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High Kicker Gets Boost

MANY YOUNGSTERS get into bad habits when they start out in baseball. Just attend a few junior contests and you'll see many of the embryo pitchers throwing sidearm because "it's easier." However, you won't see many of the pitchers in professional baseball with that style. Pitchers can get more speed and make the ball hop more by throwing with an overhand motion.

Juan Marichal is one pitcher who waited until he was 21 before discarding the sidearm delivery. The present ace of the San Francisco Giants won 21 and lost eight for Michigan City, Ind. in the Midwest League when he was 20. However, the Giants still weren't sure about the capabilities of Marichal when they put him under Manager Andy Gilbert at their farm site in Springfield, Mass. in 1959.

"You're too young to be pitching sidearm," Andy told him. "That's for old men after their arms are hurt. Try it like this" (Andy showed him the overhand motion.)

"I began to throw overhand," Juan recalls now, "but I didn't get any more instruction. Pretty soon I started to come up with that high kick. It felt comfortable. Nobody told me not to. I keep doing it." So Juan and his high kick — he brings his left leg way up before he fires that right-handed fastball — finally arrived in San Francisco in the middle of the 1960 season.

In his first major league start he pitched 7 2-3 hitless innings and went on to a one-hit shutout over the Philadelphia Phillies. "The overhand has meant a lot to me," he says. It has, indeed, for Marichal now is in the \$100,000 salary class and just might be the highest paid citizen of the Dominican Republic.

Over the last four seasons with the Giants, the 29-year-old pitcher hasn't won less than 21 games any year. Twice, including last year, he won 25 . . .

A Lacerated Ball Glove

THE NO. 1 SPORT in Japan figures to be baseball. Ice skating must rate down the list. Yet a frustrated Japanese baseball player is now one of the leading lights in the 27th edition of the Ice Capades. This young man, Sashi Kuchiki, became an ice skater because of a strict father and a lacerated catcher's mitt. It all started about a dozen years ago.

"I was crazy about baseball," Sashi says, "and I was pretty good catcher. Best in Nagoya. I have very fine catcher's mitt, but my father cut it up many times when I failed to do my chores. He slap me across face and cut up my mitt.

"I many times sew my mitt together. I even slept with it so he wouldn't cut it up more. Instead of playing baseball one day, we played on a roof and I fell off. Break shoulder. This mean no more baseball. I couldn't throw to second base."

Where does a young Japanese catcher with a busted arm and cut-up mitt go? Sashi went skating. "A friend invited me to rink one day," he said. "I marveled at how good the skaters did. I wanted to be best skater. I wanted to win medals."

Sashi, then 17, sought to perfect his skating watching movies of Olympic figure skaters in action. He learned quickly, becoming the best in his area. In 1960, he won a place on the Japanese team for the Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley. A professional career followed.

From The Sports Samovar

IN CASE YOU THINK this spring is rainier than usual, here is some confirmation from the National League.

League officials say 20 baseball games were rained out in the first four weeks of the season. This is the most since 1953 when there were 32 postponements in the same period and for the same reason. In 1966, only 11 games were rained out in the first month—but four of these were in Cincinnati where the Reds lost their entire opening series.

PAUL SEYMOUR SAYS he's happy these days to be just an assistant coach (and chief scout) for the Detroit Pistons of the National Basketball Association. Seymour spent six seasons as coach of three different NBA teams — Syracuse Nationals, St. Louis Hawks and Baltimore Bullets. About his new position, Seymour says, "This is the type of job I have been looking for. During the last couple of years, I have turned down at least three chances to be a head coach in the NBA."

The Story Teller's Corner

THE LAST TIME the Eagles played the Chicago Bears in Philadelphia, in 1961, 6-foot-3, 230-pound Mike Ditka was cutting down 190-pound defensive backs all over the field, when Philadelphia defensive back Tom Brookshier, a tough guy himself, shouted in humorous futility: "Hey, you're supposed to be a rookie: who don't you at like one?"

