

Cups of Coffee: Ed Donalds

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He wasn't particularly effective, but he wasn't particularly ineffective either. Unfortunately, for [Ed Donalds](#), a 29-year-old rookie pitcher for the struggling Cincinnati Reds, his performance on September 1, 1912, in the second game of a doubleheader against the Pittsburgh Pirates before 15,000 spectators at Redland Field does not prove good enough.

The Sunday afternoon is "scorching hot and the sun makes perspiration fall in blinding sheets," when Donalds, obtained a week earlier for \$1,500 from the Portsmouth Cobblers where he was 25-12 for a fifth-place club, relieves starter [Bill Doak](#) at the start of the third inning with the Reds leading 3-2. The Bidwell, Ohio, native allows two runs on seven hits in four innings and picks up the win in a 11-6 victory.

Major League Debut

September 1, 1912

Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds
Redland Field, Cincinnati, Ohio

Pittsburgh	AB	H	O	A	E	Cincinnati	AB	H	O	A	E
Byrne, 3b...	4	1	0	2	0	Bescher, lf...	3	2	3	0	0
Donlin, lf...	5	2	3	0	0	Marsans, cf...	5	2	2	1	0
Hofman, cf...	4	2	4	0	0	Hoblitzel, 1b...	5	2	3	0	0
Hendricks, cf...	1	1	0	0	0	Mitchell, rf...	5	1	2	0	0
Wagner, ss...	5	4	1	7	1	Phelan, 2b...	3	2	1	1	0
Miller, 1b...	5	3	12	0	0	Grant, ss...	3	2	3	5	0
Wilson, rf...	5	2	0	0	0	Egan, 2b...	1	0	3	2	0
Butler, 2b...	3	0	2	0	0	McLean, c...	2	1	2	1	0
Simon, c...	4	2	2	3	0	Clarke, c...	0	0	1	0	0
Cole, p...	3	0	0	3	1	Doak, p...	0	0	0	1	0
McCarthy*	1	0	0	0	0	Donalds, p...	1	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	40	17	24	15	2	Benton, p...	1	0	0	2	0
						Severold†	1	0	0	0	0
						Bates‡	1	1	0	0	0
						Samond§	0	0	0	0	0
						Totals.....	33	13	27	14	0

*Batted for Cole in the ninth.

†Batted for Doak in the second.

‡Batted for Donalds in the sixth.

§Batted for Bates in the sixth.

Pittsburgh..... 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 3--6
Cincinnati..... 3 0 0 1 0 4 0 1 3--11

Runs—Byrne, Wilson, Donlin (2), Hofman, Hendricks, Bescher (2), Marsans (2), Hoblitzel, Phelan, Grant (2), Clarke, and Edmond. Two-base hits—Marsans, Hoblitzel, and Miller. Three-base hit—Donlin. Sacrifice hits—Egan (3) and Butler. Stolen bases—Phelan, Byrne, and Bescher. Hits—Off Doak, 4 in 2 innings; off Donalds, 7 in 4 innings; off Benton, 4 in 1 inning. Struck out—By Cole, 3; by Donalds, 1; by Benton, 1. Bases on balls—Off Cole, 3; off Doak, 1. Passed ball—Simon. Left on bases—Pittsburgh, 9; Cincinnati, 6. Double play—Grant to Egan. Hit by pitcher—By Cole (Bescher). Umpires—Messrs. Eason and Johnstone. Time of game—3 hours and 6 minutes.

In the second game of a Sunday afternoon doubleheader at Redland Field, Cincinnati rookie Ed Donalds, in relief of starter Bill Doak, allows two runs on seven hits in four innings and picks the win in a 11-6 victory over the visiting Pittsburgh Pirates.

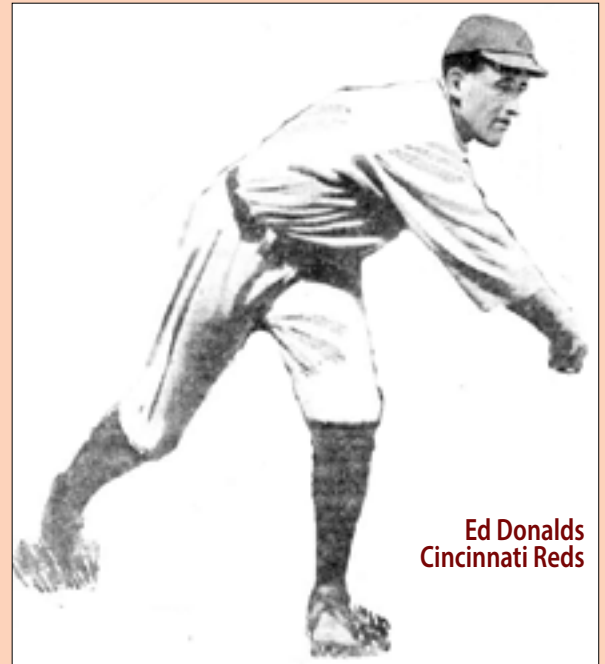
Regarded at the beginning of his career as a "speedball pitcher" with a top-notch spitter, Donalds signs his first pro contract in the winter of 1910 with the American Association's St. Paul Saints, but is released from the team's spring training camp in early April. Returning to his native Ohio, he plays the entire season with the Lima Cigarmakers under the alias of [Eddie Miller](#). He turns in a three-hit shutout in his pro debut and is 13-11 on the year with three shutouts.

