

## National League Roundup

# Templeton wants to be traded to team closer to California

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One day after St. Louis shortstop Garry Templeton voiced his desire to be dealt to a West Coast team, he went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs to spark the Cardinals to a 4-2 triumph over Montreal.

"I ain't got nothing to say fellas, sorry," Templeton told reporters after Monday night's victory in Busch Stadium. "Find someone else to talk to."

But Sunday, after he had been dropped down in the Cards' batting order, he had plenty to say, telling the media he wanted to play on a team closer to his California home. He even tried to help St. Louis Manager and General Manager Whitey Herzog figure out a deal with San Diego.

Before the game against the Expos, however, Templeton released a statement that said

his words had been distorted.

"The trouble with the press is that if you don't talk to them, they get on your case — and if you do talk to them, you are either misquoted, or misunderstood, or exaggerated," he said.

Rookie John Martin, 2-1, and Bruce Sutter, who notched his ninth save, combined on a five-hitter as St. Louis moved past Montreal into second place in the Eastern Division behind Philadelphia.

Herzog said it'll be a cold summer day in St. Louis before he even thinks about trading his .307 lifetime hitter.

In other games, Philadelphia edged New York, 5-4, Los Angeles downed Atlanta, 5-2, and Cincinnati rallied past San Francisco, 8-5.

**Phillies 5, Mets 4**  
Pinch-hitter George Vukovich's eighth-inning

infield single scored Greg Gross from third with two out to rally the Phillies. Reliever Sparky Lyle, 4-1, picked up the win and Tug McGraw pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

**Dodgers 5, Braves 2**  
Fernando Valenzuela pitched a seven-hitter and struck out 11 to become the major leagues' first nine-game winner. In snapping a personal two-game losing streak, Valenzuela took over the major-league lead in strikeouts with 90 and in innings pitched with 99.

**Reds 8, Giants 5**  
Ray Knight's one-out, bases-loaded single in the ninth snapped a 5-5 tie and Dan Driessen capped the four-run outburst with a two-run double to rally the Reds. Darrell Evans cracked a two-run homer for the Giants.

# Brett finds himself, leads KC past Seattle in American League play

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Keeping cool is the only way to get hot.

Defending AL batting champion George Brett found himself losing his composure at the plate in Bloomington, Minn., against the Minnesota Twins and was called in for a chat by manager Jim Frey Saturday morning.

"I can't say what he (Frey) said," Brett said. "But he wasn't too happy with me. I don't know if I was feeling sorry for myself or what but I know I was reaching the point of no return."

"So I decided to go up there and start to enjoy myself again. I felt really good tonight. I hope this is a start."

Frey's advice was simple. He

told Brett to just be himself.

"I don't want to make a big deal about it," said Frey of the meeting with Brett. "It was something I felt I had to do. Sometimes guys of the George Brett caliber try to carry the whole load. They can't do it. No one can. So I say, 'Just be natural. Be yourself. It'll be good enough.'"

Brett's eighth-inning single off loser Larry Andersen, 1-3, knocked in the winning run and gave the Royals their fifth triumph in their last six games.

**Yankees 5, Indians 3**

Dave Winfield and Bucky Dent belted solo homers to highlight a 14-hit attack that sparked New York. Doug Bird, who has not lost a game since Aug. 16, 1978, went

five innings to notch his 11th straight victory and fourth of this season.

