0	0	4	10	1	0.00 ERA



Bill McGill
Alva Giants

WHEED STORY OF SECOND GAME TOLD IN FIGURES

After working on the score all night the official tally marker finally got it straightened out to his best knowledge and belief and the figures are herewith presented to speak for themselves:

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McCulley, ss	7	5	4	1	2	0
Gardner, 2b	8	7	6	1	4	0
Gordon, c	5	3	4	2	0	0
Alexander, c	3	1	1	2	0	0
Bradley, rf	5	4	2	0	0	0
Firestein, 3b	5	5	3	0	1	0
Adams, 1b	7	3	3	13	0	0
Cermak, cf	6	4	2	3	0	0
McGill, p	8	5	3	0	2	0
Totals	63	44	33	27	9	0

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McMurray, c, ss, cf	4	0	0	0	1	0
Collins, lf	3	0	2	2	0	0
Liddy, cf, ss, p	4	0	1	1	2	3
Griggs, p, c, 3b	4	0	0	5	0	0
Stovall, rf, 1b	2	0	0	11	0	0
Colgrove, rf	3	0	0	0	0	1
Bohb, 2b	3	0	0	3	1	1
Pendleton, ss, p, c	3	0	1	2	2	1
Everhart, 3b, ss	3	0	1	0	3	3
Totals	38	0	5	24	9	9

By Innings.						
Austin, 1st	2	0	11	1	3	10
S. A., 1st	0	0	0	0	0	0

Summary.
Stolen bases: Short 4, McCulley, Gardner 3, Gordon 4, Bradley 2, Firestein 2, Adams, Cermak 2, McGill 3, Collins, 2.

Sacrifice hit: McCulley.
Base on balls: By McGill, 1; by Griggs, 2; by Pendleton, 3; by Liddy, three.

Struck out: By McGill, 3; by Pendleton, 1.

Two base hits: Short, Everhart.

Three base hits: Short, Firestein, McGill.

Home runs: McCulley, Gardner, Gordon, Adams, Cermak, McGill.

Sold during the season to the St. Louis Browns, McGill makes his major league debut on September 17, 1907, against the Cleveland Indians ... McGill hurls a 10-inning complete game, allowing 10 hits and striking out six, but receives no decision as the two teams battle to a 2-2 tie.

At the age of 25, Austin center fielder Ed Cermak is already six years removed from his playing days in the major leagues ... the Cleveland, Ohio., native plays one game with his hometown Indians on September 9, 1901 ... in a 4-1 win, Cermak strikes out in each of his four at bats against 30-year-old Philadelphia Athletics pitcher Bill Bernhard.

Beer Problems

Austin baseball fans celebrating the Senators' double header sweep that afternoon, face a more vexing problem that evening as the price of beer in the Texas capital has increased.

Price of Beer Advanced.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Austin, Tex., July 23.—The price of some drinks have advanced in some of the saloons of this city, the reason being given that the high license of the Baskin-McGregor bill is responsible. Enemies of the old hiatus were chagrined yesterday when they were forced to pay 15c straight for bottled beer, whereas the former price had been two bottles for 25c. This did not set well with them, but they were jolted in other ways.