And when [Rube Benton](#), the third of three Cincinnati pitchers, induces Pirate right-fielder [Owen Wilson](#) to ground out back to the mound for the 27th and final out of the two-hour, six-minute affair, Donalds becomes one of only 28 players in major league baseball history to record a victory in his only major league appearance. Two weeks later, Donalds is found wanting by manager [Hank O'Day](#) and surprisingly draws his release on September 16, returning to Portsmouth.

Donalds will never return to the major leagues.

Back in Portsmouth for 1913, he leads the Ohio State League in wins with 30 (against only 8 losses). After two seasons with the Cobblers, where he is 55-20, Donalds makes the move up the minor league ladder to the Texas (B) League where he will win 124 games in eight seasons playing for Waco (1914-1919) and Houston (1921-1922). Five times he wins 17-or-more games, including a second 30-win season with the Waco Navigators in 1914.

Born on June 22, 1883, Edward Alexander Donalds is one of nine siblings to Alexander and Sara Donalds of Bidwell, Ohio. As an adolescent, Donalds is introduced to baseball on sandlot and town teams in and around the Columbus, Ohio, area.



Ed Donalds
Cincinnati Reds

EDDIE DONALDS DRAWS RELEASE



He won a double-header for Lima, Saturday, and struck out 15 men in the first game. His baseball nom de plume is Miller.

Pitcher Eddie Miller of Lima is in private life, E. A. Donalds, of Columbus.

Ed Donalds [2 of 7]:

Ed Donalds Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	Finish	W-L-T	GP	GS	CG	SHO	INN	H	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1910	Lima Cigarmakers	Ohio State	D	82-56	2 of 6	*13-11	31	27	19	3	201.2	160	±62	60	122	--
1911	Lima Cigarmakers	Ohio State	D	62-77	6 of 8	18-15-1	35	31	26	3	251.0	227	±116	80	146	--
1912	Portsmouth Cobblers	Ohio State	D	64-73	5 of 6	25-12	39	36	33	4	300.1	252	±92	70	142	--
	Cincinnati Reds	NATIONAL	ML	75-78	4 of 8	1-0	1	0	0	0	4.0	7	2	0	1	4.50
1913	Portsmouth Cobblers	Ohio State	D	83-55	3 of 8	30-8-2	42	37	37	8	347.2	262	±86	70	205	--
1914	Waco Navigators	Texas	B	102-50	1 of 8	30-4-1	42	35	32	7	304.1	218	±91	62	134	--
1915	Waco Navigators	Texas	B	87-60	1 of 8	18-12-3	40	32	27	3	285.2	268	±95	44	124	--
1916	Waco Navigators	Texas	B	84-59	1 of 8	17-10	38	27	19	2	264.0	242	68	60	111	2.32
1917	Waco Navigators	Texas	B	84-73	3 of 8	17-11-2	46	31	19	4	277.0	242	73	58	120	2.37
1918	Waco Navigators	¹ Texas	B	45-40	3 of 6	11-8-1	24	19	16	4	172.0	165	36	41	84	2.77
1919	Waco Navigators	Texas	B	60-86	7 of 8	11-11	31	21	19	4	192.0	179	56	54	76	2.63
1920	Whitaker Steel Plant	Portsmouth Industrial	SPro	13-10	2 of 6	8-5	13	11	11	2	90.0	67	25	19	53	2.50
1921	Houston Buffaloes	Texas	A	92-67	2 of 8	17-9	32	26	20	4	225.0	227	80	55	70	3.20
1922	2 Teams	2 Leagues	B-A			12-15-1	31	30	23	4	234.0	251	88	40	43	3.38
	Houston Buffaloes	Texas	A	57-95	7 of 8	3-9	13	13	9	0	98.0	120	52	21	19	4.78
	Evansville Aces	Three-I	B	74-64	4 of 8	9-6-1	18	17	14	4	136.0	131	36	19	24	2.38
1923	Evansville Aces	Three-I	B	72-65	5 of 8	14-14	34	24	16	3	215.0	239	±76	58	70	--
1924	Columbus Mendels	Eastern Ohio	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1925	Mt. Vernon Mounts	Eastern Ohio	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
Major League Totals		1 Season				1-0	1	0	0	0	4.0	7	2	0	1	4.50
Minor League Totals		13 Seasons				233-140-11	465	376	306	53	2959.2	2932	1019	752	1447	2.91

Bold denotes led league

* Played as Eddie Miller

+ Denotes Total Runs

¹ Denotes Texas League folded July 7, 1918

Ed Donalds Birth Date?