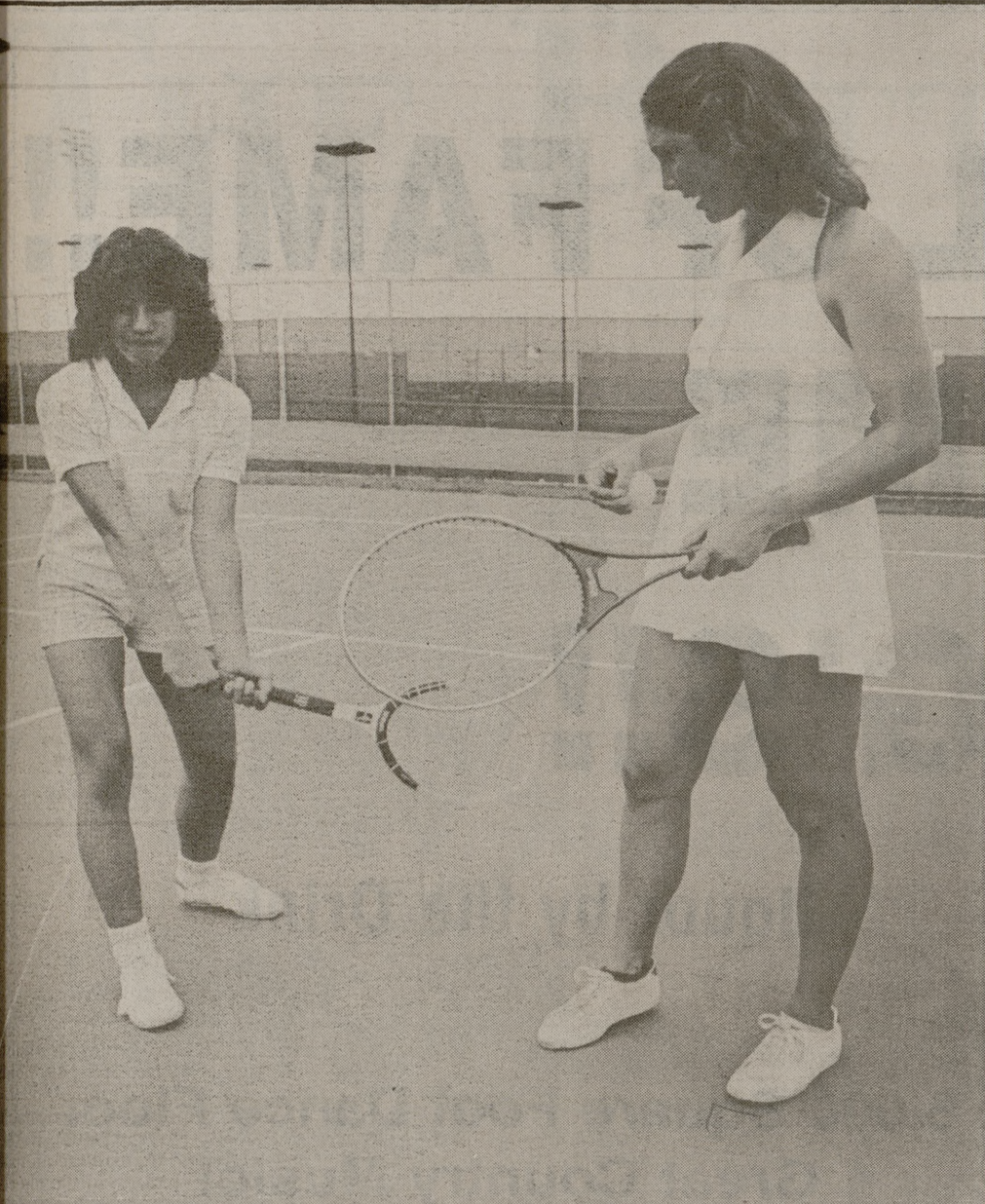
**Tigers 4, Brewers 3**

Pinch-runner Mick Kelleher scored from third base on Lynn Jones' ground single up the middle — his fourth hit of the game —

with one out in the 12th inning to give the Tigers a triumph.

**Angels 3, Blue Jays 0**

Ken Forsch fired a three-hitter and Butch Hobson and Dan Ford belted solo home runs to spark California. Forsch, 7-3, posted his sixth complete game and third shutout.



Now you've got it

Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Amy Closs, sophomore tennis player for the Texas Aggies, carefully watches Flo McDonald, 15, of Killeen go through the motions of the two-handed backhand. Closs is one of the coordinators for the Texas A&M Tennis Camp underway this week at the tennis courts. The camp, sponsored by Aggie Tennis Coach David Kent and Dr. Ronnie Smith is divided into three sessions this

summer. The first session has 104 participants from all over the state ranging from 8 years of age to 18. The camp features individual instruction from some top players in the area, including current Texas A&M players. Each camper puts in at least five hours of tennis per day. The second session begins Monday, June 8th, the third, July 5th.

