

Dick Ruthven just misses no-hitter

By MICHAEL SHALAN
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It was the pitcher who was flirting with the no-hitter in San Diego Wednesday night, but it was the catcher who really wanted it. "I had to be cool almost last it."

"I was very much aware of the no-hitter. I wanted it badly," catcher Bob Boone said after Dick Ruthven threw a no-hitter at the Padres in a 2-0 Philadelphia victory. "It's like being hungry for a weak drink and waiting for the waitress."

Ruthven, who has now pitched 13 consecutive scoreless innings and run last record to 6-0, lost his shot at the record book when Dan Briggs sent a double over first base with two out in the seventh.

To get the no-hitter, a lot of luck, said Ruthven. "It was pretty nice to get a no-hitter." The shutout was Ruthven's second this year and lowered his ERA to 1.84. Besides Briggs, only three other runners reached base, all in the sixth when Ruthven walked two and Larry Bowa fumbled Barry Evans' grounder.

The Phillies scored a run in the first inning after two were out when Pete Rose got the first of his three hits, stole second and came around on Greg Louinaki's double. Philadelphia got its other run in the third, also after two were out. Bowa legged out a hit in deep short and Rose and Louinaki followed with singles. Rose, who has hit in seven straight games, got three singles to raise his career total to 2,359 and move into sixth place on the all-time list.

In other NL games, Cincinnati dumped Chicago, 7-4. San Francisco belted Montreal, 5-2. Pittsburgh outgassed Atlanta, 10-9. Los Angeles defeated New York, 7-2, and Houston trimmed St. Louis, 5-4, in 10 innings.

In the American League, Oakland 4, Baltimore 2. Cleveland 8, Milwaukee 7. Boston 6, California 5. Kansas City 5, Texas 3, and Chicago 5, Detroit 4. Toronto of Minnesota was postponed by rain.

Reds 7, Cubs 3.

George Foster's two-out, seventh-inning double in the seventh inning snapped a 4-4 tie and

helped Cincinnati over Chicago, 6-5, in 10 innings.

Wade Blain, 6-2, scattered 10 hits and Bill Madlock and Jack Clark combined to drive in five runs to pace the Giants.

Pirates 17, Braves 9.

Bill Robinson hit a pair of solo homers, then doubled and scored the go-ahead run and John Milner hit his eighth career grand slam to lead Pittsburgh over Atlanta in a wild game. Four Pirates were ejected in numerous arguments and warbrakes.

Dodgers 7, Mets 2.

Steve Garvey and Ron Cey

each hit three-run homers and Don Sutton, 4-3, hurled a three-hitter to tie Don Drysdale as the all-time winningest Dodger pitcher with 209 career wins.

Astros 5, Cardinals 4.

Bob Watson's two-out, double in the bottom of the 16th inning drove in Jeff Leonard from third base, leading Houston over St. Louis in another wild one. There were three ninth-inning ejections and umpire Dave Pallone cleared the Cardinal bench, allowing players to return only as needed.



CAUGHT IN A TRAP — Caught in a run-down during the Riverdale loss to Cookeville here Wednesday is Warrior Jeff Jones, (left photo). In the right photo, Cookeville second baseman makes the tag on Jones.

Pats, Cavaliers playing for district title

Cookeville eliminates Warriors 6-5

By Ricky Mawfield
DNJ Sports Writer

The Cookeville Cavaliers eliminated Riverdale from further District 7-AAA Tournament play with a 6-5 win in Murfreesboro Wednesday.

Attempting to play for the right to meet Oakland in the championship game today, Riverdale finished 8-11, far better than last year's dismal 1-9 mark.

Down 6-3 going into the final inning, Riverdale rallied for two runs before Cookeville bolted up the Warriors, when Jeff Jones flied out to right field.

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Byball off the bat of Buddy Powers which sent Henry home. King scored. Jackie attempted steal 3rd base produced a wild throw from catcher Chris Holloway. At this point with the tying run on it looked like Riverdale might salvage the game at 6-5.

But as Cookeville did against Lebanon yesterday, the Cavaliers squeaked to victory on a one-run cushion. They also earned the right to host Oakland today at 4:00 in the championship bout.

Cookeville used its hits and the pitching of Stewart Brewington and Sammy Miller to offset Riverdale pitcher Rocky Henry, who went the entire distance. Striking out five and walking two, Henry absorbed the loss behind

was caught between third and second base in a rundown. Jimmy Graham was gunned at the plate to close the 3rd inning and the Cavaliers doubled up Arnette and R-Henry during the sixth inning after they led off with back-to-back singles.

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L.P. Rock, Terry Riverdale, Catcher Mike Vaughn.

Softball news roundup

Hodges defeats Bellwood 7-6

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By Mike Rowland
Special Reporter

Hodges Manufacturing slid past Bellwood Baptist last night 7-6 in men's slow-pitch action. Hodges was down early in the

ballgame, but came back to pass Bellwood, but never by much. Bellwood outscored seventh inning rally, but fell short by one run and left two men on base.

Leading the Hodges attack was

Bruce Bugg going 3 for 3. Kenny Nolan and Roster Bean were each 2 for 3 at the plate.

Kenny Honeycutt was 3 for 4 to lead the Bellwood team. Jackie Newman and Bobby Dierwood were both 2 for 3.

In another tight ballgame, Chromalox poked up 1B, first win of the season by downing Frank's 10-6.

Chromalox looked like a sure winner until Frank's put the scare in them by scoring five runs in the top of the seventh and tying the ballgame at 6-6. Gary Jacobs stepped up to the plate and hit an inside the park homer to put Chromalox ahead and establish the final score.

Jacobs led the winning attack going 3 for 4.

Haynes' Scottland picked in another victory and topped their record to 6-2. Haynes had no trouble whipping Butler, 13-3. Haynes' powerful attack included eleven runs, tripperson by Sam Jackson and Steppy Taylor and three by James Brown. Also in the championship action were Ronnie Davis, Joe Malone, Ronnie Martin and Allen McCroskey. Michael Webb was 3 for 3 and scored 3 runs.

8:00 Scales & Sons vs. White Stag
9:00 Samsonite vs. Bullock Samsonite
8:00 3 Percent Solution vs. City Title

Cookeville 210 000 0-6 10-3
Riverdale 110 010 2-5 6-0
W.P. catcher Chris Holloway.



In AAU action at Tullahoma

This group of young men will represent Murfreesboro in the Tennessee AAU and State Championships at Tullahoma this week and they are from row from the left: Fred DeLoe of Oak Ridge, Darrell Brown of Johnson City, Melvin DeWitt of Riverdale, Richard Smith of Murfreesboro, back row from the left: Curtis Glenn, Rebelle Taylor, Keith Miller, Riverdale and Simon DeWitt. In the foreground are Rob Tyler and James Holle. They



Umpire's out at the plate

Umpire Joe Gill makes it clear home runs are Wednesday in the Warrior final game of the season. National Savings

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