World War I Draft Card June 22, 1882
 Baseball Reference..... June 22, 1883
 World War II Draft Card June 22, 1884
 Ancestry.com June 22, 1884 or 1885

Returning to the Cigarmakers in 1911, he is 18-15 after starting the year 2-6. His 18 wins lead the team and are tied for 6th among Ohio State League pitchers. He completes 26 games in 31 starts, including three shutouts.

Despite being considered the best pitcher in the Ohio State League, an off-season change in the Lima ownership allows Donalds to move over to the Portsmouth Cobblers for the 1912 season.

PITCHER DONALDS LOST GAME, BY HIS INDIFFERENT PLAYING

On June 30, he is 12-8 and is coming off his third shutout of the season when he manages to lose a 7-1 lead in the top of the ninth inning against the visiting Mansfield Brownies. Following the game Donalds is mobbed by an irate Portsmouth crowd and his teammates accuse him in the local newspaper of being "yellow." Branded a traitor by his team, Manager [Pete Childs](#) fines the 29-year-old \$110 and says he is considering suspending him for the remainder of the season.

Later the fine is reduced to \$50 and Donalds is 24-12 when he is purchased by the Cincinnati Reds on August 24 for a reported \$1,500. Four days after winning his 25th game for the Cobblers, Donalds makes his major league debut on September 1, with the Cincinnati Reds against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Replacing starter [Bill Doak](#) in the third inning, Donalds allows two runs on seven hits in four in-

Donalds Looked Fine

nings and picks up the win as Cincinnati scores six runs in the sixth inning en route to an 11-6 Reds' win. Two weeks later Donalds is returned to a disappointed Portsmouth team, and the \$1,500 is returned to the Reds.



Ed Donalds
1909 Westerns



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1909 Westerns

Donalds Ordered To Join The Reds

Ed Donalds [3 of 7]:

Just prior to the start of the 1913 season, Donalds' services are pursued by the Scranton Miners of the New York State League, but he elects to stay one more year with Portsmouth. Back in the Ohio State League for a fourth-straight year, Donalds improves on his 25-win total from the year before by winning 30 games for the third-place Gobblers. He leads the league in wins, innings pitched (347), strikeouts (205) and shutouts (8). In July, Donalds pitches three-straight shutouts and four all-together in the month. On December 4, the *Portsmouth Daily Times* reports that their star pitcher is "flirting" with signing with a Federal League team. The rumor proves unfounded.

IS DONALDS FLIRTING WITH FEDERAL LEAGUE?

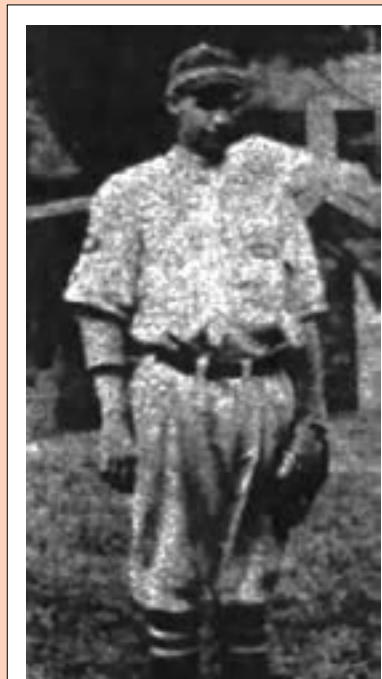


Ed Donalds
1912 Portsmouth Cobblers

In 1914, for the first time in five minor league seasons, Donalds suits up for a team not in the Ohio State League. Joining the Waco Navigators he produces his second-straight 30-win season, going 30-4-1 for the Texas League champs. Finishing the season with 12 consecutive wins, his 30 victories lead the league and his career-high seven shutouts tie for the most. Twelve times he limits his opponent to five-hits-or-less, including two one-hit affairs. Following the season, he is selected by the Brooklyn Dodgers in a "secret draft," before being assigned to Newark after Christmas.

In early March Donalds lets it be known that he would like to return to Waco for 1915. In mid-March, he's at the Brooklyn Dodgers' pre-season camp at Daytona Beach when he is sold back to the Navigators. Waco manager [Ellis Hardy](#) says that the team could not let the talented right-hander go to another team in the Texas League. Donalds starts the season 3-5, but on June 1, in career appearance No. 194, Donalds notches his first career no-hitter during an 11-0 win over Shreveport. Donalds wins nine of his last 11 decisions and finishes the season 18-12 with three ties.

