

# Chippy Gaw, "The Doctor is in"

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George Joseph (Chippy) Gaw is a 28-year-old rookie when he pitches six games, including one start, for the National League's Chicago Cubs in 1920 ... with a one-year absence for military duty (1918), the West Newton, Massachusetts, native plays 10 seasons of professional baseball from 1911 to 1921, including eight seasons at the minors' highest level.

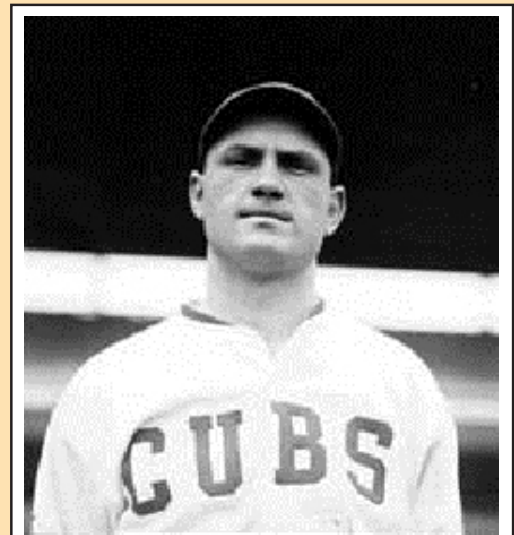
One of 15 major league baseball players from Tufts University, Gaw makes his major league debut, and his only career start, against St. Louis on April 20, 1920, at the Cardinals' 35-year-old Robison Field, the last wooden ballpark in the major leagues ... the side-arming right-hander lasts only one inning, allowing two earned runs on five hits and one walk.

On June 28, Gaw pitches the final two innings of the second game of a doubleheader with the Pittsburgh Pirates, allowing one run, and picks up his lone major league win as the Cubs rally for four runs in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 5-4 victory ... in late July, his brief major league career comes to an end when he is sent to the Indianapolis Indians of the American (AA) Association.

Gaw receives his dental degree from the Tufts Dental School the following summer and delays reporting to the Milwaukee Brewers until the first week in June ... Dr. Gaw goes 5-9 with a 4.93 ERA for the Brewers in 1921, his last year in professional baseball ... Gaw finishes with a 105-96 minor league mark, with 61 of those wins coming at the AA level.

Only 29 years old when he leaves baseball, Gaw pitches semi-pro ball in the Boston area until at least 1926 ... a talented multi-sport athlete in high school, Gaw assumes the head coaching job for Dartmouth's ice hockey team for the 1922 season, guiding the Big Green to a 4-1-1 record.

Gaw later coaches the Princeton ice hockey team to a 24-11-1 (.681) mark in two seasons (1923-24) ... Gaw remains Princeton's second most successful (by percentage) coach in school history.



Chippy Gaw  
1920 Chicago Cubs

## Chippy Gaw Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	SO	ERA
1911	Lancaster Red Roses	Tri-State	B	0-1	2	12.46
1911	Brockton Shoemakers	New England	B	12-8	-	-
1912	Brockton Shoemakers	New England	B	17-19	-	-
1913	Toronto Maple Leafs	International	AA	8-11	-	-
1914	Worcester Busters	New England	B	15-8	-	-
1915	Buffalo Bisons	International	AA	16-9	-	-
1916	Buffalo Bisons	International	AA	16-13	-	-
1917	Providence Grays	International	AA	5-6	-	3.16
1918	Naval Boston Base	USN	-	-	-	-
1919	Newark Bears, Buffalo Bisons	International	AA	8-8	-	2.71
1920	Chicago Cubs	NATIONAL	ML	1-1	4	4.85
1920	Indianapolis Indians	American Assoc.	AA	3-5	-	3.21
1921	Milwaukee Brewers	American Assoc.	AA	5-9	-	4.93
1923	North Cambridge	Boston Twilight	-	-	-	-
1924	North Cambridge	Boston Twilight	-	-	-	-
1926	Falmouth	Boston Twilight	-	-	-	-
<b>Major League Totals</b>				<b>1-1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.85</b>
<b>Minor League Totals</b>				<b>105-96</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Gaw passes away on May 26, 1968, in Boston at the age of 76.

## Gaw Chronology

April 17, 1911

Lancaster Red Roses manager Marty Hogan announces that pitcher 19-year-old George Gaw has signed a contract with the team.

April 22, 1911

Three Boston suburban high school players sign minor league contracts in the spring ... signing are William O'Connell, of Koxbury, to Albany; George Gaw, of Newton, to Lancaster, Pa.; and William Bowen, of Charlestown, to Providence.

## Chippy Gaw [2 of 3]:

### May 6, 1911 ▶▶

Gaw makes his professional baseball debut with the Lancaster Red Roses of the Tri-State (B) League in a 10-3 loss to the Trenton Tigers ... the 19-year-old gets a Saturday afternoon start in the team's fourth game of the season ... he pitches four 1/3 innings, allowing six runs on three hits, eight walks and two strikeouts.

