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Connie Grob

Born on November 9, 1932, right-handed pitcher Connie Grob appears in 37 games for the American League's Washington Senators as a 23-year-old in 1956.

The Cross Plains, Wisconsin, native is 4-5 with one save for the seventh-place Nats with a slightly-elevated ERA of 7.83. In 79 1/3 innings, Grob allows 14 home runs among his 121 hits, including nine in cavernous Griffith Stadium.

After compiling a 30-3 mark in three years for Cross Plain's Middleton High School, Grob signs with the National League's Brooklyn Dodgers in the spring of 1952 and is assigned to the Sheboygan Indians of the Wisconsin State (D) League where he wins a league-record 24 games (including 17 in a row at one point) and is named the league MVP.

After spending two years (1953-54) in the military, Grob is assigned to Mobile of the Southern (AA) Association for the 1955 season. After finishing a so-so 11-9 with a 3.41 ERA for the Bears, Washington Senators manager Charlie Dressen saying "one good pitcher is worth three first basemen," makes the 23-year-old the team's first pick in the 1955 Rule V Draft.

Sold to the International (AAA) League's Montreal Royals after the conclusion of the season, Grob will go on to pitch through the 1965 season, finishing with a 107-90 mark in 11 minor league seasons. Grob passes away on September 28, 1997, in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 64.