Donalds begins 1916 slowly with only four complete games in his first 10 starts. As Waco battles Shreveport down to the season's final weekend for the Texas League championship, Donalds is at his best going 6-1 in seven August starts. Over a 13-day span (August 1-14), the veteran right-hander is 4-0 while allowing only four runs on 20 hits in 39 innings. He finishes the season 17-10 with a 2.37 ERA as the Navigators



Ed Donalds
1912 Portsmouth Cobblers

(84-59) edge the Gassers (84-61) by one game for their third-straight Texas League crown.

Katy Park, Waco



Designed by former minor league player [Henry Fabian](#), Katy Park opens in time for the 1905 Texas League season. In 1930, it becomes the first park in Texas League history to be equipped with lights. The facility is destroyed by a tornado on May 11, 1953, causing the hometown Pirates to move 175 miles northeast to Longview, Texas. The tornado kills 114 and injures 597, making it at the time the deadliest tornado in Texas history since 1900. Katy Park is finally demolished in 1965.

Back for his fourth season with the Navigators, Donalds, starts the 1917 season 7-1 with a pair of shutouts. Making a career-high 46 appearances, including 15 out of the bullpen, Donalds is 17-11-2 with a 2.37 ERA. He has 19 complete games with four shutouts and two saves as Waco (84-73) finishes in third place, 10 1/2 games behind champion Dallas (96-64).



Ed Donalds
1914 Waco Navigators

In 1918, with war drums beating louder following America's increasing involvement in World War I, the government's "work-or-fight" order depletes team rosters across the nation as players either enter the military or find war-related jobs to avoid the fighting that eventually will cost 9.7 million military lives.

Ed Donalds [4 of 7]:

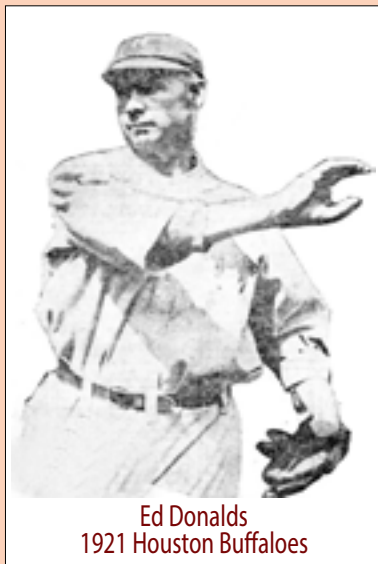
Donalds responds to being named the team's season opening-day starter (for the second time in five years) by pitching a five-hit shutout of Fort Worth. The 35-year-old is 11-8-1 with four shutouts when the Texas League, due to the war, decides to shut down operations on July 7.

In his sixth and final season with the Navigators, Donalds is 11-11 in 1919, with four shutouts and one save. Three of his four shutouts are against the Galveston Pirates. Over his final three appearances for the Navigators, Donalds is 2-1 and allows only three earned runs over his final 33 innings, lowering his ERA on the season down from 3.00 to 2.63.

On February 8, 1920, Waco sells Donalds to the Houston Buffaloes. Two months later, Donalds telegraphs the Buffaloes that he will be late in reporting due to his wife's illness. A couple of weeks later, he tells Houston that he has a good job with The Whitaker-Glessner Steel Mills Plant in Portsmouth, Ohio, and he is quitting pro baseball for good. In May, he agrees to pitch for the Whitaker-Glessner semipro team.



Ed Donalds
1915 Waco Navigators



Ed Donalds
1921 Houston Buffaloes

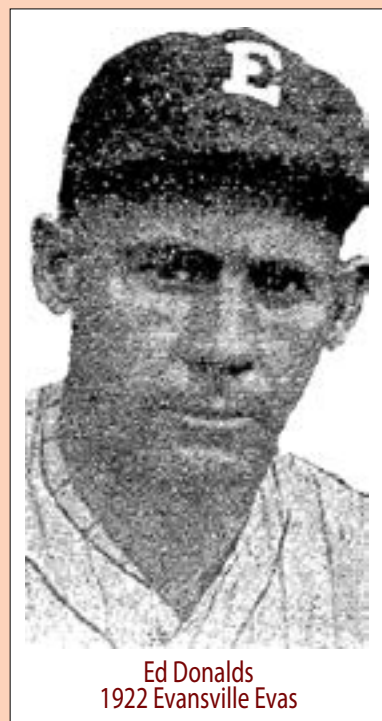
Still property of the Texas League's Houston franchise after voluntarily retiring the previous year, Donalds reports and enjoys a comeback year with the Buffaloes in 1921, finishing 17-9 with 20 complete games in 26 starts. He completes 10 of his last 11 starts, including three of his four shutouts on the year. On July 25, against Fort Worth, he starts (and wins) both games of a doubleheader for the first time in his career.

