

No-shows unable to tarnish All-Star Game

By JOHN NELSON AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Baseball's 56th annual All-Star Game also was becoming a game of no-shows yesterday as managers for both leagues announced their starting lineups.

The absentees for tonight's game included the starting catchers and top winning pitchers for both leagues, the most notable being Joaquin Andujar of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Andujar, who leads the NL with 15 victories, refused the selection of Manager Dick Williams of San Diego after he got the impression that he would not be starting.

"I'd love for Joaquin Andujar to be here," Williams said at a news conference. "Unfortunately, he decided not to come. . . . That's past history. He declined to go. We didn't tell him he couldn't come, and at that point, I hadn't named a starting pitcher."

Williams' starting pitcher will be one of his own, Padres right-hander LaMarr Hoyt, 23, who has won 10 in a row. Sparky Anderson of Detroit, the American League manager, also chose one of his own pitchers to start, Tigers right-hander Jack Morris, 30.

In addition to Andujar, Williams had to replace starting catcher Gary Carter of the New York Mets and reserve outfielder Pedro Guerrero of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Carter was replaced on the roster by Terry Kennedy of the Padres, who Williams said would start ahead of Tony Pena of Pittsburgh. Guerrero was replaced by outfielder Glenn Wilson of Philadelphia, and right-hander Ron Darling of the Mets replaced Andujar.



Kansas City Royal George Brett (left) and Baltimore Oriole Cal Ripken clown around during batting practice yesterday in the Minneapolis Metrodome. Both are in the starting lineup for the American League in tonight's All-Star Game.

Andujar he wouldn't start the All-Star Game. Williams, however, said he didn't talk to Andujar about the All-Star Game, "nor did I make any attempt to. He was doing most of the talking there, and I was just answering questions."

Williams also was asked why he chose to start Kennedy at catcher over Pena, considered by many the best catcher in the game. "I'm a little embarrassed, but also proud, to have five Padres in the starting lineup," Williams said, "and that's why he wasn't selected for the team originally. But Terry Kennedy was second in the balloting to Carter (1,129,018 votes to 777,483). The best arm belongs to Pena, and

Hoyt, Morris set for starting spots

By CLAYTON HASWELL Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — LaMarr Hoyt and Jack Morris have different reasons for savoring their selection as the starting pitchers in tonight's All-Star Game.

For Hoyt, who'll take the mound for the National League, it's a chance to add lustre to a spectacular comeback season. For Morris, the American League starter, it's a chance to show hometown fans just how far he's come.

"It's not vindication as far as I'm concerned," said Hoyt, who won the 1983 Cy Young Award as baseball's best pitcher in 1983 and then fell to 13-18 and was traded in 1984.

"I'm just very happy to have the opportunity. I know there are a lot of deserving pitchers in the National League," said Hoyt, traded by the Chicago White Sox to the San Diego Padres in December.

Here's a guy who has hit over 300 five times in his career, has knocked in more than 900 runs and has a .287 lifetime average for 15 seasons.

All this, and he's only been chosen for the All-Star team once. That was back in 1980, and what happened was poetic justice in reverse. Of the 20 non-pitchers on the NL roster for that game, Cruz was the only one who did not play.

Slowly, and long overdue, Cruz is gaining recognition for being one of the best and most consistent players in baseball.

"I think maybe it's because of where I play," said Cruz, without a trace of remorse or animosity. "In Houston, we did not win too many games."

Some veteran Cruz watchers say that he may be the prototype of a great player who no one notices.

Cruz finally finds national spotlight

By BEN WALKER AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Finally, Jose Cruz made it back to the All-Star Game. This time, he might even get to play.

His name is not as well-known as those of his National League teammates-for-a-day, guys like Garvey and Nettles and Parker.

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Wiebe finally passes test

By JOE MAGENKA AP Sports Writer

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — In the past six years, Mark Wiebe has lost count of the number of times he's been put through the test of PGA Tour qualifying schools.

"It's been seven or eight," Wiebe said, "I'm really not sure."

On Sunday, Wiebe found a way to bypass tour schools, those nerve-racking qualifying sessions reserved for marginal professional golfers.

His \$90,000 paycheck for his first career victory, a sudden-death triumph over John Mahaffey in the \$500,000 Anheuser-Busch Classic, strengthened his bid to finish in the top 125 on the money list.

