

Pitchers with Two Appearances in One Game

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Since 1952 (Retrosheet span), pitchers have made two appearances in one game at least 24 times. That is, a pitcher moved to another position for at least one batter, only to return to the mound later that game. Although two were stunts, most of these were strategic moves. Two pitchers did it twice – Sam McDowell and Roger McDowell. Alvin Dark employed this strategy five times as manager. This strategy can make accounting a challenge. Twice in 1970 Sam McDowell was credited with a game started and a game finished in the same game. Billy Pierce (1953), Tom Poholsky (1955) and Steve Blass (1968) also accomplished this. The rules do prohibit a winning pitcher from receiving credit for a save, so there can be no chance of that. These pitchers were credited with only one appearance. The following is a listing of all twenty-four known instances and an explanation of each game:

No	1949-Present	Date	DH	Team	Pos	Manager
1	Haddix, Harvey	9/28/52		SL-N	p-rf-p	Stanky, Eddie
2	Pierce, Billy	6/25/53		Chi-A	p-1b-p	Richards, Paul
3	Freeman, Hersh	6/3/55		Cin-N	p-3b-p	Tebbetts, Birdie
4	Poholsky, Tom	8/14/55		SL-N	p-lf-p	Walker, Harry
5	Gomez, Ruben	8/4/57	1	NY-N	p-lf-p	Rigney, Bill
6	O'Dell, Billy	6/6/65	2	Mil-N	p-1b-p	Bragan, Bobby
7	McBean, Al	8/18/65		Pit-N	p-lf-p	Walker, Harry
8	Paul, Mike	6/7/68		Cle-A	p-1b-p	Dark, Alvin
9	Blass, Steve	8/31/68		Pit-N	p-lf-p	Shepard, Larry
10	Williams, Stan	5/25/69		Cle-A	p-3b-p	Dark, Alvin
11	Selma, Dick	6/28/70	2	Phi-N	p-1b-p	Lucchesi, Frank
12	McDowell, Sam	7/6/70		Cle-A	p-2b-p	Dark, Alvin
13	McDowell, Sam	9/2/70		Cle-A	p-1b-p	Dark, Alvin
14	Rittwage, Jim	9/25/70		Cle-A	p-3b-p	Dark, Alvin
15	Wilson, Bill	8/6/71		Phi-N	p-3b-p	Lucchesi, Frank
16	McDowell, Roger	7/22/86		NY-N	p-rf-lf-p	Johnson, Davey
17	Orosco, Jesse	7/22/86		NY-N	p-rf-p-rf	Johnson, Davey
19	Dedmon, Jeff	10/1/86		Atl-N	p-lf-p	Tanner, Chuck
20	Comstock, Keith	6/17/87		SF-N	p-rf-p	Craig, Roger
21	Worrell, Todd	9/22/87		SL-N	p-rf-p	Herzog, Whitey
22	Crim, Chuck	6/6/89		Mil-A	p-1b-p	Trebelhorn, Tom
23	Lancaster, Les	6/13/90	1	Chi-N	p-lf-p	Zimmer, Don
24	McDowell, Roger	10/1/91		LA-N	p-lf-p	Lasorda, Tom
25	Nelson, Jeff	7/15/93		Sea-A	p-lf-p	Piniella, Lou

No. 1 - Sunday, September 28, 1952 Cubs at Cardinals

St. Louis Cardinals	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Haddix (L.2-2)	0.0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	to LF
Musial	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Haddix	8.0	7	2	2	0	11	1	30	
Clark	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	
TOTAL	9.0	9	3	2	1	11	1	37	

After Harvey Haddix walked the first batter of the last game of the season, Stan Musial came in from centerfield to face Frankie Baumholtz. Musial was a former minor league pitcher before he hurt his arm, and Baumholtz was Musial's closest competitor for the batting title. Haddix moved to leftfield for one batter. In keeping with the stunt, Baumholtz switched to the right side of the plate against the lefty Musial and hit a ground ball to third where Solly Hemus booted the ball for an error. Haddix returned to the mound to pitch the next eight innings and Musial returned to the outfield.

