

= Lyman Linde =

Lyman Gilbert Linde (September 30 , 1920 ? October 24 , 1995) was an American right @-@ handed pitcher in Major League Baseball who played for the Cleveland Indians in the American League for two seasons . In four career games , Linde pitched 10 ? innings and had a 6 @.@ 75 earned run average (ERA) .

Born and raised in Wisconsin , Linde first played professionally with the Green Bay Bluejays . After a season with them , he enlisted in the armed forces for World War II , and joined the Greenville Spinners upon his return to baseball . During the next two seasons he spent some time with the Cleveland Indians , but mainly remained with the Indians ' minor league teams . After a year each in Oklahoma City , Baltimore , and San Diego , he spent the last four years of his career pitching for the Portland Beavers . He retired at the end of the 1953 season and died in 1995 .

= = Early life = =

Linde attended high school at Beaver Dam High School in Beaver Dam , Wisconsin . While there , he played basketball as well as baseball , and was part of the state champion Beaver Dam High School basketball team in 1937 . After graduating , he played amateur baseball in Wisconsin for several years . In a state amateur baseball tournament in 1941 , Linde , representing the Beaver Dam Beavers , pitched a one @-@ hitter to help lead his team to a 9 ? 1 win over the representatives from Fond du Lac County , Wisconsin . Linde attended the University of Wisconsin @-@ Madison on and off between 1939 and 1947 .

= = Minor leagues = =

Linde 's first taste of minor league action came in 1942 , when he signed with the Green Bay Bluejays of the Wisconsin State League . His performances that season included a near @-@ no @-@ hitter that was lost in the ninth inning in a 5 ? 2 victory over the Fond du Lac Panthers . Linde was also given the most valuable player award for a week in July after a pitching performance , also against Fond du Lac , in which he struck out 14 batters in a 5 ? 0 shutout victory . He finished the season with 13 wins , eight losses , and a 2 @.@ 91 ERA in 22 pitching appearances . After the season ended , the league folded temporarily , and Linde enlisted with the United States Army Air Forces to serve in World War II .

After returning from military service , Linde joined the Greenville Spinners , the Chicago White Sox minor league affiliate of the Sally League . He tried out for the Milwaukee Brewers , but was unable to make the team , and as a result was sent to Greenville to gain experience . Linde pitched in 29 games for the Spinners . In those 29 games , he had ten wins , eight losses , a 3 @.@ 50 ERA , and 121 innings pitched . After the conclusion of the season , in early November , Linde was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the rule 5 draft .

The following season , Linde pitched for the Oklahoma City Indians , the Indians minor league affiliate of the Texas League . He spent most of the season with Oklahoma City , and in a pitching appearance in August , threw a no @-@ hitter and narrowly missed pitching a perfect game . In 32 appearances for Oklahoma City , Linde won 14 games , lost 13 , and had an ERA of 2 @.@ 85 in 202 innings pitched . At the end of the minor league season , Linde was called up to the Indians ' major league roster along with Ernest Groth in order to build up the end of the bullpen .

= = Cleveland Indians and Portland = =

Linde made his major league debut with the Indians on September 11 , 1947 , which ended up being his only appearance of the season . In that one appearance , he pitched ? of an inning and allowed two earned run , finishing the game and season with an ERA of 27 @.@ 00 . During the off @-@ season , Linde played basketball with the Olo Soaps , a team located in his native Beaver Dam . He took part in spring training with the rest of the Indians roster for the 1948 Cleveland

Indians season . In late March , however , he was struck on the chin from a line drive hit by Indians manager Lou Boudreau , causing him to be sidelined for several days . By the end of spring training , Linde remained a part of the Indians roster . He pitched three games for the Indians early on in 1948 , pitching ten innings , allowing six earned runs and finishing the season with a 5 @.@ 40 ERA . After three games , he was demoted to the Baltimore Orioles of the International League . He spent the rest of the 1948 season as a starting pitcher for Baltimore . His performances included a one @-@ hit victory in his first appearance for the club . Linde finished the season with a 5 ? 9 record and a 4 @.@ 50 ERA .

Linde spent 1949 with the San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast League (PCL) . He tried to earn a spot with the Indians during spring training but was unable to . He spent the season as a starting pitcher for San Diego , and threw three shutouts over the course of the season , allowing only three hits to the Los Angeles Angels in his third one . He finished the season with a 14 ? 15 record in 35 pitching appearances (32 starts) , a 4 @.@ 41 ERA , 105 strikeouts , and 226 ? innings pitched . He brought the Padres to the playoffs , and pitched in game six of the championship against the Hollywood Stars , where he earned the 8 ? 4 loss as the Stars won the PCL pennant and the Governors ' Cup .

At the start of the 1950 season , Linde signed a new contract with the Indians , but was released in February and sent to the Portland Beavers in the PCL . Over the course of the season , Linde won 5 games and lost 13 in 47 appearances , 18 of them starts , and amassed an ERA of 4 @.@ 66 . The following year , in 1951 , Linde became a regular starter on the team , and before the end of April he had won as many games as he had won all of last year . He finished the season with a 12 ? 12 record and a 4 @.@ 29 ERA in 32 starts . In 1952 , Linde remained part of the core starting rotation of the past couple years alongside Red Adams and Marino Pieretti . His performances included one against the Angels in which Linde kept the team to five hits as the Beavers won 4 ? 3 in 11 innings . He won 11 games , lost 15 , threw 119 strikeouts , and brought his ERA down to 3 @.@ 10 in 41 season appearances , 28 of them starts . In 1953 , Linde started the season strong unlike his fellow pitchers , opening his season with a 2 ? 1 victory against the Angels on April 3 . In early May , he ended Ted Beard 's streak of hitting safely in 12 straight at @-@ bats , which tied the PCL record at the time . Shortly afterward , Linde won what was considered an odd performance as he allowed 15 hits and 20 runners on base , yet won a game against the Sacramento Solons 8 ? 3 . In his final professional season , Linde pitched in 36 games and finished with a 13 ? 10 record and a 3 @.@ 36 ERA .

= = Later life = =

After the 1953 season , Linde retired from baseball to tend to his wife , who was seriously ill . He died in Beaver Dam on October 24 , 1995 .