

Knights Blank Jeff, 6-0; Tigers Rip Eagles, 6-1

Billmeier Hurls 3-Hitter, Fans 15

Louie Billmeier's sparkling three-hit pitching kept the Kuemper Knights atop the heap in the West Central baseball league as they turned back Jefferson, 6-0, here Wednesday night.

The big Kuemper right-hander relied on his fast ball as he set 15 batters down on strikes and struck out the side in four of the seven innings he worked on the mound.

Kuemper's seven hit attack against Jack Beddall netted six runs and enabled the Knights to hike their league record to 3-0.

Elsewhere around the circuit, Carroll High turned back Lake City, 6-1; and Perry remained in second place in the standings with a 4-1 victory over Audubon.

The Knights got all the runs they needed in the second inning. Larry Pirotte led off with

a walk and rode home on Rick Keat's triple to right field.

Mike Neary was robbed of a hit when his hard shot back to the mound glanced off the pitcher's glove and caromed to the second baseman who got the runner by a whisker at first. Keat scored on the play and the Lancers were two up.

Billmeier ignited a fourth inning outburst with a double to right. Pirotte singled past first and Billmeier scampered home.

A stolen base put Pirotte on second, and with two down he scored on Terry Schroeder's single to right.

Dave Schmitz profited from a lost fly ball in the fifth frame. With two away, Schmitz lofted a high shot to right-center. Two outfielders and the second baseman lost the ball in the haze and it dropped in for a triple. Then Beddall uncorked a wild pitch and Schmitz was in with Kuemper's fifth run.

Pirotte, who went two for two at the plate, led off the sixth with a single to right field.

The Kuemper football star notched his second stolen base in the game and alertly took third when the Jefferson catcher's throw sailed into center-field. Neary's single to short right scored Pirotte with the final run.

Jefferson's most serious

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threat came in the first inning when Dave Carlson walked with one down and advanced to second on a passed ball.

Jack Beddall got Jefferson's first hit when he dribbled a roller down the third base line. With Carlson advancing to third on the hit, second was open and Beddall promptly took the bag with a steal.

Dave Rooker popped to Pirotte at first for the second out, and Al Lehman flied to Schmitz at third for the final out in the top half of the first.

The second Jefferson hit came with two down in the third when Carlson singled to right. Beddall whiffed to end that threat.

Rooker got on base via the error route to start the fourth, but he was victimized by Billmeier's nifty pick-off throw to second.

Billmeier retired seven in a row before issuing consecutive passes to Beddall and Rooker with two down in the sixth. Then he smoked a third strike past Al Lehman to curb that threat.

The big fast-baller disposed of two pinch-hitters on strikes to start the seventh. The third Jefferson hit was a shot by Kendall that bounded past Schmitz at third. Then Linduska came on in a pinch-hit role and went down on strikes to end the fray.

The Knights will be out of action until Saturday night when they host Fort Dodge in a

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Kaat's 5-Hitter Pins Tigers, 7-0

By The Associated Press
About the firing of Sam Mele, "I have nothing to say," Jim Kaat says over and over, but he's doing plenty of talking on the mound since Mele left.

The Minnesota left-hander beat Detroit 7-0 Wednesday night with a five-hitter, his second straight complete game victory since new Manager Cal Ermer took over last Friday. The 25-game winner of last year had won only one game and lost seven under Mele and failed to complete any of his first 12 starts.

Kaat insists it's just a coincidence—and it probably is—but whatever the reason, he has the once-sluggish Twins in a third-place tie in the American League.

They share third with Baltimore and Boston after Kansas City belted the Orioles 9-2 and the Red Sox split a doubleheader with first-place Chicago, losing 8-7 before winning 6-1.

The New York Yankees split with Washington in another twinbill, winning 7-1 and losing 3-2, and California nipped Cleveland 3-2 on Bob Rodgers' two-run single in the ninth inning.

Kaat resumed his turnabout before former Twins' pitching coach Johnny Sain, the man whose firing last fall at the request of Mele prompted a con-

troversial letter by Kaat praising Sain and criticizing Minnesota for letting him go.

Sain, now the pitching coach at Detroit, felt Kaat "looked like the same old Kaat to me."