"I'm here (on the tour), if you don't do well there's always another tournament next week," said Wiebe, 27, of Escondido, Calif. "Qualifying school is for your life."

Wiebe, whose previous best finish was a fourth in the Westchester Classic last month, said that instead of being angry or nervous, he felt somewhat of a sense of relief after he forced the playoff by three-putting for a bogey-five on the 72nd hole.

"This is the way I looked at it," said Wiebe. "What's second money here? \$54,000, right? I can't finish any worse than second, and by finishing second, I about clinch a position in the top 125. If I finish first, I win \$90,000. So, I win, or I win more. It was a no-lose situation for me."

Wiebe, with a final-round 70, and Mahaffey, who had a 69, finished regulation play at 11-under-par 273 over the 6,746-yard, par-71 Kingsmill Golf Club course.

On the first playoff hole, the 427-yard, par-four 16th, Wiebe put his drive down the middle of the fairway, while Mahaffey sliced his onto the cart path down the right side.

Wiebe's second shot landed on the green about 15 feet from the pin. Despite playing off the cart path, Mahaffey put his second shot on the green, 25 feet from the hole.

Mahaffey missed his putt for birdie, however, clearing the way for Wiebe's winning effort, which seemed to hang on the lip before dropping, sending Wiebe into the joyous leap.

"Mark played very, very well," said Mahaffey, winner of the 1981 Anheuser-Busch and six other PGA Tour events, as well as \$54,000 for Sunday's finish. "He deserved to win the tournament. When you birdie the first hole of a sudden-death playoff, it takes care of most people. He took care of me."

Wiebe, who entered the Anheuser-Busch in 117th place on this year's money list, not only solid-



Mark Wiebe, of Escondido, Ca., raises his hands as he wins a sudden-death playoff with John Mahaffey, during the finale of the Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic at the Kingsmill Golf Club in Williamsburg, Va. last Sunday.

ified his quest at eliminating the words "qualifying school" from his vocabulary, but earned automatic berths in several prestigious tournaments as well.

"Boy, this means so much," he said. "It means the World Series of Golf. It means the Tournament of Champions."

"It's a great feeling, being in the hunt. You want to get out here and see how you rank against the best," said Wiebe, who paused, smiled, and added: "I can play on tour."

Stars a model of consistency

By DAVE GOLDBERG AP Sports Writer

TEANECK, N.J. — The Baltimore Stars bade farewell to three years of spring football by providing its often-disorganized USFL rivals with a simple lesson — a well-run organization still is the quickest way to success.

"You read about this club and that club not getting paid. That never happened with the Stars," Coach Jim Mora said yesterday, 12 hours after his team had won its second straight league title with a 28-24 victory over the Oakland Invaders and closed out its three spring seasons with a 49-13-1 record, by far the league's best.

But typically for the United States Football League, Mora had to share equal billing yesterday with Harry Usher, the league's commissioner, who is continuing to struggle with defining the size and shape of the league when it next resumes play — 12 to 14 months from now in the fall of 1986.

Usher only had one specific announcement — that the USFL owners had voted to make the league a non-profit Delaware corporation in order to make decision-making easier.

But he acknowledged that the league's \$1.32 billion antitrust suit against the National Football League is "extremely important" to the USFL's future and added that the league, four of whose 14 teams missed their final payrolls, may let some of its high-salaried players jump to the NFL in an effort to cut costs during the year-long hiatus.

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Indeed, 27 of the Stars who played in Sunday night's game also played two years ago in the first USFL title game — a 28-22 loss to the Michigan Panthers, who merged with the invaders after last season, contributing nine key players to Sunday night's losers. And there were only eight new players on this year's Stars, who won eight of their last nine games after a 5-6 start, although the team itself was selected from Philadelphia and actually played its games in College Park, Md.

"There's an axiom in football — you get a lot of your best when you turn over eight players a year," Carl Peterson, the team's president and personnel specialist, said last week.

But if Baltimore fared well on the field, it didn't do so well off it. The prototype franchise for spring play spent far less than some of its flashier rivals, mixing a nucleus of low- and medium-salaried players with selected stars like Kelvin Bryant, who ran for 103 yards, scored three touchdowns, and was named the game's most valuable player.

But it was forced to leave Philadelphia when the USFL voted to move to the fall in 1986 because of conflicts with the NFL's Eagles and ended up commuting three hours from its practice base in Philadelphia to its games in College Park, Md.

