

White Sox belt Orioles, 6-4

BALTIMORE (AP)—Wayne Nordhagen, a slugger from the appropriately named Minnesota town of Thief River Falls, has joined Chicago's South Side Hit Men.

The blond belter drove in four runs with his first two major league homers Thursday night, and led the White Sox to a 6-4 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

The come-from-behind decision kept Chicago three games behind first place Kansas City in the American League West, and dropped the Orioles the same distance behind New York in the Eastern Division.

In a move to shake up the White Sox, who have run into hard times of late, Manager Bob Lemon started Don Kessinger at second base and moved Nordhagen into right field, with Richie Zisk shifting to left.

"We've been dormant, so I decided to change things around a little bit," Lemon said. "When the same things happen day after day, it might as well be with different faces."

"Nordhagen did a good job before against left-handers when Zisk was out with an injury, so I put him in there."

Nordhagen, who toiled in the minors for eight years before Chicago acquired him midway through last season, was ready for one of his rare starts.

The 29-year-old right-handed batter cracked a three-run homer off lefty Rudy May to tie the score 4-4 in the sixth, and hit a solo shot off right-hander Dennis Martinez, 11-7, in the eighth.

The first homer came on an 0-2 delivery after Lamar Johnson had singled off May's glove and Chet Lemon was struck by a pitch with two outs.

But since the line drive barely reached the left field seats, just inside the foul pole at the 309-foot mark, Nordhagen didn't get to enjoy watching his first circuit clout in the majors—which came on his 118th time at bat.

"I thought it might go foul or hit the wall, so I was running," he said. "When I rounded first, I saw no one had the ball in play, so I figured it must have made it."

The second homer went deep into the bleachers, and Nordhagen also sent center fielder Al Bumbry to the warning track in center for his fly ball in the second.

Eric Soderholm also cracked his 20th homer for the White Sox, who have overcome pitching and defensive weaknesses with a team .281 batting average and 162 homers.

Except for Kessinger, who doubled his at bats while going 0-for-5 Thursday, Nordhagen was the only other player on the current roster without a homer. His teammates didn't let him forget it.

"They've been on me all year," Nordhagen said. "When (Alan) Bannister hit an inside-the-park homer in Toronto, he said I'd never catch him."

The Orioles, who had a season-high 19 hits while beating Chicago 10-5 Wednesday, wasted most of their 15 this time by hitting into three double plays and having a runner cut down at the plate.

Rich Dauer and Bumbry, both 4-for-4 on Wednesday, added three hits apiece in the series finale. Each scored a run and had an RBI. Dauer recorded seven consecutive hits before being stopped, and Bumbry's streak ended at six.

Bumbry and Dauer singled to open the game against Ken Kravec, who had lost his last four decisions, and Bumbry scored on a single by Lee May.

Bumbry drove home a run in the second and Dauer scored on Ken Singleton's single after lashing an RBI single in the fifth.

Baltimore, which has lost four of five, had 12 hits off Kravec, but collected only three more off winner Dave Hamilton, 3-4, and Lerrin LaGrow, who recorded his 20th save in his 55th appearance.

Lemon, who didn't relieve starter Steve Stone on Wednesday until he had given up 14 hits, could hardly be called "Captain Hook." But the Chicago manager insisted he had good reason for not going to his bullpen.

"I can go out and get a can of gasoline anytime," he said. "If I had a fire truck, I'd go get that."

LaGrow, who entered the season with a lifetime 16-41 record, is clearly the bullpen ace. He has a 6-2 record to go with his 20 saves.

"This is the first time I've been used in short relief for a whole season," said LaGrow. "I didn't think I'd like it, but I was ready to try anything because I had a very mediocre career until now."

"Until this year," he confessed, "my only claim to fame was when Bert Campaneris threw his bat at me during the 1972 playoffs."

Elsewhere in the American League, Boston broke a seven-game losing streak with a 9-6 victory over Texas, New York defeated Minnesota 6-4 and Kansas City ran its winning skein to nine with a 9-6 triumph over Milwaukee.

Red Sox 9, Rangers 6
The Red Sox rallied for six runs in the seventh inning to overtake Texas and remain two games behind New York in the AL East. Butch Hobson's 25th homer of the season, a three-run shot in the seventh, and George Scott's run-scoring single and 30th home run were the key hits for Boston.

Yankees 6, Twins 4
New York continued its hot streak, winning its 11th game in the last 12 as Reggie Jackson singled home the winning run and Chris Chambliss doubled home an insurance tally in the eighth inning. Mickes Rivers also singled in a pair of runs and had three hits in the contest, raising his batting average to .334.

New York relief ace Sparky Lyle, 9-4, got the victory while Minnesota bullpen star Tom Johnson, 13-6, was the loser.

