

Indians rob cradle, ink scout, age 11

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — When the College World Series opens tonight, an 11-year-old Little Leaguer will serve as an official scout for the Cleveland Indians.

Danny Clemens was named to the post by Bob Quinn, Cleveland's director of scouting and minor league operations. They struck up an acquaintance when Quinn was general manager of the Omaha Royals.

Dan Carnevale and Leon Hamilton, longtime Cleveland scouts, signed Danny Thursday.

The boy has a vast knowledge of baseball. Carnevale said, "I don't want to get in any more of those quiz games with him. He stumps me."

Danny will work with the Cleveland scouts. Carnevale said, "He's got to make written reports on the caliber of



Danny Clemens

the players. He'll check their throwing arms from the outfield and the speed of runners to first base.

"I think that's enough for his first time out," Carnevale said.

Danny will specifically be watching catcher Ron Hassey of Arizona and pitcher Joe Beckwith of Auburn. They are Cleveland's two recent draft picks playing in the series.

Robby's two-run homer in 13th wins for Tribe

By Russell Schneider

There have been longer home runs, and harder-hit home runs, and more dramatic home runs.

But for now, for the spark the Indians have been needing for quite some time, Frank Robinson's homer into the left field stands in the 13th inning Friday night rates right up there at the top.

Robinson, the Indians' ailing manager who was nursing a wrenched left shoulder and didn't plan on playing for two or three days, drilled the 584th homer of his career, a two-run blast which gave the Indians an exciting, 5-4, victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Like a bolt out of the blue, Robinson's shot with two down, wiped out a one-run deficit and sent 11,984 fans home from the Stadium where they had come to welcome Bill Veeck back to baseball.

"Maybe that will turn out to be just what we needed... we've been losing a lot of tough games... this might be a shot in the arm for all of us," speculated Robinson in the noisy clubhouse after the victory that hoisted the Indians into second place.

Robinson said, "I wasn't thinking home run when I went to the plate. All I really wanted to do was get a good pitch and hit the ball hard somewhere."

"All I was really thinking about was tying the score."

The White Sox, who sent the game into overtime on a ninth-inning homer by Buddy Bradford that spoiled a gem of a pitching performance for Jackie Brown, took a 4-3 lead in the top of the

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NFL season-ticket sales rise with television ban lifted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lifting of the local television ban on National Football League games significantly increased the sale of season tickets, the Federal Communications Commission told Congress Friday.

In its third annual report on the effect of the sports antitrust law, the FCC said an analysis of season-ticket sales indicates the law has not adversely affected those sold by all 26 NFL teams.

"Contrary to the NFL's position on this issue, the results indicate that season ticket sales actually increased significantly when fans were able to see locally televised home games played during the preceding season," the report says.

"This is not particularly surprising. The more television exposure a team receives, the greater the interest on the part of the fans. Moreover, since many people prefer to watch games live, that growing interest is translated into increased season-ticket sales."

"As expected, season-ticket sales were also influenced by the teams' won-loss record during the preceding season. Fans are more likely to purchase season tickets when the team is winning," said the FCC.

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NBA's top draftee has another racket

OAKLAND (AP) — John Lucas, the first player chosen in Tuesday's National Basketball Association draft, signed a contract Friday to play World Team Tennis with the Golden Gaters.

The 6-foot-4 Lucas, who appeared at a press conference with team officials to announce the pact, probably will play his first game as a Golden Gater tonight against the Indiana Loves.

Lucas, Maryland's premier guard, was signed to a five-year contract by the Houston Rockets of the NBA for a reported \$850,000. The 21-year-old star said at the time that he was negotiating with a

WTT team, but did not reveal which one.

He'll be getting quite a bit less from the Gaters, but details of the contract were not revealed. "The Gaters won't be his primary source of income for the next three or four years," said owner Dave Peterson.

Before the signing, Coach Frew McMillan, whose team is in second place in the WTT western division after seven straight victories, appeared less than overjoyed at the idea of breaking in a new player.

"It will be an interesting experiment," McMillan said.

Lucas has won two Atlantic Coast Conference singles titles and one doubles title and was considered one of the country's top collegiate tennis players.



