

Flame-Throwing Ryan Stops Royals With No-Hitter

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"I was terrible warming up," said Nolan Ryan — but a warm Nolan Ryan is nothing like a hot one.

And the California Angels' flame-thrower was once again his usual searing self Tuesday night, hurling the American League's second no-hitter of the baseball season, a dazzling, remarkably easy 12-strikeout performance, over Kansas City, 3-0.

It was the first no-hitter for the 26-year-old right-hander, who has spent the past few seasons coming oh, so close to achieving that feat.

Having finally made it, did he think it was his most thrilling moment in baseball?

Obviously, you say.

Wrong, he replied.

"Coming into a World Series game was a greater thrill," Ryan insisted. "That was it!" That was when he was a

member of New York's Miracle Mets in 1969, when he pitched 2 1-3 innings of scoreless, three-strikeout relief to preserve a victory over Baltimore.

Ryan likely was not even thinking of a no-hitter — not after what happened to him last Friday in his last start. He lasted a scant one-third of an inning against the White Sox, who drove him from the mound with a five-run, four-hit barrage.

But of such misfortunes stars are made.

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"I think that shelling helped me bear down," said Ryan, last year's major league strikeout leader with 329 who raised his major league-leading total to 82 with his dozen against the Royals — the 35th time in his career he's fanned 10 or more in a game.

"Something like that," he said of the White Sox' shellacking, "makes you wake up and bear down."

And bear down he did, fanning the

side in the first inning, in which he gave up one of his three walks. Inning after inning, the 12,205 Kansas City fans would ning went by. By the seventh, it would be in an uproar. After all, they knew what no-hitters were all about. Their own Steve Busby had thrown one at Detroit less than three weeks ago.

But the fans were surprisingly quiet . . . almost funereal, as Ryan set down batter after batter. Only when the Royals appeared on the verge of breaking the spell did they come alive.

So Ryan toiled in silence — until the eighth inning, when pinch-hitter Gail Hopkins stepped up with two out.

It was Hopkins who, last year in Anaheim, stepped up in the eighth inning and wrecked Ryan's no-hit bid with a single.

He nearly did it again, punching a looping liner over second and into short center field. But shortstop Rudy Meoli dashed out and backhanded the ball. It was, until the last pitch of the game, as close as the Royals would come to getting a hit.

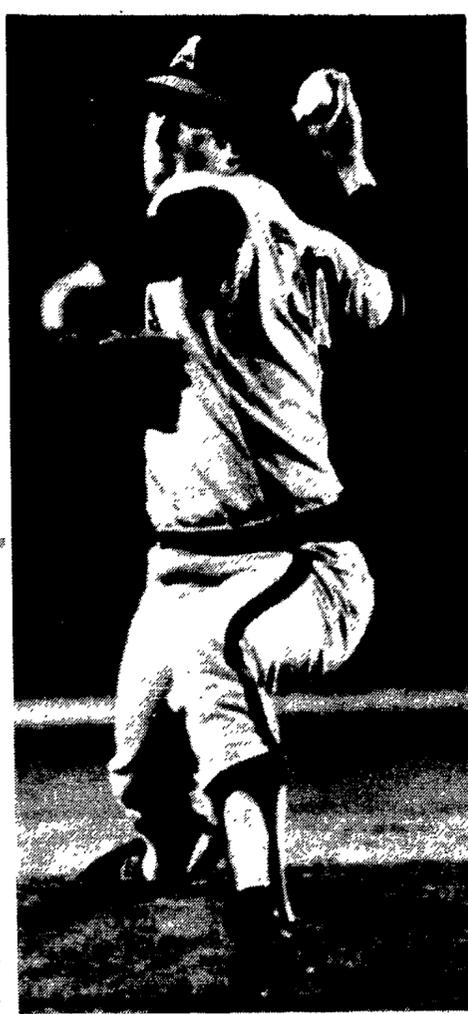
"Being a fastball pitcher," Ryan said, "you have a tendency to overthrow more than control pitchers do . . . Somebody with a fastball gets away with bad pitches and that's where I've been hurt. It's taken time to realize this."

