

Wynn says he's not through yet

NEW YORK (AP) — Jimmy Wynn, the aptly named "Toy Cannon," insists he has not fired his last home run shot in the big leagues.

The 35-year-old outfielder, a veteran of 13 years in the majors, hit home run No. 291 on his first trip to the plate this season. He spent 76 more at-bats seeking No. 292 and Monday night the New York Yankees got tired of waiting.

"This is the part I hate about being a manager," Billy Martin said after the Yankees put Wynn in the "designated for assignment" category, meaning he will be released after 10 days if there are no takers.

"Gabe (Club President Gabe Paul) and George (owner George Steinbrenner) felt he wasn't helping the club," Martin said of Wynn, who was in a 1-for-44 slump when he got the axe

and was batting just .143 with 11 hits and three RBI in 77 at bats.

"I hate to see this happen," the manager went on. "I still think he can help some club if he plays regularly. And let me tell you, there is one fine individual. Some club would be crazy not to pick him up."

"He's a champion of a person. Even when he wasn't playing he was on the bench rooting for the guys to do well. Some guys in that situation would sit around and mope and pout, but not him. I wish I had a bench full of guys like him."

Wynn, who played two years with Los Angeles and one with Atlanta after spending most of his career with Houston, was purchased from the Braves last November.

"My shot here was limited. The first part of the year I hit the ball well when I was in there. But then Lou Piniella got hot and Billy had to go with the hot man. I understand that. But I knew the minute they acquired Cliff Johnson there was no way they could carry three right-handed DHs."

"I'm going to see if I can make a deal for myself. I have a few things pending. I can still play; I just want the opportunity. I can still hit and my legs are good. Gabe told me I had one option left and would I go down to the minors. I said no, I'm a professional, and I asked him to please trade me or release me."

Crum turns down UCLA

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—University of Louisville basketball Coach Denny Crum said yesterday he has rejected the top coaching job at UCLA, his alma mater, and will remain here to keep his club "among the best in the nation."

"This decision was probably the toughest professional decision I've ever had to make," Crum told a news conference. "When your alma mater calls, it's not an easy thing to say no."

Declining to answer questions, Crum said he was motivated by feelings and concern for his family, his love for the university, "but most of all my love for the people and fans of Louisville."

Athletic Director Dave Hart said Crum, now in the third year of a five-year contract, did not use the UCLA

offer "for bargaining power or personal gain."

"It doesn't mean that I wouldn't renegotiate his contract if need be, but we didn't," Hart said. He declined to give Crum's salary, but it is believed to be around \$35,000 a year. He also earns several thousand dollars a year through television commercials and personal appearances.

At UCLA, Athletic Director J.D. Morgan issued a statement which made no mention of an offer to Crum.

"Denny was a seriously considered candidate for the position as head basketball coach at UCLA," the statement said. "We have interviewed other candidates and will consider others."

Reading from a hand-written statement, Crum opened the session by referring to "derogatory remarks made about our recruiting."

There have been published reports that the 40-year-old coach failed to attract blue-ribbon high school stars this year.

"No program in the United States, including UCLA, ever gets all the players they recruit," Crum asserted. "The derogatory remarks as to the quality of players we have recruited this year are way out of line."

Crum said he was happy with the players that Louisville has signed, adding "we feel that we will have a basketball team next year that will be competitive."

Texas owner fed up, to sell Ranger interests

ARLINGTON, Tex. (AP) — Wheeler-dealer Brad Corbett said he had wanted to leave the Texas Rangers to his children. Now, the disillusioned millionaire wants \$6 million and out of major league baseball.

Corbett, 39, a cigar-smoking backslapper who liked to make flashy trades from the offices of his plastic pipe manufacturing company, announced he was fed up Monday night.

The Rangers had just lost 1-0 to the

Kansas City Royals before a holiday crowd of 34,660, the largest of the season.

Corbett, who gained controlling interest of the club from Bob Short in 1974, steamed into the Ranger offices where he huddled with club Vice President Eddie Robinson and General Manager Danny O'Brien.

He said, "I've got players that I put complete confidence and faith in and I found out those players don't give a

damn... they don't care about anything except drawing a paycheck."

