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Kuhn designates addition of Ryan

Nolan Ryan was setting the league on fire when American League Manager Dick Williams left him out in the cold last week. He doesn't have to stay there because Commissioner Bowie Kuhn increased the size of the all-star squads from 28 to 29.

So, the hot pitcher who came in from the cold and Willie Mays, who has played lukewarm all season, will be in uniform tomorrow in Kansas City for the 44th annual all-star game.

Deserving or not, these two last minute additions illustrate baseball's desire to give the fans what they want.

Ryan generates as much excitement when he pitches as Henry Aaron does when he chases Babe Ruth's career home run mark of 714. But Oakland A's skipper Williams scanned the league and found eight pitchers he thought were better than No-Hit Nolan.

In 23 decisions this season with the Angels, Ryan has 11 wins. Kuhn didn't order the former Met on the American League bench because of his 11-12 record. Kuhn was licking his chops at Ryan's two no-hitters. A no-hit specialist like Ryan would draw at the gate and on television. Since he threw last Thursday, there is a chance that Ryan, the American League's designated addition, could start against the National League.

When he blanked the Detroit Tigers eight days ago, Ryan became the fifth pitcher in baseball history to toss two no-hitters in one season. Four days later the fireballing righthander blanked the Baltimore Orioles for seven innings. He eventually lost the game in the 11th, but hiked his league leading strike out total to 220.

There is no way that Mays should be on the team, except that this is probably his last one and he has starred in many previous contests.

Mays will be in his 24th game, tying him with Stan Musial for the most appearances. He has numerous all-star records, including the most appearances on the winning team (16) and the most hits (23).

This season the former Giant superstar has spent as much time nursing a shoulder injury as he has spent in left field.

Kuhn added Ryan and Mays to the all-star classic because of what they have done for baseball. Ryan has neared perfection twice this season and is exciting to watch because he might do it again.

Mays is a legend. Although his prowess on the field has dwindled in the twilight of his career, he is still Willie Mays—the Say Hey kid.

It is interesting to note the players differed on only four of 16 all-star selections by the fans. The fans showed they were susceptible to seeing things as they were and not as they exist now.

Brooks Robinson has been a fixture at third base in recent all-star games. He gobbled up more ground balls than a vacuum cleaner in the past. Now he muffs a few occasionally.

In a poll conducted last week by *Sporting News*, the players picked Chicago's Bill Melton as the third baseman over Robinson. In Melton's favor are his .304 batting average and 14 home runs. Robinson was hitting .220 and has 6 home runs.

The National League outfield, named by the fans failed to match up with the players' choices in two of the three positions. The players decided on Bobby Bonds and Willie Stargell over the fans' Pete Rose and Cesar Cedeno.

Stargell, a leftfielder with the Pirates, was hindered in making the starting all-star squad because his name was typed in as a firstbaseman, where he finished second to Aaron, another outfielder.

While Aaron is chasing Babe Ruth's career home run record of 714, the players opted for Toney Perez of the Reds at first base. Of the three, only Perez is a fulltime firstbaseman.

The poll illustrates the players differ only slightly with the whims of the average fan. They are more knowledgeable about the game and the voting wouldn't develop into a popularity contest.

Streaking Bucs sweep 2

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Veteran Willie Stargell and rookie Dave Parker keyed the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 3-1 and 13-7 sweep of the San Diego Padres in a doubleheader yesterday, extending Pittsburgh's winning streak to five games. Stargell decided the first game with a two-run double, and belted two homers, Nos. 29 and 30, in the second game rout.

Parker slammed a solo homer in the opener, the first of his major league baseball career, and added two doubles and a single in the second game highlighted by a six-run seventh.

Parker's run-scoring double helped Pittsburgh to a 2-0 lead off loser Clay Kirby,

6-11, and Pittsburgh widened the margin to 4-0 with an unearned run in the second and Stargell's solo homer in the third. The Padres tagged Pirate starter Luke Walker for two runs in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Reliever Bob Moose then surrendered another run in the seventh on an RBI single by Dave Roberts, but Pittsburgh iced the victory with six runs in the seventh.

In the first game, Stargell, the National League home run and RBI leader, broke a scoreless tie with his two-run double to left in the sixth inning off Steve Arlin following singles by Dave Cash and Al Oliver.

Phils win pair
ATLANTA (AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies took advantage of Atlanta's club-record seven errors and the pitching of Jim Lonborg to defeat the Braves 5-1 and complete a sweep of their doubleheader yesterday. Bill Robinson and Willie Montanez led a 13-hit attack in the Phillies' 6-5 victory in the opener. The sweep extended Atlanta's losing streak to six games. Lonborg, 9-7, effectively scattered six hits before being relieved in the eighth inning. Carl Morton, 8-7, was the victim of the Braves' misplays. He surrendered nine hits, but no earned runs, in the seven innings he pitched.

Robinson led off the second game with a double and later scored the first run on Denny Doyle's single. Atlanta pulled even in the second inning on Frank Tepedino's RBI grounder. After Jose Pagan and Larry Bowa reached base on two of the seven errors Atlanta made in the game, the runs scored on a sacrifice bunt by Lonborg, a double by Robinson and a single by Doyle.

Only a matter of time for Aaron's 700th homer

ATLANTA (AP)—"It's like the sun coming up every morning," said Henry Aaron's Atlanta teammate, Phil Niekro. "You just don't know what time."

