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## Goltz hurls and hurls 'til Twins win 2-1



Star Photo by Kent Kobersheim

Rod Carew displayed his .386 batting form Monday. He had two singles and scored the winning run in the Twins' 2-1 victory over Oakland.

By Tom Briere  
Staff Writer

The anatomy of a pitcher: Durable Dave Goltz of the Twins threw 190 pitches (60 more than the winning average) to defeat Oakland 2-1 in 11 innings Monday before 18,550 delighted fans at Metropolitan Stadium.

Even with all that throwing—and the big right-hander couldn't remember ever using more pitches to win—Goltz achieved his 12th victory only through the grace of 11th-inning singles from Rod Carew, Lyman Bostock and Larry Hiale.

Goltz struck out a career high of 14, which he credited to "the right mixture of pitches." He threw 34 fast balls, 59 for strikes; he used 75 breaking pitches—knuckle-curve and slider—48 for strikes, and he threw 11 off-speed pitches, 10 for strikes. His ratio of strikes to balls was close to the desired 2-for-1, 115 strikes and 55 balls.

"Goltz had the good fast ball today," said catcher Butch Wynegar, "so we went for it more than usual."

Of Oakland's eight hits, the first six came off Goltz's fast ball and the last two off his curve ball.

Twelve of Goltz's whiffs came on swinging third strikes and nine were on breaking balls.

Oakland's only run came in the fifth inning, matching Mike Colunga's second-inning solo homer off a right-hander Rick Langford. After Oakland's Jeff Newman singled with one out and went to second on Ron Picerno's tap in front of the plate, Sheldon Maloney doubled to center field on Goltz's 6-2 fast ball for the sidemane.

The 1-1 tie carried into the 11th inning against Langford, a seventh-inning winner for the last-place A's. Then Carew, who went 2-for-2 to leave his average at .386, drove a lead-off single to right field. With

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Dave Goltz

## Martin's fate left in hands of Paul

Associated Press

New York, N.Y. In a round-table discussion with the press Monday night, New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner gently called Billy Martin a liar and said a decision on the Yankees manager's dismissal would be left completely to team President Gabe Paul.

"Whatever Gabe recommends will be accepted by me," Steinbrenner said. "It's totally his decision. But there's nothing imminent in the matter."

While Steinbrenner wouldn't say flatly that Martin was in danger of losing his job, the energetic owner left the impression that the same patterns that led to Martin's firing in three other places were happening in New York.

Steinbrenner was upset with some of Martin's recent remarks that came in the wake of widely circulating rumors that the Yankees skipper had been fired.

"Sure I'm displeased with the remarks," Steinbrenner told reporters. "They're just not factual. Certain things have been said that just aren't so."

Steinbrenner referred specifically to Martin's claim that his status had become shaky in spring training when he and Steinbrenner got into a shouting match in the team's clubhouse in St. Petersburg, Fla., after a spring training game with the New York Mets.

Martin said Sunday that he had missed the team bus, allegedly the cause of the argument, because he had been talking to Steinbrenner on the phone. Steinbrenner said Martin was mistaken on the time of that phone conversation.

Martin said Sunday that Steinbrenner had called him the next day and apologized for the locker room blowing. Steinbrenner said he did not see such thing, that Paul called Martin and set up a breakfast meeting.

Although these factual discrepancies don't seem major, Steinbrenner continued on page 2C

## Bruiser Shavers awaits Ali fight

By Steve Cady  
New York Times Service

New York, N.Y. Earnie Shavers, they were saying Monday at Madison Square Garden, can take you out with either hand. A vicious hitter, explosive. Devastating. All the adjectives that spill so easily from a fight promoter's mimeograph machine.

But that isn't all. As one witness put it in a hushed voice: "Earnie Shavers takes no prisoners." The reference was to the shaver's head-of-Ohio heavyweight record of 52 knockouts in the 54 fights he has won, 20 of them in the first round.

Why, then, is 35-year-old Mibham All defending his world title against Earnie Shavers on Sept. 29 at the Garden? Why Shavers? Has Ali, nearing the end of the line in his 18th year as a professional boxer, decided to go out with a bang? Will he stand up there like a doorman in front of a firing squad? Let it end swiftly and cleanly with one lethal punch thrown by Shavers?

But wait. As usual, Ali's latest promotion involves more than meets the eye. One of the definitions of magic is "the art of producing illusions by legerdemain," meaning sleight of hand. And Ali's next magic act, against Shavers, may be one of his greatest. The script already has begun taking shape.

"This'll be something during, something scary," the champion said. "Now they're saying, 'Here's the big mouth.' We got him now. Legs are gone, he's in there with a puncher, his timing seems to be off, he didn't look good against Evangelista."

"That's what I want. That's what I need. I can't train for bums. All my best fights have made my next fights bigger and better. I got 'em all set up real good now. They think I'm over the hill."

Boxing's living legend earned \$2.7 million for his most recent fight, a dull 15-round title defense against Alfredo Evangelista of Spain May 16 at Landover, Md. If he didn't dazzle the critics, he at least man-



Earnie Shavers before he shaved

aged to get a lot of free plugs onto prime-time television for his film, "The Greatest." For the nationally televised Shavers bout, his 20th title defense, Ali has been guaranteed \$1 million. The challenger gets \$300,000.

Shavers, 32, the father of five daughters, is quiet outside the ring, but very active inside it. He knocked out Jimmy Young, in a hurry and the "Round 17" his one siver Bolt-Boyce carries on its license plates brings nods of admiration in Warren, Ohio. Shavers is

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## Cards extend Reds' slump

Associated Press

St. Louis, Mo. Jerry Humphrey and Garry Templeton hit run-scoring singles in the sixth to snap a 4-4 tie and Ted Simmons later hit his 15th home run to power the St. Louis Cardinals to a 9-8 triumph over the Cincinnati Reds Monday night.

It was the seventh straight loss for the slumping Reds and the 11th in their last 12 games.

The Cards outscored an assault by Cincinnati hitters that included two home runs by George Foster and one each by Johnny Bench and Bob Bailey, in addition to Pete Rose's record 2,818th career hit as a switch-hitter.

Mike Tyson gave the Cards a 2-0 lead in the second with a two-run homer off Jack Billingham (7-7). Foster, however, hit his 20th homer of the year following a walk to Joe Morgan in the Cincinnati third and Jim's 22nd homer put Cincinnati in front 2-2.

After the Cards rallied to go 3-2

at 4-3 on an RBI double by Simmons, the Reds tied it 4-4 on two singles combined with an error. Maney and Templeton then delivered their sixth-inning hits to send the Cards ahead 6-4.

Simmons' home run came in the seventh off Cincinnati relief pitcher Joe Hoerner. Mike Phillips's RBI single gave the Cards an 8-4 lead before Bob Bailey hit a two-run pinch homer for the Reds in the eighth.

Maneyre doubled and scored on Templeton's single in the bottom of the eighth to account for the Cardinals' eventual winning run. The Reds closed to 9-8 with two runs in the ninth, one on Foster's second homer of the game.

Rose's record hit, eclipsing hall of famer Frank Frisch's old mark of 2,800 for switch hitters, also gave the veteran Cincinnati infielder sole possession of 2nd place on the all-time hit list.

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