

An All-Star game employing a board and dice instead of real athletes was played out at the Stadium yesterday on the date the genuine article was scheduled, but postponed by the strike. American League 'manager' Jim Schaefer, wearing a Kansas City

Royals uniform, rolls the cubes while National League 'manager' Jon Halpern watches closely along with N.L. 'captain' Joe Pellegrino and public address announcer Jim Mueller (right), both from Channel 3. Winner: N.L., of course, 15-2.

Star-gazing

They played The Big Game here as scheduled — with tumblin' did

By TIM ROGERS

It was a great day for the hungriest of baseball junkies.

Rocco Scotti, tears welling in his eyes, belted out his inimitable rendition of the National Anthem.

Lights danced on the Stadium scoreboard, carrying the line-ups of both the American and National League All-Star teams.

Hall-of-Famer Bob Feller threw out the first pitch, which, in this case, was a roll of the dice.

WKYC-TV sportscaster Jim Mueller announced the starting lineups over the Stadium's public address system and the crowd of 58 (est.) was led through cheers by the Baseball Bug.

Film crews from two national television networks and several reporters covered 'the game.' A radio station in Los Angeles called the Indians' office for the final results.

Even if it was just a table-top version, the All-Star Game was held here yesterday as planned.

The hell with the players strike.

The idea was the brainstorm of WKYC-TV news producers Jon Halpern and Jim Schaefer, Sports Phone and the manufacturers of the Start-omatic Baseball Game.

Halpern and Schaefer created their own all-star game, using the Strat-o-matic game. Halpern acted as the National League manager and wore the shirt of the Philadelphia Phillies. Schaefer acted as the A.L. manager and wore a Kansas City jersey.

The starting lineups, which included Cleveland's Lenny Barker as the junior circuit's starting pitcher, were picked by Sports Phone callers in Cleveland, Chicago, New York, Detroit and New Jersey.

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Unfortunately, for the American League, the outcome was worse than a re-run from a grade-B movie. It was

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Fictional All-Star game TUESDAY'S RESULTS

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bounce into a 4-6-3 doubleplay to end the inning.

fans yelled. "Keep it up, big guy."

Barker went on to work the the N.L.'s heaviest hitters just one run on two hits. The lone run Barker allowed came off the bat of Pittsburgh's Dave Parker (and off the dice roll of Halpern), who deposited one of Large Lenny's fastballs over the centerfield fence.

But that's about all the A.L. had going for it. The senior circuit exploded for 17 hits, while its pitchers allowed just four A.L. safeties. The game was put out of reach when the Nationals erupted for seven runs in the seventh inning.

"It was all in the dice and the cards," said Halpern. "The National League had a tradition to uphold. The National League just doesn't lose All-Stars games. If we had lost, it would have been a disgrace."

Parker, who went 3-for-5 with three runs scored and three more batted in, was voted most valuable player, edging out Clevelander Mike Easler (2-for-5, a double, one rbi) and Philly's Manny

Trillo (2-for-4, 3 runs scored, 3 batted in).

In this game, the Goose was the

New York's Rich Gossage, summoned into the game by Schaefer "Way to go, Lenny," one of the in the seventh inning, was roughed up for five earned runs on six hits. He walked two and maximum three innings, allowing , fanned just one. The loss, however, went to Oakland's Mike Norris, who gave up three runs on three hits in 1 1/3 innings.

The A.L. tied the game at 1-1 in the third inning when Willie Randolph walked, moved to second on a fielder's choice and scored on Ricky Henderson's single. Its only other run came in the seventh inning when Dave Winfield ripped a Fernando Valenzuela pitch into the leftfield seats.

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Twas real enough: NL rolls 15-2

Associated Press

Cleveland - Imagination pinch hit for striking najor leaguers Tuesday at Municipal Stadium, the

ite of the postponed All-Star Game. With a crowd of 58 diehards on hand for the nly game in town, the National League rolled to a 5-2 victory over the American League. The "clas-

c" was played at home plate with Strat-O-Matic, a able game that uses dice and statistical cards to ecreate players' performances. Two local televi-

on producers served as managers. The Nationals, who have won nine straight

eal-life All-Star Games, sent the fans home early y ripping 17 hits, including four home runs and

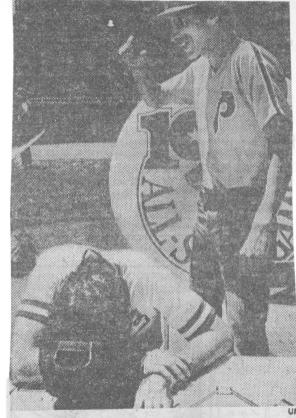
the offensive star with three hits, one a 422-foot home run to center. Yankee outfielder Dave Winfield hit a solo homer, one of only four AL hits. The game drew plenty of attention, even if 77,000 ticket holders to the postponed real contest

three doubles. Pirates outfielder Dave Parker was

(at Municipal Stadium).

stayed away. Trappings for the game of makebelieve were real enough: Hall-of-Fame pitcher Bob Feller threw out the ceremonial first dice; local favorite Rocco Scotti bellowed the Canadian and American National anthems: Municipal Stadium's scoreboard was lighted to showed progress of the game and Cleveland Plain Dealer sports

columnist Dan Coughlin acted as official scorer. Only the hot dogs and beer were missing.



It wasn't the real All-Star Game, of course, but that didn't stop local Cleveland TV producers Jim Schaefer and Jon Halpern from emoting a bit. The two played a table baseball game at Municipal

Stadium, with Schaefer's NL stars winning 15-2.