

August 26, 1947 **Bankhead Bombed**

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

In a 16-3 Tuesday afternoon loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates, Brooklyn Dodger Dan Bankhead becomes the first African-American to pitch at the major league level when he allows eight runs on 10 hits, one walk and two strikeouts in three and 1/3 innings.

Recently purchased from the Memphis Red Sox of the Negro American League, the 26-year-old Birmingham,

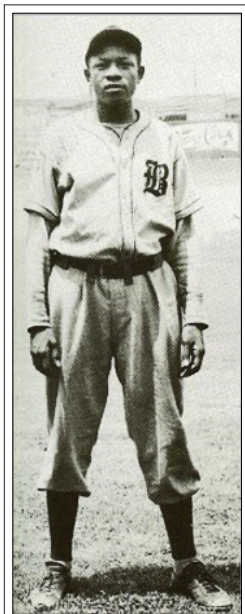
Alabama, native also becomes the first National League pitcher to hit a home run in his first major league at bat when he deposits a second-inning Fritz Ostermueller pitch five rows into the left field stands.

Bankhead appears in three more games before the Dodgers sent him down to the minor leagues

... Bankhead returns to the major leagues in 1950 and pitches in a total of 52 major league games.

One of five brothers to play professional baseball in the Negro Leagues, Bankhead continues to play pro baseball in Canada and Mexico through 1965.

Bankhead Fails In First Big League Chance



**Dan Bankhead
Birmingham Barons**