

# July 24, 1939

## Slab Battle...

Tyler Trojans 23-year-old right-hander Wayne Dempster turns in a "masterful" two-hit performance against the Henderson Oilers only to lose the East Texas (C) League contest 1-0 when his fourth inning balk sends Tatum Jones home with the game's only tally.

Dempster's mound opponent, lefthander Gene Hinrichs, permits only three safeties and strikes out 11 en route to securing his 10th victory of the season.

Signed by the St. Louis Cardinals out of Southern Illinois University in 1937, Dempster will go 11-21 with a 4.15 ERA in three minor league seasons (1938-1939, 1941) ... the Gorhan, Illinois, product ends his professional baseball career in 1941 with a 1-6 mark and a 6.50 ERA for St. Joseph Browns/Carthage Browns of the Western (C) Association.

Hinrichs is signed by the Detroit Tigers in January of 1938, following an outstanding collegiate career at the University of Iowa ... the slender left-hander (6-1, 160) begins his professional career with the Farmers Union semi-pro team of Des Moines, Iowa (the same team where Bob Feller first started with in 1935) ... Hinrichs has one no-hitter, two one-hitters, one two-hitter.

Hinrichs enjoys an outstanding rookie season in 1938, posting a 27-8 record with a 2.82 ERA pitching for the Harlingen Hubs of the Texas Valley (D) League .... his 27 wins leads all of professional baseball.

The following year, Hinrichs is 15-8 for the Henderson Oilers and is named to the East Texas (C) League All-Star team ... in January, 1939, Hinrichs is one of 91 players released from the St. Louis Cardinals farm system into free agency in a ruling by Judge Landis.

Hinrichs quickly signs with the Cincinnati Reds and goes 17-19 in three seasons (1940-42) for the Columbia Reds of the South Atlantic (B) League ... drafted into the Army in 1943, Hinrichs is medically discharged on March 3, 1945, and immediately resigns with the Reds ... three weeks later, on March 24, at the age of 28, citing extreme back pain, Hinrichs retires from baseball.

### Hurler's Balk Gives Oilers 1-to-0 Victory

Dempster Yields Only Two Hits, but Loses Slab Battle for Tyler

HENDERSON, Texas, July 24.—Right-hander Wayne Dempster pitched masterful two-hit ball here Monday night, only to lose the battle for Tyler when he balked and allowed a Henderson runner to score from third for the only run of the game.

Lefty Gene Hinrichs furnished the other half of the brilliant mound duel by allowing the Trojans only three safe hits. It was his tenth victory of the season. He whiffed eleven batters and made use of the Oilers' two legs.

TYLER				HENDERSON			
Ab.	R.	H.	ERA	Ab.	R.	H.	ERA
Winters	2	1	2	O'Leary	1	0	0
Wells	2	0	0	Tatum	1	0	0
Frank	2	1	1	Winters	2	0	0
Hirsch	2	1	1	Winters	1	0	0
Freeman	2	0	0	Tatum	1	0	0
Wells	2	0	0	Tatum	1	0	0
Scott	2	0	0	Wells	1	0	0
Osby	2	0	0	Wells	1	0	0
Dempster	2	0	0	Hinrichs	2	0	0
Total	20	3	3	Total	20	1	1