

Red Peppers

by Gus Schrader

Gazette sports columnist



Iron Men return

Several years ago the Linn County I Club invited Erwin Prasse, captain and end on Iowa's famous Iron Men team of 1939, to speak at one of its Friday luncheons traditionally held before Hawkeye home games.

Prasse, prominent insurance executive in Chicago, wowed the audience by putting on his 1939 football helmet when he stood up to talk. Modern fans forgot what a change had been made in headgear since those days of hardy men.

Prasse will be one of about 24 of the Iron Men returning to Iowa City this weekend for their 45th-anniversary reunion. They will be saluted at the Iowa-Iowa State game and will attend a banquet at the Highlander Inn Saturday evening. We visited by phone with "Prasse" this week while inviting him to be our interview guest at halftime on the KGRN-Iowa Sports Network.

"I wish I could show up with all of my 1939 equipment, not just the helmet," Prasse chuckled. "My son, Mike (youngest of the Prasse's 10 children), dug out my old shoulderpads a year or so ago, and he could hardly lift them. They were made of leather — not the lightweight plastic used today."

Prasse said he also got out a photograph of the Iron Men and discovered only 15 of the 27 men pictured are still alive.

Max Hawkins, guard on the '39 team, said 14 of the full 48-man squad are deceased. Hawkins expects about 24 of the 34 survivors back for the reunion. One of them returning is Bill Diehl, center and former Cedar Rapids resident who lives in Indianapolis.

The Iron Men got their name from the fact Coach Eddie Anderson (also deceased) had to use them the full 60 minutes in most games.

Iowa had won only one contest the season before, but in '39 the Hawkeyes won the heart of the nation's fans by compiling a 6-1-1 mark, knocking off mighty Minnesota and No. 1 Notre Dame along the way. The late Nile Kinnick, for whom the stadium is named, swept the Heisman Trophy and most other honors that year.

Before we called Prasse in Chicago, we talked with another Irwin Prasse right here in Cedar Rapids. His son and wife Jann operate the Tiffany's Stained and Beveled Glass Store, 608 Second Ave. SE.

"I'm the oldest of the 10 kids," said young Irwin. "I played football at St. Procopius Academy at Lisle, Ill. It since has been changed to Bennett High. I started attending Midwest College at Denison, Iowa, but when it folded I transferred to Coe for a couple of years."

"I guess I came to Cedar Rapids because my sister is married to Larry Wessels, who works at Network Data here and commutes from Lamont. My wife, the former Jann Ash, is from Edgewood, about 20 miles from Lamont."

Pass the hash

John Alt, former Iowa star, played considerably for the Kansas City Chiefs in their opening 37-27 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Matt Herkenhoff, who started ahead of Alt at left tackle, missed part of the game with a knee injury but is still listed as No. 1 for the game at Cincinnati Sunday.

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Radio-TV notes: Hawaii planned to limit Iowa to two originations for the Dec. 1 game in Honolulu. Stan Sheriff, Hawaii athletic director who formerly was football coach and athletic director at UNI, relented and will let other Iowa stations in, too. KWWL-TV is promoting Bob Healey to replace Bob Hogue as sports director. Hogue's final duties will be to announce the Iowa-Iowa State game for the Iowa Television Network. Then he'll leave for his new TV job at Sacramento, Calif. Healey's weekend sports man will be Bryan Lessly, Cedar Rapids Jeff grad who has been at KRBC, Abilene, Texas. Thom Cornelis, sports director at WQAD-TV in Moline the last 12 years, has switched to WOC-TV in Davenport. Sorry to learn Vince Mayer, Ron Gonder's aide on WMT radio, is forced by failing eyesight to reduce his schedule to part time.

Tommy Ferris, who left Cedar Rapids for Houston in 1949, stopped by to say hello. Ferris has served as official timekeeper for many pro and amateur boxing cards in the Houston area, including nine world championship fights.

Will Iowa swarm over ISU?

By Mark Dukes

Gazette assistant sports editor

The forecast is clear, simple and decisive. It calls for The Swarm to storm to victory Saturday, and nothing more.