So now it was the ninth. He disposed of Fred Patek on a pop foul off first base, then fanned Steve Hovley. That left it up to Amos Otis. The Kansas City slugger came within a few feet of shattering the dream.

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He slammed a shot out toward the right field fence. Ken Berry took off after it. Berry had taken over for Bob Oliver in the seventh inning as a defensive replacement. Oliver, after all, had done his job on offense, drilling a home run and a single to knock in two of the Angels' runs.

The ball and Berry arrived at the wall almost simultaneously, Berry snared it with his back about a foot from the fence and Ryan had his niche in the record book.



NOLAN RYAN
... no-hits Royals

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Malabar Falcons Cop League Title

NEW PHILADELPHIA — Andy Johnson and Terry Carter led Malabar to an easy romp and the Cardinal Conference track title here yesterday at Quaker Stadium.

With both runners winning two individual events, the Falcons accumulated 87 points, far ahead of New Philadelphia and Ashland, who finished second and third respectively with 42 and 41 points. Madison ended seventh with 12 points.

Reds' Star Hits Pair Of Homers

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Tony Perez has a habit of celebrating his birthdays.

This year, because of an open date on the Cincinnati Reds' schedule, the slugging Cuban had to celebrate a day late.

Perez slammed two homers Tuesday night to drive home three runs as the Reds beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-1 in the opener of a three-game series here.

BIG DAY
Last year on his birthday, the 31-year-old Perez hit a homer in each game of a doubleheader and drove in all six Reds runs in a twin victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Left-hander Claude Osteen, the veteran Dodger pitcher, was the victim of both Perez' homers Tuesday night. They were the fourth and fifth of the season and his first since April 16.

Perez, who sat out the Houston series with a sore right thumb, was a doubtful starter Tuesday night until Reds Manager Sparky Anderson checked him out in pre-game batting practice.

Tony played the game with a protective "sponge doughnut" taped to his right thumb.

Don Gullett picked up the victory, his fourth against two losses, but needed help from Pedro Borbon, who blanked the Dodgers the final two and two-thirds innings.

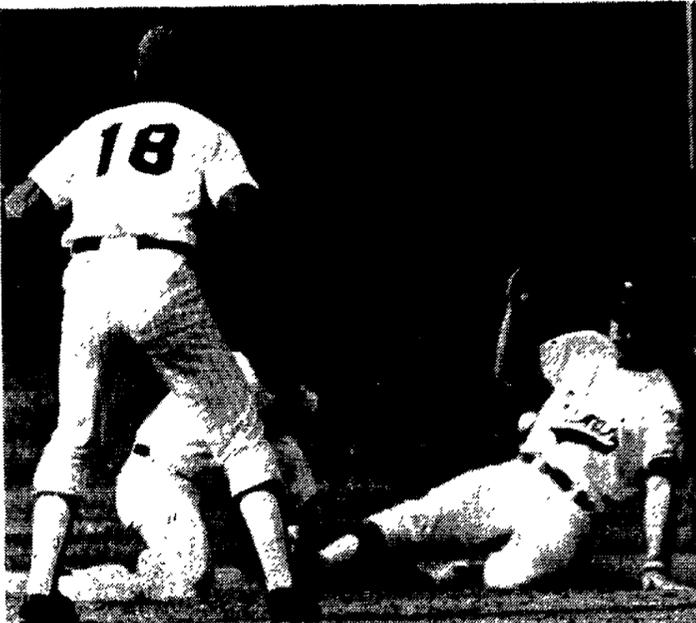
Gullett was struck on his pitching hand by a smash off the bat of Bill Russell in the fifth inning. He had to give way in the seventh inning to Borbon when the pain in his hand became too intense.

LONE RUN

The Dodgers' sixth run came in the ninth inning when Ron Cey singled home Willie Davis. Through the first four innings, Gullett blanked the Dodgers without a hit.