"He's too good a pitcher not to bounce back," Sain said. "I've always felt like my old self," Kaat said, "but earlier this year, I couldn't get any consistency with my pitches. And the main thing is we've gotten big leads in the last two games and tonight we made five or six great plays that took away hits."

Kaat struck out six and walked none as he allowed only two Tigers to second base. Harmon Killebrew, Jerry Zimmerman and Rod Carew supplied the power, each with two-run homers. Zimmerman also singled home a run.

Chuck Dobson, also coming on strong for Kansas City, stopped the slugging Orioles on one run before a jammed finger on his pitching hand forced him out in the seventh inning. Entering the game with two straight shutouts, he allowed only five hits in six innings to raise his record to 4-2.

The White Sox won their opener on home runs by Tommie Agee, Dick Kenworthy and Walt Williams, but Wilbur Wood had to strike out George Scott with the bases loaded and two out in the ninth inning to end the game. Scott and Rico Petrocelli had homered earlier for Boston.

Scott also homered in the nightcap, along with teammate Carl Yastrzemski, and Reggie Smith's pinch hit triple drove in two more runs as Lee Stange won his first game with seven innings of five-hit pitching. Mike Epstein doubled in two first-innings runs and singled to set up the decisive marker in the fifth, giving the Senators a split on the five-hit pitching of Phil Ortega. Steve Whitaker homered for the Yankee runs in the ninth inning.

Al Downing hurled a seven-hitter in the opener for New York and was aided by Charlie Smith's two triples which drove in two runs and led to another.

Mickey Mantle broke Lou Gehrig's Yankee record for games played when he appeared as a pinch hitter in the second game, his 2,166th.

Rodgers delivered the Angels with his hit off reliever George Culver following one-out singles by Don Mincher and Jimmie Hall and a walk off starter Sonny Siebert. His homer had given the Angels their first run in the fourth after Rocky Colavito hit a two-run blast for Cleveland in the first.

Prep Loop

	W	L	Pct.
Kuemper	3	0	1.000
Perry	4	1	.800
Carroll	1	1	.500
Audubon	1	1	.500
Jefferson	1	1	.500
Breda	0	2	.000
Lake City	0	2	.000
Denison	0	2	.000

Wednesday's Results—

Kuemper 6, Jefferson 0
Carroll 6, Lake City 1
Perry 4, Audubon 1

Thursday Game—

Perry at Lake City

Friday Games—

Denison at Carroll
Breda at Jefferson
Lake City at Audubon

Saturday Games—

Perry at Jefferson
Fort Dodge at Kuemper (non-league)

Richardson and Rogers Pace CHS

LAKE CITY — Ben Rogers pitched a two-hitter and Scott Richardson slammed two doubles to give Carroll their first West Central League win of the season over the Lake City Eagles, 6-1 here Wednesday night.

Rogers, in his first starting role on the mound for Carroll, held the Eagles hitless for four innings before surrendering a single to Joe Middleton in the bottom of the fifth. Duane Hoover got the only other hit for Lake City with a single to left in the bottom of the sixth frame.

Everett led off things for the Tigers in the first with a wobbling grounder to second. Dave Henning took a base on balls, Phil DenAdel sacrificed to first, and Denny Wilkins went down on strikes. Rogers cracked a long one to deep center, but center fielder, Strickland hauled it down for the third out.

Joe Middleton was the only Eagle to reach base in the bottom half of the first as he lived on an error by the Carroll right fielder. Newland sacrificed Middleton to third, but

Hoover flew out to left to retire the side.

Wilkins led off for Carroll in the top of the fourth with a double to deep left field. Rogers followed with a base on balls and Roger Fuller lived on an error by the first baseman. Richardson's double to deep right-center brought around two runs. Vetter and Everett went down at first to end the rally.

The Eagles struck back in the bottom of the fifth as a pair of Carroll errors and a base hit brought around a run for Lake City. Scott Middleton led off for the Eagles with a shot to second and reached first on an error. Gary Johnston took three strikes and Bill Albright popped to first. Joe Middleton lifted a single over second base and Scott Middleton rode in on an error by the Carroll catcher.

Carroll turned on the steam once again in the top of the last inning. Richardson led off with his second double to right-center. Mearl Perrien took a free ride to first on balls. Everett, Henning, and DenAdel hit successive singles to bring runners home. Wilkins popped to first and Fuller was thrown out at first to retire the side.

