Perez Hits HRs to Order-From Son

By EARL LAWSON

CINCINNATI, O .- A happy smile wreathed the moonshaped face of Tony Perez as the Reds' slugging third baseman peered out from behind a phalanx around his locker which had been formed by writers.

"There he is, gentlemen, the greatest hitter I've ever seen," said Red relief ace Wayne Granger, nodding toward the Cuban slugger. "He's also one of the greatest guys in the world . . . give you the shirt off his back."

Then, grinning, Granger added, "I don't want his shirt. I'll just take the homers he hits. I'm sure glad he's on my team."

It was the night of April 28 and Perez had just socked his 10th homer of the month, tying a major league record set last year by the Orioles' Frank Robinson.

"Ten homers," exclaimed Red coach Alex Grammas. "Just think, that's just two less than I hit in my whole major league career."

"How many years was that?"

"Ten," replied Alex, bursting out with laughter and almost choking on the cigar which protruded from his mouth.

"Hey, Tony, tell them how you did it," sounded a voice above the happy chatter which echoed throughout the Reds' clubhouse.

"I'm just trying to follow Little Victor's orders," said Perez, grinning.

Victor is Perez' four-year-old son. And his orders? "It's the same every day," answered Tony, the grin widening. "Every day when I head for the park he say,

'Hit a home run, daddy.' " Perez' record-tying homer was a two-run blast and one of his two hits for the night as he led the Reds to a 4-2 victory over the Astros.

Count Keeps Soaring

The two hits for the night boosted Perez' batting mark to a league-leading .461. And, the three RBIs he picked up along the way boosted his season output to 26.

"Like I said," repeated Granger, "he's the greatest hitter I've ever seen."

Of course, the Red relief hurler's opinion might be a little prejudiced. Still, you probably won't hear a dissenting voice from any member of the Giants' pitching staff.

In seven games against the Giants this season, Perez has pounded out 15 hits in 25 trips to the plate. And the hits, which include four homers, have chased 13 runs across

the plate. Astro Manager Harry Walker, who has the reputation for knowing a little bit about hitting, also is a Perez admirer.

"If you get any stronger, they'll have to put you in another league," Walker yelled to Perez one day this spring at Cocoa Beach, Fla., after the Red third baseman pounded Astro pitching for a single, double and homer.

"Tony is a lot quicker with the bat now than he was when he first came up to the majors," said Walker. "And he handles that inside pitch much better.

"He's also capable of hitting a ball to any field and over any fence," continued the Astro manager. "Those are the toughest hitters to pitch to. The easiest are the hitters who do nothing but pull the ball."

Former Red Manager Dave Bristol, now piloting the Brewers, pays Perez an even greater tribute.

"If a game goes long enough, Tony Perez will find a way to win it," was an oft-repeated Bristol remark during his managerial days in Cincinnati.

And, anyone who witnessed the 1967 All-Star Game

at Anaheim, knows just what Bristol means.

Because, it was Perez' memorable homer off Jim Hunter in the 15th inning that gave the National League a 2-1 victory.

Perez will long remember that trip to the All-Star Game. There had been no room available for him and his wife when they arrived at Anaheim.

Ensconced in Presidential Suite

And when the mixup was finally straighted out, Tony and his wife wound up in the hotel's presidential suite. That he should wind up hitting the game-winning homer was only a fitting climax to the story.

Surprisingly enough, there even have been times when Perez has won games with his legs instead of his bat. Like the day last May when Perez came home on the front end of a double steal in the eighth inning to give the Reds a 7-6 triumph over the Pirates.

Tony was dumbfounded that night when third base coach Vern Benson warned him "to be ready." This was seconds after Bristol flashed the delayed steal sign to Johnny Bench, who was perched on first base.

"I couldn't believe the sign," said Perez, grinning. "I thought sure maybe Bristol think he had put in a pinchrunner for me."

"There are times when you think Tony can't run," said Bristol. "But when the money is on the line, darned if he doesn't do the job.

"The man just has good instincts," continued Bristol. "I think it comes from here," he added, touching his heart. "No one wants to win more than he does."

A listener was reminded of an incident which had taken place a week or so before the night of Perez' theft of home.

The Reds had just dropped a heart-breaking 4-3 decision to the Giants and Perez was sitting in front of his locker berating himself for an error he had made which cost his team a victory.

In that same game, Tony had hit two homers, but all he could remember was the fourth-inning grounder off the bat of Bobby Bonds which scooted through his legs and led to the Giants' fourth run.

Tony Couldn't Forget Error

"I hit two homers, so what?" Tony exclaimed, disgustedly. "I still give the game away. And winning is all that counts."

Perez was remembering the error long after the game ended.

"Tony told me under the showers that I've got to hit him more ground balls, give him more fielding practice," former Red coach Jimmy Bragan said, recalling the incident.

Perez was only 17 and was playing for a sugar factory team in his native Cuba when first signed to a professional baseball contract by the Reds.

"I was a shortstop then and built like him," said Perez, nodding toward Dave Concepcion, the Reds' 6-2, 155-pound rookie shortstop from Venezuela.

But, even as a skinny youngster, Perez socked 27 homers and drove home 132 runs for Geneva (New York-Pennsylvania) in his first full season in pro ball.

It wasn't until after the 1963 season at Macon (Sally) that Perez became the muscular 200-pounder you see today.

"I played for Bristol that year at Macon," said Tony.



Tony Perez . . . Even-Tempered Slugger.

"At the end of the season, Dave tell me I'm too skinny, that I should go home during the winter and put on some weight."

Perez passed up winter ball that season to spend the offseason in Charlotte, N. C., with a fellow Cuban ball player named Minnie Mendoza.

"I eat meat, rice and beans all winter," said Tony, grinning.

His weight ballooned 40 pounds.

"I come to spring training and no one recognize me," said Tony. "And when they do, they laugh."

"Tony, you've got to take off some weight," was an alarmed Bristol's first remark to Perez.

"Dave, make up your mind," was Perez' laughing retort.

That's Perez. He has the perfect temperament for baseball. Like most strongmen, he's easy-going. But he'll fight . . . he's a battler.

No Gripes From Tony

"And he's a guy who'll never get out of line or gripe," is the compliment Bristol paid him.

Perez put in two years without a whimper as a parttime player for the Reds after graduating from the Pacific Coast League, where, in 1964, he batted .309, rapped 34 homers and drove home 107 runs for San Diego, then a Reds' farm club.

Not once did one hear any "trade me or play me" ultimatums from the Cuban slugger when he rode the bench waiting for the opportunity to play regularly.

"Okay if you say so," was Perez' only comment when Bristol played Lee May, then a rookie just up from Buffalo, ahead of Tony during the tag-end of the 1966 season.

Sure, Perez was bitterly disappointed, but he took out his frustration on the pitchers in the Puerto Rican Winter League, leading the loop in clouting, not pouting.

And when Bristol shifted Perez from first base to third base to make room for May early in the 1967 season, after an injury to Deron Johnson, the only noise you heard from the husky Cuban came from his bat.

"Unbelievable," exclaimed Tony late last month when he found himself hitting an even .500 after his first 66 trips to the plate.

"I think Tony smells those RBIs the way he rips the ball with men on base," said an elated Sparky Anderson, the Reds' rookie manager, the night Tony socked his record-tying homer against the Astros.

"I swear I really think he's gonna break Babe Ruth's record," exclaimed Granger, momentarily forgetting a guy named Roger Maris during his enthusiastic outburst.

Maybe he won't break Ruth's or Maris' records, but he's almost a cinch to top the 37 homers he hit for the Reds last year, when he drove home 122 runs and batted .294 while experiencing his finest season since joining the club in 1965.

"Power hitters? I love to see them . . . when they're on my club," said Granger.

And that guy adding a hasty amen is Sparky Anderson.



Perez Scores Against the Braves, Beating the Throw to Bob Tillman.



A good, clean liver, according to Manager Dave Bristol, Perez helps his wife, Pituka, with the dinner dishes.



Perez enjoys a few moments of relaxation with his wife and 19-month-old son, Victor.



Tony Perez leads
Cincinnati teammates through a tirehopping routine at
Al Lopez Field in
Tampa and skips
rope to polish up his
coordination.



PEREZ... a Perfect Temperament

By EARL LAWSON

TAMPA, Fla. — For the greater part of two seasons, Tony Perez sat on the Reds' bench telling himself that he could produce in the major leagues if someone would just give him a chance.

Last year Perez got that chance. "Now," said Perez, "I know I can do what I always thought I could do."

What Perez did last year was bat .290, sock 26 homers and drive home 102 runs. And, too, there was that memorable home run he hit off Jim Hunter in the 15th inning to give the National League All-Stars a 2-1 victory over the American League in the annual midsummer classic in Anaheim.

The trip to the All-Star Game still seems like a dream to Perez. There had been no room available for him and his wife when they arrived at Anaheim. And, when the mix-up was finally straightened out, Tony and his wife wound up in the presidential suite. That he should wind up hitting the game-winning homer was only a fitting climax to the story.

All Doubts Removed

The trip, the game, the homer... Perez will never forget them. "I hit homer, I know I belong there," said Perez.

The doubts which existed in Perez' mind at this time last year have been replaced by an air of complete confidence.

It shows in the way he walks, the way he talks. And it's reflected by the perpetual smile which wreaths his moon-shaped face.

Perez' name was mentioned frequently in trade rumors during the winter of 1966. At the time, the

Reds had three other first basemen—Deron Johnson, Gordy Coleman and Lee May. Perez, it appeared, was expendable.

"I want to play," said Perez here last spring, "and I hope I play for Cincinnati. I like to play for Dave Bristol. He's like me. He wants to win."

Perez had played for Bristol at Macon in the Sally League. And he had played for Bristol, too, at San Diego in 1964, when he hit .309, socked 34 homers and drove home 107 runs.

Clean Liver, Battler

During those two seasons, Bristol had learned to respect Perez as a man and as a player.

"Tony," said Bristol, "has the perfect temperament for baseball. He's a big, easy-going guy, but he'll fight . . . he's a battler.

"He's a good, clean liver," continued the manager. "Never gets out of line and he'll never gripe."

Bristol, perhaps, was remembering the last month of the 1966 season. May had been recalled from Buffalo and had played regularly as Perez sat on the bench.

"I had explained to Tony that I wanted to take a look at Lee . . . see what I could expect of him in 1967," said Bristol.

There was no moaning and groaning from Perez. The only noise he made came from his bat during the winter of 1966 when he terrorized pitchers in the Puerto Rican Winter League, winding up with the loop's top batting and RB1 marks.

It was Tony's way of telling

Bristol what he could expect of him in 1967.

Bristol predicted here last spring that May and Perez would wage a torrid battle for the first base job.

"It'll go down in history as 'The Battle of Florida,' " a grinning Bristol had said. No truer words ever were spoken. Because it wasn't until Perez went five-for-five in his last exhibition game that the battle ended and Tony was declared the victor.

Through it all, Perez had no greater rooter than May. And May had no greater rooter than Perez.

Both Won Steady Jobs

Eventually, both Perez and May wound up in the regular lineup, Tony at third and May at first.

Bristol pointed out this during his first meeting with the players

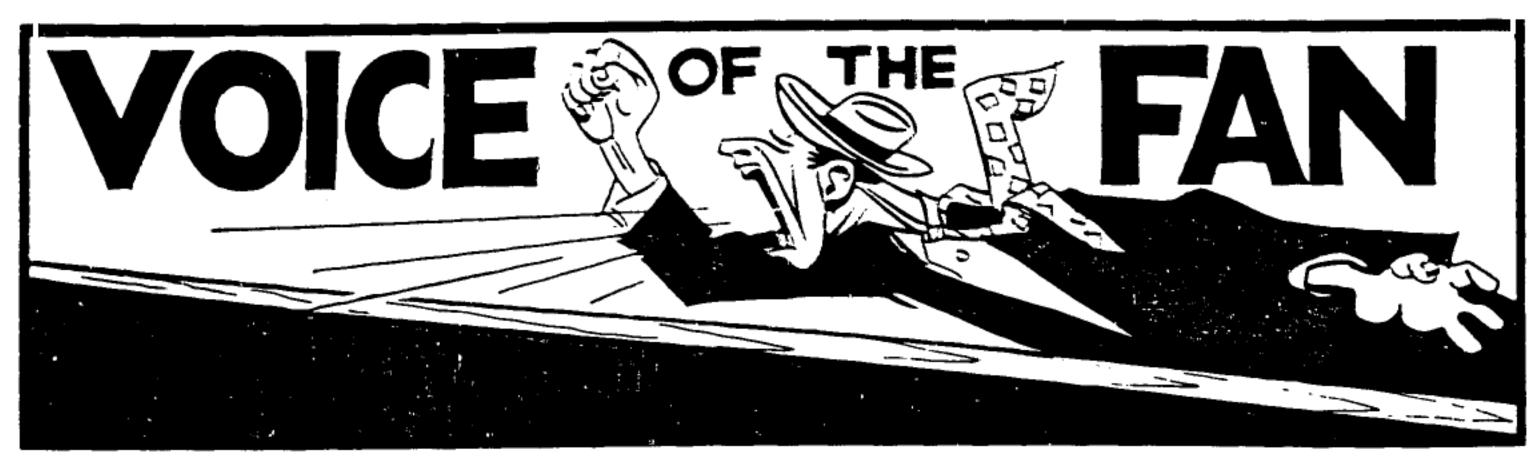
May didn't roll over dead when Perez was awarded first base on opening day last year, Bristol reminded his listeners. He kept plugging away and his perseverance paid off. It was something, Bristol mentioned, that a few players might remember this spring when they find themselves thinking their causes are hopeless.

A full season in 1967 in the National League . . . 70 more games in Puerto Rico this winter. It has been a lot of baseball for Perez.

Too much, perhaps?

"I'm strong," said Perez. It was a statement, not a boast.

"I have to play to stay in (Continued on Page 6, Column 4)



LISTEN TO LOGIC

Dick Young in a recent column seemed to agree with Frank Robinson that prejudice is to blame for the excessive excitement over the 1967 Triple Crown winner, Carl Yastrzemski.

In 1966, the Orioles won the pennant easily and swept the World Series in four straight—not much cause for any other than normal fan response. In 1967, however, the American League race generated more excitement than ever before. The seven-game World Series between Boston and St. Louis increased this excitement.

Naturally, the hero of an exciting season will be more widely recognized than the hero of a mediocre season. Robby is not the victim of racial prejudice. He just had his big season when fan interest was medium. Certainly some prejudice exists, but the term has become an excuse for too many incidents and situations. Let's try logic first. WARREN SHELLEY Asheville, N. C.

EXPAND THE BASEBALL

want to submit a proposal which I believe would go a long way toward creating more action and excitement in baseball. think the size of the ball should be increased. It should be nine and one-half inches in circumference in 1969 and ten inches in 1970, with this becoming the standard size. The weight should go up proportionately.

Batting averages would go up. and the ball would be in play more without eliminating the supreme position of the pitcher.

MORRIS L. RIDENOUR South Bend, Ind.

FORTHRIGHT CLETE

always have admired Clete Boyer of the Atlanta Braves and admire him even more after reading his comments about some of his teammates in your February 24 issue. It is a rare man who will say what he thinks, knowing it will cost him some friends.

