

Youngsters Find Stadium 'Gate'

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The knot hole got a little big for a while at Metropolitan stadium Sunday.

Official attendance was 30,999 — largest home attendance for the Minnesota Twins — but take it on reliable authority that it was more than 31,000.

A steady stream of youngsters entered a gap in the right field corner until ushers noticed and closed the oversized knot hole with a huge tarpaulin.

The impromptu entrance was near the construction area of the new permanent-seating addition.

ONE TYKE went out by the ears, but at least nine young fans faded into the standing-room crowd before the hole was covered.

The crowd, which swelled home attendance over the quarter-million mark (275,048), enjoyed a sunny, 70-

degree day to witness the Twins' first home double-header. The opponents: the Cleveland Indians.

Many had driven over from Wisconsin and up from Iowa.

The crowd cheered when Twins center fielder Lenny Green hit safely in his 17th and 18th straight games. He almost broke the string. In the first game he was hitless until the last of the ninth with two out. But he came through with a single.

Don Lee and Jim (Mudcat) Grant were the starting pitchers for the second game. The crowd laughed when the Twins scoreboard flashed the following:

THIS IS the first time Lee has faced Grant since 1865.'

The result was the same as in 1865.

The crowd cheered when they saw the boys sneaking in through the construction hole.

But that was about all they cheered. The Twins were shut out twice, 9 to 0 and 2 to 0.



Twins Knot-hole gang

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