

DUSTER MAILS

Walter "Duster" Mails was a 6-foot 195-pound hard throwing left-handed pitcher who was born October 1, 1894 in San Quentin, California, where his mother was postmistress. His family moved to Sacramento when his father found employment at the Southern Pacific Railroad. Mails grew up in Sacramento where he played baseball for Christian Brothers High School when it was located at 12th and K Streets (he was the first major leaguer from the school). Duster also played in local Sacramento semi-pro leagues. He later played baseball and basketball at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. Mails earned his nickname Duster by throwing near the heads of the batters. During his baseball career he was described as being egotistic and overbearing as well as a great showman.

Mails began his 22 year professional baseball career in 1914 with the Seattle Giants in the Northwestern League where he went 2-2. In 1915, at the age of 20, Mails moved up to the majors with the Brooklyn Robins. He went 0-1 in 13 games over the 1915 and 1916 seasons (he did not appear in the 1916 World Series). When Mails went back to the minors, Wilbert Robinson, Robins Manager, described him as "the brashiest rookie I've ever met".

In 1917, Mails was with the Portland Beavers. He played for his home town Sacramento Senators from 1919 through 1920, posting an 18-17 record with a 3.23 ERA in 1920. In August, Sacramento traded Mails to the Cleveland Indians, who were then managed by Tris Speaker. Brash as usual, as he boarded a train to Cleveland, he said he was going to win the pennant for the Indians, hopefully against his old Brooklyn Robins team. As it turned out, Cleveland did beat Brooklyn five games to two. Mails pitched well, throwing a 1-0, three-hit shutout in game 6.

Mails had a good season in 1921 for the Indians with a 14-8 record and a 3.94 ERA. In 1923-24, he pitched for the Oakland Oaks. His 1925 and 1926 seasons were split between the San Francisco Seals and the St. Louis Cardinals. While the Cardinals won the 1926 World Series, Mails did not pitch in the series. From 1927 through 1929, he pitched for the Seals. Duster pitched for the PCL Portland Beavers from 1930-31. In 1932 he was with the Chattanooga Lookouts and in 1933 with the Kansas City Blues. He finished his career back with the Seals from 1934-36.

Mails seven year major league record was 32 and 25 with a 4.10 ERA. His 14 year PCL career record was 173 and 171 with a 3.90 ERA.

In 1936 Duster took a job with the San Francisco Seals doing public relations. A couple of his promotional ideas included having Seals catchers catch baseballs thrown from a 450 foot tower at the 1939 SF World's Fair and a balloon drop where Seals catchers would try to catch balls dropped from a blimp 1,000 feet in the air. He left the Seals during World War II to serve in the Marines, but rejoined the team in 1954. He later did public relations for the San Francisco Giants until he retired in 1972.

Duster died July 5, 1974 in San Francisco.

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POLAND DISAVOWS OCCUPATION OF CITY OF VILNA

General Salfowski and His
Troops Rebel at Armistice
Terms and Join Lithuanians
in Taking Town

RESIGNATIONS ARE
SENT TO WARSAW

Army Leader Refuses Proposal
by the French to Make Vilna
Free City and Then Starts
Insurrection

PARIS, October 11.—The Polish
Government disavows the occupation
of Vilna by troops which have been
sent by the French to disarm
and disarm.

Proposal of French for
Free City is Rejected

WARSAW, October 11.—General
Salfowski, commander of the
army which on Saturday followed
the French to disarm the
Lithuanians, has refused the
proposal of the French to make
Vilna a free city, and has
declared that he will join the
Lithuanians and fight against
the Polish army.

The troops which marched from
Vilna to the Lithuanian border
and with the terms of the
armistice between the Lithuanians
and the Polish army.

Representatives of the Lithuanian
army at the Lithuanian border
of the League of Nations. The
Lithuanians have agreed to accept
the armistice terms, but the
Polish army has refused to do so.

The Lithuanian army has
been disarmed by the French
army, and the Lithuanian
army has been disarmed by the
French army.

This occupation gives the
Lithuanians a free city, and
the Lithuanians are fighting in the
Lithuanian border.

WALTER MATHE, who to-day blanked the Dodgers and whose three-hit pitching won the sixth game of the World's Series for Cleveland, in fifteen and two-thirds innings the Brooklyn National League pennant winners have faced Math in the series they have, but scored a run.



Taft Blames Wilson for
Improving League by His

Mails Defeats SherrodSmith In Sixth Game

Former Sacramento Pitcher Twirls Brilliant
Ball For Cleveland and Brooklyn is Defeated
1 to 0—Indians Need Only One More
Game to Win World's Championship

RAGUE PARK, CLEVELAND, October 11.—John Walker ("Egg in the Coffin") Mails, former Sacramento Pacific Coast League club outlayer, shut out the Brooklyn National League pitcher Sherrod Smith, and Cleveland won the sixth game 1 to 0.

Mails was opposed by Sherrod Smith, Brooklyn star left-hander, off whom the Indians got three hits in his first pitching of the series.

After shutting out the Dodgers in the first game of the series, Mails pitched three innings without being walked, and then in the seventh he pitched a perfect game, allowing only three hits and Cleveland won the sixth game 1 to 0.

Mails pitched the ball for the Indians in his first pitching of the series. He pitched a perfect game, allowing only three hits and Cleveland won the sixth game 1 to 0.

BOX SCORE	
Brooklyn	0
Cleveland	1
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