

Alton Explodes to Shatter Flyers, 38-20

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Alton High School got stung at Public School Stadium Friday night in its Southwestern Conference opener against East St. Louis.

It lasted for a quarter and darn near the first half.

But, with little halfback Gerry Wilson, quarterback Mike Jeffries soothing the pain, the Redbirds went on a 19-point rampage in the third quarter and wound up a 38-20 winner.

It was the Redbirds' third

straight win of an unbeaten season, one achieved before some 6,000 fans.

Before some of the folks had settled in their seats, East St. Louis had a touchdown. The Flyers took the opening kickoff and scored. They got the ball back on a fumble and went in for another TD. Boom! It was 13-0.

This display of sudden power came from a team that had gained just 43 total yards in the previous Friday against city rival Lincoln in a 13-12 victory.

And, one that had lost to Soldan of St. Louis the first week of the season, 20-13.

From then on, the tide went Alton's way. Wilson scored three times to give him 11 touchdowns for the season and 66 points. He had scored four touchdowns in each of the first two games.

The first half ended 13-13 with Alton's ground game, except for an all-the-way gallop by Wilson, bottled up by a Larry King-led defense. King, a 178-pound line-backer, made a nuisance of himself all night, much of it in

the first half when the Redbirds were their own worst enemies.

East St. Louis limited the Redbirds to 59 yards (net) in the initial half. The Flyers surprised by running at the back-on-their-heels Redbird defense and getting away with it. They piled up 120 yards.

The second half was all Alton's. The home forces came alive on offense, cut down on mistakes, and rolled to 162 yards on the ground.

The defensive troops picked up the tempo and the Flyers'

ground game was practically nil. They managed 28 yards the last two quarters.

With Bob Joehl, Jim Moore, Bob Everage, Ed Morris, Joe Connell, El Harrington, Terry Mitchell, Mike Grady, Roger Minton and Gary Hagen gangling up on the Flyer runners, quarterback Larry Hayes of the East Siders took to the air to keep the Alton defense honest. Hayes showed a good arm, one that set up the last touchdown for Fred Cameron's crew.

Yet, with Hayes firing

bullets, Alton's big (6-3, 215 pounds) Jeffries, was even more effective. He was on target six of seven times with two of the bullseyes going for touchdowns.

When he saw his receivers covered, he romped in for two touchdowns. He took over extra point kicking duties from Hagen late in the third quarter and hoisted one of two. In all, Jeffries accounted for 25 points.

"Jeff did a real fine job for us," said Alton coach Ed Yonkus. "He faked those two pass-

es and bulled right in there for those two touchdowns. I guess this is the year of the quarterback in the conference. He's definitely a good one."

Getting back to Wilson, the senior speedster, a 5-10, 155-pounder, carried nine times and gained 147 yards for 16.3 per carry. He caught one 15-yard pass and handled two kickoffs for 30 yards to account for 102 yards in all.

"How many times have you seen an Alton team come from behind and win a ball game?"

asked Yonkus. "I've heard some of the fans say we can't win the big ones. Maybe we proved something."

"To me the key was the 13-13 tie at halftime. If we had been behind when we went to the dressing room, it might have been a little difficult that second half."

"Contrary to what everybody was saying, we knew East St. Louis was a good team. They didn't pull any surprises except once when they had a reverse. That's something we hadn't seen. They did just about what we expected them to do."

Then he tossed to Bailey, who made a fine grab at the 7.

Jeffries rolled out for another pass, couldn't find anyone and went in for the score.

Wilson got the third touchdown of the quarter after a poor 18-yard punt set it up. This time he went 40 yards.

Jeffries booted and Alton had a 32-13 cushion.

With Hayes hitting passes for 21, 22 and 13, the Flyers drove 73 yards for a touchdown in the fourth period.

Stubby Rod Fisher, a 204-pounder, got it from a yard out with 5:47 left.

That spurred Alton into another score. The Redbirds drove 75 yards. Wilson had a 16-yard dash and Hagen caught a 19-yard loss. Jeffries went the last nine yards on a rollout.

Hayes went to the air in desperation and three straight completions saw the Flyers on the Alton 18 when the game ended.

