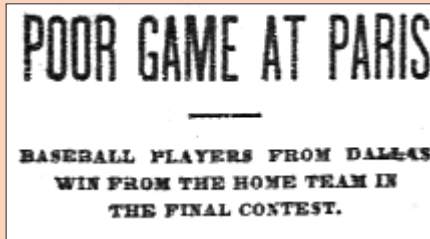


Pinch Hits: "A Week With the Paris Homeseekers"

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Led by shortstop Bert "Skinny" Adrian, the Paris Homeseekers commit a Texas League record 15 errors in a 19-9 loss to Dallas. Adrian, a journeyman infielder, leads the way with five errors, while a trio of Homeseeker pitchers contribute four miscues to the cause.



"It was without doubt one of the worst exhibitions of professional ball ever seen on a Texas diamond."

- Dallas Morning News

"There is no need to say more in explanation of the game. A study of the score will develop the harrowing details."

- Fort Worth Morning Register

The beneficiary of Paris' largesse is Dallas' Al Selby, who allows nine runs on 14 hits and three walks. Selby improves to 5-4 for the Griffins while Paris' starting pitcher Floyd Atkinson, who will later umpire in the league, suffers his first loss of the year.

Paris-	AB	R	BH	PO	A	E			
France, L. f.	5	2	1	3	0	0			
Adrian, s. s.	3	1	1	3	2	5			
Shelton, 3d b.	5	2	3	1	3	1			
Thebo, c. f.	5	1	2	5	0	1			
Moore, c.	5	2	2	6	1	1			
White, 1st b.	3	1	1	9	0	9			
Switzer, 2d b.	4	0	1	0	2	1			
Adams, r. f.	5	0	0	0	0	0			
Atkinson, p.	2	0	0	0	0	1			
Larrimore, D.	0	0	0	0	1	1			
Blackburn, P.	2	0	0	0	1	2			
Total	29	9	11	27	19	15			
Dallas-	AB	R	BH	PO	A	E			
Nickell, L. f.	6	4	3	4	0	0			
Schaelzler, s. s.	6	2	2	3	2	1			
Dawkins, 2d b.	3	1	0	3	1	0			
Cavender, c.	3	5	2	0	0	0			
Coyle, 3d b.	5	2	2	2	3	0			
Ury, 1st b.	6	2	2	3	0	1			
C. Selby, r. f.	5	1	1	3	1	1			
Berry, c.	6	2	1	4	0	1			
A. Selby, p.	6	1	1	0	2	1			
Total	46	19	14	27	19	6			
By innings-	1	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9
Paris	1	0	5	0	0	0	1	6	2-9
Dallas	1	3	1	5	1	0	3	0	5-19

Summary—Struck out, by Selby 4, Atkinson 3, Larrimore 2; Two base hits, Thebo, Cavender, Berry, Blackburn; three base hits, Shelton, Nickell; bases on balls, by Selby 3, by Atkinson 1, by Blackburn 2. Time of game, 2 hours. Umpires—Conn and Poindexter.

PARIS 13, CORSICANA 7.

Sullivan's Sluggers Make Nine Home Runs in the Game.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Corsicana, Tex., May 14.—Thirteen to seven is the epitome of the story of Corsicana's third consecutive defeat at the hands of Ted Sullivan's sluggers. An idea of the game may be gathered from the statement that nine of the visiting club's total scores were home runs. Nine times did the sphere go off into the unsettled country beyond the southern confines of the ball park, and once Wolfe sent the sphere so high and so far that if the fence had been as high as the telegraph poles just beyond it would still have gone over.

The Paris team was outfielded and outplayed at every point except on the home-run proposition. Wolfe and Bateman started this feature of the entertainment in the first inning, and Wolfe repeated the performance three times and Bateman four, while Coyle and Walsh each got in the push with one, while Shelton, for the home team, saved the reputation of the Oil City sluggers by hoisting one over in the ninth. Score by innings:

Corsicana	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	—	7
Paris	2	0	0	2	2	0	3	4	—	—	18

Batteries—Corsicana, Wright and Westlake; Paris, Pannil and Wolfe. Umpire, Matthews.

May 14, 1903

Quait "Sis" Bateman hits four home runs and a triple and Roland Wolfe adds three round trippers as the Paris Parasites sweep a three game series from the Corsicana Oil Citys with a 13-7 North Texas (D) League win. Pete Walsh and Frank Coyle also go deep for the Parasites, while Ben Shelton homers for the Oil Citys.

William "Lucky" Wright is the unfortunate Corsicana hurler to absorb the Paris long ball barrage. For Wright, its the first of four losses he will absorb before being released at the end of June and marks one of the greatest turnarounds (albeit negative) in professional baseball annals. Following a 35-8 mark with Corsicana a year earlier, the Palestine, Texas, native will finish 1903 with a 1-4 log.

May 17, 1903

Just three days after pounding out nine home runs against Corsicana, Paris is no-hit by 23-year-old Dallas Giants' ace

Rip Ragan. Ragan comes to within a ninth inning walk of having a perfect game. The Greenfield, Indiana, right-hander will lead the North Texas League in wins (25) before his contract is purchased by the Cincinnati Reds. Ragan is 0-2 with the Reds, allowing 40 hits and seven walks in only 18 innings pitched.



Quait Bateman

Born on December 25, 1876, Henry Quait Bateman leads the North Texas (D) League in batting average (.344), hits (132) and ties with Paris teammate Roland Wolfe for the leadership in home runs (13). In addition, the Collin County, Texas, native is third in wins (18). Bateman will play nine seasons in the minor leagues, finishing with the Central Association's Monmouth Browns in 1910.