I saw the Braves play numerous times last season and I know that what Clete says is true.

WILLIAM F. JOHNSON Savannah, Ga.

OF ALL THE NERVE!

For years, Clete Boyer had to struggle day after day to stay in the majors. If it weren't for his so-called good glove, he would still be in the minors. After having a so-so year in 1967 (his best by far), he's got the nerve to criticize his team and his ex-pilot.

Clete might be right, but who is he that he should embarrass the whole team? If he's so great. the record books sure are misleading. MINOS G. RIGOPOULIS Maywood, N. J.

CALVIN'S PRESS AGENT

You recently published a letter from a reader named Michael H. Brown of Niagara Falls, N. Y. The letter stated that Calvin Murphy of Niagara U. was better than St. Bonaventure's Bob Lanier and was inch-for-inch the finest basketball player in the land.

While Murphy is hitting 40 percent from the field, Lanier is hitting 62 percent. Lanier also averages 16 rebounds a game to Murphy's four. Reader Brown noted that he had seen and even talked to Lanier. Brown forgot to men-

Yankee Fan Has His Say. And It's Free of Charge

About a year ago, you were accused of giving too much ink to the Yankees. Now you have gone to the other extreme and are giving them the very minimum. For months on end you have given the Yankees only one story weekly by Jim Ogle and not an iota more.

Other teams get as much as four articles. In the February 24 issue, the Braves and Dodgers each received a full page. Please give us Yankee fans our due.

One more thing — this is about my fifth letter to Voice of the Fan in recent months and not a single one has appeared. Is there a charge required to have one's letter printed? CHARLES ZELL Convers. Ga.

tion the circumstances. Brown is the "other" guard on Niagara's team, as well as one of Murph's closest friends. Niagara was one of unbeaten Bona's many victims.

Although Murphy is spectacular to watch, guards hitting only 40 percent are not exactly a rarity. li Murph were a true super-star. would his team manage to lose half its games with such fine teammates as Mike Brown, who's hitting 50 percent from the field. and Manny Leaks, who's pulling down 16 rebounds a game?

HAROLD, BOB AND MEL GOSS Buffalo, N. Y.

SECONDS STANKY MOTION

Eddie Stankry has said Chicago writers are an ignorant bunch. He took the words right out of my mouth. With few exceptions, they are Cub fans. If the White Sox ever move to another city, it will be the writers' fault. ED EATON Chicago, Ill.

READING PLEASURE

Your spring-training issue was a delight. CHARLES SEGAR New York, N. Y.

ROWE SOMETHING SPECIAL

Jim Enright's column recently listed the nation's foremost freshman basketball players. He omitted UCLA's 6-6 Curtis Rowe, who is without doubt the best freshman in the USA. Rowe has smashed all of Lew Alcindor's frosh records in leading the UCLA frosh to a 16-0 record.

After a brief scrimmage in which Rowe scored 11 points off Alcindor and blocked three of Lew's shots, vet Coach John Wooden declared, "Rowe ranks second in rebounding at UCLA right now." RUSSELL BOENKER

RUSS IS OVEREXTENDED

North Hollywood, Calif.

While I admire Bill Russell as a player, no man can coach a pro basketball team and play at the same time and still bring a team home in first place. Ask Dave De-Busschere and Richie Guerin.

The Boston Celtics could be in first place in the NBA's Eastern Division by three to five games if they had a non-playing coach. G. M. Red Auerbach should wise up and give Boston fans another winner. ROBERT E. SPARKS

Reidsville, N. C.

ENOUGH OF BRUNDAGE

After reading We Believe in your February 24 issue on the antiquated Olympic views of Avery Brundage, I had to comment. The Russians and other European countries already possess a tremendous advantage over the U.S. and Canada with their policy of sending their best athletes, regardless of whether they are truly amateurs.

This was especially evident when a much more seasoned Russian hockey team, which had trained for years, defeated Canada, truly an amateur team. I feel that if the Olympics are to become a true test of the best amateur athletes, a universal standard of amareurism must be established. This will never be realized as long as Avery Brundage remains in ANDY MELLEN charge.

Melbourne, Fla.

VERDICT WAS RAW

Recently an Olympic jury made one of the poorest decisions I ever heard of. By deciding to run the men's special slalom in spite of thick fog, they cheated both spectators and skiers of one of the most spectacular of all Olympic events.

Thousands of viewers were able to see only a faint outline of their favorite skiers. The skiers were hurt by this decision, too. Several were at a distinct disadvantage from the start because of loss of depth perception. Others were disqualified for missing gates they could barely see.

Then Jean Claude Killy's third gold medal was tarnished by a bitter dispute between France and Austria over the disqualification of Karl Schranz. Certainly the jury should be questioned for extremely poor judgment in this mat-EDWARD CAYLOR

Atlanta, Ga.

THE MAGNETIC ROCKET

I want to congratulate Joe Falls on his wonderful column in the February 24 issue on Rocket Richard. I watched the Canadiens from the time I was playing goal in high school in Montreal, starting in 1934.

Very few players in any sport could bring spectators to their feet as the Rocket did. As soon as he touched the puck, you could feel the excitement rise. He was greatest in the toughest games.

In the 1940s, I got to practice often as an extra goalie with the Montreal Royals and sometimes with the Canadiens. To me, it was always a thrill just to be around such an intense super-star as the Rocket. BOB SCARLETT Arvada, Colo.

THE KISS OF DEATH

What is CBS trying to do? First they took my beloved Yanks and developed them into losers. Next they decided that one TV baseball game on a weekend was enough for any red-blooded American. Now they are trying to kill hockey with that fiasco they present each weekend.

Those of us who live near the Canadian border and are privileged to watch the Canadian Broadcasting Company's Hockey Night in Canada and listen to Danny Gallivan know that a real hockey telecast is made up of two things-a good announcer and good camera work. I think CBS has L. E. HOEPFER neither.

Columbia Falls, Mont.



ball during a Reds' batting practice at Tampa.

PEREZ

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shape," he added. "I put on weight too easily. I get too fat if I do nothing in the winter."

The husky Cuban was speaking from experience. He was a lanky 6-2, 170-pounder in 1963 after a season under Bristol at Macon.

"You're too thin," Bristol told him. "Go home and put on some weight during the winter."

Perez, denied his homeland, Cuba, lived that winter in Charlotte, N. C., with Minnie Mendoza, another Cuban player who had played in the Sally League.

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"Take It Off"

"Tony, you've got to take off some weight," was an alarmed Bristol's first remark.

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Perez batted .308 and finished just four runs shy of May's loopleading RBI total in the winter league this year.

"I want to cut down my strikeouts this season," said Tony. "Too many times," he said, "I swing for home runs . . . try to win games all by myself, I wind up striking out . . . popping up."

Perez thinks he'll also be an improved player in the field this year. He broke into pro baseball as a huh?"

As Emergency Keystoner, Tony Started Double Play

TAMPA, Fla. — Because of an emergency, Tony Perez was called upon to play second base last summer.

"I do okay, too, didn't I?" said the likeable Cuban. "I even start double play. How about that?"

It was a Sunday game in the middle of June last year at Los Angeles' Dodger Stadium.

Two days earlier, Pete Rose had been sidelined with a badlybruised shoulder. And that same day shortstop Leo Cardenas had sustained a broken bone in his left hand.

With Rose and Cardenas out of action and second baseman Tommy Helms on weekend duty with the Marine reserves, Red Manager Dave Bristol was desperate.

second baseman. This was at Ge-

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neva (MVP) in 1961. "When Pete Rose joined the team, I moved to third," said Perez. The Cuban slugger remained at third until switched to first base at San Diego in 1964. And it wasn't until Deron Johnson pulled a hamstring muscle last May that Tony returned to third.

"In Puerto Rico this winter," said Perez, "I work on fielding balls hit to my right. That was my weakness last year."

The smile on his face brightened. "I have another good year," he said, "and we win pennant. Nice,



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Injuns Massacre Rainier Hurlers

By HY ZIMMERMAN

SEATTLE, Wash.

There was a hot time in the old Coast league on Saturday night, May

In Denver, the heat was literal fire broke out on a wooden fence and spread into the left field stands.

In Seattle, the fire was figurative— Indianapolis' Indians burned down the fort and tortured three Rainier pitchers for 15 runs in the first inning, a league record, and an 18-0 victory.

In Denver, the game was suspended. The fire broke out with the score 1-0 for Spokane in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Fans in the fiery part of Bears Stadium were cleared out; no one was injured. Firemen put out the blaze in about 15 minutes, but the game was suspended because of electrical damage and resultant failure of power. It was completed the next night.

In Seattle, the Rainier pitchers had no such luck. The Indians attacked and attacked to topple and/or tie some venerable records.

15 Runs Set Record

The 15 runs were a record for the first inning, exceeding by three the former mark, and were only one under the record for any inning, set at 16 in the sixth imning by Salt Lake against Vernon in 1923.

Nineteen Indians went to the plate against the Rainiers to tie a record McDowell, Portiand 7 58 77 set by Salt Lake in that same 1923 Locker, Indianapolis 7 55 22 Locker, Indianapolis 4 30 23 Talbot, Indianapolis 7 59 62 against Sacramento in 1942.

Eleven consecutive runs between outs by the Indians exceeded by two the former standard established by Los Angeles against Salt Lake in 1945. Jim Hicks and Jose Valdivielso

each drove in four runs in the 66minute inning with a pair of hits. Almost overlooked was the two-hit

pitching of Indianapolis' Bruce Howard.

Having gotten rid of the record scoring outburst, the league returned to its pitching ways. On May 17, the Indians and Rainiers were involved in their third straight shutout, with the Indians again conquering, 2-0.

In this one, Fred Talbot pitched three-hit ball for his fourth shutout and sixth victory.

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(Including Games of May 17) Compiled by William J. Weiss

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Yanking Cap From Umpire's Head Costly to Trav Pilot

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Frank Lucchesi, tempestuous Arkansas pilot, was fined \$50 and suspended three days by League President Dewey Soriano for a temper display in which he yanked the cap from an umpire's head.

The incident occurred in the eighth inning here, May 14, after Umpire Osibee Jelks called San Diego's Art Shamsky safe on a close play at first base.

Angered by the decision, Lucchesi charged out to Jelks, grabbed the arbiter's cap and threw it into the outfield. He then did the same with his own cap and those of two Travelers. Jelks promptly ejected him.

The next evening, as he took the lineup to the plate, Lucchesi borrowed Jelks' whisk broom and brushed off the ump's cap.

Fazio, Mahoney and Roberts; Cordeiro, Mahoney and Roberts. LOB—Oklahoma City 6, Salt Lake 9. WP—Bohannon. U—Engel and Dale. T—2:40. Attendance

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PCL's Pitchers Post Reward for Capture Of 'Bad Man' Perez

By EARL KELLER

SAN DIEGO, Calf.

Some pitchers refer to him as San Diego's "bad man" with a bat. Manager Dave Bristol calls him his

"bread and butter" player. Bob Lemon, former Cleveland

pitching ace and now manager at Hawaii, thinks he's an outstanding prospect.

Teammates and rivals alike are saying nice things about the Padres' Tony Perez, who is terrorizing Pacific Coast League pitchers in his first full season in Triple-A company.

Deron Johnson, who led the Padres with 33 home runs—also tops for the league—last season to earn a shot with Cincinnati this year, predicted in spring training that Perez would pace San Diego in homers in 1964. He would have been safe to say the entire league because Perez either has led the PCL or shared the lead most of the new campaign.

His eleventh homer was one of the most dramatic. It came in the eighth inning, May 7, against Hawaii, scoring a runner ahead of him to give San Diego a 4-3 win and breaking a deadlock with the Islanders' Carlos Bernier for top spot among homerun belters.

Tony Needs Seasoning

Bristol thinks Cincinnati's first base worries are over for many years to come because of Perez. Despite the torrid pace Tony is setting, the Padres' 30-year-old skipper isn't concerned about the Reds pulling him up.

"Perez needs to play a full season at first base so he can learn the new position well," Bristol said. General Manager Eddie Leishman

of the Padres is another who has predicted a "tremendous future" for the 22-year-old Cuban.

"He's one of the finest-looking natural hitters to come along in a long time," Leishman said recently after watching Perez slam a long homer. "Perez is very easy to teach and manage and he has good instinct.

"He has adapted himself well in the switch to first base, too. In my opinion, he should be a solid, outstanding major leaguer for a number of years. He could become one of the best in the game."

Leishman thinks Perez swings and looks like Orlando Cepeda when he broke in with the Giants.

Broke In as Second Sacker

Bristol recalled how Perez looked when he first saw him in spring training three years ago.

"He was a skinny kid who had three wins-with his eleventh homer. played second base in his first year in the game," Dave said. "I didn't think he was a good second baseman because he didn't pivot well enough and didn't have the range. The Reds thought the same thing and he was shifted to third."

This spring, Bristol addressed Perez as Flaco, a Spanish word meaning skinny, when he saw him.

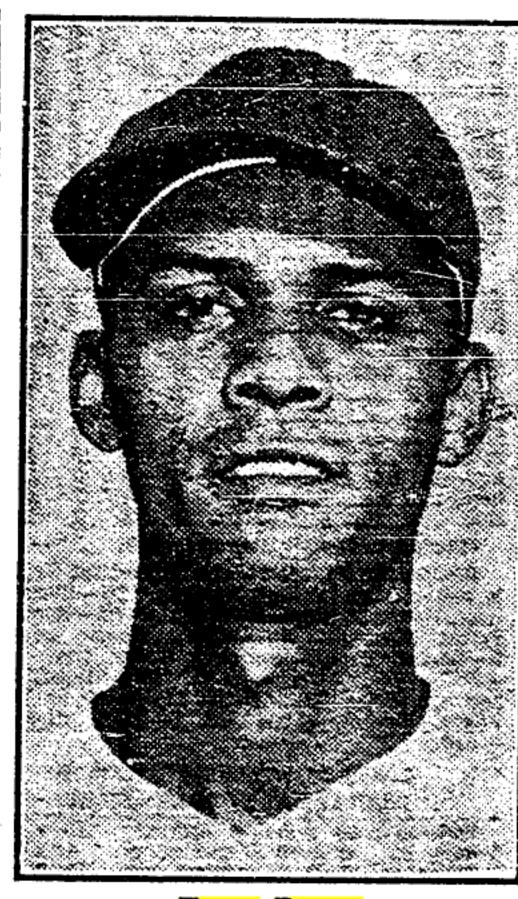
"Me no longer Flaco. I'm fat boy now," Perez replied. "Perez is becoming a well-rounded

player," Bristol remarked. "He has improved in more than his hitting.

Two Travs See 19-Game Hit Skeins Halted at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—Two Arkansas Travelers saw 19-game hitting streaks snapped on successive days here, May 17-18.

Norm Gigon's skein ended the first night when he went 0-for-5. The next afternoon, Costen Shockley also failed in five tries to break his 19-game spree.



Tony Perez

He's a better runner, a better fielder and a smarter base-runner. Perez also is versatile. He can be used at third base or even in the outfield, if necessary.

"If he continues to progress as well as I think he can, he should be one of the game's great players in time. He already has progressed remarkably since the 1964 season got under way. No, I don't think he will have any problem learning how to play first base. It's not a hard position to learn, but neither is it an easy one. We're spending a lot of time with him in extra fielding practice."