"I sure hope this cures that East St. Louis jinx we've been faced with so long," said Yonkus. "There was a little stigma with us. The kids had some buck fever when they knew they were playing East Side. Maybe that had something to do with the way we started the game. Could be it's our turn now."

Granite City is next for Alton. The second conference game for both teams will be played on Granite's field Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Vikings Look For Bear Meat

By ED SCHUYLER JR.
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The Vikings of Minnesota, displaying the daring their name connotes, will go after their third straight National Football League victory Sunday against a Chicago Bear who hopes to awaken from a puzzling early-season hibernation.

The surprising Vikings again will count on a wide-open offense which they used to smash Atlanta in the season opener and upset Green Bay last week.

Running back Ron Bull is out, but Gale Sayers, who has a bruised back, is expected to start for the Bears, upset by Washington and then smashed 42-0 by Detroit last week. To come out of their tailspin, the Bears will have to jell on defense and quarterbacks Jack Concannon and Larry Rakestraw will have to find the range. Detroit intercepted eight Chicago passes.

Detroit, 1-1, is at Green Bay, 1-1, in one of the seven other NFL games Sunday.

Elsewhere, Los Angeles, 2-0, is at Cleveland, 1-1; Dallas, 2-0, at Philadelphia, 0-2; Baltimore, 2-0, at Pittsburgh, 0-2; Washington, 1-1, at New York 2-0; Atlanta, 0-2, at San Francisco, 1-1, and St. Louis, 0-2, at New Orleans, 1-1.

In the American Football League, Kansas City is at Miami tonight and Sunday will find San Diego at Cincinnati, Oakland at Houston, New York at Buffalo and Boston at Denver.

The Detroit-Green Bay game is a key one for both clubs, who trail Minnesota in the Central Division.

Green Bay, which again will count on the passing of Bart Starr and the running of versatile Donny Anderson, will have to stop the passing of Detroit's Bill Munson and the receiving of Earl McCullouch. Linebacker Mike Lucic is a doubtful starter for Detroit.

Cleveland linebacker Dale Lindsey is a doubtful starter, and the Browns will need all the defense they can get against a Los Angeles club that moves behind Roman Gabriel's passing to a host of talented receivers and sound running attack. Cleveland's Frank Ryan should be busy with a Ram defense that is rough on quarterbacks.

Dallas takes the highest-scoring offense, 87 points, and best defense, 20 points, into Philadelphia. The Cowboys might be without defensive tackle Jethro Pugh, but they shouldn't need him against the hapless Eagles.

Johnny Unitas, who has yet to play this season because of a sore elbow, again is expected to turn the quarterbacking duties over to Earl Morrall, and Earl and his mates are expected to have little trouble against Pittsburgh, hit hard by injuries before the season even started.

Washington, which upset Chicago and was upset by New Orleans, will need a big day from passing artist Sonny Jurgensen and will have to stop scrambling Fran Tarkenton to get by New York. The loss of linebacker Vince Costello with a knee injury could hurt the New York pass rush.

Atlanta, which gave Baltimore a tough battle, will have to be tough again against San Francisco, which got a good performance from quarterback John Brodie in beating St. Louis

last week.

And St. Louis won't have an easy time in trying to make New Orleans its first victim of the season. The loss of linebacker Dave Meggysey with a concussion could hurt the Cardinals, who will have to stop the running of Don McCall as well as the passing of scrambling Billy Kilmer.

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	96	64	.600
San Fran.	87	73	.544
Chicago	83	78	.513
Cincinnati	82	78	.513
Atlanta	80	80	.500
Pittsburgh	80	80	.500
Los Angeles	75	85	.469
Philadelphia	75	85	.469
New York	72	88	.450
Houston	71	89	.444

Friday's Results			
St. Louis 1, Houston 0	Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 1	Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 2	Philadelphia 3, New York 2
11 innings			
San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 2	15 innings		

Probable Pitchers			
Philadelphia (G. Jackson 1-6 or Johnson 4-3) at New York (Ryan 6-9 or Cardwell 7-13)	Pittsburgh (Blass 18-5) at Chicago (Jenkins 19-15)	San Francisco (Bolin 10-5) at Cincinnati (Nolan 9-3)	Los Angeles (Sutton 10-15) at Atlanta (Jarvis 16-11), N. Houston Wilson (13-16) at St. Louis (Gibson 21-0)

