

'KO' Punch Beats A's

Killebrew, Oliva Connect in 9th

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Kansas City stole a record seven bases against the Twins Saturday but neglected to steal the bats of Harmon Killebrew and Tony Oliva.

Killebrew and Oliva hit back-to-back home runs with none out in the ninth inning to give the Twins a 3-2 decision over the last-place A's before 29,386 fans at Metropolitan Stadium.

Minnesota moved within 1½ games of first-place Chicago, a 4-1 loser to California, in the American League pennant race.

The Twins' total offense came on home runs—No. 25 (for the season) by Killebrew in the first inning off Lew Krausse; No. 26 by Killebrew in the ninth off relief ace Jack Aker, and No. 9 (also in ninth inning) by Oliva, also off Aker.

WHY DID the Twins wait until the ninth inning? "It's more exciting like that," said Oliva. "Maybe the fans will come back tomorrow."

Oliva was not "ham" enough to suggest that he told Killebrew to hit a homer for the tie, and he'd hit one to win it.

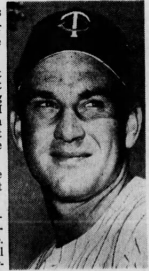
"But," Tony said, "I had a feeling Harmon would hit it out. Then I figured I could get a base hit and we'd have something going."

"So, when Harmon hit his out, I went up to swing for the home run, at least on the first two strikes.

"You know where the first pitch from Aker was? Right where they had been pitching me the whole series and I was popping up. It was a nice high fast ball, a little bit inside. I knew it was gone when I hit it."

Oliva said the Twins are ready to take the pennant from Chicago.

"We've finally put it all together. We've got the pitching to hold the score close. The fielders are making all the plays — like Zoilo Ver-



HARMON KILLEBREW
4 in 3 days

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KANSAS CITY PITCHER LEW KRAUSSE SLID INTO SECOND WITH STOLEN BASE
Twins' shortstop Zoilo Versalles took throw as Krausse hung on to helmet

arks Bettered

four-foot margin over runnerup Neil Steinhauer of the University of Oregon.

"It's the best I've done since early in May" said Matson, the Texas A&M senior who has surpassed 70 feet six times.

"I'd like to put on a little weight (the 6-foot-6 Matson weighs 253 pounds) before Winnipeg. I really don't expect competition

from anyone but Steinhauer. He and I are the only guys competing who've gone over 65 feet."

Ralph Boston, buoyant and enthusiastic at age 30, won by the narrow margin of 2½ inches in the long jump.

Boston, the world record-holder at 27 feet, 4¾ inches, soared 26-2½ on his third of six tries to defeat 21-year-old Bob Beaman.

Turner, one of six men who have equaled the world's 100-meter record of 10 seconds, started poorly. He led, however, from the midway point of the race

Hall Paces Angels Past Chisox 4-1

CHICAGO, Ill. — *(AP)* — Jimmie Hall drove in two runs with a pair of singles to help support Jack Hamilton's strong pitching. Saturday as the California Angeles knocked off the Chicago White Sox 4-1.

Hamilton, a husky right-hander acquired from the New York Mets last month, needed last out help from relief ace Minnie Rojas after checking the White Sox on five hits through 8½ innings.

Hamilton struck out seven and walked five, including two in the ninth, while gaining his third victory against one loss.

Loser Bruce Howard, 3-7, lasted six innings before John Buzhardt and Don McMahon came on to check the Angels, but the damage had been

Chisox

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BASEBALL STANDINGS

(Key: Read across for victories; read down for losses.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE													
W	L	Pct.	G.S.	Ch	W	Det	Cal	Ind	Chi	St. L	NY	KC	
Chicago	49	36	37%	11½	—	6	2	8	5	4	8	7	2
Twins	47	37	56%	11½	6	—	6	5	3	4	5	7	6
Detroit	45	39	53%	3½	4	4	—	5	6	6	3	5	6
California	47	42	52%	4	4	1	5	—	4	9	7	3	5
Boston	44	40	52%	4½	4	3	5	4	—	7	4	5	6
Cleveland	42	45	48%	8	2	7	4	2	3	—	4	9	4
Baltimore	40	48	46%	9½	3	5	1	5	5	4	—	6	5
Washington	40	47	46%	10	5	4	6	5	3	3	—	3	6
New York	39	46	45%	10	3	1	6	5	4	5	4	—	4
Kansas City	36	51	41%	14	5	6	4	3	3	4	6	2	—

(YEAR AGO: Twins 5th, W 39, L 45, Pct. .461, G.S. 17½.)

RESULTS SATURDAY
Twins 3, Kansas City 2; California 4, Chicago 1; Washington 3, Detroit 2; New York 4, Cleveland 1; Boston 5, Baltimore 1.

GAMES TODAY
Twins (Boswell 7-5) and Perry 2-4 or Grant 5-8) vs. California (Wright 2-3 and Kistler 4-1, 2, at (Brandon 2-7).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	G.S.	St. L	Chi	St. P	Atl	Pit	Phi	LA	San	NY	
St. Louis	51	34	60%	—	—	3	5	6	2	6	8	9	6
Chicago	47	38	55%	4	3	—	6	3	2	8	5	7	6
Cincinnati	49	40	55%	4	4	2	—	5	6	5	4	10	8
San Fran.	47	39	54%	4½	5	3	5	—	3	2	5	9	6
Atlanta	44	39	53%	6	2	6	1	7	—	4	8	5	5
Pittsburgh	42	40	51%	7½	7	3	6	2	6	—	7	6	3
Philadelphia	40	42	48%	9½	4	4	3	4	3	3	—	3	7
Los Angeles	38	48	44%	12½	2	7	7	3	5	3	0	—	4
Houston	34	52	39%	17½	4	7	2	6	5	2	2	4	—
New York	32	50	39%	17½	3	3	5	4	7	6	2	1	—

RESULTS SATURDAY
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 2; Cincinnati 6, New York 1; Los Angeles 5, Chicago 1; San Francisco 3, Houston 1; Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 4.

GAMES TODAY
New York (Bennett 6-8) and La-mabe 0-3) at St. Louis (Washington 4-3 and Cozman 1-9), 2.

Houston (Wilson 5-5 and Blainne 2-1) at Los Angeles (Osteen 11-8 and Brewer 2-1), 2; Chicago (Stoneman 6-6 and Clup 6-7) at San Francisco (Herbel 2-1 and Perry 5-10), 2.

Philadelphia (Banning 8-8) at Arizona 5-3; Pittsburgh (Law 6-3) at Atlanta (Nizko 4-4).

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