

Baseball Standings

American League				
East Division				
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	G.B.
Baltimore	89	54	.622	—
Detroit	84	65	.564	8
Boston	77	73	.513	15½
New York	58	73	.440	32
Washington	57	89	.390	33½
Cleveland	57	89	.390	33½
West Division				
x-Oakland	94	55	.631	—
Kansas City	79	69	.534	14½
California	70	79	.470	24
Chicago	70	79	.470	24
Minnesota	68	78	.466	24½
Milwaukee	64	84	.432	29½
x-Clinched division title				
Wednesday's Results				
New York	4	Baltimore	2	
Boston	6	Cleveland	5	
California	6	Kansas City	2	
Minnesota	1	Milwaukee	0	
Detroit	4	Washington	2	
Oakland	3-3	Chicago	2-7	
Thursday's Games				
Washington (Bosman 11-14)	at	Detroit (Cain 8-9)		
Boston (Peters 14-10)	at	Cleveland (Hand 2-5), n		
New York (Kekich 10-7)	at	Baltimore (Leonhard 2-2), n		
Baltimore (Leonhard 2-2), n	at	California (Wright 14-15)		
California (Wright 14-15)	at	Kansas City (Drago 16-9), n		
Kansas City (Drago 16-9), n	at	Minnesota (Corbin 8-10)		
Minnesota (Corbin 8-10)	at	Milwaukee (Krausse 7-12), n		
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Only games scheduled.				
Friday's Games				
Cleveland	at	New York	2,	
Baltimore	at	Detroit	2,	
Boston	at	Washington	n	
California	at	Chicago	n	
Oakland	at	Milwaukee	n	
Kansas City	at	Minnesota	n	

National League				
East Division				
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Pittsburgh	91	59	.607	—
St. Louis	82	67	.550	8½
New York	77	72	.517	13½
Chicago	76	73	.510	14½
Montreal	65	82	.442	24½
Phila.	61	88	.409	29½
West Division				
S. Fran.	83	66	.557	—
Los Angeles	82	67	.550	1
Atlanta	76	74	.507	7½
Houston	73	76	.490	10
Cincinnati	73	78	.483	11
San Diego	56	93	.376	27
Wednesday's Results				
Montreal	1	Philadelphia	0	
Pittsburgh	4	St. Louis	1	
Chicago	6-3	New York	2-2	
Atlanta	4	Houston	2	
San Diego	2	Los Angeles	1	
Cincinnati	4	San Francisco	2	
Thursday's Games				
Chicago (Pizarro 6-5)	at	New York (Seaver 18-8)		
Cincinnati (Grimsley 9-6)	at	San Francisco (Cumberland 9-4)		
Montreal (Renko 14-14)	at	Philadelphia (Champion 2-2), N		
St. Louis (Reuss 14-13)	at	Pittsburgh (Waler 8-8), N		
Atlanta (Kelley 8-5)	at	Houston (Richard 2-0), N		
San Diego (Norman 2-12)	at	Los Angeles (Osteen 13-10), N		
Friday's Games				
Chicago	at	Philadelphia	N	
New York	at	Pittsburgh	N	
St. Louis	at	Montreal	N	
Cincinnati	at	Houston	N	
Atlanta	at	Los Angeles	N	
San Diego	at	San Francisco	N	

Momentous Wins At Vernon Track

Consistently healthy—though not spectacular—payoffs resulted from the five New York State harness racing features run Wednesday night, as nary a favorite won.

The highest return was at Monticello where Avon Maggie, at \$11.20, went a mile in 2:06 3/5 to win the featured \$1,500 pace. Sixth at the half, Avon Maggie pulled to the outside and began moving up. At the wire she headed Broadway N. by two lengths and Bing Senator by more.

Tempans paid \$11.00 to win the \$5,000 pace at Roosevelt. The Chicago owned mare found plenty of room along the rail on her way to a 2:02 3/5 clocking and a three-quarter length victory.

