

Pinch Hits, "Wormwood Times Two"

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On June 8, 1910, Fall River Brieness' right-hander Harry Wormwood becomes the second New England (B) League pitcher in an eight-day period to turn in a no-hitter when he blanks the Worcester Busters 1-0 in an 11-inning pitcher's duel with John Kenna.

Kenna, a son of former West Virginia Senator John E. Kenna and brother of Ed "The Pitching Poet" Kenna.

Formerly with the Busters, Wormwood strikes out nine, walks six and hits a batter while Kenna allows seven hits and walks two in absorbing the loss.

And just to prove that his extra inning no-hitter isn't a fluke, he does again the next season.

On August 28, 1911, the ex-collegian holds the Lawrence Barristers hitless over 10 innings before allowing 11th inning singles to centerfielder Joe Briggs and shortstop Pat Chrisham. Wormwood retires the side without allowing a run.

He then holds the Barristers scoreless over the next two innings before the game is called on account of darkness after 13 innings. Wormwood strikes out 10 and is 3-for-6 at the plate with two stolen bases.



Harry Wormwood
1907 Jersey City Skeeters

Born on October 26, 1884, in Auburn, Maine, Wormwood begins his pro career in March of 1907, when he is signed to his first pro contract by Jersey City Sketters' manager Joe Bean as a third baseman.

On September 11, 1908, Wormwood pitches and wins both ends of a doubleheader with the Lynn Shoemakers 5-2, 4-1.

His best season comes in 1911, when he is 20-15 for Fall River. Following his playing days, Wormwood is employed as a steel letter cutter for General Electric in Lynn, Massachusetts.

Wormwood passes away on January 9, 1955 in his hometown of Auburn, Maine.

June 8, 1910
Worcester, Massachusetts

NO-HIT, NO-RUN OFF PITCHER WORMWOOD

His Feat More Notable Because the Game Went
Eleven Innings.

SHUT-OUT AGAINST LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

FALL RIVER				WORCESTER			
ab	bb	r	e	ab	bb	r	e
Page 2b...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oram of....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hann 1b....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russell rf..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anthony lf..	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
McDunn c ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manning 3b.	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Flynn ss...	0	4	1	0	0	0	0
Kenna p....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kolseth...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals ...	7	8	1	0	0	0	0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Fall River..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-1

Run—Devine Sacrifices Hit—Hann Stolen bases—Wormwood, Oram. Left on bases—Worcester 5, Fall River 7. First base on balls—Off Wormwood 6, off Kenna 2. First base on errors—Fall River 1. Hits by pitcher—Wormwood Struck out—By Wormwood 9, by Kenna 7. Passed balls—McCune 2. Time—2h 30m. Umpire—Lanigan.

August 28, 1911
Lawrence, Massachusetts

THIRTEEN INNING SCORELESS GAME

Wormwood, Fall River Pitcher,
Holds the Lawrence Team
Hitless for 11 Rounds.

LAWRENCE				FALL RIVER			
ab	bb	r	e	ab	bb	r	e
Hann 3...	5	0	1	2	0	0	0
Chrisham 1.	5	0	1	0	1	0	0
Lyster p..	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy lf.	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
Briggs cf..	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix 2.	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Carlstrom 3	5	1	5	4	1	0	0
Ulrich c...	2	0	6	0	0	0	0
Eymaler c	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Kolseth r..	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals...	40	2	20	22	0	1	1

Sacrifice hits—Kopf 2, Kolseth, Walsh. Stolen bases—Wormwood 2, Kopf, Hickman, Williams. Left on bases—Lawrence 4, Fall River 14. First base on balls—Off Lyster 3, off Wormwood 2. First base on errors—Lawrence 1, Fall River 2. Struck out—By Lyster 7, by Wormwood 10. Time—2h 25m. Umpire—Stafford.

UNIQUE RULING BY UMPIRE.

Sends Player to First, Although Only
Two Pitches Are Made.

Portland, Me., fans are discussing a ruling of Umpire Mike O'Brien in one of the recent Portland-Worcester New England League games, when O'Brien gave a Portland batsman first base before four balls had been pitched to him. It was a procedure never before seen in a game in this city, and Manager Duffy, of the home club, whose experience in baseball is country-wide, declares he never saw an umpire make a similar ruling.

Harry Wormwood, of the local club, was at bat when Manager Burkett, of the Worcester club, tipped his own pitcher, from his seat on the bench, to pass Wormwood. There were two balls on Wormwood at the time. Umpire O'Brien realized Burkett's instruction to his pitcher and thereupon sent Wormwood to first, declaring him entitled to the bag.

Portland fans are wondering under just what clause in the rule book the decision was made.