

# Pepitone and Howard Back Jim Bouton's 4-0 Shutout

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MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL (AP) — The New York Yankees, currently engaged in their favorite midsummer pastime of knocking off would-be pretenders to their American League throne, showed the Minnesota Twins their power and pitching Wednesday night.

Joe Pepitone and Elston Howard swatted home runs and young Jim Bouton pitched a seven-hit shutout as the Yanks beat down the Twins 4-0.

Baltimore, Boston, Chicago and now the Twins have all had their shots at the Yanks in the past month. None has been able to contain the New York steamroller which looks more and more permanent-bound.

The Yankees have won five of six from the Twins this year.

Wednesday's game, played before the largest crowd ever to watch a baseball game in Minnesota — 42,034 — was a typical Yankee victory.

They made what few hits they got count for a maximum of runs, took advantage of a Minnesota fielding lapse for an insurance run and got air-tight pitching.

Bouton, who permitted seven hits, but was untouchable when the Twins needed hits, struck out eight and walked one in hurling his third shutout and raising his record to 12-5.

The Twins got close to him four times, but could not get a clutch hit.

They bunched back-to-back singles with two out in both the first and fourth, but Bouton got out of those jams. Zoilo Versalles tripled twice, in the fifth and seventh, but was stranded both times.

Bouton said his pitches were working unusually well and he "had better control than in a long time." He said his curve was breaking into the dirt in the early innings but that straightened out.

He mixed his whistling fast ball and his change-up beautifully to keep the Twins off balance.

Bouton struck out Harmon Killebrew, Jimmy Hall and Bob Allison twice each. "They take the big swing," Bouton said, "and you work harder on those guys, too."

The Twins' Lee Stange pitched a fine game but for two pitches. Pepitone and Howard stroked them for home runs, producing three Yankee runs in the second and fourth innings.

"The one Pepitone hit was a bad pitch... a fast ball up and over the plate," Stange said. "I took a little of a curve and Howard hit it. It didn't sound like he hit it real solid, but it sure took off."

Howard's blow, his 18th homer of the year, also scored Pepitone, who had singled.

"It's a matter of a couple of bad breaks, I guess," Stange said. "If I could call those two back I sure would."

The Yanks tacked on a fourth run in the ninth inning off Garry Roggenbuck. Versalles threw wildly to first trying to complete what looked like a certain double play, to let the run score.

The Twins' league-leading attendance was pushed to 783,899 by Wednesday's huge throng. The crowd was both a Twins and old Senators record.

**NEW YORK** — ab c h r bi  
Kubek, ss ..... 4 0 0 0  
Richardson, 2b ..... 4 0 0 0  
Tresh, cf ..... 4 0 0 0  
Pepitone, 1b ..... 4 2 2 1  
Howard, c ..... 4 2 2 2  
Blanchard, rf ..... 4 0 0 0  
Beard, lf ..... 4 0 0 0  
Lopez, lf ..... 2 0 0 0  
Bayer, 2b ..... 4 0 0 0  
Bouton, p ..... 4 0 0 0  
Totals ..... 34 4 6 3

**MINNESOTA** — ab c h r bi  
Versalles, ss ..... 4 0 2 0  
Hollins, 2b ..... 4 0 0 0  
Killebrew, lf ..... 4 0 1 0  
Hall, cf ..... 4 0 1 0  
Allison, rf ..... 4 0 0 0  
Mincer, 1b ..... 4 0 1 0  
Batter, c ..... 4 0 1 0  
Allen, 2b ..... 4 0 1 0  
Stange, p ..... 7 0 1 4  
A-Grish, p ..... 2 0 0 0  
Roggenbuck, p ..... 0 0 0 0  
B-Wertz, p ..... 1 0 0 0  
Totals ..... 35 0 7 0

A — Flied out for Stange in 7th; B — Flied out for Roggenbuck in 9th.  
New York: 101-200-041-4  
Minnesota: 000-000-000-0  
B — Richardson, Bayer, Versalles.  
P.O.A. — New York 27-7; Minnesota 27-10; L.O.B. — New York 3, Minnesota 2.  
3B — Versalles 2 HR — Pepitone, Howard.

