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Grinning Jack Kralick is mobbed by teammates after his no-hitter

Twins

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a new experience for Kralick, who acts in a nonchalant manner off the baseball diamond. The fourth no-hitter of his pitching career also happened to be the fourth no-hitter in the American League for 1962. Earl Wilson and Bill Monbouquette of Boston and Bo Belinsky of Los Angeles turned the trick earlier, as did Sandy Koufax of the National League Dodgers.

Minnesota - Washington no-hit history makes Kralick's the third. Bobby Burke, a left-handed pitcher of Kralick's manner, tossed a no-hitter against Boston 5-0 in 1931 and the great Walter Johnson turned the trick on Boston 1-0 in 1920.

Kralick's first shutout of the season also was his first victory over the A's who had beaten him twice previously at Kansas City.

Kralick threw 31 balls and 42 strikes. He struck out three. He was 3-2 on only two men—Gino Cimoli in the second and the walking Aluisk in the ninth.

"I had practically no curve ball," said Jack, wiping a sweated brow after the game. "But I had a good fast ball and my slider was my breaking pitch. My control was good."

Kralick had to sweat for a run to win. "I could have lost the no-hitter, also the ball game on one pitch," he recollected. "We weren't getting many. But maybe that made me bear down better. If I had five or six runs, I might have eased up."

Bill Fischer, Kansas City's spot pitcher, gave up eight hits, but the only run of the one hour, 57-minute nerve-wrecking masterpiece came over in the Minnesota seventh.

Bernie Allen opened with his third hit — a single to right. Zoilo Versalles bunted in front of the plate. Catcher Bill Bryan of the A's threw to second base, too late to catch Allen. Kralick placed a perfect sacrifice bunt to third baseman Charles. Jack was out at first, but the runners moved ahead to third and second.

Reliable Lenny Green hit an 0-1, high change-up to center fielder Del Greco, Allen scoring the lone run after the catch of the sacrifice fly.

The Twins missed earlier chances, wasting two hits in the second, third and fourth innings, leaving six runners stranded over the first four innings.

Through all the no-hit excitement, the Twins almost overlooked the fact they gained a full game on the first-place Yankees. Minnesota moved within three games of the top in the American League standings into the start of a two-week road trip at Chicago Tuesday night.

Kralick worked up to his no-hitter in easy strides. The last time out — Tuesday night against Washington at the Met—he pitched 5⅓ no-hit innings before Joe Hicks singled to left with one out. Jack won the game 5-2 on four hits. This time Jack's biggest victory gave the Twins a 10-8 season series triumph over Kansas City.

Kralick's effort became serious business in the minds of players and spectators in the last two innings. Here's how it went pitch-by-pitch.

Eighth inning — Norm Siebern batting: called strike, foul strike, ball high, fast-ball grounder to Allen; Cimoli: first pitch, fly out to right; Manny Jimenez: high curve ball, fast strike, hit a curve to first baseman Power deep behind first base, Kralick taking the toss to beat Jiminez at first by a step.

Ninth inning — Wayne Causey batting: curve away ball, line foul to left with the crowd oohing in relief, ground out to second baseman.

Pinch-hitter Aluisk, batting for Bryan: fast ball inside called strike, inside curve, curve inside for ball two, curve ball foul by third, fast ball outside for 3-2. Kralick tugged at his left pant leg, rubbed the ball, picked up the resin and pitched the fourth ball high and outside.

"There was no question it was ball four," said catcher Earl Battey, who said Kralick pitched to his 1960 success pattern in Washington when he won eight games in relief. "I've seen him with better stuff, but never with better control."

Then, with the tension of a perfect game released, Kralick pitched a strike and a ball to pitch-hitter Consolo. After the second pitch, Battey tried to pick off the fleet Dick Howser, a pinch-runner for Aluisk at first base. The throw was wide into foul territory and bounced slowly by Power's glove toward the outfield. Howser broke 30 feet toward second base, but returned to first when he noted that Power was decoying him by not picking up the ball, hoping he would try for second base.

So Consolo fouled to

PASCUAL WILL START WEDNESDAY

Camilo Pascual, who has appeared in only three games without winning one since July 27, will go back into the Twins' starting pitching rotation at Chicago Wednesday night.

Camilo ranks 15-8, and still holds an outside hope of winning 20.