Lucas



Bill Veeck receives a gift-wrapped leisure suit from ex-Indian slugger Luke Easter.

Fans let Bill know he's foe Only 11,984 'fete' Veeck

By Dan Coughlin

Bill Veeck departed the picnic behind the outfield fence and hobbled down the right field foul line toward first base. Suddenly he stopped and with a dramatic, exaggerated twist of his head and neck he gazed at the upper deck, from one corner of the Stadium to the other.

"I had forgotten how big this joint is. It looks bigger when there aren't any people in it," he said.

Only 11,984 fans turned out for Bill Veeck Night Friday night in the Stadium, the baseball coliseum he filled with regularity in the late 1940s when he owned the Indians and built his reputation as the greatest promoter in the history of the grand old game.

Alva T. (Ted) Bonda, who is now president of the Indians, was near Veeck's side as he headed toward the infield for pre-game festivities honoring him 10 days shy of the 30th anniversary of his purchase of the Indians.

Bonda also studied the modest

turnout. Remembering Cleveland manager Frank Robinson's angry remarks last Sunday in Chicago, Bonda said, "Frank was right about one thing. He won't draw any extra people. The kids who are here tonight weren't even born when Veeck owned the ballclub."

Several fans in their late teens or early 20s sitting near the foul pole in right field shouted at

Veeck, but they weren't there to praise him. They expressed their loyalty to the Indians and let Veeck know that he now was the enemy as the owner of the visiting Chicago White Sox.

"Dream," Veeck called back to them with a smile. "Dream!"

Cleveland baseball has lived

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Cobras start Budimir

By Dennis Lustig

Pride will be at stake for the Cleveland Cobras tonight when they host another American Soccer League powerhouse, the Los Angeles Skyhawks, in an exhibition game.

Before taking his Cobras onto the Baldwin-Wallace pitch for the 8 o'clock match, Coach Herb Haller said, "L.A. is the team to beat

in this league. We don't want to look like fools against them."

Haller will again go with Jack Groesser, 18-year-old goalie from North Olmsted High, for at least the first half. He will also have benchmen Mladen Laus and Robert Smith starting at right wing and half back, respectively.

Making his first start in three weeks, will be Danny Budimir, a

high scoring forward from Yugoslavia who has been nursing various leg injuries.

Haller will rest Vito Colonna and Jimmy McMillan for at least a half.

The Skyhawks have a 5-3-4 record. The Cobras are 4-4-2. The Cobras are in fifth place, one spot out of the ASL Eastern Division

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Major league standings

American League					National League						
EAST DIVISION					EAST DIVISION						
Team	G	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	G	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	51	31	20	.608	—	Philadelphia	53	38	15	.717	—
CLEVELAND	51	24	27	.471	7	Pittsburgh	55	30	25	.545	9
Boston	50	23	27	.460	7½	New York	52	27	25	.520	13½
Baltimore	53	24	29	.453	8	Chicago	55	24	31	.436	14½
Detroit	51	23	28	.451	8	St. Louis	55	23	32	.418	15½
Milwaukee	48	20	28	.417	9½	Montreal	50	19	30	.396	16½
WEST DIVISION					WEST DIVISION						
Team	G	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	G	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	53	34	19	.642	—	Cincinnati	57	37	20	.649	—
Texas	51	30	21	.588	2	Los Angeles	59	33	25	.569	4
Chicago	50	27	23	.540	5½	San Diego	55	29	26	.527	7
Minnesota	52	27	25	.519	6½	Houston	60	30	30	.500	9½
Oakland	56	26	30	.464	9½	Atlanta	55	22	33	.400	14
California	58	23	35	.397	13½	San Francisco	59	23	35	.397	14

FRIDAY  
CLEVELAND 5, Chicago 4, 13 innings  
New York 7, Texas 5  
Kansas City 4, Baltimore 0  
Detroit 4, California 3  
Minnesota 10, Boston 4  
Milwaukee 4, Oakland 2

