



AP wirephoto
Bob Robertson makes unassisted putout on Rick Monday

A career in pro baseball isn't all that dream-like

NEW YORK (AP) — While a career in professional baseball might be the dream of youth and the envy of adults, it is just another way of making a living to the analysts at the Department of Labor.

And when studied that way, as Harold Blitz of the Labor Department has done, it begins to look like every other occupation: lots of work, plenty of competition, weary repetition, tough days as well as easy ones.

About 400,000 boys play on about 13,000 high school baseball teams, according to the study. "The Drive to Win: Careers in Professional Sports." Another 25,000 play on about 1,000 college teams.

Of these, about 1,200, or one per cent of the eligible pool, including foreign players, can expect to be drafted. Once drafted they have to make the team; once they make the team they have to fight toward one of the 600 major league positions.

In 1970 about 100 rookies escaped the pool and made it to the major leagues. Those who didn't make it may have returned to a grueling life, for which they might be paid \$500 or \$600 a month.

"Unlike that of the majors, life in minor league baseball — where most professional players work — is characterized by small parks, small towns, small crowds, cheap hotels, and 20-hour bus rides."

Major league salaries ranged from \$13,500 to more than \$150,000 last year, according to the study. The average was nearly \$30,000 a year.

In addition, players received \$15.50 a day for food and \$55 a week for laundry, drycleaning and incidentals during spring training. Sometimes the rookies got bonuses.

"The number one pick in the country might get about \$70,000, and the fourth or fifth might receive \$30,000," which

is decidedly more than the brightest prospects from Harvard or Stanford business schools can expect.

And if they manage to play in a World Series they might, if they are winners, receive nearly \$25,000, as the Oakland players earned last year, or \$19,000 if they are losers, as were the Cincinnati Reds.

Other players earn money from endorsements, but this income is usually limited to the stars. Some capitalize by writing books, but this activity is even rarer.

It isn't at all uncommon to hear a major-leaguer complain about his inability to make ends meet, one of the main reasons being — in some cases, at least — the necessity of maintaining two homes.

While they are in the game they must make the most of their opportunities. The average major league career is over after 7 or 8 years. A second career is foreordained.

Homers lift Pirates, sink Cards

Bucs on top of .500 division

CHICAGO (AP) — Bob Robertson's three-run homer led Bruce Kison and the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs yesterday.

The triumph evened the Pirates' record at 71-71 and lifted them into first place over the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League East.

With one out in the Pirates' fourth, Willie Stargell walked and Manny Sanguillen singled. Rennie Stennett then fouled out before Robertson followed with his 14th home run of the season.

Kison, recently recalled from the minors, posted his first 1973 victory for Pittsburgh.

He gave way to Dave Giusti in the eighth after walking Billy Williams and getting a 3-0 count on Gonzalo Marquez. Giusti, who completed the walk to Marquez, allowed an RBI single by Ron Santo and a run-scoring grounder by Paul Popovich before snuffing the Chicago rally with the bases loaded.

which defeated Chicago 4-2 Wednesday. Third-place Montreal moved to within one game of the lead.

Montreal right-hander Steve Rogers worked out of a bases-loaded none-out jam in the seventh inning.

The 6-foot-2 Rogers, weathering two bad innings in the key NL East Division contest, escaped his most serious jam after opposing pitcher Rick Wise led off the seventh inning with a double.

Rogers walked Lou Brock and faced the bases-loaded threat when the Expos' infield let Ted Sizemore's bunt roll to the left side without a play.

Rogers stiffened, however, and induced Ted Simmons to hit into a double play forcing Wise at home plate and extinguished the Cardinals threat by retiring Bernie Carbo on a fly ball.

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pitcher Jack Billingham keyed a five-run second inning with a bases-loaded double and scattered eight hits to give the Cincinnati Reds a 7-3 decision over the Los Angeles Dodgers last night.

The victory, the 11th in 13 games for the Reds, dropped the runnerup Dodgers five games behind in the National League West Division race.

Billingham, who entered the game with an .036 batting average, chased Dodger starter Claude Osteen, 16-9, with a double to center. Osteen had walked two

batters before Denis Menke singled in the first run and Darrel Chaney's infield hit loaded the bases.

ATLANTA (AP) — Darrell Evans belted two home runs and Marty Perez drove in three runs with a double and homer as the Atlanta Braves downed San Francisco 10-4 last night.

Evans smashed his 37th homer over the right field fence in the first inning off Ron Bryant, 21-11, and then added No. 38, a two-run job in the eighth.

Perez drilled a solo homer, his seventh of the baseball season, down the left field line in the third and smacked a two-run double to left center in the fourth.