Niekro was referring to Aaron's 700th career home run Saturday night off Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Ken Brett.

"Everybody in the dugout was waiting silently as he went to bat," he said. "You knew it was going to happen. It was just a matter of time."

The time came in the third inning at exactly 6:58 p.m. on a 1-1 fastball. "It was low and inside," said Aaron, who is now only 14 home runs behind the immortal Babe Ruth's magic mark of 714.

"You can tell the commissioner that he didn't grove it," said Aaron in jest. The 39-year-old veteran of 20 major league seasons was referring to a recent story in which some National League pitchers had said they would give Aaron an easy pitch for No. 714.

"I knew it was gone, said Aaron, who now has 27 this year—three behind major league leader Willie Stargell of Pittsburgh. "When you hit 700, you know when you hit

one that'll go."

The ball landed in the left centerfield stands, some 400 feet from home plate at Atlanta Stadium, where 18-year-old Robert Winborne of Atlanta retrieved it and later in a brief clubhouse presentation received 700 silver dollars from Braves management for the ball.

"I'm glad I hit this one here for the home fans," said Aaron. "I'm also happy it went in the stands so some kid, like Robert, could catch it and get the money."

After Aaron's blast, a two-run job that put the Braves ahead 4-2, Brett and reliever Darrell Brandon held the Braves hitless the rest of the way. The Phils won 8-4.

Aaron was reminded that other milestone home runs such as his 600th off Gaylord Perry of San Francisco on April 27, 1971, and No. 649, the one in which he passed Willie Mays, off Wayne Twitchell of the Phillies, also came in losing causes.

"It just seems like it works out that way," said Aaron. "I've been hitting a lot of home runs this year in losing causes."

Immediately after Aaron's milestone 700th hit the seat,

scoreboard lights in left centerfield flashed a huge 700 and then switched to a message which read:

HANK'S GOT THE BABE'S NUMBER. IT'S NOW 14.

But to Hank it was just another number.

"I know I felt no pressure. When I get to 713 I suppose that's when the pressure will start."

Hank Aaron's milestone home runs in his pursuit of Babe Ruth's career record of 714:

No. 1 — April 23, 1954, at St. Louis, off Vic Raschi.

No. 100 — Aug. 15, 1957, at Cincinnati, off Don Gross.

No. 200 — July 3, 1960, at St. Louis, off Ron Kline.

No. 300 — April 19, 1963, at New York, off Roger Craig.

No. 400 — April 20, 1966, at Philadelphia, off Bo Belinsky.

No. 500 — July 14, 1968, at Atlanta, off Mike McCormick, San Francisco.

No. 600 — April 27, 1971, at Atlanta, off Gaylord Perry, San Francisco.

No. 649 — June 10, 1972, at Philadelphia, off Wayne Twitchell, passing Willie Mays, placing Aaron second on the all-time list.

No. 700 — July 21, 1973, at Atlanta, off Ken Brett, Philadelphia.

Littler wins in comeback

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Courageous Gene Littler, once a cancer victim whom many thought would never play golf again, capped his comeback with a thrilling one-stroke victory yesterday in the \$210,000 St. Louis Childrens Hospital Classic.

The wiry Littler acquired the 25th victory of his career—and almost certainly the most, welcome one—with a final round of 68, two under par in the heat that clung over the 6,544 hilly yards of the Norwood Country Club course.

He had a 268 total, 12 under par for his first triumph since undergoing cancer surgery 18 months ago. Littler, still pale and slight but once again possessed of the picture swing that won him the nickname "Gene The Machine," came from one stroke off the pace with a couple of quick birdies, and then calmly sauntered home on a string of 10 consecutive pars.

Australian Bruce Campton, holder of four titles this season and the year's leading money winner, closed with a 67 to gain second place alone at 269.

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Major League standings

American League				National League			
East	West	Pct.	G.B.	East	West	Pct.	G.B.
New York	57	44	.564	St. Louis	51	45	.531
Baltimore	51	41	.555	Chicago	51	46	.526
Boston	52	44	.542 1/2	Pirates	46	48	.489
Detroit	49	48	.505	Phillies	46	51	.463
Milwaukee	47	49	.490 7/8	Montreal	44	51	.463
Cleveland	35	63	.357 20 1/2	New York	42	51	.452
Oakland	56	42	.571	LA	63	37	.630
Kan. City	55	46	.545 2 1/2	Cincinnati	57	42	.576
Minnesota	49	47	.510	San Fran	56	53	.566
Calif	48	48	.500	Houston	52	50	.510
Chicago	49	49	.500	Atlanta	45	57	.441
Texas	34	61	.357 20 1/2	San Diego	33	65	.337

Results				Results			
Chicago 4, New York 2, 1st	Pittsburgh 3, San Diego 1,	New York 2, Chicago 0, 2nd	Pittsburgh 13, San Diego 7,	Minnesota 10, Boston 7.	Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 5,	Kan. City 7, Milwaukee 5	Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 1,
Baltimore 8, California 2	San Francisco 4, Chicago 1,	Oakland 5, Cleveland 2	13 innings	St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 4	Cincinnati 6, Montreal 0	Texas 4, Detroit 3, 10 in-	New York 3, Houston 2
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