Royals 9, Brewers 6
Kansas City's surge continued thanks to John Wathan's first major-league homer, a three-run shot in a six-run third inning. The nine straight triumphs set a club record.

Paul Splitteroff, 11-6, got the victory while Jerry Augustine, 11-15, absorbed the defeat.

CHICAGO	ab	r	b	h	bi	BALTIMORE	ab	r	b	h	bi
Kessner	2b	3	0	0	0	Bumby	cf	4	1	3	1
Bannister	ss	4	0	0	0	Dauer	2b	5	1	3	1
Zisk	lf	5	1	1	0	Smeltz	rf	4	0	1	1
LJohnson	dh	5	1	2	1	May	1b	5	0	2	1
Schrhm	3b	4	1	2	1	Murray	dh	4	0	0	0
Lemon	cf	2	1	1	0	Mora	lf	4	0	0	0
Nordhagen	rf	4	2	2	4	DeCes	3b	4	0	1	0
Spencer	1b	4	0	1	0	Beisgr	ss	3	1	1	0
Dwinn	c	4	0	1	0	Muser	ph	1	0	1	0
						KGracia	ss	0	0	0	0
						Skaggs	c	3	1	2	0
						Crowly	ph	1	0	0	0
						Rudolph	c	0	0	0	0
Total		37	6	10	6	Total		38	4	15	4

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IP	E	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3	1	12	4	4	0	3
7	1	2	3	1	0	1
3	2	2	0	0	2	1
5	2	3	6	4	4	2
3	1	3	4	2	0	3
2	0	3	1	2	0	3



TAGGED OUT at home plate by Texas catcher Jim Sundberg is Boston's Carlton Fisk. Fisk tried to score from first base on a double by Rick Burleson. Boston won game, 9-6. Making the call is plate umpire Dick Garcia.

Weaver adds new act to 7th ejection

BALTIMORE (AP)—Manager Earl Weaver of the Baltimore Orioles kept his streak intact by being ejected from Thursday night's game with the Chicago White Sox.

Plate umpire Larry McCoy tossed Weaver out in the seventh inning, marking the seventh time this season the Oriole skipper has departed early. It was the second consecutive ejection for Weaver, and his third in eight games.

Don Denkinger bounced Weaver from Wednesday night's game for disputing strike calls, and McCoy gave him the thumb for refusing to either leave the mound or make a pitching change.

Weaver also had been out on the field in the third inning, disputing a call by umpire Durwood Merrill on a force play at second. In the fifth, Chicago Manager Bob Lemon argued when Baltimore's Dave Skaggs was called safe at first by Hank Soear.

Replays of the two disputed calls, shown on closed circuit television in the press box, indicated that the umpires had missed both decisions.

Before leaving the field for the final time, Weaver aroused the home crowd by appearing to toss out one of the umpires. He used a well executed four-step delivery while motioning with his hand.

It didn't work. The entire four-man umpiring crew remained.

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Brock two away of theft mark

AP Sports Writer Gary Alexander almost went into the trivia book with Al Downing, Raiph Branca and Tracy Stallard.

Alexander, the San Francisco catcher, was behind the plate Thursday night when Lou Brock stole his 25th and 26th bases of the season to increase his career mark to 891 and pull within one of the major league record set by Ty Cobb.

"I thought about the situation last night (Wednesday) because I knew I was going to be playing," said the rookie catcher. "But I really didn't mind. He is going to set the record sooner or later. I'm just glad it wasn't off me."

For non-trivia buffs, Downing, Branca and Stallard are all pitchers. Downing gave up Hank Aaron's 715th home run, which broke Babe Ruth's career mark. Branca served up Bobby Thompson's celebrated home run in the final game of the 1951 playoffs to give the New York Giants the National League pennant. Stallard was on the mound when Roger Maris hit his 61st home run in 1961 to break Ruth's single-season mark.

"The crowd tried to intimidate me by yelling at the top of its lungs," said Alexander.

In the first inning, the 38-year-old Brock singled. Two pitches later he stole second. He attempted to add third base to his theft total and was two-thirds of the way when Garry Templeton fouled off a 2-2 pitch.

A double by Keith Hernandez scored Brock with the game's first run.

In the third, Brock beat out an infield hit and stole second again. This time he scored on Templeton's single and the Cards were in front 2-0.

It didn't stay that way long as San Francisco starter John Montefusco, who

scattered eight hits through six innings, drove in the winning run with a seventh-inning single as the Giants downed the Cardinals, 4-2.

In other NL games Thursday, Pittsburgh edged Los Angeles 2-1, Atlanta defeated Chicago 8-6, Cincinnati nipped New York 3-2 and Houston squeezed by Philadelphia 6-5.

Pirates 2, Dodgers 1
Reliever Larry Demery finished up what John Candelaria started, then gave a fan an unexpected souvenir of Pittsburgh's victory over the Dodgers.

