

Killebrew Has Edge Over Yaz in Final Series

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In a side issue to the American League pennant decision in Boston Saturday and Sunday, Boston's Carl Yastrzemski will swing for the "triple crown" against the home run and runs-batted-in challenge of the Twins' Harmon Killebrew.

Yastrzemski's best chance is the batting title. He leads Baltimore's Frank

Robinson .319 to .314.

But Killebrew is tied with Yaz with 43 homers, and Fenway park's chummy left-field fence (315 feet) favors the right-handed Killebrew in the two-game finale.

In runs batted in, Yaz holds a 115-111 lead over Killebrew.

It's interesting to look at what Yaz and Killebrew have done in face-to-face competition this season. Yastrzemski outdid Killebrew 253 to 250 overall, but Killebrew was better in Boston .333 to .295.

Harmon had four homers, Yastrzemski three, each hitting three in Boston.

Killebrew drove in eight runs and Yastrzemski five in Minnesota-Boston competition. Harmon batted in six of his eight in Boston. Yaz all five in Boston.

Both Yaz and Killebrew have been quoted to the

effect: "The pennant is the thing, individual laurels are secondary."

But they'llicker for \$100,000 contracts in 1968 on their individual performance.

Now what did they do against the pitching they'll be looking at?

Killebrew gained three hits in five trips against Boston ace Jim Lonborg, one home run and one run batted in. Harmon went

one-for-four against Gary Bell, one run batted in.

Yastrzemski collected five-for-17 off the Twins' Dean Chance, with no home runs and no runs batted in.

He drove off Jim Kaat, without a home run or run batted in.

On the pitching side, Chance is 6-5 over Boston this year, 16-8 for a career. Kaat is 1-9 this year, 14-4 lifetime against the Red Sox.

Lonborg is 0-2 against the Twins this season, 0-6 lifetime. Bell has no decision against the Twins this year. He's 7-7 per his career.

Kaat will face the Red Sox Saturday, Chance Sunday.

Originally, the Boston order was to be Bell and Lonborg, but now manager Dick Williams is expected to use Lonborg Saturday and Bell on Sunday since

the Red Sox tail the Twins by one game and must win the first one to stay alive.

Williams said he may switch to Joe Santiago, 11-4, Saturday.

"I haven't made up my mind yet. I also haven't made up my mind about lineup changes but there will be some," he said.

Over the season, Minnesota has an 11-5 edge over Boston, 4-3 at Fenway Park.

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Cornhusker Coach Likes Winning; It's His Hobby

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LINCOLN, Neb.—Bob Devaney has a cherubic smile, a protruding midriff and a coaching record second to none among his collegiate confederates.

The University of Nebraska football coach is a protégé of Duffy Daugherty and the light-hearted humor of the Michigan State freshman is evident in his conversation.

"My wife is a fancier of flowers," said Devaney, "and she's especially big on roses. I've been trying for years now to get her to plant some corn around the front steps... that's my favorite flower."

Corn — and not the kind that had jokes are made of — is a part of the traditions of this campus on the prairie. Its athletic teams perform under the red and white banner of the Cornhusker.

Nebraska football teams had struggled through two decades of mediocrity until 1962, when Devaney was hired from the University of Wyoming.

Devaney quickly transformed Nebraska autumn into more than just a prelude to long, windy winters.

He inherited a team that had a 3-6-1 record in 1961 and directed it to an 8-2 record in 1962. No Devaney team since that year has lost that many games.

Nebraska was 9-1 in 1963 and 1964, 10-0 in 1965 and 11-0 in 1966. The Huskers won the Big Eight Conference championship in each of those years and advanced to post-season bowl games.

"Winning," said Devaney, "is my favorite pastime. And it's an important reason why I'm generally in a good mood... I said generally!"

Devaney has been a head coach for 10 years — five at Wyoming, five at Nebraska — and his coaching record is



THE CORNHUSKERS' COACH: BOB DEVANEY
Winning with a smile... most of the time.

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Rain Delays A.L. Pennant Race

Associated Press

Detroit and California will play doubleheader at Detroit starting at 5 p.m. Minnesota time today to make up for Thursday's rained-out game.

