# CAUGHT ON THE FLY

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#### Cabell Shows Leadership

Manager Sparky Anderson, who saw his Tigers take off on a 19-7 spurt after installing Enos Cabell at first base, appreciates Cabell as a leader. "He yells at guys," said Anderson. "We have a gentie club, perhaps too gentie." . . . Second baseman Tony Bernazard had no kind words for the White Sox after they traded him to the Mariners. "The White Sox have problems on the left side of their infield and they have problems in the outfield," said Bernazard. "Then they traded their one consistent player for the last 21/2 years. The White Sox say they are contenders. All they do is say it." Bernazard, earning \$250,000, was traded for second baseman Julio Cruz, who is making \$485,000 and eligible for free agency this year. . . . Owner Calvin Griffith figures the Twins are a real entertainment value despite being 91/4 games behind the first-place Angels in the American League West. The Minnesota club reduced \$4 seats in the outfield upper deck to \$3. "Now four of 'em (fans) can come for \$12," said Griffith, "and I don't think you can get any better entertainment in the Twin Cities for a family of four for \$12."

## Injuries Take Heavy Toll

Red Sox General Manager Haywood Sullivan said he couldn't recall a season in which so many players were injured or on the disabled list in mid-June. Sullivan's remarks drew no rebuttal from A's Manager Steve Boros. The Oakland pilot announced his regular lineup in spring training, but because of injuries, was unable to use it the first 60 games. . . . Former major leaguer Terry Whitfield drove in four runs with two hits. including his 22nd home run of the season, while leading the Selbu Lions to a 9-1 victory over the Kintetsu Buffaloes in the Japan League. . . Righthander Mike Torrez, 3-8 with the Mets at mid-June, blamed his ineffectiveness on New York's five-man rotation, something Don Zimmer and Ralph Houk heard when Torrez was with the Red Sox. . . . Dodgers catcher Steve Yeager gunned down 47 percent of the runners who tried to steal on him in his first 54 games. . . . Houston Jiminez, the 5-7 shortstop the Twins brought up from Toledo (International), is the smallest player Minnesota clubhouse man Ray Crumb has outfitted in 23 years. Crump had to special order a 28-inch waist for the Mexican rookie. Crump says the smallest previous player was rail-thin pitcher Darrell Jackson, who had a 30-inch waist.

# Wright and Staub Honored

Switch-hitting outfielder George Wright of the Rangers was voted Player of the Week in the American League while the National League recognized outfielder Rusty Staub of the Mets. Wright batted .480 (12-for-25) in the week ending June 19 with three doubles, two triples, two home runs and 25 total bases. He scored eight runs and drove in 12 runs. His slugging percentage was 1.000 and his on-base percentage .640. Staub was 7-for-8 during the week, hitting safely in six straight appearances as a pinch-hitter. ... There's concern in San Diego that the knee problem experienced by flashy shortstop Garry Templeton may be severe enough to threaten his career. ... Insiders say White Sox Manager Tony LaRussa's job is in jeopardy if the Sox are well below .500 at the All-Star break.

# **Cerone Enjoys Rare Opportunity**

Rick Cerone, replaced as the Yankees' regular catcher by Butch Wynegar in May, responded to a rare start with two singles, a double and three runs batted in as the Yankees trimmed the Brewers, 7-2. "You read in the papers that you're going to be traded, but you can't sit on the bench and mope," said Cerone after playing for only the sixth time in 23 games.



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"What you can do is turn all that energy into something constructive. You have to remember I've been through this before," said Cerone, recalling when he was on the trading block in 1980. . . . Craig Amerkhanian, a 23-year-old lefthander selected by the A's in the 36th round of the draft, was a crew oarsman at the University of California in Berkeley, where Oakland Owner Roy Eisenhardt was once the crew coach. Amerkhanian has been working for the A's as director of youth programs. which makes him one of the first members of a front-office staff to be drafted . . . Giants Manager Frank Robinson believes his top accomplishment in three seasons has been helping improve the attitudes of his players. "When I came here." said Robinson, "the complaint was that the Giants were crybabies and losers, that they pointed fingers and formed cliques. We haven't done it overnight, but I guess it's 99 percent corrected. You have to make people respect you."