Bouton (W) ... 1p h r er bb so  
Stange (L) ... 7 0 1 4 3 2 4  
Roggenbuck ... 2 0 1 0 1 1  
VP — Roggenbuck, U — Valentino, McKinley, Chvalik, Rice 9 — 2:23. A — 42,034.

**Four-Team Softball Tournery Opens in Wadena**  
WADENA — A four-team softball tournament will be part of the gigantic Pow-Wow Days' celebration in Wadena this weekend.

The tournament, which opens Friday afternoon, is a double elimination event. The Bertha All-Stars face Tomlinson Lumber Co., at 5:30 Friday while at the same time, the Air Base "Jets" face Edinger Insurance. The losers play at 7:30 as do the victors in another bracket.

Finals are set for Saturday evening.

**Minor League Results**  
Pacific Coast League  
Okla. City 2-7, San Diego 2-6  
Tacoma 6, Portland 2  
Salt Lake City 4, Seattle 2  
Dallas-Fort Worth 6-1, Spokane  
Hawaii 11, Deaver 4

## Wadena Hos' 4-Team Legion Sub-District

WADENA — Warming up for sub-district American Legion baseball semi-final play, Wadena whipped nearby Verdale, 20-3, with Don Stoneman the winner.

The host team meets Park Rapids here Friday at 2:30 with Staples meeting a sub-district playoff winner (Bemidji or Baudette) at 4:30. Finals are set for 8 p.m.

## Major League Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Los Angeles	57	35	.620	—
Chicago	50	41	.549	6½
St. Louis	51	42	.548	6½
San Francisco	50	44	.532	8
Cincinnati	49	45	.521	9
Pittsburgh	47	45	.511	10
Milwaukee	47	45	.511	10
Philadelphia	46	47	.495	11½
Houston	36	60	.375	23
New York	32	61	.344	25½

**Wednesday's Results**  
Milwaukee 6, Chicago 4  
New York 9, San Francisco 7 (11 innings)  
Philadelphia 10, Houston 9 (10 innings)  
Los Angeles 3, Pittsburgh 2  
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 1

**American League**  
W. L. Pct. G.B.  
New York 55 33 .625 —  
Chicago 51 41 .554 6  
Boston 49 41 .544 7  
Minnesota 49 42 .538 7½  
Baltimore 51 44 .537 7½  
Cleveland 46 47 .495 11½  
Los Angeles 46 50 .479 13  
Kansas City 40 50 .444 16  
Detroit 37 50 .425 17½  
Washington 33 59 .359 24

**Wednesday's Results**  
Detroit 9, Baltimore 1  
New York 4, Minnesota 0  
Chicago 8, Washington 2  
Kansas City 8, Boston 1  
Los Angeles 7-1, Cleveland 2-0

## Coffman's 9th Inning 7-6 Exhibition Victory

BATTLE LAKE — Western Star League pennant winning Battle Lake stepped out of the circuit Wednesday night to edge Deer Creek of the Hi-10 League, 7-6, on Bob Coffman's ninth inning two-run single.

Deer Creek had taken a 6-0 lead before the Lakers came from behind to win.

With two outs and two strikes on him, Coffman lined his single for the victory.

Barry Johnson was the winning pitcher. He relieved starter Marty Ackmann in the second. "Bud" Becker was the loser.

He put the runners on base in the ninth although Coffman's game winning hit came off Dave Becker, last of three hurlers used by the Cardinals.

Dick Buntje had three hits for Deer Creek while Jerry Riewer banged out two.

Deer Creek 6 8 1  
Battle Lake 7 10 6  
Batteries: Layman, "Bud" Becker (5), D. Becker (9) and J. Becker; Ackmann, Johnson (2) and Buntje. W.—Johnson. L.—"Bud" Becker.

## Zion Meets 'Old Timers'

The vociferous "Old Timers", a group of hasbeens, have seen their challenge of "We'll play anyone" being met. And, the first test is a difficult one for the "old men" as they face Zion, the leaders of the Church League. A definite date hadn't been set, but "Old Timer" officials say the game will be played soon.

In a meeting of team personnel, Joe Hovland was named to manage the 1963 "Old Timer" unit. "He can play anywhere because of his outstanding ability," says Howard Greenagel, the team's general manager.