TODAY  
Chicago at CLEVELAND, 2 p.m.  
Vancouver (4-1) vs. Warts (0-1)  
California at Detroit, 2:15 p.m.—Ross (3-7) vs. Puhle (4-2)  
Boston at Minnesota, 2:15 p.m.—Tiant (7-3) vs. Hughes (2-6)  
Baltimore at Kansas City, 2:30 p.m.—Alexander (3-2) vs. Busby (2-1)  
Texas at New York, 8 p.m.—Bries (5-2) vs. Pagan (1-0)  
Oakland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.—Mitchell (1-3) vs. Travers (7-2)

SUNDAY  
Chicago at CLEVELAND, 1 p.m. (2)  
California at Detroit  
Texas at New York  
Boston at Minnesota  
Baltimore at Kansas City  
Oakland at Milwaukee

THURSDAY  
Chicago 12, Milwaukee 5  
Oakland 8, Boston 5  
California 2, New York 0  
Kansas City 7, Baltimore 0

FRIDAY  
Chicago 8, Houston 3  
Pittsburgh 6, Atlanta 2  
Cincinnati 8, St. Louis 7  
Philadelphia 4, San Diego 4  
Los Angeles 7, Montreal 2  
San Francisco 5, New York 0

TODAY  
Houston at Chicago, 2:15 p.m.—Andujar (2-2) vs. Burris (7-7)  
New York at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.—Swan (2-8) vs. D'Acquisto (0-2)  
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 5:30 p.m.—Falcone (3-5) vs. Billingham (5-3)  
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.—Kison (4-4) vs. Morton (0-5)  
Philadelphia at San Diego, 9 p.m.—Reed (5-1) or Underwood (2-1) vs. Freisleben (4-1)  
Montreal at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.—Warthen (1-5) vs. Rhoden (4-0)

SUNDAY  
St. Louis at Cincinnati (2)  
Pittsburgh at Atlanta  
Houston at Chicago  
New York at San Francisco (2)  
Montreal at Los Angeles  
Philadelphia at San Diego (2)

THURSDAY  
Chicago 7, Atlanta 6  
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 1  
Montreal 6, San Francisco 5  
New York 6, San Diego 0  
Philadelphia 10, Los Angeles 6, 12 innings

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Notes off the cuff

By Hal Lebovitz  
Sports Editor

The Cleveland Browns will install a 30-second clock at the Stadium this fall to time the huddles. Each team is allowed 30 seconds between plays without penalty. The clock will be visible to all the fans, and of course the players. It will be operated on the field by Fred Heinlen, the Shaker Heights High basketball and baseball coach, who is a football official.



Lebovitz.

It was Dr. Joseph Rapisarda, a Cleveland podiatrist who is a close

friend of the DiMaggio brothers, who helped us track down Vince, to prove that the guy traveling the burlesque circuit as "Vince DiMaggio" was a phony. The doctor was certain it couldn't be Vince and he proved to be right, although other friends of Joe DiMaggio here were completely taken in by the impostor. He had memorized all of Vince's baseball statistics and he looked somewhat like a DiMaggio.

The Bill Fitch situation will remain in limbo at least until the Cavs' coach returns from Japan next month. Meanwhile the impasse remains and there appears to be no satisfactory solution. Fitch wants to go and Nick Mileti

won't let him. How two men who admittedly don't appreciate each other — to put it mildly — can work in harmony for the benefit of the team is beyond me. I can't understand why WJW-TV didn't permit fans here to see the end of the Celtics-Suns game a week ago Friday night. Those three overtimes took place AFTER the Indians' telecast ended, yet WJW-TV failed to push the button that would bring to their viewers perhaps the most exciting, unbelievable finish in the history of sports. Luckily, Channel 11 (Toledo) came in loud and clear on the set we were watching that night. It was unforgettable, virtually four dramatic photo-finishes. That it

was blacked out here, while enjoyed in all other major cities, is a shame.

The Foreman-Frazier fight, to be held next Tuesday, now stacks up at about even money. Some ring smarties see Foreman winning with a quick kayo while others are giving 6-5 that Frazier's ring experience will make him the winner. Meanwhile, the fight is being promoted by show folks and it isn't catching on with the real fans. As of this moment, it appears about to lay a financial egg. Yet it should be one of the better heavyweight fights.

Even though the Cavaliers' season ended a few weeks ago, each

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Clock ticks for Browns