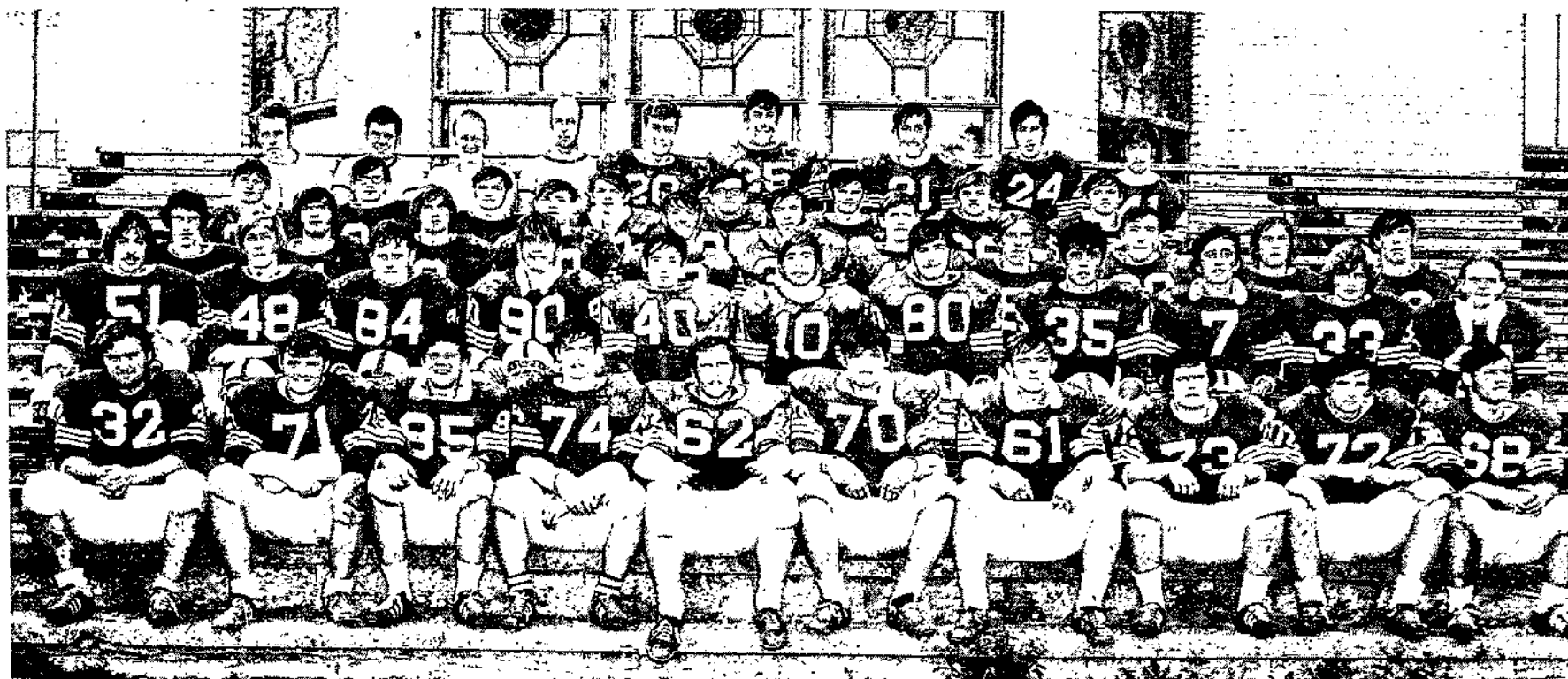
Lakewood Betty was second and Cumquat third. Batavia Downs had another \$11.00 winner in Night Out.

The celebration was earned by a 2:06 3/5 effort pushed in the final yards by Irish Gun, a head back at the wire, and Sarge Patterson. The race was a \$1,700 pace.

Momentous was little less than that with a \$7.40 return at Vernon Downs. In command at the top of the stretch, he beat the pack to the wire by a full seven lengths in 2:03 4/5. Wyncrest Guy and go Noryak were second and third. The time was a new life mark for the winner.

At Saratoga the feature resulted in mutual tickets worth no more than \$5.80, but for Mister A.H. the victory was worth a good part of the \$1,500 purse. The race was a pace for three and four-year-olds. Turn Signal and Collingwood Boy gave chase as the eventual winner grabbed the lead at the top of the stretch. But, the margin at the end was a decisive three-quarters of a length.

The time was 2:07 flat on what was termed a slow track.



OFA BLUE DEVILS—The 1971 OFA Football team will open its season Saturday in Canton. The Blue Devils compiled a 5-2-1 record last season. First row from left to right: Sean Doyle, Ron Spears, Mike MacDougall, Mike Deschamps, Brad Landry, Rich Gibson, co-captain; Larry Langley, co-captain; Tim Davis, Dave McLellan and Dave Mashaw. Second row: Peter Ives, John Robinson, Paul Montpetit, Jay Farrand, Chris Havens, Dave Ives, Leon LaRock, Bill Edwards, Jeff Merria, Bill Brown, Paul McDonald. Third row: Greg Piercy, Tony Spicer, Jim Montpelier,

Chuck Langley, Dave Bell, Jeff Bouchard, Pete Fredericks, Carl Dishaw, Rich McEwen, Mike McDonald, Tom Marlow. Fourth row: Bill Briggs, Tom Hannan, Robert Seymour, Willie Breen, Bruce Burgess, Paul Strader, Bob LeBeau, Mark Sovie. 5th row: Mile Valley, assistant coach; Wayne Houmiel, assistant coach; John Tennant, assistant coach; Brian Wade, head coach; J.J. Barry, Chris St. Andrews, Jerry Richards, Doug Wall and Bill Sovie. (O'Donnell Photo)

Padres Cool Off Dodgers; Giants Remain In Freeze

There won't be any playoff or World Series money for San Diego's Dave Roberts but the Padres' tough left-hander looms as a big man in the National League West pennant race.

