Phoenix continues mastery over S.L. Angels

By Brent Checketts
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If you asked Salt Lake Angels manager Les Moss how to spell Phoenix he'd probably come up with something like: TROUBLE!

By blasting the Angels 14-2 Tuesday night at Derks Field before 3,462 disappointed Bank of Salt Lake Night fans, the Phoenix Giants assured themselves their fourth series conquest of Salt Lake in as many tries.

The Giants hold a 13-7 domination over the Angels in 20 games so far this season. Phoenix won four of five in the first series and three of five in each of the past three series.

Two more series remain between the two teams. Both will be six-game series. The Angels play at Phoenix August 3-8, then host the Giants Aug. 15-20.

Next on the agenda for the Salt Lakers, however, is a five-game series at Albuquerque beginning Thursday. Dick Lange (6-4), who has been suffering from back trouble for about three weeks, will get the starting call in the opener.

The Angels enjoy a rare night off tonight, one of only six open dates on their schedule all season.

The loss in the home stand finale Tuesday knocked the Salt Lakers two and one-half games behind second-place Phoenix. The Angels did not lose ground on Pacific Coast League East leader Tucson, however. The Toros lost 12-3 to Albuquerque and remain three full games ahead of Salt Lake.

Following the series at Albuquerque, the Salt Lakers hook up with Tucson for 11 consecutive games in what could be the most important stretch of the season for both teams. Six of the games will be at Salt Lake, five at Tucson.

Despite the Tuesday loss, the Angels finished the current home stand with a 7-4 record, including five straight wins over Albuquerque last week.

Southpaw Andy Hassler, who has been Salt Lake's hottest pitcher of late, was cooled down by the Giants Tuesday. Danny Breeden blasted a three-run homer off Hassler in the second inning to give Giants pitcher Jerry Crider all the runs he needed.

But the Phoenix onslaught was only beginning!

The Giants added two runs against Hassler in the third, then exploded for eight runs in the fourth, as relievers Dave Leonhard and Greg Washburn had no more success than Hassler.

Leon Brown highlighted the Phoenix fourth-inning explosion with a three-run homer against Washburn.

Crider pitched eight innings for Phoenix, displaying excellent control and scattering eight hits effectively. After getting the big lead, he simply got the ball over the plate consistently and challenged the Angels to hit it.

They did so consistently, too. Only trouble is, they hit Crider's pitches right at the Giant defense.

Mickey Rivers, who had three hits, scored both Salt Lake runs. He bunt singled in the first and later scored on Billy Parker's single. In the eighth, he led off with a single and later scored on John Doherty's single.

Ed Figueroa relieved Crider in the ninth and retired the Angels with no runs despite a double to Bobby Brooks and a walk to Rivers.

Salt Lake lost a pitcher Tuesday, when it was announced that Terry Wilshusen was assigned to Indianapolis to complete a transaction made at the major league level earlier.

Wilshusen was 2-3 at Salt Lake with a 9.60 earned run average.

Hardys: They spell big trouble

By Dan Pattison
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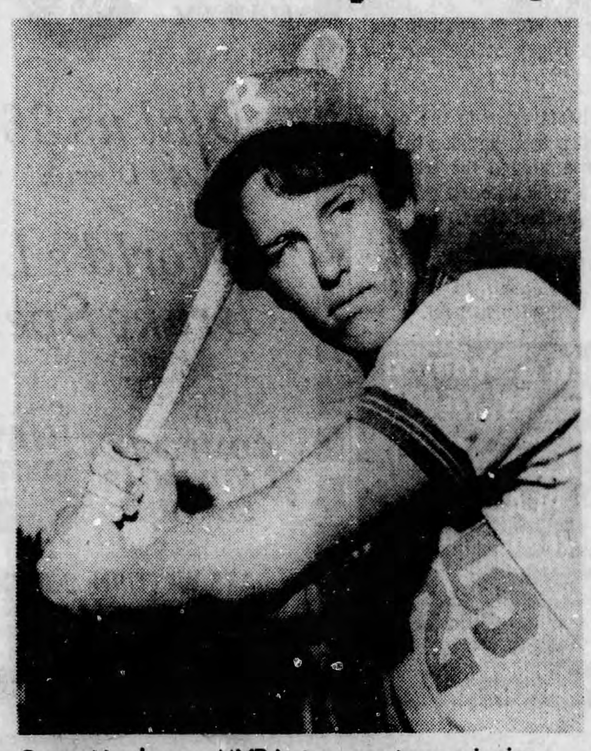
WEST JORDAN — Bruce Hardy can't look back. He can't afford to.

