

# 1978 Yanks Top 1969 Mets, 3-2

It was every New York baseball fan's dream: the Mets vs. the Yankees in a World Series. There were hotdogs and beer. There was Reggie Jackson driving in two runs, and Ron Guidry and Rich Gossage pitching a seven-hitter in leading the 1978 Yankees to a 3-2 victory over the 1969 Mets yesterday in the first game of a best-of-seven "New York Dream Series." The scene was not Yankee Stadium nor Shea Stadium. It was

the 15th floor of a Manhattan office building, where the two world champion

clubs faced off in a game of Strat-O-Matic, a popular table baseball game played with cards and dice.

The game was arranged by Sports Phone, which provides scores and other sports news via telephone. "There's a tremendous void without baseball over the last 10 days," said Mike Walczewski, managing editor of Sports Phone. "This was our way of attracting attention and helping to fill the void."

(75) So the Dream Series was arranged, with the

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# 1978 Yanks Beat 1969 Mets, 3-2, in Game 1

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first game played yesterday in the Sports Phone offices. The 1969 Mets were managed by Thornton Geary, an executive for the Mets' radio-TV producers, and the 1978 Yanks were managed by Arthur Adler, the team's radio producer.

"I just spoke to [Yankees vice president] Cedric Tallis," Adler said. "He said I better win."

"I'm on my own," Geary said.

After the playing of the national anthem and the throwing of the ceremonial "first dice," Adler's Yankees took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Jackson's single off Mets starter Jerry Koosman scored Mickey Rivers from second base. The Yankees made it 2-0 in the third on Jackson's groundout, following singles by Rivers and Thurman Munson. The Mets scored a run in the fourth on consecutive doubles by Art Shamsky and Ken Boswell, but the Yankees made it 3-1 in the sixth on Lou Piniella's sacrifice fly.

Tommie Agee led off the Mets' eighth with a single, and Bud Harrelson walked. Cleon Jones hit into a double play, but Donn Clendenon drove in Agee with a single. Guidry, who had struck out nine, was relieved by Gossage, who got Shamsky on a grounder and then retired the side in order in the ninth, preserving the victory.

"I don't expect the Series to go very long," Adler said. "We've got Figgy [Ed Figueroa] pitching in the next game, so we should be in good shape."

## Those mid-afternoon blues

For Dan Quisenberry, player representative of the Kansas City Royals, midafternoon has become the most wretched time of day. "About three o'clock, or three-thirty, that's when I start getting really tense and depressed," he said, "because that's when I always left for the stadium. Every day about three-thirty, I feel all this pent-up energy swirling through me, and I don't have any outlet for it. It's hard to foresee anything happening," he said. "I can't see how it's ever going to be settled. We're like two rams butting heads."

Quisenberry, last season's Fireman of the Year in the American League, laughed when asked to predict a winner in the struggle that has closed down baseball. "I don't think there will be a winner," he said. "The longer the strike goes, the more devastating it gets. The owners are growing more resolute, and the players are getting more bitter.

"The longer it goes, the worse it gets for everybody. From the way things look now, I'd have to say

the owners would want to resume the season if it gets into September. . . . every day my wife and I are talking about ways to save money," he added. "We're trying to be as frugal as we can. Still, I'm better off than a lot of guys who have their money tied up in investments, in things where they have to keep money flowing. And now they can't do that, and a lot of people are going to have to give up some investments if the strike keeps going."

## Thanks, but no thanks

A group of potential buyers of the Philadelphia Phillies has withdrawn from the bidding for the franchise because of the baseball strike. "Yes, we're dropouts," paper manufacturer Ben Alexander said. "We just felt that the climate wasn't right. The strike really turned us off."

Alexander, who owns the Philadelphia Fever franchise of the Major Indoor Soccer League, was part of a group that included former football standout Don Meredith, Philadelphia real-estate developer Herb Barness and a New York investment house. They were among a half-dozen groups aiming to buy the team from owner Ruly Carpenter, who announced this spring that he wanted to sell.

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