But what of this threat of a Cyclone? Despite being labeled a 23-point underdog, does Iowa State pose a threat in the confines of Kinnick Stadium?

The answer, of course, will come mid-afternoon Saturday. Iowa and Iowa State kick off their football seasons at 12:10 p.m. at Kinnick in a game that will be seen on a statewide television network, including KWWL Channel 7.

The assets clearly are on Iowa's side of the balance sheet. The Hawkeyes are ranked No. 10 in the country, they are the pre-season pick to win the Big Ten championship, they have a 7-game home field winning streak and the favorite has not lost in this series since 1980.

But those factors, and others, haven't allowed Iowa Coach Hayden Fry to breathe any easier.

"They'll be the biggest mystery of all the games we'll play," Fry said of the Cyclones this week. "We never try to go overboard on any certain game. If you win, the rest of the season may be anticlimactic. If you lose, it's tough to get the confidence back. We're not thinking about anybody but Iowa State this week."

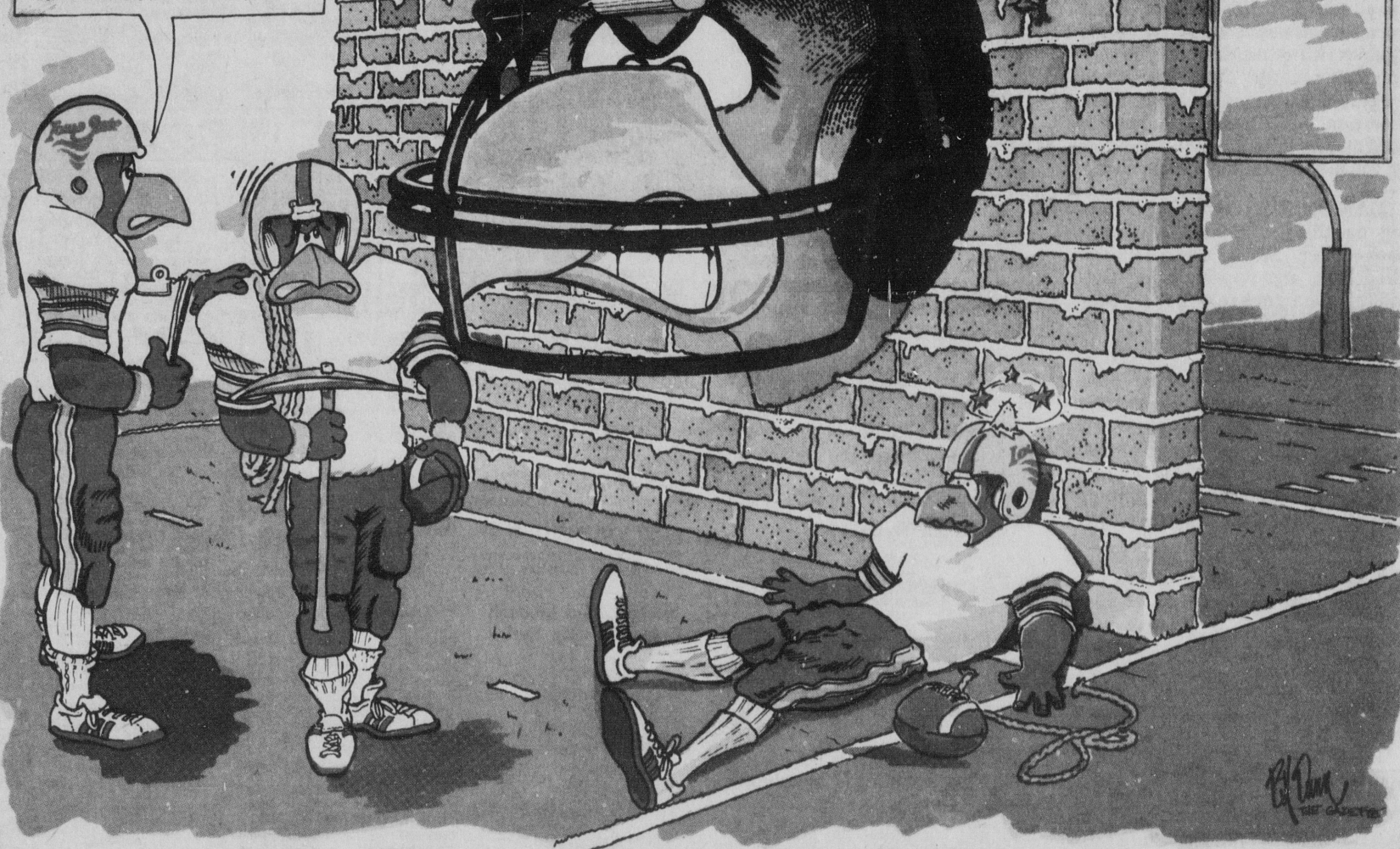
A less experienced Iowa State squad, particularly on defense, is a "mystery" to Fry because Cyclone Coach Jim Criner replaced his entire defensive coaching staff since last season and the ISU lineup will include several junior college transfers.