He might see a shadow and it could be gaining on him. His shadow is his younger brother, Bryan. And if Bingham's foes haven't heard about the two, they should. They spell double trouble for their opponents this summer in American Legion and Automotive baseball and next year in football, basketball, chess, ping-pong . . . you name it. They will find a way to beat you.

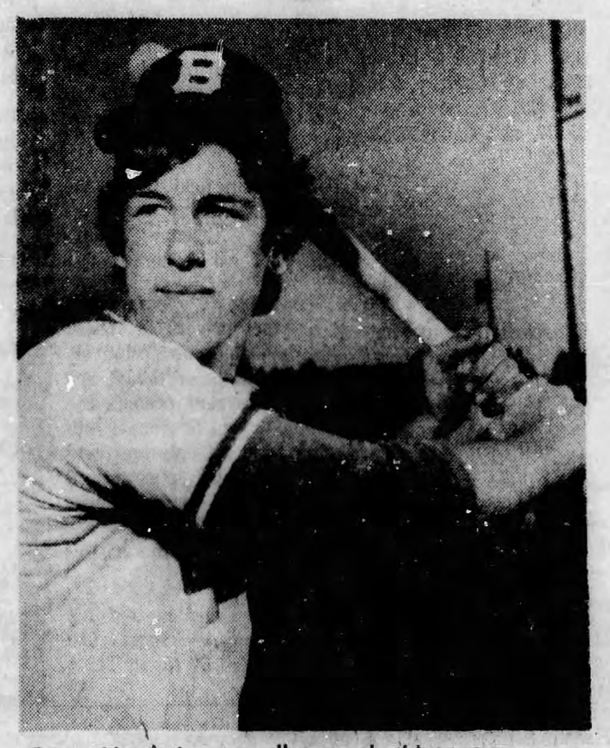
It's going to be hard for Bruce to top his junior year at Bingham. After all, the 6-3, 200-pound athlete is the only prepster in Utah history to be chosen the Most Valuable Player in both football and basketball his junior year.

A quarterback in football, he passed for 1,409 yards, rushed for 378, threw 20 touchdown passes and ran for two. He topped that effort in basketball by leading Region Five in scoring and the Miners to the 3-A (22.6) championship. He scored 82 points in three games, 34 in the title tilt. He hit 29-52 fielders (56 percent) and 24-29 from the charity stripe (83 percent). He also had 10 offensive and 26 defensive rebounds in three games.

But that's not all. Hardy turned out for baseball as a third sacker, switched to shortstop and finally, to catcher. He wound up hitting .500 in 10 league games with three homers and 12 RBI's.



Bruce Hardy was MVP in two sports as a junior.



Bryan Hardy is a top all-around athlete, too.

What is there left for him to accomplish his senior year? "I've thought about that a lot myself," said Bruce. "It's going to be hard. But I know I have to make improvements in certain areas so I can get some good offers from colleges."

When he talks about making improvements, it brings nothing but smiles to his coaches' (Roy Whitworth, George Sluga and Son Sudbury) faces.

Whitworth said, "Bruce will do anything it takes to win. He's the best quarterback in the state with no exception. And he's by far the best quarterback I've had since I've been a head coach. If he has to run, he'll do it. If he has to pass, he'll do it. And if he needs to stick someone, he will. He's a great competitor."

Sluga offered: "Whatever he decides to play, he's going to be a success. The kid is going to make it in college or pros. He's just there when we need him. Everything I wanted from him came true that last game in the state tournament. Sometimes we forget he is only a 17-year-old kid and expect too much from him. He's had glory after glory, including even the King of the Junior Prom, and he keeps his head."

Sudbury said: "Bruce is a real coachable athlete and probably one of the best all-around young athletes I've seen. It doesn't matter what he plays. He took up golf just recently and shot a 42. And he's beaten our No. 1 tennis player. He knows how to handle himself. A Cincinnati scout saw him last spring and said, 'He has the makings to be a fine major league catcher.' He's just a great kid.

Right now, Bruce is off to a hot start at the bat again in American Legion baseball. He's hitting over .500 and Bingham (5-[illegible]) is off to its best start in years.

Bruce knows he has to be good or his brother will claim all the family honors in sports. "Axle," a tag he picked up from his father, Alan, averaged 18.5 points and 15 rebounds per game as a freshman at West Jordan Junior High last winter. And he doesn't take a back seat to Bruce in football or baseball either.

The 6-0, 180-pound southpaw has thrown three no-hitters, including a 9-0 victory over Judge last week. He faced 15 hitters and struckout 13. "Bruce and my father have really paved the way for me in sports," offered "Axle." "Bruce has always helped me and he's been through it before so he knows what it's about.