The Reds scored a run in the first inning and then added a second in the fourth on the first of Perez' homers. A walk to Johnny Bench preceded Perez' second homer in the sixth.

The Reds and Dodgers resume play tonight when Ross Grimsley faces veteran Dodger lefty Al Downing.



SAFE AT SECOND — Madison's Dave Linton (right) slides safely into second with a double as he beat the throw from Rightfielder Larry Nonnamaker. Waiting for the throw is Lima Shawnee's Chuck Black. No. 18 is Hugh Baker of Shawnee. The Rams lost the district tournament test to Shawnee, 4-2. (Photo by Lima News)

Madison's Rams Eliminated In District Baseball, 4 to 2

By TIM KOELBLE

LIMA — All concentration now focuses on the Cardinal Conference baseball championship for Mansfield Madison after the Rams dropped a 4-2 decision to Lima Shawnee here yesterday in the Class AAA district tournament opener.

The Rams (14-6) saw their 10-game win streak come to a halt. Shawnee (17-2) will go against the winner of today's Galion-Lima Senior contest Saturday for the district title at 2 p.m.

FIRST BLOOD

Madison drew first blood. Dave Linton led off the second inning with a looping double to right field and was sacrificed to third on a bunt by Gary Gottfried.

With a two-ball, one-strike count on Mike Arnold, the squeeze play was ordered by Coach Al Arnold. Arnold missed the pitch with Linton bearing down on the plate and Catcher Jim Andrews bobbled the ball and Linton was across the plate safely.

The Indians came right back to tie the game. After one out, Pitcher Phil Hicks (3-4) walked Andrews and then balked the runner to second. A wild pitch sent Andrews to third and he scored on a sacrifice fly by Dan Lundblad to center.

Shawnee jumped out to a 4-1 lead after scoring once in the fourth and twice in the fifth.

The second run came when Hicks and Third Baseman Gottfried couldn't decide on who to pick up a perfectly executed bunt by Lundblad. Kim Smalley walked to put runners at first and second and Lundblad then scored on a ringing single by Shortstop Chuck Black.

In the fifth, Hugh Baker walked and John McGough singled. Linton fielded the single and tried to get Baker at third, but he was safe with McCough taking second.

What proved to be the winning run scored when Dan Sims hit a grounder and Baker snuck past Edwards at the plate. Andrews then tried an unsuccessful bunt with McGough on third, but Edwards couldn't control the ball and the run scored.

The Rams came back with a run in the top of sixth. Edwards reached on an error by McGough and stole second. With two outs, Jerry Robson smacked a single to score Edwards.

Major Leagues

By United Press International

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
EAST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Milwaukee	15	15	.500
Boston	14	15	.483 1/2
Detroit	15	17	.469 1/2
Baltimore	14	17	.452 1/2
New York	14	17	.452 1/2
Cleveland	15	19	.441 2/3

WEST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Chicago	19	9	.679
Kansas City	20	11	.645 2/3
California	18	12	.600
Oakland	14	15	.483 1/2
Minnesota	14	15	.483 1/2
Texas	15	19	.441 2/3

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
EAST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Chicago	21	13	.618
New York	17	15	.531 3/4
Montreal	14	16	.467 5/8
Pittsburgh	13	15	.464 5/8
Philadelphia	14	19	.424 3/4
St. Louis	6	23	.261 1/2

WEST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	22	14	.611 1/2
Houston	20	13	.606 3/4
Cincinnati	19	16	.545 5/8
Los Angeles	14	19	.424 3/4
Atlanta	13	23	.361 1/2

Tuesday's Results (All Times EDT)
Chicago 6, Oakland 5, 12 innings
Milwaukee 2, Cleveland 1, 17 innings
Detroit at New York, rain
Baltimore at Boston, rain
Minnesota 9, Texas 5
California 3, Kansas City 9

TODAY'S GAMES (All Times EDT)
Kansas City (Spitzer) 6-11 at Texas (Broberg) 4-0, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee (Slaton) 2-2 at New York (Kline) 2-4, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland (Dobson) 1-5 at California (Wright) 0-5, 11 p.m.
Chicago (Fisher) 4-11 at Minnesota (Hanks) 3-3, 9 p.m.
Boston (Tiant) 4-3 at Detroit (J. Perry) 4-2, 8 p.m.

