

A Schott From The Bleachers

Bob Seeds – Seven Homers in Two Games

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Bob Seeds was playing for the Newark team of the International League on May 6th and 7th, 1938. In these two games he hung up one of the greatest batting performances in the history of organized baseball.

On May 6th, the Newark center fielder had a perfect day at bat with six hits in six trips to the plate, including two singles and four homeruns, all of which accounted for twelve runs batted in. The next day, Bob drove in five more tallies with three home runs in four times at bat. In the two ball games this slugger accumulated nine base-hits in ten trips to the plate (2 singles, 7 homers), thirty total bases and seventeen runs batted in – a performance that will endure for many years.

Here are the box scores of those historic games:

At Buffalo, May 6, 1938

NEWARK	AB	H	PO	A	RBI	BUFFALO	AB	H	PO	A	RBI
Schulte, 2b	6	3	3	3	0	Olson, 2b	5	0	2	2	0
Gleeson, lf	6	3	2	0	5	Mulleavy, ss	5	0	0	1	1
Keller, rf	3	2	0	0	0	Oglesby, 1b	4	1	12	0	2
Seeds, cf	6	6	4	0	12	Carnegie, lf	5	2	0	0	0
Scarsella, 1b	5	1	12	1	1	Abernathy, rf	3	1	2	1	3
McCullough, c	5	1	2	0	1	Tyler, cf	4	1	5	0	0
Blair, ss	6	2	1	2	0	Martrin, 3b	4	2	1	1	0
May, 3b	5	2	2	3	0	Tresh, cf	4	2	5	2	0
Strincevich, p	5	1	1	3	0	Kline, p	1	0	0	3	0
						Ferris, p	0	0	0	0	0
						Harris, p	1	0	0	0	0
						a – Boland, ph	1	1	0	0	1
						Kowalik, p	0	0	0	0	0
						Fink, p	0	0	0	1	0
						b – Howard, ph	0	0	0	0	0
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Totals	47	21	27	12	21	Totals	37	10	27	11	9

E – Mulleavy, Martin, Blair. 2B – May, Scarsella, Schulte, Schulte (2), Gleeson, Martin. HR – Seeds (4), Abernathy, McCullough, Oglesby. DP – Schulte to Scarsella. BB – Off Kline (1), Ferris (2), Harris (2), Strincevich (3), Kowalik (3). SO – By Harris (2), Strincevich (2). SO – Kline 7 in 4; Ferris 2 in 1 1/3; Harris 6 in 1 2/3; Kowalik 4 in 1/3. Loser – Kline.

Umpires – Swanson, Borski, and Campbell.

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Newark	0	0	1	3	3	4	5	6	0	-	22
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	-	9

At Buffalo, May 7, 1938

NEWARK	AB	H	PO	A	RBI	BUFFALO	AB	H	PO	A	RBI
Schulte, 2b	3	1	5	2	0	Olson, 2b	4	0	0	4	0
Gleeson, lf	5	1	2	0	2	Mulleavy, ss	⁵ 5	1	4	2	1
Keller, rf	3	1	2	0	2	Oglesby, 1b	⁴ 4	4	11	3	1
Seeds, cf	4	3	2	0	5	Carnegie, lf	¹ 5	2	3	0	2
Scarsella, 1b	5	2	11	1	4	Abernathy, rf	4	2	2	0	2
McCullough, c	5	0	4	1	0	a – Tresh, ph	1	0	0	0	0
Blair, ss	5	0	0	5	0	J. Tyler, cf	5	2	1	0	0
May, 3b	2	1	0	3	0	Martin, 3b	4	0	0	1	0
Vitek, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	Phillips, c	3	1	3	1	1
Bonham, p	4	1	1	0	0	b – H. Tyler, pr	0	0	0	0	0
Page, p	0	0	0	0	0	Savino, c	1	0	1	0	0
						Archer, p	1	0	1	1	0
						Kline, p	0	0	0	0	0
						c – Howaqrd, ph	1	1	0	0	0
						Ferris, p	1	1	1	0	1
						d – Boland, ph	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	37	10	27	12	13	Totals	41	15	27	12	8

a – ph for Abernathy in the 9th
 b – pr for Phillips in the 7th
 c – ph for Kline in the 6th
 d – ph for Ferris in the 9th

E – Oglesby, Martin, McCullough. 2B – Schulte, Gleeson, Abernathy, Boland. Oglesby, Carnegie. HR – Seeds (3), Abernathy, Scarsella (2), Keller. SB – Oglesby. BB – Off Archer 5, Ferris 1, Bonham 1. SO – By Bonham 4, Archer 2, Ferris 2, Page 1. SO – Archere 5 in 5; Kline 4 in 1; Bonham 15 in 8 1/3. WP – Archer. Winner – Bonham. Loser – Archer.

Umpires – Swanson, Borski, and Campbell.

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Newark	4 0 1 0 3 5 0 0 1 - 14
Buffalo	0 1 0 0 0 0 2 1 4 - 8