Preferred Hot Corner

Perez never liked second base, but third base was his favorite position. "First base is okay," Tony said. "I'll probably like it better soon."

Added weight is one big reason for Perez' power hitting so far. He gained more than 20 pounds during the winter when he starred in the Florida Instructional League for Tampa. Tony says eating lots of frijoles gave him added weight.

"This make me very strong. Now can overpower ball," the personable product of the Reds' farm system said. When Tony lost three pounds to 191 on a recent trip to Hawaii with the Padres, he became concerned. But the same night that he stepped on the scales and said he was weak because of the loss of weight, he dealt Hawaii pitcher Bill Kelso a crushing blow-his first loss after

Perez lives with teammate Gus Gil in an apartment here and does all the cooking. Gil claims Tony is one of the best cooks to be found anywhere.

Late Departure From Cuba

Tony got a late start with Macon (Sally) last year because he was delayed in getting out of Cuba. However, he still was selected on the league all-star team. He batted .309 with 11 homers before going to San Diego at the end of the season. With the Padres, he hit .379 in eight games.

Perez' biggest season was 1961 at Geneva (NYP), where he hit .348, smashed 27 homers and drove in 132 runs. He's aiming to top those marks in 1964—and many think he will.

The husky, 6-2 Cuban batted in only four runs in the Padres' first series, but the next week he drove across nine tallies and the following week he accounted for 15. Of the first five opponents the Padres encountered, only three pitchers blank-

It looks like the Reds hooked a real good one when they landed Perez.



of some of the National League's fiercest competitors, is being treated with new respect these days as the result of its new iron-bar cage. Red catcher John Edwards, demonstrating what used to take place when things went wrong at Cincinnati games, recalls how the late Fred Hutchinson left many a mark on the faithful old fountain and how Billy McCool once separated cooler and plumbing, bringing a hurried call for the maintenance crew to halt an impending flood.

They Can't Keep Hustler Stewart On Cubs' Bench

By EDGAR MUNZEL CHICAGO, III.

In this era of the world-owes-mea-living philosophy, where ball players are checking on fringe benefits before they look at their batting averages, it is refreshing to see an occasional young man trying to win his way by pure drive and hustle.

And it is even more delightful to see him a chieve his goal on the strength of these old-fashioned virtues.

The case in point is Jimmy Stewart, not Hollywood's star actor but the fleet utility player of the Cubs.

Jimmy was bouncing around so

much from one position to another that it appeared he'd never find a permanent home. But, on July 25, Head Coach Lou Klein installed him in left field and he's been there ever since.

And he's doing quite well, thank you, both as an outfielder and as a leadoff hitter, a vital role in the batting order no one else has been able to fill with any creditable success.

Jim Earns His Chance

"I simply had to find a place for him to play," frankly declared Klein. "He deserved the chance. In fact, he earned it because of the way he's been hustling.

"He wants to play so badly I think he'd tear down a stone wall with his bare hands to get there. Every time I'd put him in the lineup as a pinch-hitter, a pinch-runner or to fill in for somebody in the field, he'd break his neck trying to help.

"But it wasn't just a matter of rewarding him for his efforts. He has an asset above and beyond what he contributes physically, because with his determination and aggressiveness, he's an inspiration to the ball club."

In other words, Stewart possesses what Branch Rickey once called the "intangibles" of baseball. It was the intangibles, Rickey said, that made Eddie Stanky a star even



Jimmy Stewart

though he couldn't hit, field, run or throw.

However, Stewart can't be cancelled out in all four of those categories. He's exceptionally fast, a fairly good hitter and an adequate fielder. His primary weakness is his arm, and that's what cost him major league status as a regular infielder.

"If you evaluate Jimmy's talents, you have to regard him primarily as an offensive ball player," said Klein. "There's nothing he can do to overcome the handicap of that arm, but he really can help you at the plate.

He Shakes Up Pitcher

"He's a pesty hitter. He punches that ball around and he'll get on base some way or other. And once he's on base, his speed sends up his offensive value, because he'll not only steal bases but he'll keep that pitcher on edge.

"Jimmy's speed is an asset in the outfield, too, because it helps him overcome the mistakes of inexperience."

As a matter of fact, the Cubs now have one of the fastest out-fields in the National League with Billy Williams in right field, Ellis Burton in center and Stewart in left. Burton was recalled from Salt Lake City (Coast) recently.

There can be no question about Stewart's satisfactory work offensively since he took over as the regular left fielder.

In 11 games, he hit .267 with 12 hits in 45 at-bats. With the addition of five walks, his reached-base percentage was .340. He also underlined his effectiveness as a leadoff man by stealing five bases in the 11 games.

However, there is another way of

Perez, the Cuban Clouter, Can Blast Em Out of Sight

By EARL LAWSON

CINCINNATI, O.

In the batter's box, Tony Perez, his bat cocked menacingly behind his right ear and his body coiled like a spring ready to snap, reminds one of the Giants' Orlando Cepeda.

Perez' resemblance to Cepeda, however, doesn't end there. Like the Giants' slugging first baseman, Perez also hits tape-measure home runs.

In fact, up in Milwaukee, they still talk about the home run the Reds' rookie first baseman hit there earlier this season.

Fans and players alike stared in disbelief as Perez sent a drive soaring over the left-center field bleachers at Milwaukee's County Stadium.

It was a feat no other player in the National League has accomplished since the Braves pulled stakes in Boston and moved to Milwaukee back in 1953.

And, since the Braves will be playing their games in Atlanta next year, it's a feat that doesn't figure to be duplicated.

Fans also were goggled-eyed when the 6-2, 195pound Perez bounced a drive off the foul-line marker which stands atop the double-decked left field stands in Philadelphia's Connie Mack Stadium.

And, too, there was Perez' towering drive which cleared the scoreboard in left-center field at Crosley Field in the first game of an August 1 doubleheader with the Astros.

Tony Top-Notch Rookie

"They talk about the Dodgers' Jim Lefebvre and the Astros' Joe Morgan as Rookie-of-the-Year candidates," snorted the Reds' Frankie Robinson disdainfully. "What about Perez? He's a rookie, too."

The fact that Perez has been platooning at first base with Gordy Coleman takes little luster from the performance of the 23-year-old Cuban slugger.

After all, one can hardly expect Red manager Dick Sisler to keep Gordy Coleman's booming bat shackled. Coleman, facing right-handed pitching, was batting a robust .330.

Perez, pitted against the lefthanded flingers, has been almost as productive. As of the August 3 meeting with the Giants, he was batting a very respectable .277 with many extra-long blows included.

"The big guy is just beginning to find himself," remarked Sisler.

Statistics support the Red manager's statement. Back on June 27, Perez was struggling along. Between then and the August 3 meeting with the Giants, he slammed out 23 hits in 67 swings, a .343 clip, to tack 38 points onto his average.

The person least surprised, perhaps, by Perez' success this season is Dave Bristol, manager of the Red's San Diego farm club in the Pacific Coast League.

Perez performed his slugging heroics for Bristol last year, batting .309, hitting 34 homers and driving home 107 runs as the Padres rolled to the Coast league championship.

Flop in '64 Shot With Reds

The Cuban slugger compiled these impressive totals even though he put in a month of the season with the Reds.

Admittedly, Perez wasn't very impressive during his brief fling with the Reds in 1964. Recalled on July 24, Perez made only two hits in 24 swings before he was returned to the Padres August 23.

"There was a reason for Tony's poor showing." said Bristol. "He was in a slump when the Reds called him up. Breaking into the majors isn't the easiest way to shake a slump."

Bristol had a word of caution for the Rcds brass when spring training began last March.

"Don't judge Tony on the basis of what he did while with the Reds last summer," said the San Diego manager. "It would be unfair."

As it turned out, the decision to keep Perez on the Red roster was an easy one for Sisler to make. The husky Cuban batted .295 in Grapefruit League play.

measuring his offensive contribution that is even more impressive. In the 11-game span, the Cubs totaled 42 runs and Stewart had a direct hand in nine of them. He scored six runs and drove in three.

Jimmy, a handsome, 26-year-old switch-hitter from Lafayette, Ala., has had to do it the hard way throughout his baseball career.

Signed out of Peay State College in Clarksville, Tenn., Jimmy entered pro ball as a shortstop in 1961. He continued at that position through 1963 after climbing up through the farm system to Salt Lake City.

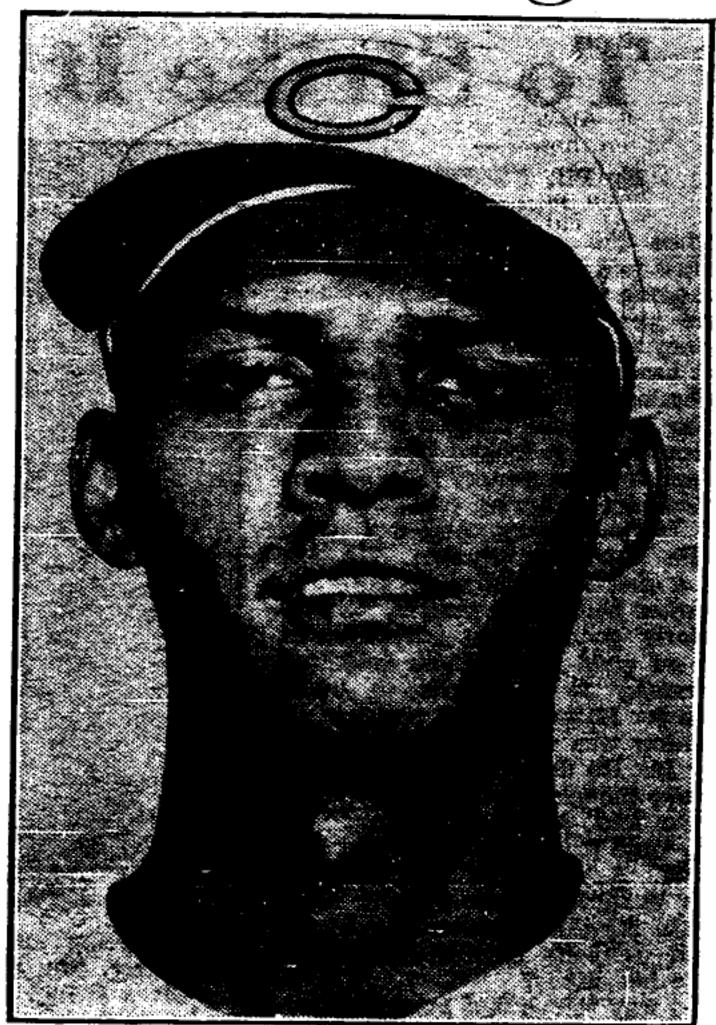
But the following February, Ken Hubbs, star second baseman of the Cubs, was killed in a plane crash. Somewhere a replacement had to be found and the finger was put on Stewart.

He started the season at the keystone slot, but, as many an infielder has learned in trying to make the switch, the right side of the infield felt awkward to him. He was never at home there and, with a weak arm on top of it, Stewart just could not handle the job.

Failure at Short, Too
This year, after trading off Andre
Rodgers, the Cubs returned Stewart
to shortstop. But he couldn't quite
cut it there, either.

Bruin Briefs: With the recall of Ellis Burton from Salt Lake City, lefty Bob Hendley was optioned to the Coast league farm club to keep

the roster at the 25-man limit . . . "Hendley needs to improve on his breaking pitch in order to win up here," said Coach Lon Klein . . . Recall of Burton was necessitated because Don Landrum was hobbling on two sore heels . . . Burton retired from baseball last winter in order to sell insurance for the Old Heritage Co., a firm in which Ron Santo is a partner . . . Vice-President John Holland talked him into returning early in May because of a desperate outfield shortage . . . Bill Faul will report to the Michigan National Guard for the two-week summer training program, August 7 . . . He expects to be able to pitch on weekends.



TONY PEREZ

His 18 hits included three doubles, four homers and 17 RBIs.

"Tony," remarked the Reds' Robinson, "has a good stroke for Crosley Field. He'll hit a lot of homers to right-center and center, I just hope no one tries to change him . . . tries to make him strictly a pull-hitter."

The muscular Perez is so powerful he can strongarm balls over the infield for base-hits even when he's fooled on pitches.

Sisler Adjusts Plate Stance

"As I see it," remarked Robby, "all Perez has to do is learn to react a little quicker on inside pitches." Earlier this season, Sisler made a slight adjustment in Perez' batting stance which was designed to help him cope with the inside pitch.

Perez had been rated a top major league prospect ever since winning the New York-Pennsylvania League batting title with a .348 mark in 1961. That same year, he socked 27 home runs and drove home 132 runs.

The young Cuban has improved tremendously on defense even though this is only his second year at first base. He broke into O. B. as a shortstop, was tried at second and then moved to third.

Red Hots: Pete Rose ran his batting streak through 17 games before he was stopped in the second game of a double-header with the Astros, August 1 . . . Veteran Red lefty Joe Nuxhall compiled a 6-1 mark during July. . . . Deron Johnson was leading the league with 87 RBIs after driving home three runs during the double-header with the Astros. Teddy Davidson, recalled from San Diego, July 22, notched his first major league victory when he restricted Houston to one run during a seven and two-thirds innings relief stint in the first game of the same double-header Jim Maloney notched his twelfth victory against five losses by beating the Astros, July 31. Sammy Ellis, making his first relief appearance of the season, preserved the win, blanking the Astros the last two innings . . . Ellis gained his fourteenth victory against six losses, beating the Dodgers, 4-1, July 28, as the Reds salvaged the finale of a three-game set in Los Angeles.

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GIL HODGES (left), John Murphy (right) and Tommie Agee . . . Hopeful for improvement in 1969.

Mets Nix Expo Bid For Kid Hurlers--Keep Eye on Torre

By JACK LANG

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Christmas came and went without Gil Hodges finding a hitter in his stocking, but there were no tears of anguish or disappointment in the Met manager's eyes. Having managed a team that lost 37 of 63 one-run verdicts and having himself survived a heart attack, Hodges has learned to get used to hardships.

It was Gil who turned down the last big offer of a trade when the Expos came calling just before Christmas and offered to put the slugging Donn Clendenon in his stocking. All they wanted in exchange were two young starting pitchers—believed to be Jim Mc-Andrew and Gary Gentry.

When the Expos made the offer of their slugging first baseman, General Manager Johnny Murphy called Gil at his Brooklyn home and explained the deal.

"Tell them to forget it," Hodges told Murphy.

"That's the way I feel," Mur-

phy said.

Later, Gil had a few comments for the press.

"Clendenon is not the answer for us. Not for two young pitchers and not at his age.

Still a Pitchers' Game

"There's one thing that keeps running through my mind and that is that we have to be careful about giving up what we have until it is proved that this is a hitters' game. Until it is, we have to assume it is a pitchers' game as it was last year and for the last few years.

"I don't think it has been proved yet that it is a hitters' game and that's why I'm wary about giving up too much pitching."

Hodges said he and Murphy remain interested in Joe Torre and, if the Braves ever make up their mind what they want for the slugging catcher, negotiations may be resumed. Meanwhile, all remains quiet on the Shea front and Hodges tried to find the rainbow in the dark gray winter that moved into the New York area before he departed for Florida.