No. 2 -Thursday, June 25, 1953 White Sox at Yankees

Chicago White Sox	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Pierce (W.9-3)	8.0	4	2	2	3	4	1	31	to 1B
Dorish	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Pierce	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	
TOTAL	9.0	5	2	2	4	5	1	36	

With the White Sox leading 4-2 in the bottom of the 9th, Paul Richards brought in Harry Dorish (TR) and sent Billy Pierce (TL) to first base. Don Bollweg (BL) led off the inning with a bunt single. After Richards was ejected from the game, Gil McDougald (BR) grounded to third sending Bollweg to second. Pierce then returned to the mound to finish the victory, thus being credited with both a game started and a game finished.

No. 3 - Friday, June 3, 1955 Reds at Pirates

Cincinnati Reds	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Staley	0.1	4	3	3	0	0	0	5	
Fowler	5.0	8	3	3	0	3	0	23	
Freeman	0.1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	to 3B
Nuxhall	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Freeman	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Ridzik (L.0-4)	1.0	4	1	1	1	0	0	8	
TOTAL	8.0	18	7	7	2	3	0	44	

With two out, the bases loaded and the Pirates leading 6-5 in the 6th inning, Joe Nuxhall (TL) relieved Hersh Freeman (TR), who moved to third base. Dale Long (BL) had already three hits in the game, and Birdie Tebbetts felt that Nuxhall would stand a better chance than Freeman. Tebbetts was right. Dale Long was retired for the only time in the game on a fly ball. Freeman returned to the mound in the 7th.

No. 4 - Sunday, August 14, 1955 Reds at Cardinals

St. Louis Cardinals	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Poholsky	7.2	3	3	3	1	3	1	26	to LF
Arroyo	0.0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	
Poholsky (W.7-6)	2.1	6	0	0	1	0	0	14	
TOTAL	10.0	10	4	4	2	3	2	41	

With two out and a runner on first in the 8th inning, Luis Arroyo (TL) took the mound to face one batter, while Tom Poholsky (TR) moved to left field. The Cardinals were ahead 4-2 with Ted Kluszewski (BL) coming up. Harry Walker wanted a lefty to face the always-dangerous Kluszewski. The strategy backfired as Kluszewski homered to tie the score. Poholsky immediately returned to the mound to finish the game. Here Poholsky was credited with both a game started and a game finished.

No. 5 - Sunday, August 4, 1957 (Game 1) Giants at Reds

New York Giants	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
McCormick	4.1	9	4	4	1	2	2	24	
Monzant	2.2	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	
Gomez	2.2	2	1	1	1	0	0	11	to LF
Constable	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Gomez	2.1	2	1	1	1	2	1	10	
Grissom (W.3-3)	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Barclay	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	
TOTAL	14.0	16	6	6	3	6	3	60	

In the 10th inning with the Giants leading 5-4 and runners on first and third, Jim Constable (TL) replaced Ruben Gomez (TR) to face George Crowe (BL). Bill Rigney's ploy didn't work, as Crowe singled in the tying run. Gomez promptly returned to the mound from left field and struck out Jerry Lynch to end the inning.

No. 6 - Sunday, June 6, 1965 (Game 2) Dodgers at Braves

Milwaukee Braves	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Lemaster (W.3-5)	6.2	3	3	3	4	6	1	27	
O'Dell	0.0	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	to 1B
Sadowski	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
O'Dell (Sv.6)	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
TOTAL	9.0	6	4	4	4	6	1	37	

In the 7th inning with two out and the Braves leading 6-3, Bobby Bragan moved Billy O'Dell (TL) to first base so Bob Sadowski (TR) could face Lou Johnson (BR). Johnson singled in a run and O'Dell immediately returned to the mound to get the final out.

No. 7 - Wednesday, August 18, 1965 Pirates at Astros

Pittsburgh Pirates	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Veale (W.13-9)	8.0	6	5	5	5	8	1	34	
McBean	0.0	3	2	2	0	0	0	3	to LF
Carpin	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
McBean (Sv.15)	0.2	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	
TOTAL	9.0	10	7	7	6	9	1	41	

In the 9th inning with the Pirates leading 8-6 and runners on first and second, Harry Walker for a second time tries the shift. Al McBean (TR) went to leftfield and Frank Carpin (TL) was brought in to face Joe Morgan (BL). Morgan struck out and McBean returned to the mound to eventually earn a save.