Roberts pitched San Diego a 2-1 victory over Los Angeles Wednesday night, keeping the Dodgers a game back of the West-leading San Francisco Giants, who lost 4-2 to Cincinnati.

And he did it a day ahead of schedule. Manager Preston Gomez moved Roberts up a day in his pitching rotation so that his ace lefty will be able to pitch twice in the six games the Padres have left with the Giants.

Roberts' record is only 13-15 but it's with a club that has a 56-93 mark—and his 1.92 earned run average is second only to New York's Tom Seaver among NL starters.

While the West race remained unchanged, Pittsburgh took a big step toward the East flag by beating St. Louis 4-1 and opening up an 8½-game bulge over the second-place Cardinals.

Elswhere in the NL, Chicago swept the New York Mets 6-2 and 3-2, Atlanta topped Houston 4-2 and Montreal edged Philadelphia 1-0.

"It's no disgrace losing to a guy like him," Los Angeles Manager Walt Alton said after Roberts scattered eight hits and pitched out of a bases loaded jam in the third inning to snap the Dodgers' winning streak at eight games.

The Padres, beating the Dodgers for only the fourth time in 17 meetings, took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Leron Lee and Larry Stahl singled and Lee scored when pitcher Don Sutton threw wild after fielding a bunt.

Stahl homered in the sixth after the Dodgers had tied it in the second on Sutton's RBI infield single. Pete Rose's run-scoring triple and Lee May's RBI single in the fifth snapped a 1-1 tie and sent the Giants to their third straight loss and 10th in 11 games. The Reds' Jim McGlothlin held the stumbling Giants to six hits, including homers by Willie McCovey and Dick Dietz.

Pittsburgh's Dock Ellis, pitching for the first time in two weeks because of elbow trouble, worked seven innings to run his record to 19-7. Most of his offensive help came in the fourth on Dave Cash's RBI single and Al Oliver's two-run homer.

Ted Simmons homered for St. Louis, which lost for the third time in four games while the Pirates were winning for the ninth time in 11.

Bill Hands pitched a five-hitter and drove in two runs as the Cubs beat the Mets in the opener. Then Burt Hooton yielded only three hits—none for 6 2/3

innings, and Billy Williams hit a ninth-inning homer as Chicago completed the sweep.

Hank Aaron's 14th homer in the last 24 games—his 44th of the season and 636th

of his career—and Phil Niekro's four-hit pitching highlighted Atlanta's victory over Houston.

Montreal's victory came on the four-hit pitching of Ernie McAnally and

Bobby Wine's sacrifice fly following a threebase error by Philadelphia second baseman Denny Doyle in the eighth inning. The Phillies' Woody Fryman pitched a sixhitter.

A's Wrap Up AL West; McLain Hits 20 Losses

"Nice little hit there, bud," Charles O. Finley smiled, patting Sal Bando on the back.

The hit was anything but little, though. It was big in distance—a two-run homer in the eighth inning—and big in meaning, powering Oakland to a 3-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox Wednesday to give the A's the American League West championship.

Actually, Bando didn't give it to them. Kansas City did.

The runner-up Royals, by winning against California, would have held onto a mathematical chance of tying Oakland for the flag, particularly after the A's lost 7-3 to the White Sox in the second half of their two-night doubleheader.

But the Royals eliminated themselves from contention while Oakland was halfway through its second game, losing 6-2 to the Angels and giving the A's their first title since 1931 when Connie Mack piloted the Philadelphia Athletics to the American League pennant.

In other American League action, the New York Yankees beat Baltimore 4-2, Boston edged Cleveland 6-5, Detroit topped Washington 4-2 and Minnesota squeezed by Milwaukee 1-0. "Just winning it, getting it all over with, was a big relief to all of us," Bando said after his blast, which followed Reggie Jackson's double, handed 20-game winner Wilbur Wood his 12th loss and gave the triumph to recently reacquired Jim "Mudcat" Grant. "We were trying too hard and not scoring any runs lately," Bando said. The A's had lost seven of their previous 12 games. "We were spinning our wheels and standing still." With 13 games still to go before the A's enter the American League playoffs—presumably against Baltimore—Bando said there are two ways of looking at the rest of the season.

"First, it's true we may not stay real sharp mentally. But secondly, it gives us a lot of time to rest up and get our pitching primed and ready."

Jackson threw Manager Dick Williams into a shower after the twin-bill, then went after Finley, the A's flamboyant owner who bought the club in 1961 and moved them from Kansas City to Oakland in 1968.