"If we don't make a deal," the manager said as the new year rolled around, "it will be up to some of our younger boys to live up to their potential if we are going to improve again next season."
Hodges at first refused to name names but, under prodding, he admitted that his list of players who must improve includes the names of Ron Swoboda, Bud Harrelson and Tommie Agee.

"We have seen what they can do," Gil said, "and what is most encouraging is that they are young. It isn't like we were asking some older player to have that one more good year. These boys have had good years. If they can have another one next season, they can make a big difference."

Hodges said he also was looking forward to getting a full season out of Ken Boswell, promising young second baseman who lost two months last year because of a broken finger.

Comeback by Bud?

"I have to believe that Bud Harrelson was a better shortstop than
I saw last year," Gil said. "When
I came to the club, it seemed to
be one position I didn't have to
worry about. But watching Bud
play, I got the feeling he was a
worried player."

Harrelson underwent knee surgery at season's end and Hodges, who had his own knee problems as a player, can sympathize with the little shortstop.

"I can only repeat," said Hodges, "that we have young players like Swoboda, Harrelson and Agee, all of whom had good seasons in the past. My feeling is that they are young enough to come back."

Met Musings: Hodges left for North Palm Beach right after New Year's to spend the remaining weeks before spring training. Prior to his departure from the frozen north, he had increased his walking exercise to seven and eight blocks daily. He thought the weather in Florida would enable him to do a lot more walking. . . . The Mets were saddened at the departure of their cheery switchboard chief, Miss Lee Caputi, but glad that she improved herself with a job as communications chief with the Allied Chemical Corp. . . Replacement of light bulbs in all towers at Shea Stadium began immediately following the Jets-Raiders football championship game on December 29.

Reds See Idle Winter as Tonic for Tony

By EARL LAWSON

CINCINNATI, O. — Tony Perez hadn't had a hit in his last 13 swings, but there wasn't a player in the Reds' clubhouse who wore a bigger grin than the husky Cuban.

"When you're in a slump, you gotta do other things to help the club. I use my wheels," cracked Tony. And the room rang with laughter because Perez isn't exactly an Olympic sprinter.

This was one night in Houston last summer and Perez had come home from third base on an 11th-inning sacrifice fly by Tommy Helms to give the Reds a 3-2 victory over the Astros.

Perez had opened the 11th inning with a walk. And, as Johnny Bench went down swinging at a 3-and-2 pitch, Tony had stolen second and continued to third on catcher John Bateman's throw into center field.

Helms' game-winning sacrifice fly off Astro righthander Tom Dukes came after Lee May was passed intentionally to put Red runners on first and third.

"I Use My Wheels"

"I knew I had a chance to score when Bob Watson caught Tommy's fly with one hand," Tony explained. "When he did that, I knew he had to switch the ball to his other hand to throw."

Then, his grin widening, Perez had added, "Like I say, I'm in a slump, so I use my wheels."

The little anecdote typifies the winning attitude of the Reds' slugging third baseman.

There are other similar anecdotes. For instance, there was no ultimatum of "play me or trade me" from Perez when he sat on the Reds' bench the final month of the 1966 season and watched May, just up from the Buffalo farm club, play regularly at first base.

Instead, Perez went down to Puerto Rico at the season's end and proceeded to tear the winter league apart with his booming bat.

The Reds got his message. And before the 1967 season's end, so did the rest of baseball. It was a 15th-inning homer by Perez which gave the National League a 2-1 victory over the American League in the 1967 All-Star Game.

26 Homers in '67

And before the 1967 season was over, the slugging Cuban socked 26 homers for the Reds while driving home 102 runs and batting at a .290 clip.

In 1968, Perez again topped the Reds in RBIs with 92. He socked 18 homers and finished with a .282 batting mark, though he was struggling along around the .240 mark the first half of the season.

"Playing baseball the year round is too much for anyone



Tony Perez

. . . even a player with Perez' stamina," said Manager Dave Bristol.

So, for the first time since donning a Red uniform, Perez this year is passing up winter ball.

Bristol is confident the value of a winter's rest will be reflected by Perez' performance during the '69 season.

"You win pennants with players like Tony," Bristol said.

The manager was remembering the countless number of ground balls off the fungo bat of coach Jimmy Bragan fielded by Perez during the 1968 season.

"Name me a third baseman in the league who can backhand a smash from the third base line better than Tony," challenged Bristol.

Determination, pride and desire.

Perez has them all.

The mutual admiration society which exists between Bristol and Perez isn't something new. The close relationship between the two dates back to 1963, when Perez played third base for Bristol at Macon (Sally).

"I like to play for Bristol," said Perez. "He wants to win."

It's that simple.

Expos Are Confident McHale Will Remain

By TED BLACKMAN

MONTREAL, Que. — John Mc-Hale clearly would rather tend the Montreal Expos than shepherd the whole wayward flock of major league ball teams, but the reluctant candidate still may accept the commissioner's job if no other solution can be found. His Montreal partners hope otherwise.

Not expecting to be a serious contender, McHale was surprised and flattered when many of baseball's hierarchy offered him the prestigious post at the marathon meeting of owners in Chicago. He declined immediately, then started to think about the prospect.

"I owe too much to the people I'm in business with in Montreal, the fans and the people I've just hired," McHale explained, the n added, "but maybe personal feelings should not enter into something like this.

"It may sound corny, but maybe I've got a duty to serve baseball in the way people feel I'm best suited. It's like being asked to do something for your country. How can you refuse?"

McHale didn't feel he would ever have to make that decision. He went to Chicago to support Mike Burke or Chub Feeney, but the leagues couldn't agree on either man and McHale suddenly emerged as their compromise candidate.

Flattered, But Dismayed

"I was surprised," said Charles Bronfman, co-owner and major mover behind the Expos—of which McHale is president, chief executive officer and one of eight equal partners bankrolling the operation. "I talked to John about reports he was a candidate and he never thought it would come that far.

"But it did, and he told me he had to swallow twice before declining."

Bronfman and his partners also were flattered that their man was the choice, but were dismayed as well. One of the big reasons for their investment in the new team was that a man of McHale's ability would run the show.

His loss would be a severe setback at this stage, Bronfman admitted, because the season is only three months away, construction of the stadium is at a critical point and a franchise payment of more than \$6,000,000 is due January 7.

To help bankroll this payment and complete the Expos' complement of ten full partners, Bronfman expects to announce the names of two more shareholders after the New Year. Uncertainty of McHale's future might disrupt those plans.

While McHale has been besieged with pleas to take the job and end the war between the old guard

and the young Turks, Bronfman also has been approached by base-ball's leaders, asking that he release his top administrative officer.

"I know there's a lot of pressure on John, but I don't think he's bending," said Bronfman. "And we're not pressuring him from this end. He makes up his own mind as he has always done and I think he's made a firm decision here.

"From what I know of the man, I'm betting 70-30 he won't accept the job. I know he would tell us if he was considering such a move and he has given us no indication, so I have to believe he's staying with us."

John Has Big Investment

Bronfman says he is certain Mc-Hale doesn't want the job and that the only way he would take it would be under pressure.

McHale was quoted out of West Palm Beach as saying he is willing to reconsider the commissioner's job if drafted, but the feeling in Montreal is that McHale is leaving the door open only to avoid any dispute and that he fully expects another solution to be found.

Bronfman feels McHale is well aware of his importance to the Montreal operation.

"These are all John's people working in the office here and he, too, has quite an investment in Montreal," he said.

"He has always seemed to me to be sure of what he wants. That's why I feel that when he turned down the job, he was certain of what he was doing," Bronfman concluded.



John McHale

What Baseball Needs Is More Men Like Tony Perez

By EARL LAWSON

CINCINNATI, O.—Baseball needs more guys like the Reds' Tony Perez.

You were reminded of this the other day after listening to Perez berate himself for an error he made which cost the Reds a run in a 4-3 loss to the Giants at San Francisco April 28.

The Reds' slugging third baseman had socked two homers in the same game.

"I hit two homers, so what?" Tony had exclaimed, disgustedly. "I still give the game away. And winning is all that counts."

Perez was remembering his error on a fourth-inning grounder off the bat of Bobby Bonds. The ball scooted through his legs and led to the Giants' fourth and final run. He was still remembering the

error long after the game ended. "Tony told me under the shower that I've got to hit him more ground balls . . . give him more fielding practice," said coach Jim-

my Bragan. This, though, is typical of Perez. He's a doer, not a complainer.

You didn't hear any "trade me or play me" ultimatums from Perez when he rode the bench a few years back, waiting for the chance to play regularly.

"Okay, if you say so," was Perez' only comment when Manager Dave Bristol played Lee May, then a rookie just up from Buffalo, ahead of Perez during the tag-end of the 1966 season.

He Made Pitchers Pay

Sure, Perez was bitterly disappointed.

However, he took out his frustration on the pitchers in the Puerto Rican Winter League, leading the loop in clouting, not pouting.

And when Bristol shifted Perez from first to third base to make room for May early in the 1967 season, after an injury to Deron Johnson, the only noise you heard from the husky Cuban came from his bat.

But then, as we've said, that's the kind of guy Perez is. There aren't enough like him in base-

Perez, after sitting out winter ball for the first time in years, is off to the best start of his major league career.

The slugger, who's just reaching his peak, was rapping the ball at a .345 clip going into the month of

"I think Tony's going to find that he's a lot stronger this year



Tony Perez

after resting all winter,"

This you have to believe if you were one of those who witnessed the last of Perez' two homers in the April 28 game with the Giants. The homer, coming off Gaylord

Perry in the ninth inning, was a tremendous smash which cleared the open space beyond the left field fence and slammed into the bleacher seats at Candlestick Park.

"And that one was against the wind," said an awed Pete Rose. "I would have liked to have seen where that one would have landed if we had been playing down in San Diego."

A Blast in Milwaukee

Tape-measure homers, though, are nothing new for Perez. Up in Milwaukee, they still remember the shot Tony sent skyrocketing over the left field bleachers at County Stadium a few years back.

Perez' most memorable homer, though, is the game-winning blow he socked in the 1967 All-Star Game.

And the way he's rapping the ball this season, he just might get a chance to duplicate the feat in this year's All-Star Game.

Red Hots: Righthander John Noriega, who replaced Mel Queen on the pitching staff, pitched a hitless ninth inning against the Astros May 1 in his major league debut. The 25-year-old rookie fanned two of the four batters he faced. . . . Jack Fisher started the second game of an April 27 double-header at San Diego and went five innings

before departing. Two days later, with the Reds pressed for pitchers, Fisher volunteered to start against the Giants and yielded only four hits before departing after six innings with a 2-1 lead. Unfortunately, the Reds wound up a 4-3 loser. . . . Tommy Helms, sitting out two games with a banged-up shoulder, returned to the lineup April 29 against the Giants and pounded out five hits. "It was my first five-hit game in the majors," said Helms.

Alex Johnson was "beaned" by Astro lefty Dan Coombs in an April 30 game at Crosley Field. "It didn't hurt very much, but it sure sounded funny," Alex told his teammates. Luckily, Johnson's helmet took the brunt of the blow and he was back in the lineup the next night. . . . When Don Wilson pitched his no-hitter against the Reds May 1, it was the first time the Cincy club has been on the losing end of a no-hitter since Lon Warneke of the Cardinals blanked them, 2-0, back in 1941. Ken Johnson pitched a no-hitter against the Reds for Houston in 1964, but wound up a 1-0 loser. . . . First baseman Lee May was nursing a bruised shoulder when Wilson tossed his no-hitter. . . . Jim Maloney's April 30 gem earned him a \$1,000 pay boost.

3-and-2 pitches, one of them a

popup that catcher Don Bryant

staggered under and dropped for

an error. Wilson walked Rose.

But he got Bob Tolan and Alex

Johnson on the two hardest hit

balls of the night, the first to

right field and the second to cen-

Wilson's first no-hitter was

thrown June 18, 1967, against At-

lanta in the Astrodome. He won

"He can be a great one," Man-

ager Harry Walker said of Don.

"He can be the Gibson, the Kou-

that one, 2-0, and struck out 15.

Wilson Was Boiling Mad During His No-Hitter

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straight at the time Don went to the mound at Cincinnati.

Wilson said that in the 14-0 loss, Cincinnati players had tried to humiliate the Astros in front of the home fans.

"They were ahead, 14-0, and had a 3-and-1 count on one of our batters and John Bench calls for a curve ball," Wilson said. "They weren't satisfied to win, they wanted to make us look ridiculous. They were still running for the extra base and everything.

"And over in their dugout, they were laughing at us. They were even sticking out their tongues and turning their caps around backward—just making fun of us."

Wilson had started that game. He was so upset after it was over, he called the Cincinnati clubhouse to talk to Bench, who told him the

Reds were just playing the game the way it had to be played and had no special desire to humiliate the Astros.

Perhaps some salt was added to the wounds that night by the fact that many of the Houston crowd of 7,204 had hung around to the final out, mostly to make sport of the home team.

Kayoed by Giants

Wilson's normal good nature had not been helped when he was knocked out at San Francisco in his next start after shortstop Hector Torres had given him a 4-0 lead with a grand-slam homer.

When he arrived at ancient Crosley Field on the afternoon of May I, Wilson was a grim young man.

He appeared to be so tightlywound that few would have given him a strong chance to pitch an effective game. Once, in missing a pitch during batting practice, he turned and slammed the bat against the batting cage.

But once the game started, Wilson funneled his anger and frustration into a flaming fast ball that sent 13 Reds down on strikes. Two or three times he appeared to be straining too hard and lost his groove, missing the plate badly. But he always was able to pull himself together and channel his adrenaline into effective pitching.

Granted Six Passes

He walked six batters and hit another. The one he hit was Bench. No one in the Reds' clubhouse thought it was an accident. Wilson himself was hit by a Jim Merritt pitch. Merritt threw just two pitches to him in the third inning. Wilson was quick enough to get out of the way of the first one, but was plunked on the left arm with the next. Don said Merritt's control wasn't that bad. In fact, he considered it very good, indeed.

Later Wilson was up to bunt and appeared to shy away from Merritt's pitches. Cincinnati Manager Dave Bristol yelled out at me, 'Gutless, gutless,'' Wilson said. "I have got better sense than to get hit on the head when I know it's about time to get one close." Wilson accused Bristol of yelling insults throughout the game. He said it made him more determined to beat the Reds-even to pitch a no-

"The third base coach also was yelling, 'You're going to get it,' Wilson said.

hitter against them. "I was think-

ing about it from the first inning

on," he said.

"There were a couple of times my legs were shaking so much I had to step off the mound," Wilson said. "I never wanted anything so bad in all my life as to pitch that no-hitter."

When Wilson was collared for the first radio interview after the game, he still bore a fierce and unyielding expression. "I was pretty mad tonight," he said.

Reply From Bristol

Told of some of Wilson's comments, Bristol said, "You can believe Don Wilson if you want to. I don't happen to be a Don Wilson fan and I don't think you will find many Don Wilson fans in this club-

Wilson later said, "You can say I'm not a Dave Bristol fan."

The game came down to the final dramatic ninth, in which Wilson ran the count to 3-and-2 on the first three men he faced. He struck out Tony Perez, got Bench on a fly to center and walked Whitfield.

Tommy Helms then stepped to the plate and hit the first pitch, a sky-high pop, to third base. Wilson leaped up on the mound and threw up his hands as soon as he saw the ball squirt straight up, but it seemed interminable seconds before it settled in anxious Doug Rader's glove.