The Eagles threatened in both the sixth and seventh innings, but a pair of fancy double plays executed by Carroll shortstop, Wilkins, smashed any hopes the Eagles had for a comeback.

Carroll's next scheduled game is for Friday, June 16 when they will host the Denison Monarchs at Carroll Stadium.

CARROLL	AB	R	HR	BI
Everett, 1b	4	1	2	2
Henning, cf	3	0	2	1
DenAdel, 2b	3	0	1	1
Wilkins, ss	4	1	1	0
Rogers, p	2	1	0	0
Fuller, 3b	4	1	0	0
Bencke, rf	2	0	0	1
Richardson, c	3	1	2	2
Vetter, lf	1	0	0	0
*Perrien	0	0	0	0
*Winchester	0	1	0	0
Totals	26	6	8	7

* Batted for Vetter in 7th
* Ran for Perrien in 7th

LAKE CITY	AB	R	HR	BI
Albright, ss	2	0	0	0
Middleton, p, c	2	0	1	1
Newland, p	2	0	0	0
Hoover, 3b	3	0	1	0
Strickland, cf	3	0	0	0
Kelley, rf	2	0	0	0
Fedenius, lf	3	0	0	0
Middleton, ss, 2b	3	1	0	0
Johnston, 1b	3	0	0	0
*Meinen	1	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	2	1

* Batted for Johnston in 7th
Carroll 000 300 3
Lake City 000 010 0
DP — DenAdel, Wilkins, Everett in 6th; Wilkins, Everett in 7th

LOB — Carroll 6, Lake City 4
2B — Wilkins, 1; Richardson 2
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Rogers 7 2 1 0 1 2
Newland 7 8 6 5 4 7

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Casper Checks Offset Obscurity

SPRINGFIELD, N. J. (AP) — Billy Casper, golf's quiet man, set out in defense of his United States Open Golf Championship today, a sedate, almost obscure figure in the glamor field of the world's best shot-makers.

He's a two-time Open champion, the 1966 PGA player of the Year, No. 2 on the all-time money-winning list and-if not unknown-probably the most under-rated golfer in the world.

"It doesn't bother me in particular," Casper said. "Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus get the publicity—I still get my share of the checks."

The figures back him up. The one-time fat man has career earnings of \$821,152.09—second only to Palmer—and almost total anonymity.

So complete is his obscurity that one writer once reported that "an empty car drew up beside the club house and Billy Casper stepped out."

While huge crowds, Arnie's Army and Jack's Pack, surround Palmer and Nicklaus at their every appearance on the course, Casper enjoys the solitude of a used-car salesman from Topeka.

"People simply don't recognize me," Billy said.

It's true. At least part of it, however, is due to an exotic diet that enabled him to go from a blubbery 230 pounds to his present 175. It created a marked

change in his appearance and gave him his only bit of color. "I had won a U.S. Open," Billy quipped, "But I had to eat buffalo steaks to get my name in the papers."

That was three years ago, when Casper discovered he had a series of allergies and was forced to go on a diet that included such items as buffalo, blueberries and bear meat.

"I got more publicity out of that than anything else, unless it's my putting," Casper said, "And that's in error, too."

Casper, 35 and a pro for 14 years, has had a minor reputation as the best putter in the game since he won his first Open championship in 1959. He used only 114 putts over 72 holes at Winged Foot County Club.

The PGA has issued an ultimatum of its own—effective also today. Under it, the 150 players who have signed a protesting petition must remove their names or be subject to possible suspension and withdrawal of playing privileges.

The players say they won't do it.

So the U. S. Open Championship, not affected by the feud because it falls under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Golf Association, will proceed as scheduled with the player revolt temporarily shelved.

The players indicated they may boycott it. "We have asked for meetings before and they won't listen to us," Doug Ford, a member of the four-man tournament committee, said.

Every prominent tournament player except Doug Sanders has signed the petition threatening a boycott and an independent association. Arnold Palmer and Julius Boros signed Tuesday. Bill Casper added his name Wednesday. Jack Nicklaus was one of the more than 130 who signed two weeks ago at Memphis.

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