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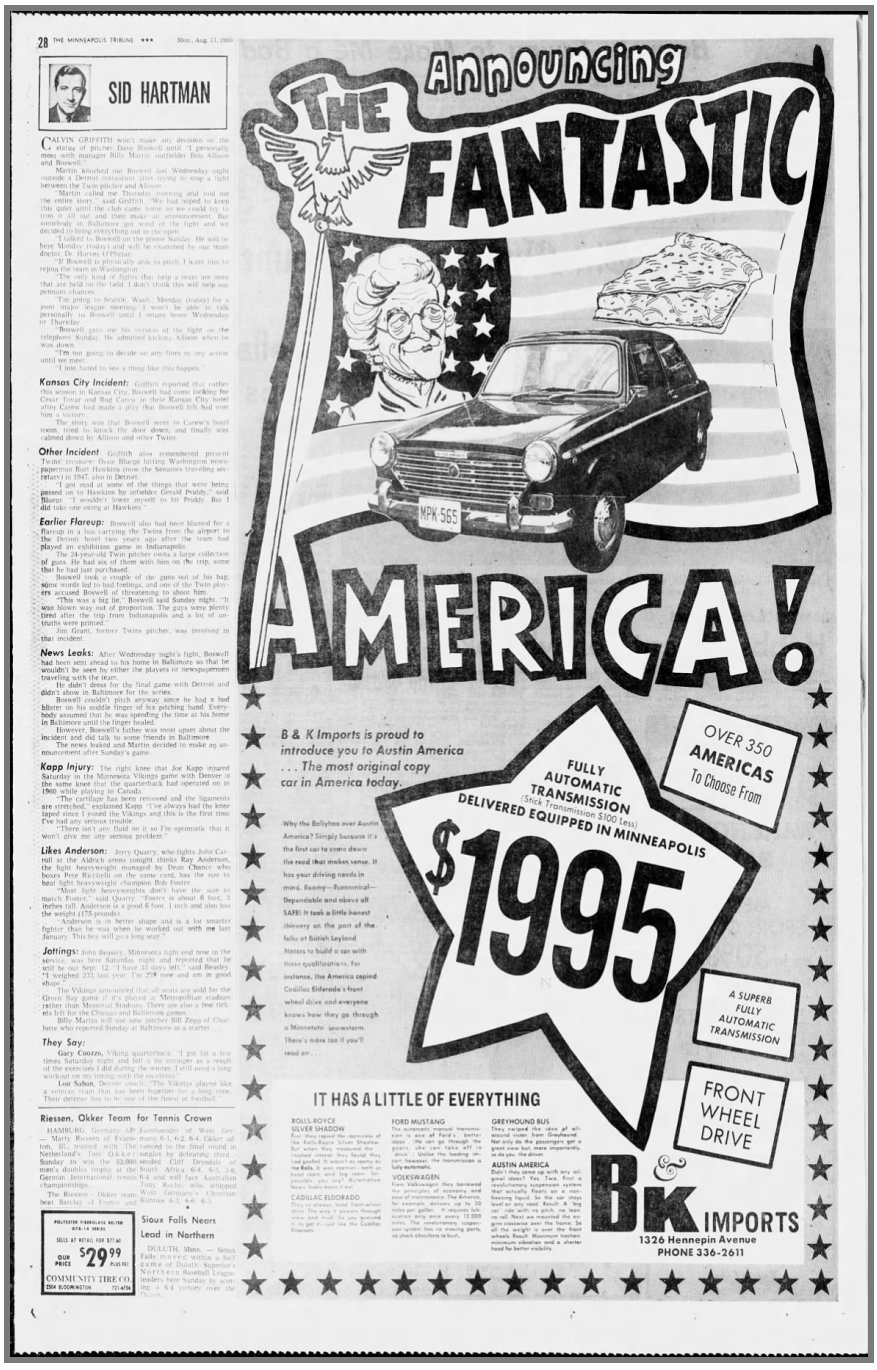

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SID HARTMAN

CALVIN GRIFFITH won't make any decision on the status of pitcher Dave Boswell until "I personally meet with manager Billy Martin, outfielder Bob Allison and Boswell."

Martin knocked out Boswell last Wednesday night outside a Detroit restaurant after trying to stop a fight between the Twin pitcher and Allison.

"Martin called me Thursday morning and told me the entire story," said Griffith. "We had hoped to keep this quiet until the club came home so we could try to iron it all out and then make an announcement. But somebody in Baltimore got wind of the fight and we decided to bring everything out in the open.

"I talked to Boswell on the phone Sunday. He will be here Monday (today) and will be examined by our team doctor, Dr. Harvey LePhelan.

"If Boswell is physically able to pitch, I want him to rejoin the team in Washington.

"The only kind of fights that help a team are ones that are held on the field. I don't think this will help our pennant chances.