### May 8, 1911

Lancaster signs pitcher Thomas of the Phillies and outfielder Ernie Lush of the Giants and releases pitchers Gaw, Alfred Watkins and (Frank) Deitrich, catcher Poole, outfielder Mitchell and infielder Spears ... Gaw signs with the Brockton (Mass.) Shoemakers of the New England (B) League and goes 12-8 in 21 starts.

### November 1912

Coming off a 17-19 mark with Brockton during the 1912 season, Gaw contends that the club has not tendered him a contract for the 1913 season ... the National Board of Arbitration does award "his services" to the Shoemakers again for the 1913 season ... Gaw decides to appeal the Board's decision.

### May 30, 1913

Gaw wins his appeal to the National Board of Arbitration and is declared a free agent ... Gaw contends that the first contract tendered to him by Brockton for the 1913 season, was mailed to him on February 3, and received by him at his Auburndale, Massachusetts, home (as shown by a postal registry receipt) on February 4.

Brockton officials respond that a contract was forwarded to Gaw through the mail unregistered on January 27, to Newton, Massachusetts, and it was returned as undelivered ... a second contract was sent to him by registered mail on February 4, and signed by a member of his family.

The Commission notes "that it is imprudent for a club to mail a player's contract without the precaution of having the letter registered and holds that in case of dispute as to the delivery of an ordinary letter, it is incumbent on the club to establish a presumption that it reached the player or was mailed to him at his last known address, prior to February 1st."

During the course of the inquiry, it is also determined that Gaw's salary for the previous season (1912) was not settled until December 10 ... Gaw contends that the full amount due him was not paid on time ... the Commission finds that Brockton was remiss in its salary obligations to Gaw and declares him a free agent.

### June 27, 1913

Despite the "boisterous" efforts of a large contingent of Baltimore boosters and the St. Mary's Industrial School Band, Gaw hurls Toronto Maple Leafs to a 5-1 International (AA) League win, allowing only seven singles while striking out three.

### July 1, 1913

In the second game of a doubleheader with the visiting Buffalo Bisons, Gaw allows 14 runs on 17 hits in a 14-1 complete game loss.

## Gaw loses Debut

*Trenton Evening News, May 6, 1911*

By Marvin A. Riley:

"Pitcher Gaw - long, lanky and rather formidable looking was given first chance. He hung on for a time but between his wildness and the freedom the Tigers took with his stuff when he did get it over Manager Marty (Hogan) called him to the bench for a consultation.

Marty asked Gaw if he thought it better to keep him pitching and lose the game or to try some other aspiring mound artist and increase the chances of winning.

Gaw said he would like to see some pitcher stop the Tigers from hitting in the mood they were in Saturday and if Marty thought he had anything in his bundle of throwers who could do it - trot him out.

Marty then issued a special order to Watkins to man the pumps and save the sinking Lancaster ship."

*(Editor's Note: If this story is true, it's easy to see why the winless Red Roses would release Gaw two days later.)*

Trenton	AB	R	B	P	A	E	Lancaster	AB	R	B	P	A	E
Clay, rf...	3	2	1	1	0	0	Joyce, cf...	3	2	1	1	1	0
Heist, 2b...	3	2	2	2	2	1	Hooper, 2b...	5	0	4	6	2	1
Collins, lf...	4	0	1	1	0	0	Quinlan, ss...	5	1	1	3	6	1
Tiemyer, 3b...	2	2	1	1	1	1	Sundh'm, 3b...	3	0	0	2	0	0
A. Kerr, cf...	2	2	1	2	0	0	Jackson, rf...	4	0	1	1	0	0
Damreu, ss...	4	3	1	2	4	1	Hoey, lf...	3	0	0	7	0	0
Brennan, 1b...	4	2	2	1	2	0	Isbell, lf...	4	1	1	0	1	0
J. Kerr, c...	3	1	1	6	1	0	Porte, c...	4	1	1	4	3	0
Hafford, p...	4	0	1	0	8	0	Gaw, p...	2	1	0	0	0	0
							Watkins, p...	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals...	29	13	11	27	16	5	*Jackley ...	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals... 35 6 9 24 13 3

\*Batted for Watkins in the ninth inning.

Lancaster ..... 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2—6  
Trenton ..... 1 2 1 0 3 0 1 5 x—13

Two-base hits—Heist, Brennan, Hafford, Damreu.  
Isbell, Porte. Home run—Clay. Hits—Off Gaw 3  
in 4½ innings. Sacrifices hits—A. Kerr, J. Kerr.  
Stolen bases—Joyce 2, Hooper. Double plays—Damreu, Heist, Brennan; Watkins, Quinlan, Hoey. Left on bases—Lancaster 6, Trenton 7. First on balls—Off Gaw 8, Watkins 3, Hafford 3. First on errors—Lancaster 5, Trenton 3. Struck out—By Gaw 2, Watkins 1, Hafford 6. Wild pitch—Watkins. Time—2:30. Umpire—Connors.