Corbett said he didn't have any definite buyers in mind.

He claimed when the season began the Rangers were paying such high salaries that they would need 1.4 million in attendance to break even. After Monday night's game, the Rangers were more than 100,000 fans behind last year's pace and had drawn an average of 16,051 fans per game.

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Yesterday's Games Not Included

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	48	29	.623	—
Philadelphia	44	32	.579	3½
St. Louis	43	36	.544	6
Pittsburgh	41	37	.526	7½
Montreal	37	42	.468	12½
New York	31	47	.397	18
West				
Los Angeles	54	26	.675	—
Cincinnati	42	35	.545	10½
Houston	36	44	.450	18
San Francisco	34	47	.420	20½
San Diego	33	49	.402	22
Atlanta	30	49	.372	23½

Monday's Results
Pittsburgh 5-4, St. Louis 2-3
Montreal 19-7, Chicago 3-6
Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 0
Philadelphia 3, New York 1
Atlanta 5, Cincinnati 4
Houston 12, San Diego 7

Yesterday's Games
Montreal 9, Chicago 8
New York at Philadelphia, n
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, n
Cincinnati at Atlanta, n
Houston at San Diego, n
Only games scheduled

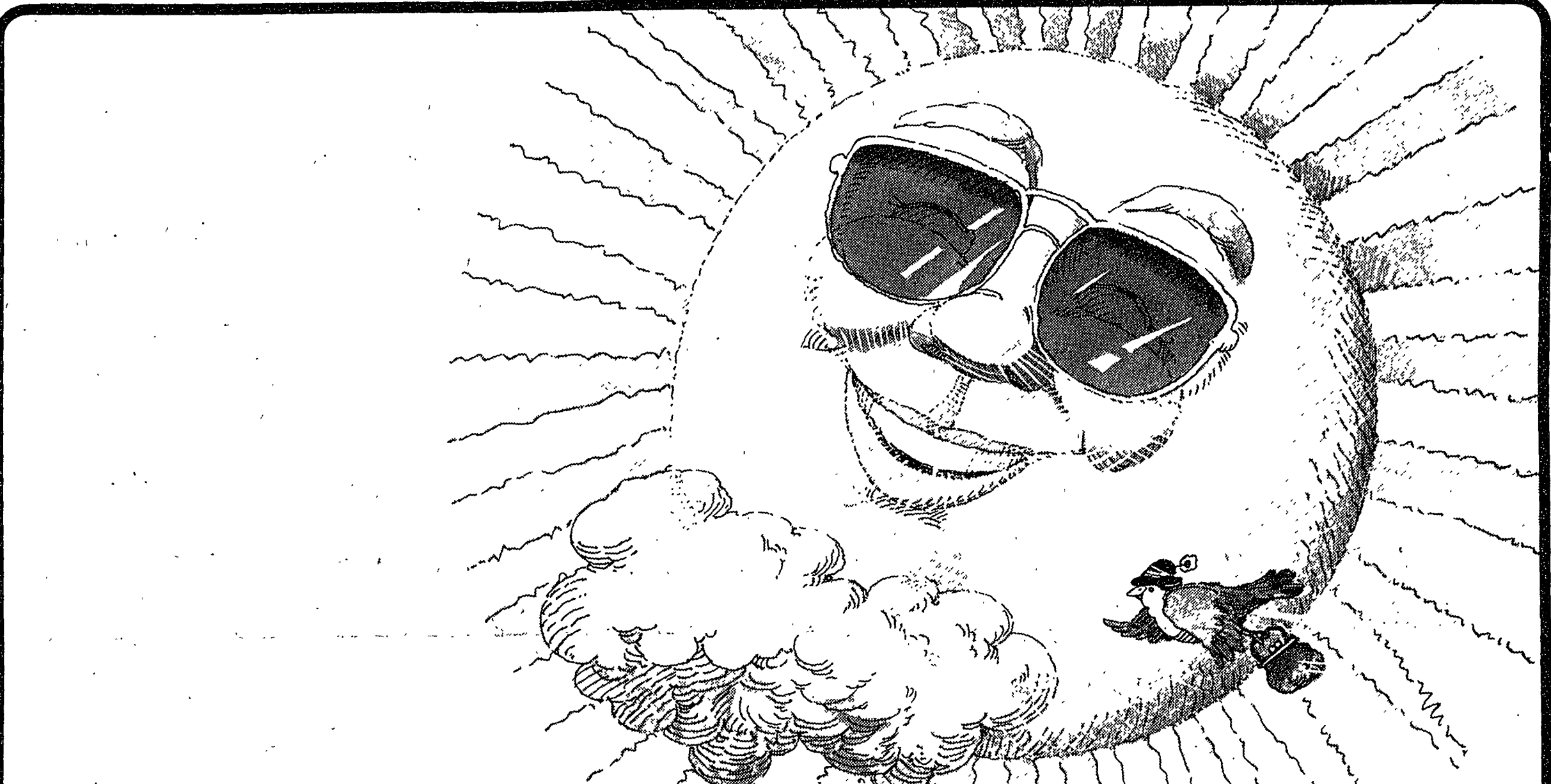
Today's Games
Montreal (Stanhouse 5-7) at Chicago (Bonham 6-7)
New York (Matlack 3-9) at Philadelphia (Kaat 3-5), n
St. Louis (Dierker 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Reuss 3-9 or Jones 2-3), n
Cincinnati (Norman 9-3) at Atlanta (Hargan 6-1), n
Houston (Richard 7-6) at Los Angeles (Rhoden 10-4), n
San Diego (Shirley 6-9) at San Francisco (Williams 3-2), n

