

Lowder drops ERA to 1.30, best by a Reds pitcher through 8 starts, matching Fernando

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ARLINGTON, Texas — What Rhett Lowder considered a grind ended with him doing something no other Cincinnati Reds pitcher has ever done, and also matching a feat only Fernando Valenzuela had accomplished in the majors.

Lowder threw six innings in a 2-0 win over the Texas Rangers on Saturday night, lowering his career ERA to 1.30, the lowest for a Reds pitcher through eight career starts since the earned run became an official stat in 1913.

His fifth scoreless start of at least five innings matched the late Valenzuela for the most by any pitcher through his first eight career starts since 1900. When Valenzuela did that for the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981, he went on to be the National League Cy Young Award and the league's Rookie of the Year.

"Oh really? No, I didn't know that," Lowder responded when told of what he had done. "That's pretty

cool, but just want to keep going and keep winning."

The 24-year-old Lowder (1-0) held the Rangers to three two-out singles, all coming in the first and second innings. Only one runner got to second base against him while he struck out four. He retired 13 of the last 15 batters he faced, the runners in that span being after his only two walks, leading off the third and fifth innings.

"Honestly, it was a grind," Lowder said. "I feel like I never got into rhythm. ... I mean I'm happy with it for sure, but it wasn't easy."

Tom Browning's 1.52 ERA through his first eight career starts in 1984-85 had been the best mark for the Reds.

Lowder made his second start this year after missing all last season because a right forearm strain and left oblique strain. The seventh overall pick out of Wake Forest in the 2023 draft made his big league debut in the final month of the 2024 season, going 2-2 with a 1.17 ERA in six starts.

Lowder still qualifies as a rookie

this season, though he certainly hasn't pitched like one or looked like someone who went 18 months between big league starts.

"I don't think he was searching ... it's nice to see him get his legs under things like that," Reds manager Terry Francona said. "But I don't think we were too worried about that part of it. He's a pretty mature kid."

In his first start this season, Lowder struck out five and allowed two runs on three hits in five innings against Boston. He threw 54 of 82 pitches for strikes against Texas while working around the two-out singles and leadoff walks.

"Just kind of pitches like a veteran.," Francona said.

"He's a good pitcher. He knows where his stuff is going. He has an idea of how to use his tools, how to use his weapons. I mean, he can throw any pitch at any time," catcher Jose Trevino said. "It's pretty impressive, like his demeanor out there, his attitude towards it all. ... I think he's going to be good for a long time."



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Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Rhett Lowder throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Saturday, April 4, in Arlington, Texas.

Spring Chores



MARK CAMPBELL

David Anderson, like many homeowners in the area was outside on a windy spring day doing yard work at his Highland Avenue home in Carrollton. With warmer weather and plenty of rain, keeping up with yard mowing is becoming increasingly time consuming — and especially since wind gusts leave him lots of small limbs from his trees to pick up before getting started.

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of first responders in Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. She said she also serves as an advocate for first responders through partnerships with the Kentucky Firefighters Association and Kentucky State Fire and is a spokesperson for a public safety campaign focusing on smoke detectors.

True started out in Trimble County and attended Milton Elementary School as a youth. She graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 2016 and later from the University of Kentucky where she earned bachelor's degrees in marketing and integrated strategic communication and a master's degree in sports leadership.

She moved to Owensboro, Kentucky, in January and now works at Kentucky Wesleyan College as director of development.

True competed in pageants growing up including winning Miss Pre-teen Regatta in 2011, Miss Teen Regatta in 2013 and Miss Madison Regatta in 2018. "Everything is a stepping stone, and I think when you compete at a younger age, you really get to see the older girls as role models, and hopefully see yourself in their position, and when you get to be the older girl all those eyes are on you," she said.

"It's very motivating and very inspiring. I think it really makes the experience that more special when you get walk down the sidewalk, and girls are just in awe, 'Oh my gosh, a real life princess.' It makes it a lot more fun," she said.

This was the first time for True competing in the national United States of America pageant. "I was definitely coming in as the underdog," she said.

However, she used her experience from other pageants and performed "On My Own" from "Les Misérables" in the optional talent competition.

As United States of America's Miss, True will travel extensively for appearances, including pageants and national events that include a trip to Washington, D.C. that is tied to celebrations for America's 250th anniversary. "To be a national title holder in such a special year is really exciting," she said.

United States of America pageant also held three other pageants last week — USOA Miss Teen, won by Josie Walker who had also been Miss Teen Kentucky. USOA Ms., won by Lauren Dani (Miss Golden State) and USOA Mrs., won by Emmalee Cinotti (New York).

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brings a unique blend of organization, analytics and feel for the game that's critical to any organization, along with a deep understanding of what it takes to build a roster that can compete at the highest level. In today's game, roster management is everything, and Keegan is as good as it gets in that space. We're excited to have him in Lexington and confident he'll make an

immediate impact on our success."