"I think that contributed to our problems at the beginning of a good season," Mora said. "But I think

because of the continuity our team stayed together and pulled together and we played our best football at the end of the season. Usher, meanwhile, was dealing with far less than some of his flashier rivals, mixing a nucleus of low- and medium-salaried players with selected stars like Kelvin Bryant, who ran for 103 yards, scored three touchdowns, and was named the game's most valuable player.

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Players Association votes for August strike date

By HAL BOCK AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — The Major League Baseball Players Association voted yesterday to strike Aug. 6 if no settlement is reached in its dispute with team owners over a new collective bargaining contract.

The executive board of the players association met for nearly four hours and, according to acting Executive Director Don Fehr, reviewed the status of negotiations and results of the union's examination of management's books.

"The board decided that if no agreement has been reached by Tuesday, Aug. 6, the players will strike effective with games of that date," Fehr said.

"We regret the players' decision to set an Aug. 6 strike date," Lee McPhail, president of management's Player Relations Committee, said in a statement released in Minneapolis, site of tonight's All-Star Game.

"We are and have been ready to collectively address the problems confronting the players," McPhail said. "We do not want a strike. It would be a failure on both our parts and

unfair to our fans. "We will make every reasonable effort consistent with our obligation to the game and the public to reach an agreement before the Aug. 6 deadline."

A strike on that date would come as several pennant contenders meet in both the American and National leagues.

In 1981, major league players struck for 50 days beginning in mid-June, forcing cancellation of 712 games.

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All-Star facts and figures

Table with columns for year, league, and number of players. Includes rows for 1962-1985 for both American and National leagues.

Try this All-Star Trivia Quiz

- By The Associated Press
1. The decline of pitcher Dizzy Dean's career started in the 1937 All-Star Game when he was hit by a line drive that broke a toe on his left foot. Who hit the ball?
2. In the first All-Star Game, in 1933, Carl Hubbell of the National League struck out five consecutive hitters. Name the batters in the order they whiffed.
3. Who drove in the first run in All-Star competition?
4. Who hit the first grand slam homer in an All-Star Game?
5. Name the only pitcher who has started an All-Star Game for both the American and National Leagues.
6. In the 1970 All-Star Game Pete Rose crashed into Cleveland's Ray Fosse to score the winning run for the NL in the 12th inning. Name the batter that singled home Rose and the losing pitcher.
7. The longest All-Star Game was won 2-1 by the NL on July 11, 1967 on a home run in the top of the 15th inning. Who hit the homer?
8. Who is the only pitcher to start two All-Star Games in the same season?
9. Ted Williams' three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the AL a dramatic 7-5 victory scheduled for tonight in Minneapolis.
10. Although he did not retire a batter, this pitcher won the 1954 All-Star Game for the AL. Name him.
11. Who is the only player to hit homers for the NL and AL in an All-Star Game?
12. Name the three players who have collected four hits in an All-Star Game?
13. Who is the youngest player to participate in an All-Star Game?
14. Who has the worst career All-Star batting average? (minimum 25 at-bats)
15. Name the five players who have hit two homers in an All-Star Game.
Answers:
1. Earl Averill, Cleveland. 2. Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmie Fox, Al Simmons and Joe Cronin. 3. Lefty Gomez, New York (AL). 4. Fred Lynn, July 6, 1985. 5. Vida Blue, 1971-AL, 1978-NL. 6. Jim Hickman, Chicago and Clyde Wright, California, was the loser. 7. Tony Perez, Cincinnati. 8. Don Drysdale, Los Angeles, 1959. (From 1959-62 two games were played.) 9. Claude Passeau, Chicago. 10. Dean Stone, Wash. (Red Schoendienst was thrown out trying to steal home to end the eighth inning with the NL up 9-8. The AL scored three in the bottom of the eighth and Virgil Trucks pitched the ninth.) 11. Frank Robinson, 1959-NL, 1971-AL. 12. Joe Medwick, 1937, Ted Williams-1946 and Carl Yastrzemski-1970. 13. Dwight Gooden, 1984, he was 19 years, 7 months, 24 days. 14. Orlando Cepeda (1-for-27, .037). 15. Arky Vaughan-1941, Ted Williams-1941, Al Rosen-1951, Willie McCovey-1969 and Gary Carter-1981.

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