## Stieb Hard to impress

Blue Jays righthander Dave Stieb is a hard man to impress. Stieb described his 6-3 victory over the Angels, making him the first 10-game winner in the major leagues, as "just another win." Stieb had seven strikeouts, boosting his major leagueleading total to 92, while pitching his seventh complete game. "I didn't set any dates or goals," sald Stieb. "Let's just say things are as they should be for me and the team. The strikeouts are coming because I'm making better pitches with two strikes on the batter. I think a lot of guys expect you to waste a pitch when you've got two strikes on them, but I go right after them." . . . Chicago newsmen heard reports that White Sox broadcaster Ken Harrelson would have been hired as Red Sox manager if Buddy LeRoux had succeeded in overthrowing the palace guard. "There's no chance I'd take it now," said Harrelson. "I've already turned down three jobs in the big leagues. Don Drysdale (also a Chisox broadcaster) has turned down three. We're probably the only broadcasting team in baseball that's turned down six jobs."

# Hernandez 'Not Herzog Type'

One source with the Cardinals, trying to explain the Keith Hernandez trade, suggested that the Gold Glove first baseman has never been Manager Whitey Herzog's type of player. "Whitey likes the George Brett, Pete Rose, roll-in-the-dirt type," the St. Louis source pointed out. "He has never considered Keith a great player, and they never got along that well. They sort of co-existed." . . . A national television and radio network has been set up so fans in 48 states can enjoy the second Cracker Jack Old Timers Classic scheduled July 18 at RFK Stadium in Washington. ESPN will carry the telecast of the game. After taping the contest, ESPN will edit vintage clips of the stars in their heyday, then present the entire package to some 25 million subcribers on July 24. Four encore airings of the game will follow in the next two weeks. On game night, WMAL in Washington will serve as the flagship for a 48-state hookup with the ABC network that serves more than 150 stations "on line" with the ABC satellite. Old-time favorite Red Barber will do commentary alongside Orioles announcer Chuck Thompson.

#### Cubs Stage 'Baseball Follies'

Cubs baserunning in the fourth inning of a 10-1 rout of the Cardinals was right out of Baseball Follies. Larry Bowa led off with a single and reliever John Martin hit Steve Lake with a pitch. Then, with one out, Mel Hall sent a routine fly to Willie McGee in center field, but McGee dropped the ball. Hall, running all the way, was called out for passing Lake and Lake was retired in a rundown.-Bowa scampered all the way home, sliding across the plate, but his run didn't count. Lake had been tagged out before Bowa reached home. . . . Former major league catcher Barry Foote, his playing days ended by a chronic back problem, is scouting for the Yankees and hopes to launch a managerial career in the New York farm system next year. . . . A's third baseman Dan Meyer went 0-for-37 as, a replacement for injured Carney Lansford. "It's all Carney Lansford's fault," Meyer told teammates. "If he'd been playing, I never would have been out there."

#### **Scott Wastes No Effort**

Astros righthander Mike Scott threw only 81 pitches in a six-hit, 5-0 victory over the Braves in the Astrodome. "This definitely was his best effort," said Manager Bob Lillis of the pitcher Houston acquired from the Mets. . . . Insiders say the Giants turned down a preseason deal with the Cubs for outfielder Jack Clark. Chicago supposedly offered first baseman Bill Buckner and outfielder Kelth Moreland. . . . Manager White's Herzog said the Cardinals were pleased with the player they will be getting in the Doug Bair deal with the Tigers, although technically, the player's identity doesn't have to be revealed until December 31. Speculation is that it might be lefthander Dave Rucker, now pitching at Evansville (American Association). . . . Royals second baseman Frank White, who has experienced boos in Kansas City, was treated to a standing ovation in a 4-2 victory over the A's. White singled home U.L. Washington in the eighth inning, setting a Kansas City team record by driving in a run in his 10th consecutive game.

#### Campbell Working at Record Pace

At his present pace, Cubs reliever Bill Campbell will break the record shared by Ted Abernathy and Dick Tidrow of being summoned from the Chicago bullpen 84 times in one season.

# 'All-Star Gold' to Be Television Feature

CHICAGO—"All-Star Gold," which promises a backward giance at central characters in All-Star Game history, has been produced by WMAQ-TV, the NBC station in Chicago, for Major League Productions and has been syndicated nationally to 90 stations.

The 30-minute special, using actual newsreel tapes and interviews with past and present baseball luminaries, will be shown around the nation as a preliminary to the 50th anniversary All-Star Game July 6 at Comiskey Park.