In a way, Criner also is anxious for a mystery to be solved.

"My biggest concern is the new faces we'll have in the lineup and whether or not they can play as a solid unit," the second-year coach

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Leave early for 12:10 start for Iowa-ISU

The Iowa-Iowa State football game Saturday begins at 12:10 p.m., 55 minutes earlier than what has been the regular kickoff time for games at Kinnick Stadium.

Both the University of Iowa and The Gazette have received numerous phone calls about the starting time.

Because of the earlier start, the university is advising fans to allow plenty of time in driving to the game. University officials will open all parking lots at 7 a.m. Saturday and provide traffic control for two hours after the game.

Fans should be aware that because the Iowa Avenue bridge is closed for repairs, Burlington Street offers the only downtown bridge for vehicles. Motorists are urged to use Benton Street south of downtown or Park Road north of downtown to reduce congestion on Burlington Street.

The following areas are designated for free parking:

- The east side of the Iowa River in the large lots near the Iowa Memorial Union and the Main Library. Free shuttle service will pick up fans by the Pentacrest on Washington Street.

- An 850-car lot on the west side of the river at Hancher Auditorium.

- Space for more than 1,000 cars at Finkbine Golf Course on Melrose Avenue, about five blocks west of the stadium.

Parking also is available closer to Kinnick Stadium at various prices:

- The 1,000-space university unsurfaced lot. Price is \$2.

- Iowa City's two 900-car municipal ramps south and southeast of the Pentacrest on Burlington Street. Fees are 35 cents for the first hour and 30 cents for each additional hour. Free shuttle service will be provided.

Fans using any route to the stadium are urged to follow the "Football Stadium Exit" signs that have been erected by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Gable 'quite upset' by USA Wrestling's vote to censure

IOWA CITY — The USA Wrestling board of directors apparently has voted to censure 1984 U.S. Olympic coach Dan Gable.

The board opened a three-day meeting Thursday in Palatine, Ill.

Responding to a Gazette telephone inquiry Thursday night, Gable's wife, Kathy, said from Iowa City, "Dan is still at the meeting. He told me that if any newspapers call, 'Tell them I don't really have anything to say at this time.'"

"They voted to censure me and I can't comment until I see how severe it is."

Mrs. Gable said "Dan was quite upset" at the board's action, because he had been assured by USA Wrestling President Werner Holzer that the board was not going to censure him. USA Wrestling is the governing body for the sport in this country.

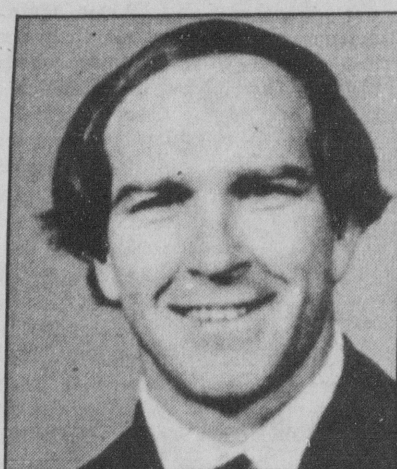
Holzer told The Gazette Wednesday that "the purpose of the meeting is to have a discussion and not a hearing, nothing more. I'm really kind of amazed at all this stuff I'm hearing about censoring."

