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Paige gets Veck 'off hook' by entering Hall



Selected Paige was one large smile Monday after he was inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame, at Cooperstown.

New York Times Service
Cooperstown, N.Y.
I am the proudest man on the earth today, and my wife and sister and sister-in-law and my son all feel the same. It was a wonderful day and one man who appreciates it is Larry Storch. Paige

when he called me to Cleveland. Paige went on, smiling and referring to Veck. "They told him to get anyone but Paige — he's too old to wear. Well, Mr. Veck, I got you off the hook today.
He reminisced about the earlier days.
I'd take a train up to Canada, and if I didn't pitch, they didn't want the clock — it was for them in the ball park. So the first I pitched was straight days. I learned to pitch by the hour or the week.
And they'd make fun about my not running, about being slow to get out to the mound, but I never minded myself. I knew they couldn't start the play until I got out there."

Paige got the largest hand from the crowd when introduced by Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, and got a second spontaneous round of applause as he stepped to the microphone. His family, including his 17-year-old son (who is already taller than Paige's 6-foot 3½ inches) were in the audience.
The other players inducted were Chick Harley, Harry Harper and Russ Margulies, who were present. Dave Bancroft, who was unable to attend because of illness, and John Becken and Jim Keenan, deceased, also named but kept away by illness was George White, honored for his executive service with the Twins and Mets. All were selected by an old-timers committee.

Minnesotan Bobick wins Pan Am medal

Associated Press
Call, Colombia
Dancer Bobick, a 20-year-old, 205-pound blond from Bowtie, Minn., won the heavyweight division gold medal Monday night in the Pan American Games boxing championship.
Bobick, a Navy quartermaster stationed at Norfolk, Va., defeated Mexico's Diego Ricksa 10-7 on the ring before stopping his foe on a technical knockout in the second round.
Steve Furniss, an 18-year-old high schooler from Santa Ana, Calif., won his second gold medal in the United States, Mexico and Venezuela free style in the 200-pound individual men's category. American men swimmers shattered the world record in the men's 800-meter freestyle relay and continued their unbeaten assault on swimming records.

Red Sox outslug Detroit 12-11

Associated Press
Boston, Mass.
Pitcher Steve Carlton struck out three batters in the ninth inning to help the Boston Red Sox defeat the Detroit Tigers 12-11 Monday night.
Carlton's ninth inning single with one out started Detroit's decisive ninth. Then, John Kennedy doubled to left, but Carlton stumbled rounding third and was thrown out trying to score.
After Bob Montgomery, who had driven in six runs, four with his first major league grand slam home run, was walked intentionally, Peterson batted for winning reliever Quilly Lyle and pitched his game-winning hit.
George Scott had four hits in the Red Sox lineup, including a home run, against Detroit despite six left homers, three by Bill Freehan, two by Willie Horton and one by Aurelio Rodriguez.
The slugfest, aided by a strong wind blowing on and a bright sun which slipped behind, was refereed by a miler after Detroit reliever Bill Donnelly hit Reggie Smith with a pitch to start the Boston ninth.
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Nancy Robertson of Canada was crowned by the Pan Am Staff as the expected star during the 10-meter tower event at the Pan Am games in Cali, Colombia. Miss Robertson won the event.



Staff Photos by Mike Zerby

Mays wins homer duel, but Killebrew saves one for game

By Tom Ivers
Staff Writer
Forty-year-old Willie Mays of San Francisco has 643 career home runs in a major league career spanning 19 seasons in the National League; Harmon Killebrew, 35 of the Twins, has 499 career home runs in 16 American League seasons.
And that's about the way the home-run hitting contest came out at Metropolitan Stadium Monday night: Mays won the home-run duel, but Killebrew saved one for the game.
Mays hit the first and third homers in the first and fourth innings of the game, slugging a 423-foot home run off Jim Willoughby in the first inning for three runs.

Mays is the second-ranking home-run hitter of all time, Killebrew ranks 19th. Both admit it will take some doing to eclipse Babe Ruth's mark of 714 and second 37-year-old Hank Aaron's mark of 755.
"Rounds are nice if you make it," said Mays. "But that's not the reason you're playing. You don't think of those records when you're up at the plate."
Killebrew said "You just thinking about No. 11 this year, not Ruth's 714."
In the pre-game "home ball" contest, each batter got 15 fair balls.
The first round of five fair balls by a former teammate of both players, Paul Gold, doing the pitching. Mays hit the first and third homers in the first and fourth innings of the game, slugging a 423-foot home run off Jim Willoughby in the first inning for three runs.
In the second round, Mays hit the third and fifth homers and Killebrew got only one on a 380-footer. A fast runner in the first row of the stands in left-field hit Mays' 4-3 in home run.
Mays outscored Killebrew 2-1 on the final round. Each player commanded \$200 in his favorite charity, courtesy of former National Greenway of Milwaukee Fielder. A crowd of 24,719 got its money's worth too. The contest was delayed 20 minutes to allow fans to get into their seats.
Mays tickled the fans by playing an inning in centerfield and at left field in the final round.
For a view of Mays and other National League heroes, Twins President Calvin Griffith has long favored inter-league scheduling. After the struggling Twins knocked over the first-place Giants of the National League West he may petition for entry to the other league.
Rich Reese also homered for the Twins last night and Steve Luebber, Hal Haydel, Jim Strickland and Stan Williams combined to pitch in eight innings.
TWIN TOPICS: Tommy Hall (4-3), Jim Perry (12-13) and Jim Kaat (8-8) will pitch the three-game series against Baltimore, opening tonight at Metropolitan Stadium. Max Genter (13-3), Pat Dobson (15-5) and Jim Palmer (13-6) are the Baltimore probability.
Trainer George Lentz of the Twins hopes to have second baseman Danny Thompson showing before the end of the season. Thompson missed the Giant's exhibition game last night.
Receipts of exhibition games are divided by the two teams. . . . Hall will have two weeks of military duty Friday.

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