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## Reds, Mets Take Early Lead

NL WEST	W	L	PCT.	G.B.
Cincinnati Reds	4	1	.800	-
Los Angeles Dodgers	3	1	.750	1/2
Atlanta Braves	4	5	.444	2
Houston Astros	2	3	.400	2
San Diego Padres	1	4	.200	3
San Francisco Giants	0	0	.000	1 1/2

NL EAST	W	L	PCT.	G.B.
New York Mets	8	1	.888	-
Chicago Cubs	4	1	.800	2
Pittsburgh Pirates	2	3	.400	4
Philadelphia Phillies	3	7	.300	5 1/2
Montreal Expos	1	3	.250	4 1/2
St. Louis Cardinals	1	4	.200	5

April 24

The CUBS took 4 of 5 from the CARDINALS at Chicago(3-1,3-0,7-1,7-3,5-6). Rick Reuschel pitched a 4-hit shutout in G2. Rick Monday hit 2 HRS in G3. The CARDS salvaged the last game as Larry Biittner drove in all 6 runs. Newly acquired Bob Montgomery struckout his first 7 times up as a CUB.....The REDS took 4 of 5 from the PADRES at Cincinnati(2-1,4-1,8-1,5-4,1-2). Joe Morgan's 10th inning HR won G1. Don Gullett pitched a 2-hitter in G3 as Nate Colbert's 2 out 7th inning HR broke up his no-hit bid. The REDS scored 3 in the 8th to win G4. Clarence Gaston doubled home Nate Colbert in the 10th to win G5 for the PADRES.....The PHILLIES took 3 of 5 from the PIRATES at Pittsburgh(3-1,2-9,10-3,1-3,15-1). A 9th inning 2 run HR for Bill Robinson won G1 for the PHILLIES. The PIRATES collected 13 hits in G2 and the PHILLIES 16 hits in G3. In G5, the PHILLIES scored 8 runs in the 4th; Del Unser was 4 for 5 (10 for 18 in the series) and Steve Carlton went the distance hitting a HR himself. as the PHILLIES scored 15 runs on 19 hits.....The METS took 3 of 4 from the EXPOS at New York(5-4,1-6,4-1,2-0). Rusty Staub threw Ken Singleton out at home in the 12th as the EXPOS scored 1 run; then Staub 2B'd home the winning runs in the bottom of the 12th to win G1. 3 errors by the EXPOS in G3 led to the METS win. The METS scored 2 in the 8th to win G4 behind Jon Matlack's 5 hit shutout..... The BRAVES took 3 of 5 from the ASTROS in Atlanta(1-6,2-1,6-8,7-4,2-1). Jerry Reuss scattered 5 hits in G1. Gentry out-dueled Roberts in G2. The ASTROS collected 15 hits as a 6 run 8th by the BRAVES (which included 4 HRS) fell short in G3. The BRAVES collected 15 hits in G4. Jerry Reuss

## Angels in front in West; Tigers 1st in East

AL WEST	W	L	PCT.	G.B.
California Angels	4	1	.800	-
Minnesota Twins	6	4	.600	1/2
Kansas City Royals	5	4	.555	1
Chicago White Sox	2	3	.400	2
Texas Rangers	1	3	.250	2 1/2
Oakland Athletics	1	4	.200	3

AL EAST	W	L	PCT.	G.B.
Detroit Tigers	3	2	.600	-
New York Yankees	5	4	.555	-
Milwaukee Brewers	5	4	.555	-
Cleveland Indians	1	4	.200	2
Baltimore Orioles	0	0	.000	1 1/2
Boston Red Sox	0	0	.000	1 1/2

April 24

The BREWERS took 4 of 5 from the INDIANS at Cleveland(1-0,7-2,4-0,3-5,4-2). Jim Colborn out-dueled Gaylord Perry as a 2B by Darrell Porter and a single by Ellie Rodriguez won G1 in the 12th. Jim Slaton scattered 7 hits in G2. Skip Lockwood pitched a 5-hit shutout in G3 behind a 3 run HR by George Scott and a solo HR by Johnny Briggs. Rusty Torres drove in 2 runs in the 8th; Milt Wilcox pitched 7 scoreless innings before Tom Hilgendorf came in in the 9th to save the INDIANS first victory in G4. Back-to-back HRS in the 12th by Scott & Briggs gave Jim Colborn his 2nd win in G5.....The ROYALS took 3 of 4 from the RANGERS at Kansas City(7-1,6-9,7-3,8-3). Steve Busby gave up a run in the 1st and then pitched 8 scoreless innings for the win in G1. Jim Merritt pitched 7 scoreless innings before being knocked out in the ROYALS 5 run 8th as their comeback fell short in G2. The RANGERS 3 run 9th inning rally fell short in G3. Tony Muser hit his 2nd HR of the series to lead a 13 hit attack by the ROYALS in G4. Muser drove in 8 runs in the series.....The TWINS took 3 of 5 from the WHITE SOX at Chicago(2-3,7-1,1-0,1-2,2-0). A PH 2B by John Jeter in the 8th tied the score; Bill Melton led off the bottom of the 9th with a HR to win it for the WHITE SOX in G1. Tim Foley drove home the only run in G3 on a SF in the 6th; Steve Renko pitched a near perfect game as Bucky Dent's 6th inning single was the only baserunner he allowed. Ed Kirkpatrick drove home both WS' runs in G4 with a HR and single. Bert Blyleven pitched a 6 hit shutout for the TWINS in G5. Jim Howell went 8 for 14.....The ANGELS took 4 of 5 from the ATHLETICS at Oakland(5-1,2-1,4-5,9-2,6-1). Nolan Ryan scattered 6 hits and