Jim Kaat, 13-12, will pitch the Tuesday night opener at Chicago. The Twins and the White Sox are tied 7-7 in the season series.

Power on the next pitch. The crowd roared and then grew silent to work with Kralick against Del Greco, the final KC batter standing in the way of a no-hitter. Del Greco took a curve for a ball, then fouled out to Power.

The fans roared in amazement at seeing history in the making, as Battey, the first Twin to reach Kralick coming off the mound, shook his hand and started the mob scene.

Kralick wanted the final out baseball from Power, but he showed little more than normal outward enthusiasm at his no-hit, no-run achievement. Jack did break a smile, however, when he reached the clubhouse.

So did Manager Sam Mele of the Twins: "First one I've ever been in — player, coach, manager. That kind of pitching makes this job a pipe."

SCORES

BASEBALL

NATIONAL NON-PRO TOURNEY
Lubbock, Tex. 10, Keller, Nov. 0
Detroit Cole 1, Olympic Am. 4
Kansas Royals, Mich. 6, Indianapolis, Ind. 5
Milwaukee, Wis. 3, Des Moines, Iowa 0

REGION 3-A TOURNEY
Twin City Federal 8, G & B 3 (TC Federal wins championship game)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Minor 7, Minneapolis Minneapolis 3
Grand Forks 5, Duluth-Superior 2, Second game, 10 innings

NORTH DAKOTA STATE MEET
(Championship)
Fargo Sacramento Blue 5, Jacksonville, 10
Second Round MAJOR SERIES
Springfield, (Ill.) round), Ky. 0
Seattle, Wash. 8, Carnation, Wash. 1

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE
Asheville 8, Augusta 7
Jacksonville 5, Charleston, S.C. (13 innings)
Macon 11, Charlotte 7
Second Game

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Indianapolis 8-0, Omaha 4-3
Louisville 5, Denver 4
(First game)
Denver 13, Louisville 12
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Rochester 8, Toronto 1
Buffalo 5-3, Richmond 1-6
Columbus 7-1, Jacksonville 1-5
Atlanta 7-2, Richmond 5-4
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
Vancouver 8-0, Seattle 0-4
Portland 5-4, Salt Lake 1-5
Seattle 4, Portland 1
EASTERN League
York 7, Williamsport 3
Springfield 8, Charleston 7 (10 innings)

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Plate Ump Honochick Lauds Kralick's Work

"When they want a no-hitter," said umpire Charlie Berry, "they call on us. And we've obliged as much as possible!"

That pretty well summed up one of the amazing stories behind the four no-hit, no-run games hurled so far in the American League this season.

Behind the plate for Jack Kralick's near perfect masterpiece yesterday was Umpire Jim Honochick.

Calling the balls and strikes for Bo Belinsky's no-hitter May 5 against Boston was umpire Harry Schwarts. And Schwarts was rewarded again June 26 when Earl Wilson of Boston had a no-hit against Los Angeles.

Honochick, Schwarts, Berry and Al Salerno are members of one of the AL's five umpire teams.

That adds up to three no-hit games called by one crew.

"Bill Monbouquette's gem (August 1 against Chicago) got away from us," said Berry. "I guess there was a mixup there."

Umpire Honochick was unstinting in his praise of Kralick.

"It's probably the greatest game I've ever called," said Honochick, who was among the first to congratulate Kralick in the Twins' dressing room.

"About the only time he had any control problems was in the ninth inning with George Alusik. With a 3 and 2 count — the only time he went to three balls in the game — Aluisk fouled off a high fastball that would have been ball four. But a slider came in face-high on the next pitch and that took care of the perfect game."

It was the first time this season Honochick has worked behind the plate while Kralick was pitching. "But I had him a couple of times last year and he always impressed me. I read where he was having a lot of problems with his pitching early in the season. Those problems have obviously been straightened out."

Berry, the American League's senior umpire with a major league career dating back to 1942, was as excited as anyone in the park after the game.

"A lot of crews go years without seeing a no-hitter, a lot of individuals never get to call a no-hitter, but we've been involved in three this season. It's amazing."

Schwarts, chief umpire in the Belinsky and Wilson masterpieces, thought Kralick's was perhaps the finest of the three.

"He didn't strike out as many (Kralick whiffed three, Belinsky nine and Wilson five), but his control was flawless. The other two each walked four and threw a lot more pitches."

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