But Finley stopped his young outfielder with the remark: "Let's wait'll we win everything—then you can do what you want."

Andy Messersmith fired a four-hitter for the Angels and sparked their four-run second inning with a two-run homer. California also collected five singles off Bruce Dal Canton in the uprising.

Ken Berry knocked in the Angels' final two runs with an eighth-inning double. Messersmith, boosting his record to 17-13 with his sixth victory in seven starts, limited the Royals to unearned runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Bobby Murcer snapped a seventh-inning 1-1 tie against Baltimore's 18-game winner, Mike Cuellar, with his 24th home run of the year, then Ron Swoboda wrapped up the Yankees' victory with a two-run single in the ninth. Ron Hansen also homered for the Yanks and Brooks Robinson had one for the Orioles.

Joe Lahoud's two-out runscoring double in the top of the ninth gave the Red Sox their victory over the Indians (led it in the eighth on Ted Uhlaender's RBI single. Rico Petrocelli hit a two-run homer for the Red Sox.

Ali Will Fight 2 Exhibitions

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali agreed Wednesday to fight two five-round exhibition matches with his sparring partners in Cherry Hill, N.J., on Oct. 16.

Proceeds from the matches, which mark Ali's first public appearance in the ring in the Philadelphia-south Jersey area, will go to the Cherry Hill Little League, the Camden County Mental Health Auxiliary and the underprivileged children of Camden County. All will box sparring partners Eddie Brooks and Alton Johnson at the Cherry Hill Arena. Brooks scored several knockdowns over Ali when the champ was training for his bout with Jimmy Ellis in Houston, Tex., last July.

Karras Turns Down Offer

Alex Karras can't play football for the Detroit Lions and won't play for the Washington Redskins.

The block-busting defensive tackle was placed on waivers by the Lions Monday night and nixed an offer to play for the Redskins Wednesday. "I'm grateful for the offer but no thanks," the 6-foot-2, 250-pound veteran told Redskins Coach George Allen. The National Football League later voided Washington's claim on Karras, saying his contract is non-assignable.

The NFL said Karras is, in effect, a free agent and can sign with whichever team he desires. Karras wasn't the only one upset by the cut. The Detroit News reported its switchboard was jammed with protest calls and phones at the Lions office jangled with calls from irate fans eager to express their criticism of the move.

Valley League Predictions County Teams To Prevail

The Valley League football season gets under way Saturday and in a sense it's a battle between St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties.

Two of the St. Lawrence county teams Heuvelton and Lisbon are in Jefferson county this Saturday playing Augustinian and Belleville respectively.

Meanwhile Coach Fran Holleran's Morrisstown Green Rockets go against Parishville at home. Clifton-Fine draws the bye.

Morrisstown 24-Parishville 12—The Green Rockets are said to be improved over last season. Parishville had a rebuilding year last season and should be improved, but we give the nod to Morrisstown at home.

Badgers Bring Wins Streak To Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Syracuse University opens its 82nd football season Saturday against a Wisconsin squad that already has gotten off to an impressive start. The homesteading Orangemen, who overcame major racial dissention in their ranks last year to post a 6-4 record, are shooting for their 14th opening-game victory under coach Ben Schwartzwalder's tutelage.

Schwartzwalder also has had non-losing teams for 21 of his 22 seasons at the helm.

The Badgers, long the doormats of the Big Ten, blanked Northern Illinois, 31-0, last Saturday to continue their win streak over two seasons to three games, their longest since 1963.

Syracuse won its two previous outings against Wisconsin, the latest a 43-7 pasting in 1969. After the Wisconsin game it faces two other Big Ten opponents—Northwestern and Indiana—on the road the next two Saturdays.

The Orangemen, tabbed in pre-season speculation as the best in the East this year, have had injury and illness problems but will lack only offensive guard Chuck Chulada and running back Greg Allen among projected starters.

Chulada has been troubled by a leg injury and Allen came down with infectious hepatitis just after fall practice began.

Defensive tackle Joe Ehrmann, an All-America candidate, has shaken off slow recovery from knee surgery and was definitely assigned a starting role after impressing Schwartzwalder at an intrasquad scrimmage last Saturday.

The Badgers' explosive offense is led by quarterback Neil Graff, who completed 8 of 14 passes for 111 yards against Northern Illinois.

Graff's prime receivers are Larry Mialik, Al Hannan and Tim Klosek, while Rufus Ferguson, a 5-foot-6, 185-pound fireplug, leads the rushing corps.

For Syracuse, quarterback Bob Woodruff's backfield mates are juniors Marty Januskiewicz and Roger Praetorius and sophomore Brian Hamblen.

Pop Warner Meeting Tonight, City Hall

Pop Warner Association will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Lou White, president, noted that final plans will be made for the annual tag day sale to be held next weekend.

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