Sunday's Games				
Pittsburgh at Chicago	Los Angeles at Atlanta	Houston at St. Louis	San Francisco at Cincinnati	
Philadelphia at New York	American League			
W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	
Detroit .. 103	57	.444	—	—
Baltimore .. 91	71	.562	13	—
Boston .. 86	74	.538	17	—
Cleveland .. 86	75	.534	17 1/2	—
New York .. 81	79	.506	22	—
Oakland .. 81	79	.506	22	—
Minnesota .. 78	82	.488	25	—
California .. 66	94	.413	37	—
Chicago .. 66	94	.413	37	—
Wash'n .. 63	96	.396	39 1/2	—

EDMONTON (AP) — Alford, 18, of Edmonton won the vacant Canadian lightweight boxing championship Friday by scoring a unanimous 12-round decision over Julio Mandell of Toronto. Both boxers came in at 135 pounds.

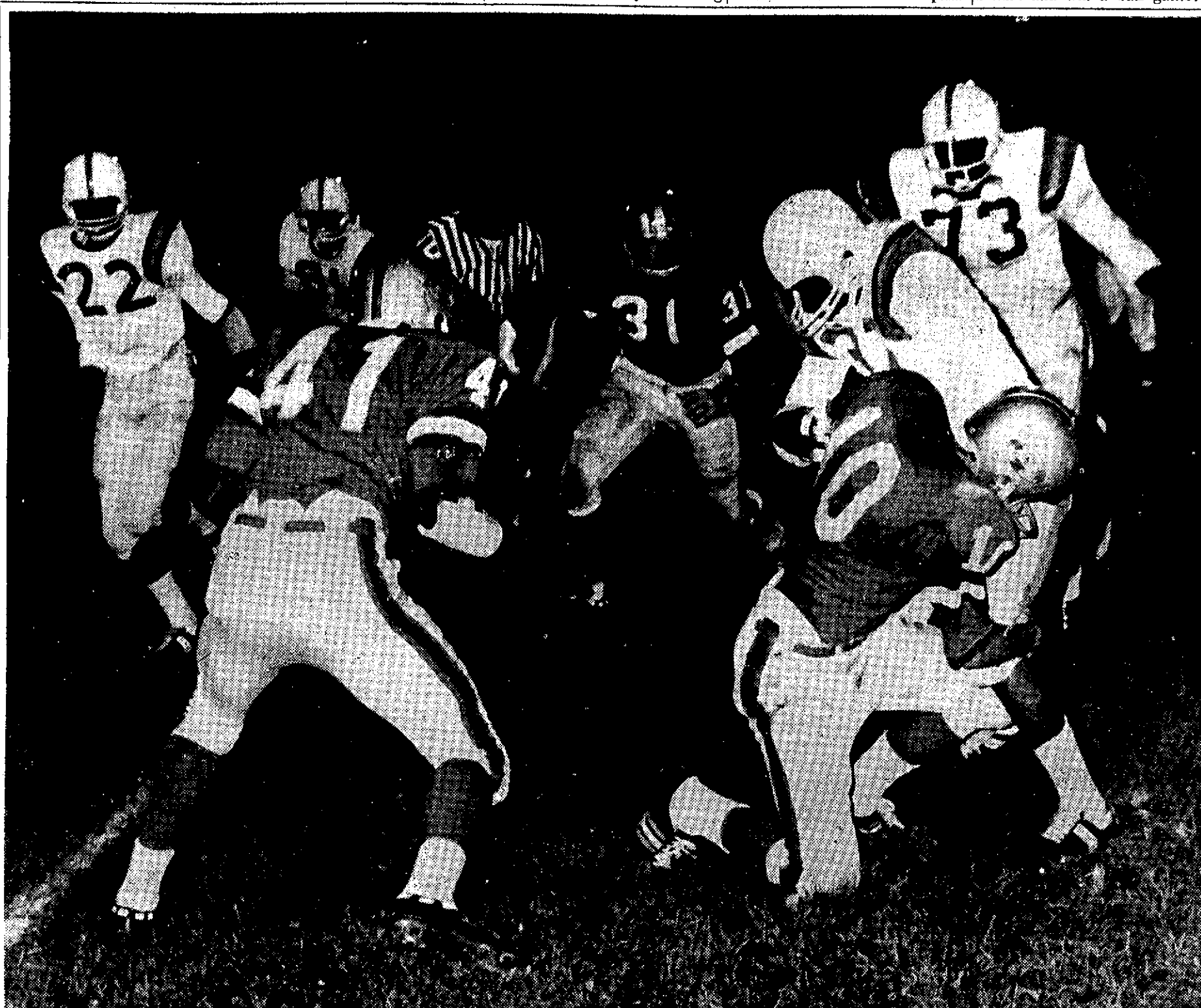
YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — Meadow Elva, driven by Del Insko, set a world mile record of 1:59.2-5 for a four-year-old pacing mare over a half-mile track at Yonkers Raceway Friday night. The previous record of 1:59.4-5 was set by Adios Claire at Roosevelt Raceway, Westbury, N.Y. in 1959.