Only games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Oakland at California, night
Kansas City at Texas, night
Chicago at Minnesota, night
Boston at Detroit, night
Baltimore at Cleveland, twilight
Milwaukee at New York, night

Tuesday's Results (All Times EDT)
St. Louis (Foster) 1-31 at Chicago (Reuschel) 3-2, 2:30 p.m.
New York (Parker) 3-0 at Montreal (Moore) 2-2, 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Twitcheil) 6-1 at Pittsburgh (Elliott) 3-3, 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Doobson) 2-5 at Houston (Reuss) 5-1, 8:30 p.m.
San Francisco (Marichal) 4-3 at San Diego (Caldwell) 1-4, 10:30 p.m.
Los Angeles (Downing) 4-1 at Cincinnati (Nelson) 2-2, 8:05 p.m.

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Redmen Victors In NOL

By JOHN GRAY

BELLEVUE — The Bellevue Redmen rolled up 52 points to win the 28th annual Northern Ohio League track and field meet here yesterday.

The Galion Tigers scored 46 points to become the runner-ups, nosing out Willard with 43 points and third place Tiffin Columbian with 40.

BELLEVUE has only won two other NOL track and field titles, in 1953 and 1954. There were no new NOL records set during the meet.

Tiffin Columbian's Brad Booher and Galion's Tom Sipes were both double winners. Booher won the mile run in 4:26.8 and the 880-yard run in 2:00.5 for the second straight year. Sipes won the 100-yard dash in 10.3 seconds and the 220-yard dash in 23.8 seconds.

The only other winner repeating for the second consecutive year was Upper Sandusky's Steve Schertzer, who won the high jump with 6 feet, 1/2 inch.

TROPHIES were presented to the champion and runner-up by newly inducted NOL President Phillip Carter, principal of Galion High School, who succeeded Joseph D. Carter, Bucyrus High School principal who resigned his school post. Carter had been elected as NOL president last fall, but resigned yesterday after giving up the principal's post.

About 700 persons were present for the eight-school meet.

Ashlanders Victorious In Tennis

ASHLAND — Ashland College recorded a 5-4 victory over Cuyahoga Community College in a college tennis match yesterday.

Ashland's Rick Gourley won his sixth singles match in a row over Calvin Cooper and took his fifth win in the six matches in doubles teaming with Donn Spitzer.

COLLEGE TENNIS

At Ashland
Score: Ashland 5, Cuyahoga Community College 4

SINGLES
John Dister (C) def. Kirk Graham (A), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Larry Welch (C) def. Steve Roberts (A), 6-3, 6-2; Donn Spitzer (A) def. Larry Pitts (C), 6-2, 7-5; Rick Gourley (A) def. Calvin Cooper (C), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; Bob Hurligan (A) def. Ted Cameron (C), 6-0, 6-0; Rick Woster (A) def. Don Dagon (C), 6-1, 6-2.

DOUBLES
Dister - Welch (C) def. Graham - Roberts (A), 6-4, 6-0; Spitzer - Gourley (A) def. Pitts - Cooper (C), 6-1, 7-5; Cameron - Dagon (C) def. Dennis Carlson (A) 8-4.

Ontario Warriors Win League Meet

By CHET BRYANT

ONTARIO — For the seventh straight year the Ontario Warriors captured the Johnny Applesed Conference track and field meet.

The Warriors powered over the eight-team field totaling 80 points for the victory. Lexington finished with 51 1/2 points for second place finish in the conference. Two records were established.

Ontario won three field events and six of the ten track contests, backed by the three winning efforts of swift Chuck Leicy.

Warrior Sophomore Craig Hunt, with a record high jump of 6 feet, three inches, gave a bright outlook to the future Ontario track hopes. Hunt's winning effort topped jumps of 6 feet by Crestline's Bob Mills and Ontario's Talle Sowers, 1970.