## Gaw [3 of 3]:

June 30, 1918

Pitching for the Boston Naval Base, Gaw hurls a 5-3 complete game victory over Bumpkin Island in front of an announced crowd of 13,000 ... in the second game, Fort Andrews edges the Provost Guard of the Department of the Northeast 2-1 ... Gaw allows 10 hits and strikes out 12.

April 1920

On the advice of Patsy Donovan of the Buffalo Bisons, Gaw is signed by the Chicago Cubs.

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June 3, 1921

Gaw obtains his dental degree from the Tufts Dental School and is told to report at once to the Milwaukee Brewers of the American (AA) Association ... wishing to complete his course at the dental school, Gaw does not report to the Indianapolis Indians for spring training and is sold to the Brewers.

April 1922

George Joseph Gaw is listed on the voluntary retired list of major league players.

October 1922

Gaw is named as the head coach of the ice hockey team at Dartmouth University ... guides the Big Green to a 4-1-1 record.

January 1, 1923

Gaw is named as the head ice hockey coach at Princeton ... in two seasons Gaw directs the Tigers to a 24-11-1

February 28, 1924

Gaw named the head baseball coach at Boston University.

July 20, 1924

Dan Leahy, the manager of Gaw's North Cambridge semi-pro baseball team known for his "boisterous tendency," protests the final out of a 4-3 loss to Abbots ... expressing his indignation, he approaches one of the game's two umpires and steps on the umpire Mansell's foot with his spiked shoe.

Mansell is hurt, and the fans realizing what has happened, come onto the field and swarm about Leahy ... Leahy "is dealt several uncomplimentary threats" and is in a "very dangerous position" when police officers William Reagan, Frank O'Dea and Francis O'Loughlin arrive and escort Leahy to the visitors' club house ... Mansell receives treatment for his spike wound at St. John's hospital.

August 8, 1926

Gaw pitches "a strong game" but his Falmouth team loses to Chatham.

May 26, 1968

Gaw passes away in Boston at the age of 76.

## CUB PITCHERS ARE MAULLED BY THE CARDINALS

Brooklyn Wins Eleven Inning Game  
from Braves—Philadelphia Blanks  
the Giants.

St. Louis, April 21—The St. Louis sluggers severely mauled four Cub pitchers yesterday, winning the last game of the series 10 to 3. Manager Mifflin used his recruit hurlers while Schupp, who was driven to the clubhouse the day before, worked for the Cardinals. St. Louis garnered 15 hits off the Cub twirlers while Chicago annexed 9. The score:

Chicago—	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Flack, rf	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
Hollocher, ss	4	0	0	1	4	1	
Herzog, 2b	3	0	1	3	3	1	
Barber, 1b	4	0	2	12	2	1	
Paskert, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0	
Deal, 3b	3	0	0	2	3	0	
Friberg, if	3	0	0	2	1	0	
Killefer, c	3	0	1	3	1	0	
O'Farrell, c	1	0	1	0	1	0	
Gaw, p	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Turner, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Martin, p	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Newkirk, p	2	1	0	0	0	0	

Totals	32	3	7	24	17	3
St. Louis—	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.
Shotton, if	3	0	1	0	0	0
Smith, cf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Heathcote, rf	5	1	2	2	0	0
Stock, 3b	4	2	1	0	1	1
Hornsby, 2b	5	2	2	2	4	0
Fournier, 1b	4	1	2	14	0	0
McHenry, cf-if	5	1	2	1	0	0
Janvrin, ss	2	1	0	1	6	0
Clemons, c	4	0	3	6	0	0
Schupp, p	2	1	1	0	0	0
Haines, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
xSherdell, p	1	1	1	0	0	0

Totals	36	10	15	27	12	1
xBatted for Schupp in seventh.						

Score by Innings.	
Chicago	001 000 200—2
St. Louis	202 140 10x—10

Summary.  
Two base hits—Flack, O'Farrell.  
Three base hits—Fournier, McHenry.  
Home run—Sherdell. Struck out—Newkirk, 1; Schupp, 5. Bases on balls—Gaw, 1; Turner, 1; Martin, 2; Schupp, 6; Haines, 1. Double plays—Hornsby-Janvrin-Fournier; Janvrin-Hornsby-Fournier; Hornsby-Fournier; Friberg-Killefer; Barber-Killefer. Hits—Gaw, 5 in 1 inning; none out in second; Turner, 2 in 1 1-3 innings, one out in third; Martin, 6 in 2 2-3 innings, none out in sixth; Schupp, 5 in 7 innings. Hit by pitcher