

Grant, Triple Play Aid Twins' 6-2 Win

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The resurgent Twins won their triple-throwing history book at the Met Thursday with a 6-2 victory over the Angels on Jim Grant's four-hit pitch.

They manufactured their triple play in the history of the local organization.

With Norm Siebert at second and Ed Klopickick at first, the second inning Rich Rollins flied from Malson's one-hopper near the bag, and dropped on third to secure Siebert. Then Rollins threw to second baseman Cesar Tovar for the force-out of Klopickick. Tovar completed the triple-throw or something. But never have there been four games since the last two we won at Anaheim on the last trip.

The Twins managed to beat left-handed Marvino Lopez of the Angels for the first time with a 10-range attack. Until yesterday, the 22-year-old Cuban showed a record of 4-3 against Minnesota.

The Twins, reaching for third place in the American League standings, won six games over 500 at 64-38, a 1966 record on May 18. They were five over at 16-11, before losing two straight to the Yankees.

For the season, California claimed an 11-7 margin over the Twins after winning 11 of the first 12 games. The Twins ranked 4-5 at the Met against the Angels, 3-4 at Anaheim.

THE RIGHT-HANDED
 Grant lifted his record to 19-13. The 21-game winner of 1965 that won five out of six but has an in a valiant effort to salvage something for the year.

"I didn't think I pitched as good as my record showed on the first half of the season," explained Grant, "but I'm breaking right for you. No matter what happens, I'm not the wrong way."

"About a pitcher can do is ride out the storm and win."

THE THREE PARTICIPANTS IN THE TWINS' FIRST TRIPLE PLAY
 Left to right, Rich Rollins, Cesar Tovar, Norman Klopickick

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Homers? Mays Can Do It All

Now that Willie Mays has hit the home run which puts him ahead of home run hitters except Babe Ruth, we may disregard the lifetime home run race for a while.

Willie can perform other feats.

Come to think of it, most of the great home run hitters were, incidentally, or more than incidentally, all-around baseball players.

Stan Musial stood high as a home run hitter, yet hitting home runs was one of the least of his accomplishments. He could have made the Hall of Fame with no other emphasis on his feat here.

This is equally true of Mays. He has become the second greatest home run hitter to Ruth, and the foremost among right-handed hitters.

Yet hitting home runs has not been his specialty. He was a better center fielder than he was home run hitter, a better base runner.

RUTH MOST VERSATILE
 A NO BARE RUTH, THE MIGHTIEST of all, counted a home run hitting as only one of his skills. He was

BASEBALL STANDINGS
 (Key: Read across for victories, down for losses)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota	79	49	265	13	4	7	8	11	11	11		
Detroit	65	54	248	13	3	4	7	5	8	11	10	10
Cleveland	62	57	252	12	7	6	8	8	9	9	9	
Twins	64	58	235	14	2	5	8	10	7	10	21	9
Chicago	62	59	219	17	3	5	7	10	12	7	8	
California	60	61	249	19	7	8	11	8	6	7	8	8
New York	52	68	226	21	4	6	8	5	5	6	7	8
Kansas City	53	68	238	22	1	4	6	7	9	9	4	5
Washington	54	71	222	23	1	4	6	7	8	8	8	8
Boston	53	72	232	24	1	4	6	5	7	5	7	7

LEADER (60): Felix Her, W 77, L 42, P 47, G.A. 91%.

RESULTS THIS WEEK
 TWINS 4, California 2.
 Cleveland 1, Chicago 3.
 Only game scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh	79	49	268	11	4	7	8	10	11	11	7	
S. Francisco	71	50	237	11	7	6	11	8	5	11	11	7
Los Angeles	65	51	221	11	6	8	6	9	7	9	8	
Philadelphia	62	55	242	11	7	8	3	7	6	7	9	12
St. Louis	61	59	238	11	6	5	7	10	11	8	8	
Cincinnati	60	59	239	11	6	8	5	9	7	3	10	10
Atlanta	58	61	247	11	7	4	7	11	4	9	8	8
New York	53	67	242	12	7	4	5	7	5	4	4	8
Houston	52	66	232	14	3	5	7	7	9	4	9	9
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RESULTS THIS WEEK
 New York 3, Pittsburgh 6.
 Houston 3, Cincinnati 1.
 Los Angeles 3, S. Fran. 1.
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GAME SCHEDULE
 Pittsburgh (Sat 8:30) at Chicago (Thursday 8:15).
 Houston 3, Cincinnati 1.
 S. Fran. (Sat 8:15) at Los Angeles (Friday 7:15).
 Atlanta (Sat 7:15) at New York (Friday 7:15).
 Philadelphia (Sat 7:15) at St. Louis (Friday 7:15).

He's Reaching for That One

CESAR STRETCHED HIS 5-FOOT-4 FRAME ACROSS HOME PLATE TO HIT BALL.
 The Pirates' second baseman jumped ball to right, starting Ted Kubiak.

Grant Says Triple Play 'Saved' Him

Jim Grant of the Twins credited a second inning triple play against California Thursday with "saving the Twins from total disaster."

"That took me out of a spot, because at that point of the game I wasn't properly warmed up."

The "twins' clubhouse clock" was five minutes slow yesterday.

"Usually I take a 15-minute warming before the game," said the right-handed pitcher. "But I didn't get out there today, I had only about eight or 10 minutes."

The disgraced Frank Matson, who later hit into a double play in the seventh inning, said: "I hit it tail-end for the triple play. It was automatic—the ground ball practically in on top of third base."

Matson said he'd never seen one like that in the American League.

Pagan's 4 Errors Yield 6 Runs; Pirates Lose 9-5

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Third baseman Jose Pagan's four errors, three of them one inning to go, cost the Mets a 9-5 victory over the Pirates on the longest regular season game in the history of the major leagues.

Pagan committed his three errors in the fourth when the Mets scored three runs on one hit—Hurt's triple.

Four of the Pirates' runs came on homers.

Bill Mazeroski clubbed two, Jerry Mays got the first of the Mets' runs when he hit a 1-0-3 triple career and Down Chalmers hit his 20th homer in the game.

In the first inning, Pagan bobbled leadoff batter Ron Horner, however, was Horner's grounder and it jacked off first to end the steady Woody Freeman into inning.

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