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SATURDAY
Marquette at Western Military Academy, 2 p.m.
CBC (St. Louis) at Belleville (Alton)

COLLEGE
Missouri at Illinois

SUNDAY
St. Louis Cardinals at New Orleans



END OF LINE — Mike Grady (10), defensive halfback for Alton, stops East St. Louis' Prentice Cotton after a short gain in Friday night's Southwestern Conference thriller at Public School Stadium. Other Alton defenders are Ed Morris (41) and linebacker Bob Joehl (31), one of the defensive stars of the game.

Gibson Ready for Series

By HAL BOCK
Associated Press Sports Writer

Bring on the Tigers. Bob Gibson is ready.

The St. Louis ace, tuning up for the World Series against Detroit, hurled his 13th shutout of the season Friday night and shattered a 53-year-old pitching record while doing it.

Gibson beat Houston 1-0 and lowered his earned run average to 1.12, breaking the National League mark of 1.22 set by Philadelphia's Grover Cleveland Alexander in 1915. It was the 22nd victory of the season—a personal all-time for the big right-hander.

This was supposed to be a practice game for Gibson, but somebody got the hours mixed up, and instead of practicing

Gibson had to settle for breaking records.

Which was fine with Gibson, but he said it was better that he won a game.

Not bad for a game in which he was supposed to be practicing for the opening game of the World Series Wednesday.

"Practice?" Gibson asked. "That wasn't practice as far as I'm concerned. Practice is between 5 and 8 p.m."

For the first four innings it looked as if the Cardinals weren't doing much more than practicing against Houston's Larry Dierker, 12-15. Then Julian Javier walked and Gibson sacrificed him to second with one out. Singles by Lou Brock and Curt Flood sent him home.

That was all Gibson needed,

and for that matter got, for his 22nd victory — the most he has ever won in the majors. He was considerably happier about breaking a personal two-game losing streak than breaking some records.

"Good, I'm elated," Gibson giggled when told he had broken some more records. "I finally won a game."

"I don't think it was one of my faster games as far as velocity is concerned, but I thought I pitched well. I hit the corners when I had to and didn't walk a man. But I think I threw harder in the two games I lost on the coast."

"You like to set a record, it's fine, but it's not something you worry about. I knew I had a shot at the ERA for the National

League, but not about the other record. All those other records have asterisks all over them."

Gibson was working with three days rest, something he'll be doing in the series against the Detroit Tigers. Though he usually works with four days rest he felt better than he had his last two starts.

Gibson's performance was typical of 1968's pitcher-dominated season and so was Pete Rose's move into the batting lead.

Cincinnati's Rose had one hit in seven at bats as the Reds dropped a 15-inning game to San Francisco, 3-2. Rose's average dipped two points to .330 but Pittsburgh's Matty Alou was 0-for-4 as the Pirates bowed to Chicago, 4-1, and dropped three points to .329.

In other National League games, Los Angeles topped Atlanta 5-2 and Philadelphia edged New York 3-2 in 11 innings.

