



The Greatest Pitcher

Walter Johnson was possibly the greatest pitcher of all time. One batter walked away after a second strike from Johnson. The umpire said, “You’ve got one more.” But the batter kept walking saying he’d give it up. It was impossible to hit Johnson’s fastball. Another batter said, “You can’t hit what you can’t see.”

But Ty Cobb could hit him. How? Cobb knew Walter Johnson was a gentleman, a truly nice and good man. He knew Johnson would never intentionally hurt anyone, so when Cobb was down 0–2 in the count, he would crowd the plate, knowing that Johnson would throw away from him, making the pitch hittable.

There are always people who take advantage of someone’s kindness, but most fans of that era would agree that Walter Johnson finished first in the heart of the fans, not Cobb. Leo Durocher said nice guys finish last—but Leo was wrong.

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