

Pinch Hits, "Tigers & Foxes Go Out in Style"

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On September 4, the final day of the 1916 South Atlantic (C) League season, the Macon Tigers and the Columbus Foxes split a Labor Day double-header where the two teams combine for 25 runs and 44 hits in the second game after Macon's Reid "Rube" Zellars (right) fashions a no-hitter in the morning affair.



In winning his 22nd game of the year for a last-place team that manages only 65 wins on the season, the "bow-legged" Zellars strikes out nine en route to whitewashing the Foxes in the 10:30 a.m. contest. *The Columbus Daily-Enquirer* opines that diminutive left-hander's wildness (seven walks) "mars his escutcheon for no-hit honors."

The Daily-Enquirer also takes exception to the talents of umpire Weir, who in the seventh inning misses an apparent base hit down the third base line by Columbus catcher [Billy Widener](#) because, as the reporter saw it, "he had his back to base line and called it foul."

"Weir was arbiting, and that fellow's title certainly was a misnomer. If there is anything to stamp Weir as an umpire, several hundred people at the park yesterday failed to locate it."

The game's lone run is tallied in the second inning when Macon catcher [Ben Shaw](#) has a lead-off double and is later driven home on a two-out single by Zellars (a .261 hitter) for the game's only run. Columbus left fielder [Walter Werner](#) earns several "rounds of applause" from the assembled fans for his circus catches.

Lost in all of the excitement of Zeller's no-hitter is the performance of 22-year-old Columbus right-hander [Ralph Head](#). The University of Georgia product yields only seven hits and issues one lone walk in seeing his record drop to 14-13. Head will pitch one season in the major leagues with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1923, finishing 2-9 with five complete games a 6.66 ERA.

JOY RIDE FOR TIGERS

Macon Club Goes to Columbus by Motor.

Macon, Ga., Sept. 3.—The Macon club will make the trip to Columbus tomorrow morning in automobiles, for the Labor day doubleheader in that city. Arrangements for use of the automobiles were made when it appeared as if a railroad strike would be called for Monday. As these are the last games of the year for Macon, President Jacobs announced last night that contracts for automobiles would not be cancelled.

MACON AND COLUMBUS DIVIDE LAST GAMES OF THE SEASON

Tigers 1, Foxes 0.
Columbus, Ga., September 4.—Zellars was in great form this morning, after his long automobile ride from Macon to Columbus, and twirled a no-hit game. The little southpaw was the whole show, but was forced to divide honors with Werner, who accepted nine chances and made one of the prettiest catches that has ever been made on the local field. The score was 1 to 0 in favor of Macon. In the second inning Shaw hit for two bases and Zellars scored him with a single.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Macon 010 000 000—1 7 1
Columbus 000 000 000—0 0 1

Batteries—Zellars and Shaw; Head and Widener. Time, 1:35. Umpire, Weir.

First Game.										
Macon	ab.	r.h.	po.	a.	Columbus	ab.	r.h.	po.	a.	
Mackay, 2b	4	0	1	2	H'ndson, 2b	3	0	0	1	
G'tree, 2b	4	0	2	1	Burke, cf	2	0	0	1	
McL'ky, 3f	3	0	0	3	K'ob'n, ss	4	0	0	1	
Munn, lb	4	0	0	4	Werner, lf	3	0	0	9	
Poland, cf	4	0	1	4	Folmar, cf	4	0	0	1	
Shaw, c	3	1	1	1	Schw's, lb	3	0	0	1	
Teague, ss	3	0	1	0	Engan, 2b	0	0	0	1	
Stinson, rf	4	0	0	1	Widener, c	4	0	0	1	
Zellars, p	3	0	1	3	Head, p	2	0	0	4	
Totals	32	1	7	27	5	Totals	26	0	6	27

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Macon 010 000 000—1
Columbus 000 000 000—0

Summary—Two-base hit, Shaw; sacrifice hits, Engman, Teague, McCleskey; stolen base, H'ndson; base on balls, off Zellars 7, off Head 1; left on bases, Columbus 8, Macon 7; hit by pitched ball, Burke; struck out, by Zellars 5, by Head 1. Time, 1:35. Umpire, Weir.

Foxes 14, Tigers 11.
Columbus, Ga., September 4.—Terrific hitting featured the second game, won by Columbus, 14 to 11. Forty-four hits for 62 bases were made by the two clubs, Columbus getting 26. Included were seven doubles, two triples and two home runs. Zellars, who pitched the first game for Macon, went to right field, and Columbus unmercifully pounded Manager Stinson, who went into the box.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Macon 001 205 201—11 13 0
Columbus 101 320 10x—14 26 4

Batteries—Stinson and Shaw; Radabaugh, Cornelius and Widener. Time, 2:00. Umpire, Weir.

Col'bus	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	Macon	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
H'ndson, 2b	5	2	4	1	1	M'Kay, 2b	5	2	4	3	2
Burke, cf	5	2	3	2	1	G'tree, 2b	5	1	1	1	1
Radabaugh, ss	4	1	2	1	2	McG'ky, 3f	5	1	2	4	1
Werner, lf	4	1	1	2	0	Munn, lb	4	1	1	5	1
Folmar, cf	5	2	4	4	0	Poland, cf	4	0	2	2	0
Schw's, lb	4	2	4	7	0	Shaw, c	5	0	2	4	4
Engan, 2b	4	1	2	2	1	Teague, ss	5	0	0	3	4
Widener, c	4	1	3	7	2	Stinson, p	5	2	2	0	2
H'ndson, p	4	1	2	0	1	Zellars, rf	5	4	4	1	0
Col'bus, p	0	0	0	0	1						
Totals	35	14	26	27	9	Totals	43	11	13	24	13

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Columbus 101 320 10x—14
Macon 001 205 201—11

Summary: Errors, H'ndson 1, Howelbush 1, Werner 1, Engman 1, Widener 1; two-base hits, Engman, Munn, Burke, Widener 2, Radabaugh, Folmar; three-base hits, Folmar, H'ndson; home runs, Werner, Schwartz; stolen bases, Zellars, H'ndson, Burke 2, Folmar, Schwartz; double plays, Mackay to Munn to Shaw, Gossett to Teague to Munn, Burke to Widener; sacrifice hits, Mackay, McCleskey, Radabaugh, Werner; base on balls, off Stinson 1, off Radabaugh 1, off Cornelius 1; left on bases, Columbus 5, Macon 13; hits, off Radabaugh 13 in six innings; struck out, by Stinson 1, by Radabaugh 1, by Cornelius 2; passed balls, Widener, Shaw. Time of game, 2 hours. Umpire, Weir.

The day's second game gets underway at 4:00 p.m., and Macon's player/manager [George Stinson](#) follows up Zeller's complete game with one of his own.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, the 34-year-old outfielder-turned-slab artist isn't as effective, allowing 14 runs (all earned) on 26 hits in eight innings or work. Stinson is tagged early, allowing seven runs in the first inning on eight hits, including three doubles, one triple and one home run. Zellars switches with Stinson and moves to right field for the second game and is 4-for-5 with a stolen base as Macon totals 18 hits of its own.

The two games take three hours and 35 minutes to play. The afternoon game is preceded by a game at 2:30 between [Bibb Manufacturing](#) and the YMCA. The Bibb players are convinced not to give up their day jobs as YMCA rolls to a 10-0 victory. However it is learned after the game that the YMCA "engaged" James Daly, an officer from Girard, Alabama to do the pitching for them.