

VII. Baseball

VII-1 Barney, Robert Knight. "Diamond Rituals: Baseball in Canadian Culture," *Baseball History 2*, (Westport, CT: Meckler Books, 1989), 1-21.

The relatively recent additions of the Montreal Expos and Toronto Blue Jays to the roster of major league baseball clubs represents another chapter in the long and storied

history of baseball in Canada. Beginning with immigrant Colonial Loyalists, who brought early forms of the game to southwestern Ontario; refinement and codification of the Canadian game; acceptance of the New York game; intercommunity and American competitions; and eventual professionalism, baseball has become tightly interwoven into the fabric of Canadian character and culture. Based on primary and secondary sources; 62 notes; 1 appendix; 6 photographs.

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VII-2 Langford, Walter. "Two No-Hitters in Five Days," *Baseball History* 2, (Westport, CT: Meckler Books, 1989), 86-91.

One of baseball's most memorable performances occurred when Cincinnati Red's pitcher Johnny Vander Meer hurled two consecutive no-hitters in June 1938. On June 11, Vander Meer no-hit the Boston Bees in a 3-0 victory at Cincinnati's Crosley Field. Four days later, in the first night game at Ebbetts Field, Vander Meer tossed his second no-hitter in a 6-0 win over the Brooklyn Dodgers. It has been over fifty years since this remarkable feat occurred. It has yet to be repeated. Based on primary and secondary sources; no notes; 1 photograph.

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VII-3 Shattuck, Debra. "Playing a Man's Game: Women and Baseball in the United States, 1866-1954," *Baseball History* 2, (Westport, CT: Meckler Books, 1989), 57-77.

Traditionally, baseball has been identified as a man's game with little attention paid to the women that played it. Women's participation has ranged from early women's college intra-school competition to barnstorming teams such as the Bloomer Girls to individual players such as Alta Weiss, Elizabeth Murphy, and Jackie Mitchell playing on men's teams to the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. While only an overview, this article attempts to document and provide a social history of women's participation in baseball. Based on primary and secondary sources; 107 notes; 3 photographs.

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