# Hall-of-Famers find time to reminisce about past

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NEW YORK — For 14 years, they never had much time for each other and you had to know the basic character of them both to understand.

Oh, they'd say hello whenever they happened to pass and there certainly was no personal animosity between them, but they were a couple of gutbusting competitors on the purest sense of the word, pitted on opposite sides, and Willie Mays and Bob Gibson were always trying so hard to beat everyone, they both wound up in the Hall of Fame.

It was altogether different now, though. The two of them were completely relaxed sitting together Sunday in the New York Mets clubhouse at Shea Stadium before a ball game with the Chicago Cubs, Mays holding the keys to his car in his hand and looking like he just came from the golf course in his dark blue sport shirt and light blue slacks and Gibson, one of Joe Torre's coaches, already in his Mets' home uniform.

Hearing them begin to talk about the "old days," which actually weren't so long ago for either the 50-year-old Mays or the 45-year-old Gibson, both of whom look as if they can still play, Torre sat down to listen on one of the club's trunks across from them and outfielder Lee Mazzilli camped himself on another one.

"You know how you usta' hold the ball behind you like this?" Willie laughed, getting up to demonstrate to Gibson. "Well, we could tell what was comin' by the way you put your fingers around the seams. We could see it."

"I knew you could," Gibson let him know, getting up himself and assuming his old pitching position, "but I was doing all kinds of little things with the ball. See, like this!"

"You mean you knew?" Mays inquired incredulously.

"Sure, I did," Gibson laughed. "Gene Mauch (now managing the Angels but then managing the Phillies) usta' whistle to let the hitters know what was coming when I pitched against them," Gibson went on. "I'd hear him whistling and I'd change what I was gonna throw. I'd just move my fingers differently across the seams, that's all."

Mays shook his head in disbelief. He jumped to another subject, talking about how much more the pitchers would throw at the hitters than they do now.

"They usta' throw at you like dogs and we didn't have any helmets when I first came up," he said.

"How old are you?" Gibson wanted to know. "Fifty," Willie answered him. "Fifty?" Gibby repeated questioningly. "How can that be?" I'm

45 and you were 25 when I got here."

"Shoooot," Willie came right back at him. "I started when I was 18 in Trenton, New Jersey, spent three months there and then went to Minneapolis. I came up to the Giants from Minneapolis when I was 18. The guys — the reporters — they changed my age when I got older. But I'm 50. I'm an old man now."

"You're not old," Gibson offered.

"Sure I am," Mays laughed some more. "But I see all these young guys wantin' to fight now just because somebody throws at 'em and I remember the way it was when I first came up. They'd throw at you the whole first week just to test you and see if you could take it. And remember, we didn't wear any helmets. But we never had any fights, did we?"

"Nahh," Gibson fibbed a little. "We never had any fights."

"We'd throw at you and you'd bail out," Torre needled Mays but maybe Willie didn't hear him, because he didn't bother answering back.

"Talking about pitchers knocking guys down, did you ever hear the story about Ernie Banks and Tony Cloninger?" Torre asked. No one had, so the Mets' manager

proceeded to tell it.

"You know how Ernie talks all the time — it's a great day to play two' and all that — well, Cloninger was pitching for us and Ernie told our first baseman he could hit Tony with a wet rag."

"Word got back to Tony what Ernie had said and he knocked him down three straight times. Ernie had enough. He told Tony, 'I'm sorry' and Tony said, 'okay.' Next time he came up, Ernie went right down on his ears again. And what about 'The Deacon?' He'd knock you down every time you faced him and then tell you he was sorry."

"Who was 'The Deacon?'" Mays wanted to know.

"Vern Law," Torre informed him.

"Oh, yeah," Willie said. "I remember him real good."

"So do I," Gibson put in.

Mays talked about some of the other players he remembered.

"What about Bob Veale with Pittsburgh?" he said. "He could really throw. He was pitching against us and when I came up, he took his glasses off to wipe 'em. After he did, he put 'em back in his pocket. I said, 'wait a minute' and called time. Shoot, I wasn't gonna hit until he put his glasses back on. Not me."



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