

On This Date **November 16, 1978**

In parts of two seasons with Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics, pitcher **Harry Matuzak** is winless in four decisions with a 5.77 ERA. However, in 12 minor league seasons (1931-1942), the Omer, Michigan, native has 122 career victories.

Following a 11-14 mark with a 5.55 ERA in 1938 with the International League's Baltimore Orioles, the right-hander is sold to the Athletics for a third time on April 3, 1939.

"He (Matuzak) has been under the delusion that we have been keeping him back. We haven't." Says Orioles' general manager John Ogden says of Matuzak's conditional sale, "Now, however, Matuzak will get his opportunity, and he goes with our best wishes to make good."

Matuzak begins his pro career as a 21-year-old in 1931 with a 20-win season splitting time between the Nebraska State (D) League's McCook Generals (18-6) and the Oklahoma City Indians (2-1) of the A-level Western League.

The hard-throwing slabster makes the Athletics' 1934 opening day roster and is 0-3 with a 4.88 ERA in 11 relief appearances when on June 9 he is sent back to Oklahoma City where he is 3-13 with a 4.06 ERA.

After his retirement from baseball in 1942, he returns to Omer, where he serves as a foreman for the county roads agency until his retirement in 1973.



Harry Matuzak, 1938 Baltimore Orioles