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## Twins' Chance Hurls 2-1 No-Hitter

### Twins Win 2 From Tribe; Lead League



DEAN CHANCE, TWINS' SECOND NO-HIT PITCHER  
Jack Knittel huffed first Aug. 28, 1962.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Will Jimmie Hall, Don Mincher and Pete Cimino.

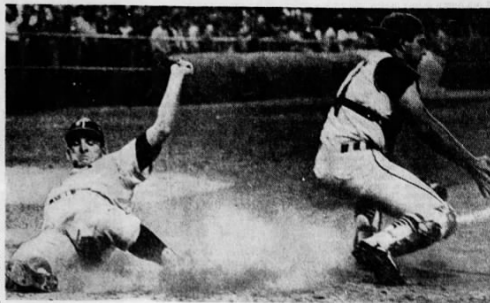
"I HAD 18 no-hitters in high school (Wootter, Ohio, only 50 miles from Cleveland) in the same season.

The 26-year-old right-handed Chance pitched a nine-inning, no-hit, 2-1 victory over Cleveland in the second game of a doubleheader Friday night. He had a rain-shortened, 4 1/2-inning, 2-0 no-hitter over Boston at the Met. Aug. 6 when he retired 13 Red Sox in order.

The Twins' double victory—they beat the Indians 6-5 in 10 innings in the first game—coupled with the Chicago-Boston split, enabled the Twins to take the American League lead by one-half game.

"Imagine that," said Twins manager Cal Ermer. "A no-hitter and first place the same night. That's almost too much to believe."

"No-hitters are not a new experience for me," said Chance, who predicted he would pitch Minnesota to the American League pennant last winter when he came from California in the trade for



HARMON KILLEBREW SLID ACROSS HOME PLATE WITH SIXTH RUN IN FIRST GAME  
At right was Cleveland catcher Joe Azcue; Killebrew tripped in first run in 1966.

## BERRY'S SINGLE WINS NIGHTCAP White Sox Split With Boston

CHICAGO, Ill.—(AP)—Ken Berry's ninth-inning single drove in his second run of the game and the Chicago White Sox edged Boston 2-1 Friday.

Chicago ninth in the second game with a single. Smoky Alomar ran for him and J. C. Martin sacrificed Alomar to second. After Smoky Burgess was a walked intentionally, Berry singled to right center, scoring Alomar.

The split let Minnesota climb into first place in the American League, half a game ahead of both the White Sox and the Red Sox.

Reggie Smith's run-scoring single with two out in the eighth inning lifted the Red Sox into a tie after Berry had given the White Sox a 1-0 lead with his sixth homer of the year in the fifth inning.

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## Changes Slow Vikings' Offense

THERE ARE REASONS WHY the Minnesota Vikings' defense will continue to be more effective than their attack for weeks to come, possibly throughout the season.

When coach Bud Grant came to the Vikings he decided to retain the defensive plan on which they had operated for several seasons.

The players knew what was expected of them and began executing pretty well from the start of practice.

When all veterans recover from injuries, it will be an experienced defense playing in a familiar pattern and will compare well with any defense in the National Football League.

It is different on the attacking side. There Grant is installing his own offense, which differs somewhat from that used by Norm Van Brocklin.

It differs enough so that some aspects of nearly every series has to be learned as if from scratch.

Moreover, there are more new players being fitted into the attack.

Including the tight end, there may be three new pass receivers seeing some service and the character of the new passing game will change because emphasis is on speed this year. There will also be more emphasis on speed at the running back position.

The personnel as well as the tactics of the attack will change considerably.

It is easy to see, therefore, that the defensive unit, which may be better in personnel in the first place, has the additional advantage of being increasingly more familiar with its duties.

YOU CAN NEVER TELL WHY BASEBALL IS UNPREDICTABLE.  
In 1965 no one would have said the Twins could



DICK CULLUM

with a pennant without Harmon Killebrew. Yet Killebrew missed the last third of the season because of an injury and the Twins won anyway.

In 1967 no one would have given the Twins a remote chance to stay in the race without good service from pitchers Jim Kaat and Jim Grant and short stop Zoilo Versalles, but Kaat is less than a 30-50 pitcher and Grant has been little service. Versalles carried the Twins in 1965. This year the Twins are carrying Versalles.

Killebrew's record this season makes him out to be a .245 hitter who is only an adequate fielder. That is how it stands so far. Yet the Twins are firmly in the race.

SWING THAT BAT IT'S BEEN SAID BEFORE and it may as well be said again, since it is more true than ever: If the Twins fail this year, it will be because they watch more called strikes, especially third strikes, go by than any other team—or would you like to make it any other three teams.

A while ago it was reported that more than 20 strikeouts in a stretch by Twins' pitchers had been on swinging third strikes. The other guys go down swinging. Yet at the same time that Twins' pitchers had to get more than 20 batters swinging, the Twins looked at seven called third strikes in a single game.

The question is especially pertinent when the attitude is assumed against this year's gifted control pitchers. They are pretty sure to catch the corner after the count has gone to two strikes.

There are not enough wild men in the league this year to justify strong hitters trying to work the pitchers for walks.



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

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Team	W-L
Twins	71 55 .563
Chicago	70 55 .560
Boston	71 56 .559
Detroit	70 57 .551
California	64 62 .508
Washington	60 68 .469
Cleveland	60 69 .463
Baltimore	57 68 .456
New York	37 70 .448
Kansas City	33 72 .421

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Team	W-L
St. Louis	78 48 .619
Cincinnati	68 59 .535
Chicago	68 61 .527
Philadelphia	63 59 .524
Atlanta	64 59 .520
S. Francisco	61 51 .545
Pittsburgh	61 66 .480
Los Angeles	55 67 .448
Houston	53 75 .414
New York	48 73 .395



KEN HARRELSON, who was fired by Kansas City owner Charlie O. Finley after he said Finley was "bad for baseball," was signed by the Boston Red Sox Friday night. Harrelson will join the Red Sox Monday.

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