

On This Date

June 24, 1931

Allentown rookie pitcher **Johnny DeShong** hurls 10 innings of no-hit ball against the Norfolk Tars and is credited with a win in his first and only career victory a 15-inning 3-2 win in the second game of a Eastern (A) League doubleheader

The youthful lefty pitches hitless ball until the 10th inning when centerfielder **Neil Dougherty** beats out a bunt for the Tars' first hit.

Staked to a 3-0 lead in the top of the 15th inning on the strength of a three-run double by Buffaloes' catcher **Johnny Pasek**, DeShong is relieved by former major leaguer **Paul Schreiber** with one out in the bottom of the inning after allowing two runs on three hits and a walk. The game is saved when Allentown's 38-year-old player/manager **Bullet Joe Bush** (a 196-game winner in 17 major league seasons) throws out Norfolk right fielder **Carr Smith** at home "by inches".

In out-dueling Tars right-hander and another former major leaguer **Ken (Broadway) Jones**, DeShong's final line reads two runs allowed on seven hits, eight walks and one strikeout in 14 1/3 innings. DeShong is released by Bush on August 23 in a general house cleaning. The following March, DeShong is named the head baseball coach at Beckley Business College in Harrisonburg.

ALLENTOWN				NORFOLK					
	ab.	r.	h.o.a.		ab.	r.	h.o.a.		
Kunesh, cf	6	0	2	5	Huarte, ss	7	1	1	1
Oleason, 2b	6	0	0	2	Calleran, 3b	4	0	1	2
Sneedy, lf	6	0	0	1	Henry, 1b	4	0	1	0
Jarrett, 3b	6	1	2	1	Smith, rf	5	0	1	4
Fitzberger, 1b	6	1	2	2	Roser, lf	4	0	0	5
Bush, rf	5	1	1	1	Walsh, 2b	6	0	1	1
Pasek, c	6	0	1	7	Dougherty, cf	7	0	2	0
Messner, ss	6	0	0	3	Minatree, c	5	0	0	1
DESHONG, p	5	0	1	0	JONES, p	6	0	0	4
					Kahn	1	1	1	0
Totals 52 3 10 45 23				Totals 49 2 8 45 27					

aBatted for Henry in fifteenth.
 Score by innings:
 Allentown . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3—3
 Norfolk . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3—2
 Error—Messner.
 Runs batted in—Pasek 3, Smith, Dougherty, Two-base hits—Fitzberger, Bush, Pasek, Sacrifices—Henry 2, Minatree. Stolen bases—Kunesh, Jarrett. Left on bases—Norfolk 14, Allentown 8. Double plays—Calleran to Walsh to Henry, Roser to Walsh. Struck out—By DeShong 1, Jones 2. Base on balls—Off DeShong 8, Jones 1. Hit by pitcher—By DeShong (Calleran). Passed ball—Pasek. Hits—Off DeShong 7 in 14 1/3 innings. Winning pitcher—DeShong. Umpires—Summers and Walsh. Time—3:27.