The Giants hit three homers off Carl Morton, 12-10. Gary Thomasson hit his fourth of the year in the second.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jim Palmer notched his 20th victory in the opener and Rich Coggins' triple sparked a second-game success as the Baltimore Orioles swept a

two-night double-header from the Milwaukee Brewers, 4-1 and 5-3 yesterday.

The sweep reduced Baltimore's "magic number" for clinching the American League East to 12.

The Orioles, who increased their lead over Boston to six games in the Eastern Division, can win the championship with any combination of Baltimore victories or Red Sox defeats totaling 12.

Palmer, who reached the 20-victory plateau for the fourth straight season, allowed eight hits in the opener.

Coggins drove in two runs with singles and stole half of Baltimore's four bases. He later scored on hits by Merv Rettenmund and Boog Powell.

Little-used Frank Baker started the second game for Baltimore in place of shortstop Mark Belanger, who was struck on the arm by a pitched ball in the opener.

NEW YORK (AP) — Carl Yastrzemski drove in five runs with a pair of home runs

and unbeaten Rogelio Moret won his 11th straight decision last night as the Boston Red Sox defeated the New York Yankees 7-1.

Yastrzemski hit his 14th homer of the year with two men on in the fourth inning and then smacked a two-run shot in the sixth.

Moret scattered five hits including Ron Swoboda's first homer of the year.

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — Tom Grieve hit a home run, Rich Billings stroked a two-run single and Rick Heninger provided the pitching yesterday night to give the Texas Rangers a 5-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Heninger came in to pitch with two on base and one out in the third inning after rookie David Clyde was forced to leave with a blister on his pitching hand. It was Heninger's first major league victory.

Billings singled in two runs in the fourth and Grieve drove rookie Eddie Bane from the game in the sixth with a 395-foot home run after Jim Fregosi drew a one-out walk.

major league standings

American League					National League				
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.		W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
East					East				
Balt.	85	59	.590	—	Pirates	72	73	.497	½
Boston	79	66	.545	6½	St. Louis	71	73	.493	1
Detroit	72	73	.497	13½	Montreal	70	75	.483	2½
Milwaukee	70	76	.479	16	New York	69	75	.479	3
Cleveland	64	84	.432	23	Chicago	69	75	.479	3
West					West				
Oakland	84	60	.583	—	Phillies	65	80	.448	7½
Kan. City	78	66	.542	6	West				
Chicago	72	73	.497	12½	Cincin.	89	57	.610	—
Minn.	70	73	.490	13½	Los Ang.	84	62	.575	5
Calif.	66	75	.468	16½	San Fran.	80	64	.556	8
Texas	50	93	.350	33½	Houston	74	73	.503	15½
Results					Results				
Baltimore 4, Milwaukee 1, 1st					Pittsburgh 4, Chicago 2				
Baltimore 5, Milwaukee 3, 2nd					New York 3, Philadelphia 2				
Boston 7, New York 1					Cincinnati 7, Los Angeles 3				
Texas at Minnesota					Atlanta 10, San Francisco 4				
Kansas City at Oakland					Montreal 2, St. Louis 1				
Chicago at California					Other clubs not scheduled				

Rebel tackle thinks big

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — "Gentle" Ben Williams is a man of considerable bulk, with goals to match.

He wants to win every game lead the University of Mississippi to a national collegiate football championship, and win the Heisman Trophy.

The 6-foot-3, 245 pound defensive tackle was named yesterday as National College Lineman of the Week by The Associated Press.

Williams — he's nicknamed after the television bear, but properly called Robert Jerry Williams Jr. — was a defensive demon as Ole Miss over-powered Villanova 24-6 Saturday night.

The Yazoo City, Miss., product made six solo tackles, helped on five others and threw enemy ball

carriers for losses five times.

Williams, a business major with his eye on a job in banking, turned down out-of-state scholarship offers in favor of becoming the first black football player at Ole Miss. He says he made the right decision.

"I stayed because this was my home," he said. "If I had gone somewhere else, it would be like starting a whole new life. Here I know everybody."

Williams' primary rivals for the lineman honors were John Dutton, a Nebraska defensive tackle, and Mark Sheridan, a tight end at Holy Cross.

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Foreman offered \$1.25 million

SEATTLE (AP) — Heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman was offered \$1.5 million yesterday to defend his title against Jerry Quarry in Seattle, a Seattle-based firm said.

Frank Little, president of ValWes Sports Inc., said his firm made the proposal to Foreman's lawyer after Foreman said he wanted to fight Quarry.

Quarry, a Californian now fighting out of New York, is No. 2 ranked heavyweight challenger.

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