Mrs. Gable said Waterloo attorney Jay Roberts went to Palatine with Gable but did not attend the meeting "because they told him it would be just a discussion and they weren't going to take any action."

"They told Dan they weren't going to back him into a corner, and right away that's just what they did, backed him into a corner. But he spoke up, and eight of them (directors) agreed with him."

It is not clear how the vote to censure Gable was determined.

Mrs. Gable also said Gable told her that Holzer assured him the censure would be "just a slap on the



Dan Gable

wrist . . . that they weren't going to suspend him from (international) coaching or anything like that."

The USA Wrestling executive committee had already voted to censure Gable for alleged violation of the organization's ban on "favoritism" during the U.S. Olympic Trials. However, Holzer said the board of directors has separate authority "in certain cases," presumably including this one.

USA Wrestling contends that Gable's "favoritism" was a key factor in arbitration that gave one of Gable's former University of Iowa wrestlers, Randy Lewis, the Olympic team berth that Lee Roy Smith of Oklahoma State had won on protest at the Olympic Trials.

Lewis went on to take the gold medal in the Olympic 136.5-pound freestyle competition.

Regis tips Kennedy in opener

By Mike Hlas

Gazette sportswriter

"Wanna go to the playoffs with us?" asked one Regis High School football fan of another Thursday night.

The question, of course, is premature, but Royals fans had reason for such enthusiasm after their team downed Metro rival Kennedy 20-7 at Kingston Stadium. It was the first high school game of the season in the state.

Regis, coming off a 6-3 season after reaching the state Class 3A title game in 1982, avenged the Cougars for their 13-10 win when the two clubs met last fall.

The first nine minutes of this year's clash also belonged to Kennedy, but the Royals controlled the rest.

The Cougars used 16 plays to go 79 yards and post a 7-0 lead with 2:42 left in the first quarter. Larry Thomas completed all four of his

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Regis' Roy Martin (33) follows teammate Mike Wawro through a hole en route to a big gain during second-quarter action Thursday at Kingston Stadium. Kennedy's Steve Collins is trying to catch Martin from behind. Martin finished with 103 yards on 10 carries as the Royals rolled to a 20-7 win.

Gazette photo by L.W. Ward

Pittsburgh whips Jets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)

— David Woodley, coming back four days after a concussion, tossed two short touchdown passes, and Gary Anderson booted three field goals as the Pittsburgh Steelers topped the New York Jets 23-17 Thursday night in a mistake-filled game.

Woodley, knocked out of last Sunday's opening-game loss to Kansas City in the third quarter, hit rookie Louis Lipps with a 6-yard TD pass in the first period. Then, he tossed a 3-yard lob that another rookie, Weegie Thompson, plucked out of the air for the go-ahead score in the third period.

Anderson had field goals of 32 and 43 yards in the second quarter, and 27 in the fourth quarter. But he hooked two more, one from 27 and one from 30 yards out.

The Jets, playing before a crowd of 70,654 in their first regular-season home game at Giants Stadium, had taken a 14-13 lead on Bobby Humphrey's 97-yard touchdown return with the second-half kickoff.

Linn-Mar, Marion hope to hit jackpot

By Bob Denney
Gazette sportswriter

The winner of tonight's Linn-Mar-Marion prep football game won't get a Lotto ticket, but you can bet the victor will feel like \$40 million.

The battle of Marion annually figures to be, as Linn-Mar Coach Greg Purnell says, "an exciting time for Linn County."

Kickoff is slated for 7:45 p.m. at Thomas Park.

"I don't ever look at one team as a favorite in this game," said Purnell, who last beat Marion twice in 1982, including a 3A state playoff match. "It's such a tremendous hitting game that I call it a tossup."

Marion Coach Dave Messerli concurs.

"The kids get psyched up about playing Linn-Mar, period," Messerli said. "I would say Linn-Mar, due to its experience on offense, would be favored . . . but we like to think we can play with any team."