Back with Houston for the start of the 1922 season, Donalds is 3-9 with a 4.78 ERA on July 3, when he is sent to Evansville of the Three-I League. The change of scenery does the self-described "soft-tosser" good. He is 9-6 with a 2.38 ERA for the Evas with four shutouts in only 17 starts. Donalds also proves to be very popular with the Evansville faithful and Eva player/manager [Johnny Nee](#) tells the fans that he will do everything possible to bring his free agent pitcher back for 1923.

True to his word, Nee convinces his reticent mound artist to return to Evansville in 1923, for what will be his 13th and final season. Starting with back-to-back complete games, including a 1-0 shutout of the Danville Vets, the 40-year-old Donalds leads the team in wins (14) and is second in innings pitched (215). The following

VETERAN HURLER
WANTS TO RETIRE

February Donalds informs the team that he plans to retire and asks to be placed on the voluntary retired list. He tells the Vets that he has a job working for an large architect firm in Columbus, Ohio, and that he "does not desire," to give up such work. True to his word, Donalds stays in Columbus and for the next two years is content to play for several semipro teams in the independent Eastern Ohio League.



Ed Donalds
1922 Evansville Evas

1907 Brown's Sterlings - Columbus, Ohio



Top row: N. Myers, r. f. Ansel, c. f. and business manager, A. Tanner, manager, C. Tanner, l. f., middle row: W. Myers, s. s., Mack, 2b., Angle, 3b.; bottom row: Trout, 1b., Donalds, p., Stillins, s., Barnett, sub. Pitcher Donalds has had 88 strikes outs in the last 8 games. The Sterlings have won 29 and lost 7.

In 13 minor league seasons, Donalds is 233-140 with 11 ties. He starts 376 of his 465 appearances with 306 complete games, including 53 shutouts. He logs 2,959 and 2/3 innings with 1,447 strikeouts.

Donalds dies on July 3, 1950 in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 67.

Ed Donalds [5 of 7]:

Donalds Chronology

April 28, 1909

Lancaster Lanks' manager [George Fox](#) releases Donalds just prior to the team's season opener.

No-Hitter

June 6, 1909

May & Company vs. Westerns
Columbus, Ohio

Donalds pitched remarkable ball for the Westerns Sunday against the May & Co. team and shut them out, 1 to 0, without allowing a single hit. Munk was also in rare form. Score:

May & Co.		Westerns	
ab	r	ab	r
A. Fries, 2	3	0	0
Weber, 3	0	0	0
Anderson, 3	0	0	0
Rolfes, 1	0	0	0
E. P. Ham, 3	0	0	0
Dreher, 1	0	0	0
Crab, 1	0	0	0
Huff, 1	0	0	0
Munk, 1	0	0	0
Totals	25	0	0

Two out when winning run scored.
Westerns 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1
May & Co. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

Stolen bases—May & Co. 2. Westerns 2. First base on balls—Off Donalds 3, off Munk 2. Double plays—Myers to Cole; Francis to Rolfes. Hit by pitched ball—Weber. Anderson. Struck out—By Donalds 9, by Munk & Passed ball—Friend. Wild pitch—Munk. Time—1:21. Umpire—Bailey

Westerns' star pitcher Ed Donalds pitches a no-hitter in a 1-0 win over May & Company. Donalds strikes out nine and walks three. With the win, Westerns (5-1) moves into first-place in Columbus' Capital City League by one game over May & Company and the Panhandles.

June 6, 1909

Donalds of the Westerns pitches a no-hitter in a 1-0 win over May & Company ... he strikes out nine and walks three in the win.

May 6, 1910

Playing under the alias "F.E. Miller," Donalds make his pro debut in style with Lima of the Ohio State (D) League, pitching a 3-hit shutout of visiting Marion ... he strikes out five and walks two in the Cigarmakers' 2-0 win.

June 18, 1911

Donalds faces only 28 batters in a 1-0 win over visiting Hamilton ... allows only one hit to [Frank Locke](#) in the eighth inning, and one walk while striking out six.

June 31, 1912

Pitching for the Portsmouth Cobblers, Donalds loses a 7-1 lead in the top of the ninth inning against the visiting Mansfield Brownies ... following the game, he is mobbed by an irate Portsmouth crowd and his teammates accuse him in the local newspaper of being "yellow." ... branded a traitor to his team, Manager Pete Childs fines the 29-year-old \$110 and says he is considering suspending him for the

remainder of the season.

August 12, 1912

Donalds is sold by Portsmouth to the National League's Cincinnati Reds ... the *Cincinnati Enquirer* reports that the Reds' newest rookie in the team's late-season rebuild is 23 years old when in fact he is two months past his 29th birthday.

