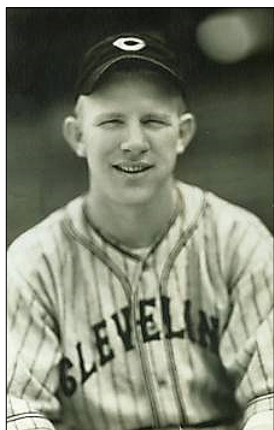


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Hugh Passes

■ After hitting .347 with 57 home runs and 190 RBIs in his first two minor league seasons, 20-year-old Cleveland Indians' prospect Hugh Alexander goes 1-for-4 with a stolen base in his major league debut against the Chicago White Sox on August 15, 1937.

Less than four months later Alexander's promising diamond career comes to a abrupt end when he has his left hand amputated on December 6, after it was mangled while trying to start a pump at an oil well near Seminole, Oklahoma ... he drives 14 miles to find a doctor, who amputates the hand. Alexander's anesthetic was two gulps of whiskey.



Hugh Alexander
1937 Cleveland Indians

■ Alexander makes his professional baseball debut in 1936, hitting .348 with 28 home runs and 102 RBIs in 122 games with the Fargo-Moorhead Twins of the Northern (D) League ... a year later, the Buffalo, Missouri, native is hitting .344 with 29 home runs and 88 RBIs in only 79 games with the Middle Atlantic (C) League's Springfield Indians when he is called up to the parent club on August 12 to replace released outfielder Roy Weatherly ... the outfielder/first baseman makes the respective league's All-Star teams in both seasons.

■ Alexander will spend the next 63 years scouting for the Indians, the White Sox, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Phillies, and the Cubs and will sign more players who will make it to the majors than any other scout ... the first player he signs is pitcher Allie Reynolds, who would go on to win 182 games in a 13-year major league career ... Alexander passes away on November 25, 2000 at the age of 83.