

# Pinch Hits, "22 Wins the Hard Way & the Duke"

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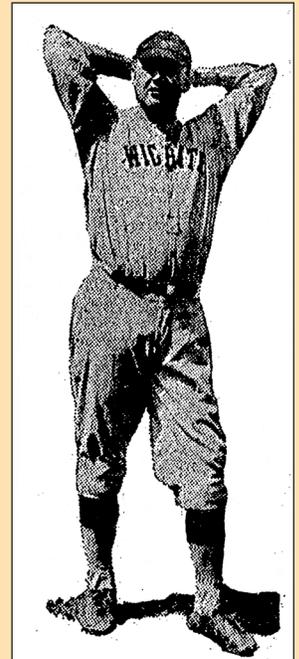
## JIM JOLLEY

Pitching in 57 games for the Wichita Izzies of the Western (A) League in 1925, 26-year-old left-hander **Jim Jolley** wins 22 games despite allowing 480 hits, 92 base on balls, and 276 runs in 322 innings of work ... Jolley's 22 wins tie for third among league leaders behind Denver's dynamic duo of Byrd Hodges (26) and Herb Hall (23).

The 6-foot, 200-pound Jolley makes his first appearance in professional baseball with the Texas (A) League's Galveston Sand Crabs on April 1, 1921 ... in a spring training game against the Cleveland Indians, a 22-year-old Jolley shuts out the defending world champions 2-0 on seven hits ... striking out two and walking four, Jolley's masterpiece is "abetted by a fierce gale that blew across the (Galveston) park which is located on the Gulf of Mexico."

Jolley goes 5-4 with a 5.64 ERA in his rookie season with the San Crabs ... however his well publicized shutout of the Indians earns the Lockport, Texas, native an invite to the New York Yankees training camp the following spring ... Jolley garners national attention on the first day of camp when the only uniform large enough to fit him was one discarded by Babe Ruth the previous season ... impressive early on, Jolley is one of the last rookies cut when he is sent to the Vernon Tigers of the Pacific Coast (AA) League.

Jolley will win 15 or more games six times in his career, finishing with a 142-138 mark in 11 minor league seasons, including eight consecutive years spent in the Western League with Wichita (4) and Denver (4) ... Jolley hurls 225 or more inning in eight straight years (1923-1930) ... a 32-year-old Jolley is 8-6 with a 7.34 ERA with the Denver Bears in his final season in 1931.



Jim Jolley  
1925 Wichita Izzies

## FIGHT AGAINST KLOBY.

**Central Labor Union Remonstrates Against His Retention by Worcester.**

WORCESTER, July 5—At a meeting of the Central labor union tonight, a resolution was adopted remonstrating against the employment of pitcher Klobedanz of the Worcester team. The resolution states that the union will not let the matter drop until Klobedanz is released.

The grievance of the labor men is that the ball player went to work during a strike of the stage men in a Boston theater last winter. They say the feeling was so strong against him in Boston that he was sent to this city.

The fight against Klobedanz is led by J. D. Pierce, the president of the federation of labor. In behalf of Klobedanz it is claimed that although he went to work at the theaters referred, he did so not knowing that trouble existed, and that he got through as soon as the matter was explained to him.

## DUKE KLOBEDANZ

On May 10, 1899, only two years removed from a 26-win season, Boston Beaneaters left-hander **Fred (Duke) Klobedanz** is released by manager Frank Selee ... it is reported that the 28-year-old Waterbury, Connecticut native is released by the National League team because he had secured off-season work at a Boston-area theatre during a strike by the theatre's stage hands.

A local labor union objects to his employment by the Beaneaters and in a union-dominated town it is not surprising when he is released ... Klobedanz, who claims he was unaware of the union's strike against the theatre and quit his job as soon "as the matter was explained to him," is 1-4 with a 4.89 ERA at the time of his release.

Later that season, Klobedanz is pitching for the Worcester Farmers of the Eastern (A) League when on July 4, that city's Central Labor Union passes a resolution calling for the team to release him ... Farmers' manager Frank Leonard, who had just purchased a controlling interest in the stock of the club, shows a little bit more mettle than Selee and resists the union's pressure ... Klobedanz rewards Leonard's loyalty by going 16-8 with 202 innings pitched for the Farmers.

Klobedanz will win 165 games in 11 minor league seasons to go along with a 53-25 mark in five major league campaigns ... Klobedanz passes away on April 12, 1940, in his hometown of Waterbury, Connecticut.