MILE SPARKER

Crestview, finishing with 13 points for fifth place, had one sparkling event. Cougar Wayne White sped past the competition for a 4:30.0 clocking in the mile run for a JAC record. White lopped .7 of a second off the old mark established by Warrior Mike Burton in 1969.

Leicy was the lone triple winner. The blond lad barely nipped Minuteman Jeff Wentz by .5 of a second for a 10.2 time in the 100-yard dash. Three events later, in the 180-yard low hurdles, Leicy sped to a 20.5 clocking. He rested for two contests and then finished first in the 220-yard dash with a 23.6.

Other first-place finishers for Ontario were Steve Burkholder, 880-yard run, Greg Konves, two-mile run, Glen Ellison, pole vault and Doug Schwall, discus. Only one event failed to produce an Ontario point, the 880-yard relay.

TWO TOPPERS

Fourth-place finisher, Crestline with 26 points, had two top finalists. Demetrius Reeves topped the competition in the 120-yard low hurdles, breaking the tape at 15.4. Teammate Mike Mills, with a leap of 20 feet, 5 1/2 inches, snared the top spot in the long jump.

Brad Buzard was the Lone Plymouth member to take an event. Buzard finished with a 52.85 time in the 440-yard dash to nip Warrior Doug Manley at the tape.

The Warrior team victory was the 10th time Ontario has captured the JAC meet in the past 13 years.

Getting Around

EAST LANSING, Mich. (UPI) — Michigan State has played 110 different opponents in its 75 years of football competition.



STEVE BURKHOLDER
... 880-yard triumph

'A Long Time to Play and Lose'

Cleveland Falls in 17-Inning Affair to Brewers, 2 to 1

By HANK KOZLOSKI
News Journal Staff Writer

CLEVELAND — "That's a long time to play just to lose," said a weary Warren Spahn in the wee hours this morning in Milwaukee.

From the time Milwaukee Brewer right-hander Jerry Bell threw his first pitch until teammate Dave May's 10th homer ended it at 12:28 this morning in favor of the "Brews," 2-1, with one out in the bottom of the 17th inning, the hardluck Cleveland Indians and Brewers battled for four hours and 53 minutes.

If it wasn't the longest night of baseball this season, it sure seemed like it — and on "getaway night" for both clubs, to boot.

"Sure we're all disappointed," Manager Ken Aspromonte said with a glance around the clubhouse. "But doggone it, I'm proud of them. We didn't beat ourselves."

May became the American League's home run leader with his drive that just cleared the right field fence to tag relief pitcher Brent Strom with his fourth straight defeat against one win.

The victory went to Skip Lockwood (2-2) who pitched the 17th in relief of Frank Linzy, who held the Tribe scoreless on two hits for five innings.

But it was Bell who really had the Indians under his spell, something he does with frustrating regularity. He pitched the first

11 innings and gave up only five hits and the one Cleveland run.

It was debut night for new Cleveland Righthander Dick Bosman and he performed exceptionally well against the club that shocked him with two home runs in an inning, and a third last week when he still wore the Texas Rangers' double-knits.

Bosman worked seven and a third innings, allowing just six hits until the eighth when the Brewers put together two scratch hits and an RBI double by Pedro Garcia to tie the score at 1-1.

Then the much-maligned Cleveland bullpen went to work and more than made amends with Jerry Johnson, Tom Hilgen-

dorf and Ray Lamb turning in a masterful job of blanking Milwaukee's heavy hitters.

Even Strom was in excellent form in his first relief role, at one point striking out five Brewers in two innings, including fanning the side in the 14th. His one mistake was May's home run.

The Indians' got the lone run off Bell in the fifth inning on a pair of singles and two infield force plays, with Frank Duffy scoring on Buddy Bell's grounder that forced Tom Ragland at second.

Helping keep the Indians alive were four double plays, two of them on the rare side with Torres throwing a runner out at second for one and catcher Dave Duncan catching a foul bunt and doubling a runner off third.