The battle of Marion headlines a busy schedule tonight. In other games, Jefferson hosts Waterloo East at Jefferson Stadium, Prairie entertains Iowa City High, and LaSalle is at Iowa City West, all at 7:45 p.m.; while Washington travels to Waterloo West for a 7:30 meeting at Sloan-Wallace Field.

MARION RETURNS an outstanding backfield combination of fullback-punter Steve Cox, tailback Greg Hall, and wingback Jeff Gollaber. Quarterback-placekicker Doug Jackson spent part of the summer at a quarterback camp, according to Messerli.

Hall rushed for 187 yards and three touchdowns in last year's 27-24 playoff loss to Waverly-Shell Rock. Cox, who is nursing a groin pull, led the 3A schools in punting last year with a 42.5 yard average.

Register's Chuck Burdick dies

DES MOINES (AP) — Chuck Burdick, a veteran sportswriter for The Des Moines Register, died Monday following a bout with cancer.

Burdick, 53, covered high school sports for The Register for more than 20 years. The University of

Linn-Mar, meanwhile, has eight starters back on offense, the most ever for Purnell. Quarterback Bill Marko started the final five games during a 4-5 season in 1983, and is now, in Purnell's words, "a seasoned veteran."

Iowa City High at Prairie

Not only will the sky be filled with footballs in Prairie Coach Ed Johnson's debut, but the evening air will be full of music.

Prairie welcomes the Iowa State University marching band, which will make its appearance at halftime. The ISU unit — 280 strong with 165 returning starters — will be lodged in local homes Friday night before heading to Iowa City Saturday for the Iowa-ISU game.

Washington at Wat. West

Coach Wally Sheets hopes the momentum his Washington's Warriors gained in a 21-14 season-ending victory over Dubuque Hempstead will continue against West. The Warriors have 12 lettermen back, while the Hawahaks have 18 returners from last year's 4-5 outfit.

Waterloo East at Jefferson

Jefferson's J-Hawks, boasting a bigger and stronger squad, need a fast start after suffering their worst season since 1960 last year (1-7). East, only eight points shy of a perfect regular season in 1983 (7-2), has four returning starters among 11 lettermen.

LaSalle at Iowa City West

Two-time defending state Class 2A champion LaSalle — with a 17-game winning streak and new coach T.J. Stecklein — faces the Trojans with first-year coach Dan Dickel and a 15-game losing streak.

Iowa graduate received a number of honors during his career and was considered one of the state's top experts on prep athletics.

Funeral arrangements were being handled by Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home in Des Moines.

Regis beats Kennedy

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pass attempts for 36 yards and fullback Steve Burke ran six times for another 34 yards in the methodical drive.

Thomas ran for a 1-yard touchdown, and Barry Mercer kicked the extra point.

Regis wasted little time getting the TD back. Starting from their own 42, the Royals' first play was a halfback pass from junior Roy Martin to end Dave Downey for 48 yards to the Kennedy 10. Two plays later, Martin ran six yards for a score. Martin tried to kick the extra point, but failed.

However, the tone for the rest of the game was established with Martin's pass. The big plays were to be the Royals', while Kennedy managed just four first downs and 74 yards the rest of the night.

"We were going to use that (the halfback pass) the first play of the game, regardless," said Regis Coach Tom Good. "We wanted to let them know we could throw it."

With an inexperienced quarterback in Darrin Glover, Good knew his team couldn't throw much this early in the season. So he put the halfback pass in the back of the Cougars' minds while the Royals' running backs rolled up the yards.

Regis ran the ball six times for 62 yards to go up 12-7 midway through the second quarter. Martin, the brother of former Regis all-state running back Dennis Martin, gained 37 of his 103 yards off two pitchouts. Doug White ran four

yards for the go-ahead score. A two-point conversion try misfired.

The Royals added to their command with a 51-yard drive in the third period. A 44-yard run by Martin took the ball to the Kennedy 11. White again ran four yards for the TD, then Greg Lorei ran for the two-point conversion.

