

Vahrenhorst
May 6 – May 8 (3 games) in St. Louis

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King are in negotiations with Van Horst, the clever infielder and hitter who helped La Grande win the pennant under Jack O'Brien in the days of the Eastern Oregon league, some four or five years ago. "Van" was anxious to come to La Grande from the Three I league a few weeks ago and is now in St. Louis. Just what will develop from the negotiations is yet to be determined.

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measure beyond the six foot mark.

Arthur Vahrenhorst, better known as Van Horst, and sometimes answering to the beckon of "Blondy," has his history pretty well uncovered to local faps. Jacksonville in the Iowa league saw him back about the early part of the present century. He went to Denver and from there to Savannah in the South Atlantic league, drifted to Vancouver, B. C., and from the Canadian town was brought to La Grande by Jack O'Brien when the local champs put the Eastern Oregon league afire. He cavorted about second base at that time. From here, when the explosion came, Van went to Salt Lake and was sold to Des Moines three years ago, but refused to report and was suspended. Outlaw baseball was his lot for three years until La Grande again became his stamping ground. Outside of trying to make awful good with the Spuds he has his eye on the Observer automobile contest and is confident of winning out.

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Arthur Vahrenhorst (aka Van Horst), brother of Harry Vahrenhorst

the Windy City stickers. Gertinrich banged out a single. Kading whiffed. McDonough sent Gerty home with a smash to deep center for two pillows. Farrell hit to right and romped home when Shanley lifted a circuit drive over Vahrenhorst's head.

St. Louis Loves Good Chances.

The St. Louis team lost many chances to score by inability to hit or sacrifice. In the third, a bingle, two walks and an error by Farrell resulted in but one run. Then in the fifth Timmermann handed out four billet doux in the form of free transportation tickets, but the much-needed bingles were not forthcoming, and but one run resulted.

The final run for St. Louis came in the eighth. Rehmer started by hitting the wind thrice. Vahrenhorst got a life on Farrell's miscue. Prout hit one a mile, but was unable to get farther than third on the smash.

Shotton could have come home and been to second in the time that it took Prout to jog t third. With Prout on third Barton soaked a long fly to left field but Prout after going about six feet in the direction of home, thought better of it and turned back to third. It looked like a sure score but Prout couldn't see it that way.

squad while on the trip. O'Connor announces that he is negotiating for several other players. Score:

CHICAGO.

	A.	R.	H.	E.	A.	E.
Lynch, left field	5	1	2	2	0	0
Hooker, second base	0	1	2	3	0	0
McDonough, center f.d.	0	0	0	3	0	0
Gertinrich, right f.d.	5	1	3	1	1	0
Kading, first base	4	1	2	4	1	0
McDonough, catcher	4	2	1	7	0	1
Farrell, shortstop	2	4	3	0	1	2
Stanley, third base	5	1	1	1	1	0
Timmerman, pitcher	2	1	0	0	3	0
McGuire, pitcher	2	0	0	1	3	0
Totals	43	12	15	27	13	3

ST. LOUIS.

	A.	R.	H.	E.	A.	E.
Vahrenhorst, cen. field	4	1	0	3	0	1
Hooker, center field	0	1	0	0	1	0
Prout, third base	2	1	1	1	1	0
Barton, second base	4	0	1	1	4	1
Kempin, left field	5	0	0	1	0	0
Flecken, first base	4	0	0	13	0	0
Zoellner, right field	3	0	1	0	0	0
Murphy, shortstop	3	0	1	3	2	0
Feith, catcher	4	0	0	5	1	1
Rehmer, pitcher	2	1	1	0	4	0
Totals	37	4	5	27	13	2

Chicago 15, St. Louis 4.

Home runs—Stanley 1. Three-base hits—Prout 1. Two-base hits—Kading 1, Lynch 1, McDonough 1, Farrell 1. Single bases—Hooker 1, Farrell 1. Base on balls—off Rehmer 4, off Timmerman 10, off McGuire 1. Struck out—By Timmerman 1, by McGuire 1, by Rehmer 4. Hit by pitcher—By Rehmer, Lynch. Hits—off Timmerman 2 in 6 in. Runs—off McGuire 2 in 3 innings. Left on base—St. Louis 12, Chicago 9.

