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# Killebrew saves day—his day—for Twins



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Harmon Killebrew stroked a first-inning single to left, driving in Minnesota's first run in a 5-4 "Harmon Killebrew Day" victory Sunday at Metropolitan Stadium. The Baltimore catcher was Earl Williams.

By Dick Cullum
Staff Writer

Fans numbering 27,363 gave Harmon Killebrew his long deserved "day" in Metropolitan Stadium Sunday and Killebrew gave it right back to them with a hat that sent everybody home the winner. His two scorching hits accounted for the Twins 5-4 defeat of the Baltimore Orioles.

It was only another of many occasions on which Killebrew has risen to a challenge with magnificent feats.

"It's just something that Harmon does," said Manager Frank Quilici. "Ask him and he delivers. Everybody on this team is enjoyed that he returned thanks for thanks with his winning effort."

His first time at bat Killebrew lined a single to left center with two out and drove Bobby Darwin home with the run that gave the Twins the lead.

Then, after a two-run homer by Tommy Davis and another homer by Earl Williams had moved the Orioles into a 3-2 lead, Harmon came to bat with Larry Hisle and Darwin on base in the fifth inning. He slashed a single to left center to tie the score.

Jerry Terrell knocked in two more runs with a single to left.

The Twins have won four games in succession, including this sweep of the three-game series with Baltimore.

After Dave Goltz, starting pitcher, had made it through a trying sixth inning, in which Baltimore had closed to within a run of the Twins on hits by Dick Coggins and Paul Blair and a sacrifice fly by Davis, Quilici called for Bill Campbell to protect the thin lead.

Campbell made a dramatic save. He allowed only one hit in the last three innings, a single by Bong Powell with two out in the ninth. Then Campbell induced Don Baylor to hit a soft grounder to Danny Thompson, who easily retired Al Bumbry, running for Powell, at second base.

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## Killebrew

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day, and agreed only if all proceeds from the event would go to charity, which they will. Harmon took his wife's hand and hugged his daughter Shawn, put his cap on her head. He and his wife and the five kids walked back down the tunnel and onto the field.

And then, because this was Killebrew, the applause began and grew and became one of those great building standing ovations that didn't end for a couple of minutes.

People in the stands kept saying Har-mon Kill-ebrew, as if pronouncing the man's name was a prayer or a mantra.

He was born in Payette, Idaho, on June 29, 1936, and raised there. He signed with the Washington Senators in 1954 and hit his first home run on June 25, 1955, off Detroit pitcher Billy Hoeft. He now has 556 homers, which is one of the reasons he was honored Sunday. The other reason is this: Harmon Killebrew is one of the last of a breed of men who share the joy of their skills with Everyman.

"I didn't want a day at first," Harmon told the crowd after the governor and mayors of both Twin Cities had spoken. "They say a day like this usually means a player isn't far from his end.

"It's impossible for me to say, to tell you all how I feel." His voice cracked just a little and he paused there in the cool wind which blew in from right field. "I said I wasn't gonna do this," he said as he wiped his face. "There's nothing in this world I'd rather do than play baseball, and there's no place I'd rather play than in Minnesota. When you honor me, you honor my family. Success in a family thing."

They brought a convertible around for Harmon and his family and they went slowly around the track inside the stadium. They played the Twins song on the organ, and Harmon was waving. When he went past the Baltimore dugout, all the Orioles stood, and waved their caps. Over in the Twins dugout, first base coach Vern Morgan was blowing his nose and hiding behind his sun glasses. He and Harmon played together in Chattanooga in 1957.

All Harmon Killebrew did in the game was hit two singles and score the winning run in a 5-4 victory over Baltimore.

"I guess I'll know when it's time for me to leave this game," he said in the clubhouse after it was all over.

He said so long to Joe Jezsko on the way home.



Killebrew grabbed a new cap before going on the field for pregame ceremonies yesterday.

## Twins scorecard

FIRST INNING
Twins: With two out, Bobby Darwin popped a single to right and took second on a passed ball. Harmon Killebrew then lined a single to left, scoring Darwin. Twins 1, Baltimore 0.

THIRD INNING
Twins: Glenn Borgmann singled. Steve Braun flied out. Hisle singled, Borgmann to second base. Darwin doubled to left, Borgmann scoring. Killebrew was intentional walk. Soderholm forced out Hisle at home. Craig Kusick fanned and Soderholm at second. Twins 3, Baltimore 0.

FOURTH INNING
Baltimore: Paul Blair singled to left. Mark Belanger flied to center for a home run to left. Twins 3, Baltimore 2.

FIFTH INNING
Baltimore: Earl Williams homered to left with two out. Twins: Hisle, Darwin and Killebrew singled for Minor's ruin. Darwin reaching third and Killebrew second. Rick Dempsey: Warren Cromartie replaced Ross Grimsley. Soderholm flied out. Gaetano walked Kusick intentionally. Braun grounded out, scoring Darwin and Killebrew. Danny Thompson flied out. Borgmann grounded out. Twins 5, Baltimore 3.

SIXTH INNING
Baltimore: Rich Coggins singled to left. Blair: Dave Duncan sacrifice fly scored Coggins. Twins 5, Baltimore 4.



## Campanella wants to manage Padres

Associated Press

New York, N.Y.

Roy Campanella, former star catcher of the Brooklyn Dodgers whose baseball career ended with an auto accident in 1957 that left him a paraplegic, says he is ready to accept a job as manager of the San Diego Padres.

Campanella was quoted by sports writer Dick Young in a dispatch from Cooperstown, N.Y., in today's edition of the Daily News. He was he was offered the position by Padres' President Buzzy Bavasi.

"Buzzy asked me about it. I told him not right now," Young quoted Campanella as saying. "That was in February. He mentioned it again when I saw him two weeks ago. I told him I'd think about it. I have thought about it, and I'm ready."

Bavasi in San Diego said: "Tom McNamara is the manager of this club and we are certainly satisfied with the job he is doing."

The Padres were en route from Pittsburgh — where they lost 8-1 to the Pirates Sunday — to St. Louis for a game today.

Campanella, a Hall-of-Famer, said he's not interested in being the first black manager, he just wants to manage.

"It isn't to be the first black manager," he said. "That sort of stuff can't get you across the street. A man should want to manage because he loves baseball and thinks he can do the job."

### Blaine man wins

John Meyer of Blaine captured the super eliminator title Sunday and Keath Kerstrom of Plymouth finished first among stock eliminator drivers during the KDWB drag festival at Minnesota Dragways.

### Belgian wins race

Belgium's Jack Van Verthoven rode a Yamaha to victory Sunday in the Luxembourg Motocross Grand Prix, the last championship motorcycle event of the season.

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