No. 8 - Friday, June 7, 1968 Indians at Tigers

Cleveland Indians	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Hargan	6.0	3	2	2	5	1	2	24	
Kurtz	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Paul	2.2	1	1	1	1	6	1	10	to 1B
Williams	0.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Paul (L.0-1)	0.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	
TOTAL	8.2	6	5	3	6	7	3	38	

With two out in the 9th inning, nobody on, and a 4-3 lead, Alvin Dark pulled his first of five shifts. Mike Paul (TL) was moved to first base and Stan Williams (TR) was brought in to face Bill Freehan (BR), who promptly singled. Paul vainly returned to the mound to quell the Tiger rally.

No. 9 - Saturday, August 31, 1968 Braves at Pirates

Pittsburgh Pirates	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Blass	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	to LF
Face	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Blass (W.13-5)	8.1	5	0	0	2	5	0	30	
TOTAL	9.0	5	0	0	2	5	0	32	

In a stunt Larry Shepard brought in Roy Face to retire one batter, Felix Millan. Face tied Walter Johnson's record – 802 games pitched for one team. Steve Blass returned from left field to finish the game. Face was immediately sold to the Tigers. Blass had both a game started and a game finished, but was not credited with a shutout.

No. 10 – Sunday, May 25, 1969 Seattle at Cleveland

Cleveland Indians	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Paul	4.0	4	1	1	3	4	0	19	
Williams	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	to 3B
Pizarro	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Williams (L.1-5)	4.0	4	2	2	3	5	0	19	
TOTAL	9.0	8	3	3	7	10	0	42	

In the 5th inning with Seattle leading 1-0 and runners on first and second and two outs, Alvin Dark sent Stan Williams (TR) to third base and brought in Juan Pizarro (TL) to retire Mike Hegan (BL) and end the Pilots' threat. Williams returned to start the 6th inning and eventually lost the game.

No. 11 - Sunday, June 28, 1970 (Game 2) Phillies at Cardinals

Philadelphia Phillies	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Short	7.0	5	2	2	2	6	0	29	
Hoerner	0.1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	
Selma	1.0	1	1	0	1	1	0	6	to 1B
Fryman	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Selma (W.3-5)	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	
TOTAL	10.0	6	3	2	4	11	0	42	

In the bottom of the 9th inning with the score tied 3-3, one out, and runners on first and second, Frank Lucchesi moved Dick Selma (TR) to first base to allow Woody Fryman (TL) to face Jerry DaVanon (BR). Fryman struck out DaVanon, and Selma returned to the mound to strike out the last batter of the inning.

No. 12 - Monday, July 6, 1970 Senators at Indians

Cleveland Indians	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
McDowell (W.12-4)	7.2	11	4	4	5	12	0	38	to 2B (1 PO on 3B to 2B force out)
Chance	0.1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	
McDowell	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	
TOTAL	9.0	11	4	4	6	15	0	43	

With two out in the 8th inning, runners on second and third, and the Indians ahead 6-4, Alvin Dark sent Sam McDowell (TL) to second base and Dean Chance (TR) to the mound to face Frank Howard (BR), who was intentionally walked, and Rick Reichardt (BR), who forced Howard at second – McDowell picking up the putout. McDowell returned in the 9th to finish the game, earning both a game started and a game finished.

No. 13 - Wednesday, September 2, 1970 Indians at Senators

Cleveland Indians	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
McDowell (L.19-9)	5.1	8	3	3	6	5	0	29	to 1B
Chance	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	
McDowell	2.0	2	1	1	0	1	0	8	
TOTAL	8.0	11	4	4	6	6	0	40	

In the 6th inning with one out, runners on first and second, and Cleveland behind 1-0, Alvin Dark moved Sam McDowell (TL) to first base and brought in Dean Chance (TR) again. Chance faced Frank Howard (BR), Rick Reichardt (BR), and Aurelio Rodriguez (BR), allowing both inherited runners to score, but closing out the inning. McDowell returned to the mound in the 7th, again earning a game started and game finished.