A Rare Starting Opportunity

Jim O'Toole Permits Only Two Hits

CHICAGO (UPI) — South-said that John Buzhardt was paw Jim O'Toole doesn't really know where he stands with the Chicago White Sox, but it's doubtful it will be in the dugout any more.

The 30-year-old lefty, who has been used very infrequently by Manager Eddie Stanky this season, got a rare starting opportunity against the California Angels Saturday and responded with a brilliant two-hit performance in a 1-0 10-inning victory.

O'Toole, who came to the White Sox from the Cincinnati Reds last December in exchange for Outfielder Floyd Robinson, has not pitched in two weeks and was not expected to pitch Saturday.

"I was surprised that I even got the assignment," O'Toole said. "I looked in the paper this morning and it

Jack Nicklaus ON GOLF

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Marks In Jeopardy In JAC Trackfest

Several records are in jeopardy in the Johnny Appleseed Conference track and field meet at Loudonville Tuesday.

Field events are slated to get under way at 3 p. m. Preliminaries in some running events will begin at 3:30 p. m. Finals in all events are set to begin at 7:15 p. m.

Crestview's John Casler will be shooting for records in both the discus and the shot put. He holds the JAC mark in the discus at 146-6 1/4, but hit 188-1 1/2 this year in the Mansfield Relays. The mark is the best in Class A in the state. In the Loudonville Relays last week, Casler won the shot put with a mark of 53-7 1/2. The JAC shot put mark is 50-4 1/2.

Collins tops Mike Collins, of Lucas, should be another standout in the meet if he works up to par. At the Loudonville Relays, he won the high jump, pole vault, long jump and the 120-yard low hurdles. A the Mt. Gilead Relays, he collected 22 points with wins in the high jump, low hurdles, long jump and a second in the pole vault. He won the meet's most outstanding award.

Rowing Win Chalked Up By Marietta PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Marietta College won the Dad Vail trophy for the second consecutive year Saturday on the Schuylkill River, nosing out Georgetown University by one foot.

The Pioneers took the freshman race but the junior varsity event went to Georgetown. Marietta swept all three titles in 1966.

Marietta came from behind in the last quarter mile of the 1-5-16th-mile trophy race and finished in a slow 7:02 just ahead of Georgetown. Purdue was third, followed by Wesleyan, Temple and St. Joseph.

A record crowd of 20,000 witnessed the regatta, 30th annual event for the informal championship of the nation's junior rowing colleges. A record field of 32 colleges competed.

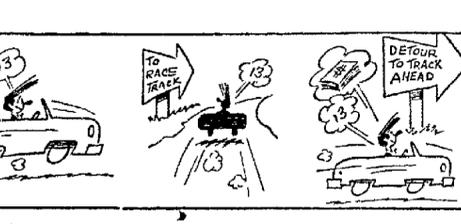
Grid Merger? NEW YORK (UPI) — The Professional Football League of America may join the Continental Football League as its Central Division. CFL commissioner Sol Rosen said.

O'Hara's 74 Low Gross

Bill O'Hara scored the low gross of 74 yesterday and Fred Strausbaugh had the low net of 68 at Westbrook Country Club. Four golfers tied for the low gross number.

A nine-hole mixed event is scheduled for today. May 16 is the deadline to register for the mixed derby May 21 next Sunday.

BLIND BOGEY 76 — John Siegenthaler, Les Price, Frank Yarbitt, Tom Siegenthaler. 78 — Henry Huston, Ed Lipski, George Keith, Mike Staffory. 82 — Sam Reed, Ed Goebel, Harvey Parker, Bob Scott, Ed Stevens, Fred Stout, Jim Stoen, George Blake. LOW GROSS — Bill O'Hara, 74; Fred Strausbaugh, 75. LOW NET — Fred Strausbaugh, 68; Sam Reed, 70; Bill Cairnour, 70; Wendell Oswath, 70; Dick Bell, 70.



Detroit Holds Slim Lead

BOSTON (UPI) — Bill Freehan and Earl Wilson hit homers that brought in five tallies during a six-run ninth inning uprisings Saturday that carried the Detroit Tigers to a 10-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox for their seventh straight triumph.