"A guy kept calling me a bum," Demery said. "I showed him different."

Reggie Smith, the first batter Demery faced when he entered the game in the sixth inning, smashed his 24th home run of the season, narrowing Pittsburgh's lead to 2-1. That started the fan's heckling.

Braves 8, Cubs 6
Rookie Junior Moore smashed his first major league grand slam in the first inning to highlight Atlanta's victory over Chicago. Right-hander Dick Ruthven, 5-10, hurled the first five innings for the Braves, scattering five hits to earn the victory.

Reds 3, Mets 2
A seventh-inning single by Dave Concepcion drove in two runs and carried Cincinnati past New York. Concepcion's hit scored Johnny Bench and Dan Drissen.

Len Randle slammed his fifth homer of the year for New York.

Fred Norman, 12-10, scattered five hits through seven innings and struck out seven, including the 1,000th strikeout of his career, to get the victory.

Astros 6, Phillies 5
Consecutive home runs by Bob Watson and Joe Ferguson and a run-scoring double by Cesar Cedeno rallied Houston over Philadelphia. It was the Phillies' second straight loss after winning 19 of 20.

NFL exhibition Browns nudge Bears

AP Sports Writer
Sometimes there's nothing more exciting in a pro football game than the action in "the pit," where behemoths collide on every play. And when two behemoths go at each other are trying to win jobs, it makes the collisions even more fearsome.

Which is why, when you're not watching Fran Tarkenton, Bob Griese or the rest of the more obvious players on Minnesota and Miami in tonight's National Football League game on ABC, you might glance in the trenches. Vikings defensive tackle Joe Jackson and Dolphins offensive tackle Wally Peseut will be raising some dust.

The long weekend of exhibitions moves into high gear Saturday night with Baltimore at Dallas, Los Angeles at Kansas City, Cincinnati at St. Louis, San Diego at Oakland, Detroit at Seattle, Washington at Green Bay, the New York Jets at New Orleans and Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta at Orlando, Fla. On Sunday it's Pittsburgh at New England and Denver at Philadelphia, then the weekend ends Monday night with Buffalo at the New York Giants and San Francisco at Houston.

Thursday night, Cleveland beat Chicago 14-7, as Brian Sipe easily outdueled former teammate Mike Phipps. Sipe had two short TD passes in the first half and completed 14 of 27 pass attempts while Phipps was sacked five times and hit only three of 13 passes.

Jackson, trying to make a name for himself as a member of Minnesota's vaunted Purple Gang, has been wowing Bud Grant. The glacial head coach, usually tight with the compliment, has had a few nice things to say about the New Mexico State alumnus, a one-time New York Jet picked up on waivers from Washington.

"This is a game where you have to take advantage of opportunities and Joe has done well whenever he's had a chance to play," Grant said.

On the other side of the scrimmage line will be Peseut, Dallas' fifth-round draftee out of the University of Kentucky and now trying to hook on with the Dolphins as a free agent. He's replacing Wayne Moore, sidelined for at least a couple of games with a bruised triceps.

"I know I'm under a pressure situation," said Peseut. "I still consider myself a rookie. How I perform in this game is going to make a big impression on the coaches. I'm still new and learning."

Clearly, he's already learned one thing. "When he came here this summer, he had absolutely no shot," said Don Shula, Miami's head coach. "We didn't even know whether we wanted to bring him back. But John Sandusky (the line coach) got him straightened out and he has come on. He had one of the worst stances you've ever seen."

The Vikings are 2-1 in the preseason, their loss coming last weekend in a 29-7 whipping by Baltimore.

NFL Exhibitions At A Glance
Thursday's Result
Cleveland 14, Chicago 7
Friday's Game
Miami at Minnesota, (n), (ABC)
Saturday's Games
Cincinnati at St. Louis, (n)
New York Jets at New Orleans, (n)
Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta at Orlando, (n)
San Diego at Oakland, (n)
Detroit at Seattle, (n)
Washington vs. Green Bay, (n)
Baltimore at Dallas, (n), (NBC)
Los Angeles at Kansas City, (n)
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at New England, (CBS)
Denver at Philadelphia, (n)
Monday's Games
Buffalo at New York Giants, (n)
San Francisco at Houston, (n)

