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### Sid Hartman

Never before has Bert Blyleven been as emotional after a game as he was last night when he lost a 3.2 six-hitter to Frank Tanana and the California Angels. It may have been the last time the right-handed pitcher hurfs for the Minnesota Twins, and he wanted badly to win his 100th game here before being traded.

"The ball with the fans," said Blyleven, who was upset because of a group that was singing "Good-bye Bert" during the game. "The only person I'm concerned about are my family, the 24 other players on this team and Mr. Calvin Griffith, who I still work for. Ever since the \$1.2 million to sign the fans have been on me. They're coming back here. When you are 100, they are for you. If you are 6-10 it's a different story. I did make a gesture after the game because I was quite upset."

"The first time in my baseball career, I've been offered a decent salary and some security for my family. Texas has given me a real opportunity. If the Twins don't trade me, I'll play out my option and sign some other place. I don't expect the Twins to match the figures I've been offered by."

Red Carow wailed over to Blyleven and patted him on the back. "You're still the best we've got here," said Carow. "We're all for you."

Outside the Twins dressing room, Blyleven's wife Patty said she was eager to leave for Texas. "We're all packed and ready to go," she said.

If the Texas Rangers want to put Blyleven in their pitching rotation they will have to succeed the one, Calvin Griffith and the Twins are not satisfied with the Rainger offer of infielder Roy Smalley, pitcher Steve Barr or Jeff Terpstra from the Texas roster and Jim O'Rourke, the No. 1 draft choice from Texas who is having trouble getting the ball over the plate for Joe Mauer. Gideon was knocked out of the box in the fourth inning Saturday night as he continued to be wild.

Brad Corbett, the owner of the Texas club who has traded Blyleven a \$400,000 bonus plus a total of \$450,000 over three years, wants Blyleven in the worst way. Corbett can make a deal this afternoon if he will include left-handed pitcher Jim Linmark in the trade or add another player who the Twins believe will help them.

George Brubbs, the Twins farm director, has some of his scouts looking at the Rangers' Spokane farm club to see if there is anybody on the roster they would like.

One thing Corbett did when he agreed to terms with Blyleven was to let everybody in the American League know that the Twins pitcher will sign if the price is right. "It was like putting a classified ad in the paper," said Blyleven. "I was available and would sign," said Brubbs. "We understood the big subject around American League clubhouses and press rooms Monday was Blyleven."

Now that Griffith has given Corbett permission to negotiate with Blyleven, he really has only two choices, trade the pitcher or pay him the same amount of money that Texas is willing to pay out.

**Bostock hot**  
Lynan Bostock, who sat out last night's game with California, is leading the Twins with a .341 batting average and is on a hitting streak. In his last nine games, Bostock is 13 for 35 for a .371 average. During his streak, the Twins center fielder has two triples, a homer, a double and seven RBI's to lift his average from .300 to .341.

"I'm concentrating on getting the bat on the ball," said Bostock. "I tried to do exactly the same thing last year but I've been a little more fortunate this year. The balls have been falling in for me. I'd describe myself as an alley hitter. I don't try to hit the ball out of the ball park too much."

Manager Gene Mauch has been playing Steve Brye against left-handed pitchers to give Brye a chance to play. Bostock believes he can hit the left-handed pitchers. "In the minor leagues you play against all type of pitchers," said Bostock. "Last year I played against left-handers and did fairly well. The ball has to come over the plate either way." The fact that Mauch has rested Bostock at times may be one reason for his big start.

### Gopher future good

The chances are good that the 1977 University of Minnesota baseball team will be one of the best that Dick Siebert has coached in 20 years. "We lose only one starting pitcher in Steve Comer," said Siebert, whose team lost to Arizona State in the regional NCAA Finals. "We could gain a starter if Perry Bauer's elbow comes around after missing most of this season. We do lose Bobby Hoff at second base who had a great year, and left-fielder Mike Seibert, who also did well this season." Wayne Huesenbecker and Dan Freyre, two pitchers who didn't see a lot of action, are the only two other seniors. "If we can come up with seven or eight good high school prospects we could have a fine team," Siebert said.

### Jettings

The California Angels are interested in Jerry Terrell and may be willing to trade pitcher Andy Heasler for the Angels with a 5.78 ERA.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have recalled former Twin utility man Danny Walton from their Albuquerque, N.M. farm club. Jerry Kindall, former Gopher assistant baseball coach and now head coach at Arizona, could have told Siebert how good the Arizona states' region is. A 7-0 record in Arizona State was 6-0 against Kindall's team.

Harry Dalton, general manager of the California Angels, says the Boston Red Sox have never talked to him about trading outfielder Fred Lynn for pitcher Frank Tanana, one of the best left-handed pitchers in baseball. Dick Williams, the Angel manager, served one year as a coach for Gene Mauch when the Twins manager was the Montreal manager. Mauch Williams was last year's pitcher the Tacoma farm club to a 9-1 high school victory over Salt Lake City Sunday night. Cleveland General Manager Phil Neri said he doubts he would give up third baseman Buddy Bell in a trade with the Twins. Danny Thompson is still having trouble with a pulled leg muscle. The injury has given Luis Gomez a chance to play shortstop for the Twins. Mauch is feeling a lot better after missing the Oakland trip with a prostate infection and said he definitely will make the jump to Baltimore this weekend.

