

Pinch Hits, "July 17, 1938"

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Macon, Georgia

On July 17, 1938, Macon Peaches left-hander [Jake Baker](#), despite pitching with a painful blister on his left index finger, allows only four hits in posting his fifth-straight shutout and runs his South Atlantic League record scoreless innings streak to 49 in a row with a 3-0 shutout of visiting Jacksonville.

During his scoreless streak, Baker allows only five base on balls and 34 hits while striking out 31.

Four days later, Baker's shutout streak is snapped in the first inning of his next start when the Columbus Redbirds score three earned runs en route to a 5-1 win. The Ocala, Florida, native will finish the season 10-8 with a 1.97 ERA and a league-record six shutouts.

Acquired on option from the Minneapolis Millers on April 7, where he was 5-3 in 1937, the 27-year-old Baker starts the season with the Chattanooga Lookouts before being sold to the Dallas Steers on May 14. The Steers send Baker to Macon, to whom he reports to on June 3.

Baker will pitch another eight seasons in the minors, finishing with the Florida International (C) League's Miami Sun Sox as a 42-year-old in 1946.

Baker's Shutout Streak

Date	Opponent	Score	Inn	R	H	SO	BB
June 30	at Savannah.....	6-0	9.0	0	6	4	0
July 5	at Augusta.....	3-0	9.0	0	6	10	2
July 9	Savannah.....	4-0	9.0	0	7	5	2
July 13	Augusta.....	3-0	9.0	0	4	4	1
July 17	Jacksonville.....	3-0	9.0	0	4	4	1



Jake Baker
1938 Macon Peaches



Eddie Goddard
1936 Washington State University

El Paso, Texas

On July 17, 1938, in a doubleheader against visiting Tucson, El Paso Texan outfielder [Eddie Goddard](#) extends his modern day Arizona-Texas League record hitting streak to 30 consecutive games. In the two games, the 23-year-old is 3-for-7 with a double and an RBI.

Goddard began his hitting streak back on June 11 and his current 30-game mark surpasses that of former El Paso shortstop [Mel Cole](#), who set the previous record of 26-consecutive games a year ago. The league's all-time record is 44-straight games set in 1929 by El Paso's [Tony Antista](#). Goddard extends his hitting streak to 32 games-in-a-row before having his streak snapped by Bisbee 24-game winner [Jesse Flores](#) on July 21.

Known as the "Escondido Express," having grown up in Escondido, California, Goddard is a star in both football and baseball at Washington State from 1934 to 1937. As a quarterback in football, he is All-West Coast in 1935 and 1936 and a three-time First Team All-American. On the diamond, Goddard's best season comes in 1937 when he hits .400 with three home runs as a senior. He plays two seasons (1938-39) of minor league baseball, the second with the Ogden Reds in 1939. In 188 games the San Diego native posts a career batting average of .334 with 65 doubles, 19 triples and 10 home runs. He is the second-overall pick in 1937 NFL Draft and he plays two seasons with the Brooklyn Dodgers and Cleveland Rams.

Dallas, Texas

On July 17, 1938, Shreveport's Big [Jim Bivin](#) pitches 12 scoreless innings and the Sports explode for three runs on three singles, a double and a triple after two were out in the twelfth inning to defeat the Dallas Steers 3-0. The former major leaguer strikes out three, walks two and allows only four hits as Shreveport improves to 42-56. In his lone major league season, the Jackson, Mississippi, native, was 2-9 with a 5.79 ERA in 47 games in 1935 for the National League's Philadelphia Phillies. Dallas' [Dusty Rhodes](#) was on nearly even terms with Bivin into the 12th inning when [Bob Uhl](#) was brought into relieve him after [Joe Vitler's](#) triple had scored two runs. On May 30, 1935, in an 11-6 Phillies' win, Bivin gets [Babe Ruth](#), playing for the Boston Braves, to ground out to first base. It will be Ruth's final at bat of his career.



Jim Bivin
1948 Greenwood Dodgers