"I'm going to Seattle, Wash., Monday (today) for a joint major league meeting. I won't be able to talk personally to Boswell until I return home Wednesday or Thursday.

"Boswell gave me his version of the fight on the telephone Sunday. He admitted kicking Allison when he was down.

"I'm not going to decide on any fines or any action until we meet.

"I just hated to see a thing like this happen."

Kansas City Incident: Griffith reported that earlier this season in Kansas City, Boswell had come looking for Cesar Tovar and Rod Carew in their Kansas City hotel after Carew had made a play that Boswell felt had cost him a victory.

The story was that Boswell went to Carew's hotel room, tried to knock the door down, and finally was calmed down by Allison and other Twins.

Other Incident: Griffith also remembered present Twins' treasurer Ossie Bluege hitting Washington newspaperman Burt Hawkins (now the Senators traveling secretary) in 1947, also in Detroit.

"I got mad at some of the things that were being passed on to Hawkins by infielder Gerald Priddy," said Bluege. "I wouldn't lower myself to hit Priddy. But I did take one swing at Hawkins."

Earlier Flareup: Boswell also had been blasted for a flareup in a bus carrying the Twins from the airport to the Detroit hotel two years ago after the team had played an exhibition game in Indianapolis.

The 24-year-old Twin pitcher owns a large collection of guns. He had six of them with him on the trip, some that he had just purchased.

Boswell took a couple of the guns out of his bag, some words led to bad feelings, and one of the Twin players accused Boswell of threatening to shoot him.

"This was a big lie," Boswell said Sunday night. "It was blown way out of proportion. The guys were plenty tired after the trip from Indianapolis and a lot of untruths were printed."

Jim Grant, former Twins pitcher, was involved in that incident.

News Leaks: After Wednesday night's fight, Boswell had been sent ahead to his home in Baltimore so that he wouldn't be seen by either the players or newspapermen traveling with the team.

He didn't dress for the final game with Detroit and didn't show in Baltimore for the series.

Boswell couldn't pitch anyway since he had a bad blister on his middle finger of his pitching hand. Everybody assumed that he was spending the time at his home in Baltimore until the finger healed.

However, Boswell's father was most upset about the incident and did talk to some friends in Baltimore.

The news leaked and Martin decided to make an announcement after Sunday's game.

Kapp Injury: The right knee that Joe Kapp injured Saturday in the Minnesota Vikings game with Denver is the same knee that the quarterback had operated on in 1960 while playing in Canada.

"The cartilage has been removed and the ligaments are stretched," explained Kapp. "I've always had the knee taped since I joined the Vikings and this is the first time I've had any serious trouble.

"There isn't any fluid on it so I'm optimistic that it won't give me any serious problem."

Likes Anderson: Jerry Quarry, who fights John Carroll at the Aldrich arena tonight thinks Ray Anderson, the light heavyweight managed by Deur Chance who beats Pete Ritchell on the same card, has the size to beat light heavyweight champion Bob Foster.

"Most light heavyweights don't have the size to match Foster," said Quarry. "Foster is about 6 feet, 3 inches tall. Anderson is a good 6 foot, 1 inch and also has the weight (175 pounds).

"Anderson is in better shape and is a lot smarter fighter than he was when he worked out with me last January. This boy will go a long way."

Jottings: John Beasley, Minnesota tight end now in the service, was here Saturday night and reported that he will be out Sept. 12. "I have 33 days left," said Beasley. "I weighed 233 last year. I'm 208 now and am in good shape."

The Vikings announced that all seats are sold for the Green Bay game if it's played at Metropolitan stadium rather than Memorial Stadium. There are also a few tickets left for the Chicago and Baltimore games.

Billy Martin will use new pitcher Bill Zepp of Charlotte who reported Sunday at Baltimore as a starter.

They Say:

Gary Cuozzo, Viking quarterback: "I got hit a few times Saturday night and felt a bit stronger as a result of the exercises I did during the winter. I still need a long workout on my timing with the receivers."

Lou Saban, Denver coach: "The Vikings played like a veteran team that has been together for a long time. Their defense has to be one of the finest in football."

Riessen, Okker Team for Tennis Crown

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) Fourhomder of West Germany Marty Riessen of Evanston, Ill., teamed with Tom Okker of Netherlands to win the $2,000-seeded Cliff Drysdale of South Africa men's doubles trophy at the North German International tennis 6-4 and will face Australian Tony Roche, who whipped championships.

The Riessen - Okker team, West Germany's Christian beat Barclay of France and Kimke 6-3, 8-6, 6-3.

Sioux Falls Nears Lead in Northern

DULUTH, Minn. — Sioux Falls moved within a half game of Duluth-Superior's Northern Baseball League leaders here Sunday by scoring a 6-4 victory over the Dukes.

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