

Pinch Hits, "Lou Barbour, Four Times Twice"

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On April 4, 1931, in a 2-0 win over the Philadelphia Phillies, Boston Braves centerfielder Wally Berger becomes the 11th major league outfielder to have four assists in one game.

Now, 86 years later, four assists still stand as the single-game record for a major league outfielder.

However, career minor league outfielder Lou Barbour turns the trick twice, in two different seasons. Both of Barbour's four-assist games come while playing for the Springfield Ponies of the Class B Connecticut State League.

Barbour's first quad-assist game occurs on August 28, 1910, while playing in right field against the New Haven Prairie Hens at the Lighthouse Point Grounds.

His first assist is in the second inning when New Haven second baseman George Sherwood tries to stretch a double in a triple. He then teams with shortstop Art Guest twice in doubling runners off of second base after making difficult catches. His final assist of the afternoon is made throwing a runner out at home plate trying to score from second base on a single.

His second four-assist effort is a little dubious, coming against the Hartford Senators on June 20, 1911,



Lou Barbour
1931 Salt Lake City Bees

August 28, 1910
Lighthouse Point Grounds, New Haven, Conn.

New Haven in Record Time.

New Haven, Aug. 28.—In a drizzling rain, New Haven defeated Springfield at the Lighthouse Point grounds this afternoon, 8 to 2. The game was played in the record time of one hour and four minutes. Score: Springfield.

	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Barbour, r. f.	4	0	0	3	1	0	1	0
Garry, c. f.	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Watte, l. f.	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Mason, lb.	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	0
Perkins, 3b.	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Redmond, 2b.	4	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Guest, s. s.	4	0	0	4	0	0	3	0
Larkin, c.	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
Christopher, p.	3	0	2	1	2	0	0	0
	34	2	7	24	12	2		

New Haven.

	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Connell, c. f.	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pastor, 2b.	3	1	1	3	4	0	0	0
Gough, l. f.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peckinpough, s. s.	4	0	1	1	4	1	0	0
Snyder, r. f.	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Sherwood, 3b.	3	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
Bunyan, lb.	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Bridges, c.	3	1	0	5	3	0	0	0
Corcoran, p.	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
	28	5	5	27	14	2		

Springfield,	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	2
New Haven,	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	7

Two-base hits, Sherwood 2, Pastor; three-base hit, Gough; sacrifice hits, Pastor, Peckinpough, Corcoran; stolen base, Gough; double plays, Barbour and Guest 2; left on bases, New Haven 3, Springfield 1; bases on errors, New Haven 3, Springfield 1; struck out, by Christopher 3, by Corcoran 4; time, 1:04; umpire, Hart.

June 20, 1911
Hampton Park, Springfield, Conn.

Hartford.

	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Soffel, 2b.	4	3	3	3	3	3	0	0
Hart, rf.	6	1	1	3	0	1	0	1
High, lf.	6	3	6	3	0	1	0	1
Rehg, ss.	5	4	4	3	5	2	0	0
Noyes, 3b.	4	2	1	0	2	0	0	0
Hickey, cf.	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Connery, lb.	4	2	4	12	1	0	0	0
Vann, c.	6	1	3	5	0	0	0	0
McCarthy, p.	6	1	3	0	2	0	0	0
	48	18	27	27	13	3		

Springfield.

	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Genest, rf.	5	1	2	2	1	0	0	0
Watte, cf.	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Barbour, cf.	3	1	1	0	4	0	0	0
Page, 2b.	4	2	2	4	3	2	0	0
Swander, lf.	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Campbell, 3b.	4	1	0	2	0	3	0	0
Mason, lb.	4	1	2	6	2	0	0	0
Guest, ss.	4	0	3	6	3	0	0	0
Hart, c.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Waters, c.	3	0	0	3	1	1	0	0
Bannister, p.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
O'Connell, p.	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Christopher, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temple, p.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	37	7	13	27	16	6		

Hartford,	0	10	1	2	4	0	0	18
Springfield,	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	7

Sacrifice hits, Hickey, Watte; sacrifice fly, Mason; hits, off Bannister 8 in 1 2-3 innings, off Greenwell 9 in 3 1-3 innings, off Christopher 5 in 1 inning, off Temple 5 in 3 innings; stolen bases, Soffel, Hart, High, Regh, Waters; two-base hits, Soffel, High 2, Regh, Hickey, Connery 2, Genest, Barbour, Page; three-base hits, Regh 2, Guest; bases on balls, off Bannister 2, off Greenwell 3, off Temple 2, off McCarthy 4; left on bases, Hartford 9, Springfield 10; struck out, by McCarthy 4, by Bannister 1; double plays, Connery and Vann; Regh, Soffel and Connery; Page and Mason; wild pitch, Temple; time, 2:30; umpire, O'Brien.

June 7, 1948

Police Chief 'Abets' Six Masked Thugs

Chicago, June 7 (AP)

A suburban police chief today unwittingly delivered a bowling alley manager into the hands of six masked gunmen waiting to crack the alley safe.

The scene of the holdup where the robbers imprisoned 36 persons in storage rooms for two hours was Ray Schalk's Evergreen Towers, a bowling center. It is run by Ray Schalk, former Chicago White Sox catcher and manager. An adjoining bar also was held up.

THE ROBBERS first forced their way into the office of Schalk who told them Lou Barbour, manager of the bowling alleys at 2535 West 35th street in suburban Evergreen Park, was the only person who had the key and combination to the safe.

at Springfield's Hampden Park. Playing center field against the hard-hitting Senators, Barbour first throws a runner out at the plate. In the ninth inning with Hartford leading 13-4, Barbour throws out three overly aggressive (or careless) Hartford runners attempting to make it to second base on three successive singles.

The San Antonio, Texas, native plays 13 seasons in the minors, ending his career with the Pacific Coast League's Salt Lake City Bees in 1915. His best season comes in 1912 when he hits .309 with 24 doubles, seven triples and career-high five home runs for the Lincoln Railsplitters of the Western (A) League. In 1909, Barbour has a league-best 82 sacrifices in 124 games for Springfield.

Following his playing days, Barbour is the travelling secretary for the Chicago White Sox before leaving baseball to enter the insurance business and managing the Evergreen Towers, a Chicago bowling alley.