

150,000 Fans Likely at Met This Week

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Robinson McNally McLain Lolich

Chance Hurls Two Innings in Victory

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COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Sandy Valappin hit the first symbol of Don Chance's comeback attempt over the fence Monday, but the Minnesota Twins and Chance settled down to defeat Houston 7-2.

Chance pitched two innings in the annual Hall of Fame Game, which was called by Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, at the end of five innings because of rain and wet grounds.

A capacity crowd of 8,791 watched Chance and Dave Nelson pitch the first game since Chance's return to the majors. Chance pitched four hits, Frank Quilley had a three-run homer and a double for the Twins. Tony Oliva had a bases-empty homer and a single, and Craig Nettles had a two-run home run to pace the Twins' 11-hit attack against Donkey Workman and Skip Gulin.

Chance gave up three hits and two runs, one unearned.

ticket traffic of the season in anticipation of the seven games with the top two teams in the American League's East Division.

A week-long series against Boston and New York City. The Minnesota Twins reported Monday that they are experiencing their heaviest

Twins. The Twins were in third place at the time, 5 1/2 games out of first.

The divisional setup is such that this will be the first trip to Metropolitan Stadium for Detroit and Baltimore since mid-May. With good weather the Twins are hoping to draw 185,000 fans to bring their season attendance to 600,000.

Detroit is cooperating tonight by pitching Denny McLain, last year's Cy Young Award winner when he won 31 games, and World Series hero Mickey Lolich against the Twins in tonight's doubleheader, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

The Twins, who will pitch Jim Perry and either Tom Hall or Bob Miller, haven't beaten McLain since Sept. 2, 1967. He is 7-0 against them since then.

The last time Lolich pitched in Metropolitan Stadium, Rod Carew and Cesar Tovar of the Twins stole home, but the Tigers won 8-2.

Earl Wilson is set to face Jim East Wednesday night, and Dave Rowell will oppose Mike Killebrew Thursday.

Early Wynn's Camp-In has caught on so much that the Twins are now raising their estimates to 4,000 campers for the weekend series with the Orioles.

Baltimore features Dave McNally, the Billings, Mont., shutout who leads the major leagues with a 14-0 record. The last man to win 15 consecutive games in a season was Bob Gibson who did it last year for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Jack Sanford won 10 in a row for San Francisco in 1962, and Eloy Face won 17 straight at the start of the 1959 season for Pittsburgh.

Timothy Lincecum, in 1888, and Rube Marquard in 1912 set the major league record with 19 consecutive victories in a single season. McNally won 12 in a row last year.

McNally faced the Twins once before this year and threw a one-hitter, a ninth-inning single by Tovar.

The two series also will feature five of the league's top hitters in Carew, Tony Oliva, Rich Rosen, Frank Robinson and Paul Blair.

Harmon Killebrew and Boog Powell will carry on a personal contest to become the first major leaguer this year to drive in 100 runs. Killebrew leads now, 95 to 85.

Seats in all price ranges remain for all seven games, a Twins spokesman said late yesterday afternoon.

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