

Strike Zone Achieving All Its Objectives

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The evidence of the first five days of the major league baseball season indicates that the new strike zone rule is achieving both objectives for which it was instituted.

The rule—enlarging the size of the strike zone—was designed to improve the effectiveness of pitchers and to speed up games. The idea was that the pitchers were becoming homer-punchy and that long games were resulting in unfavorable fan reaction.

Statistics Back Objectives
The first five days of a six-

month-long season represent only a tiny sample, of course, but the statistics speak loud and clear at the moment.

Pitchers already have pitched five shutouts and 13 one-run games. They have achieved one one-hitter, three two-hitters and two three-hitters.

There have been only two three-or longer games played in the National League and none in the American League.

The 1963 pattern of well-pitched, briskly played games was continued in the only two games played on Good Friday—the Kansas City Athletics beating the Min-

nesota Twins, 6-0, in a two-hour and 19-minute American League game and the Houston Colts defeating the Los Angeles Dodgers, 2-1, in a 12-inning, three-hour-and-nine minute National League contest.

Ed Rakow, 14-17 last season, pitched a two-hitter for the Athletics who scored their first victory of the season after two losses to the New York Yankees. The slim right-hander gave up a lead-off double to Lenny Green in the first inning and a scratch single by Vic Power in the eighth. It was the first two-hitter he ever pitched in the majors although he did pitch a one-hitter last August 26.

Siebert Slams Homer
Norm Siebert provided the big blow for Rakow in the first inning when he hit a three-run homer off the left field foul pole. The blow came off Jack Kralick with Gino Cimoli and Ed Charles on base. Chuck Essegian's two-run single was the key blow in the other three-run uprising by the As in the seventh inning.

Dick Farrell, who last September dealt the Dodgers one of the crucial defeats of the NL season, fireballed a four-hitter and struck out 11 to give the Colts their first win of the young season. Tommy Davis made three of the Dodger hits including a single that led to Los Angeles' 1-0 lead in the top of the ninth inning.

Pinch-hitter Carl Warwick singled home the tying run for the Colts in the bottom of the ninth, however, and they went on to win the game in the 12th on Howie Goss' single with the bases filled. Ed Rakow, who pitched the last two and two-thirds innings, was the losing pitcher.

The races resume in earnest Saturday with Baltimore at New York, Detroit at Cleveland, Chicago at Los Angeles, Minnesota at Kansas City and Boston at Washington in the American League, and Philadelphia at St. Louis, Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, New York at Milwaukee and Los Angeles at Houston in the National League.

American League
Minnesota 000 000 000—0 2 1
Kansas City 300 000 30X—6 9 0

Kralick, Dailey (7), Lashier (8) and Battey, Rakow (1-0) and Sullivan, Loser—Kralick (0-1), HR—Siebert.

(Only game scheduled)
National League
Los Angeles 000 000 001 000—1 4 2
Houston 000 000 001 001—2 9 2

Miller, Perranoski (8), Roebuck (9) and Roseboro, Farrell (1-1) and Campbell, Loser—Roebuck (0-1).

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Henley Tramples Mustang Nine

The Henley Hornets, using 15 players and yet playing without five starters, slaughtered the Malin Mustangs at Malin Saturday afternoon, 22-10, in a non-conference game.

It was the second straight victory for the Hornets. They beat Sacred Heart, 4-0, Thursday on a no-hitter by Gary Durfee, Randy Lapo and Steve Rand, a catcher, combined for a six-

Gilchrist Garners Track

Gilchrist's track team, one of the stronger Class B teams in the region, ran away from Chiloquin and Paisley teams at Gilchrist in a triangular meet Saturday afternoon by compiling 91 3/4 points to 46 1/4 for Chiloquin and 13 for Paisley.

"We feel we have a real strong team here this year and figure to be among the top in the Klamath County League," Coach Jerry Bennett said. The Grizzlies won 10 events and tied for 14 in another. There were 14 events in the meet.

Jack Hazlewood turned in a good half-mile time for the Grizzlies with a clocking of 2:16. The Grizzlies were still a little tired because they just returned from the Hayward Relays in Eugene on Friday. They finished about 10th in the field of 35 there.

Matt Koski took the broad jump for the Grizzlies with a 19-1 leap. Dave Sporrer took the discus with a toss of 117-6. Lyles won the 220-yard dash in 25.1 and tied Chiloquin's Al DeBortoli in the 100 at 11.1. He was also second in the javelin behind Chiloquin's Tony Wilder who had a heave of 145-8 1/2. Lyles, Denny Jessup, Koski and Dan Hoff teamed up for a win in the 880-yard relay in a 1:44 clocking.

Jessup won the 440-yard dash in a slow time of 38.1 and Chiloquin's Boettes won the mile in 3:10.6. Koski took the high hurdles in 18.6 and Jack Hazlewood the lows in 23.3. Elms won the shot with a 41 foot heave.

The Grizzlies go to Bend for a triangular with Bend and Prineville on Monday.