Tense Eighth Inning

The eighth inning had been even more tense. Wilson ran the count to 3-and-2 on the first three men he faced that inning, too. Pinchhitter Jimmy Stewart walked and pinch-hitter Jim Beauchamp struck out. Wilson had gone 2-and-0 on Beauchamp before getting a strike across.

Manager Harry Walker had gone to the mound with the count 2-and-0 on Beauchamp. "I just told him I was coming out to give him a chance to walk around the mound and take a blow," Walker said. "I told him he still had real good stuff and to just relax and throw it in there."

fax, the guy who every time he walks out there the team knows it's likely to win a ball game." One other thing appears possible

at this time. Wilson and the Reds could have some interesting and hostile meetings ahead. Although Wilson was the one who took up the gauntlet for Houston, he gives assurance that his teammates are behind him and he will not stand alone if trouble comes.

Revenge

Morgan, 2b 3

DON WILSON presents an engraved wrist watch to Don Bryant in appreciation for the excellent calls he made while catching Wilson's no-hitter May 1.

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Hofheinz Rewards Don, Signs Him to New Pact

HOUSTON, Tex.—As he has done before, Houston Owner Roy Hofheinz ordered Don Wilson's contract torn up after his no-hitter against the Reds and signed him to a new one at a higher salary.

Don Nottebart, Ken Johnson and Wilson had pitched no-hitters for Houston before. A \$1,000 raise has been the custom, but the amount was not specified this time.

Catcher Don Bryant's contract also was torn up and he received a raise. Bryant caught Wilson's no-hitter. It was the first time Houston had rewarded the no-hit catcher.

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Pete Rose then fouled off three



and Tony Perez (center) joined Don Pavletich. SAN DIEGO 'alumni' on the Cincinnati club Pavletich had been called up earlier. held a reunion, July 26, when Chico Ruiz (left)

Reds Give 'Cum Laude' Honors To Padre Grads Perez and Ruiz

By EARL LAWSON CINCINNATI, O.

Johnny Temple watched young Tony Perez take his swings in batting practice and winced.

"That fellow's going to 'de-horn' a pitcher one of these days the way he hits through the pitcher's mound," said Temple, who's now doing special scouting assignments since dropped from the Cincinnati roster.

A day later, you watched the 22year-old Perez whistle a sizzling liner past Milwaukee lefthander Denny Lemaster and you knew what Temple

meant. "If Perez' ball had hit Lemaster, it would have gone right through

him," exclaimed Joe Nuxhall, the veteran lefthander. "I'm just glad I wasn't standing in the ball's way," commented Frank

Bolling, the Braves' second baseman. Perez' single off Lemaster was one of two hits, his first in the majors, he made as the Reds thumped the Braves, 11-2, July 27, at Milwaukce's County Stadium.

"As far as I'm concerned," said Milwaukee Manager Bobby Bragan, "Perez lived up to his advance billing. I'd never seen him before, but I had read his records and they were pretty impressive."

Perez Used at Once

Chico Ruiz, joined the Reds, July 26, after his recall from San Diego, where he had tatooed Pacific Coast League pitching for 29 homers, 93 RBIs and a .313 average.

With Vada Pinson nursing a sore right wrist, Perez moved right into the starting lineup at first base as Deron Johnson shifted to the outfield.

He went hitless in six official trips to the plate as the Reds split the first at San Diego this season and July 26 twin-bill with the Pirates.

His two hits against the Braves came the following night.

"The kid stands up there at the defensive lapses. plate with a lot of confidence," said Bragan. "He has what I call an exaggerated Orlando Cepeda stance."

On his first trip to the plate against the Braves, July 27, Perez lined a double to deep left-center.

pretty good," first base umpire Mel New York-Pennsylvania League in Steiner remarked to first base coach 1961, his second year in O. B. Ray Shore.

"I guess he does," Shore answered, at Rocky Mount in the Carolina

Hutch Returns to Hospital; Undergoes Additional Tests

CINCINNATI, O.—Red Manager Fred Hutchinson, stricken with cancer last winter, entered Christ Hospital here for "additional tests" when the Reds left for Milwaukee and a three-game series with the Braves, July 27.

Red Owner Bill DeWitt, in announcing the hospitalization of Hutch, said coach Dick Sisler would be in charge of the club during the popular manager's absence.

The Reds plan a party for Hutch at Crosley Field when he observes his forty-fifth birthday, August 12, the night the Reds play the Dodgers.

Hutch will be presented a cake at home plate and organist Ronnie Dale will lead fans in singing "Happy Birthday."

The Reds' management has announced gifts for Hutch may be sent to the ball club. This was in answer to numerous inquiries made by fans who had expressed a desire to send gifts.

"because he drove home 93 runs at San Diego before we called him up." "Nobody has to tell me anything

Perez, along with fellow Cuban about Perez," said Bob Purkey. "I saw all I wanted to see of him from the mound when I pitched against him in that exhibition game with San Diego at the beginning of the season." Perez had rapped Purkey for a double and two singles.

Red Farm System Product

The 6-2, 190-pounder Perez started out in the Red farm system as a third baseman. He was switched to his inexperience at the position shows. But the Reds are betting his bat will more than compensate for his

"Tony's going with me to Venezuela this winter," said coach Reggie Otero, "and I'll have a lot of time to work with him on his fielding."

There's every indication that Perez doesn't need much work with his bat. "Say, that fellow swings a bat He batted .348 for Geneva in the

The following year, he batted 292

League. He missed the last few weeks of the season when he broke an ankle. Last year, he batted .309 for Macon, Ga., in the Sally League and finished the season at San Diego, where he batted .379 in eight games.

Owner Bill DeWitt is hoping the addition of Perez and Ruiz will mean the pennant for the Reds this season. Gunning for Pennant

In recalling the two Cubans, DeWitt had to be thinking in terms of a pennant or he would never have invited the wrath of the San Diego fans by plucking the Padres' two top stars from their roster.

Some ten days earlier, DeWitt had reached down to San Diego and purchased Don Pavletich after John Edwards, the Reds' first-string catcher, turned up with a sore arm.

Pavletich banged out homers in each of the first three games he started behind the plate.

ing action with the Reds after his re- Klaus was sold to the Mets. . . call. He batted for Pete Rose in the Jim Maloney won his tenth game July 26 double-header with the Pirates Braves, 11-2, with a six-hitter, July 27. bill without a home run hit by either and finished the game at second base.

Rose was on the bench, nursing bruised ribs on his left side.

to play Deron Johnson.

Hutchinson commented.

mark to .325.

Johnson Surprises Old Boss

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so will Perez, if he's as good as his money wouldn't prove anything."

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record with the San Diego Padres indicates he is.

Red Hots: Veteran catcher Hal Smith and rookie infielder Bobby Klaus were dropped to make room for Perez and Ruiz. Smith, given his climbing even higher in the average unconditional release, was rehired as Ruiz, like Perez, wasn't long in see- batting practice and bull-pen catcher. eighth inning of the first game of the against nine losses when he beat the the first Connie Mack Stadium twin-

ing. He ended his personal losing first such occurrence in a Sunday streak at six with a 7-2 victory over double-header there since May 24. As the Reds shellacked the Braves the Pirates in the first game of the on July 27, Ruiz banged out three hits. July 26 double-header. Leo Cardenas | victory total of 1963 when he beat the Perez' presence on the Red roster sewed up the victory with a grand- Cards, 9-1, July 24 in the most onedoes present one problem - where slam homer, his first ever, off Roy sided victory the Phillies had scored Face in the eighth inning. . "I can't very well take Johnson out Jim O'Toole pitched his first shutout plete game tossed by any member of

of the lineup," Red Manager Fred of the season when he blanked the the Phillies since July 3, when Ray Pirates, 2-0, July 24. It was his Culp beat the Giants . . . Southpaw Hutch didn't have to explain his eleventh victory in 15 decisions . . . Curt Simmons ran his career record remark. Johnson's home run and The Mets continue to be the Reds' against the Phillies to 15-2 on July double in the 11-2 victory over the nemesis. The National League cellar 25 since the Quakers released him Braves, July 27, boosted his season dwellers ran their string of victories in May, 1960 . . . The Phillies scored

over the Reds to five before losing, their third straight win over Warren 5-4, July 23 . . . Billy McCool. the Spahn, July 22, and that marked the "The guy sure surprises me," said 20-year-old rookie lefty, suffered his first time they had won three in a Milwaukee coach Jo Jo White. "I was first loss against three victories when row from the Braves' great lefty in a coach at Kansas City when he was the Mets beat the Reds, 4-3, in ten at least 15 years . . . Through the there. And I managed against him in innings, July 22. . . . Ryne Duren, series with the Cardinals on the final charged with an error in the 4-2 July week-end, lefthanded pitchers "Someone on the Reds has helped loss when he fumbled Deron John- for the opposition had been the hurl-

him with his batting or he has helped son's throw after getting a delayed ers of record in 14 of the Phillies' himself because he sure has learned start to cover first base on Frank last 20 games; of their last 12 defeats, Thomas' routine grounder, walked in- | ten had been to lefties, and only four Johnson may wind up at third base. to Hutch's office the next night and of their eight victories in that stretch "He can play it," said Phil Seghi, offered his personal check for \$100, had been over southpaws . . . Alex the Red's assistant general manager. | "This club is battling for a pennant | Johnson made his major league de-"He was an all-star third baseman and I goofed and helped cost us a but, July 25, and the rookie left fieldwhen he played in the International game," said Duren. "I deserve to be er had quite a day. He singled to left fined this much." . . . Hutch didn't his first two times up, walked, struck One thing's certain. Johnson will take the check. "Duren knew he made out, hit a two-run single to right in remain in the lineup somewhere. And a mistake," said Hutch. "Taking his the ninth inning and then was doubled

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department.

Phillie Fodder: When the Cards swept a double-header from the Phillies, 6-1 and 4-1, on July 26, it marked . . . Joey Jay's luck may be chang- team since August 28, 1962, and the 1959 . . . Chris Short equalled his in a month. It was also the first comup on the bases.

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·Peninsula-

Ken Chelini, Son Of Ex-Big Timer, Fans 19 Batters

By BILL JONES SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.

The 18-year-old son of a former major leaguer stole the spotlight with a record-breaking 19-strikeout performance as the Peninsula Winter League launched its sixth season.

The youngster is Ken Chelini, whose father Italo spent 14 years in Organized Baseball and hurled for the White Sox from 1935 to '37.

Pitching for the Giants, young Chelini, a portsider like his dad, fan-- ned 19 while blanking the Indians on two hits, 6-0, in the season opener at South San Francisco, September 19. The 19 whiffs represented a league record.

Chelini struck out eight in a row from the third inning to the sixthalso a league mark—and fanned the side four times-in the fourth, fifth, sixth and ninth innings.

No Chances for Outfielders

The only ball hit out of the infield was a single by Zelman Jack in the sixth inning. No Giant outfielder had a fielding chance, representing another league record.

of the series the next day, 5-1, behind the five-hit pitching of collegian Phil Knuckles.

Phillies last year, took the Philadel- game, but was trailing, 4-0, when he

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Wichita Set for 31st Year As Site of Dumont Tourney

WICHITA, Kan. - The annual National Baseball Congress championship tournament will be held in Wichita for the thirty-first consecutive year in 1965 with the starting date set for August 13. President Ray Dumont announced.

The first three teams in the 1964 national tournament have been extended automatic invitations to participate in next year's finals. They are the Wichita (Kan.) Glassmen, Fairbanks (Alaska) Goldpanners and Bellingham (Wash.) Bells.

All other clubs must qualify through state tournaments with a majority of these winners being required to play in a bi-state series with another champion for the right to compete in the national event.

Gate receipts in the recentlycompleted Wichita tournament showed an increase of five per cent over 1963.

THE SPORTING NEWS will be honored at the opening of the next tournament with special tribute to the late J. G. Taylor Spink, who took a major part in the organization and early development of the NBC program.

phia-sponsored club twice in their opening series at San Mateo, 9-4 and The Indians won the second game | 8-5. In the opener the Orioles' Joe Gualco, University of San Francisco pitcher, had a no-hitter for six innings before tiring. Steve Caria (Fox Cities) The Orioles, co-champions with the started for the Orioles in the second left. Leroy Reams (Eugene) of the Phillies was the game's hitting star with four safeties in five appearances.

> In the other inaugural series, the Twins walloped the Yankees twice, 13-4 and 14-5. Pete Magrini (Wilson) scattered six hits to win the opener. Third baseman Gary Cortopassi, who is slated to join the Twins' Melbourne (Florida Rookie) club next year, ripped off five hits in eight swings in the two games to pace the winners' attack.

Perez and Shockley Cop Player Laurels in PCL



Tony Perez

The champion San Diego Padres and the Arkansas Travelers, Eastern Division leaders who carried the Padres to seven games in the pennant playoff, dominated the annual selections made by the Pacific Coast League's baseball writers and broadcasters.

In Tony Perez, slugging infielder, and Eddie Leishman, the Padres had the PCL's most valuable player and No. 1 gen-



Eddie Leishman

Coast Clippings

LUCCHESI SUPERSTITION PAYS OFF

MANAGER Frank Lucchesi of

search for the little extras. Just a

few minutes before the September 20

exchange, the veteran lefty reclaimed

No. 16. which he wore through 15 vic-

this year. "No harm trying," the

the swap had anything to do with it is

debatable, but Smith, inconsistent much

of the season, went out and blanked

First baseman Tim Harkness

missed the Padres' plane out of

San Diego, September 18, and failed

to arrive in time for that night's

game in Little Rock. However, he

for three contests at San Diego and

ham and Billy Sorrell for the final

game because of a jammed shoulder

l and and le injury, respectively.

Padres will cut up 50 per cent.

rejoined his mates the next day.

San Diego, 2-0, with late relief help.

Arkansas, admittedly superstitious, left no stone unturned in his

of the year and his slugging first baseman, Costen Shockley, gained rookie honors.

eral manager, while Frank Lucchesi of Arkansas was voted manager

In addition, the Travelers placed four players and the Padres had three named on the league's all-star team.

Perez, who began the season as a first baseman but wound up at third, collected 30 points in winning the MVP award. His closest rivals were a teammate, shortstop Tommy Helms, and Shockley, who received 20 points each. Pitcher Luis Tiant, who was 15-1 at Portland when Cleveland summoned him in mid-July, ranked third with 15 points.

Curiously, in the rookie-of-the-year voting, Shockley nosed out Perez, 45 points to 35. Tiant again was third with 25.

Shockley Paces Home-Run Hitters With 34

Shockley led the league in home runs, 36, and tied for RBI leadership with 112 while batting .281. Perez had 34 homers, drove in 107 runs and hit .309.

By winning the homer title, Shockley also gained the Tony Larzeri Memorial Trophy which was reinstated this year by Western Air Lines after a five-year lapse.

Leishman was an easy victor in balloting for general manager of the year. He drew 70 points compared to 25 for Portland's Dave Steele and 20 for Ray Winder of Arkansas.

In the managerial poll, Lucchesi gathered 95 points to 25 for runner-up Johnny Lipon of Portland.

Perez picked up the most points—126—in the voting for the allstar team, but since the votes were distributed between first and third bases, he landed the utility infield position.

