



AERIAL ACT — Roger Metzger of Houston leaps over the sliding Al Ferrara of Cincinnati after taking the throw from the second baseman. The double-play

try failed when Tommy Helms, the hitter, was safe at first on the fielders' choice. The Reds won 1-0 in 13 innings. (UPI Photo).

Reds Bring Down Astros in 13th, 1-0

CINCINNATI (AP) — The sluggish hitting Cincinnati Reds put together a perfect hit-and-run and a single by Lee May in the 13th inning Friday night to inch out a 1-0 victory over the Houston Astros.

Pete Rose started it off with one out by bunting his way on.

RIGHT IDEA "I saw Doug Rader was playing back of third," said Rose, "and I decided to bunt. I wanted to get into a scoring position."

"When Dave Concepcion came up behind me he got the bunt signal twice and the Astros made a pitchout. Then he got the hit-and-run sign. It was beautiful."

Concepcion hit a liner through second base and Rose took third.

Joe Morgan, who chocked off a Red scoring threat the previous inning by diving and knocking down Ty Cline's liner to right then throwing him out, said "I didn't think I was going to get that ball. I knew it was the game if I didn't."

HIT AND RUN On the hit-and-run in the 13th Morgan said:

"I knew Concepcion was going to get a fast ball and I knew he was going to try to hit it to right field. He was jammed by the pitch and hit it over second base. I missed it by inches. Those are prophetic words, this is a game of inches."

Then Lee May cracked a

single to center scoring Rose.

"I didn't even hit it good," said May. "I hit it on the end of the bat, but what the heck, they all count."

Astro pitcher Don Wilson held the Reds to two hits when he was lifted in the ninth for a hitter. The Reds only had 3 hits before the final inning.

Don Gullett scattered seven Astro hits and was lifted for Clay Carroll after the 10th inning. Carroll got the win.

"I felt good after 10 innings but manager Sparky Anderson said I had made 123 pitches and that was enough," said the left-hand fire baller.

"The kid was great," said Anderson. "He's one of our real prizes."

Wesner Tumbles In State Tennis

COLUMBUS — The Mansfield area lost both its entries in 1971 State tennis championship action here yesterday at the Ohio State University courts.

Mansfield Senior High ace George Wesner was defeated by Doug Campbell of Springfield South in the Class AAA quarter-final round and the Crestline tandem of Dave Reiman and Jacque Poole were ousted in its initial Class A-AA activity.

Wesner (32-3) had advanced via a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Tom Meigs of Warren Western Reserve in a morning test of the opening round. And the sharpshoot Tyger didn't get without a battling Campbell, falling by 6-4, 6-4.

Reiman and Poole (17-3) were nearly blitzed by Columbus Academy's duo of Jim Dunn and Ray Loving. 6-2, 6-0. It was the first time a Crestliner ever ventured to State competition.

Upper Arlington, a Columbus suburb known for its golf powers, can now boast about it tennis, too.

The Golden Bears qualified two individuals plus its doubles team into the semi-finals of Class AAA.

STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT CLASS AAA SINGLES Quarter-Finals Steve Plump, Cincinnati Indian Hills defeated Neal Mayerson, Cincinnati Walnut Hills, 6-3, 6-1; Bill Hales, Upper Arlington def. Andy Leonard, Mansfield, 6-4, 6-1; Doug Campbell, Springfield def. George Wesner, Mansfield, 6-4, 6-4; Rick Slinger, Upper Arlington def. James Gran, Cincinnati Oak Hills, 6-3, 6-2.

First Round Plump def. Rob Loney, Barborton, 6-0, 6-0; Mayerson def. Ken Friedman, Cleveland Heights, 4-6, 6-4; Leonard def. Bill Wardrop, Toledo Rogers, 7-6, 7-6; Hales def. Jim Levy, Cleveland Heights, 6-1, 6-3; Campbell def. Pete

Two Hits and Nine Walks McDowell Blanks Sox, 4-0

By JOE MOOSHLI CHICAGO (AP) — Sudden Sam McDowell is changing those cliches about walks being just as good as hits and leading to runs.

