

Ernie White World Series Anniversary

I've been asked by Bob Owens and Billy Gossett to put an article on the Pacolet Memories website to mark an important anniversary for Pacolet native, Ernie White. Ernie was born and grew up in Pacolet and went on to have a successful major league baseball career. The highlight of his career in the major leagues occurred on October 3rd, 1942, 82 years ago. In 1942, Ernie's team, the St. Louis Cardinals, faced the defending World Champions, the New York Yankees in the World Series.

Ernie was the starting pitcher for the Cardinals in the 3rd game of the series. Ernie pitched a 2-0 shutout against a powerful Yankees team. The Cardinals went on to win the World Series by winning 4 games versus the Yankees 1. This was the Cardinal's first World Series Championship since 1934 and the fourth in their history.

Stats from Wikipedia about the game.

Game 3

Saturday, October 3, 1942 1:30 pm (ET) at Yankee Stadium in Bronx, New York

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
St. Louis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	1
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1

WP: [Ernie White](#) (1–0) LP: [Spud Chandler](#) (0–1)

[Ernie White](#) pitched a six-hit shutout against New York, walking none. The last time the Yankees were shutout in a World Series game was by [Jesse Haines](#) in 1926. The Cardinals scored the game's first run in the third off of [Spud Chandler](#) on [Jimmy Brown](#)'s groundout with runners on second and third, then added an insurance run in the ninth off of [Marv Breuer](#) on [Enos Slaughter](#)'s RBI single with two on, the run unearned due to catcher [Bill Dickey](#)'s error on [Terry Moore](#)'s bunt attempt, to take a 2–1 series lead.



Ernie White

In their franchise history, the Cardinals have won 11 World Series Titles, second only to the New York Yankees in World Series championships. The Yankees have won a total of 27 World Series Titles.



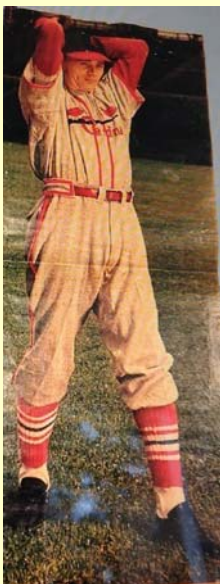
Picture of Ernie furnished by Bob Owens and Billy Gossett.

I had talked to [Ernie White's] wife before the game and I asked her if she kept score when Ernie pitched. She said, "I try. I start out keeping score, but if he stays in there for a few innings I chew up my pencil and I haven't got anything left to write with." I saw her after the [1942 World Series] game in the Stadium— White pitched a 2-0 shutout— and she smiled and said,