Willie Mays broke up the Giants game with a leadoff homer in the 15th inning against Cincinnati's Ted Abernathy. It was Mays' 23rd of the year and career No. 587.

The loss shoved the Reds into a third place tie with the Cubs, who defeated Pittsburgh. Lee May homered for Cincinnati.

Al Spangler's eighth pinch hit of the season—a two-run double in the seventh inning—helped the Cubs get past Pittsburgh.

Tom Haller drove in three runs with a double and triple, leading the Dodgers past the Braves. Haller's triple in the ninth inning broke a 2-2 tie, scoring Jim Fairley and Willie Davis, who had singled.

The Phillies edged the Mets in the 11th inning when Gary Sutherland opened a bloop double and scored on Cookie Rojas' pop fly single.

HOUSTON (0)				CARDS (1)			
AB	R	H	ER	AB	R	H	ER
Herrera	4	0	0	Brock	4	0	0
Torres	4	0	0	Flood	4	0	0
Wynn	4	0	0	Maris	4	0	0
Smith	4	0	0	Copoda	4	0	0
Rader	3	0	0	McCurvey	4	0	0
Menick	3	0	0	Shannon	3	0	0
Aspense	3	0	0	Javier	2	1	0
Colbert	0	0	0	Maxvillo	3	0	0
Adlesh	2	0	0	Gibson	3	0	0
Dierker	2	0	0				
Thomas	0	0	0				
Hill	0	0	0				
Shea	0	0	0				
Totals	30	0	0	Totals	28	1	0
Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Tribe High, So Is McDowell

By MIKE RECHT
Associated Press Sports Writer

Sam McDowell and the surprising Cleveland Indians have finished their 1968 baseball season on a high note, but they'll have to wait another day to find out how high.

The fire-balling McDowell took over the American League lead in strike outs by fanning 11 for 283 as he hurled a four-hitter in Cleveland's 2-0 triumph over Baltimore Friday night in the season finale for both clubs.

The victory also left the Indians, a pre-season pick to finish in the second division, only a half game behind Boston in the battle for third place.

However, 31-game winner Denny McLain of Detroit makes a final tune up today for the World Series against Washington, needing eight strike outs to overtake McDowell. And Boston still has games left against the New York Yankees today and Sunday, needing only one victo-

hopes by running over the Yankees 12-2 Friday night as Carl Yastrzemski, Reggie Smith and Mike Andrews slashed homers behind Dick Ellsworth.

Frank Howard's 44th homer and Joe Coleman's six-hit pitching sent Washington by Detroit 3-1.

In other games Oakland moved into a tie for fifth place with the Yankees by bombing Minnesota 8-4 behind Rick Monday's two homers and one by Dick Green, and the Chicago White Sox beat California 5-1 to tie the Angels for eighth.

Yastrzemski had a double and his 23rd homer for Boston. Smith drove in two runs and scored two with a double and his 15th homer and Andrews knocked in three and setred two with a double and his seventh homer.

Ellsworth went 6-2-3 innings for his 16th victory against seven losses.

Howard, who singled earlier

givers.

Monday's homers, giving him eight, were his first in a month and drove in three runs and Green's sixth came with two on.

Winner Chuck Dobson, 12-14, and Twins' first baseman Rich Reese left the game in the sixth inning after a collision at first which left Dobson with a sprained ankle and Reese complaining of injured ribs. The

Twins also lost Rod Carew to a twisted knee and Bob Allison, who homered earlier, suffered head and mouth cuts running into a fence for a fly ball.

Joe Horlen, 12-14, who singled in one run, teamed with Wilbur Wood to pitch the White Sox past California. Leon Wagner doubled for two more runs as the Angels lost their sixth straight.

Tommy Bolt Pacing National Senior Open

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Tommy Bolt, 50, famous in golfing circles for his fiery temper and flashy clothes, isn't letting age affect his game.

He leads the 12th annual U.S. National Senior Open by five strokes and has shot a record-breaking 62 on the Tropicana

course. This round came during the first day of play and on Friday's second round he came in with a three-under par 68 on the Winterwood course for a 130 total.

Five-time senior champion Dutch Harrison of Ellenville, N.Y., was second place with 155

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