The overpowering Cleveland left-hander did it again Friday night when he issued nine walks and only two hits to blank the Chicago White Sox, 4-0.

It was his first shutout of the season, his third straight triumph and hiked his record to 4-5 for the season. In his three straight triumphs, McDowell has walked 27 men in 25 innings.

"I've pitched myself into so many jams

throughout my career that I've learned to get out of trouble," said McDowell.

"I'm not kidding, I consider it an oddity when there are no men on base."

The Sox loaded the bases on him in the first inning on an infield single and two walks but couldn't score. They received two more walks in the second inning and a walk and their final single in the third but couldn't get a run. After that McDowell issued four harmless walks while posting most of his 11 strikeouts.

As far as Manager Alvin Dark is concerned, spring training ended for McDowell about two weeks ago when Sam started winning consist-

ently and helping the Indians notch 11 victories in their last 16 games.

"He missed a lot of spring training because he was a holdout," said Dark. "And just when he was rounding into shape his father-in-law died and he had to take off for another week. He came back and tried to pitch but he just wasn't in shape. He worked himself into shape and when he beat Washington two starts ago I told him that ended spring training for him and he should start winning."

Sox Manager Chuck Tanner was amazed by McDowell's performance. "He put himself on the ropes, but we couldn't knock him out. He can sure rear back and fire. He's got to be one of the best hard throwers I've ever seen."

Spartan Golfers In Third

COLUMBUS — Mansfield St. Peter's, a surprising entry into the State Class A golf tournament, added another surprise here yesterday on the Ohio State University's Scarlet Course by resting in third place after first day action. The tournament concludes with another 18 holes played today.

And No. 4 Spartan Pat Mulherin put the spark under the team with a 43-39-82 over the par-72 links. The tall, lanky sophomore was within one stroke of individual leader Randy Brouse of Mogadore. Jim Hegarty posted the next-best St. Peter's total with an 85.

The 7,120-yard course played five strokes friendlier for Ashland's quartet led by Dave Castor and Kevin Strait with 86s, but the Class AAA Arrows were in stronger competition and headed into this morning's finals in 11th position.

ONLY ONE golfer managed to card a sub-par round. Aurora's Kim Heister who will be a contender in the upcoming Mid-America Junior tourney at Mansfield's Possum Run next month. The classy senior beat par by a stroke on his first nine and equalled it on the other for a 71.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT At Ohio State Scarlet Course (First-Day Scoring and Leaders) CLASS A

COLUMBUS ACADEMY Player Out In Tot Pat Miller 45 41 86 Dan Schmidt 40 42 82 Tony Curvise 44 48 92 Jay Durivieve 47 49 96 Totals 174 174 348

MANSFIELD ST. PETER'S Jim Hegarty 45 40 85 Pete Moritz 51 43 94 Mike Schmidt 50 45 95 Pat Mulherin 43 39 82 Totals 189 167 356

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS — Randy Brouse, Mogadore, 41-40-81; Pat Mulherin, Mansfield St. Peter's, 43-39-82; Dan Schmidt, Columbus Academy, 40-42-82.

CLASS AA Aurora, 310; Youngstown Liberty, 314; Uhrichsville Claymont, 328; Upper Sandusky, 328; Ashland Harbor, 332; Kenton, 338; Middletown Madison, 339; St. Thomas Aquinas, 339; Gallipolis, 353; Springboro, 354; Washington C. H., 360.

AURORA Player Out In Tot Kim Heister 35 36 71 Mark Heister 45 41 86 Doug Hlatovic 41 38 79 Tim Courneen 38 38 76 Totals 129 152 310

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS — Kim Heister, Aurora, 35-36-71; Tim Courneen, Aurora, 38-38-76; Bob Fellerscher, Youngstown Liberty, 41-35-76.

CLASS AAA Hubbard, 329; Findlay, 329; Stow, 329; Columbus Watterson, 334; Cincinnati Moeller, 335; Cincinnati 51, Xavie, 335; Upper Arlington, 336; Orange, 337; Alliance, 339; Springfield, 342; Ashland, 351; Lyndhurst Brush, 353; Upper Arlington, 354.