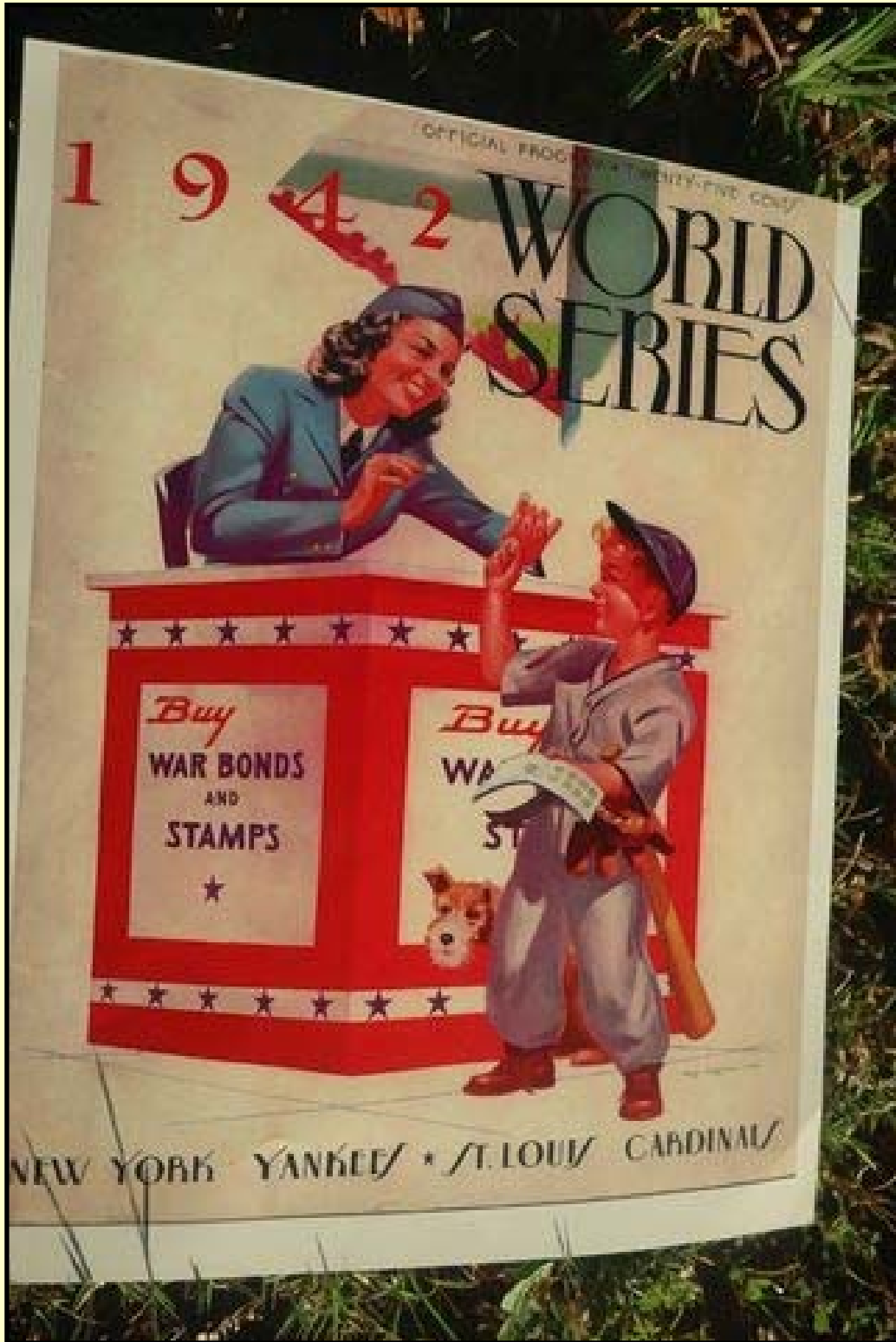
"I chewed up four pencils today"

Red Barber
The Quotable Baseball Fanatic
Edited by Louis G. Rubin, Jr.

Red Barber was a very famous sports reporter and announcer during the 1940's and 50's. He wrote the statement above about Ernie's wife reaction to the game. (Ernie's wife, Margaret Whitlock White, was also a native of Pacolet. Her father, Carl Whitlock, operated a grocery store in Kegtown.)



Ernie and his wife, Margaret Whitlock White.



1942 World Series Program furnished by Bob Owens and Billy Gossett.



Ernest “Ernie” Daniel White

Born September 5, 1916 in Pacolet Mills.

Son of Harvey and Lilly White.

Marriage Margaret Whitlock (Pacolet Mills, SC), daughter of Carl and Bertha Whitlock .

Died May 22nd, 1974 In Augusta Georgia At the age of 57.

Signed a professional contract with the St Louis Cardinals in 1937 after a successful career in the local textile leagues.

A left-handed pitcher, he made his major league debut on May 9th, 1940 against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Played for the Cardinals from 1940 - 1943 and Boston Braves from 1946 - 1948.

Served in World War II in 1944 - 1945 and during which time he fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Major League Highlights

Overall Record W30

L23

1941

Won 17 Lost 7

2.40 ERA (3rd best in the National League)

6th in the most Valuable Player voting

1942

Clinched the pennant for the Cardinals on the final day of the season (1st game of a double header against the Chicago Cubs.

Pitched a complete game, 2-0 shut out. over the New York Yankees in Game 3 of the World Series. the Cardinals won the series 4 games to 1.

1943: Played in the World Series with the Cardinals. (Lost to the Yankees).

1948: A member of the National League champion Boston Braves (Lost to the Cleveland Indians in the World Series).

Was a minor league manager from 1949 - 1962 and 64 manager with the Columbia Reds from 1952 - 1955.

Voted to the South Carolina athletic Hall of Fame in 1978.

October, 2012 marks the 70th anniversary of Ernie's 2-0 victory over the New York Yankees in the 1942 World Series

We are requesting that the section of South Carolina Highway 150 from US-176 to the Cherokee County Line be designated as Ernie White Memorial Highway



Ernie played Textile League baseball in the Pacolet area before he made it to the majors. You can read more about him at <http://pacoletmemories.com/baseballmajors.html> and <http://pacoletmemories.com/bberniewhite.html>.

Ernie was well known and liked in the Pacolet community before, during and after his major league career. He and my dad were friends in their younger years and my brother, David (“Dink”) and I were friends with his son, Joe Dan White, after the War. Dink and Joe Dan were in the same class in grammar school.

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