The complete all-star team follows: First base-Costen Shockley, Arkansas: second base-Gus Gil, San Diego; shortstop-Tommy Helms, San Diego; third base—Lou Klimchock, Denver; utility infield—Tony Perez, San Diego; outfield-Lou Johnson, Spokane; Alex Johnson, Arkansas, and Adolfo Phillips, Arkansas; catcher-Jim Coker, Denver, and Pat Corrales, Arkansas (tied); righthanded pitcher-Luis Tiant, Portland; lefthanded pitcher-Wilbur Wood, Seattle, and relief pitcher-Ken Rowe, Spokane.

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son combined to check Travs on five hits. After walking bases full in fourth inning. Neville was lifted when he passed first batter in fifth. Another walk by Davidson and John Upham's double produced lone Arkansas run, but Padre reliever choked off Travs on one hit remainder of way. Tony Perez accounted for first San Diego tally with homer in fourth inning. Padres jumped on Dallas Green for two tie-breaking runs in sixth on walk, double by Perez and Jim Saul's single. Singles by Ken Walters, Cesar Tovar and Ed Sada yielded final two runs in seventh.

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GAME OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

AT LITTLE ROCK (D) - Arkansas deadlocked series at three games each when Billy Smith and Ferguson Jenkins collaborated for ten-hit shutout, 2-0. San Diego stranded 11 runners. Travelers got to Jim Coates for first run in fifth inning when Lee Elia doubled and, with two out, scored all the way from second base when Bill Sorrell beat out tap to first baseman Tony Perez. Costen Shockley homered in sixth for other run. Padres, who filled bases with two out in fifth, finally kayoed Smith in eighth when first two batters singled. Jenkins promptly fanned Ken Walters and retired Tim Harkness on fly ball; after walking Art Shamsky, loading bases, he also whiffed pinch-hitter Miles McWilliams to snuff San Diego threat.

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GAME OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

AT LITTLE ROCK (N) - San Diego tories in 1963, while Lucchesi took the captured Coast league championship by No. 26 in which Smith went 9-13 trouncing Arkansas in seventh game. 11-5, before 5,154, second largest paid crowd of year here. With other Traveler Traveler skipper commented. Whether pitchers either injured or not properly rested. Manager Frank Lucchesi started rookie Gary Wagner, late-season addition from Chattanooga (Southern). He faced only five batters and all five scored as Padres put together trio of singles. two errors and sacrifice fly for five-run first inning. Double by Lee Elia and Pat Corrales' single gave Arkansas one run in second, but Tim Harkness got that back for Padres with third-inning homer off Harry Oliver. Visitors padded lead to 7-1 with another run in fourth. Arkansas chased Padre starter Ted Wills with three markers in fifth, topped by Norm Gigon's two-run double, before Attendance for the seven playoff reliever Ted Davidson put out fire. San Diego bounced back with three runs in games totaled 25,520, including 11,451 sixth against Paul Brown and Dallas Green. Meantime, Davidson checked 14,069 for four in Little Rock The Travelers remainder of way, except for Corrales' homer in ninth, to gain credit players' pot was expected to be worth for decisive victory. around \$15,000, of which the winning San Diego ab r h rbi Arkansas ab r h rbi

TOVAR SHOWS HIDDEN STRENGTH ESAR TOVAR, San Diego's 5-9, 155-pound Venezuelan handyman, apparently saved his strength for the playoffs. After hitting only seven homers in 158 games during the regu- lar season—and none after July 12— the bantam infielder connected on successive nights, September 16-17. The	Shamsky, If 4 2 1 1 Heath, rf 3 0 1 0 Perez, 3b 4 1 0 2 Gigon, 2b 4 0 1 2 Harkness, 1b 3 2 1 2 Shockley, 1b 4 0 0 0 McWilliams, rf 4 1 2 3 Ella, ss 4 1 1 0 Banderas, cf 0 0 0 0 F. Walters, If 4 0 0 0 K. Wal's, cf-rf 5 1 1 0 Goss, cf 4 1 1 0 Gil, 2b 5 0 1 1 Corrales, c 4 2 3 2 Smith, c 4 1 1 1 Wagner, p 0 0 0 0 Wills, p 1 0 0 0 Oliver, p 1 0 0 0 Davidson, p 1 1 0 0 Lam, ph 0 0 0 0 Totals 36 11 10 10 Sorrell, ph 1 0 0 0
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CITY.

Tony Swings Torrid Stick; Faltering Bombers Reds Hope He's Permanent

By EARL LAWSON

CINCINNATI, O.

Tony Perez has always been known as a batter who's especially tough to get out when there are men on base.

And the husky Cuban apparently is determined to keep alive the reputation. His timely hits are one of the big reasons why the Reds are perched atop the National League standings.

"Just about every time Tony gets a hit, it becomes a tie game or we win," remarked an admiring Jim Coker, the Red catcher.

It was a tenth-inning double by Perez that sent home Pete Rose with the winning run in an 8-7 victory over the Pirates, May 15, at Crosley Field.

The double was one of four hits in the game for Perez, whose ninth-inning single preceded a game-tying home run by Lee May.

"First time I ever get four hits in one game in the major leagues," the beaming Perez had remarked after the game.

Perez' tenth-inning double climaxed one of the most thrilling comebacks ever staged by the Reds at Crosley Field.

Moreover, in the case of Roberto Clemente, it took a little luster from what should have been his greatest day in baseball.

Blg Day for Roberto

Clemente had driven home all seven of the Pirate runs with three homers and a double.

But, as the Reds' Art Shamsky later pointed out, "How can you be happy when you lose?"

Shamsky knew from hard experience.

Just last year, he had come off the bench to sock three consecutive homers in a game the Reds lost to the Pirates, 14-11.

"I know just what's in Clemente's mind," Shamsky had commented after the Pirate slugger had staged his one-man show.

Two days later, May 17, Perez again delivered in the clutch, rapping out two hits and driving home two runs as the Reds completed a sweep of a three-game series with the Pirates by registering a 3-1 victory behind the stout pitching of Sammy Ellis.

In a May 19 game with the Phillies at Connie Mack Stadium, Perez punched out a fourth-inning single and went on to score the Reds' first run in a 6-1 victory over the Phillies authored by Jim Maloney.

Another Clutch Hit

The next day, May 20, he singled home two runs in the sixth inning to tie the score. And the Reds added three more runs in the inning to grab a 5-2 victory from the Phillies as Gerry Arrigo turned in a one-hit, six-inning relief stint to gain his fourth straight victory.

The next day, Sunday, May 21, Perez singled home Tommy Harper in the ninth inning to knot the score at one-all.

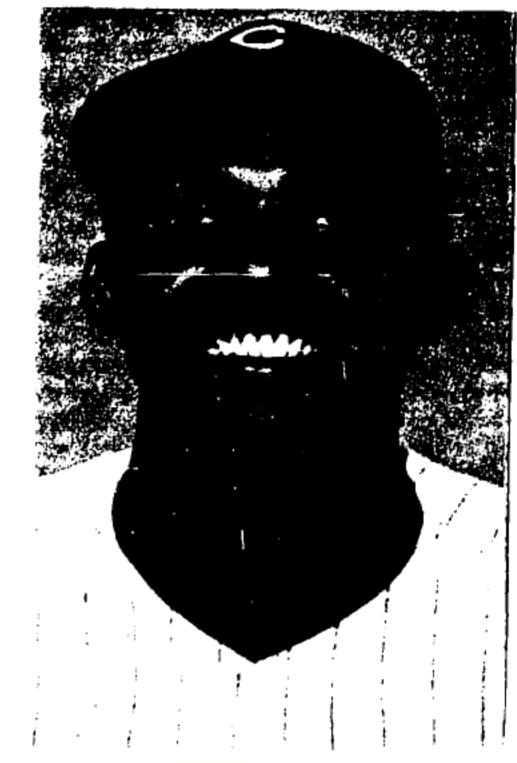
And it wasn't until the eighteenth inning that the Phillies finally broke the deadlock on Don Lock's two-out single, which scored Richie Allen from second base.

Perez' three hits in the marathon contest put him over the .300 mark.

Further, his RBI gave him the club lead with 23.

What makes Perez even more valuable to the Reds is his versatility. Hte opened the season at first base. But when Deron Johnson pulled a hamstring in his left leg at Atlanta, May 6, the likable Cuban switched to third base.

And his bang-up performance in



Tony Perez

the field has won the praise of Red Manager Dave Bristol and the grudging admiration of rival players.

During the Pittsburgh series, Perez went far to his left to grab a smash off Clemente's bat, whirled and fired to first base for the putout. An awed Clemente was still gawking in amazement at Perez when he returned to the dugout.

Ellis calls Perez his "good luck charm."

"I can remember at least six games Perez won for me with base-hits in 1965," said the Red righthander.

"And most of the base-hits were homers."

Victory for Ellis

Ellis' comment came late last month after a three-run homer by Perez gave Sammy a 3-1 victory over Houston at the Astrodome.

Perez passed the greater part of the past two seasons sitting on the Red bench. And he was haunted by the prospect of a third straight year of inactivity when he reported to the Reds' training camp this spring.

In camp, too, was big Lee May, who already was being touted as the National League's "rookie of the year."

May had had a big year at Buffalo in 1966 and then had rapped the ball at a .345 clip while playing for the Reds the last six weeks of the season, after his recall from the International League farm club.

don't want to be traded," Perez had remarked during spring training.

"I like the Cincinnati team and I like to play for Bristol, He's like me. He wants to win.

Just Give Him a Chance

"All I want," the husky Cuban had added, "is a chance to play regularly.

"I know I can hit in the major leagues if I'm given the opportunity."

It's a popular refrain, but, where Perez is concerned, it's true. He has proved it.

Even though Perez' name popped up frequently in trade rumors during the baseball meetings last winter, Bristol has never been eager to trade him.

"Good players are hard to come by," remarked the Red manager, "And when you get a couple of good, young ones like Perez and May, you don't want to part with them."

Both Perez and May came to the Reds with impressive minor

Maloney's Stamina Amazes Both Umpire and Mates

CINCINNATI, O .- "How can a guy have so much stamina?" asked an amazed Bill Jackowski, the National League umpire.

He was referring to the Reds' Jim Maloney, who capped a standout performance against the Phillies, May 19, by striking out the side in the ninth inning to run his game total to 11.

"He was a real bull out there in the ninth," said Red Manager Dave Bristol, admiringly.

"Think Maloney's not strong to finish the way he did?" asked Billy McCool. "The guy made 154 pitches.

"And don't forget the fact that he ran out that double in the eighth inning."

A two-run double by Maloney in the eighth inning, his second hit of the game, capped a three-run uprising, which gave the Reds a 6-1 victory.

In the fifth inning, Maloney had executed the hit-and-run perfectly while singling teammate Leo Cardenas into scoring position.

"I don't get paid to hit," remarked Maloney, grinning, "but I just might mention that single at contract time."

league credentials. Each hit 34 homers and drove home over 100 runs while playing for Bristol at San Diego.

After May burned up the National League the last six weeks of the 1966 season, Perez, not to be outdone, went down to Puerto Rico and captured the winter league batting crown with a .333 average.

What's more, he drove home 63 runs in 70 games.

Today, Bristol chuckles when he remembers the many times he was asked last spring, "What are you going to do with two righthanded-hitting first basemen?"

Bristol Finds a Way

"I'll find ways of using them both," had been the Red manager's answer.

He has, too.

"Versatility, you can't beat it," remarks Bristol today.

"Just look what Tony has done for us."

Red Hots: After his first 251/3 innings, Gerry Arrigo had yielded only one earned run and seven hits. He owned a 4-0 record and a fantastic 0.36 earned-run average. . . . When Ted Abernathy made a relief appearance in the 18-inning marathon with the Phillies, May 21, it was the first time he had pitched in a week. "I can't complain about the inactivity because we've been winning," said the tireless righthander, who appeared in 17 of the Reds' first 38 games. . . . The marathon game of May 21 enabled the Reds' Pete Rose to extend his batting streak through 17 games. He was hitless until he punched out a single in the fourteenth inning.

Mel Queen racked up his fifth victory against one loss when he beat the Pirates, 6-3, May 16. He had a three-hit shutout going into the ninth inning. . . . Sammy Ellis, who compiled a 12-19 record last year after winning 22 in 1965. is well along the comeback trail. He gained his fourth victory in six decisions when he beat the Pirates, 3-1, May 17. Sammy's four complete games also top the Red hurlers.

Eye 3 Peaches as Prime Free Agents

By JACK LANG NEW YORK, N. Y.

Terry Hughes, Mike Blomberg or Mike Garman-one of the threeis likely to be the Yankees' prize pick when the fallen Bombers make the first selection in baseball's third annual free-agent draft here, June 6.

A consensus of scouts interviewed around the country indicated that Hughes, Blomberg and Garman are the outstanding candidates available in this year's draft.

With all the shortstop troubles the Yankees have been experiencing since Tony Kubek retired, Hughes could be the boy the American leaguers select.

The Spartanburg, S. C., lad is regarded as a sure bet for major league stardom.

"Hughes," said one major league talent scout, "could step onto a major league field right now and hold his own with the glove. He's a tremendous shortstop."

The Yankees, by virtue of their last-place finish in 1966, will be accorded first pick in the draft. The Cubs, basement occupants in the National League in '66, have second call.

All Ogle Blomberg

Blomberg, a first baseman-outfielder from Druid Hills High School in Atlanta, is also eyed enviously by every major league club. Besides having power, Blomberg has exceptional speed.

Garman, from Caldwell, Idaho, is a righthanded pitcher and an extremely attractive choice because he is married and not vulnerable to the military draft. He's a big fellow, too, at 6-4 and 204.

Cardinal farm boss George Silvey flew to Caldwell recently to watch Garman pitch.

"It was about 32 degrees when the game started," Silvey reported, "and there were about 25 major league scouts in the stands."

A survey resulted in a consensus choice of the top 12 candidates for the draft. When the list was shown to Silvey, he concurred with the opinion of other scouts.

"I think you'll find those 12 boys at the top of just about every major league club's scouting reports," he remarked.

Bumper Crop, Says Bing

The free-agent crop this year is an extremely good one, according to Mets' President Bing Devine.

"The pitchers in particular are outstanding this year," said Bing. "There seems to be an abundance of good ones. Of course, you never know how a pitcher is going to develop, but talent - wise I'd say there are a lot of good pitchers available this year."

The Mets got the outstanding pitching prospect in the first freeagent draft in 1965. Selecting second after the Kansas City A's had picked outfielder Rick Monday, the Mets drafted lefthander Les Rohr.

Rohr proved to be a big disappointment. He was 4-6 with Williamsport in 1965 and last year had

College Honors Bristol

CINCINNATI, O. - Manager Dave Bristol of the Reds received one of two distinguished service awards presented annually by the Western Carolina College Alumni Association. The award was presented on May 20 to Mrs. Bristol, in the absence of her husband.



Terry Hughes



Mike Garman

a combined 4-13 record with Williamsport and Auburn.

Of the dozen top candidates are: The top 12, according to a consensus of Big-Time scouts, follow: Terry Hughes, shortstop, from

Spartanburg, S. C. Mike Garman, righthanded pitcher, from Caldwell, Idaho.