The Tigers, trailing 5-4 after eight innings, retained their hold on first place when Reliever John Wyatt gave up five extra base hits and hit two batters in the ninth.

NONE IN 20 Wyatt, who had not given up an earned run in 20 innings, hit Willie Horton to start the inning and then yielded a double to Jim Northrup. Both rode home on Catcher Freehan's sixth home run.

After Dick Tracewski doubled Wilson, a former Red Sox hurler, hit a pinch home run to give the Tigers two more runs and their 10th victory in 11 games.

The Sox, who moved into a 5-4 lead in the sixth when Jose Tartabull brought home Mike Ryan with a sacrifice fly, erupted for three runs in the bottom of the ninth. Joe Foy singled and Carl Yastrzemski walked before Tony Conigliaro tripled. Rico Petrocelli drove home Yastrzemski for the final tally.

Jim O'Toole Wins 'First'

CHICAGO (UPI) — Smokey Burgess' 10th-inning sacrifice fly plus the two-hit pitching of Jim O'Toole enabled the Chicago White Sox to beat the California Angels 1-0 Saturday for their eighth straight victory.

Pete Ward led off the winning rally against loser Minnie Rojas with a double into right center. Ken Berry was intentionally walked and pinch-hitter Jerry Adair dropped an attempted sacrifice. First-Baseman Moose Skowron, traded by the Sox to California last week, threw poorly to third base and the bases loaded.

Tom McCraw fled to left, too shallow for Pinch Hitter Walt Williams to advance, but 40-year-old Burgess ended the game with a fly ball into deep right field.

SHARP JOB It was O'Toole's first victory in the American League. The former Cincinnati Red, who last pitched two weeks ago, surrendered a second-inning single to Skowron and then faced 26 Angel batters before allowing the second hit to Rick Reichardt in the 10th inning.

O'Toole struck out 11 and walked one.

It appeared for a while that the 30-year-old lefty's brilliant effort might be wasted because the White Sox were helpless against lefthander Nick Willhitte, the ex-Los Angeles Dodger.

Willhitte allowed three singles, two of them bunts before leaving for a pinch hitter in the ninth inning.

The paid attendance was only 4,479, but the crowd was bolstered by 26,205 Boy Scouts.

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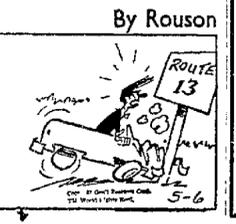
Rookie Hits Big Homer

ST. PAUL—MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Rookie Rick Monday hit his second homer in as many days and Rookie Ramon Webster contributed a key single and a two-run double Saturday to lead the Kansas City Athletics to a 5-2 win over the Minnesota Twins.

Monday, whose homer Friday night helped the A's nip the Twins, connected off loser Jim Grant in the first inning to ignite a two-run rally. It was the fourth 1967 homer for the \$100,000 bonus player.

Webster, who collected three hits, singled to set up the Athletics' second run in the first inning. He was forced at second by Danny Cater, but Cater took third when Rod Carew threw wildly trying for a double play. Jim Gosger followed with a single to score Cater.

The A's added two runs in the third on singles by Bert Campaneris and Monday and



Seventh Straight Victory

Webster's double into the left field corner.

The Twins tallied in the fourth inning when Carew doubled and scored on a single by Harmon Killebrew. Carew also scored in the sixth inning when he walked, advanced to third on Tony Oliva's single and rode home on Killebrew's sacrifice fly.

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Orioles Beat Yankees, 5-3

NEW YORK (UPI) — Moe Drabowsky and Eddie Watt pitched eight innings of one-

hit relief ball and Al Downing wild-pitched home what proved to be the winning run to cap a weird four-run third inning Saturday night that carried the Baltimore Orioles to a 5-3 victory over the New York Yankees.

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Brooks Robinson then singled off Kennedy's glove and after Boog Powell struck out,

first inning when he smashed his fourth homer of the season and 546th of his career.

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George Spriggs struck out for what appeared to be the second out of the inning, but reached first base when the ball got away from Torre. Spriggs stole second and scored on Manny Mota's two-out single to right.