Major League leaders	
American League	BATTING (275 at bats) — Carew, Min. 374; Boston, Min. 338; Rivers, N.Y. 334; Singleton, Bal. 332; Bailor, Tor. 320
	RUNS—Carew, Min. 101; Boston, Min. 89; Bonds, Cal. 83; Gossett, Bos. 84; Smalley, Min. 83
	RUNS BATTED IN—Hsieh, Min. 101; Hobson, Bos. 92; Bonds, Cal. 91; Thompson, Det. 90; Nettles, N.Y. 85; Zisk, Chi. 85
	HITS—Carew, Min. 181; Boston, Min. 163; Rice, Bos. 161; LaFlore, Det. 150; Cooper, Mil. 145
	DOUBLES—McRae, KC. 40; ReJackson, N.Y. 33; Burleson, Bos. 30; Lemon, Chi. 30; Hsieh, Min. 30
	TRIPLES—Carew, Min. 15; Rice, Bos. 13; GBrett, KC. 11; Boston, Min. 11; McRae, KC. 10
	HOME RUNS—Rice, Bos. 30; Gossett, Bos. 30; Nettles, N.Y. 30; Bonds, Cal. 30; Zisk, Chi. 26
	STOLEN BASES—Patek, KC. 39; Remy, Cal. 34; Page, Oak. 30; LaFlore, Det. 29; Bonds, Cal. 27
	PITCHING (12 decisions) — Guilett, N.Y. 10-3, 76.9; 3.95; Barrow, Chi. 12-4, 70.4; 2.71; Rozema, Det. 14-5, 73.7; 2.86; Bird, KC. 10-4, 71.4; 2.21; Gotta, Min. 14-7, 68.3; 2.77; Lyle, N.Y. 9-4, 68.2; 1.87; TolJohnson, Min. 13-6, 68.4; 2.97; Tanana, Cal. 15-7, 68.2; 2.30
	STRIKEOUTS—Ryan, Cal. 298; Tanana, Cal. 190; Leonard, KC. 175; Blyleven, Tex. 162; Eckersley, Cle. 156
National League	BATTING (275 at bats) — Parker, Phi. 342; Stennett, Phi. 336; Simmons, S.L. 333; Templeton, S.L. 324; Griffey, Cin. 322
	RUNS—Gossett, Cin. 98; Morgan, Cin. 98; Griffey, Cin. 82; Wurfel, SD. 88; Parker, Phi. 87; Smith, L.A. 87
	RUNS BATTED IN—Gossett, Cin. 120; Lutzinski, Phi. 104; Cey, L.A. 85; Burroughs, Atl. 82; Bench, Cin. 82
	HITS—Parker, Phi. 173; Templeton, S.L. 156; Griffey, Cin. 154; Rose, Cin. 154; Stennett, Phi. 152; Griffey, Cin. 145
	DOUBLES—Parker, Phi. 40; Cromitie, Mil. 37; JeMorales, Chi. 34; Rose, Cin. 32; Cash, Mil. 31
	TRIPLES—Templeton, S.L. 13; Almon, SD. 9; Maddox, Phi. 8; Schmidt, Phi. 8; Mumphy, S.L. 8; Thomas, S.F. 8
	HOME RUNS—Gossett, Cin. 42; Burroughs, Atl. 32; Lutzinski, Phi. 31; Schmidt, P. 30; Bench, Cin. 27
	STOLEN BASES—Taveras, Phi. 48; Cedeno, Bos. 43; Moore, Phi. 41; Morgan, Cin. 39; GRichards, SD. 38
	PITCHING (12 decisions) — Candiria, Phi. 14-4, 77.8; 2.55; RForsch, S.L. 13-5, 76.2; 1.19; John, L.A. 13-5, 73.0; 2.42; Lomborg, Phi. 9-4, 73.0; 2.63; Seaver, Cin. 14-5, 72.7; 2.81; Lonborg, Phi. 14-7, 72.3
	STRIKEOUTS—PNIetro, Atl. 205; Kosman, N.Y. 163; Rogers, Mil. 159; Seaver, Cin. 154; Richard, Hta. 152

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed Dwight Evans, outfielder, on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Rick Kreuger, pitcher, from Pawtucket of the International League.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS — Announced Joe Rudi, outfielder, will undergo hand surgery and will miss the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Placed Walter Packer, wide receiver, and Reuben Gibson, running back, on waivers.

BUFFALO BILLS — Acquired Carson Long, kicker, placed George Jakowenko, kicker, on waivers.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Acquired Ken Stone, defensive back.

BASKETBALL

WASHINGTON BULLETS — Signed Greg Ballard and Bo Ellis, forwards.

10-mile run on tap

The Severna Park Fun Runners will hold their second 10-mile run beginning at Severna Park High School and finishing at the Annapolis City Dock.

The event will be held Sunday morning, with departure time from SPHS set for 6:30 a.m. according to coordinator Randy Fox. Anyone interested in running is invited to participate.

There will be a \$2 entry fee.

For further information call Fox at 987-0840.



REGGIE JACKSON charges home on a double by Chris Chambliss to score a cushion run in the Yankees' 6-4 win over the Minnesota Twins Thursday night. Jackson had knocked in Thurman Munson with the tie-breaking run.