The Tigers, in second place in the American League pennant race, had planned to send Joe Spurnas against Clyde Wright of the Angels, but a 12-minute delay past the scheduled 8 p.m. starting time, the game was called.

Tiger Stadium was buff-

eted by a driving drizzle and 44-degree temperatures. Despite the weather, about 10,000 fans turned out for the scheduled opener of the four-game series.

The Tigers are one game behind the first-place Twins, but the two clubs are tied in the loss column.

The Twins, Boston and Chicago also had the day off.

Spurnas, 15-9, and Earl Wilson, 22-11, are sched-

uled to pitch for Detroit today. Wright, 5-4, and Jack Hamilton, 9-6, will hurl for the Angels.

The only other game today for the four front-runners has Washington at Chicago tonight. Washington's Phil Ortega, 9-10, is scheduled to face Tommy John, 10-11.

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Muskies Bow in Opener

RENNSELAER, Ind.—The Minnesota Muskies failed in a pair of second-half comeback attempts and lost their first American Basketball Association exhibition game Thursday to Indiana 100-82.

The Muskies never led and trailed by as many as 16 points (58-42) early in the third period. Three baskets by former University of Minnesota player Terry Kunze brought Minnesota within five points at the end of the third period.

After Mel Daniels, the Muskies' No. 1 draft choice and leading scorer with 22 points, fouled out, Minnesota rallied in the final five minutes to close within 91-90 with 2:24 to play.

Bobby Joe Edmonds hit two free throws and Minnesota's Errol Palmer countered with a six-foot throw to make the score 93-91. Jim Dawson, Roger Brown and Edmonds hit consecutive baskets.

Muskies Coach Bud Grant said he

VanderKelen to Start vs. Bears

The Vikings will have only one new face in the starting lineup Sunday against visiting Chicago—cornerback Mike Fitzgerald.

(H.A.L.S. rebuilding Bears — News report page 25)

And that ended the speculation of who will open at quarterback. As in the Vikings' first two regular-season games, Ron VanderKelen will be the starting quarterback.

The Vikings' over-all roster also was changed by one man yesterday when linebacker Dave Tobeey was reactivated and linebacker Dave Tobeey was released.

Hansen's return puts the Vikings at full strength defensively for the first time this season. He had been on the waived, injured list after a knee operation.

Hansen will not start— the linebackers will be John Kirby, Roy Westman and Lonnie Warwick—but Hansen will be available for backup, Ed Sharrockman, the Vikings' regular cornerback who has a pulled muscle in his side, also will be available to play behind Fitzgerald.

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Win	Loss	Win	Loss
WINS	91 69 589	91 91 911	8 10 10 12 10
Detroit	59 69 583	7 10 8 10 15	9 10 12 10
Cleveland	90 70 583	1 11 11 10 13	11 12 12
Chicago	89 70 580	1 11 11 12 11	8 12 5
California	82 73 552	7 8 7 8 7	14 11 6 9 11
Cleveland	75 85 489	10 8 5 6 4	9 13 11
Baltimore	74 85 483	10 7 6 7	10 13 10
Washington	73 85 482	8 9 7 12 5 8	6 11
New York	68 90 459	8 8 6 8 9 9	5 12
Kansas City	62 95 380	8 8 6 10 4 7	5 8 7

Teams eliminated from pennant race.

(YEAR AGO: Twins 2nd, W 88, L 72, Pct. .550, G.B. 8.)

RESULTS THURSDAY (from 8-26 at Detroit (Spurnas 15-9 California at Detroit, postponed.)

Only game scheduled.

GAMES TODAY Washington (Ortega 9-10) at Baltimore (John 10-11); California (Wright 5-4 and Ham-

It's Official: A's Planning Move

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (AP) — Charles O. Finley made official Thursday his long-heralded plans to move the Kansas City Athletics to another location.

In a letter to city officials, he said he "decided to take the steps necessary to transfer the Athletics to another city."

His letter was sent to City Manager Carleton S. Harp, who is out of the city. It was delivered to Mayor Irlus Davis who released its contents.

Mayer Davis also had received a letter from Alexander H. Hadden of Cleveland, attorney for the American League, inviting him and other city officials to a league meeting on Oct. 18 in Chicago.

Hadden said the meeting was called to discuss an application which is expected to be filed shortly, to trans-

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