

Cups of Coffee: Pete Loos

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On May 2, 1901, noted local amateur pitcher Ivan "Pete" Loos, from nearby Roxborough, is pressed into service by Philadelphia Athletics' manager Connie Mack in a Thursday afternoon game against the visiting Boston Americans.

In his only major league appearance, the 23-year-old Loos allows two first-inning runs before running into trouble in the second inning ... the first player from Ursinus College to play in the major leagues, Loos walks the first four batters in the second inning and is behind two balls and no strikes on the fifth batter before he is relieved by Bill Bernhard.

The Red Sox score nine times in the second inning and add 10 more runs in the third inning en route to a 23-12 win ... the game story notes, "Many of the spectators present were so disgusted that they began leaving the grounds after the third inning"

Loos allows five runs (three earned) on two hits, four walks and finishes his major league career with a 27.00 ERA ... two days later,

Loos returns to Roxborough and pitches a 7-4 complete game win over Keystone, allowing eight hits and striking out seven.

Three weeks earlier, Loos pitches for the Athletics in an exhibition game against a semi-pro team from Wissahickon ... Loos impresses Mack with an eight-hit complete game victory against his former teammates.

For the next couple of years, Loos pitches for various teams in the Philadelphia area, the Eastern Shore and Delaware Valley Leagues, before returning to professional baseball in 1906 with the Savannah Indians of the South Atlantic (C) League.

In four minor league seasons, the noted "underhanded" twirler is 40-41 with a career-best 16-12 mark with the Danville Red Sox in 1908.

On June 4, 1909, pitching for Danville, Loos pitches a five-inning no-hitter, beating the Norfolk Tars 2-0.

Loos dies on February 23, 1956, in Darby, Pennsylvania at the age of 77.

Ivan "Pete" Loos Major League Debut May 2, 1901

ATHLETIC VS. BOSTON AT PHILADELPHIA MAY 2.—The Athletics started with a local amateur pitcher named Loos. When three runs had been made off him he was taken out in the second inning with the bases still filled on balls. Bernhard went in and was hit in that and the next inning for eighteen runs. After that he settled down until the last inning. The Athletics also hit Lewis very hard. Attendance 2,841. The score:

BOSTON.	AB.	R.	E.	P.	A.	ATHLETIC.	AB.	R.	E.	P.	A.	E.
Dowd, lf...	4	3	2	0	0	Hayden, rf...	6	2	1	3	0	0
Jones, rf...	6	3	1	1	0	Geier, cf.....	6	1	1	4	0	0
Stahl, cf...	6	3	2	3	0	Fultz, c.....	5	2	2	2	4	1
Collins, 3b..	6	2	4	5	3	Lajoie, 2b...	5	3	4	2	0	0
Freeman, 1b	5	2	1	12	0	Seybold, 1b	5	2	3	1	1	0
Parent, ss...	5	4	4	2	2	Cros. 3b...	5	1	3	2	2	0
Ferris, 2b...	5	2	3	1	5	Ketcham, if	5	0	0	0	0	1
Criger, c.....	5	2	3	3	0	Powers, c...	5	1	1	1	2	1
Lewis, p.....	4	2	1	0	2	Loos, p.....	0	0	0	0	1	0
						Bernhard, p	5	0	2	1	4	0
Total.....	46	23	21	27	12	Total.....	47	19	27	14	7	

Boston 2 9 10 0 0 0 0 2—23
Athletic..... 2 0 2 1 2 0 0 0 5—12
Earned runs—Boston 10, Athletic 8. Two-base hits—Criger, Jones, Collins, Dowd, Parent, Lewis, Hayden, Powers, Seybold 2, Lajoie, Bernhard, Cross. Three-base hits—Stahl, Parent, Criger. Home run—Lajoie. Sacrifice hit—Lewis. Stolen bases—Dowd, Geier, Lajoie. Struck out—By Lewis 2. First on balls—Off Loos 5, Bernhard 2. First on errors—Boston 2, Athletic 1. Left on bases—Boston 5, Athletic 8. Passed balls—Criger 2. Umpire—Haskoff. Time—2:05.

LOOS BLANKS CREW IN 5-INNING GAME

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., July 15.—The locals and the Crew were scheduled to play a double-header to-day, but rain came at the Crew's end of the fifth inning of the first game, and a hard downpour prevented any further play. The first game resulted, Danville, 2; Norfolk, 0. Pete Loos was pitching for the locals, and was in great form. His underhanded ball was working in great shape, and he blanked the visitors, not allowing them a single hit. Only two men got on first, and they walked. Fisher was hit rather freely, one of the two runs being earned. Fisher played a good game at short, besides peeling off a pair of hits, and Thackara also landed for a pair.

Danville.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Powell, lf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0
Doyls, 2b.....	3	1	0	1	0	0
Henn, cf.....	2	0	1	1	0	0
Riggs, rf.....	1	0	0	1	0	0
Stafford, 1b.....	3	0	0	6	0	0
Fisher, ss.....	3	1	2	0	2	0
Reinhart, 3b.....	2	0	1	1	1	0
Thackara, c.....	2	0	2	4	0	0
Loos, p.....	6	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	16	2	6	15	0	0

Norfolk.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Brodie, cf.....	2	0	0	3	0	0
Bonner, 2b.....	1	0	0	1	2	0
Toner, 3b.....	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fetzer, rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0
Haas, 1b.....	2	0	0	2	0	0
Beitz, lf.....	1	0	0	1	0	0
O'Neal, ss.....	3	0	0	2	0	0
Edwards, c.....	3	0	0	1	1	0
Friend, p.....	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	14	0	0	12	4	0

Score by innings: R.
Danville 1 0 0 1 2
Norfolk 0 0 0 0 0
Summary: Earned run—Danville, 1. Sacrifice hits—Riggs, Toner. Left on bases—Danville, 5; Norfolk, 2. Base on balls—off Loos, 2; off Friend, 3. Struck out—by Loos, 4; by Friend, 1. Time of game—55 minutes. Umpire—Mace. Attendance—500.



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