"He's a senior and I'll be a sophomore. . . so I'll appreciate any help I can get from him, too. I don't know what to expect next year. Bingham has a lot of good players. I'll just do the best I can in each sport."

"I think 'Axle' will be able to handle any pressure," Bruce offered. "We've been playing against each other for 12 years. Everything we did we tried to beat each other. But now we'll be on the same team. We'll have to wait to see what happens."

Davis, Rose hit 2,000!

By Fred McMane
UPI sports writer

Willie Davis and Pete Rose joined baseball's 2,000-hit club Tuesday night, but Rose has a much more exclusive club in mind for the future.

Davis, a 33-year-old centerfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers, made his 2,000th career hit a big one as he stroked a two-run homer in the sixth inning to help the Dodgers down the Atlanta Braves, 3-0.

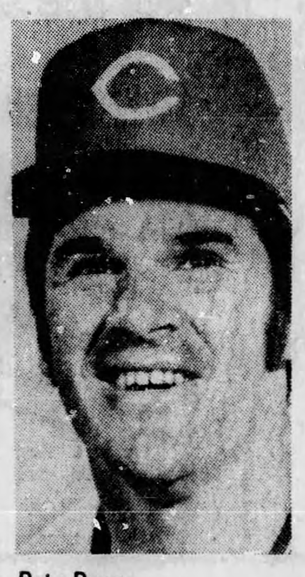
"I was kind of planning on a homer," said Davis, now in his 14th season with the Dodgers. "People won't believe it, but I didn't want the 2,000th hit to be a fluke. A hit is a hit, but a hit like this leaves no doubt."

Davis' two-run homer and a run-scoring single by Ron Cey in the fourth inning helped the Dodgers to their fourth win in a row and ninth in the last 12 games. Tommy John, with relief help from Pete Richert, went seven innings to register his sixth victory in nine decisions.

Rose, a 31-year-old outfielder for the Cincinnati Reds, joined the select circle with three singles and a double in five at bats as he helped the Reds to a 4-0 victory over the San Francisco Giants. Rose, who finished the night with 2,001 hits, has set 3,000 career hits as one of his goals — a plateau which has been reached by only 11 players in baseball history.

"When I came up I never even thought of getting 1,000 hits let alone 2,000," said Rose, now in his 11th season. "But now I'm thinking about 3,000. My goal now is to bat .300 for 10 years in a row and get 3,000 hits."

Willie Davis
. . .2,000 hit club



Pete Rose
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He's certainly in a good position to challenge for both goals. He has hit .300 for eight consecutive seasons and he has more hits at this stage of his career than any of the other players that reached the 3,000-hit mark, except for Paul Waner.

Rose's hot bat helped Fred Norman to his second straight shutout since coming over to the Reds from the San Diego Padres last week. Norman allowed only three hits posting his third victory in 10 decisions.

"My problem at San Diego was that it was a losing environment," said Norman who tossed a five-hitter in his first start for the Reds last Friday night. "I was told when I went out that I shouldn't give up a run. I like Cincinnati because they have a winning attitude."

In other NL action, Houston whipped San Diego 7-3, Philadelphia downed New York 6-1, Montreal topped St. Louis 3-1 and Pittsburgh beat Chicago 4-3 after losing 6-3.

Boston swept a doubleheader from Milwaukee 8-4 and 4-1 in 11 innings, Oakland routed Kansas City 11-6, New York nipped Baltimore 5-4, Minnesota topped Texas 7-3, California beat Chicago 3-1 and Cleveland edged Detroit 8-7 in American League games.

George Hendrick was unimpressed during the 1972 World Series when told that manager Sparky Anderson of the Cincinnati Reds said he resembled Bobby Thomson.

The 23-year-old Hendrick, who was traded to Cleveland last March, is unlikely ever to achieve the fame of the man who hit the most dramatic home run in baseball history but Tuesday night he joined a rather select group of about 100 players when he hit three homers in leading the Indians to an 8-7 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Hendrick had two chances to become the 10th player to hit four homers in one game but had to settle for a walk and a game-winning, ninth-inning single.

Then it developed that Hendrick was even less impressed and communicative with his performance than when Anderson compared him to Thomson.

Rod Carew stretched his hitting streak to 18 games and George Mitterwald hit his fifth homer of the season for the Twins as Jim Kaat scored his eighth win.

Pro golfer sights on rich AGC title

AKRON, OHIO (UPI) — Eight of the top 10 money winners on the pro golf tour, including U.S. Open Champ Johnny Miller, are entered for the $160,000 American Golf Classic which opens Thursday at Firestone Country Club.

