

HERBIE ZITO, ZOLA VERSALLES, JIM GRANT AND DON MINCHER AFTER 8-2 WIN OVER L.A. Zito hit 2-run homer, Jim won starting pitcher, Don lost 1-run homer, in second inning.

Series Lures Kentucky Hermit Drysdale Was Kept in Because of 'Good Stuff'

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky.—Tom Stacy dragged his 35-year-old car for his vacation, a routine that's known by heart in Russell Springs.

It's World Series time. That's about the only thing that lures the 77-year-old Stacy from his three-room log cabin near Lake Cumberland. Stacy lives a simple life by choice. For 30 years, he's come to town every fall to listen to the Series by radio or watch it on television.

"The car met him with the first truck one year and made quite a thing of it," recalled businessman Charles Aaron, a frequent host.

The 1200 horsepower car, almost tall time by Stacy's habits.

Frank never's a trip to the barber shop for a haircut and get the full beard he's grown since the last Series shaved off. Then he checks in at a rooming house, looks for a friend with a spare chair around the TV set, and stays in town until the Series is over.

"I don't know every baseball player in both leagues and their batting average," a friend said.

"One year when Milwaukee was in the Series, he watched Hank Aaron talk to a coach before coming to bat and said 'I'll bet 20 to 1 he's a home run.'"

"Wonder what the coach is saying," someone remarked.

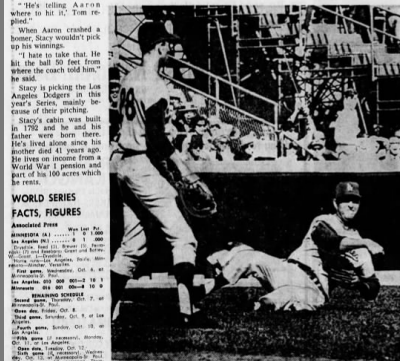
"He's telling Aaron where to hit it," Tom replied.

When Aaron crashed a home run, Stacy wouldn't pick up his winnings.

"I hate to take that. He hit the ball 90 feet from where the coach told him," he said.

Stacy is picking the Los Angeles Dodgers in this year's Series, mainly because of their pitching.

Stacy's cabin was built in 1932 and he and his father were here there. He's lived alone since his mother died 41 years ago. He lives on income from a World War I pension and part of his 100 acres which he rents.



'Down and Safe' Dodger pitcher Don Drysdale, on his back, throws to first in an effort to get batting Jim Grant, but Jim Ledford juggled the throw. Grant was safe, and the Twins proceeded to double Drysdale and the Dodgers with a six-run 3rd inning and 8-2. Also shown in first baseman Wes Parker.

Visiting Writers Laud Zolo and His Mates

By BOB BROGG
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

They call him "Zoro" and Zola Versalles, the rare of the American League this year, left his mark on the Los Angeles Dodgers in the first game of the 1965 World Series.

One game went with a championship, but for Versalles and his Minnesota teammates, it will win new respect from the National League champions and the professional oddsmakers.

They were at bat, at last, on the home and benefiting from Jim (Mudcat) Grant's steady pitching, the Twin Wednesday defeated Don Drysdale, one-half of baseball's top pitching combination, 8-2.

By JOE FALLS
Chicago Daily Free Press

Shocks the mystery of the Northern Lights but a mystery at all.

The Twins turned the powder blue skies to an ash white yesterday as they blasted the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-2 in the opening game of the World Series.

Not since the days of Nottoli and Tommeaker has the ground of the Great North country shook with such violence as on this pleasant afternoon in the suburb of Bloomington.

The weather was a mild 64 and that was the first shock. The second was Don Drysdale getting trounced like a batting practice pitcher—a batting practice pitcher for the Mets.

The Twins destroyed one-half of the Dodger's invincible pitching pair, and the knuckner, while not as sudden as Clay-Linton, was not less stunning.

By BIRD SMITH
New York Herald Tribune

Don Drysdale, the greatest pitcher resident in Hidden Hills, Calif., turned to watch a fly ball hit by Zola Versalles settle into the lower deck of seats in left field. When he turned back, he looked as though he smelted something bad.

Only the fact that Sandy Vidlerman, who rided a line drive to right for two bases, and now Walter Alton, who smelted something bad, had not yet seen what it was, decided he was mistaken, and let Drysdale keep on throwing until six runners had scampered across the plate in the shortest inning Los Angeles has experienced since 1904.

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By ARTHUR DALEY
New York Times

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SERIES OUTCOME
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LAS VEGAS, Nev.—Minnesota power and as 8-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers Wednesday moved Las Vegas bookies to odds of even on a betting tossup.

The two sports books accounts, series bets say Minnesota has a 50-50 chance to win, the Dodgers were favored 10-11.

However, the bookies have opened confidence in Sandy Kousser to make the Dodgers a 5-8 favorite in the second game today at Minneapolis.

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LINCOLN, Neb.—Nabroska Coach Bill and the 19-3 "definitely" Dewdney reported Wednesday that they had insured Coleman. "He was our best guy and Langston Coleman, runner and one of our best left fielders, was able to play today," Dewdney said.

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