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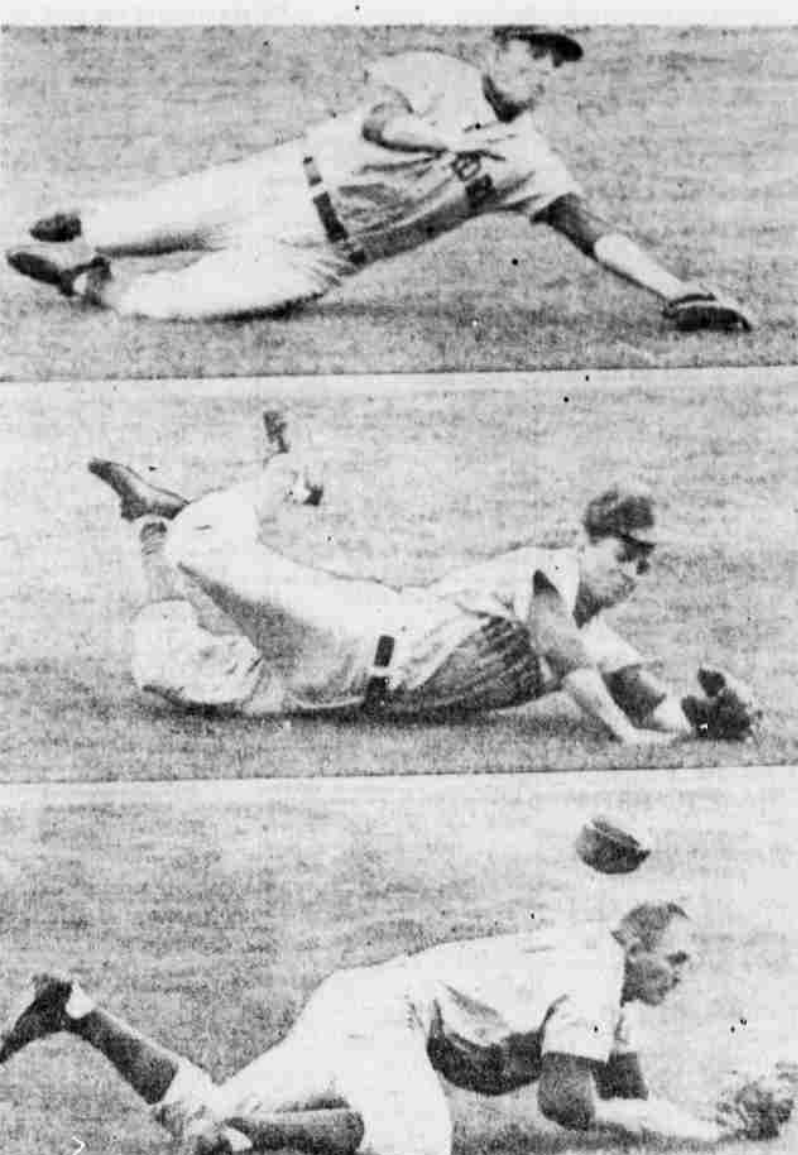
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The Huskies scored their only and winning run in the sixth. Larry Connor led off with a single and stole second. He took third on a fielder's choice and raced home after a sacrifice fly to left field by Dale Kurtz.

Merrill 000 001 0-1 4 2
Chiloquin 000 000 0-0 0 0



THOMAS MAKES GREAT CATCH — Frank Thomas, New York Mets left fielder, makes a great diving one-handed catch of a fly ball into short left by Milwaukee Braves right fielder Hank Aaron in the fifth inning of the Braves-Mets game. Braves won the game, 5-2.

Pelican Jayvees Clobber Crater In Doubleheader

The Klamath Union Jayvee baseball team swept a doubleheader from Crater's JV nine at Wright Field Saturday afternoon, 10-0 and 11-3. The wins were the second and third in succession for the undefeated Pelicans.

Max Cunningham, who pitched a no-hitter against Ashland's JVs, set the Crater team down on two hits in the abbreviated five-inning first game and Jim Bridges and Jim Patzke combined to hurl a three-hitter at the junior Comets in the second game.

The only hits off Cunningham in the first game came on a scratch infield hit and another which was automatically given because the hit ball struck a runner. Cunningham walked five and struck out nine in the winning process. Losing pitcher Mike Halsey gave up eight hits to the Pelicans, struck out only two and walked four.

Curtis Coleman led the hitting parade in the first game which was halted at the end of five frames with the 10-run rule being in effect. He slammed a home run, a triple and single for three of the eight safeties for the Pelicans. He drove in four runs on the hits.

The Pelicans dropped behind, 3-2, going into the fourth frame when they exploded for five runs. They scored another four in the fifth inning to wrap up the seven-inning second contest.

Bridges worked the first four innings and struck out eight and walked four. Patzke worked the final three frames and whiffed five and walked one. The Pelicans got only seven hits but were aided by seven Crater errors. The Comets made five in the first game.

Coleman also got a double in the second game for the hitting cycle for the day. Dave Lyman tripled while Rich Gustafson and Jim Goodman also slammed doubles for the winners. Losing pitcher Branch got two of the three Crater hits, a double and single. He struck out six and walked four in his losing cause.