lost to Phil Niekro as Henry Aaron's 2 run HR in the 4th won G5.

May 1

The METS swept 5 games from the PHILLIES at Philadelphia(5-2,2-0,3-0,5-0,1-0). Greg Luzinski's 2 run HR in the 7th gave the PHILLIES the lead; 2 PHILLIES' throwing errors in the 9th aided a 4 run MET rally which cost them G1. Wayne Twitchell lost a 3-hitter on John Milner's HR, a single by Ron Hodges and a 2B by Ed Krane pool (the only runners he allowed) as Jerry Koosman pitched a 5 hit shutout in G2. Jon Matlack pitched a 5 hit shutout as Felix Millan drove in all 3 runs in the 9th with a bases loaded 2B to win G3. George Stone collected 2 hits, drove in 2 runs and pitched a 7 hit shutout in G4. Willie Mays led off G5 with a HR as Tom Seaver allowed 4 hits to give the METS 4 consecutive shutouts and 38 straight shutout innings against the PHILLIES.... The DODGERS took 3 of 4 from the BRAVES at Los Angeles(6-4,3-8,12-4,6-5). A HR for Steve Garvey and 4 DODGER SB's gave Sutton a win in game G1. Mike Lum drove in 5 runs on a 2B&HR as the BRAVES scored 2 in the 8th and 3 in the 9th to win G2. The DODGERS pounded out 15 hits in G3 as Willie Davis drove in 4 runs on 3 hits including a HR. Willie Crawford's 7th inning HR tied the score; Bill Melton's lead off HR in the bottom of the 10th won game four.

#### MORE TRADES

The WHITE SOX traded Bill Sharp, Jerry Hairston, Tony Muser & Luis Alvarado to the ROYALS for Ed Kirkpatrick, Hal McRae, Kurt Bevacqua, Gail Hopkins & Ken Wright. ..The RANGERS traded Alex Johnson, Larry Biittner, Bill Sudakis, Toby Harrah, Jim Bibby, Sonny Siebert & Bill Gogolewski to the CARDINALS for Bob Gibson, Ken Reitz, Jose Cruz, Diego Segui, Jim Dwyer, Mike Tyson & Mike Kelleher...The EXPOS traded Steve Renko, Tim Foli, Jim Lyttle, Mike Jorgenson & John Bocabella to the TWINS for Larry Hisle, Dick Woodson, Jerry Terrell, Joe Lis & George Mitterwald... The WHITE SOX traded John Jeter, Steve Stone, Bill Melton & a 3rd round 1975 draft pick to the DODGERS for Tom Paciorek, Ron Cey & Andy Messersmith(effective May 8)... The WHITE SOX traded Pat Kelly & Ken Frailing to the CUBS for Rick Monday & Dave LaRoche(effective May 1).

struckout 12 men to win G1. Bill Singer went 10 innings to pick up a win in G2. The ATHLETICS scored a run in the 9th to tie the score and Ray Fosse drove home the winning run in the 13th to win G3. Rudy May scattered 6 hits and struckout 10 men to win G4. Nolan Ryan pitched a 3-hitter in G5 and struckout 11 men for his 2nd victory of the series..... The TIGERS took 3 of 5 from the YANKEES at New York(2-0,3-0,1-2,3-4,12-6). Mickey Lolich and Mel Stottlemyre each pitched 6-hitters in G1, but Jim Northrup 2B'd home a run in the 2nd and Willie Horton hit a 9th inning HR; Mickey Stanley threw Matty Alou out at home in the 8th to break up a YANKEE rally. Joe Coleman pitched a 4 hit shutout in G2; A RBI single for Bill Freehan and a 2 run single by Jim Northrup in the 3rd provided all the scoring; Jerry Moses threw out 3 TIGER runners and the YANKEES turned over 4 DP's in a losing cause. Bobby Murcer singled home Thurman Munson in the 1st; Jim Northrup singled home Bill Freehan in the 4th to tie the score; a 2 out HR in the bottom of the 9th by Jim Ray Hart won G3 for the YANKEES. Ed Brinkman 3B'd with the bases loaded in the 6th; The YANKEES tied the score on hits by Clarke, White and Munson; In the 12th, a single by Matty Alou, a throwing error by Norm Cash and a single by Murcer won G4. The YANKEES tied the score in the 7th on a 3 run HR by Murcer. The TIGERS exploded in the 14th scoring 7 runs (capped by Cash's 3 run HR) to win G5; Bill Freehan was 5 for 6 and Murcer 4 for 7; Ed Brinkman also bunted successfully 4 times to tie an all-time 1 game record.

