

GROVE VICTOR, 4-3, FANNING NO. 2,000

Red Sox Pitcher Eighth Major Leaguer to Reach Goal as He Beats Tigers

GAME GOES TEN INNINGS

Lefty's Sacrifice Figures in Winning Run—Greenberg, Gehring Hit Homers

By The Associated Press.
BOSTON, May 3.—Bob (Lefty) Grove, the Red Sox's 38-year-old ace, became the eighth major league pitcher in history to pass the 2,000-strike-out mark today when he fanned six Tigers while gaining the 260th victory of his 15-year American League career. Grove pitched Boston from third to second place with a 4-to-3 triumph in ten innings.
Before starting what became his third straight triumph of 1938, Grove had fanned 1,996 batters during his years with the Athletics and Red Sox. Walter Johnson, in his twenty-one years with Washington, had 3,497 strike-outs. The others to reach the 2,000-mark were Cy Young, the late Christy Mathewson, Dazzy Vance, Grover Cleveland Alexander, Rube Waddell and Eddie Plank.

Lawson Goes Route

Grove aided the winning drive by sacrificing Leo Nonnenkamp, who ran for Gene DeSautels after the catcher had bounced a two-bagger off the left field wall. Grove had been fanned four times in a row by Roxie Lawson, who went the route for the Tigers, but Manager Joe Cronin gambled on his pitcher's bunting skill and Bob's successful effort put Nonnenkamp on third base. Then Rog Cramer batted the winning single.
Homers accounted for all the Detroit runs. Hank Greenberg blasted one of Grove's offerings over the left field screen in the second inning with none on. In the fifth, when the Tigers gained a 3-to-2 lead, the wind carried Charley Gehring's high fly into the right field stands, with Lawson on base.

Double Plays Help Grove

Grove, who won four out of six against the Tigers last season, gave them twelve hits and six passes, but three double plays pulled him out of deep holes. In the ninth, the Tigers loaded the bases with one out, but a twin killing was made when George Tebbetts grounded to Pinky Higgins.
Lawson issued nine free trips to first and was slugged for a dozen safeties, four of which were two-baggers.

THE BOX SCORE.

DETROIT (A.)

ab.r.h.po.a.e.

Fox, rf.....5 0 2 1 0 0

Walker, lf..4 0 2 0 1 0

Gehring'r,2b 5 1 2 1 1 0

Greenb'rg,1b 3 1 1 1 0 1 0

York, c.....3 0 3 8 1 0

aWhite0 0 0 0 0 0

Tebbetts, c..1 0 0 0 0 0

Laabs, cf....4 0 0 3 0 0

Rogell, ss...4 0 1 0 0 0

Christm'n,3b 5 0 0 4 2 0

Lawson, p...4 1 1 0 3 0

BOSTON (A.)

ab.r.h.po.a.e.

Cramer, cf...5 2 3 1 0 0

Vosmik, lf...5 0 1 1 0 0

Foxx, 1b....3 1 2 1 0 0

Cronin, ss...5 0 2 3 5 0

Higgins, 3b.2 0 0 2 5 1

Chapman, rf.3 0 1 1 0 1

Doerr, 2b...5 0 2 5 2 0

DeSautels, c.4 0 1 6 2 0

bNonn'kamp 0 1 0 0 0 0

Grove, p....4 0 0 0 4 0

Total ..38 3 12 *27 9 0

Total ..36 4 12 30 18 2

*None out in tenth when winning run scored.

aRan for York in eighth.

bRan for DeSautels in tenth.

Detroit0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—3

Boston1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1—4

Runs batted in—Gehring 2, Greenberg, Cramer, Vosmik, Cronin, Doerr.

Two-base hits—York, Cramer, Foxx, Cronin, DeSautels. Home runs—Gehring, Greenberg. Sacrifice—Grove. Double plays—Greenberg (unassisted); Doerr, Cronin and Foxx; Cronin, Doerr and Foxx; Higgins and Foxx. Left on bases—Detroit 11, Boston 15. Bases on balls—Off Lawson 9, Grove 6. Struck out—By Lawson 7, Grove 6. Umpires—Moriarty, Kolls, Rue. Time of game—2:43.