

Horace Owen Eller

(July 5, 1894 – July 18, 1961)

Pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds 1917-1922 Including during the infamous 1919 World Series Between the Cincinnati Reds and Chicago White Sox. His six straight strikeouts in the first game of the series set a World Series record.

Horace "Hod" Eller started his minor league career in 1913. In 1915, he won 19 games for the Moline Plowboys. His performance gained the attention of the Cincinnati Reds, and he was drafted by the team after the 1916 season. He pitched five years for the Reds, going 60–40 with a 2.62 earned run average (108 Adjusted ERA+).



Eller peaked in the Reds' pennant-winning 1919 season. He led the team in innings, and went 19–9 with a 2.39 ERA. On May 11 of that season, Eller no-hit the St. Louis Cardinals 6-0 at Redland Field.

He then pitched two complete game victories in the World Series, but it was later revealed that members of the Chicago White Sox had intentionally thrown the series for money.

In Game Five of that Series, Eller shut out the White Sox 5–0 with nine strikeouts, including six consecutively—a record that would be tied by Moe Drabowsky in the 1966 World Series opener.