American League				
East				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	45	35	.563	—
Boston	42	34	.553	1
Baltimore	43	36	.544	1½
Cleveland	37	38	.493	5½
Milwaukee	38	40	.487	6
Detroit	36	41	.468	7½
Toronto	30	48	.385	14
West				
Chicago	45	32	.584	—
Minnesota	43	36	.544	3
Kansas City	41	36	.532	4
California	38	37	.507	6
Texas	37	40	.481	8
Oakland	34	43	.442	11
Seattle	35	48	.422	13

Monday's Results
Boston 9, Toronto 6
Minnesota 5, Milwaukee 0
Baltimore 6, Detroit 4
New York 7, Cleveland 5
Kansas City 1, Texas 0
California 4, Oakland 2
Chicago 6, Seattle 2

Yesterday's Games
Detroit at Baltimore, 2-1, n
Cleveland at New York, n
Minnesota at Milwaukee, n
Kansas City at Texas, n
Chicago at Seattle, n
Oakland at California, n
Only games scheduled

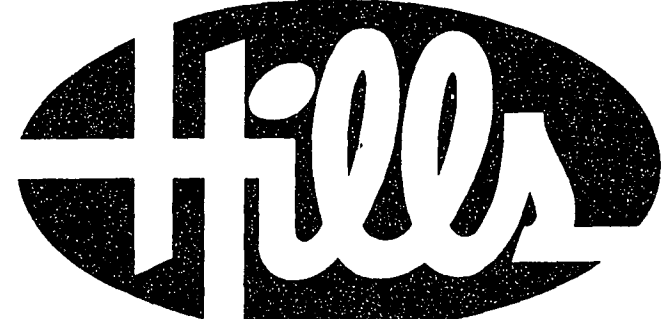
Today's Games
Detroit (Roberts 4-7) at Baltimore (Flanagan 4-8), n
Toronto (Byrd 6-2) at Boston (Tiant 3-7), n
Cleveland (Waits 5-1) at New York (Hunter 4-3), n
California (Brett 6-6) at Minnesota (Butler 6-1), n
Milwaukee (Haas 5-5) at Kansas City (Hassler 5-2), n
Oakland (Medich 5-4) at Texas (Alexander 7-5), n
Chicago (Stone 3-6) at Seattle (Wheelock 4-5), n



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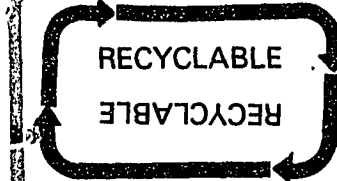
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