No. 14 - Friday, September 25, 1970 Orioles at Indians

Cleveland Indians	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Rittwage	3.2	4	5	5	6	2	0	20	to 3B
Austin	0.1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	
Rittwage	3.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	10	
Colbert	1.0	2	1	1	1	2	0	6	
Hennigan	4.0	4	1	0	2	5	0	18	
Hand (L.6-13)	1.0	2	2	2	2	1	1	7	
TOTAL	13.0	14	9	8	13	11	1	64	

In his fifth and final switch, Alvin Dark brought in Rick Austin (TL) to face three batters in the 4th inning with the Indians behind 3-0, runners on first and second, and two out. Jim Rittwage (TR) moved to third base. Austin allowed both inherited runners to score, while facing Boog Powell (BL), Merv Rettenmund (BR), and Terry Crowley (BL). Rittwage returned to the mound in the 5th inning.

No. 15 - Friday, August 6, 1971 Phillies at Pirates

Philadelphia Phillies	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Reynolds	6.0	6	2	2	4	2	0	25	
Wilson (W.3-3)	1.1	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	to 3B
Hoerner	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Wilson	1.1	1	0	0	1	1	0	6	
TOTAL	9.0	7	2	2	6	5	0	37	

In the 8th inning Frank Lucchesi moved Bill Wilson (TR) to third base and sent Joe Hoerner (TL) to the mound to face Willie Stargell (BL). The Phillies were ahead 3-2 at the time. The bases were empty with one out. Hoerner struck out Stargell and Wilson returned to the mound to finish the game.

Nos. 16 & 17 - Tuesday, July 22, 1986 Mets at Reds

New York Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Ojeda	5.0	6	3	3	1	4	2	21	
Anderson	1.1	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Myers	0.2	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	
Sisk	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	8	
Orosco	0.2	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	to RF
McDowell	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	to RF+ LF
Orosco	1.1	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	to RF (1 PO on fly ball)
McDowell (W.8-4)	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
TOTAL	14.0	14	3	3	3	7	2	56	

In a unique ploy Davey Johnson alternated Jesse Orosco (TL) with Roger McDowell (TR) for the last 5 innings of a 14-inning game. Orosco caught a fly ball in the 13th inning. The following lists the batters they faced.

Pitcher	Inn	Batter	Pitcher	Inn	Batter
Jesse Orosco[L]	10	Dave Parker[L]	Jesse Orosco[L]	12	Dave Parker[L]
Jesse Orosco[L]	10	Pete Rose[S]	Jesse Orosco[L]	12	Carl Willis[L]
Jesse Orosco[L]	10	Eddie Milner[L]	Jesse Orosco[L]	12	Eddie Milner[L]
Roger McDowell[R]	10	Wade Rowdon[R]	Roger McDowell[R]	13	Wade Rowdon[R]
Roger McDowell[R]	11	Tony Perez[R]	Roger McDowell[R]	13	Tony Perez[R]
Roger McDowell[R]	11	Ron Oester[S]	Roger McDowell[R]	13	Ron Oester[S]
Roger McDowell[R]	11	Sal Butera[R]	Roger McDowell[R]	14	Sal Butera[R]
Jesse Orosco[L]	11	Max Venable[L]	Roger McDowell[R]	14	Max Venable[L]
Jesse Orosco[L]	12	Buddy Bell[R]	Roger McDowell[R]	14	Buddy Bell[R]

No. 18 - Wednesday, October 1, 1986 Reds at Braves

Atlanta Braves	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Alexander	6.0	8	4	4	0	5	1	26	
Dedmon	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	to LF
Assenmacher	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Dedmon	1.1	2	1	1	0	0	0	5	
Garber (L.5-5)	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	0	4	
TOTAL	9.0	13	6	6	1	6	1	39	

Chuck Tanner pulled the switch in the 7th inning of a 4-3 lead with two out and runners at first and second. Paul Assenmacher (TL) faced Dave Parker (BL), while Jeff Dedmon (TR) went into left field. Assenmacher was unsuccessful as he yielded at hit that tied the game and Dedmon returned to the mound.