Zion's Milt Aasness, in a telephone call to Greenagel, said, "Let's play ball!"

So watch the Journal for further developments.

## Hugh McElhenry Traded to Giants

"The King" left Wednesday and with him went a good deal of sentiment from Minnesota Vikings football fans.

Hugh McElhenry once one of the National Football League's most respected running backs, was traded by the Vikings to the New York Giants for high draft choices each of the next two years plus a player to be named later.

The Vikings had traded outside linebackers Cliff Livingston and Clancy Osborne earlier in the week to the Los Angeles Rams. In exchange for the pair, the Rams will turn over an unidentified choice of theirs from this year's loop draft.



## Defending Champions . . .

Fergus Falls' defending Sub-District 9 baseball champions face No. 1 seeded Henning Friday afternoon at the fairgrounds ball park. Game time for the first of two semi-final tilts is 1:30. Breckenridge, a surprise first round winner over Perham, meets No. 2 seeded Battle Lake at 4:00 with the championship battle scheduled for 7 p.m. the same day. The Fergus Falls American Legion unit, with a 9-11 overall mark

finished 5-5 in the six-team league. Personnel includes, front row, left to right: Coach Ted Olson, Bobby Warn, David Olson, Allen Shirley, David Anderson and Dick Gillund. Second row, left to right: Loren Kern, Don Gamber, Ken Kothe, Steve LeGrand, Lyman Theodorson and Dan Larson. Missing from the picture is Dick Warner. Henning, as the No. 1 placed tournament entry, was 9-1 in loop action while Battle Lake was 6-4. (Photo by Clarence Lee)



## Devoted Worker . . .

Al Solum, pictured above in a Journal photo taken some years ago by Clarence Lee, spent a large share of his 62 years with the Great Northern railroad. In fact, 42 years of time was devoted to the railroad. He's sending out one of the numerous telegrams that went from his Erhard depot to distant points in this scene.

Being dedicated to his job is nothing new for Mr. Al Solum. He spent 23 years playing amateur and semi-pro baseball (from age 14 to 37), 14 years with the Lake Region Umpires Association and now has been in his present business—Solum Motor Sales at Erhard and Pelican Rapids—for the last 22 years. He still bowls, and as revealed in a feature story written by Journal sports editor Dick Seal, Al is still a mighty capable sportsman.

## Familiar 'Man in Blue' -- Al Solum -- Is No Stranger Around Erhard These Days

By DICK SEAL  
ERHARD — Al Solum isn't a stranger by any means in this friendly little community, located about 14 miles north of Fergus Falls. People both young and old know him for his many days he has devoted to his beloved baseball, both as a player and umpire.

As one of the "men in blue", Al devoted 10 years, and finally hung up his spikes upon completion of the 1962 season. While he has been around this area for many years, his name is known mainly for umpiring and playing baseball.

He started playing ball 48 years ago as a 14-year-old outfielder right here in Erhard. Al went into catching and pitching in later years, and as he puts it, "I finally ended up at the 'old man's position'—first base.

Al, who now operates Solum Motor Sales both here and in nearby Pelican Rapids, is 62 years old. But, he doesn't look it at all. He still keeps busy athletically, especially in the fall and winter as a bowler. And, he isn't bad, either. "Another fella (Alex Johnson) and I won doubles title at a Detroit Lakes bowling tournament this past winter," Solum added.

Does he miss baseball? "I will always be interested in baseball and sports. I watch several games, right now."

A member of the Lake Region Umpires Association's "men in blue", Al had tamped for 10 years after having finished his playing days. He worked in the state tournament twice, once at Austin and then in New Ulm.

Prior to his umpiring days, Al had played semi-pro baseball in North Dakota and Minnesota, and without hesitation he calls John Donaldson the "best pitcher I ever faced." Donaldson, a Negro, pitched at Bertha. "I played against him in several places, and also batted against Satchel Paige at

Crookston while playing for Gary." Al proudly remarked as he briefly scanned his younger days.

"When they started calling me grandpa, I thought it was time to quit," Al commented on his retirement from active playing.