RESULTS
Klamath 000 00-0 2 5
Crater 216 1X-10 8 1
Halsey and Blanchard; Cunningham and Williams; Bartlett (4).

Crater 011 100 0-3 3 7
Klamath 002 549 X-11 7 1
Branch and Latimer; Bridges, Patzke (5) and Bartlett, Williams.

BOUT CANCELED
LONDON (UPI)—Former world middleweight champion Terry Downes said Saturday his return fight with Sugar Ray Robinson has been canceled, and hinted that he may retire from the ring.

MANTLE HURT
NEW YORK (UPI)—Mickey Mantle was forced to the sidelines Saturday when he aggravated a muscle strain while batting in the game against the Baltimore Orioles. There was no indication how long Mantle will be out.

Mays, McCovey Homer To Lead Giants' Win

CHICAGO (UPI)—Willie Mays and Willie McCovey homered Saturday to give Jack Sanford and the league-leading San Francisco Giants a three-hit 2-1 triumph over the Chicago Cubs, running by starter Glenn Hobbie into the right field stands in the fourth.

The pair of homers, the first in Wrigley Field this season, brought the unbeaten Giants' total for their first four games to nine. McCovey swatted an offering by starter Glenn Hobbie into the right field stands in the fourth.

Sanford, winning his second game of the season with his fourth straight over Chicago, held the Cubs hitless until the fifth when Ernie Banks opened with a double and scored from second on Jose Pagan's error.

Banks' hit gave him a career total base mark of 2,880, tying Stan Hack for fourth place in the Cubs' all-time performance marks. Only Cap Anson, Gabby Hartnett and Jimmy Ryan have hit a higher figure for the Cubs.

Hobbie was lifted in the sixth when he lost his last ball and Don Elston replaced Toti, the loser, for the ninth.

Cards Get Third Straight Shutout

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—Lefty Curt Simmons pitched the St. Louis Cardinals to their third consecutive shutout, 7-0, in a home opener Saturday, limiting the Philadelphia Phillies to five scattered hits.

Newcomer Dick Groat, ex-Pittsburgh shortstop, joined Carl Sawatski and Julian Javier in hitting home runs in a 10-hit Cardinals attack.

Pittsburgh Defeats Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, Ohio (UPI)—The Pittsburgh Pirates parlayed three big innings and six-hit pitching by Bob Friend Saturday to defeat the Cincinnati Reds 12-4 in a game in which a record seven batters were called.

Bill Mazeroski slammed a two-run homer in the first inning when the Pirates scored three times against loser Jim O'Toole, who had beaten them in the opening game of the season. Mazeroski also hit safely in a four-run sixth inning rally and a five-run ninth inning rally.

RESULTS
Pittsburgh 000 000 000-12 17 2
Cincinnati 000 000 000-4 4 1
Friend (1-0) and Pagliarini, O'Toole, Slaughter (8), Henry (9) and Edwards, LP—O'Toole (1-1), HRs—Mazeroski (1st), Robinson (2nd).

Moorehead Leads Bosox By Senators

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Dave Moorehead, a 19-year-old rookie, made a superlative major league debut Saturday by hurling the Boston Red Sox to a five-hit 3-0 victory over the Washington Senators.

Home runs by Dick Stuart and Lou Clinton got Boston all of its three runs in the second. Stuart opened the inning with his first American League homer, a smash into the upper leftfield deck. Roman Mejias singled and Clinton drilled his two-run homer over the centerfield fence. Both blows came off loser Don Rudolph.

RESULTS
Boston 000 000 000-3 1 0
Washington 000 000 000-0 5 0
Moorehead (1-0) and Tillman, Rudolph, Duckworth (2), Brantford (5), Harmon (8) and Retzer, LP—Rudolph (0-2), HRs—Stuart (1st), Clinton (1st).

Duck Track Team Beats Stanford

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI)—Sparked by two brilliant performances by distance star Keith Forman, University of Oregon's NCAA champions came from behind to beat Stanford 74-71 in a dual track and field meet Saturday.

Forman captured the mile run in 4:00.5, and then won the two mile run in 8:56.8. However, Forman's efforts would have gone for naught except for a brilliant anchor leg by Ray Van Asten in the mile relay, the closing event.

Trailing by a point going into the relay Oregon became the winner when Van Asten put on a brilliant stretch run to overtake Stanford's Keith Emmanuels. The time in this event was 3:12.1.

Forman's double victory offset a fine performance by Stanford's Steve Cortright, who captured three events. He beat Oregon's great Mel Rentro in the high hurdles in 14.3 seconds, and came back to win the 330 yard intermediate in 37.4 Cortright topped that off by taking the triple jump with a leap of 47 feet 5 inches.

RACING SEASON BEGINS
CHICAGO (UPI)—The longest flat racing season in Illinois history, 182 days, begins today when Sportsman's Park opens a 25-day meeting.

Featured in the Sportsman program will be the \$23,000 added Illinois Derby for three-year-olds on May 11. Other major races will be two \$10,000 and two \$15,000 handicaps.

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