Veteran broadcaster Mel Allen will recreate play by play on some of the most exciting sequences. Some of baseball's most memorable figures—Babe Ruth, Connie Mack, John McGraw, Jackie Robinson, Ted Williams, Rip Sewell, Johnny Bench and Pete Rose, among others—will be highlighted.

"All-Star Gold," produced by Chicago Emmy Awardwinner David Finney, will feature such plays as Williams' three-run ninth-inning home run to give the American League a 7-5 victory in 1941, and Rose's violent collision with catcher Ray Fosse in the 12th inning of the National League's 5-4 victory in 1970.

Campbell appeared in 34 of the Cubs' first 60 games. . . . Right-hander Neil Allen, traded by the Mets to the Cardinals, brought his sense of humor to St. Louis. "First thing I saw in St. Louis was a kid with a banner that said 'Where's Hernandez?' " said Allen. . . . Dodgers catcher Mike Scioscia; discussing the rehabilitation of his injured right shoulder, said he had no idea what the experience would be like. Said Scioscia: "Originally, it was supposed to be three weeks, then they said six, now it could be seven. I can only push it so fast because of the pain. Then I have to back off." Scioscia hoped to return to action the first week in July. . . . Hits may not come easy for Astros catcher Luis Pujols, but he makes them count. Pujols had three gamewinning RBIs in 48 at-bats.

#### **Twins Take Bus Tour**

The Twins were hardly expecting a tour of the Dallas-Fort Worth area when they landed in Texas and boarded a charter bus for the Arlington (Tex.) Hilton. The trip, normally requiring 15 minutes, took one hour and five minutes because the bus driver couldn't locate the hotel. After the bus passed Texas Stadium (the Dallas Cowboys' home in Irving) for the second time, the Minnesota players grew a little restless. "They got two of those in this town?" yelled Kent Hrbek after his second look at Texas Stadium. "Hey, Mike," Mickey Hatcher shouted to traveling secretary Mike Robertson, "do we get a meal on this trip?"

#### Moose Performs 'Magic'

Righthander Moose Haas of the Brewers, a self-styled magician, made a couple of baseballs disappear in the process of cooling off the Tigers, 10-3. "I can make a baseball disappear, but every pitcher does that," cracked Haas after serving up home runs to Chet Lemon and Johnny Grubb in the ninth inning. Haas said he turned to magic as a hobby three or four years ago "to relieve the tedium of being on the road." . . Rookie outfielder Andy Van Slyke, playing before friends and family from Utica, N.Y., belted his first major league homer in the fourth inning of the Cardinals' 6-0 victory over the Mets at Shea Stadium. . . . Angels General Manager Buzzie Bavasi had the luggage of Los Angeles Times writer Ross Newhan removed from the team's airport bus because of a story Newhan wrote after Bavasi's clubhouse exchange with California reliever Luis Sanchez. The argument followed an extra-inning loss. . . . Cardinals reliever Bruce Sutter was credited with his 200th save in St. Louis' 3-1 victory over the Mets. That made Sutter the fourth pitcher in history to crash the 200 barrier. He trails Rollie Fingers, Hoyt Wilhelm and Sparky Lyle on the career save list.

#### Cowens Boo-Boo Costly

A baserunning boo-boo by Ai Cowens proved costly to the Mariners in a 3-1 loss to the Royals. Richie Zisk had hit a home run leading off the second inning and Cowens followed with a liner to center field that skipped under the glove of Amos Otis and rolled to the wall at Royals Stadium. Cowens circled the bases and Seattle appeared to be holding a 2-0 lead. However, the Royals claimed Cowens missed tagging second base and umpire Tim Welke upheld the appeal. "That's the first time I've ever missed a base," said Cowens, a former Royal. "I thought I touched it, but I probably didn't." . . . Dallas Green, general manager of the Cubs, insists the Cardinals were trying to package a deal involving outfielder Lonnie Smith one month before his drug problems surfaced. And Green, former farm director of the Phillies, told the Philadelphia Inquirer's Frank Dolson of prior problems with Smith when he was in the Philadelphia organization. "Once," said Green, "we nailed him with some marijuana in Oklahoma City. But from then on, he was fine. I'd ask him, 'You OK? Remember your wife. Remember your family." He'd say, 'I'm OK. I'm OK. And I believed him."