1910 - Lima Cigarmakers



Top Row (L-R): Hedgecock; Lefty Houtz; Pat Riley; W.S. Murphy business manager; George Textor; Frank Nesser; Osborne. **Second Row**: F.E. Miller; Frank Friend; Al Newnham, manager; Ralph Munk. **Bottom Row**: Bill Irving; Al McClintock; Arthur Long; James Doherty; Harry Lloyd.

Professional Debut

May 6, 1910

Marion Diggers at Lima Cigarmakers
San Felice Park, Lima, Ohio

Marion	A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Colligan, rf.	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
Willoughby, 3b.	3	0	1	1	2	2	0
Thomas, 1b.	4	0	0	8	0	0	0
Hummell, 2b.	3	0	0	6	2	0	0
Reilly, c.	3	0	1	3	2	0	0
Ayette, ss.	3	0	1	1	3	0	0
Redlin, cf.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Boughter, lf.	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
Zmich, lf.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lewis, p.	3	0	0	0	1	0	0

Totals 27 0 3 27 10 2

Lima	A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Green, lf.	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
McClintock, ss.	4	0	2	3	2	0	0
Faurot, rf.	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nesser, 1b.	4	0	1	8	2	0	0
Doherty, cf.	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
Weller, 3b.	3	0	1	3	2	0	0
Newnham, 2b.	2	1	0	1	2	0	0
Friend, c.	4	0	0	8	1	0	0
Miller, p.	3	1	0	0	1	0	0

Totals 31 2 5 27 10 0

Two-base hit, Green; sacrifice hit, Willoughby; bases on balls, off Lewis 4, off Miller 2; struck out, by Lewis 1, by Miller 5; left on bases, Marion 3, Link 6; double plays, Hummell to Thomas, Weller to Nesser to Weller; time of game, 1:35; umpire, Flaherty; attendance, 200.

Playing under the name "F.E. Miller," Donalds make his pro debut in style, pitching a 3-hit shutout of visiting Marion. Donalds strikes out five and walks two in the Cigarmakers' 2-0 win.

August 29, 1912

Donalds is told to report to the Reds when it's in Pittsburgh.

September 1, 1912

In the second game of a Sunday doubleheader with Pittsburgh, Donalds, in relief of starter Bill Doak, another rookie, allows two runs on seven hits in four innings and picks the win in a 11-6 victory over the visiting Pirates.

March 7, 1914

Donalds reports to the Waco Navigators training camp.

Ed Donalds [6 of 7]:

Texas League Debut

April 10, 1914

Dallas Giants at Waco Navigators
Katy Park, Waco, Texas

Waco—	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Rose, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Akin, 3b	2	0	1	0	2	2
Tanner, ss	4	0	0	3	1	1
Malmquist, 2b	4	1	0	3	1	0
Wohlleben, 1b	4	1	1	7	1	0
Crichlow, cf	3	1	0	3	0	0
Clemens, lf	4	1	1	3	0	0
Reilly, c	3	1	1	7	2	0
Donalds, p	4	0	2	1	0	0
Total	32	6	7	27	16	3

Dallas—	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Kellerman, ss	2	0	1	1	1	1
Jordan, 2b	4	0	0	1	6	1
Harrison, lf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Voltz, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Storch, cf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Tullis, 3b	4	0	1	0	1	1
Gross, 1b	4	0	0	12	0	0
Basham, c	4	0	0	2	0	2
Hornaby, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott, p	2	0	0	0	5	0
Totals	32	0	3	24	15	5

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Summary.
Innings pitched, by Hornaby 11-3, hits off Hornaby 3, base on balls, off Donalds 3, off Scott 1; struck out, by Donalds 6, by Scott 2, two-base hits, Donalds, Reilly, Tullis; sacrifice hit, Crichlow, stolen bases, Rose (2), Kellerman (2); double play, Scott to Kellerman to Gross; first base on errors, Waco 4, Dallas 1; left on bases, Waco 6, Dallas 3; time 1:43; umpire, Nuzent.

In his Texas League debut, Waco's Ed Donalds shuts out visiting Dallas 5-0 in a "listless" game. Donalds allows the Giants two singles and a double en route to picking up the first of 124 career victories in the Texas League.

April 10, 1914

Donalds makes his Texas League debut shutting out visiting Dallas 5-0 in a game described as "listless" ... Donalds allows the Giants two singles and a double, and strikes out six en route to picking up the first of 74 Texas League victories.

April 19, 1914

Donalds pitches his second shutout in three starts when he blanks Fort Worth 14-0 on two hits while striking out six ... Donalds also collects three hits in four at bats and in his three starts he is 6-for-9 with a double.

