

On This Date

April 26, 1922

Wizard Tom Gheen Carves His Name High on Walls Of Baseball Hall of Fame

Winston-Salem Twins' right-hander Tom Gheen pitches a perfect game against the visiting Greensboro Patriots before an opening day crowd of 4,000 at Southside Park.

A noted "submarine" hurler, Gheen strikes out four and faces only 27 batters in out-dueling Greensboro ace Ike Sadler in a 5-0 Piedmont League win.

An 11-game winner for the Twins in 1921, the perfect game will be Gheen's only victory against five defeats in 1922, before he is released in late June and picked up by the Houston Buffaloes. In seven minor league seasons, he fashions a 61-49 mark.

On May 21, 1926, Gheen is pitching for the Jacksonville Tars when he is arrested for attempted criminal assault on a woman at hotel in Albany, Georgia. When his bond is cancelled, Gheen is jailed on July 3. Two days later, charges are dropped after a settlement is reached.

On July 4, 1927, Gheen is killed when a car he is in overturns on Highway 16 just outside his home of Lincolnton, North Carolina. He was 29 years old.

Greensboro	Ab.	R.	H.	Po.	A.	E.
Danielly, cf	3	0	0	4	0	0
Mercier, lf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Carroll, 3b	3	0	0	1	2	0
Donaldson, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Teague, 2b	3	0	0	1	4	0
Gorman, ss	3	0	0	2	4	0
Lucas, 1b	3	0	0	4	1	0
Sessions, c	3	0	0	5	1	0
Saddler, p	3	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	27	0	0	24	12	0
Winston-Salem	Ab.	R.	H.	Po.	A.	E.
Koval, ss	4	1	2	2	5	0
O'Hara, lf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Heck, 2b	4	1	2	3	1	0
Bribeck, c	4	0	1	6	0	0
Ringle, rf	4	1	1	4	0	0
Whitman, cf	4	1	1	3	0	0
Anderson, 1b	4	0	2	9	0	0
Myers, 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0
Gheen, p	3	0	0	0	1	0

Totals	33	5	11	27	7	0
Score by innings:						R
Greensboro	000	000	000	0		
Winston	021	000	200	5		
Two-base hits:	Whitman, Myers,					
Bribeck:	Three-base hits:	Anderson,				
Heck:	Stolen bases:	Koval, O'Hara:				
Sacrifice hits:	O'Hara, Double plays:					
Gorman to Lucas to Carroll:	Struck					
out by Saddler. 4:	by Gheen. 5.					
Left	on bases:	Winston. 6.				
Time of game:	1:29;	Umpires	Blythe and Turner.			
Attendance	4,500.					