HUBBARD Player Out In Tot John Doughton 40 40 80 Al Tribby 39 38 77 Dan O'Bruba 38 43 81 Bob Pielon 41 39 80 Totals 158 160 318

ASHLAND Robins 49 42 91 John Krueder 44 42 86 Dave Castor 44 42 86 Kevin Strait 45 41 86 Jerry Miller 43 45 88 Totals 181 170 351

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS — Al Tribby, Hubbard, 39-38-77; Jeff Fleming, Stow, 40-37-77; Mike Morrow, Stow, 39-38-77.

PITCHING American League: Blue, Oak 10-5; White Sox, 9-2; Tigers, Oak, 8-2; Cubs, Det., 8-3; Palmer, Balt. 7-2.



SLIGHT DIFFERENCE — St. Louis Cardinals' Lou Brock shows the difference between his controversial Japanese bat and a regular bat before the Cards-Atlanta Braves game last night at St. Louis. Brock has hit safely in 24 straight games and in 40 of the Cardinals' 46 outings. The streak is longest in the National League this year and longest by a cardinal since 1959 when Ken Boyer hit in 29 straight tests. The Japanese bat has played only a small part of his surge, having used it six times and collected two hits. (UPI Photo).

Class AA Clubs Move into Finals

Castalia - Margaretta and Columbus Grandview were slated to meet today at 2:30 p. m. at Liberty Park for the Class AA Regional baseball title after winning semi-final games yesterday.

Margaretta came from behind with a five-run surge in the third inning to defeat Genoa, 5-2 and Rick McCoy and Joe Steele of Grandview combined for a four-hit 5-0 victory over Lima Bath.

Genoa scored sixth runs in the first and sixth innings, putting Jim Frederick's single together with a stolen base, ground out and wild pitch for the first. Jeff Ross clouted a two-ball one-strike pitch over the left field fence to conclude the scoring.

Dave Cullen slipped a two-run triple into the right field corner to start Margaretta's scoring after Ray Neill and Ron Peters singled. Ron Fitz single was the only other teams safety of the frame which included two stolen bases. A walk, fielders' choice and sacrifice fly.

500 FANS A crowd of about 500 stayed to watch the second game in which Grandview began the scoring in the third inning on singles by Chico Ruiz and Bob Demuth around a stolen base.

Two more runs came in the fifth after Lima knotted the count on Mike Lamb's single, a sacrifice and single by Bob Sandy. The Grandview runs came

Area Schools Share First

COLUMBUS — Ontario's Mike Mitchell and Mike Pensinger of Bucyrus scored first places in Class AA competition of the 64th annual State track and field meet here yesterday to boost their teams into a first-place tie going into today's finale.

Pensinger followed up victories in sectional and district meets with a carbon in the State pole vault. His 14-5 1/4 effort stands as a Class record.

And Mitchell likewise came to the Ohio State University oval on a victory streak in the two-mile run, turned in a career-best time of 9:25.8 and carried off the title.

Eric Penick of Gates Mills Gilmore Academy made a one-man run in the preliminaries at helping his team finish in close to the top. Penick won heats in the 100, 220 and 440-yard sprint events, all going away.

Harold Powell of Bucyrus and Crestline sophomore Demetrius Reeves missed finals berths. Powell by a tenth of a second behind the last qualifying time in the 220 and Reeves finishing fourth in the 120 highs.

Roosevelt's woes came in duplicate as hurdler William Reid failed to qualify in either the highs or lows. The Teddys, however, are counting on Jeff Parks for wins in those events.

Parks erased the eight-year-old record of former Cleveland Cathedral Latin ace Clinton Jones in the 120-yard highs with a 13.8 clocking — the third time he has hit the same mark. And Parks is less than half a second off the 180-yard lows mean of 18.9.

Meanwhile, Libbey's Lawson won his 100 and 220-yard dash heats with ease and anchored the winning 880-yard relay mark.

