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Staff Photos by Pete Hohn

Twins' rookie Eddie Bane used a rare pitching motion Wednesday in his major-league debut. From left, he started by turning his back before turning toward home to release the pitch.

Bane draws record crowd, but Twins lose 5-4

By Jon Roe Staff Writer

The largest crowd ever to see a regular-season game at Metropolitan Stadium — 45,800 — turned out to see Twins rookie Eddie Bane make his debut Wednesday night.

Bane was as good as could be expected — one run and three hits in seven innings — and he got a standing ovation from the big throng when he left. But the Kansas City Royals didn't read the rest of the script and pulled out a 3-4 victory with four runs in the ninth inning.

First Larry Hsieh and then Joe Lix, with a dramatic two-run homer off Dick Drago in the eighth, had the crowd rocking. But then the Twins bullpen couldn't find the plate, losing four ninth-inning walks, and Cookie Rojas settled things with a two-run single.

Bane may spend part of today wondering why he signed for a bonus of just more than \$50,000 after the turnout last night.

The turnstiles clicked at such a merry pace that long before the 21-year-old left-handed pitcher took the mound to face the Kansas City Royals Bane's boss, Calvin Griffith, had already covered that bonus check.

If Bane had a bad case of stage fright, he certainly didn't show it in the first five innings. He allowed only two walks — both to Cookie Rojas, and just three hits. Two of those, however, came in the third inning and gave the Royals a run.

Otherwise, Bane was as cute as had been predicted. He tickled a corner here, gave a dip-throw delivery there, and for the most part had Kansas City beating the ball into the ground. He struck out just two in the first five innings, but 11 Royals were retired on ground outs.

Twins' batters may have had more stage fright than Bane. In the first five innings, the Twins left seven base runners stranded. And they got plenty of help from the

umpires, too.

In the first inning, the Royals' Amos Otis tried to steal second base after forcing Rojas, who had walked. Catcher George Mitterwald's throw was in time to Rod Carew, but there was plenty of white showing as Otis slid in. The ball dropped, but umpire Lou DiMuro called Otis out, and eventually out of the game after the Royals center fielder also bounced his helmet in the ground in anger.

The Twins run frustration was typified in their half of the first. Carew got his first single of night, but was out

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Mrs. King, Miss Evert in finals



Associated Press

Chris Evert expressed delight Wednesday during her upset victory over Margaret Court at Wimbledon.

United Press International

6-2 in 1957.

Wimbledon, England. Mrs. Court won all Big Four titles in 1970, and she already had won the Australian and French titles this year before coming to Wimbledon. Miss Court met Miss Evert at the top of her form, however, and with Miss Evert's passing shots and lobs hugging the baseline like magnets, she kept the Australian back from the net.

Miss Evert won the first set in 23 minutes when Mrs. Court was unable to hold her service even once. "From the start," said Miss Evert, "I went for the big shots. I changed my game."

In the second set the big shots did not come off, and Mrs. Court found her rhythm for the first time and won the set 6-1.

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Riva Ridge sets new world mark

United Press International

New York, N.Y.

Riva Ridge set a new world record of 1:52.4 for 1.318 miles Wednesday holding on in the final yards to beat True Knight by a head in the \$12,000 Brooklyn Handicap at Aqueduct.

Ron Turcotte hustled the 4-year-old Meadow Stable colt in the front at the top of the stretch and the two matched strides in the wire as Riva Ridge beat the old mark of 1:52.6. Fleet finished set the old mark at Golden Gate Oct. 24, 1953.

Coach resigns

Gene Clayton, 31, athletic director and basketball coach at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C., has resigned to become dean of student affairs.

Pearson wins car race

Associated Press

Daytona Beach, Fla.

Riva Ridge set a new world record of 1:52.4 for 1.318 miles Wednesday holding on in the final yards to beat True Knight by a head in the \$12,000 Brooklyn Handicap at Aqueduct.

Pearson, having his best season ever in the Winston Cup Grand National circuit, has won eight of his last nine starts and increased his career winnings to the threshold of the \$1 million mark with \$15,150 of the \$114,000 purse yesterday.

Many times they run

Many times they run bumper-to-bumper or side-by-side at speeds of about

180 miles per hour around the 2 1/2-mile speedway.

Most of the crowd stood the final half hour of the



David Pearson got a kiss from race queen Cheryl Johnson Wednesday after he won the Firecracker 400 stock car race at Daytona Beach, Fla.

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