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In the ninth Martini got a single,
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went third on a fielders' choice and
came home when Van Horst made an
error. The score:

La Grande.

	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Corbin, 3b	4	1	2	0	2	0		
Naughton, ss	4	0	1	0	3	2		
Luttrell, rf	4	0	0	2	0	0		
Nadeau, cf	4	0	2	2	0	0		
Van Horst, 2b	4	0	1	5	1	1		
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The first three games featured Van Horst pinch hitting, Hornhorst pinch hitting, and Van Horst in center field, respectively, in the box scores. It was assumed these were just mis-spellings of Hohnhorst, but the newspapers explicitly stated that Hornhost joined the club in Covington.

Position: ph-cf

First game: May 6, 1913

Last game: May 189, 1913

of games: 3<P>

In the Terriers opening game, against Chicago at home on May 6, 1913, Van Horst pinch hit for pitcher Bridges in the eighth inning. Stis led off with a double and advanced to third on a single by Sheahan. After Pettit struck out, Van Horst came up and popped up for the second out. Sheahan was then caught trying to steal second, and St. Louis lost by a score of 7-4.<P>

The following night, "Hornhorst" pinch hit for pitcher Arbeiter in the ninth and made an out of a 10-5 loss. In the third game of the series, on May 8, Hooker started in center field, and the box score credits him with no at-bats and one run scored after a walk leading off the first inning. Von Horst is also in the box score as playing center field, with four at-bats, no hits, one run, and one error. (The article in the <i>St. Louis Globe-Democrat</i> reports that Hooker reached on an error in the eighth and scored, but that most likely was Van Horst.) No explanation for why Hooker was replaced was given; Hooker was released after the game.<P>

The easy explanation for the identity of "Van Horst" was that it was a obsfucation of Eddie Hohnhorst. However, several reports make this suspect. On May 9, the Terriers left on a road trip to Covington. The travelling group, as outlined in the <i>St. Louis Star and Times</i>, did not include either Hohnhorst or Van Horst. All other known players on the roster at that time were listed, except Manuel, who was hurt at the time. Further, both the <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i> and the <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> imply that Hohnhorst was signed after the club reached Covington, his home town, and immediately started at first base. Finally, on May 9, on the same page the <i>Star and Times</i> listed the travelling party headed to Convington, it reported that Hohnhorst was getting a tryout with Montgomery. (He clearly didn't make the club.) All of this suggests that Van Horst wasn't Eddie Hohnhorst.<P>

So who was Van Horst? One clue is in the box score in the <i>Chicago Tribune</i> for the game of May 8, 1913. While the St. Louis paper identifies the player Van Horst, the <i>Tribune</i> has "Varenh't". The second clue is just a few weeks earlier, in the <i>La Grande Observer</i>. "Arthur Vahrenhorst, better known as Van Horst, and sometimes answering to the beckon of 'Blondy', has his history pretty well uncovered to local fans" (April 12, 1913, pg. 7). It lists his history to date as having played for Jacksonville in the Iowa League, then Denver, then Savannah. He then went west to play in Vancouver, and then came to La Grande in 1909, followed by Salt Lake City that same season. He was sold to Des Moines but refused to report and spent the next three sesons suspended. He then rejoined La Grande in the spring of 1913. He was still with club at the start of May, but the La Grande paper reported on May 4 that he had been released. Depending on exactly when he was released, he may have been able to get back to St. Louis by Opening Day on May 6. So Arthur Vahrenhorst could be the mystery Van Horst from the Terriers innaugural series against Chicago.<P>

Arthur Vahrenhorst was the younger brother of Henry Vahrenhorst, who appeared in one game for the St. Louis Browns as a pinch hitter on September 21, 1904. Baseball-Reference shows his last season in professional baseball as 1907, when he played for four different clubs.<P>

There is no conclusive proof that either Vahrenhorst was pinch hitter/outfielder Van Horst. However, either one had the background to be on the bench for manager O'Connor for that opening series, as he scrambled to put a club together. Both were born in St. Louis, Henry in 1885 and Arthur in 1887, and both were still living there in 1913. It seems unlikely that this player was Eddie Hohnhorst.<P>

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