"I'm real pleased with our offense," Good said. "I was kind of worried about our defense, but they seemed to rise to the occasion. We platooned at eight spots on defense, the most we've ever done."

"Martin's a good ballplayer. I think Doug White ran hard (67 yards on 11 carries) and provided a lot of leadership."

Kennedy Coach Al Stiers said he's "sure we can be able to look back and learn a lot from this."

"The fact that we went down the field and scored on our first drive should prove to the kids that we've got some potential, some stuff," Stiers said.

"It's a matter of concentration. We have inexperience, especially in our line. That's where you lose the touch, or whatever it is you have. I think it's concentration."

"We honestly didn't know where we stood going in," said Stiers. "We're going to be able to find some bright spots from this game."

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	89	51	.636	-
Toronto	80	59	.576	8½
Baltimore	75	63	.543	13
New York	74	64	.536	14
Boston	74	65	.532	14½

Cleveland	62	79	.440	27½
Milwaukee	57	82	.410	31½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	70	69	.504	—
Minnesota	70	69	.504	—
California	69	69	.500	½
Chicago	65	74	.468	5

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SATURDAY			
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AL BOX			
OAKLAND	ab r h bi	CHICAGO	ab r h bi
Rhodes 1b	3 0 0 0	Fletcher ss	4 1 1 0
Lamford 3b	3 0 0 0	Paciarik rf	4 1 2 0
Morgan 2b	4 0 1 0	Gonzalez lf	4 2 3 0
Kinnaman 4b	4 0 0 0	Saunders lf	0 0 0 0
Murphy cf	4 2 2 1	Luzinski dh	4 1 2 4
Boche lf	4 0 0 0	Killeff lf	3 1 1 1
Essien c	3 0 1 1	Vlaw 3b	4 1 1 2
Meyer ph	1 0 0 0	MHILL c	4 0 2 0
Madison rf	3 1 2 1	JCRuz 2b	4 0 1 0
Woods ph	1 0 1 0	Garcia c	3 0 0 0
Totals	32 3 6 13	Totals	35 7 13 7

NL BOXES			
CHICAGO	ab r h bi	MONTREAL	ab r h bi
Dernier cf	4 1 1 0	Raines cf	4 1 2 0
Sandra 2b	4 0 1 1	Dillon lf	2 0 1 0
Mathews lf	4 0 1 0	Venable lf	1 0 0 0
Cotto lf	0 0 0 0	Dawson rf	4 0 0 0
Durbin lf	4 1 1 0	Garcia c	3 0 0 0
Marlin 3b	4 1 2 1	Driess 3b	4 0 1 0
Basley lf	4 0 1 0	Wallach 3b	3 0 0 1
Loves rf	1 1 1 0	Flynn 2b	3 0 0 0
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Bowes ss	2 0 1 0	ASolozar ss	3 0 2 0
Hasey ph	1 0 0 0	Leop lf	3 0 0 0
Verzys ss	1 0 0 0	Lucas p	0 0 0 0
Eckersley p	2 0 0 0	James p	0 0 0 0
Rahn ph	1 0 0 0		
Frazier p	1 0 0 0		
Frazier (W 5-2)	2 0 0 0		
LeSmith p	1 0 0 0		
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Game Winning RBI — Luzinski (11), E-Phillips, Paciarik, Lansford, DP—Cincinnati 1, San Diego 1, LOB—Oakland 5, Chicago 6, 2B—Luzinski 2, Killeff, Madson, HR—Madson (18), Murphy (29), Vlaw (15), SB—Boston (4).			
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Montreal			
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Lucas	0	1	0 0 0 0
Jones	1	1	0 0 0 2

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Baseball

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Stone lf	4	0	1	1	Herr 2b	3	1	0	
GWilson rf	0	0	0	0	Pndltm 3b	3	1	2	
Schmidt ph	1	0	1	0	Porter c	3	1	2	

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VHayes cf	4 1 2 0	Landrm rf	0 0 0
Oliver 1b	4 0 1 1	VanSlyk rf	3 0 0
Campbel p	0 0 0 0	DGreen 1b	3 1 0
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