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## Firecracker Pitch

### **RICHMOND, INDIANA**

Seventeen-year-old pitcher Billy Hoelt and 19-year-old outfielder Keith Jones, both of the Ohio-Indiana (D) League's Richmond Tigers, are fined \$20 each for the illegal use of firecrackers.

Appearing before Richmond City Judge Andrew Herlits, Hoelt and Jones are each fined \$10 for the violation and \$10 for court costs ... the two teenagers were arrested the previous Saturday by Detective Sergeant John Murphy for throwing firecrackers at passing cars.

Signed several weeks earlier by the Detroit Tigers, Hoelt, a high school pitching sensation out of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, is 4-1 after picking up a 5-4 complete game victory over Lima the day following his arrest ... Hoelt will finish his rookie campaign 10-1 with a 1.71 ERA while Jones will lead the Tigers in home runs (12) and triples (20) while finishing second in batting with a .312 average.

Hoelt will make it to "the show" with the Tigers in 1952 and will win 97 games over a 15-year major league career ... an All-Star selection in 1954, Hoelt will win 20 games in 1955 and lead the American League with seven shutouts.

1950 will prove to be the high water mark in Jones' seven-year minor league career ... playing in both the Tigers and the New York Giants minor league systems, the left-handed hitting fly chaser will hit .274 with 29 career home runs.

### *Next Time He'll Just Pitch Balls*

Richmond, Ind. (AP)—Pitching firecrackers cost Bill Hoelt, Richmond Tiger bonus twirler, \$20 Friday.

The 17-year-old ace appeared before City Judge Andrew Herlits on a charge of illegal use of fireworks and was fined \$10 and costs. The costs amounted to \$10.

Hoelt and the Tigers' 19-year-old outfielder, Keith Jones, were arrested last Saturday by Detective Sgt. John Murphy, who said they were tossing firecrackers at passing cars.

One of them landed near his police car.