

Louis Alexander North Biography



Louis Alexander North, Class of 1910 - b. June 15, 1891 - d. May 15, 1974

From the Elgin Sports Hall of Fame: Louis (Lou) A. North played baseball for Elgin High School in 1909-10. North has the longest major league baseball career of any Elgin athlete. A right hand pitcher, he debuted in the majors in August, 1913 for the Detroit Tigers. Over a 7-year period (1913, 1917, 1920-24), he appeared in 172 games winning 21 and losing 16 games while pitching for the Tigers, St. Louis Cardinals and Boston Braves, mostly with the Cardinals. His best season was 1922 when he won 10 (5 in relief), lost three, and saved four while appearing in 53 games with the Cardinals. Probably his biggest day in baseball came on August 9, 1923, when he came in as a reliever in the 12th inning with the Cards and Giants tied 12-12. He held the New Yorkers hitless for four innings and he singled home the winning run. North finished his career with the Boston Braves. Casey Stengel, the legendary manager of the New York Yankees, was an outfielder on that Braves team.

For his career, he compiled a 21–16 record in 172 appearances, most as a relief pitcher, with an 4.43 earned run average and 199 strikeouts.

In 1918 North served in the military during World War I.

Died In: Shelton, Connecticut and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Ansonia, Connecticut

In 1920 he had 1 save and was ranked 24th in the NL

In 1921 he had 7 saves and was ranked 1st in the NL

In 1922 he had 4 saves and was ranked 2nd in the NL

In 1923 he had 1 save and was ranked 20th in the NL

In 1922 he had 84 strikeouts and was ranked 7th in the NL

In 1922 he had 64 walks and was ranked 18th in the NL

In 1921 he pitched in 40 games and was ranked 10th in the NL

In 1922 he pitched in 53 games and was ranked 1st in the NL

MLB Career Stats	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	SO	WHIP
	21	16	4.43	172	25	13	463.0	199	1.53