May 25, 1914

Donalds picks up his fourth shutout of the season with a 3-0 win over Dallas ... he allows only three hits and strikes out six raising his record to 6-1 on the season.

October 4, 1914

Donalds, the star pitcher for Waco, has been drafted by Brooklyn of the National League ... drafted under a "secret system," Waco receives \$1,500 for his services ... Donalds is later drafted by the Birmingham Barons, but the selection is disallowed.

March 16, 1915

Donalds leaves the Brooklyn Dodgers' pre-season camp in Daytona Beach, Florida, when its announced that he's been sold back to the Navigators.

June 1, 1915

In career appearance No. 194, Donalds pitches his first career no-hitter in an 11-0 win over the Shreveport Gassers ... he strikes out six and faces only 29 batters en route to the complete game effort in Shreveport's Beidenham Park.

May 22, 1919

Donalds relieves starter [Dick Blunk](#) with one out in the first inning and holds Galveston scoreless until the ninth inning in Waco's 7-2 win ... in squaring his season record at 2-2, he allows seven hits while striking out five and walking three.

April 18, 1921

Back in professional baseball following a one-year hiatus, Donalds makes his Houston Buffaloes' debut with a five-hit complete game win over Galveston.

June 25, 1921

For the first time in his career, Donalds starts both ends of a doubleheader ... in the first game of the double-bill in Fort Worth, Donalds shutouts the Panthers 5-0 on five hits ... in the second game, he lasts seven innings and picks up his 11th win of the season in a 14-9 victory.

May 21, 1922

Donalds wins the 999th and final game of his Texas League career, a 5-3 decision over visiting Fort Worth.

July 3, 1922

Donald's Texas League career comes to an end when he and fellow pitcher [Ike Pearson](#) are released to the Three-I League under optional agree ... Pearson (6-5, 4.93) is sent to Peoria while Donalds (3-9, 4.78) is told to report to Evansville.

Texas League No-Hitter

June 1, 1915

Waco Navigators at Shreveport Gassers
Beidenham Park, Shreveport, Louisiana

Waco—	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Tanner, ss	4	1	2	4	2	1
Coyle, cf	5	1	4	5	0	0
Crichlow, lf	2	1	2	0	0	0
James, rf	5	1	1	4	0	0
Malmquist, 2b	5	2	1	0	3	0
Wohlleben, 1b	4	1	2	10	0	1
Conwell, 3b	2	1	1	1	0	0
Grubb, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Reilly, c	4	2	2	3	0	0
Donalds, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	37	11	15	27	9	2

Shreveport—	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Becker, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Parkin, ss	4	0	0	2	5	1
McElveen, 3b	2	0	0	1	1	0
Schraeder, 1b	2	0	0	15	1	0
Riekert, lf	2	0	0	2	0	1
Barr, cf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Newton, 2b	2	0	0	0	2	1
Toland, c	2	0	0	4	3	2
Nolly, p	2	0	0	0	4	1
Schilling, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Garvin	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	0	0	27	16	6

*Hit for Schilling in 6th.
By Innings—
Waco001 000 214—11
Shreveport000 000 000—0
Sacrifice hits, Wohlleben, Conwell, Reilly, Donalds. Two-base hit, James. Three-base hits, Coyle, Crichlow. Innings pitched, Nolly 8; hits, off Nolly 10; runs, off Nolly 7. Struck out, Nolly 3, Schilling 1, Donalds 2. Wild pitch, Nolly. Left on bases, Waco 7, Shreveport 1.

In career appearance No. 194, Donalds pitches his first career no-hitter in an 11-0 win over the Shreveport Gassers. Donalds strikes out six and faces only 29 batters en route to the complete game effort.

Ed Donalds [7 of 7]:

Extra Stanza Shutout

August 6, 1916

San Antonio Bronchos at Waco Navigators
Katy Park, Waco, Texas

San Antonio	AB	R	H	O	A	E.
Beggs, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Wotell, rf	4	0	1	1	0	1
Burch, 2b	4	0	0	0	4	1
Westerall, 3b	4	0	1	1	3	0
Dunkel, 1b	4	0	2	1	1	0
Butler, ss	3	0	0	4	3	0
Clark, cf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Cook, c	3	0	0	3	1	0
Stewart, p	3	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	33	0	5	31	13	2

*One out in eleventh when winning run was made.