Jack Nicklaus, with $190,266, and Bruce Crampton with $172,209, head the list. Others are Tom Weiskopf, Lanny Wadkins and Miller, all with over $100,000 in winnings, and John Schlee, Juan Rodriguez and Rod Funseth.

Fourth-ranked Lee Trevino ($155,578) and seventh-ranked Dave Hill ($95,219) are not entered.

Trevino feels he does not play the course well because it puts a premium on long iron shots. He uses a 6-wood for the world series of golf, which also is held here.

Miller, who picked up $35,000 for his victory in te open with a record final round of 63 Sunday, already is beginning to feel the pressure of winning a major title. After the AGC, he plans to take week or two vacation and then prepare for the July 11 British Open.

About half the field of 102 golfers — with five qualified from Tuesday's Little American Golf Classic — began practice Tuesday.

The players and course superintendent Pete Miller figured a score of 274 to 278 probably would win this year's tournament. Ray Floyd set the record of 268 in 1969.

Since 1967, Nicklaus has never finished lower than sixth in the AGC and he has won it once, averaging 71.4 in 44 rounds over the par 70, 7,180-yard course.

Arnold Palmer, in 12 events since the course was redesigned in 1960, has finished in te top 10 ten times, winning the AGC twice and averaging 70.5 in 48 competitive rounds.

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Jill Kinmont; long way up

In Chicago the other night I sat at a dinner with Jill Kinmont.

Remember Jill? The little gal who was picked to head our Olympic ski team in 1952? And in the Olympic trials at Alta, several days after appeared on the Sports Illustrated cover, she failed to make a curve at high speed and sheered a tree, breaking her neck.

Jill laid in a Salt Lake Hospital for several months after that and everyone pulled for her. Funds were raised. And like her mother, June Kinmont, said at the same dinner table, "Utah people were so good to us during that time."

I remembered the pretty young lady from several hospital visits. She could roll her eyes to either side and smile. There were times, of course, when she cried.

There was a book written about her titled "A Long Way Up." It was written at a time when the long way up was very much in the future.

That was 17 years ago. And Jill has come that long way. But for her there is no end to reaching for the top.

Honored for achievement

Jill was being honored along with Utah's Jim Jensen of BYU and Bob Rice of Salt Lake City as a recipient of the Golden Plate by the American Academy of Achievement.

She was greeted by such notables as Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay of Mt. Everest fame; Lowell Thomas, Mister Ski himself, Bart Starr, Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon, et al.

But the accident was not Jill's achievement. Several years ago Jill, who was born at Bishop, (the east slope of the Sierra-Nevada Mountains), wanted to help Piute Indian children.

With tribal approval she set up reading classes each summer. At first, Jill said, the Indian children just stared at her in her wheelchair and didn't respond. Then Jill got to them with stories about Indian lore, hunting, fishing and outdoor topics.

To summarize, Jill does this every summer. She now has 60 teenage Indians teaching more than 200 others. Indian mothers, at first opponents to the program, have accepted it and are now compatible with ideas about education. Dropouts were cut from 40 percent to 10.

The state legislature, with Jill's program as a pattern, has programmed 20 more Indian centers.

More than 60 of Jill's students have gone on to college.

"So much to be done"

This was the little gal who had to work her way up.

"I like to do things for people," Jill told me. "There is so much to be done."

And 17 years out of her teen ski racing she's prettier than ever — and there were always several young men around to help carry her and her wheelchair upstairs to any conference room.

Behind academy scenes there is an interesting story yet to be told.

The cover on Sports Illustrated which was published that week in 1956 put Jill Kinmont on the spot.

It predicted she would be our top racer. It was a multipage spread and highly complimentary to Jill.

When this story broke Jill knew she had to meet the challenge. She went all out and that brought her over the treacherous mid-way hump which put her aflight and unable to avoid sea sailing off her course into the trees.

The guy who made that picture for Sports Illustrated was Brian Blaine Reynolds, executive director of American Academy of Achievement. Brian, was one of the country's best sports photographers.

So here, 17 years later, Brian and Jill got together for more pictures, to honor again a great gal.

Jill's mother tells me a movie on Jill's life will soon be produced.

No better plot!

Jill would also like to have any photographs of that Alta accident of 1956. Some skiers might have snapped some at the time.

This reporter was on the hill that day. I photographed her approach to the bad turn, but was late getting there for the accident.

Send pictures, if you have them, to Jill Kinmont, 1259 Rimmer Avenue, Pacific Palisade, Calif., 90272.

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