

Opening Day 1940 : Bob Feller's No-Hitter Revisited with HISTORY MAKER BASEBALL

The only no-hitter ever thrown on opening day happened on April 16th, 1940. Bob Feller did it, in 40-degree weather at Comiskey Park, a 1-0 win over the White Sox. He didn't even have his best stuff--he walked five batters, and loaded the bases in the second inning on an error and a pair of walks--but as catcher Rollie Hemsley said afterward, "it was plenty good enough."

In 1940, Feller was a 21-year old phenom playing his fourth big league season. He'd already tossed three one-hitters, and by the eighth inning the Chicago fans were on their feet, rooting for Feller in his quest for a no-hitter. In the ninth inning, Feller faced future hall of famer Luke Appling for the final out--no easy task, considering Appling's veteran savvy and his penchant for fouling off pitches to get to one he liked. Indeed, after getting two strikes, Appling fouled off four consecutive pitches and then drew a walk, the first Chicago batter to reach base since the third inning. That brought Taft Wright to the plate. Wright took ball one, then hit a sharp liner to second base that was knocked down by Ray Mack--Mack grabbed the ball with his bare hand and zipped the ball to first baseman Hal Trosky to end the game.

Here's your chance to re-play that game and see if history can repeat itself! We've included cards for the actual umpires that afternoon--note that there were only three of them, second base was left open. The actual batting orders are provided below, feel free to swap out your own players if you want.

As an added twist, if you'd like to increase the odds of re-living the no-hitter, we suggest giving Feller a Game Day PERK: SUNNY result 4 (Front Office), Minor Manager Perk, "Choice SEMI quality to starting pitcher, this game." Good luck!

Cleveland (Visitor)

Lou Boudreau SS
Roy Weatherly CF
Ben Chapman RF
Hal Trosky 1B
Jeff Heath LF
Ken Keltner 3B
Rollie Hemsley C
Ray Mack 2B
Bob Feller P

Chicago (Home)

Bob Kennedy 3B
Joe Kuhel 1B
Mike Kreevich CF
Moose Solters LF
Luke Appling SS
Taffy Wright RF
Eric McNair 2B
Mike Tresh C
Eddie Smith P

Tuesday, April 16, 1940

Attendance: 14,000

Venue: Comiskey Park, Chicago, IL

Game Duration: 2:24

DAY Game, on GRASS

Umpires: HP, Harry Geisel; 1B, Bill McGowan; 2B, (none); 3B, Lou Kolls.



Lou
BOUDREAU

SS • 1940A Cleveland

★ Batting R

Δ Double **HERO**
●SCRAPPER
●GOOD EYE

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Ben
CHAPMAN

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Δ Double ●HERO
●SCRAPPER
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Roy
WEATHERLY

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EAGER
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Ken
KELTNER

3B • 1940A Cleveland

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Hal
TROSKY

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Ray
MACK

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HERO

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Beau
BELL

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●HERO
●SCRAPPER
●EAGER

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Rollie
HEMSLEY

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EAGER
●GOOD EYE

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Jeff
HEATH

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UTILITY
●HR KING

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Frankie
PYTLAK

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Rusty
PETERS

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SCRAPPER
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Soup
CAMPBELL

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SCRAPPER

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Odell
HALE

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Bob
FELLER

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ACE● **UTILITY**
FLASH ●SAD SACK
CONTROL● ●EAGER
WHIFFER

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Al
MILNAR

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Pitching L ★ Batting L

STAR● ●SAD SACK
CONTROL● ●UTILITY
SCRAPPER
EAGER
WHIFFER

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Mel
HARDER

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Pitching R ★ Batting R

CONTROL● **UTILITY**
●SAD SACK
SCRAPPER
●EAGER
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Al
SMITH

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STAR● **HERO**
CONTROL● **SCRAPPER**

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Johnny
ALLEN

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STAR● ●SAD SACK
CONTROL● **SCRAPPER**
EAGER
●WHIFFER

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Joe
DOBSON

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Harry
EISENSTAT

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DB CONTROL **SCRAPPER**
 EAGER
 ●**WHIFFER**

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Johnny
HUMPHRIES

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Pitching R ☆ Batting R

STRUGGLER **SAD SACK**
WORKMAN **UTILITY**
FLASH• **SCRAPPER**
WILD **EAGER**
 WHIFFER

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Mike
NAYMICK

R/SP • 1940A Cleveland

Pitching R Batting R

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FLASH• **UTILITY**
 SCRAPPER
 EAGER
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Bill
ZUBER

RP • 1940A Cleveland

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FLASH• **UTILITY**
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Willis
HUDLIN

SP • 1940A Cleveland

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DB CONTROL **UTILITY**
 SCRAPPER
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**Joe
KUHEL**

1B • 1940A Chicago

★ Batting L

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- HR KING

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**Bob
KENNEDY**

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- EAGER

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**Luke
APPLING**

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- Δ Triple
- HERO
- CHAMPION
- SCRAPPER
- GOOD EYE

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**Mike
KREEVICH**

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- SCRAPPER**
- EAGER**

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**Taffy
WRIGHT**

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- CHAMPION
- SCRAPPER
- EAGER
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**Mike
TRESH**

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- SCRAPPER**
- GOOD EYE**

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**Moose
SOLTERS**

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- HERO
- SLUGGER**
- EAGER**

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**Skeeter
WEBB**

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- Σ Single
- UTILITY**
- SCRAPPER**

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**Larry
ROSENTHAL**

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- Δ Triple
- HERO
- PATIENT**

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**Eric
MCNAIR**

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- UTILITY**
- SLUGGER**
- EAGER**

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**Tom
TURNER**

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- Σ Single
- UTILITY**
- SCRAPPER**
- EAGER**

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**Jackie
HAYES**

2B • 1940A Chicago

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- SAD SACK**
- UTILITY**
- SCRAPPER**
- EAGER**
- WHIFFER**

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**Don
KOLLOWAY**

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- SCRAPPER**
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**Ken
SILVESTRI**

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- HR KING**
- PATIENT**
- WHIFFER**

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**Johnny
RIGNEY**

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- STAR**
- FLASH**●
- CONTROL**●
- UTILITY**
- SCRAPPER**
- EAGER**
- WHIFFER**

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**Thornton
LEE**

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- STAR**●
- CONTROL**
- SCRAPPER**
- EAGER**
- WHIFFER**

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**Eddie
SMITH**

SP • 1940A Chicago

Pitching L ★ Batting B

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- FLASH**●
- UTILITY**
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- WHIFFER**

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**Ted
LYONS**

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- DB CONTROL**
- UTILITY**
- SCRAPPER**
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Jack
KNOTT

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WORKMAN• **SAD SACK**
CONTROL• **UTILITY**
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Bill
DIETRICH

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WHIFFER

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Clint
BROWN

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CONTROL **SAD SACK**
UTILITY
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Pete
APPLETON

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Vallie
EAVES

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DB WILD **EAGER**
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