

Exhibition

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He left with the bases loaded and one out in the fifth, and had managed a near standoff against the Puckett, who was hitting .376 with a major league-leading 11 home runs.

In the first, Puckett tripped to center, but Hunziker settled down and stranded him at third.

In the third, Mickey Hatcher led off against Hunziker with a double, and Chris Pittaro moved him to third with a single. But then Hunziker (3-0 this season) got the top of the order — including Puckett — to fly out to end the inning.

He used forkballs and spit-fingered fastballs, trying only to throw strikes low and away.

"He's not overpowering; he's not a strikeout pitcher, and that's nothing against him," Anderson said.

Hunziker tired in the fifth, after the Gophers had given him a 2-0 lead on fourth-inning RBI singles by Paul Weinberg and Sam Schoen. Into the fifth-inning quagmire waded Gopher reliever Steve Fregin, the eventual losing pitcher.

He gave up an RBI single to Alex Sanchez, cutting the Gophers' lead to 2-1. Gary Gaetti then struck out with the bases loaded, after which Tim Laudner delivered a grand-slam homer that gave the Twins a 5-2 lead.

The Gophers came back to tie it at 5-5 in the seventh when, with the bases loaded, Twins farmhand Dan Clay walked in a run. After pinch-hitter Bruce Bates struck out, Weinberg singled in two runs, giving him three for the night.

In the eighth, the Twins broke the game open with five runs, as Pittaro and Roy Smalley singled in runs, and Kent Hrbek followed with a three-run homer.

It was as Hunziker had said all along: "They're gonna hit. No matter what, they're gonna do that."

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Before the game, a home-run hitting contest was held among four Twins and four Gophers.

MINN. TWINS		MINN. GOPHERS	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Smalley, ss	4 2 1 1	Bruntz, cf	5 1 3 0
Puckett, cf	2 0 1 0	Goergen, 3b	5 1 0 0
Buoh, lf-lb	2 2 1 0	Confreres, 2b	1 0 0 0
Hrbek, dh	5 1 3 0	McIntosh, rf	4 1 0 0
Gagne, ph	1 0 0 0	Palvas, ph	1 0 1 0
Brundswy, rf	2 0 0 0	Ward, lf	3 0 0 0
Sanchez, rf	3 1 2 1	Kwasnicka, lf	0 0 0 1
Gaetti, 3b	3 0 0 0	Bauer, ph	1 0 0 0
Selas, lf	1 0 0 0	Heniges, dh	2 1 1 0
Laudner, c	5 2 4 4	Bates, ph	0 0 0 0
Beane, lf-cf	4 0 0 0	Weinberg, lb	4 1 2 3
Hatcher, 2b-lb	5 2 2 1	Hess, ss	4 0 1 0
Pittaro, 2b	5 2 4 2	Halloran, cf	2 0 0 0
		Norris, cf	1 0 1 1
		Schoen, 2b	2 0 0 0
		Laudner, 2b-3b	2 0 0 0
Totals	44 12 16 12	Totals	37 5 12 4

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Portugal, Twins	2	7	0	0	1	3
Latham, Twins	2	6	0	0	0	2
Jackson, Twins	2	1	0	0	0	2
Clay, Twins (W)	4	5	3	0	2	1
Hunziker, Gophers	4	5	3	0	2	1
Fregin, Gophers (L)	1	5	5	5	1	0
Pruitt, Gophers	1	5	5	5	1	0

HBP—Goergen (by Clay). WP—Pruitt, Portugal. T—2:54. A—1,006.

Contestants hit 14 pitches, seven each in two rounds. The Gophers' Tom Ward shared top honors with teammate Dave Hentges, each having four. Puckett hit one, but only took five tries.

Gophers, Twins Notes/ Proceeds of the game were to go toward funding baseball scholarships at the university. Twins manager Ray Miller said he wanted to play the game because the university had allowed Twins players to use the Gophers' indoor practice facility during the winter. ... Before the game, Anderson announced that a new baseball scholarship at the university would be awarded honoring the late David Chelmsik Jr. Chelmsik, a former Gopher player, died of cancer in 1984. ... Besides Clay, the other Twins farmhand to pitch last night was Roy Lee Jackson, who gave up no runs and struck out two in two innings.

Today in baseball

1915/ Babe Ruth, pitching for the Red Sox, hit his first major-league home run. He connected off Jack Warhop of the Yankees at the Polo Grounds.

1853/ Bobo Holloman of the St. Louis Browns pitched a no-hitter against the Philadelphia Athletics in his first major-league start. He never pitched another complete game in the majors.

Twins 12 and Gophers 5



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