With only two events completed, Cleveland Benedictine and Shaker Heights were tied with 10 points. Cleveland's Joe Record captured the high jump in a record 6-8. Shaker's victory came in the two-mile run where Keith Brown ran away from the field to a 9:14.4 finish.

Lucas Bob Riddle finished three strides on a 220-yard dash opening in the finals and Colonel Crawford's Dave Agin and Steve Howe of Hillsdale likewise were thwarted in the 440-yard semis. Agin's team mate Jim Gerhart covered the high hurdles course in 15.7, but only the top two advanced and No. 2 was scored at 15.6.

Lockland held the only lead as Weightman Tom Cook won the shot put and finished third in the discus for 16 points. West Jefferson and Cedarville each have 10 points and Crestview eight.

HOME RUNS National League: Aaron, Atl and St. Louis, 13; Bench, Ch. 14; Georgia, Atl and Williams, Ch. 12. American League: Cash, Det. 11; Mott, Det and Davis, Minn. 10; Smith, Bos and Jackson, Oak. 9.

Dark Blasts McAuley Column as 'Unfair and Terrible'

By REGIS McAULEY, News Journal Staff Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Alvin Dark, manager of the Cleveland Indians, is irate over a column which appeared in The News Journal last Sunday in which it was pointed out that the best thing that could happen in the Cleveland baseball situation is for new owners to take over the club and clean house, starting with Dark.

When I returned from a vacation I learned that Dark had been trying to contact me and we had a spirited conversation over long distance telephone to Baltimore where the Cleveland Indians were playing a series against the Orioles.

Dark said, "I wanted to let you know how unfair and terrible that column was. It was written just to get me and for no other reason. I forget just how you worded it about Larry Brown being sold to Oakland but I've watched this fellow and he might have been a pretty good ball player at one time but he isn't now. We played against Oakland recently and he made two errors against us and couldn't cover any ground.

"Baseball people have told me they are amazed at what we got for Brown (\$100,000). No team offered us any players for him.

"I think it's unfair to put the blame on me, as you did. It takes from five to 10 years to build a ball club and this is actually my second year. If you had seen the horrible team we had in 1969 and the players I had to trade to get new men at each position you would realize how unfair it is to expect results so soon.

"We have had many injuries, too. Sam McDowell was injured and missed 10 days at spring training. Jack Heidemann hurt his shoulder, Eddie Leon had a bad leg and also lost his contact lenses. Roy Foster has been hurt since spring training and Vada Pinson missed all of spring training.

"I don't see how you can sit out there in Tucson and write about what's wrong up here. And when I come out to Tucson next spring, and I hope to, don't bother to call me."

Dark also denied earlier in the conversation that he

had assessed his defense as the very best in the American League during a spring training interview here.

At the start of our conversation I told Dark I would wait until he had said all he cared to say before making comment. Now I'm making comment.

As I told Dark, the column was written as my opinion of what was needed to save the franchise for Cleveland fans.

Dark knew when he signed his new five-year contract with Vernon Stouffer that he was on the spot. He told me at breakfast in the Pioneer Hotel two years ago, "I realize I am on the spot. It takes five years to build a team but because of the situation in Cleveland I've got to do it all this year."

And here's another direct quote from the Arizona Citizen sports pages, March 2, 1971: "I want to say this, the Indians' infield this year could be the very best in the American League from the catcher all the way around."

As for my "sitting out there in Tucson," I reminded Dark that my 28 years in the sports field has given me

close contacts in Cleveland which report things that his front office doesn't even know about.

Dark's reply to this was "I don't care about the outfield."

Dark has been around a long time. He knows that when a team is a consistent loser the manager and sometimes the general manager has to go.

The Cleveland Indians have not been a contender since 1959. Ten years later Dark is talking about a five to 10-year rebuilding program. Just how much can you ask of the fans of Cleveland?

That "clean the house" column in The News Journal was written as my opinion of what must be done if Cleveland is to retain its franchise.

Dark is very much interested in retaining his job if the franchise is moved. Reportedly it is in his contract with Stouffer that Dark goes with the franchise if it is moved.

That's just fine for Dark. But what about the fans of Cleveland who broke all attendance marks when the team was worth watching?