

Ol' Satchel, Who Keeps on Pitching Because He Loves It, Comes to Kalida

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It's only natural that the most traveled man in baseball – Leroy (Satchel) Paige – would be playing with a team which travels more and farther than any other in the game, Abe Saperstein's famous Harlem Globetrotters.

Satchel, hailed by millions as the peer of all pitchers, will stop off at Kalida when the Globetrotters play the bearded House of David nine Thursday, June 3, under the lights.

One of the reasons they call him Satchel is because the ancient hurler has been "living out of a suitcase" most of his life, pitching all over the world.

Satchel says that "I have pitched in every state in the union. More people have seen me pitch than any pitcher in baseball history. And thousands more will see me this season with the Globetrotters."

"I'VE BEEN out there on that mound throwin' that ol' ball for more than 25 years, and when I say years, I mean 365 days. I have been pitching 130 to

160 games, with the exception of the time I spent in the big leagues with Cleveland and St. Louis, for so long that it's just a habit now."

"I figure I have pitched more than 2,000 games, traveling' about 30,000 miles a year. I used to pitch down south in the spring, all over the country during the summer and I'd go to California late in the fall and pitch. Then in the middle of winter, I'd take off for South America."

Why does this famous baseball figure continue to pitch? Why doesn't he quit and live a life of ease?

"Well," Satchel says, "I don't quit baseball because I love it. I like get out there and let that fast ball fly. I love to see them hitters swing and miss Ol' Satch's fast ball and hesitation pitch."

There is no doubt that Satch loves the game, but it should be added there that his love (baseball) brings a good salary, too. He will make no less than \$30,000 pitching for the Globetrotters this season.