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Teen Matchup

CLEVELAND, OHIO

In a matchup of the youngest starting pitchers in major league history, Cleveland's 17-year-old Bob Feller outduels Philadelphia's 18-year-old Randy Gumpert in a 5-2 victory in the first game of a doubleheader.

Both teenagers fashion complete games with Feller, the "husky high school rookie," allowing the last-place Athletics only two hits and setting an AL rookie-record with 17 strike-outs, eclipsing the existing reco

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outs, eclipsing the existing record of 16 set by Rube Waddell of the Philadelphia Athletics 28 years earlier.

The victim of three unearned runs, Gumpert goes eight innings, allows two earned runs on seven hits while striking out two and walking five.

Gumpert, who gives up Mickey Mantle's first career home some 15 years later (May 1, 1951), pitches ten major league seasons (1936 to 1938, 1946 to 1952) with the Philadelphia Athletics, New York Yankees, Chicago White Sox, Boston Red Sox and Washington Senators. Gumpert finishes his career with a 51-59 mark and a 4.17 ERA and is selected to the 1951 American League All Star Team.

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