

Blyleven edged by Angels 3-2

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If Bert Blyleven's performance for the Twins Monday night at Metropolitan Stadium was his last, he made it a memorable one. Blyleven lost to the California Angels 3-2, or more accurately to California's Frank Tanana, who retired the Twins in order from the third through the sixth inning while the Angels were nipping at Blyleven for a run here and a run there.

(Carew bats so sought-after even Carew doesn't have one. Page 2C.)

Blyleven was greeted by boos and later treated to an impromptu chorus of "Good Night, Bert; It's Nice to See You Go." At the conclusion of his half of the ninth he strolled off the mound trailing 3-1 and

offered a short-armed salute to the crowd that you would be hard-pressed to describe as a wave since his fist was clinched.

"What more can I do?" Blyleven wondered afterward.

Blyleven allowed only six hits. He struck out two of the first three batters he faced and then watched as the Twins loaded the bases in the first inning and failed to score. Steve Brye led off with a single over the head of Dave Chalk at short. Rod Carew beat out a perfect bunt down the third-base line and both runners moved up on a passed ball. Larry Hise fouled out and after Dan Ford was hit by a pitch, Craig Kusick struck out and Phil Roof broke his bat while grounding out to Bruce Bochte at first.

The Angels scored one in the second when Bochte drilled a double to left and Bill Melton singled, softly, also to left. They added a single run in the seventh after Rod Jackson singled and catcher Andy Etchebarren lofted a blooper to center that escaped the diving Brye and rolled to the warning track in center. Etchebarren was momentarily caught in a rundown, with Carew running over from first to apply the tag.

Except for Brye's miscalculated dive, which was ruled a hit anyway, the Twins stood strongly behind Blyleven. For example, in the fourth inning Dave McKay robbed Bill Melton of a possible double when he stabbed Melton's hard line drive between third and short. Joe

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Lahoud followed with a bullet to the right side. Carew and Bobby Randall passed each other diving for the ball but Carew came up with it and threw from his knees to Blyleven for the out. Bert then struck out Ron Jackson.

"Bert had absolute command of the game," said Roof. "With a little luck the Angel's should have had only one run. We should have scored in the first inning. We didn't execute."

A Memorial Night crowd of 8,379 grew impatient with the Twins, especially in the eighth inning when Jerry Remy of the Angels drew a walk, stole second and was safe at third when Blyleven attempted to gun him down there rather than get Bobby Jones, who had bunted, at first. Bochte singled in Remy for what turned out to be the winning run.

The Twins scored their first run of the game in the same inning. Randall smashed a triple to the gap in left-center and scored on Carew's single up the middle.

The only other Minnesota run was Craig Kusick's fourth homer of the year, a 407-foot shot into the left-field bleachers. Kusick had struck out swinging his previous three trips and, to answer the round of boos that greeted him for his fourth appearance in the ninth, he homered and then trotted down the third base line offering a greeting similar to Blyleven's.

Twins notes—The Twins and Angels meet again tonight at 8 o'clock with California's Nolan Ryan (3-6) going against either Pete Redfern (1-1) or Joe Decker (2-3) . . . Blyleven struck out nine Angels to surpass the 1,400-mark in career strike-outs . . . Tanana raised his record last night to 7-3, while Blyleven fell to 4-5.

Twins scorecard

SECOND INNING

California—Bruce Bochte doubled to left. Bill Melton singled to left, scoring Bochte. Joe Lahoud walked. Rod Jackson struck out. Andy Etchebarren singled to right-center to load the bases. Dave Chalk fouled out. Jerry Remy grounded out.

Angels 1, Twins 0.

SEVENTH INNING

California—With one out Rod Jackson singled to left. Etchebarren tripled to the warning track in center after Steve Brye dove for the ball and missed. Jackson scored on the play. Etchebarren was caught coming home on an attempted squeeze play by Chalk. Chalk grounded out.

Angels 2, Twins 0.

EIGHTH INNING

California—Remy walked and stole second. Bobby Jones bunted down the third-base line and was safe when Blyleven attempted, and failed, to nail Remy at third. Bobby Bonds struck out. Bochte lined a single to right, scoring Remy. Bill Melton hit into a double play.

Minnesota—Bobby Randall tripled to the gap in left-center. Jerry Terrell, batting for Luis Gomez, struck out. Steve Brye popped out. Rod Carew singled up the middle, scoring Randall. Larry Hise struck out.

Angels 3, Twins 1.

NINTH INNING

MINNESOTA — With one out Craig Kusick hit a 407-foot home run into the left field bleachers. No. 4. Phil Roof struck out. Dave McKay struck out.

Angels 3, Twins 2

CALIFORNIA				MINNESOTA					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Remy 2b	3	1	0	0	Brye cf	4	0	1	0
BJones cf	3	0	0	0	Carew 1b	4	0	2	1
LStanton lf	0	0	0	0	Hise lf	4	0	0	0
Bonds rf	3	0	0	0	Ford rf	3	0	0	0
Bochte 1b	3	1	2	1	Kusick dh	4	1	1	1
Melton dh	4	0	1	1	Roof c	4	0	0	0
Lahoud lf	3	0	0	0	McKay 3b	4	0	0	0
RTorres cf	0	0	0	0	Randall 2b	3	1	2	0
RoJackson 3b	4	1	0	0	Gomez ss	2	0	1	0
Etchbrrn c	4	0	2	1	Terrell ss	1	0	0	0
Chalk ss	2	0	0	0	Blyleven p	0	0	0	0
Tanana p	0	0	0	0					

Total 29 3 6 3 Total 33 2 7 2

California 010 000 110—3

Minnesota 000 000 011—2

DP—Minnesota 1.LOB—California 5.

Minnesota 5. 2B—Bochte. 3B—Etchebarren.

Randall. HR—Kusick (4). SB—Remy.

S—Bochte, nes.

IP H R ER BB SO

Tanana (W,7-3) 9 7 2 2 0 12

Blyleven (L,4-5) 9 6 3 3 3 9

HBP—by Tanana (Ford) by Blyleven

(Chalk). PB—Etchebarren. T—2:28 A—

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