PIRATES FIGHT The Pirates also fought back to tie the score in the eighth at 4-4 on a double by Gene Alley and a costly throwing error by Niekro.

Niekro replaced Southpaw Denver Lemaste in the eighth after the Brave hurler injured his back while running out a grounder in the top of the inning. The Pirates had managed only four hits off Lemaster through the first seven innings, but two were homers by Mazeroski and Maury Wills.

Haller Blow Beats Astros

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Tom Haller opened the sixth inning with his second home run in as many games Saturday to break a 3-3 tie and give the San Francisco Giants a 4-3 victory over the Houston Astros.

The big catcher unloaded at the expense of loser Barry Latman 1-1 after the Astros had deadlocked the contest with a three run rally in the top of the sixth.

Frank Linzy picked up his second win against one loss in relief but needed help in the ninth from Southpaw Bill Henry who retired Pinch Hitter Eddie Mathews and Joe Morgan with the tying run on third base.

BIG THROG A sellout crowd of 42,555 including many youngsters who arrived to get free bats, watched Willie Mays get the Giants off to a 1-0 lead in the

Pittsburgh Pirates Slice Into Reds' Lead With Win

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Donn Clendenon doubled home Roberto Clemente from second base in the 10th inning Saturday to give the Pittsburgh Pirates an uphill 6-5 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Clemente opened the 10th by beating out an infield hit off loser Phil Niekro and then moved to second on Bill Mazeroski's infield out. Clemente scored easily on Clendenon's drive off the left-center field wall.

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Cubs Topple LA, 6 To 3

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Don Kessinger kayed a two-run outburst with a triple in the fifth inning and Adolfo Phillips hit a two-run homer in the sixth Saturday to pace the Chicago Cubs to a 6-3 victory and their second straight

win over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Don Sutton was the victim of a Cubs' deluge of extra-base hits. He gave up three doubles along with the triple and homer in six innings for his fourth straight defeat.

Glenn Beckert set the tempo in the first inning for the Cubs when he scored off Sutton's leg after Kessinger walked. Kessinger scored on a fielder's choice play at the plate and Ernie Banks singled in Beckert.

Phillips led off the fifth with a double and Kessinger tripled, then scored on Ron Santos' double.

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Ohio State Takes First

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio State moved into first place in the Big Ten baseball race Saturday, getting strong pitching and timely hitting in a doubleheader sweep over Purdue, 3-0 and 7-1.

Dick Boggs of Galion threw a three-hitter to win the first game. The Bucks scored all their runs in the fourth inning, with Ray Shoup and Pete Krull driving in runs with key hits.

Reliever Keith Stillwell was credited with the second game victory. He took over when starter Ken Glaser got into trouble in the third inning. Bo Rein had two hits in the nightcap and raised his season total to 48, a new Ohio State record.

The double victory made Ohio State 10-4 in the Big Ten. Minnesota, a double loser to Michigan Saturday, is 9-4. The Buckeyes go to Minnesota Friday for a doubleheader.

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Downing Hit Woody Held to Load the Bases. Blair then singled in two runs on a 3-2 pitch to tie the game 3-3.

Downing then wild pitched home Held to put the Orioles ahead 4-3 and after he walked Andy Etchebarren, he was replaced by Thad Tillotson. Moe Drabowsky grounded out but was ruled safe on catcher Elston Howard's interference before. Blefary finally ended the inning by grounding out.

Except for Frank Robinson's solo homer in the fourth inning that was all the scoring in the game as Drabowsky and Watt stymied the Yankees.

The Yanks got their three runs in the first off Dave McNally, who then retired with a strained elbow. Mickey Mantle doubled in one run, Elston Howard singled in the second and Mantle scored the third while Steve Whitaker was hitting into a double play.

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Baseball Team Sets Practice For Today

There will be a practice session for the Petersen Tire baseball team today at 2 p. m. at Liberty Park.

Anyone interested in playing on the team may attend, according to Manager John Hopstetter. The team will open play in the Ohio State League June 7 against Tiffin at home.

SPORTS FANS!

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