### They say:

Harry Dalton: "We are looking for hitting more than pitching. But I do plan to talk to the Twins about Blyleven."



The Twins' Red Carow fingers a bat handle while getting ready to hit in a recent game. The five-time American League batting champion says he has been unable to get a comfortable handle this season from Hillerich and Bradsby Co., maker of the Louisville Slugger.

## Carew bats so sought-after even Carew doesn't have one

By Gary Lihman Staff Writer

Red Carow of the Twins says he has been unable this season to get his regular bat handle from the Hillerich and Bradsby Co., maker of the Louisville Slugger.

### Canadian sets

**Brainerd race mark**  
Roy Matthews of Winnipeg, Manitoba, set a C-Sedan lap record of 88.32 miles per hour in a race at Brainerd International Race track Monday.

Matthews drove his Mini-Cooper around the three-mile track in two minutes and two seconds.

There were four races on the program. Doug Ripper of Shakopee, driving a B-production Chevrolet, upset larger cars to win the third race of the day. Overall and B-production cars:

**WARREN KEYSOR** won the 105-mile bicycle race at the Minneapolis Bicycle Racing Club won the 105-mile Montreal Day bicycle race in Vermillion, S.D.

Keysor covered the three parts of the race in three hours, 42 minutes. Scott Henders of Minneapolis was second. The race consisted of a 70-mile tour of the Vermillion area, a 30-mile race over a track and a 5-mile sprint.

### 'U' rowing team wins

The University of Minnesota rowing team won 5 of 14 races to capture the Memorial Day regatta over a 2,000-meter course on the Mississippi River Monday.

### U' rowing team wins

The university won all three of the eight-man races and also captured the junior double and junior four races. That gave the university 203 points. Other scores were Minnesota Boat Club, St. Paul 154; Duluth Boat Club 130; Minneapolis Rowing Club 54 and Chicago Boat Club 24.

The race was run between Lake Street and Franklin Av. bridges on the Mississippi. The course is 1 1/2 miles long.

### Braunworth wins both

**Raceway Park features**  
Bill Braunworth won both features in today's stock competition Monday at Raceway Park in Shakopee. In other races, Tom Walz won his third feature night race this year and Corky Seard recorded his first professional victory.

**MINNEAPOLIS WINS IN POLO**  
Jim Bittner got seven goals for Minneapolis Monday as his team edged St. Paul 10-8 in a Twin City Polo Club match at Maple Plain. Belden Hovland had three of St. Paul's goals.

### Soccer

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Cup June 13 in San Francisco.

At first the Winnipeg side showed some weariness and the Bavarians appeared to have the better organized offense. They outlasted the Rouge with a purposeful, spread-out attack that had the backs consistently moving up for support. Steve Schweitzer, a fast center forward, scored twice in one-on-one confrontations with the Fort Rouge goalie and the Bavarians had a 2-0 halftime lead and in soccer that is comfortable.

The Bavarians Jerry Zulu punched in a 15-footer early in the second period to add insult to injury and the Red team seemed to be little more than a nuisance factor that the Blues would have to contend with for 35 minutes or so.

And what a nuisance they were. After a number of Red shots that were only close, Jim Beveridge and Frank McKee scored goals and Beveridge got his penalty kick (about as sure a thing as a free throw) because a Bavarian had handled the ball.

The Bavarians still were wondering what had happened to their big lead and griping to the officials about their calls when Jerry Hildebrand's 18-foot shot won the game.



**WHY FRY?**  
Carew says his regular bats are about 1/32nd of an inch smaller across the diameter of the handle than the bats he has been getting. "But that makes a difference," he says. "I'm basically a wrist hitter. You have to be comfortable when you're hitting."

Carew used the larger handle this season until May 17, when he discovered four of last year's bats — with the thinner handle — stashed in his basement at home. He got three hits that night against Oakland, but the next night broke the bat. He used a second bat for a few games until it splintered. The other two bats disappeared.

"We keep his bats locked up here," said Twins equipment manager Ray Crump. "He has one key and I have the other. But they steal them in the locker rooms on the road. They're so large in the barrel and narrow in the handle that other players want to use them. And everybody wants one as a souvenir. There are more Red Carew bats hanging in basements than you can count."

Carew refused to blame the bat handles for his current .290 average. He won the batting title with a .300 mark in 1975. "I've been pulling my head and not seeing the ball well," he said.

But the bats have not helped. "There are some pitches," Carew said, "that I'm not handling very well because the handle is too thick and I'm not getting enough snap in the wrists. For example the inside pitch I hit to left field. I haven't been hitting that the way I should."

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