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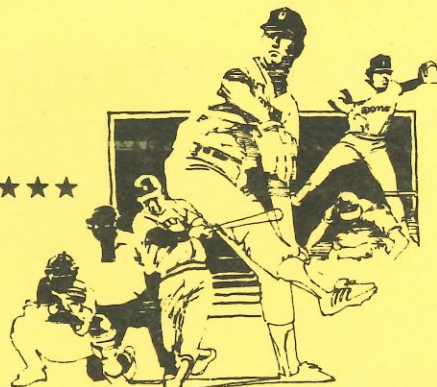
SUNDAY, JULY 29, 1984

DIRTY DOZEN VS. ZIP 10:00 A.M.

DOUBLEHEADER IF NECESSARY

SCORES OF PREVIOUS GAMES

| <u>GAME 1</u> | | <u>GAME 2</u> | |
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| ZIP | 5 | ZIP | 3 |
| DIRTY DOZEN | 1 | DIRTY DOZEN | 0 |



DEALINGS

ZIP AHEAD BY TWO

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Need One More Victory to Win Series

The word around the league this year has been that the most effective method for silencing the DIRTY DOZEN has been to score on them early. ZIP, using their speed, did just that. Their superb pitching and defense carried them the rest of the way in each of the series' first two games.

In the first game, Marty Mizrahi picked up the game winning RBI with a bases loaded single which scored two. The score stayed that way until the fourth when Eli Gindi, whose contribution to this team has been immeasurable (even if the press doesn't give him his due credit), hit a bases loaded sacrifice fly. Marty Miz was walked semi-intentionally and Charlie Semah drove in the runner from third with a fielders' choice. Jackie Haddad, the runner on second, streaked home on that same ground ball and ZIP lead 5-0. DIRTY DOZEN could not break through on Stevie Aizer until the bottom of the last on a Tito Ades line drive single scoring Bobby Kassin, who had singled to left.

That was to be the only run the DOZEN would get all day, as Aizer chucked a three-hit shutout, 3-0. ZIP scored two in the first. Ricky Franco walked with two out. Jackie H was passed intentionally - (in the first inning with a man on first) - a sign of the incredible respect opposing teams have for him. Eli Gindi got an infield hit as Ricky dashed home for a 1-0 lead. Joey Franco, a tremendous lift down the stretch for ZIP, walked to drive in the second run of the inning. In the third, Eli Gindi rallied his troops and seconds later Jackie Haddad brought in the final run with a blast to left center, prompting a fan in the front seats to conclude, "This kid is worth a two run edge going into any game he plays." Eli Dweck's slick play at second nailed down the victory for Eddie Beda's men.

SPECIAL FEATURE

PLATOONS ADD TO ZIP

One thing that separates ZIP from many of the league's other teams is the clear definition of roles among team members. As pointed out at length to the reporter last week, ZIP is a thirteen man team for which strict platooning has paid big dividends.

Eddie Dweck and Joey Franco have been a sensational combination at third since Joey was obtained in a mid-season trade. Eddie knows all the moves (like the decoy he used on a throw to nearly tag out a surprised baserunner last Sunday) and makes all the plays.

Charlie Semah and Eli Gindi do it at shortcenter. Charlie carried much of the burden all year while Eli has started his blistering bat going in the playoffs. Both men bat every game and together accounted for four of ZIP's eight runs last week.

Bernie Goldenberg and Eli Dweck have worked wonders behind the plate. Granted things are easier with Aizer on the mound, but a good catcher is necessary for any pitcher's confidence. Anyone who saw Bernie beat out a grounder to the pitcher last week knows the hustle and dedication Bernie brings to his team.

Captain Eddie Beda feels perfectly comfortable going with any one of several line-ups. No matter who he puts out there, they do a terrific job. Not only does platooning win games, but, in this case, it also builds the team feeling. In short, these platoons may be the deciding factor in this series.



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