Don Blomberg, first basemanoutfielder, from Druid Hills High School, Atlanta, Ga.

Wayne Simpson, righthanded pitcher, from Sentinel High School in Louisiana.

Phil Meyer, lefthanded pitcher, from Pius High School in Downey, Calif.

Mike Nunn, catcher, from Ben L. Smith High School in Greensboro, N. C.

Brian Bickerson, lefthanded pitcher and first baseman, from San Diego.

Larry Keener, righthanded pitcher, from Wheeler High School in Marietta, Ga.

Ted Simmons, catcher, from Southfield High School in Southfield, Mich.

Larry Matlock, lefthanded pitcher, from West Chester, Pa.

Jim Foor, lefthanded pitcher, from McCluer High School, St. Louis, Mo.

Dave Kingman, righthanded pitcher from Mt. Prospect High School, Mt. Prospect, Ill.

Perez Crown Prince of N. L. All-Stars

Tony's Blast Settles It in 15th Frame

By BOB BROEG
In the St. Louis Post-Dispatch
ANAHEIM, Calif.

Somebody up there in the executive tower of the Grand Hotel here knows a hero when he sees one-even in advance of the heroics.

When the annual All-Star Game came this time to toyland, several National League players arrived in Anaheim late the night before the game to find that the hotel had rented their rooms.

Among the slighted was an All-Star newcomer named Atanasio Rigal (Tony) Perez, a Cuban expatriate now playing third base for the Cincinnati Reds. Worse, the big, good-looking Perez had brought along his wife and 14-month-old baby, both of whom also faced a long night in the hotel lobby.

In a reshuffle that followed—baseball brass began doubling up like the common folks—some of the biggest names in the game wound up squeezing into quarters with strange roommates. But Tony Perez, the senora and muchacho were escorted to the plush presidential suite of the hotel.

A Fitting Response

In a manner befitting a player treated like a king, or at least a president, Perez responded the next day with a 15th-inning homer that won the game, 2-1.

Several All-Star records were set in the contest. It was, among other things, the longest and perhaps dullest in a series that began as a sideshow to Chicago's World Fair in 1933.

The National League's victory, July 11, in a game dominated by pitching, a contest of few hits and many strikeouts, of three home Perez Wins Ward Trophy As Star of Game's Stars

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Tony Perez of the Reds, the National League's home-run-hitting hero of the All-Star Game, was voted the winner of the Arch Ward Memorial Award by sports writers covering the classic.

The award in memory of the late sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, who originated the All-Star Game, is presented by the Rawlings Sporting Goods Co. of St. Louis to the outstanding player each year.

Perez was the winner by a wide margin. Only three other All-Stars received votes and, with some justice, one of them was Jim Hunter of the Athletics, the pitcher who served the home-run ball to Perez. Hunter pitched five innings and gave up just four hits, but was the 2-1 loser on the blast by Perez in the fifteenth.

Carl Yastrzemski of the Red Sox, who reached base five straight times on three hits and two walks, and Ferguson Jenkins of the Cubs, who tied an All-Star Game record by striking out six batters in three innings, also received some votes.

runs and only two walks, was its fifth straight for a record.

Although a second straight overtime triumph by the same low score hardly would amount to superiority, the fact is that the Nationals now own a 20-17 edge in a rivalry that has known one rainabbreviated tie.

Curiously, once trailing by eight games in the midsummer series, 12-4, the Nationals began their climb to prominence 17 years ago at Chicago's Comiskey Park, site of the first All-Star Game in 1933. A home run by the Cardinals' current manager, Red Schoendienst, then decided a 14-inning game that was the longest until this year's cocktail-hour contest that threat-

READY TO slap hands as the National League fans clapped hands, Tony Perez of the Reds dashes for the dugout after crossing home plate on his 15th-inning homer that won the All-Star Game at Anaheim, 2-1. The first teammate to greet Perez, Tim

McCarver of the Cardinals, the next batter, holds out his mitt as a glad hand for the hero of the longest All-Star Game in history. The downcast American League catcher is Bill Freehan of the Tigers, who was behind the plate for the entire contest.

ened to last until the wee hours of the morning.

Five times now an All-Star Game has gone into extra innings, twice in succession because the National League prevailed in the hotbox of St. Louis' Busch Memorial Stadium in ten innings last year, 2-1, when Maury Wills singled home Tim Mc-Carver with the winning run.

The National League has won every overtime game. Schoendienst started the trend in 1950 at Chicago. Stan Musial, now the Redbirds' general manager, broke up a 12-inning game at Milwaukee, 6-5, in 1955. And the Nationals came from behind to win in ten rounds at San Francisco, 5-4, in 1961.

Supermen on Hill

This one didn't compare with those for thrills because action was limited by the best All-Star pitching Walter Alston said he'd ever seen. Alston, the Los Angeles manager, would know. He has handled eight National League All-Star teams, six of which won.

The pitching simply short-circuited the power. Philadelphia's Richie Allen teed off on the American League starter, Minnesota's Dean Chance, in the second inning, and Baltimore's Brooks Robinson tied the score with a home run in the sixth off Ferguson Jenkins, Chicago Cubs' righthander who was the most overpowering, if not best, of 12 pitchers in the game.

Until Perez won the game and the Rawlings Sporting Goods Co.'s Arch Ward Award as the most valuable All-Star with his blast off Kansas City's Jim (Catlish) Hunter in the 15th, there were 30 strikeouts, 17 at the expense of the American League.

The A. L. was outhit by the margin of a bloop single, nine to eight, but its five pitchers—Chance, Hunter, California's Jim McGlothlin,

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Angel manager and third base coach for the American League, extends a hand to Brooks Robinson as the Baltimore star rounded the hot sack after clouting his tying home run

A BRAVO from one B. R. to another B. R. . . . Bill Rigney,

Reds' Rest Decree Boosts May, Perez

By EARL LAWSON

CINCINNATI, O. — It's Dave Bristol's contention that playing baseball year-round is too much of a physical strain on players, even if they're as strong as Lee May and Tony Perez.

And today, May and Perez are just about ready to agree.

There were no loud complaints from May and Perez in midseason of 1968 when Bristol announced he wasn't going to give the two Reds' sluggers permission to play winter ball. But you didn't have to be a mindreader to know that Bristol's decree rankled Lee and Tony.

And, in a way, you couldn't blame them for being more than a little perturbed. Passing up winter ball was a little like tossing money down the drain.

"I know Lee and Tony don't like the idea of passing up the money they make in winter ball," Bristol remarked at the time. "But, in the long run, they'll benefit from the winter's rest. And so will the club."

No Good for Regulars

Winter ball is great for the player who puts in most of the regular season sitting on the bench, claims Bristol. But, for guys who play regularly, forget it.

"Both Tony and Lee are bound to be stronger this season," Bristol predicted early this spring.

And, on the basis of present returns, it looks as if May and Perez are going to make Bristol's preseason prediction come true.

Perez had nine homers as the Reds went into a May 23 game with the Expos at Crosley Field. That's four more than he had at the end of May in 1968.

What's more, the slugging Cuban was batting at a .315 clip, 62 points higher than his average at the end of May in 1968.

"Last year I hit the ball hard and it went nowhere," said Tony. "This year I hit it hard and it takes off.

"Maybe," he mused, "I was tired last year and didn't realize it."

May had eight homers as the Reds went into the May 23 game with Montreal. Last year, the muscular Red first baseman did not get his ninth homer until July.

Pitching problems which plagued the Reds in 1968 still exist. But as the Reds headed into the final week of May, they were still maintaining their reputation as the best hitting club in baseball.

Five Top 20 Mark

Five players already had driven home 20 or more runs. And a sixth player, National League batting champ Pete Rose, the club's leadoff hitter, had 19 RBIs.

Surprisingly enough, tied with Perez for the club lead in RBIs was Bobby Tolan with 28.

The speedy Tolan figured to get his share of leg hits. Going into the May 23 game with the Expos, he had ten infield hits, five coming on bunts. The power Tolan has displayed has been a pleasant surprise for Bristol. Numbered among Tolan's first 48 hits were three doubles, four triples and six home runs.

Tolan's six homers exceed by one his total output for the 1968 season, when he put in most of his time on the Cardinal bench.

Tolan, though, isn't the only Red player who already has topped his home-run output for the 1968 season. Alex Johnson socked No. 7 May 14 against the Phillies. He hit only two last year.

What's the difference?

A Philadelphia writer put the question to Johnson. His answer,

"five," had teammates splitting their sides with laughter.

But then, that's Alex. He doesn't go for detailed explanations.

The way Johnson has been rapping the ball, he appears bent on capturing the batting title Rose won last year. The Red left fielder sported a .342 mark, tops on the club, going into the May 23 game with the Expos.

Rose Battling Slump

Meanwhile, Rose was struggling to get back over the .300 mark after an early May tailspin sent his average tumbling to .279. Pete was six points shy of the coveted .300 mark after banging out three hits in a May 21 victory over the Phils.

Johnny Bench and Perez also banged out three hits apiece in that same May 21 game with the Phils. Johnny's base knocks gave him nine for 14 since his return from a brief stint on the bench.

Bob Skinner found Bench's hits particularly rankling.

The Phillie manager is getting a little tired of watching the Red catcher tattoo Phillie pitching.

"And," vowed the Phillie manager, "we're going to do something about it . . . pitch him differently."

It was another way of Skinner's saying that Bench might be wise to stay loose at the plate the next time the Reds and Phillies clash.

Red Hots: As of May 23, Tony Cloninger had a 2-5 record. And, oddly enough, each of Tony's victories came on a two-hit shutout. The veteran Red righthander, plagued by wildness this season, walked only one while blanking the Phils, 4-0, with two hits May 20. He reeled off the victory in one hour and 42 minutes. . . . Clay Carroll picked up his third victory in six decisions when the Reds beat the Phils, 6-5, May 21. The Reds' winning rally came after Carroll wild-pitched the Phils to a 5-4 lead in the top of the ninth inning. . . . Red lefty Jim Merritt was working on a perfect game when rain forced postponement of the May 18 game with the Mets. The Reds were leading, 3-0, after three and one-half innings. . . . Pete Rose had two hits washed out with the Reds' lead.

Yellow Marker Provides Predicted Ump Headache

CINCINNATI, O.—During the off season, the Reds' management had a yellow line painted across the scoreboard at Crosley Field and announced that, in the future, balls hitting above the line would be home runs.

At the time, there were predictions that the new ruling would provide many a headache for an umpire before the 1969 season ended.

The first rhubarb precipitated by the yellow line wasn't long in coming.

In the fourth inning of a May 20 game at Crosley Field, Alex Johnson sent a smash bouncing off the scoreboard in left-center.

Second base umpire F r a n k
Dezelan ruled Johnson's drive
hit below the yellow line and
restricted the Reds' slugger to
a double. His call was immediately challenged by Reds'
third base coach Vern Benson
and the members of the bullpen. As usual, though, the
ump's decision prevailed.

The next day, Deron Johnson, the Phillies left fielder, confided that Alex' drive had hit about a foot above the yellow line and should have been a homer instead of a double.



LEE MAY receives customary congratulations from Johnny Bench after socking his twelfth homer of the season.

Nolan Shipped to Indy To Rebuild Sore Wing

By EARL LAWSON

CINCINNATI, O.—Red Manager Dave Bristol didn't have much of a choice.

"His arm isn't strong enough right now to cope with major league hitters," said Bristol. "He needs work. And he can get it with the Indiapalois club."

Bristol was referring to Gary Nolan.

The Reds optioned the 21-year-old righthander to their American Association farm club May 22.

How long Nolan remains in the minors depends upon how long it takes him to recapture the form which made him a winning pitcher with the Reds the past two years.

Nolan fanned 12 batters in seven inning, but wound up a 3-2 loser to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Reds' season opener April 7.

Gary Fanned Five Batters in Row

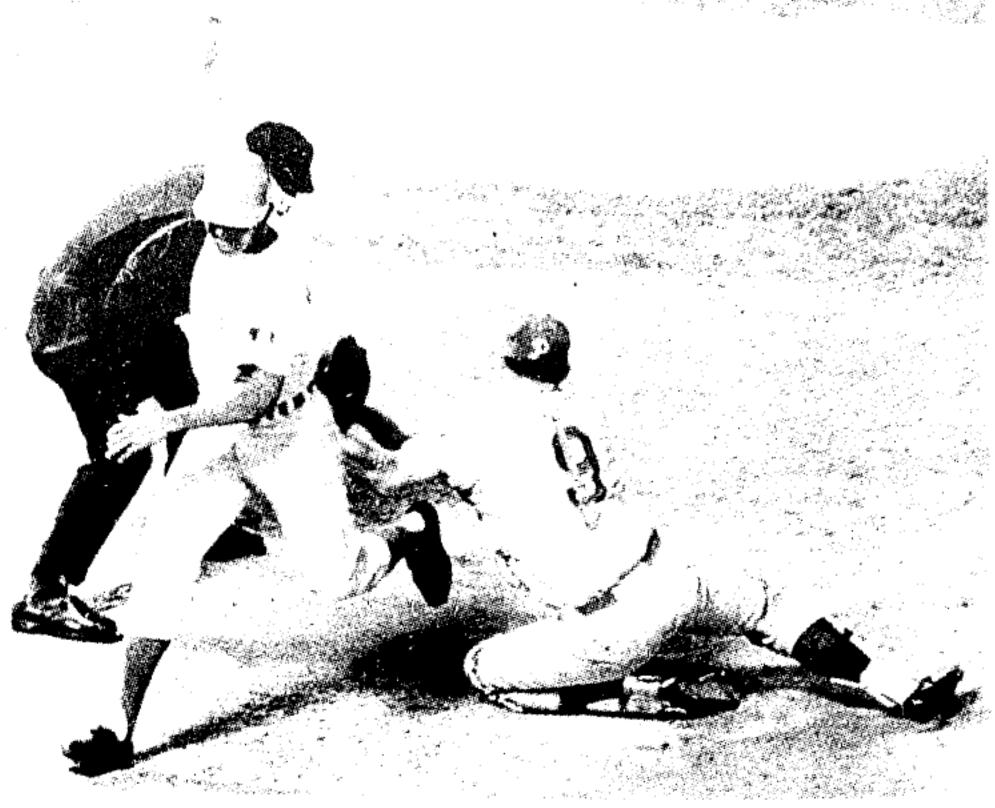
Five days later, he pulled a muscle in his right forearm pitching against the Braves and left the mound with a 5-2 lead in the sixth inning after fanning seven batters, five of them in a row.

However, it wasn't until April 23 that he returned to the mound. And then he was routed in the fourth inning by the Dodgers in Los Angeles.

