



Cesar Tovar, who erred earlier, cracks out winning hit

Tovar: Had to Get Hit After Messing Up Play

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Cesar Tovar, the young man who electrified Metropolitan Stadium's opening-day turnout on two occasions Monday, figured he squared accounts.

And when he had struck a Pedro Ramos fast ball into center field to score Bob Allison with the winning run in the 11th inning, Cesar added:

BASEBALL STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams like Boston, Detroit, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Chicago, Baltimore, Kansas City, New York, and Washington with their respective records.

RESULTS MONDAY
TWINS 5, New York 4 (11 innings)
Boston 7, Washington 2
Detroit 4, Kansas City 2
Cleveland at Los Angeles, postponed rain.

GAMES TODAY
New York vs. TWINS at Metropolitan Stadium, postponed.
Chicago (Peters 20-8) at Baltimore (Barber 8-13)
Detroit (Aguirre 5-10 or McLean 4-3) at Kansas City (Segal 8-17)
Cleveland (Terry 7-11) at Los Angeles (Newman 13-10), night.
Only games scheduled.

Twins Tovar ... Exciting Young Rookie

AND THEN THERE WAS Cesar Tovar. He was there more or less by accident, but he made the most of the situation.

A RETRACTION OR TWO
SOMEONE SAID, "THAT KIND of play by Tovar will have a strong therapeutic effect on fans. He'll be getting well in a hurry."
A moment later, however, Tovar lost that easy pop fly and let the Yankees' Arturo Lopez score the tying run from second base. He happened to be running only because two were out and a man is supposed to keep going until the obvious payout is made.

CULLUM'S COLUMN
By Dick Cullum
The evidence of one game does not make Tovar a big league third baseman, but it makes him an exciting young rookie.

Tovar Bats Twins to 5-4 Win in 11th

Yanks Fall in Game of 8 Errors

By TOM BRIERE
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The tarnished Twins and talented New York Yankees traded mistakes and miscues for 11 innings Monday at Metropolitan Stadium before Cesar Tovar's two-out, bases-loaded single delivered Minnesota's 5-4 victory.

IT WAS NOT a pretty demonstration of the national pastime in the American League opener for 15,388 fans, but most of the Twin partisans left happy with the victory.

The winning run was, of course, scored in a game featuring eight errors, five by the usually keen-fielding Yankees. Four of the nine runs were tallied, three of the Twins total of five were unearned.

"I had a sickening thought when it happened," Kat admitted later. "This was one game I did not want to see."

"I felt I had control of this game from the first inning. The only really bad pitches I made were on (Elston) Howard's homer and his double in the 10th. Then Kat reflected a moment and added:

"I would like to have gotten the victory. But some time during the season I'll get one I didn't deserve. These things even up."
Jerry Fosnow, who refereed Kat in the 10th and did gain credit for the victory, cracked:
"That's No. 1 for me. I got 19 more to go."
And what of Sam Mele, who confessed he was as nervous as Cesar Tovar before the game?
"What a relief to win one like this," Sam signed. "This is the kind we lost last year, I had to wonder for a few minutes out there, if it was going to be the same way all over again."



Twins' winning hurler, Jerry Fosnow, left, and hitting star Cesar Tovar

'WE DON'T WANT MANY MORE OF THOSE' Wobbly Debut Dismays Yanks

By JIM KLOBUCHAR
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For two years the New York Yankees have hunted for an antidote to the New York Mets' mysterious popularity among the Gothamites.

They have tried high-powered public relations campaigns, Yogi Berra and Joe Garagiola.
Monday, the Yankees struck boldly in another direction and tried to out-harass the Mets. They flubbed around Metropolitan Stadium—accompanied by a pinch-runner for Mickey Mantle and stayed on at play left field.

Allison popped a fly ball to land off the 11th. "I ran too hard, too fast," Lopez said. "Then the wind caught the ball a little and I couldn't recover. The stadium was okay and the sun was no trouble. It was just me."

Moments later, with the bases loaded and two out, Cesar Tovar's liner to center headed toward a driving Fresh.
"When the ball left the bat I figured I could get it," Fresh said. "But it sailed a little and it must have landed about a foot in front of me when I dove. I trapped it."
Fresh came up brandishing the ball in the fashion of a man who had made a carnival catch.
"No harm in that, is there?" he asked mirthlessly. "You try to get everything you can. My gosh, I can't remember when I last missed a ground ball and I did it twice today. There wasn't a blade of live grass out there. The field is like a table and the ball did funny things."
Johnny Keane, suffering through his debut as the Yankee manager, said he walked the bases full in the 11th after Allison reached third "because we didn't know much about their first pinch hitter (Rich Reese) and after that we had to walk the next man (Shandy Sauters)."
Said the reformed Tom, Pedro Ramos: "I threw a fast ball on that pitch Tovar hit in the 11th. The fast ball grip felt good for me today. Otherwise I would have thrown the breaking ball."
"It was a wild one," Keane said sadly. "My gosh, I can't remember when I last missed a ground ball and I did it twice today. There wasn't a blade of live grass out there. The field is like a table and the ball did funny things."

getting a field ready this early after a hard winter."
But Art Lopez, the 27-year-old rookie whose three-base blunder on Bob Allison's fly ball in the 11th inning opened the door to a 5-4 Twins' victory, strapped the horns on himself.
Lopez talked about it glumly over a plate of potato salad and cold cuts in the Yankee dressing room.
"I had been his first major league game. He was summoned in the late innings as a pinch-runner for Mickey Mantle and stayed on at play left field."
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Four members of the Twins, marooned by the flood-worn Minnesota River, were flown to Metropolitan Stadium and returned home by helicopter Monday.
Dick Rollins, Jim Kaat, Dick Sigman and Bill Bethea all live in Burnsville, across the river. Bethea is staying with Kaat before reporting to the Charlotte farm club.

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