

On This Date

July 13, 1941

Sixteen-year-old Tucson Cowboy left-hander Alex Kellner strikes out 14 during a four-hit shutout of visiting Albuquerque in Randolph Stadium. Kellner's 14 strikeouts are one shy of the league record, and includes, at first, what could be a baseball record 10 strikeouts in a row between the first and fifth innings.

Ten days later Arizona-Texas League statistician Waldo Dicus tells the *Bisbee Review's* Charlie Modesette that Kellner actually tied a league record with eight-straight strikeouts, not the reported 10.

Since 1900, the record for consecutive strikeouts in the National League was seven and in the American League six.

In his next start, on July 20, Kellner wins his seventh-game in a row and he posts his second-straight shutout with a 3-0 victory over visiting Bisbee. On July 25, Kellner runs his league-record shutout streak to three-in-a-row with a 12-0 win at Albuquerque.

All of the Cincinnati Reds scouts that have seen are unanimous that he is a "great prospect." Finishing his first pro season with a 14-5 record, Kellner is sold to the Ogden Reds of the Pioneer (C) League on December 29, but is delayed in reporting because of an illness.

He ends up playing in 1942 with the Muskogee Reds in the Western (C) Association, where he is 11-7 with a 3.23 ERA.

ALBUQUERQUE—	AB	R	H	O	A
Dyke, cf	3	0	0	2	0
Zielinski, 3b	4	0	0	0	2
Estrada, ss	4	0	0	3	2
Nordell, rf	4	0	0	0	0
Trasky, rf	3	0	0	1	0
Krage, 1b	4	0	0	7	0
Waitman, 2b	4	0	1	1	2
Forsyth, c	4	0	1	10	0
Parks, p	3	0	2	0	2

Totals 33 0 4 24 8

TUCSON—	AB	R	H	O	A
Smith, cf	4	0	0	5	0
Todhunter, ss	2	1	1	1	0
Bezdek, lf	4	1	1	2	0
Beeler, 2b	3	0	1	1	1
Lawrence, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Mulcahy, 1b	3	0	0	2	1
Clements, 3b	3	0	0	0	0
Ramsey, c	3	1	0	16	1
Kellner, p	3	0	0	0	1

Totals 28 3 3 27 4

Score by innings:

Albuquerque 000 000 000—0
Tucson 200 010 00x—3

Summary: Errors — Waitman, Todhunter 3. Beeler. Threebase hit — Bezdek. Runs batted in—Bezdek, Beeler, Smith. Stolen bases—Dyke, Todhunter, Beeler. Wild pitch—Parks. Struck out — By Parks 10; Kellner 14. Bases on balls — Off Parks 2, Kellner 2. Left on base—Albuquerque 8; Tucson 3. Earned runs—Tucson 2.