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Ed Albrecht's five-inning debut...

In the second game of a season-ending doubleheader between the St. Louis Browns and the Chicago White Sox, 20-year-old Brown rookie right hander Ed Albrecht throws a one-hitter in his major league debut ... in a game that is called at the end of the fifth inning because of darkness, Albrecht strikes out one and walks four in a 5-3 victory.

Albrecht earns his season-ending call-up with the Browns following a record-breaking performance with the Pine Bluff Cardinals of the Cotton States (C) League, where he wins 29 games and strikes out 389 batters (in 332 innings), both single-season records for the league.

Debuting with a 5-1 mark as a 17-year-old for the Bristol Twins of the Appalachian (D) League in 1945, Albrecht will pitch eight years in the minors, compiling a 87-67 record with a 3.91 ERA ... after playing with a semi-pro team in Baldwin, Missouri, the entire 1952 season, Albrecht attempts a brief comeback with the San Antonio Missions in mid-May of 1953, before quitting the team on July 1 to join the Mankato Merchants of the Southern Minnesota semi-pro league.

Extra Innings:

1951: After being hit hard in his first two starts for San Antonio, Albrecht complains of a sore arm and is suspended by the team for failing to be in "proper" playing condition.

1956: Albrecht pitches for the Red Villas team in the Heine Meine League of the St. Louis Municipal Baseball Association ... the Red Villas are coached by former St. Louis Browns outfielder Johnny Tobin.

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Rookie Gives Browns Split

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 2 (AP)—A rookie did what nine seasoned hurlers couldn't do today — win a ball game for the St. Louis Browns. Ed Albrecht, in his first appearance for the seventh place team, defeated the Chicago White Sox 5-3 in the second game of a doubleheader after the Sox took the first game, 4-3, facing a different St. Louis hurler in each inning. The second game was called at the end of five innings because of darkness. Scores:

Chicago				St. Louis					
AB	H	O	A	AB	H	O	A		
Phillee,rf	2	0	0	0	Dillinger,3b	4	3	0	0
Getkovich,rf	1	0	1	0	Lehner,1b	2	0	0	2
Higdon,cf	3	0	1	1	Platt,lf	3	0	0	2
Michaels,2b	2	0	4	1	Sievers,cf	2	1	3	0
Sakor,2b	0	0	0	0	Lollar,c	3	2	2	0
Bernal,lf	0	0	0	0	Kokos,rf	2	0	0	0
Kranich,3b	2	0	2	1	Spence,rf	1	1	1	0
Kress,1b	1	0	2	1	Friend,2b	3	3	1	3
Wheeler,c	1	0	4	1	Sullivan,ss	1	1	1	1
Baumer,ss	1	1	1	0	Albrecht,p	2	0	0	1
Haefner,p	0	0	0	2					
Burkont,p	0	0	0	0					
J. Ostrowski	1	0	0	0					
Judson,p	0	0	0	0					

Totals 18 1 15 7 Totals 23 11 15 5

aPopped out for Burkont in the fifth.
R. H. E.
Chicago000 03-3 1 0
St. Louis021 20-5 11 0

(Called, darkness.)
R—Baumer, Wheeler, Kress, Dillinger, Sievers, Lollar, Friend, Sullivan, RBI—Lollar, Friend, Sievers, Dillinger, Lehner, Baumer 2, Melkovich. 2BH—Lollar, Sullivan. 3BH—Baumer. SH—Lehner. DP—Kranich to Michaels to Kress, Haefner to Wheeler to Michaels. LOB—Chicago 2, St. Louis 8. BB—Haefner 2, Albrecht 4. Burkont 1, Judson 1. SO—Albrecht 1. Burkont 1, Judson 1. HO—Haefner 8 in 3 innings, Burkont 1 in 1, Judson 2 in 1. WP—Haefner. Winner—Albrecht (1-0). Loser—Haefner (9-11). U—Mickinley, Boyer. T—1:18. Att.—9849.