No. 19 - Wednesday, June 17, 1987 Giants at Braves

San Francisco Giants	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
LaCoss	5.0	5	1	1	5	1	0	22	
J.Robinson (L.3-5)	0.2	1	1	1	2	1	0	5	
Comstock	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	to RF
Bockus	0.0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	
Comstock	0.0	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	
Perlman	1.2	2	1	0	1	0	0	10	
TOTAL	8.0	11	6	4	9	2	1	43	

Roger Craig brought in Randy Bockus (TR) with one out and no one on in the 7th inning to face Dale Murphy (BR), while sending Jeff Comstock (TL) to right. Craig chose unwisely as Murphy homered to tie the score at 2-2. Comstock was immediately returned to the mound.

No. 20 - Tuesday, September 22, 1987 Phillies at Cardinals

St. Louis Cardinals	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Cox (W.10-8)	7.2	5	1	1	4	6	0	29	
Worrell	0.1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	to RF
Dayley	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Worrell (Sv.32)	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
TOTAL	9.0	6	2	2	4	7	1	34	

Whitey Herzog made his first attempt at this switch, when he selected Ken Dayley (TL) to face Von Hayes (BL), after Mike Schmidt homered off Todd Worrell (TR) to lead-off the 9th inning, tightening the Cardinals lead to 3-2. Dayley got Hayes on strikes. Worrell returned to earn the save.

No. 21 - Tuesday, June 6, 1989 Brewers at Blue Jays

Milwaukee Brewers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Higuera	5.0	6	3	3	1	4	0	21	
Aldrich (W.1-0)	3.0	1	0	0	1	2	0	10	
Crim	0.1	2	1	1	1	1	0	4	to 1B
Fossas	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Crim (Sv.3)	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	
TOTAL	9.0	10	4	4	3	8	0	38	

Chuck Crim (TR) was chosen by Tom Trebelhorn to start the 9th inning with a three run lead. With one out and the bases loaded, Tony Fossas (TL) was called upon to face Nelson Liriano (BS), who singled in one run. Crim returned from first base to retire the last two batters and quell the rally.

No. 22 - Wednesday, June 13, 1990 (Game 2) Mets at Cubs

Chicago Cubs	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Pico	5.2	9	5	5	3	2	1	27	
Lancaster	0.2	4	4	4	0	1	0	6	to LF
Assenmacher	0.0	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	
Lancaster (L.5-3)	2.0	4	5	5	1	0	1	12	
Wilkins	0.2	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	
TOTAL	9.0	20	15	14	6	4	2	52	

With one out in the 7th inning the bases loaded, and the Cubs leading 8-6, Don Zimmer sent Les Lancaster (TR) into left and brought in lefty Paul Assenmacher (TL) for three batters. This turned out to be a disaster as Assenmacher gave up two singles and a walk to give the Mets a 9-8 lead. Lancaster was returned to the mound where he got the last two outs of the inning, yielding one run, before eventually succumbing in the 9th.

No. 23 - Tuesday, October 1, 1991 Padres at Dodgers

Los Angeles Dodgers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Ojeda (W.12-9)	7.1	5	1	1	2	8	0	27	
McDowell	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	to LF
Candelaria	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
McDowell (Sv.10)	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	
TOTAL	9.0	6	1	1	2	10	0	33	

Roger McDowell (TR) made his second appearance on this list in the 9th inning of a 3-1 Dodger lead. Fred McGriff (BL) was scheduled to lead off the inning, so Tom Lasorda moved McDowell to left and brought in John Candelaria (TL), who struck out McGriff. McDowell moved back onto the mound and dispatched the last two batters.

No. 24 - Thursday, July 15, 1993 Mariners at Red Sox

Seattle Mariners	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF	Note
Fleming (W.5-1)	7.0	5	2	2	2	1	1	26	
Nelson	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	to LF
Powell	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Nelson	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	
Hampton (Sv.1)	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
TOTAL	9.0	6	2	2	2	2	1	34	

Lou Piniella brings our list to a close, when he brought Dennis Powell (TL) in with two out and a runner on first in the 8th inning of a one run game. Jeff Nelson (TR) moved to left and Powell retired Mike Greenwell (BL) to end the inning. Nelson returned to start the 9th, before needing help to finish the game.

Please note. This list may not be exhaustive. If you discover any instances not covered here, please contact Retrosheet. They will be included. Thank you.