

Jim Golden in Colt .45s uniform

This photo features Jim Golden, a right-handed pitcher from rural Topeka, as a member of the Houston Colt .45s. Golden had a professional baseball career that spanned the period 1954-1964. During that time, he played for two major league and eight minor league teams. He pitched for both the Dodgers (1960-1961) and the Houston Colt .45s (1962-1963), achieving a 9-13 major league record, with an ERA of 4.54 in 69 game appearances. He is one of only nine major league pitchers to have hit two triples in a game. His minor league record stands at 88-91 and a 3.82 ERA. His best year in the minors was in 1960, when he went 20-9 with the Class AAA St. Paul Saints. Before playing professionally, Golden was a standout pitcher for Silver Lake High School and the Mosby-Mack American Legion team. At Silver Lake, his pitching led the Eagles to state baseball championships in both 1953 and 1954. He set and still holds four state high school strikeout records. The Mosby-Macks, which represented Topeka's Capitol Post 1, also won state titles in 1952 and 1953.

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