



Omaha Pros Have A Musical Battery

GUITARIST Tommy Smith is a fun-loving music maker who says he'd be glad to help stage a hootenanny before one of the Omaha Royals games.

They Think Alike

BATTERYMATES often think alike and so it is with Alan Fitzmorris, the Omaha Royal pitcher who likes to strum a guitar and sing, too.



Smith, left, Fitzmorris . . . They're willing performers.

Smitty told about his experience as a nightclub entertainer in Little Rock a couple of years back.

He's An Outfielder

THERE'S quite a story behind Fitzmorris, the pitcher, too. He was signed out of a San Diego high school in 1965 as an outfielder.

They Need Opportunity

FOLLOWING the 1968 season, Fitz gathered together two of his guitar-playing buddies and a drummer at San Diego and started making music for small parties and charitable events.

How About It, Skip?

THERE'S no such lofty goal for Tommy Smith. He's perfectly content to strum his guitar and sing for his own amusement—and for the entertainment of his friends, an ever-growing delegation of followers for a good guy.

Gibson Homers but Mets Capture a 4-3 Ball Game

New York (AP)—Cleon Jones' two-run single helped New York to four early runs off Bob Gibson and the Mets held on for a 4-3 victory over St. Louis Friday night.

After the Cardinals had a runner thrown out at the plate in the first inning, the Mets jumped on Gibson (9-4) for three runs in the first.

New York scored the decisive run in the second when Agee singled and Boswell tripled.



A happy Sun Devil takes a ride . . . Gura's given a brief celebration hoist.

Miracle Hill Is Fit

Vale of Tears Gets 124 Pounds Today

Howdy's Selections: 1—American Prince, Trail Dust, Diamond Dope. 2—Younis Alibhai, Puerto Rico, Wengas.

By Howard Wolff: What Babe Ruth was to the Yankees, Vale Of Tears is to his Ak-Sar-Ben racing fans.

Real Chance Meets Match: Real Chance, holder of Ak-Sar-Ben's 4 1/2-furlong record of :51, found another half furlong — and Navashane and Jockey L. J. Durosseau—too much to handle Friday.

Trainer Al Vizcaya gave Vale Of Tears a "blow out," too, with the champ taking it easy in a three-furlong warmup in :37, breezing.

In addition to Miracle Hill, the imports in the Cornhusker field are Easy Lime, Missouri Gent and Great Depths.

Of the home guard, the canny Marion H. Van Berg of Columbus has a two-ply entry, Zorba 2nd and Tuffit Out; both handicap winners at this meeting — and both tough.

Carolawn Farms' Subpet, who came to life recently, is a threat under 114 pounds.

For that matter any of the dozen could hit the wire on top. The proof: Single Needle's longest conquest in the 1967 Cornhusker, a victory scored over the imported Tenzing 2d and Lucky Hour.

Omahan Mike Ford's Royal Gumber won the first running in 1966 with Willie Hartack aboard. And last year Ninfalo won the



Trainer Al Vizcaya watches . . . as Vale of Tears nibbles grass.

Tulsa Rally Jars Omaha In 4-3 Game

Association Standings: Tulsa 4, Omaha 3. Results Friday: Tulsa 4, Omaha 3.

World-Herald News Service: Tulsa, Okla. — Tulsa spotted Omaha three runs in the opening inning and then came from behind for a 4-3 victory at Oiler Park Friday night.

Southpaw Tom Hilgendorf, who was making his first start of the season, survived a three-run, four-hit salvo in the first to earn his third victory.

The Royals, who enjoy hitting at Oiler Park, took after Hilgendorf for three runs before he had a chance to warm up.

Luis Alcaraz opened with a double and George Spriggs followed with an infield hit and Paul Schaal walked to fill the bases with nobody out.

The Oilers scored twice off starter Al Fitzmorris in the third as Leroy Lee clouted a two-run double after Bill Davis and Joe Hague had singled.

Tulsa tied in the fourth and Ted Simmons doubled, took third on an outfield fly, and scored on Tiki Rivera's single.

Right-hander Paul Epperson came in after Fitzmorris gave up hits to Bobby Young and Hague in the fifth. Epperson, who suffered his first loss, was the victim of Tulsa's uprising in the ninth.

Simmons opened with a single, and after Billy Wolff flied out trying to sacrifice, Rivera followed with a single.

Davis took second on the throw and after Epperson walked Young to fill the bases, lefthander Jon Warden came in to pitch to the lefthanded hitting Hague.

Warden wild pitched the winning run home and the Oilers had their seventh victory in 12 meetings with Omaha this season.

The victory cut Omaha's American Association over Tulsa to two and one half games. The second game of the series tonight will be a battle of left-handers with Jim Rooker, just down from Kansas City, pitching for Omaha, against Jim Ellis (3-5).

Splittoff to Rejoin Mates, Pitch Sunday: Paul Splittoff, Omaha Royals left-hander, will rejoin his teammates at Tulsa tonight after spending the past week in Omaha.

His wife gave birth to their first child, Jennifer Lynn, at Bishop Bergan Hospital Wednesday.

ASU Sluggers Rip Tulsa, 10-1, for Title

CWS Standings: Arizona State 10, Tulsa 6. Result Friday: Arizona State 10, Tulsa 6.

party at the expense of Tulsa Friday night. Larry Gura, who probably will sign with the Chicago Cubs next week, coasted to a 10-1 victory in the College World Series title game before 10,050 at Rosenblatt Stadium.