So interested in baseball was Al Solum, that he even let an Erhard boy—Dorwin Marquardt — use one of his cars so that he could compete in American Legion baseball at Fergus Falls. "Pelican Rapids didn't have Legion ball, and I wanted Dorwin to get a chance to play. I talked to Harley Oylo (then Fergus Falls coach) about Dorwin, and they were glad to have him."

He must have been proud of his product, for Dorwin went on to even greater heights, becoming captain of Moorhead State's 1963 baseball team.

Fellows around Fergus Falls remember Al for his playing days with the Red Sox. He believes 1938 was the year when he was on Fergus' state tour-

## Triandos' Grand Slam Against Former Teammates Helps Tigers

By JOE REICHLER  
There is an old axiom in baseball, to wit: Beware of the shunted player.

Time and again a traded athlete has come back either to haunt his former team or vent his wrath on another club.

This was the case Wednesday night — on a wholesale basis — in the American League.

In Detroit, veteran catcher Gus Triandos, acquired in a trade with Baltimore last winter, uncorked a grand slam homer against his old club to help the Tigers gain a 9-1 victory.

In Los Angeles, another veteran catcher, Hank Foiles, assured the Angels of a doubleheader sweep against Cleveland by scoring the second game's only run after smashing a three-bagger in a 7-2 and 1-0 twin success.

Foiles, who has seen service with six other big-league clubs, twice was traded away by the Indians.

A pair of other discards, pitchers Paul Foytack and Art Fowler, combined to hold the Indians to four hits in the nightcap. Foytack, obtained from Detroit last month, gave up three hits in eight innings to gain his second triumph for his new club. Fowler, who nipped up, is a veteran campaigner of several clubs.

The double triumph boosted the Angels to within 1½ games of the sixth-place Indians.

In Kansas City, Charlie Lau, the much-traveled catcher, hit a three-run homer and outfielder George Alusk, a repatriate from the Tigers, stroked a grand slammer to stake the Athletics to an 8-1 rout of the Boston Red Sox.

In Chicago, shortstop Ron Hansen, a key figure in last winter's trade with Baltimore, slammed a two-run homer to bring the White Sox from behind and help them defeat Washington 8-2.

In the remaining American League contest, the league leading New York Yankees shut out Minnesota 4-0 behind the seventh-hit pitching of Jim Bouton.

## DL Scribe Calls District 9 'Strong in Legion Baseball'

By RALPH ANDERSON  
(Detroit Lakes Tribune)

The four teams entered in the 1962 Ninth District American Legion baseball tournament — Fergus Falls, Fertile, East Grand Forks and Moorhead — are giving every indication that they won't go down easily in their bid for a repeat berth in the district tourney.

But while these clubs are again posting fine records during the 1963 season, it's obvious that each will have its hands full in a bid to regain the sub-district championship.

Such teams as Detroit Lakes, Henning, Battle Lake, Crookston, Thief River Falls and others are fully capable of overthrowing the defending champions in this week's sub-district events.

Perhaps the wildest scramble is developing in the sub-district won last year by Fergus Falls.

Both Henning and Battle Lake have especially strong teams this year with Henning currently showing a 9-1 record. One of Henning's triumphs was a 2-1 verdict over Fergus Falls although the winners were out-hit 6-1.

Battle Lake, getting strong pitching from Roger Olson, is

## Soliah-Braatz Unit Meets Nora

A 13-man team has been named to represent Soliah-Braatz Oil Co. in the 38-team Lake Region Softball Tournament which opens Friday in Alexandria.

The Fergus Falls' entry will meet Nora at 7 p.m., Friday. Player personnel includes Milt Aasness, Paul Aasness, Jim Ecker, "Sticky" Ecker, Archie Filley, Jim Burnes, Doug Duff, Orville Looek, Bob Lorusung, Dick Soliah, Roland Hartow, Gary Cranston and Wayne Sandberg.

## BASEBALL HEROES

**BATTING** — Joe Hicks, Mets, cracked a two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th inning to give the Mets a 9-7 triumph over the Giants.

**PITCHING** — Jim Bouton, Yankees, pitched a seven-hit shutout for his 12th victory in 17 decisions as the Yankees defeated Minnesota 4-0.

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