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Josh Gibson Hitless, Grays Make 7 Errors As Monarchs Prevail

WASHINGTON—The Kansas City Monarchs, last Tuesday, took the first game of the World Series, and beat the Washington Home-stead Grays 8 to 0, before 25,000 fans at Griffith Stadium.

For five perfect innings, it was a magnificent duel between Roy Welmaker, Gray's lefthander, and the celebrated Satchel Paige. Two fast double-plays, in the second and fifth innings kept Welmaker on the sunny side.

Satchel Superb

Paige retired the first ten Grays in succession, then, in the fourth, with one away, Sammy Bankhead singled sharply to center. Howard Easterling lashed one through second for a base blow to center and the crowd up on its toes as Josh Gibson came to bat.

The big catcher whaled Paige's second offering 420 feet to left center, where Willard Brown made the catch as both runners advanced.

That was all for the Grays. They got no more hits during the evening and save for Paige's base on balls to Al Harris, in the fifth, of one of the final 17 Grays' batsman reached first base. Jack Matchett took over for Paige to begin the sixth.

Monarchs Get 3

The Monarchs opened the scoring in the sixth with a single tally, after a three-run uprising in the seventh, walloped the ball all over the lot to run away with the game.

They scored two each in the eighth and ninth for a total of eight markers.

Newt Allen, with three hits including a double, led the Monarch's 13-hit attack. Willard Brown, Jim Green and Jesse Williams got two apiece.

BOX SCORES			
MONARCHS		GRAYS	
ab	r	h	
Stims, lf	5	1	0
Allen, 2b	5	3	0
Brown, cf	5	1	1
Brown, cf	4	2	2
Green, c	5	1	2
O'Neil, lb	5	0	1
Ferrell, 2b	4	0	1
Williams, ss	4	1	2
Paige, p	2	0	0
Matchett, p	2	1	1

Totals... 41 8 13 | Totals... 29 0 2

Score by Innings
Monarchs 000 001 322-8
Grays 000 000 000-0
Errors—Wilson, Carlisle (2), Leonard, Gibson, Harris; runs batted in—Allen, Brown, O'Neil, Green (2) two-base hits—Allen, Green, Serrel; three-base hits—O'Neil, Brown; men left on bases—Monarchs (6); Grays (3); double plays—Carlisle to Leonard, Carlisle to Bankhead to Leonard; base on balls—Welmaker (1) off Paige (1) hit off Paige—2 in 5 innings with no runs; off Matchett—2 in 4 innings with no runs; struck out—by Paige (5) by Matchett (2) Welmaker (7); winning pitcher—Matchett; umpires—Craig, Kemp and Lee. Paid attendance—22,129 (official).