

June 26, 1930

Pete is Done under June Sun

A "dazzling sun" and "lusty swinging" by the Fort Worth Panthers prove to be the undoing of future Hall of Fame pitcher Grover Cleveland Alexander in his Texas League debut with the Dallas Steers.

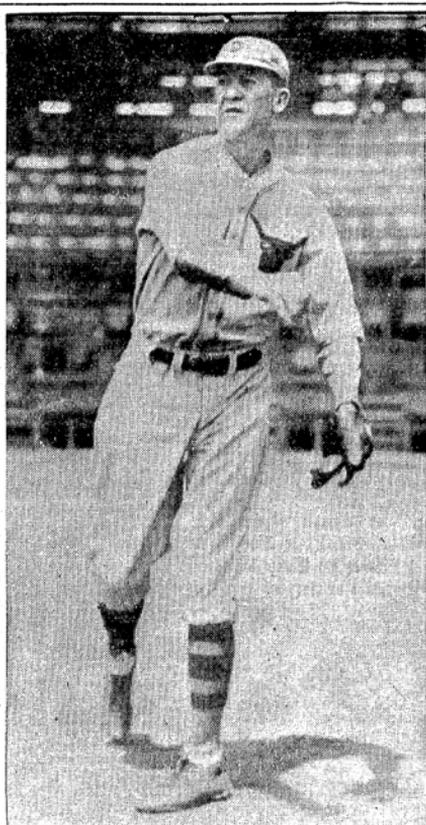
More than 8,000 fans to turn out to see Alexander make his first minor league appearance in nearly 20 years only to have the 43-year-old right-hander driven to the showers after allowing six runs on 11 hits in 4 1/3 innings ... Dallas however, rallies three times and eventually wins its second half home opener 18-9.

Fans cheer Alexander "to the echo" when he goes to home plate to accept a basket of flowers before the game starts and again in the fifth, when he "went shuffling off the field in the fifth, looking like a tired old man."

Alexander begins the 1930 season with the Philadelphia Phillies but is 0-3 with a 9.14 ERA when he is unconditionally released on June 3 ... when no other major league picks him up, Alexander signs with Dallas on June 19 for a reputed \$1,500 per month.

Pitching in four more games, including another early exit because of the heat, Alexander is suspended by the Steers on July 16 for repeated violations of "team training rules."

OLD ALEX CHASED TO SHOWERS



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Dallas Steers vs. Fort Worth Panthers
Steer Stadium, Dallas, Texas

Fort Worth—	AB.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Tavner, s. s.....	5	0	2	2	1	0	
Mallon, 2 b.....	5	1	2	4	5	0	
Bonowitz, 1 f.....	5	2	2	4	0	0	
Brown, c. f.....	4	1	2	1	0	0	
Clarke, 3 b.....	3	0	1	4	1	1	
Fowler, r. f.....	5	2	3	1	0	0	
Kelly, 1 b.....	4	1	2	8	0	0	
O'Connell, c.....	3	1	1	3	1	0	
Meyers, e.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	
McCabe, p.....	2	0	1	0	1	0	
Whitworth.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Egan, p.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Hardaway, p.....	1	0	0	0	1	1	
Sullivan, c. f.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	
Total.....	43	9	18	27	10	2	
Dallas—	AB.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Morse, 2 b.....	6	3	3	7	3	0	
Urban, s. s.....	5	2	2	2	5	0	
Cotter, 1 b.....	4	3	3	6	1	0	
G. Moore, c. f.....	6	3	3	2	0	0	
J. Moore, 1 f.....	5	1	3	1	0	0	
Taht, r. f.....	5	1	2	5	9	0	
Michaels, 3 b.....	3	2	0	1	2	0	
Tobin, c.....	5	3	3	3	1	0	
Alexander, p.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Fauscher.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	
Total.....	43	18	19	27	14	0	
Whitworth batted for Egan in ninth.							
Fort Worth.....	120	030	030	—	9		
Dallas.....	112	121	91*	—	18		

Alexander signs with Toledo of the American Association on August 2 ... scheduled to pitch for the Mud Hens the following day, he fails to appear, disappointing a sellout Sunday crowd of 14,000 ... three days later, Toledo president Oscar J. Smith goes to a Chicago hotel where Alexander is staying, but is met at the door to his room by a nurse who refuses to let him enter.

An angry Smith goes downstairs and writes a telegram that for all intents and purposes ends Alexander's career, "The Toledo baseball company notifies you that the deal for your services is called off and the Toledo baseball company does not desire your services."