

Killebrew on Allison's Catch: 'Greatest I've Ever Seen'

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"Another few inches and I wouldn't have been there on time."

"But he did get to it, and it turned the whole game around. We knew it, and I think they did, too."

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"No," he said. "I never have."

Kaat said his fast ball worked best, the cool weather did not bother him and, no, he did not get tired in the late innings.

Then he was asked if it bothered him to pitch against Sandy Kousser.

"Before the game started," Kaat replied, "I wanted to pitch against the hitters, not Kousser. Then I saw him work the first in-

ning, and I sort of got caught up in that smooth motion of his."

"He's a great pitcher, and he showed me a lot," Kaat said. "I was expecting to see him work a lot of pitches in the second."

"I baffled a steel," Zito began. "I had no intention of going in. The pitcher might have looked like he had a second. Anyway, he

threw a low fast ball. I saw it glance off the catcher's chest, so I ran."

Billy Martin, the Twins' third base coach, felt sure that Zito's man savers would prevail. "Just long enough to induce the out."

"Verdell doesn't read much of an opponent," Martin said. "He's scored on the shorter-pinned bats than today."

Verdell faced the inevitable query whether he would be the best pitcher to face tomorrow.

"It's good, all right," Zito said. "But he's not quite as fast as (Sam) McDowell, the guy at Cleveland. Kousser might have a better motion than I do. Zito felt those short

hop questions like he did ground balls at shortstop."

If the Twins weren't exactly awed by Kousser, he had their respect.

"We threw me a lot of good fast balls," pointed out Tony Oliva, who drove in the Twins' first hit, a solid single to center in the fourth.

"Kousser threw me a hanging curve, Kousser said. "I'm sure he didn't want to put it there."

One of the Los Angeles writers asked Killebrew when he was going to hit one out.

"I don't care if I don't hit any," Harmon told him. "It was the Series."

The Twins have admitted they're off to a great start.

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Super-Star Sandy Mortal After All

By BOB FOWLER
 Minneapolis Times Staff Writer

If Wednesday was a day of atonement (Tom Ripley for Sanford Kousser, Thursday was a day of reckoning for the Twins).

"I didn't have my control," Kousser sadly explained. "I couldn't get a case of catching the ball or having it go through for two hours. At least two hours. It might have gotten there."

Kaat recalled that he was hoping it would curve fast with one out. That's a pretty good start.

2 Twins' Victories Boost A.L. Prestige

By SAM MELE
 Twin News

To be honest, I would have settled for an even break in the first two World Series games against the two great pitchers of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Don Drysdale and Sandy Kousser.

Now that we have beaten both of these great pitchers, I'm not only happy for the fact that we have done something for the prestige of the American League.

I think a lot of the managers, officials and writers would have undervalued our team and the caliber of our team in our league.

Even though we would love to give the total fans of Minnesota a chance to watch more baseball, my players hope they can win the World Series.

We had a meeting before the game Thursday and I think it helped as well. Our reports on Kousser were that he had a rising fast ball that looked like a strike but, when it did get over the plate, wasn't really a ball.

We suggested to our hitters that they try to wait Kousser out and not swing at his pitches. I think we did that well, and it helped us win the game. In all fairness to Kousser, I'm sure he has pitched better games than he did against us.

Jim Kaat pitched a fine game for us. I went out to the mound in the seventh inning when the Dodgers got a couple of hits. I realized we had any possibility of taking Kaat out of the game. I just wanted to



JIM KAAT WHOOPS IT UP AFTER CATCHING LINE DRIVE FOR FINAL DODGER OUT OF THE GAME. I JUST WANTED TO

Sam Mele Says

gave him a breather and find out how he was.

He said he felt fine, good and strong. I asked Kaat and Earl Anderson me if Jim's ball was still moving.

The beautiful part of having Kaat in the lineup is that he is an outstanding fielder, as he proved by getting the hard-hit line drive by Dick Thayer out in the sixth inning.

In addition, Kaat is a hard hitter. He single with the bases loaded scored two runs for us in the eighth.

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Twins Beat Dodgers 'Unbeatable' Pair

SOMEONE HAD SUGGESTED THAT the Twins only chance, or best chance, to win the World Series depended on their ability to make a breakthrough against one of the other of the Dodgers' two superb pitchers, Sandy Kousser and Don Drysdale.

"It's a great feat," if the breakthrough against one of the other can be made, the odds will suddenly change because the Dodgers' strength, so concentrated in two men, can be their weakness if either of them fails.

The breakthrough which was started with the destruction of Drysdale Wednesday in the Twins' 8-2 victory continued Thursday when the Twins knocked out Kousser in a 5-1 victory.

The Dodgers have sent their two best against the Twins and they go home two down.

REVISING OPINIONS
 THEY CANNOT SAY NOW. "Wait until we get you on our home grounds with the hard infield and the big outfield."

They can't win the series out there. If they are to

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PASCUAL, OSTEN WILL HURL 3RD SERIES GAME

Twins manager Sam Mele and Los Angeles Dodger manager Walter Alton will go along with their pre-World Series pitching plans when the Series resumes in Los Angeles Sunday.

Camilo Pascual will take the mound for the Twins. Long-time Twins' memento Claude Osten will hurl for the Dodgers.

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