With the Herd, Brown was involved with coaching operations and player personnel. In addition to leading video and workflow infrastructure, he supported G League Draft preparation, player pool scouting, roster evaluation processes, trade-related analysis and G League scouting efforts for the Milwaukee Bucks. He also contributed to the Milwaukee Bucks' pre-draft processes, assisting with draft intel preparation and supporting pre-

draft workouts.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to join a historic program like Kentucky basketball," Brown said. "The tradition, expectations, and standard here are unmatched, and I'm excited to get to work alongside Coach Pope and the staff to build a roster that reflects that level."

Brown earned a Master's in Sports Business Management and an MBA from the University of Central Florida, and a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Brigham Young University.

THEATRE

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Tyler Hook as both Daddy Cane and Dr. Norquist, Zuzu Bailey as Margo, Patrick McIntosh as Max and Stanford, Jamie Russell as Florence, Anna Guzman as Edna, Gracen Black as Darla, Gabby Vest as Lucy, Chelsea Dattilo as Mama Murphy, Luca Alcorn as Daddy Murphy, Xander Bauer as Mayor Dobbs, Piper Fischmer as the government clerk, Jenna Renfrow as the well-dressed woman and Fiona Magrath as the station master.

The ensemble includes Dattilo, Black, Guzman, Vest, Bailey, Magrath, Renfrow, Fischmer, Hook, Bauer, McIntosh, Alcorn, Russell and Shealynn Sever.

The crew includes Angrew Egle and Asher Ulry on sound, Allie Burch on lights, Spencer Downing on musical playback and Melanie Torline on graphic design. The director/designer is Aaron Kelsey and the music director is Abby Guirguis.

Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Admission online is \$14 for adults and \$5 for students. Admission at the door is \$17 for adults and \$7 for students. For the two 2:30 p.m. matinee performances, adult tickets are \$4 off. Also, available are VIP tickets that are \$19 online and \$22 at the door for all ages that provide seating in the first five rows.



Bob Demaree

Sophia Reilmann, a junior at Madison Consolidated High School, is pictured in her role as Alice Murphy in Madison Theatre's production of "Bright Star" that will be performed Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Opal Sherman Auditorium.



LEGAL NOTICE

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CITY OF CARROLLTON'S DELINQUENT TAXES
NOTICE TO DELINQUENT 2025 CITY TAX PAYOR'S

The following properties within the city limits of Carrollton, Kentucky, are delinquent in paying their 2025 CITY PROPERTY TAXES.

The amounts listed include the Delinquent Tax, Penalty, and Interest through April 30, 2026. Each amount listed is subject to a 1% (one percent) per month interest charge from May 1, 2026, until paid.

A LIEN upon the real estate described on the face of the bill has been filed with the County Clerk's Office. Each tax bill is subject to an additional \$46.00 LIEN CHARGE and \$5.00 PUBLICATION FEE.

BILL NUMBER	NAME	\$ AMOUNT DUE
37	ARNEY BEAU C & HILLARY B	220.49
75	BEACH CECIL & KARLA	170.39
125	BLACK CONNIE Y	504.47
1204	BROWN RITA C	818.51
152	BROWN RITA C	417.27
1206	BURDEN LYNNETTE M	367.50
161	BURRELL DUKE ESTATE & PAMELA	300.66
178	CANINE VICKIE M	167.04
1209	CARROLLTON CONSTRUCTION LLC	584.64
	c/o PARNEET SOHI	
1210	CARROLLTON CONSTRUCTION LLC	250.56
	c/o PARNEET SOHI	
193	CARROLLTON KY LAND LLC	447.67
1323	CHIRO REAL ESTATE LLC	334.08
	c/o CHARLES BRENT	
227	CLYMER DANIEL PAUL & HEATHER LYNN	584.64
234	COOTS ANASTASIA & GATES CASI C	434.29
1341	CSM SERVICES LLP	918.72
284	DEES RUSSELL T II	283.98
1235	DUNLAVY SEAN	442.67
	c/o OGBURN MARK S LL	
1240	FEATHERSTONE QUINTON	680.18
1241	FEATHERSTONE QUINTON	601.33
373	GNM INC	902.03
1493	GNM INC	15.46
447	HILAVEZ ROSA SALAS & CARLOS GONZALEZ	418.29
515	JACKSON STELLA	30.07
516	JACKSON STELLA	197.11
530	JOHNSON CHRISTI LYNN	574.20
536	JOHNSON WILMA	25.07
1380	LAMBRECHTS DAVID	698.23
1386	LEWELLYN GARVIN	243.86
596	LOPEZ ABEL & ALBINA HERNANDEZ	173.74
615	MARSHALL JULIA M	50.10
616	MARSHALL JULIA M	183.73
1268	PALMER JAMES D	1.65
1519	PAWSITIVELY POSH	4.12
1273	RICKENBACH MICHELLE	334.08
871	RITCH JEFFREY	297.32
940	SELLERS CARLTON HEATH	50.10
1002	SPENCER EARLE M & REGINA M	50.10
1285	STAFFORD JACOB LANE	334.08
1098	WALLACE CHARLES & CHARLOTTE	417.60
1141	WESTRICH ANDREW S & CRISTI D	27.73
1143	WESTRICH DOROTHY & S G	123.63
1448	WHITE DEBORAH L	297.32
1175	WOODS SHANNON & HALL MATTHEW	150.35