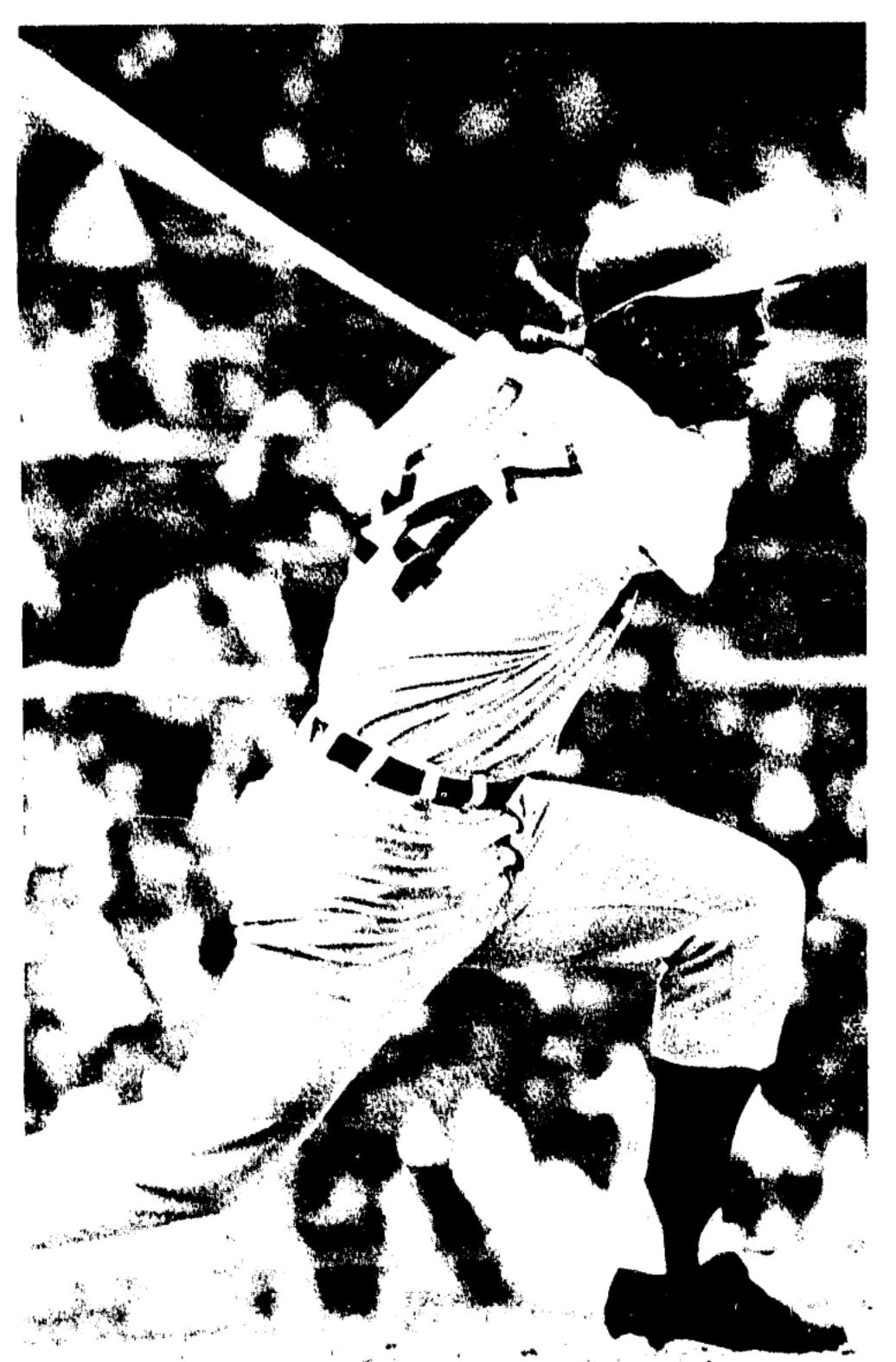
Nolan's last regular season appearance came in relief against the Mets May 6 when he was tagged for two homers in one inning he pitched.

The decision to send Nolan to Indianapolis came after the young righthander was nicked for four runs in four innings in a May 19 exhibition with the Indians at Crosley Field.

"Gary," said Bristol, "can't help us until he rebuilds the strength in his right arm. We hope he can do it down there."



CHICO RUIZ scampers across the plate with the tying run in the ninth inning of the May 21 game at Cincinnati as Mike Ryan, Phillies' catcher, drops the ball. Ruiz scored from second base on Johnny Bench's single and the Reds then scored a second run to defeat the Phillies 6-5. Doug Harvey is the umpire.



Tony Perez . . . No Sign of Weariness Now.

Perez' Bat Soothes Bosox Fans

By JOE GIULIOTTI

BOSTON-Ever since the seventh game of the 1975 World Series, the name Tony Perez has brought painful memories to Boston Red Sox fans.

He batted only .179 in the fall classic, but knocked in seven runs. And the Cincinnati Reds, trailing by three runs in the seventh game, edged the Red Sox on a handle hit by Joe Morgan in the ninth inning, 4-3.

But it was Perez who struck the most damaging blow in that game-a two-run homer in the sixth inning that got the

Reds going after they had trailed, 3-0.

Ted Williams, Jim Rice, Carl Yastrzemski, Jimmie Foxx, Babe Ruth, Tony Conigliaro and many more have walloped some memorable homers out of Fenway Park, but the one Perez socked is well remembered.

It was hit off Bill Lee, the Spaceman, who loved to throw

up what he called his lollypop curve-a pitch that resembled the offering of a slow-pitch softball hurler. Perez hit the ball so hard Red Sox fans could still remember it last winter when he was signed as a free agent.

Everywhere Perez or his beautiful wife, Pituka, went, they were reminded of that home run.

During spring training, Mrs. Perez promised that her husband would more than pay back the fans for hitting that home run. After the first six weeks of the season, the debt had been paid with interest.

Perez, who knocked in 90 or more runs for 11 consecutive years with the Reds and Montreal Expos, showed he hadn't lost any of his touch even though he recently turned 38 years old.

Playing almost exclusively at first base, he was hitting around .350 and was the Red Sox leader in runs batted in with 15. He also ran off a 15-game hitting streak.

Bullpen Leaps to Redbirds' Rescue

By RICK HUMMEL

ST. LOUIS-Just as their corral of starting pitchers began to take on a tattooed look, the much-maligned bullpen kept the St. Louis Cardinals afloat.

Their Big Four of Pete Vuckovich, Bob Forsch, John Fulgham and Silvio Martinez was all but reduced to a Big One when the last three came up with injuries.

Forsch was stepped on by Houston's Jose Cruz while covering first base, suffering a 15-stitch gash that forced him to leave the game after the first inning. The damaged area was just inches away from his Achilles tendon.

The combination of Dr. Stan London, the Cardinals' team physician, and trainer Gene Gieselmann enabled Forsch to keep his place in the rotation without missing a turn. Dr. London prescribed several layers of sponge as protection for Forsch's ankle and Gieselmann ordered an oversized shoe for the pitcher's foot. The shoe arrived just in time to allow Forsch to start against the San Francisco Giants May 7 and he not only beat them, 12-2, working seven innings, but he hit a three-run homer.

Fulgham missed two turns with an inflamed shoulder, which had bothered him off and on since spring training. Martinez was having a problem with his right elbow.

But, suddenly, a bullpen that had a 7.00 ERA at the end of April allowed only two earned runs in its next 20% innings. In three appearances, 41-year-old Jim Kaat, acquired from the Yankees, retired 14 straight batters. Pedro Borbon, another recent acquisition, pitched three scoreless innings in his Cardinal debut. Don Hood came to Forsch's rescue against the Astros and won the game with a 5\%-inning, one-run performance.

The tension that had developed among some players has been relieved. "There was a lot of uncertainty," said catcher Ted Simmons, "and that never helps.

"Then Kaat comes in and gets five outs in his first game. That is reassuring, and that can carry over. We can score, we can do other things. But it's reassuring to see Kaat do that. I don't care if it's 8-2 or not. In the past, that team would score anyway, making it 8-3 or 8-4. And that can have a carryover.

"When everyone is going bad, everyone is nervous. When somebody is doing good, it eases the tension."

Kaat said, frankly, he was amazed that so much was made of his early performances. He even phoned former Yankee teammate Rich Gossage to tell him about it.

"You'd think I was Gossage by all the publicity I've received," Kaat said.

"Sometimes, all you have to do is spark things. I'll give you an example. There are plenty of teams that have hitting slumps. They get a guy in a trade and he starts hitting. All of a sudden-bing, bing-everyone starts hitting."

But with all the injuries, Hood was pressed into starting duty and the Cardinals were thinking of starting Kaat. "We may have to call out the Red Cross," said Manager Ken Boyer. The 11-man pitching staff that had seemed too bulky when the Cardinals signed Kaat and Borbon was only barely enough when injuries hit.

The injury to Fulgham, the rookie sensation last year who was forced to relieve between starting assignments this year when the bullpen went sour, was a major worry. "Anything like this is of concern to me," said Fulgham. "Any time there's a strain . . . you don't know when it will subside and you don't know how hard you can push it."

Redbird Chirps: Garry Templeton hit safely in eight straight games and 15 of 16 as he raised his average to .333. Garry would have hit in his ninth game except that Borbon, on first base when Garry hit an apparent single May 6, failed to touch second base while running to third, and was called out on an appeal by the Giants. . . . Kaat, with two saves, had twice as many as the entire Cardinal bullpen had in the first 17 games.

After Hood's first National League victory, he said, "I told my wife I wasn't going to read my newspaper until there was a story about the Cardinals' bullpen doing something good. I'll be happy to read my newspaper tomorrow." ... Vuckovich accounted for four of the first five triumphs

the Cardinals achieved at home. Despite giving up four runs in the first inning May 5, he defeated San Francisco, 9-5. On falling four runs behind, Vuckovich said, "You walk into the dugout and feel like ripping your face off."

Royals Tap Porter for DH Role

By DEL BLACK

KANSAS CITY-Solid hitting by returning catcher Darrell Porter prompted Kansas City Manager Jim Frey to employ Porter as the Royals' designated hitter. That was likely to remain Porter's role until his arm regains strength.

The catcher had been absent from March 15-April 25, while undergoing treatment at an alcohol and drug rehabilitation clinic.

In his first starting appearance after his return, DH Porter tripled and singled to drive in three runs in Kansas City's 5-3 conquest of the Boston Red Sox.

"I'm seeing the ball good," said Porter. "I know I'm not following the ball all the way to the bat, but I'm seeing it good out of the pitcher's hand. The other will come with time."

Porter says he likes the designated hitter job, adding: "I'll do whatever he (Frey) wants. I would like to DH right now, though.

"As long as my arm isn't ready, I don't want to think about catching. I know before, when my arm wasn't ready, it not only hurt my defense, but when I caught, I didn't feel good at the plate."

Porter said his arm isn't sore, just weak. "Hopefully, it won't take as long as it used to for it to come around," he said. "Right now, it feels like it's coming."

With Porter serving as the DH, Frey moved Hal McRae to left field and stayed with John Wathan as his catcher.

Center fielder Amos Otis remained sidelined with an injured finger, forcing Willie Wilson to move from left to center.

"We don't know when Darrell will be able to throw," said Frey. "Whenever his arm comes around good, he will be back behind the plate.

"Then we'll have to get Wathan in action as the DH or somewhere else."

Wathan, batting .408 as Frey made that comment, was being considered for duty in left field. That would enable Frey to restore McRae to his DH duties.

Until his hitting spree, which included two four-hit games, Wathan had been platooned with Jamie Quirk as the catcher. Quirk also was pushed into fill-in duty as the third baseman when George Brett suffered a severely bruised right heel.

Royalties: The latest medical report on Otis was that the center fielder would be sidelined until late May because of the ruptured tendon in the little finger on his right hand. ... When the Royals activated Porter, they optioned catcher Jim Gaudet to Evansville (American Association). Although Evansville is a farm club of the Detroit Tigers, Gaudet remains the property of the Royals. "They had a need for a catcher at their Triple-A level, and Gaudet needs to be playing every day," said John Schuerholz, in charge of player development. Gaudet asked to be traded but said Schuerholz, "You don't trade a player just because he asks."

"It's hard for anyone to pitch to me now because I've been hitting everything," said Tony. "I'm sure people in this league know the book on me, but right now if they pitch me away, I'm hitting it and if they come in on me, I'm pulling the ball."

There was some groaning among fans when the Red Sox failed to sign Bob Watson and let him get away to the Yankees. Perez, like Watson a good hitter and a gentleman, has eased the fears.

"This is the team I wanted to play for," said Perez who, according to former teammates, was unhappy about his playing time with the Expos. "This team will help me have a better year because there's a lot of offense here and I'll get better pitches to hit."

When the Red Sox were in Texas recently, Rangers Manager Pat Corrales, a former teammate of Perez with the Reds, put it rather nicely when he said, "He's a great silent leader. All he does is hit. Then you watch those guys run around the bases."

Al Oliver, who played nine years for Pittsburgh in the National League before going to the Rangers, put it another way. "I've always hated to see him come up with men on base because that's when he's death."

Perez' RBI total could be higher, but Jim Rice, Fred Lynn and Carl Yastrzemski, who bat ahead of Perez against righthanders, were not getting on base.

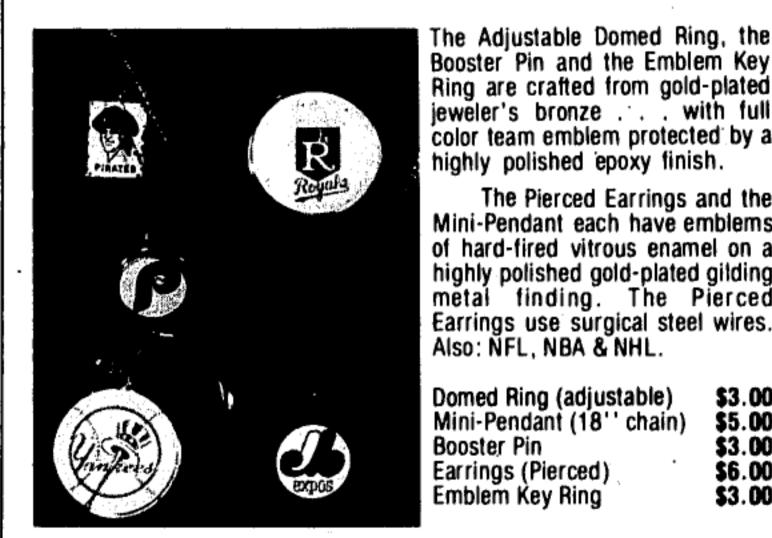
Perez feels the Red Sox have an excellent chance at winning in the American League East.

"We have a good team. If we get decent pitching, we're going to be hard to beat. There's a lot of talent here and I'm glad I'm a part of it," said Tony.

Sox Footnotes: Perez has also been playing a good first base. In one game against the Kansas City Royals, he started two double plays, first to short to first. "The first time that's ever happened to me in my career," Perez said. . . . Rice went into the worst slump of his big league career when he went 1-for-31 and 3-for-41. "You know pitchers are going to pay for that," commented Manager Don Zimmer. . . . Dwight Evans, the Rawlings Gold Glove right fielder, was having problems at the plate (.108) and was benched by Zimmer against righthanders "until he gets himself straightened out."

Jerry Remy, after a slow start, upped his average from .222 to .325 in two weeks. . . . After 23 games, the Red Sox' starting pitchers had only four complete games and a combined 6-10 mark. . . . After losing two starts because of rain, Chuck Rainey, pitching for the first time in 10 days, fired a five-hit shutout against Kansas City. . . . Reliever Skip Lockwood is having arm problems. . . . Catcher Carlton Fisk was hitting .362 with a team leading five home runs. ... Rookie Glenn Hoffman, after going 0-for-13, got his first major league hit in Kansas City and went on to have a 4-for-4 night.

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