Waco	AB	R	H	O	A	E.
Pittie lf	5	1	1	4	1	0
Coyle cf	5	0	1	3	0	0
Malmquist, 1b	4	0	0	3	3	0
James, rf	3	0	2	3	0	0
Tanner, ss	2	0	0	3	3	0
Conwell, 3b	3	0	0	0	2	0
Leslie, 1b	4	0	0	5	1	0
Reilly c	4	0	0	10	3	0
Donalds, p	4	0	1	1	3	0
Totals	34	1	5	33	16	0

By Innings:
San Antonio 000 000 000 00—3
Waco 000 000 000 01—1

Summary:
Two-base hits—Clark, Coyle, sacrifices, Cook, Butler, Tanner (2); Malmquist, stolen base, Dunkel, double plays, Butler to Burch to Dunkel, Pittie to Conwell to Reilly, base on balls, off Stewart 1; hit by pitcher, by Stuart 1, struck

It takes 11 innings, but Ed Donalds improves his record to 13-10, out-dueling San Antonio's 17-game winner Harry Stewart. In picking up his third win in 12 days, Donalds strikes out nine and allows only five hits. The Navigators sweep the Sunday doubleheader and pull to within 1/2 game of first-place Shreveport.

July 9, 1922

Donalds' Evansville debut is a success when the Aces score twice in the bottom of the ninth for a 6-5 win over Peoria.

March 8, 1923

Donalds inks his final professional contract, signing with Evansville for one year.

May 1, 1923

For the fourth time in his career Donalds is his team's opening day starter ... he limps visiting Decatur to four hits en route to a 6-3 win over the Commies.

June 22, 1923

Donalds turns in his seventh complete game of the year the hard way, allowing a career-worst 22 hits in a 17-2 loss at Peoria.

July 22, 1923

Donalds pitches the 53rd and final shutout of his career allowing Rockford only three hits in a 7-0 Eva win.

August 1, 1923

After being suspended for 10 days following an incident with Peoria manager [Dick Breen](#), Donalds has his punishment reduced to \$50 and is reinstated immediately ... fellow Evansville pitcher [Jim Faulkner](#), who ran onto the field and punched Breen, is ordered out of the league for the remainder of the season.

August 9, 1923

Faulkner is reinstated back into the Three-I League ... the future major leaguer will finish 13-10 and second to Donalds (14) in wins among Evansville pitchers.

1922 - Evansville Aces



Left to right: Pete Hughes, 2b; Johnny Nee, ss & Mgr.; John Grant, 3b; George Lothes, 1b; Allen Conkwright, p; Babe Ganzel, cf; M.D. Kimpling, p; Ed Donalds, p; Lee, p; Pat Patterson, c; Walt Doan, rf; Claude Gillenwater, p; Dick Reichle, of; Jack Dougherty, p; Asplan, president.

Roloids Personified

May 22, 1919

Galveston Pirates at Waco Navigators
Katy Park, Waco, Texas

Galveston	Ab	H	Po	A	Waco	Ab	H	Po	A
Garrity, rf	3	0	0	0	Mokan, cf	3	0	2	0
Cain, ss	5	2	3	5	Tanner, ss	3	0	3	5
Coombs, cf	4	2	3	0	Leslie, 1b	2	3	9	0
Hanser, 1b	2	0	1	1	James, rf	4	1	1	1
Phelan, 2b	4	0	1	1	Hoffman, 2b	4	0	4	1
Clark, 2b	3	1	2	5	Graham, lf	3	1	5	0
Crislow, lf	4	1	0	0	Doody, 2b	3	1	0	2
Howie, c	4	1	2	2	White, c	4	3	2	0
Coachman, p	3	0	0	2	Blunk, p	0	0	0	0
*Wells	1	1	0	0	Donalds, p	3	0	1	3
Totals	33	8	24	16	Totals	30	9	27	12

*Batted for Coachman in ninth.

By Innings:

Galveston 000 000 001—2
Waco 002 110 21*—7

Runs—Garrity, Clark, Mokan 2, Tanner 2, Leslie, Graham 2. Two-base hits—Cain, James, Coombs, White, Howie. Home run—Graham. Stolen bases—Coombs, Tanner 2, Mokan. Double plays—James to White; Donalds to Tanner; Cain to Clark to Hanser. Bases on balls—Off Blunk 2, off Donalds 3, off Coachman 2. Errors—Cain 2, Clark, Dowie, Tanner.

Donalds relieves starter Dick Blunk with one out in the first inning and holds the Pirates scoreless until the ninth inning en route to evening his season record at 2-2. He allows seven hits while striking out five and walking three.



Jim Faulkner

Faulkner is suspended on August 1, for the duration of the 1923 season for punching Peoria manager Dick Breen. Eight days he is reinstated. The Beatrice, Nebraska, native is 10-8 over three major league seasons with the New York Giants and Brooklyn.

September 7, 1923

In the final appearance of his career, Donalds picks up his 14th win of the season and No. 233 in his career as Evansville beat Danville 5-4.

February 15, 1924

The Evansville Evas announce that Donalds wants to retire and has asked to be placed on the voluntary retired list ... Donalds tells the team that he is working for an architect firm in Columbus, Ohio, and that he "does not desire," to give up such work.

July 3, 1950

Donalds dies in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 67.