May 1

The TWINS took 3 of 5 from the ROYALS at Minnesota(4-3,3-11,9-2,2-0,3-11). With 2 out in the bottom of the 9th, Steve Bram 2B'd home 2 runs to win G1. The ROYALS scored 5 in the 1st and 3 in the 2nd collecting 15 hits in G2; Fred Patek had a 2B, 3B, HR & SB. Bill Hands&Ray Corbin combined for a 3-hit shutout in G4; Al Fitzmorris lost a 3-hitter as he walked the bases loaded in the 2nd and gave up a 2 run single to Rod Carew. Gene Garber pitched a 4-hitter in G5.....The YANKEES took 3 of 4 from the BREWERS at Milwaukee (12-3,5-7,5-0,5-2). The YANKEES collected 16 hits in G1 with an 11 run 5th inning; Jim Ray Hart drove in 6 runs in that big inning on a grand slam HR & a 2 run 2B. The BREWERS won G2 on a 6 run 6th; Don Money was 4 for 5 with 3 RBI's. Mel Stottlemyre pitched a 1-hit shutout in G3; he allowed 3 walks & a 6th inning single



A PERMANENT & A TEMPORARY MANAGER

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

Bob Moore (telephone is a party P.O. Box 328 line, call person-to-Loveland, Colo. 80537 person to avoid 303-667-4675 wasting a call)

DETROIT TIGERS

Robert Custer (temporary)

Both new managers take over starting with the May 8 series.

CLARIFICATION OF RULE#11:

For example, if a pitcher pitches 4 innings in relief 1 game, and he pitches 2 innings in the next game, as soon as he gets the out that makes 6 IP in 2 g's he changes to all "5's".

EFFECTIVE WITH May 22 series:

35)When counting batters faced for a reliever to determine when he changes to "B" grades, an intentional walk shall not count as a batter faced.

CLARIFICATION OF RULE #18 and BOARD GAMES MISSED RULES:

If an injury comes up more than once for a player in one game, his injury is the total of all the games missed that is rolled for him.

ALL MANAGERS:

When reporting the results of a series send me linescores, pitchers, HRS, stars of the game, INJURIES THAT OCCUR IN THAT GAME, comments about EACH game SEPARATELY and a few comments about the series. This is sent to me even if you also are sending play-by-play scoresheets because it is an open team series or a series with my team. When preparing the newsletter, I must rely solely on your game comments to report series results. I don't have the time to go over play-by-plays.

ALL HOME MANAGERS:

When sending out play-by-plays, for each game have a minimum boxscore along side the play-by-play listing at least AB,H,R,RBI,2B,3B,HR,BB,SO. Some of the scoresheets I have received that don't have this are hard to follow. All PO, A & E should be recorded on the play-by-play scoresheet. PO&A records need not be kept, but the scoresheet should read like an official major league scoresheet listing clearly everything that occurred in each game.

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to Don Money. Steve Kline scattered 5 hits as Bobby Murcer's 3 run 9th inning HR won G4.

The reason this newsletter is late is because I wanted the results of all Apr24 series before I prepared it. I am still waiting for the results from San Francisco and Boston. If I find that several managers are late reporting results and instructions every series, I will be forced to institute severe late penalties. Only valid reasons will not incur the penalties.

From now until the end of the season the newsletter will be sent out every other Wednesday no matter how much information has reached me.

SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Due to a mix-up, the May 1 series between the WHITE SOX and ANGELS at California was played by the ANGELS' manager with Chicago the home team. To remedy this, the Oct. 30 ANGELS-WHITE SOX series will be played by the WHITE SOX manager with California the home team.

ALL MANAGERS: Read the schedule carefully. If necessary, circle your home games in one color and your road games in another color.

I hope somebody notices the improvement in the readability of the newsletter print.

I will begin printing league leaders when I receive at least one statistics sheet on every team.

The ORIOLES and BREWERS may have permanent managers in the near future.

The U.S. Post Office has been gobbling up some of my incoming and outgoing mail. I just received back half of an instruction sheet I sent out with an apology from the P.O. saying that one of the machines ate the other half. If anything that you should be receiving from me is late, let me know. I suggest that you retain a copy of all material and letters sent through the mail.

Barry Koopersmith