Gura, a senior right-hander, logged his 19th victory. Billy Cotton, who was drafted by the New York Mets, and John Dolinsek, selected by Houston, homered to drive in five runs.

Cotton, a junior catcher, homered with two aboard in the fifth to open a 7-1 margin. Dolinsek, a junior outfielder, delivered a drive over the right field fence with a mate aboard to cap a three-run sixth.

By Robert Williams: Arizona State's Sun Devils, several bound for professional baseball, staged a farewell



Dolinsek, left, and Gene Duffy . . . NCAA official makes award.

John Dolinsek Selected Top Star on Bat Heroics

John Dolinsek, the leading College World Series hitter, was selected its most outstanding player.

The Arizona State left fielder drew all but two votes from sports writers and broadcasters covering the series.

One vote went to Larry Gura, the Arizona State pitcher, and one went to Bill Cotton, the Sun Devil catcher.

Arizona State captured five of the 10 berths in the all-

tournament team with Dolinsek a unanimous choice. The tournament team: First base — Steve Caves, Tulsa. 2b — Lou Bagwell, Texas. 3b — Les Rogers, Tulsa. ss — Roger Detter, Arizona State. C — Bill Cotton, Arizona State. P — Burt Hooton, Texas; Larry Gura, Arizona State. OF — John Dolinsek, Arizona State; Jim Cardasis, New York University; Paul Ray Powell, Arizona State.

Winkles: Jump on Long Ball Ousted Outstanding Tulsans

By Maurice Shadle: "We just got the jump with the long ball. Tulsa has an outstanding baseball team," a gracious Bobby Winkles said in Rosenblatt Stadium Friday night after his Arizona State team won a third College World Series championship.

The first two were in 1965 and 1967. "We weren't out of the woods until Billy Cotton rapped that three-run homer in the fifth. After that, Tulsa had to wait and play for the big inning that — I'm glad to say — never came."

Winkles had so much confidence in the durable left arm of Larry Gura that he didn't have a Sun Devil in the bullpen until two Tulsans were on — with none out in the final inning. Larry promptly retired the last three to finish with a 10-strikeout, no-walk, six-hit effort.

"I wasn't tired at any time," Gura declared. "My curve ball was working well. When we had that three-run third to go ahead by 4-1 my job was a lot easier."

knowledge that its CWS finish, which turned out to be second place, could be nullified by the NCAA in August for using an ineligible player in the district play-off leading to its berth here.

Gura boosted his series record to 2-1 plus a save as Arizona State battled back from a first-game defeat. He won in relief Wednesday night and worked in three of the Sun Devils' last four games.

"He said he felt good before the game," said Coach Bobby Winkles, who had hedged on whether Gura would be able to pitch.

"He didn't throw well the first couple of innings," Winkles said, "but after we got those runs (three in the third) I think he could smell the championship."

"We got beat by the best club in the tournament," said Tulsa Coach Gene Shell. "That doesn't alter the fact we could have beaten them—and they still would have been the best in the tournament."

"They beat us when they picked up those three runs on our mistakes in the third," he said.

The fact that Tulsa's title could have been vacated—and that its second-place finish may be—"didn't bother us," Shell said.

Tulsa errors in the second and third innings let in two unearned runs.

The Golden Hurricane drew first blood in the second — on Steve Caves' triple and Bob Murphy's line single off third baseman Rick Valley's glove.

Arizona State, winning its third championship to go with those captured in 1965 and 1967, extended its own record as the winningest collegiate team in history.

The Sun Devils boosted their mark to 56 victories against 11 losses. The 1965 Sun Devils were next high with 54 wins.

Gura, with his 19 victories, achieved what it is believed another collegiate record as he checked Tulsa on six hits. His first-round loss to Texas here, accounted for one of his two setbacks.

Paul Ray Powell, the seventh player chosen in the draft when he was selected by Minnesota, and Dolinsek, each collected three hits. Dolinsek led the series with a .476 batting average and in runs batted in with six.

Dolinsek, a 20-year-old junior, also led the series in homers with two.

Powell singled to open the record and wiped off the brief Tulsa lead by scoring on a wild pitch after reaching third following a Tulsa error and a walk that filled the bases.

Arizona State scored three runs to break a 1-1 deadlock in the third. With one out, singles by Ralph Dick, Dolinsek, and Powell pushed the Sun Devils ahead, 2-1, and left runners on first and second.

Billy Cotton grounded to Tulsa third baseman Les Rogers who threw wild pitch second base trying to force Powell. Dolinsek scored from second on the play but Powell was thrown out when he tried to score. Cotton wound up on third and scored on Jeff Osborn's single to right.

Tulsa completed in 1:39 despite the one-sided score. "I said when I was a pro that players on closely matched teams should not get paid for more than two hours of work a day. There is no reason why the average college game should not be completed in the same time if all the players will hustle from start to finish," Winkles declared. A shortstop on Chicago White Sox farm teams, Winkles hasn't had a losing season since taking over in 1958.

Strategy Backfires In Third Inning: With Sun Devils on third and second base and one out, Tulsa catcher John Klahr asked his coaching superiors if Paul Ray Powell should be walked to fill the bases and

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It's the title for Arizona State . . . From left, shortstop Roger Detter, Coach Winkles and The Very Rev. H. W. Linn, S.J., honorary chairman of host Creighton U.